

the Palace Hotel on November 12th, and it will not only serve as the christening of Theta Delta Chi's new offspring but will also be a farewell banquet to Bro. Echeverria, who leaves for his home in Costa Rica about the 15th of November.

The secretary, whose permanent address is Palace Hotel, San Francisco, is very desirous of locating all the brothers on the Pacific coast and to that end asks the fraternity at large to aid him by sending addresses of any recent arrivals they may know of, as well as those who have changed their location since the publication of the last catalogue.

J. C. HALLOCK.

FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE PACIFIC COAST GRADUATE ASSOCIATION.

Friday, November 12, 1897, has become a historical date in the progress of our fraternity, since on the evening of that day the first Theta Delta Chi organization west of the Rocky mountains was christened by a jovial gathering of loyal brothers.

In the tapestry room of the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, there met around the banquet board twelve members of the association, representing eight different charges.

President George W. Haight, Chi, '74, occupied the toastmaster's chair, and the circle was completed by J. H. Rathbone, Delta, '64; W. B. Noble, Pi, '63; W. E. Norris, Zeta, '57; W. F. Southard, Kappa, '69; W. G. Smith, Beta, '84; E. H. Jenks, Psi, '86; S. S. Hoiman, Beta, '85; J. F. Echeverria, Delta, '84; Arthur Hay, Rho Deuteron, '92; H. B. Quinan, Epsilon Deuteron, '97; J. C. Hallock, Delta, '91.

Seated around a circular table in a cosy little apartment, each brother with a button-hole bouquet of black, white and blue, a soft pink light falling on the floral decorations of the table, the menus bearing the fraternity flag in colors, and hanging on opposite sides of the room, two fac-similes of our dear old "shield," one a pen and ink sketch in colors and the

other a wood carving; altogether it was a pretty scene when, after the inner man had done justice to a well-prepared menu, the toastmaster called upon the secretary to read the letters of regret. The first letter read, from F. W. Stewart, Phi, '69, called for the toast "Theta Delta Chi: North, East, South and West," and it was received with enthusiasm since the "West" is now an accomplished fact.

Long and enthusiastic letters were read from the following brothers, and each letter was received with the applause they all deserved, starting our new association with the commendation and well wishes of so many widely known Theta Delts: C. A. Harstrom, president Grand Lodge; J. H. Morse, secretary Grand Lodge; E. S. Smith, treasurer Grand Lodge; Clay W. Holmes, editor SHIELD; Frederic Carter, Custodian of Archives; William L. Stone, Zeta, '57; Frank W. Stewart, Phi, '69; H. H. Eddy, Kappa, '76; A. G. Benedict, Psi, '72; Jacob Spahn, Chi, '70; Duncan C. Lee, Psi, '91; C. L. Barber, Psi, '76; W. K. Smith, Jr., Iota, '87; J. M. Sherrerd, Phi, '78. Besides these there were many short letters expressing interest in the Pacific Coast Association.

After the reading of the letters and a toast to the absent brothers each one present was called upon for reminiscences and many and varied scenes of happy college days were brought vividly before us, some by men who had not attended a fraternity gathering in twenty years. The whole evening was characterized by such enthusiasm as can only emanate from men who have been Theta Delts for thirty and forty years. It was the expressed wish of the meeting that a smoker should be held in February, during the semi-centennial celebration in New York, and the next annual banquet of the association during the month of September, 1898.

Several hours were spent in a delightfully interesting informal chat, and just before the closing toast to the Omega charge another was taken as a pledge of renewed loyalty to dear old Theta Delta Chi.

The Pacific Coast Graduate Association of our fraternity is now a fact, and to make each succeeding reunion more successful than the last the secretary of this association appeals to

the fraternity at large and to the corresponding secretary of the various charges in particular, for aid in his work. And you can greatly aid him by sending the addresses of all the Theta Delts you know on the coast and in the future keeping him informed as to the movements of brothers coming in this direction. His headquarters are at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, and he will be pleased to hear from you all.

J. C. HALLOCK,
Secretary.

CHI BANQUET.

The annual initiation and banquet of the Chi charge was held on Friday evening, October 8th, at the new club house, 96 Park Avenue. Many of the old boys were there to assist the "fresh" in mounting the "goat." The new lodge room was a surprise to some and a delight to all, it being the finest Chi has ever possessed. The following were initiated:

James Franklin Keeler, '00, Rochester; Walter Bosworth Clarke, '01, Brooklyn; Albert Joseph Kennedy, '01, Brooklyn; Eugene Charles Roeser, '01, Rochester; Arthur Richmond Tower, '01, Rochester; Charles William Watkeys, '01, Rochester; Percy Frank Wilson, '01, Rochester.

On descending to the parlors we were entranced by the sweet strains of Bro. C. W. Curtis' "fiddle" and the deep baritone voice of Bro. Hayes. Over thirty Theta Delts sat around the festive board and partook of an elaborate dinner, served by caterer Teall.

The post-graduate exercises were presided over by Bro. Fahy Galligan, '94. In a few well chosen words he introduced each speaker. The toasts were of an informal nature, and a spirit of ease and enjoyment seemed to prevail everywhere.

After the quartet, consisting of Bros. Swinburne, Clarke, Burgess and Webster, sang "We meet again to-night, boys," the genial Major Spahn arose, with face glowing with enthusiasm, to respond to "The Fraternity." Those who are familiar

with the Major's command of English may form some idea of the streams of eloquence that poured forth. Bro. J. R. Webster, '94, responded to "The Chi Charge;" Bro. I. E. Harris, "The Physician." Bro. Barber, '79, M. D., vouched for all the stories of Dr. Harris, and told some bigger ones. Bro. Watkeys, '01 told in a humorous vein of the "Impressions of an Initiate," and Bro. B. G. Estes, in response to "The Professor," gave some very wholesome advice to the new men, exhorting them to strive for a high standard of scholarship and to be all around men. Bro. Lionel Hays capped the climax with his stories of life "across the pond," and Bro. C. W. Curtis, Beta, '88, responded in his usual enthusiastic and happy manner to the "Theta Delt Alumni."

Many letters of regret were received. The following will give some idea of the spirit men have for Theta Delta Chi as the days go by, and they get nearer to the solemn mysteries of the Omega charge :

BROTHERS :—How I should enjoy being with you October 18th. But absence and duties here prevent. We are building a new church, and that will keep me very busy for some time yet.

I have been Prelate of Springfield Commandery of Knights Templars for the last four years. Last year they sent me to Europe for a vacation. We have over 600 members. But no *other* fraternity takes the place in my heart of $\Theta \Delta \chi$. My best wishes to you all.

WM. HART DEXTER, X, '78.

Springfield, Mass., Oct. 2, '97.

DEAR BROTHER HAMILTON :—I regret exceedingly that I cannot be with you to-morrow night, to greet the old and welcome the new brothers in Theta Delta Chi. I need not tell you that I shall be present in spirit, if not in person. I hope soon to visit Rochester, perhaps before the month shall end; and one of the great pleasures of that visit will be to grasp by the hand each one of those who takes upon himself the solemn obligation.

I wish there might be impressed upon each one of the new brothers, at the very outset of his Theta Delt career, the full significance of the step he has taken. I wish that he might realize how greatly the horizon of his life has been widened, that he might feel that he no longer lives unto himself; that his hands and his heart and his brain have been multiplied a thousand fold; that he has become part and parcel of a great living organism, in which, the faith, the duty, the conduct, the fame of each belong to all, and all to each.

And with that realizing sense, there might come upon each the spirit of sincere loyalty, absolute devotion and earnest consecration to the interests of the beloved fraternity. Let them one and all be imbued with the true spirit of Theta Delta Chi, and we can safely entrust to their hands the old charge, when those who now labor have been called to other fields. Teach the new boys, that they now belong to a body that is "very much alive"—a body strong, vigorous, aggressive. Let them learn its noble history; let them share its aspirations.

And as you all become mellow and serene in the "fullness" of the occasion, I trust one will not be forgotten, who has always been a well-wisher of the charge—if not always a well-doer—and whose greatest pride is to subscribe himself, a true brother,

HOMER D. BROOKINS, Chi, '80.

DETROIT BANQUET.

On the 13th of November a game of foot-ball was played between the University of Michigan and University of Minnesota teams in Detroit. There being a number of Theta Delts on the teams, and many visitors in town, the Detroit contingent gave a banquet to the visiting brothers at the Fellowcraft club. After enjoying a very nice spread, Bro. W. O. Waters, Rector of St. Andrews church, acted as toast master, and the following toasts were given with responses:

- "Welcome," H. G. Field.
- "Gamma Deuteron," R. H. Sutphen.
- "Our Eastern Brothers," R. B. Seymour.
- "Our Western Brothers," P. R. Thomas.
- "Candidates," Chas. L. Arnold.
- "The New Brothers," Herman Stevens.

The affair was thoroughly enjoyed by every one present, and so thoroughly were the Detroit brothers aroused that they decided to hold a spread every month. The following brothers were present: Rev. W. O. Waters, Xi '84; Rev. C. L. Arnold, Xi '75; R. B. Seymour, Psi '84; Henry G. Field, Iota Deuteron '93; E. W. Warner, Gamma Deuteron '91. From Gamma Deuteron, Ralph Collamore '97, H. H. Van Tuyl '96, J. B. Hamilton '96, R. M. Heames '98, Ross C. Whitman '99, P. R. Thomas '99, Carl M. Green '99, Chas. E. Wehle '99, F. J. Arbuckle '99, M. C. Huggett '99, R. R. McPeck '00, F. C. Nash '01, F. C. Lancashire '01, H. E. Stevens '01.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

Pursuant to call the committee of arrangements held a meeting at the Hotel Windsor in New York city on Friday evening November 5th. All the committee except Dr. J. P. Houston of Chicago, were present. Invitations were sent to a number of the brothers in and around New York to meet with the committee and confer upon matters pertaining to the celebration. As a result some fifteen brothers were present. By request of Bro. Wm. G. Raines the committee were led to inspect the Hotel Windsor as a suitable place in which to hold the convention. As a result of the conference the committee decided upon the following questions. The brothers present all being satisfied with the appointments of the Hotel Windsor, it was unanimously decided to hold the convention there. As to the time, it having appeared that the date named by the last convention would seriously conflict with many of the brothers, it seemed advisable to make a change. After a thorough discussion the second week in February, seemed to offer the least obstacles, therefore Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 8th, 9th and 10th were selected. The convention proper will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday; without hindrance or interruption by the semi-centennial observances. It is expected that the regular business will be completed on Wednesday afternoon. In the evening there will probably be a reception for the graduates. The committee are open to suggestions from any brother. It was the consensus of opinion that this might be a good time for the brothers and their lady friends to assemble, and have a pleasant evening. The oration and poem which are usually a part of the regular banquet, will probably be given during the evening so as to leave the banquet evening entirely free for after dinner oratory.

Thursday morning there will be a regular historical session, at which the history will be given, and such other exercises as the committee may hereafter arrange for. In the afternoon some reception or other entertainment will be provided. At 6:30 in the evening of Thursday will occur the greatest banquet ever held by Theta Delta Chi, the semi-centennial ban-

quet. This will terminate the celebration. The banquet will be exclusively Theta Delta Chi, as usual. The chairman was directed to proceed at once to solicit funds to carry out the plans adopted. The price of banquet ticket was fixed at five dollars. Proper selections for the different public parts were discussed and the committee are now in correspondence with them. As soon as acceptances are received names will be announced. The meeting throughout was one of harmony and the visiting brothers offered many good suggestions, which the committee were glad to adopt. It was the opinion of every brother present that the coming event was one of vital moment to the fraternity as marking the first great epoch in her history, and every brother pledged himself to devote his best energies to the success of the semi-centennial.

THE CLUB RECEPTION.

The opening reception of the Graduate Club at their rooms in New York city, No. 1424 Broadway, was given on Friday evening, November 26th. This reception was given in honor of Bro. John W. Griggs, New Jersey's chief executive, and it was his full intention to be present. At the last moment pressing business matters detained him and his telegram of regret was a great disappointment to the forty or more brothers who were present to greet him. The absence of Bro. Harstrom was also unavoidable. Bro. Willis S. Paine, president of the club, presided at an informal spread. After the inner man had been appeased several speeches were made. Dr. D. S. Dougherty led off with a ringing speech, as usual. Frederic Carter, Custodian of Archives, was next. Col. Wm. L. Stone, the old veteran, was gladly welcomed by the boys and spoke substantially as follows :

It is scarcely fair in Bro. Paine to call on me for an extemporary address. But I take my "cue" from Bro. Carter's speech, during which some of the audience called "louder," and will relate the following incident in the life of our late Bro. Dixon. When he was on the stump on one occasion he was greatly annoyed by a man in the audience calling "louder, louder!" Finally Bro. Dixon dropped his MSS. and said,

"Gentlemen, when the world comes to an end and the arch-angel Gabriel shall blow his trumpet, I believe that that little fellow over there in the gallery will still cry 'louder ! louder !'"

Bro. Stone then alluded to the deaths of Bros. Dixon, Edsall and Granger, of Zeta, paying an affecting tribute to each one.

Following Bro. Stone remarks were made by Bros. Rudolph Tombo, Howard Martin, Frank N. Dodd, Wm. C. Uhlig, Dr. E. C. Chamberlain, Geo. W. Kosmak and F. Goodwin. The speeches were all good and several points worthy of note were made—among them these : The club does not exist solely for the benefit of its own members, but it represents the fraternity in New York. The better this representation is made and appreciated the more credit to the fraternity at large. The club offers a home to all brothers from outside New York who happen to be in the city. The rooms are always open. Friday night is regular club night, but a brother dropping in at any time is likely to meet some of the New York brothers, who will be glad to welcome him. It is the duty of the club to keep the members in and around New York in touch with the active workings of the fraternity. A graduate club of this character broadens the ideas and feelings of its members and those who come into contact with it. The aim of this club now seems to be to do all these things and with the interest displayed by such men as Willis S. Paine, to whom the success of this effort is clearly due, the Graduate Club of New York city will accomplish the good ideas contemplated.

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.

W. D. Bloxham, Epsilon, '54. On Tuesday, January 7th, at Tallahassee, the Hon. W. D. Bloxham was inaugurated governor of Florida, vice Gov. H. L. Mitchell, whose term of office has expired. The oath of office was administered at the capitol by Chief Justice Mabry. After the ceremony Gov. Bloxham delivered a very eloquent inaugural address, which was loudly and enthusiastically cheered. The tenor of his speech was, that he would use his utmost endeavors to look after the welfare of the state and induce capital to develop it. Gov. Bloxham's speech was followed by a salute of seventeen guns, which ended this auspicious event. Six military companies were present and the weather was delightful. A brilliant reception and ball was given in honor of our new and popular governor, and we regret we were unable to avail ourselves of an invitation to be present. From the first time Gov. Bloxham's name was mentioned for governor, the *Advocate* became his strong supporter—not because we wanted any favors, but because, from his previous excellent record, we thought him to be the right man for the place. The *Advocate* does not profess to be much of a political paper, but we managed to glean the fact that in office or out of office, Gov. Bloxham has ever been the idol of our people, who selected him to fill the highest position in the state in 1881, and again they show their good sense and appreciation by electing him to serve them in a like capacity. Popular as have been many governors, Florida has never had a governor so universally popular as the one who was installed in the state's executive chair Tuesday. All hail to our chief. May his term of office be a happy, peaceful and prosperous one.—*Indian River Advocate*.

Joseph Mullin, Delta, '68, died suddenly September 2, 1897. The following article which appeared in the *New York Times* of September 3d, gives all the particulars: "State Senator Joseph Mullin was found dead in his bedroom at the University Club yesterday morning by the servant who went to awaken him. He retired about 1:15 A. M. He was known as an early riser, and when he was not seen at breakfast a servant was sent at 10:50 o'clock to learn the cause of his tardiness. The bedroom door was not locked, and Mr. Mullin was found lying across the bed dead and cold. Dr. J. B. Brown, of 14 East Twenty-sixth street, hastily sum-

moned, said he had been dead some hours. Death had come suddenly. The appearance of the room showed that almost immediately after he entered the room, and before he had time to undress, the senator had been stricken. His coat and waistcoat lay where they had been thrown, across a chair, and his collar, torn off, lay on the floor. His spectacles were on his face when the body was found. Beside the bed on a table were a half-pint flask of whisky and a bottle half full of eucalyptol, a drug good for malarial trouble and used to stimulate the action of the heart. Dr. Brown notified the coroner's office, and Coroner's Physician Donlin made an investigation. He decided that death was due to heart disease and that it would not be necessary to make an autopsy. He said the indications were that Mr. Mullin while in the act of disrobing had felt a feeling of suffocation and had torn off his collar in his demand for air. Dr. Donlin thought death was almost instantaneous. Mr. Mullin's family at Watertown, N. Y., and his friends at Albany were notified of his death, and G. J. Benson, the senate sergeant at arms, arrived in this city last night and took the body to Watertown for burial. Arrangements for the funeral are not yet completed. Joseph Mullin was born at Watertown, May 29, 1848. His father was a justice of the supreme court. He was educated in the public schools of his native place and at the Polytechnic Institute of Troy. He studied law, and, in partnership with the late Daniel G. Griffin, enjoyed a large practice, his specialty being corporation law matters. Although always a steadfast Republican, Mr. Mullin was not known as a politician until in 1888, when he was a delegate to the National Republican Convention. In 1891 he was elected to the senate. He was re-elected in 1893 and again in 1895. During his first term he was prominent in the investigation of the expenses of state bureaus and departments as a member of the senate finance committee. For two terms he was chairman of the committee. In that capacity and as a member of the committee on railroads he introduced many bills of interest, among them one making general provisions for the collection of the state's revenue. He was also responsible for measures enlarging the scope of investment of savings banks, bills in relation to the payment of taxes by railroads doing an inter-state business, concerning the Adirondack forest reserve, prohibiting the use of narrow-tired wagons, concerning the taxation of corporations, and authorizing the governor to make appointments to the appellate court, and many others. In the canvass for governor last year several of the northern county delegates were in favor of Senator Mullin. His name was retired in favor of Gov. Black. It was expected that he would receive a nomination on the state ticket for next year to the office of controller. Mr. Mullin worked with Gov. Black during the last session of the legislature, except in the nomination of Louis F. Payn to be superintendent of insurance. He was against Mr. Payn from the first and voted against him. Mr. Mullin was a director in the Watertown National Bank, Farmers' National Bank of Adams, Onta-

rio Railway Company and the Watertown Street Railway Company. He was considered very wealthy and had large real estate holdings in many parts of the state. He was a member of the University Club and always stopped there when he visited New York. He arrived there Tuesday noon."

Edward P. Cole, Epsilon, '72. The following clipping from the San Francisco *Chronicle* of October 2, 1897, records the death of another of the elder members of the fraternity: "Edward P. Cole, one of San Francisco's prominent attorneys, died yesterday morning at his home, at 2615 Buchanan street, after an illness extending over a period of twelve months. Bright's disease seized the lawyer a year ago and with it, after a few months, came heart trouble, to which is ascribed his death. The funeral of the dead man will be held to-morrow at 2 o'clock from the Masonic Temple, under the auspices of the Masons. Edward Cole was a native of Virginia, first seeing the light of day forty-five years ago. When still a young man he came to this city, where he took up the practice of law and rapidly rose at the bar of the state. He was a forcible and logical speaker and in political life by his oratory accomplished much for those he undertook to assist. The deceased stood high in the Masonic order and for a long time was master of Oriental lodge. He had been also for a long time an active member of California Commandery, Knights Templar. A widow, three daughters and a son survive him and there is one brother, a resident of an eastern state.

Rev. Calbraith B. Perry, Zeta '67, is now rector of the historical parish of St. John's, Johnstown, N. Y. On October 15th, the parish celebrated the 60th anniversary of the consecration of its present edifice and the 125th anniversary of the erection of a former church on the same site in 1772. The original church stood in old church yard about one block and a half from the present site, and was erected by Sir William Johnson Bart in 1760. It was the first church building north of the Mohawk River. The entire city united with St. John's in the celebration. Bishop Doane of Albany, and a large number of clergy were present. During the earlier part of the day many services were held in the church. The historical interest culminated in the afternoon. The bishop, clergy and vested choristers entered the church at 3:45, singing an anniversary hymn written by Bro. Perry. A solemn Te Deum was then sung, after which the procession marched to the site of the old church where Bishop Doane unveiled a memorial cross, the joint gift of St. John Parish and the Northville Granite Co. There marched in the procession besides the Bishop, the clergy and the vested choir of Christ Church, Gloversville, the Johnstown Historical Society, the mayor and city council, officers of the church, ministers of the Johnstown churches and delegates from numerous other bodies. A vast throng crowded the streets and the cemetery. After the exercises in the church yard 200 guests were entertained at a banquet in Kennedy hall. Here in feasting and speaking the time was

filled until the hour for evening service called them once more to the church where the celebration was brought to a close with the service, and an inspiring sermon from Bishop Doane. The occasion was a most gratifying evidence of the affectionate esteem entertained for Bro. Perry by the parish and the citizens of Johnstown. His name was often spoken with deserved and enthusiastic praise.

N. Archibald Shaw, Psi '82. One need only look at the beautiful building which has this summer been constructed at No. 45 West 81st street, and which is known as Hamilton Institute, to be convinced of the fact that the man whose brains constructed it was fully alive to the needs of young men who desire to obtain a fit preparation for college. When it is known that it was our good brother, Archibald Shaw—we at once say there is a model Theta Delta Chi preparatory school, right in the heart of New York city. Bro. Shaw is a modest, retiring man and we do not see or hear as much of him as we wish we could, but then he is so earnestly devoted to his magnificent school and its successful operation that he has little time for outside things. Do not make the mistake however, of thinking that he is not devoted to his fraternity, because he is. He always responds to every call. We are proud of our Theta Delta schools, and especially so of those conducted by Bro. Shaw in New York, and our president, Bro. Carl Harstrom, at Norwalk.

Frank Briscoe, Gamma Deuteron '95. While the SHIELD does not always feel disposed to copy entire all the matter which is submitted, there are times when it is a pleasure. Among our rising celebrities there is one who is rapidly developing and one day will be famous. We have watched the career of our western men with some concern and much pleasure, because we find that in proportion to their numbers our western charges just now are turning out more than their quota of brilliant lives, boys who are going to make famous men. Gamma Deuteron has given us at least two. The enclosed account of Bro. Briscoe, taken from the *Concert-Goer*, will be read with pleasure by every Theta Delta, and I believe all will join the editor in wishing him God speed in his chosen work: "In these days when music in America is so largely in the hands of foreigners, it is a genuine pleasure to meet with a musician who is proud of his thorough Americanism. And for this reason, even if there were no other, readers of *The Concert-Goer* will be interested in this sketch of a musician who is a genuine product of our own country. Frank Briscoe was born in the city of Detroit, Mich., about 23 years ago. His ancestors for a number of generations back were Americans, and to them Mr. Briscoe is indebted for his first qualification for success, that of being born well. His love for music evinced itself at an early age, and as a boy he studied the piano, organ and violin. He also received valuable training as a choir-boy in St. Paul's and Grace Church choirs, singing at different times all the parts from soprano to bass. During his attendance at the high school of his native city he played violin in the high school orches-

tra, changing with genuine American versatility to the double-bass when a player was needed for that instrument. At 17 he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and was graduated four years later with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During his college course Mr. Briscoe, while attentive to work which belonged strictly to his course, did not devote himself to it to the exclusion of other interests. Rightly judging that the regular work of the curriculum is perhaps the least valuable part of a college training, he was active in outside literary and musical circles. During the four years of his residence at the university he was connected with or wrote for all the college periodicals, and some of his light sketches and clever verse were copied by papers in different parts of the country. But although connected with the literary department of the university, art was the important thing with Mr. Briscoe then, as it has always been. The field of his greatest activity was music, and he was constantly gaining an experience which should fit him for his serious work in life. He was a member of the college orchestra, and for two years was connected with the glee club of the university, acting as its director during his last year at Ann Arbor. During the period of his membership of the glee club he wrote many of their songs. Mr. Briscoe is not inclined to attach much value to this work, and perhaps it is interesting chiefly as showing even at this early stage of his studies a fund of melody and a sense of musical form which argued well for his future. During this time, however, he carried on some serious private study of music, and took all of the courses in music in the university under Prof. A. A. Stanley. After his graduation Mr. Briscoe traveled for a time in Europe, and then went to Berlin to study theory and composition. He easily passed the examinations for admission to the Royal High School, and began his work there. But his keen mind chafed at the slow and pedantic methods of Bargiel, then director of the composition department of the school. The placid plodding of the typical German pedagogue was too trying to the young American student, and he left the school to seek private instruction. A rare good fortune led him to Ludwig Bussler, whom Mr. Briscoe considers one of the intellectual giants of the Berlin musical world. With Bussler he remained during the rest of his stay in Berlin, devoting almost his whole time to the study of composition. During most of this time he acted as Berlin correspondent of *The Concert-Goer*, and also wrote for several different periodicals. To many a piano or vocal or violin student in this country, who considers a short incidental course in harmony as sufficient for his needs, a glimpse at Mr. Briscoe's methods of work would be a revelation. Stupid enough work it would appear to them, writing and rewriting fugues and canons, inventing themes and working them out in every conceivable shape; work which bears about the same relation to actual composition as does clavier practice to piano playing. Absorbed in this strictly technical work, Mr. Briscoe found little time for genuine composition. However, during his two years' stay

in Berlin, he produced several songs, a piano suite and other piano pieces, a number of part-songs for male and mixed voices, a suite for small orchestra, and a quintet for piano and strings. This last work was given in Berlin at a semi-public concert, and met with an enthusiastic reception. What he counts of greater value than any public applause, however, is the substantial encouragement he has received from his teacher, Bussler. Mr. Briscoe's two years' residence in the unhealthy climate of Berlin, coupled with his application to his studies, began to affect his health, and last spring he returned to America for a vacation. He expects to spend next year in Paris in study. Mr. Briscoe's actual work in composition up to the present time is so small in quantity, and much of it is so tentative, that its greatest value is probably as a prophecy for the future. But much of it is so good as to lead those who are familiar with it to expect very much from him. His songs show an abundance of true and unhackneyed melody, and he has a clear grasp of his subject matter and a straightforward manner of writing, in refreshing contrast to the weak sentimentality of some of our ultra-modern writers. His versatility, which has prevented his becoming a virtuoso, has given a broad knowledge and an experience which should prove an invaluable part of his technical equipment.

Col. Walter P. Darrow, Pi Deuteron, '80, arrived from Europe on the La Gascogne, October 17th. He had intended to take a trip around the world, but returned to be present at the wedding of his only sister, an account of which is given in this number. While abroad Bro. Darrow called on Ambassador Hay in London.

John W. Griggs, Phi, '68. At the annual meeting of the American bar association, held in Cleveland, O., August 26th, Governor Griggs delivered the annual address, taking for his subject, "Legislation and the need of reform in law making."

F. Stuart Crawford, Mu Deuteron, '97, has entered the newspaper field and is a reporter on the New York Tribune, situated in the Brooklyn office. His home address is 280 Henry street, Brooklyn.

James E. Peabody, Iota Deuteron, '92, has been appointed instructor in physiology in the new mixed high school in New York, after passing a rigorous competitive examination.

Paul M. Goodrich, Iota Deuteron, '94, spent six weeks of last summer on a trip to the Pacific coast.

Rev. Lewis Earle Lee, Iota Deuteron, '94, was ordained as assistant pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Cincinnati on October 27th. The sermon was preached by Rev. Henry G. Smith, D. D., President of Lane Theological seminary, from which Bro. Lee was graduated last spring.

William L. Sawtelle, Iota Deuteron, '94, is captain of the Auburn Theological seminary eleven.

Herbert L. Towne, Iota Deuteron, '94, who has been a teacher of athletics and German at Worcester academy the past three years, is instructor in athletics at the Berkeley school in New York. Bro. Towne is also studying medicine at the New York university.

Dwight A. Parce, Xi, '93, will close his labors at Candor, N. Y., this month and will go to Bolton Landing, N. Y., December 1st, where he will take charge of the church of St. Sacrament.

Randolph B. Seymour, Psi, '84, has located in Detroit, Mich. September 1st he assumed charge of the business department of Gutches college of business and shorthand, located in the new Bamler building, corner Griswold street and Grand River avenue. Bro. Seymour is always interested in Theta Delt matters, and sends in an account of the Detroit spread.

Luzerne Coville, Beta, '86. Dr. Coville is meeting with merited success in the practice of his profession in Ithaca. He was recently elected President of the County Medical society, and is attaining prominence in the professional circles of that section. Bro. Coville purchased the former Beta charge house and his home is very popular with the Beta boys. They all say that Mrs. Coville is a delightful entertainer. The pressure of professional duties does not seem to draw from Bro. Coville's ardor. He is treasurer of the charge house corporation and looks carefully after the financial interests of Beta charge house.

A. W. Hobson, Lambda, '89, has at last settled down to a permanent location. Chicago is to be his home. He is a member of the firm of Scott, Foresman and Company, educational publishers, 378 Wabash avenue. This firm is a combination succeeding three former publishing concerns, and the new firm is practically the only school-book publishing house with headquarters in Chicago. Bro. Hobson is one of the active workers of the firm.

Isaac P. Witter, Sigma Deuteron, '92, is now cashier of the Centralia National Bank. He will go abroad in February to meet his mother and sister, who are spending the winter in Switzerland and France. We hope Bro. Witter's arrangements will permit him to attend the semi-centennial exercises.

G. V. Williams, Gamma Deuteron, '96, who took his master's degree in law at Michigan last year, is now traveling through England, France and Germany.

Robert W. Hyde, Gamma Deuteron, '97, has recently opened up an office for work in mercantile designing, at 607 Steinway Hall, Chicago.

Arthur Hay, Rho Deuteron, '92, is in charge of some quicksilver mines at Sulphur Springs, Col.

A. S. Gaylord, Gamma Deuteron, '95, is with the Cucamonga Water Company, stationed at North Cucamonga, Cal.

Ralph Collamore, Gamma Deuteron, '97, is with Field and Hinchman, consulting engineers, Majestic Building, Detroit. The senior member of the firm is Bro. George Field, Gamma Deuteron, '93.

Paul D. Wright, Epsilon Deuteron, '96, afterwards affiliated with Gamma Deuteron, is now vice-president of the Citizens' Bank of Erie, at Erie, Pa.

John A. Kreis, Gamma Deuteron, '96, is now at Cincinnati, where he is assistant chief engineer and has charge of the construction department in the repair shops of the Cincinnati, Covington and Newport Electric Railway.

Walter G. Smith, Beta, '84, was correspondent for the San Francisco Chronicle in the Chinese-Japanese war and returned to this city from Honolulu some time since, to take the position of assistant city editor on the same paper.

W. F. Southard, Kappa, '69, has just returned from an extended European tour, having visited the battlefields during the Graeco-Turkish war, and, with a medical commission, was royally entertained and feted in several of the larger European capitals. Bro. Southard is a well-known eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of San Francisco, and is editor of the Pacific Medical Journal.

Daniel E. Hayes, Eta, 59, is one of the state prison directors of California and also a director in the Fulton Shipbuilding works. Although he has met but one Theta Delt in 39 years, he is brim full of enthusiasm.

E. Y. Ware, Epsilon Deuteron, '91, is inspector for the West Side Lighting Company of Los Angeles.

J. F. Echeverria, Delta, '84, has been making an extended visit in San Francisco, but will return early in December to his home in San Jose, Costa Rica.

J. C. Hallock, Delta, '91, after two years in Ecuador, South America, first as government engineer, and later with with a New York gold mining company, is now in the employ of the Palace Hotel, San Francisco.

S. Carleton Haight, Pi Deuteron, '92, has entered the Princeton Theological seminary. His home address is No. 2085 Daly avenue, West Farms, New York city.

William H. Bogert, Pi Deuteron, '91, is now with the Lincoln National National Bank, 42nd street, New York.

Charles F. Wilken, Pi Deuteron, '95, who graduated from the New York law school last June, is with Wetmore & Jenner, patent attorneys, of No. 34 Pine street, New York.

Carl Tombo, Pi Deuteron, '97, has been with the Southern Pacific Company during the summer, but will take a position with the German Kali works, 93-99 Nassau street, New York, in the fall.

Charles E. Morrison, Pi Deuteron, '97, has procured a position with the Union Bridge Company, and is at present located at Montezuma, N. Y. Bro. Walter J. Towne, Delta, '95, is employed on the same work.

Henry B. Quinan, Epsilon Deuteron, '97, has left the University of California and is now studying at the Partington Art school in San Francisco. His address is Golden Gate P. O., Cal. He gave a very enjoyable little dinner at his residence in Golden Gate, on the evening of November 18th, and as it is probably the first strictly Theta Delt social event in this far away land, it should be marked by the fraternity at large as another progressive step for the P. C. G. A. Bros. Hay, Echeverria and Hallock were the invited guests and were received by the Misses Quinan, Miss Pringle and Miss Craven, all enthusiastic Theta Delt sisters.

Clayton K. Smith, Phi, '73, is now engaged in mining in various parts of California. Mail addressed to 951 Broadway, Oakland, Cal., will be forwarded to him.

Joseph R. Webster, Chi, '94, is now practicing law and has an office at 725 Chamber of Commerce building, Rochester, N. Y.

E. D. Ingersoll, Alpha, '56, is at present connected with the New York Railway Y. M. C. A. His address is 88 Madison Avenue. He writes that he is in good health and will be present at the semi-centennial. We all remember how much delight his presence was at the last convention and banquet and are certainly glad that he will be with us on this great occasion.

W. D. Stephenson, Rho, '72, located by the catalogue in Los Angeles, died in 1887.

W. E. Norris, Zeta, '57, is located in Palo Alto, Cal.

James W. Ruthven, Epsilon Deuteron, '90, has his headquarters at Hotel Palomares, Pomona, Cal.

F. H. Robinson, Psi, '74, is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in West Berkeley, Cal.

Sydney S. Holman, Beta, '85, is in the creamery business at San Geronimo, Cal.

W. K. Smith, Jr., Iota, '87, is in the brokerage business with office at 202 Washington street, Portland, Oregon.

B. W. Perry, Psi, '91, is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in San Leandro, Cal.

W. B. Noble, Pi, '63, formerly located in San Diego, is now in San Rafael as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

C. L. Barber, Psi, '76, formerly of San Diego, now has his headquarters at 15 Wall street, New York City.

John P. Huntington, Iota Deuteron, '94, has entered the Harvard Law School. His address is 78 Oxford street, Cambridge.

A. L. Bartlett, Lambda, '84, ex-P. G. L., has given up the management of the Odd Fellows' Home in Thermalito, Cal., and returned to Franklin, N. H., where he is suffering from nervous prostration.

Laurence A. Hawkins, Iota Deuteron, '97, is studying electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His address is 69 Montgomery street, Boston.

C. Burr Goodrich, Iota Deuteron, '97, has entered the Harvard Law School. His Cambridge address is 53 Wendell street.

S. S. Wallace, Sigma, '90, is taking a post-graduate course in the School of Applied Sciences at Columbia University. His address is 358 West 116th street, New York City.

Dean Nelson, Pi Deuteron, '90, and Isaac Nelson, Pi Deuteron, '97, are with the Corn Exchange Bank, 13 William street, New York City.

Clare Nelson, Pi Deuteron, '96, is with McIntyre & Wardwell, Produce Exchange, New York City.

William J. Collins, Pi Deuteron, '91, has joined the staff of the New York *Journal*. His home address is 65 West 36th street, New York City.

Francis A. Adams, Pi Deuteron, '97, has been on the evening edition of the New York *Journal* for several years and has had much success in his work.

Charles S. C. Collins, Pi Deuteron, '94, is with the *Record and Guide*, the real estate paper published in New York City.

Henry E. Crampton, Jr., Pi Deuteron, '93, has received an appointment as tutor at Columbia University.

Walter W. Lee, Pi Deuteron, '93, is with the Gallatin National Bank, of 36 Wall street, New York City. He is residing at 16 Glen avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York.

James N. Granger, Zeta, '67, died at Bronxville, N. Y., October 28, 1897.

Thomas H. Edsall, Zeta, '61, died suddenly at his home in Colorado Springs, Col., October 26, 1897.

Theodore N. Ely, Delta, '66, has been honored by Yale University with the degree of Master of Arts.

William Henry Freeman, Psi, '94, graduated from the Auburn Theological Seminary in June last and is now pastor of the Presbyterian church at Southport, N. Y.—a suburb of Elmira. The editor enjoyed a pleasant call from him recently.

Samuel P. French, Omicron Deuteron, '93, is principal of the Punahoe Preparatory School, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

John P. Gifford, Omicron Deuteron, '94, was graduated from the Dartmouth Medical College last June and has a growing practice in Coos county, New Hampshire.

E. D. McConnell, Beta, '94, although residing in Chicago, seems to find a very strong attraction toward Elmira—and it terminates so near the editor's home that he can not mistake it. The little birds say that there is to be a wedding sometime near Christmas—but of course the editor knows nothing about it. All he does know is that a charming girl resides only a few doors away—and although Bro. McConnell has been in town nearly a week he has not had time to call on the scribe, but every time we go by the young lady's house there is a visitor there. Perhaps in the next number we can tell the sequel.

C. R. Barney, Sigma Deuteron, '94, is taking a three years' law course at the University of Wisconsin, this being his second year.

Stephen Minor Pitman, Kappa, '69, is secretary and treasurer of the Narragansett Mutual Fire Insurance Co., office Room 721, Banigan Building, Providence, R. I. Please change address in your catalogue. Bro. Pitman expects to attend the semi-centennial exercises.

Bertrand A. Smalley, Omicron Deuteron, '94, is with the Boston Evening *Record*. His address is Boston Press Club, 14 Bosworth street, Boston, Mass.

Frederick C. Allen, Omicron Deuteron, '94, who recently graduated from the Boston University Law School, has entered the law offices of Bartlett & Anderson, leading Boston lawyers. His address is 33 Hancock street, Boston.

Rolla W. Bartlett, Omicron Deuteron, '94, graduated from the Boston University Law School last June.

John H. Bartlett, Omicron Deuteron, '94, is principal of a Portsmouth, N. H., school.

MOFFETT—BAKER.

On the eighteenth of October, in the beautiful city of Minneapolis, occurred a church wedding in which the principal actors were Bro. Charles T. Moffett, a charter member of Tau Deuteron, and Sister Rebecca Virginia Baker, a charter member of Alpha Phi. We say "sister" advisedly, because so many Theta Delts seem to find Alpha Phi girls so irresistible that soon they will all be truly sisters, therefore we adopt the whole crowd in a lump. This was the first large church wedding of the season and therefore attracted a large concourse of friends. The church was beautifully decorated with palms and chrysanthemums and seats were reserved for the respective fraternities. The Alpha Phi girls were seated in pews designated by ropes of smilax intertwined with lilies of the valley. The Tau Deuteron charge was also seated in a body. At eight o'clock in Plymouth Church the wedding march pealed forth and two petite children carrying baskets of roses led the procession, followed by six maids gaily attired by two's in white, yellow and pink organdies. Then came the bride, upon the arm of her brother, who gave her away.

She was very beautiful and stately in her gown of creamy white duchesse satin, with its long court train entirely enveloped in the falling folds of her bridal veil. At the altar, awaiting the bride, were the bridegroom, his best man, Bro. J. Burch Moffett, of Tau Deuteron, and six ushers, among whom were Bros. Wendell, Herteg and George S. Pratt, of Tau Deuteron, also the Rev. David N. Beach, who performed the ceremony. After the deed was done the bride and groom received their friends at their future home in Grove Place. The house was handsomely decorated with palms and roses. The Alpha Phi girls of the Minnesota chapter made themselves generally useful during the reception. The entire affair throughout was delightful—flowers and smilax everywhere. The honeymoon trip will consist of an extended eastern tour, embracing all the principal cities. The editor has received no notice of the fact but he hopes they will pay a visit to his home during their wanderings, so that he may be able to repay the debt of gratitude he holds for most delightful entertainment received by himself and wife during his western trip this summer. Bro. Moffett drove us all about Minneapolis and said he had shown us every point of interest in the city, but he certainly omitted two—his future home and the home of his bride, and then he never told us of the expected event. We had supposed he was a confirmed old bachelor. We rejoice to know that he was all right at heart, however, and wish for him and his charming wife a happy life of many years. Mr. and Mrs. Moffett will be at home to their friends on Mondays during January at their residence, 30 Grove Place (Nicollet Island) Minneapolis.

BEAL—DARROW.

While the contracting parties are not of Theta Delta Chi, the intimate connection of a prominent brother will permit us to make mention of a notable wedding which occurred recently in New York City. At high noon, on Thursday, Nov. 4th, at the church of the Heavenly Rest on Fifth avenue, Miss Lillian Sprague Darrow, a niece of Bro. Willis S. Paine, Chi, '67, was married to Mr. William Fields Beal of Boston, Mass., by the Rev. D. P. Morgan, assisted by Rev. John Williams and Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter. Immediately after the ceremony the guests were driven to the Metropolitan Club, where the wedding breakfast was given by the bride's uncle, Hon. Willis S. Paine. Following the breakfast was a reception. About two hundred relatives and immediate friends witnessed the ceremony and enjoyed the subsequent courtesies. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Darrow of Yorktown, N. Y., and a sister of Brother Walter N. P. Darrow, Pi Deuteron, '83.

TOMPKINS—ILGER.

William I. Tompkins, Chi, '96, and Miss Anna C. Ilger, were married Oct. 12, at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. They are at home at the Library Park hotel, Detroit, Mich.

TODD-GOODSILL.

Dr. Geo. P. Todd, Tau Deuteron, '95, was married to Mary Isabel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Goodsill, in Grant City, Mo., Nov. 10, 1897. They will reside at Lake City, Minn., where Dr. Todd has a flourishing practice.

LOST ADDRESSES.

The Custodian of Archives reports that the post office department has returned, as unfound, letters to the following members of Beta :

George L. Fielder, '89, Hartford, Conn.

Spencer H. Coon, '76, 97 Henry St., Brooklyn.

Millard F. Watts, '76, 3452 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

Charles B. Cook, '79, 166 Landon St., Buffalo.

Frank G. Patchen, '84, 38 Park Row, New York City.

William R. Lay, '85, Bradford, Pa.

Albert H. Smith, '85, Waters-Pierce Oil Co., Mexico City.

If any brother can supply these addresses, or help in their correction, his help will be greatly appreciated. Address Frederick Carter, 1424 Broadway, New York.

LAMBDA'S INITIATION SONG.

Ho, all ye Theta Delts,
Ungird your stringent belts!
Join in my lay.

Too soon the time will come,
When we shall all be dumb;
So let us make things hum,
While yet we may.

Brothers, join hands and sing
Loud let the chorus ring.

Whoop ye again!
Who once the charm has felt,
At Lambda's altar knelt;
He is a Theta Delt
World without end.

Whether the fates intend
Sorrow or joy to send,
None can divine.

But, as the year shall fly,
Closer the mystic tie
Of Theta Delta Chi
Our hearts shall bind.

In Memoriam.

NATHAN F. DIXON.

ZETA, '69.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and love, has removed from this life to the life eternal our deeply beloved brother, Nathan Fellows Dixon; be it

Resolved, That we the members of Zeta charge of Theta Delta Chi, while humbly bowing to the will of God, do hereby declare our inexpressible sorrow at the loss of one who was bound to us by the closest ties and one who so greatly honored our charge and fraternity; and our regret that the fraternity has been deprived of one whose enthusiasm and zeal in its service never failed, and whose conduct in every particular furnished an example well worthy to be followed by his brethren; and be it

Resolved, That we hereby express our heartfelt sympathy with the family of the deceased, in the hour of their affliction; and be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, to the Grand Lodge, to the SHIELD for publication, and entered upon the records of the charge.

For the Charge,

CHARLES A. HULL,

JAMES B. BUSH,

CHARLES Y. LOW,

Committee.

Brown University, Nov. 16, '97.

J. FRANCIS WHITE.

THETA DEUTERON, '91.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to summon to the halls of the Omega Charge our brother J. Francis White, of the class of '91, who died at Rainbow Lake, N.Y., Nov. 17, 1897; and

WHEREAS, We, his associates in Theta Deuteron charge of Theta Delta Chi, desire to bear testimony to the love and esteem which he instilled and made permanent in our hearts; be it

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved relatives and friends our heartfelt sympathy; and be it

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother, to the President of the Grand Lodge, to the SHIELD for publication, and to the Department of Archives for preservation.

In behalf of Theta Deuteron charge of Theta Delta Chi,

CLARENCE E. WHITNEY, Class of '91.

HORACE H. ENSWORTH, Class of '91.

GEO. W. BAKER, Class of '92.

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 23, 1897.

EDWARD P. COLE.

EPSILON, '72.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to take from us our distinguished brother Edward P. Cole of William and Mary College, Class of '72; and


WHEREAS, In his death the Theta Delta Chi fraternity has lost one of its most popular and well beloved brothers, and the public one of its ablest attorneys-at-law; be it therefore

Resolved, That we, representing the Pacific Coast members of the fraternity, express our sincere sympathy to his bereaved family in their great loss; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, that they be spread on the minutes of this association, and that they be printed in the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD.

G. W. HAIGHT,
N. L. F. BACHMAN,
J. C. HALLOCK,
W. B. NOBLE,
J. L. RATHBONE,
E. H. JENKS,
F. H. ROBINSON,
J. F. ECHEVERRIA.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 15, 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.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17, 1897.

Dear Bro. Holmes :

I am sorry to write you a word of anything but that of praise concerning the SHIELD, but when you see the import of the note you will appreciate my feelings. It is in regard to letters from charges. Sometime ago the SHIELD made an appeal for longer letters, and as a rule the brothers have responded fairly well. The undergraduate does not comprehend nor begin to understand of what interest these letters are to the alumni. The first thing a Theta Delt turns to on opening the SHIELD is to read the charge letters, and what a pleasure it is to here learn of the athletic and literary success of the fraternity in the various colleges. In the June number *seven* charge letters are absent !

Imagine one's feeling on turning back to the letters and finding one from most every other college except his own. There can be no excuse for such neglect on the part of any charge, and it is a matter of sincere regret to the alumni that this careless condition of affairs sometimes exists. Trusting this matter will not be looked upon lightly,

I am sincerely yours.

E. C. CHAMBERLIN,
54 West 83 St., New York City.

SIGMA DEUTERON CHARGE,
MADISON, Wis., Oct. 27, 1897. }

Dear Bro. Holmes :

I am very glad that your name fell to my lot again, for I have nothing but prosperous reports to send you from Sigma Deuteron. We started in with seventeen men back, the house being almost full from the start, and entered on the most exciting and successful rushing season of our history. Bro. Nelson as chairman of the rushing committee did excellent work and every one pitched in for all he was good for, and as a consequence made it very evident to the other fraternities that we were on earth. We have four freshmen so far, each one of them star men and three more whom we hope to have soon. Then, too, we initiated two

soph's pledged last spring, so that we are in fine shape in numbers. We lose so many men in '99 that we have to prepare for it.

We are all thoroughly congenial, not a hitch anywhere, the house is full, so that our finances will blossom like a June rose all the year, and we have a fine freshman class, so that everything points to a year even more prosperous than any before, and one of real growth. The house under Bro. Tillotson's care has been made to seem like a new house again, the down stairs rooms being tinted, and best of all a large veranda built on in front.

We had a very enjoyable party last Saturday evening.

The last SHIELD was very interesting to us, especially the account of the Hay Banquet and the speeches made there.

Bro's Bean and Gregg are representing us on the foot ball team, the former as right tackle and the latter as quarter. We hope to win from Minnesota and several of the brothers expect to visit T^h on that occasion.

We should be very glad to have you visit us sometime during the year, Bro. Holmes. I know it would do us a great deal of good and I trust be a pleasure to you yourself. In the hope that we may in time see you or hear from you, I am for the brothers of Sigma Deuteron.

Most fraternally yours,

E. A. STAVRUM, '97.

DETROIT, Sept. 4, 1897.

Dear Bro. Holmes :

If I remember correctly you wrote me some time ago, after I had the honor of becoming the first European subscriber to the SHIELD, and asked to know where I was located and what I was doing. Through some oversight I neglected to answer at oncè, but do so now by sending you a copy of a musical magazine which will save me the trouble of speaking for myself. Of course the article headed by my name must be taken with the customary grain of salt as it was written by a very friendly member of the said magazine's editorial staff. I am not sending you this paper as an advertisement of myself but merely as a piece of personal information.

I sail for Paris next week on the "Touraine," and as soon as I get a permanent address in that city, will remit you my subscription to the SHIELD for next year.

Upon my return from Germany last spring I was very fortunate in falling in with a number of Theta Delts in New York. An elderly man in a Broadway car, whose name I have now forgotten, saw my pin and told me about the Theta Delt club in that city. This gentleman himself had come down from somewhere in New Hampshire to attend the fraternity blow-out for John Hay. The club was the means of my unearthing the whereabouts of two of my old Ann Arbor comrades, now become quite famous, Arthur Veysey and Norman Hackett.

It was like returning to my birthright to get back to the old house at Ann Arbor. Most of the fellows were new to me, but when I made my unexpected appearance in the dining room one evening just at dinner, the roar of recognition that went up was sweeter to my ears than any professional applause I ever expect to receive. Gamma Deuteron has got in some splendid new fellows, and as far as I could see and hear has gone away ahead of where she used to be in my time.

Bro. Guy Williams (who by the way is one of the smoothest men I ever met) sailed for Europe a few days ago, and I expect to meet him there and possibly do a little bicycling in his company. There certainly must be some Theta Delts in Paris. If you know of any you would do me a favor by writing their names on a postal card and sending it to me care of Cook et Fils, 1 Avenue de l'Opera.

Hoping that your future may bring to you as many good things as your past has to the Fraternity,

I remain fraternally yours,

FRANK BRISCOE, ΓΔ '95.

Editorial.

THIS is the ante-semi-centennial number, and it is hoped that every brother who reads it will, as he ought, become enthused with zeal for the success of our first great anniversary. It means much to Theta Delta Chi. We have existed fifty years and who shall say that we have not enjoyed an honored existence? It is true that in our early years we were comparatively unknown outside our own charmed circle. But what matters that so long as we who are inside the veil know that during the half century we have been a united band? It is true that for a number of years it looked as though our race was run. Civil war struck us, and many were the breaks—whole charges going out from the book to the sword, but the work was again taken up and the last half of our first fifty years has been one of constantly growing prosperity. Rapid have been the strides of advancement and to-day we can proudly unfurl our banner and celebrate a brilliant existence, so we enter upon the work of preparation with earnest zeal. The time is short and every brother should at once make plans for a proper observance of the occasion. To the older graduates it will be a time of glad rejoicing and reminiscent pleasure. To the younger alumni and undergraduates it will be a time never to be forgotten. Every one will desire to be present, yet there will not be room for all. Some must be left out. Those who desire to enjoy the greatest fraternity event of their lives must take the first opportunity to speak for a place. If known in time all can be cared for. Make your plans right now.

THE older graduates owe it to the active members to make every effort to be present and help to celebrate our semi-centennial. Don't forget that once you are there you will be young again and revive all the old feelings. Perhaps some of

you have not attended a convention in twenty-five years. Do not let this one pass. You will never have the opportunity again of seeing such a sight as this will be. The founders still living will be there, some of your old college friends will surely be present, and you ought to come. Won't you do it? Lay aside your business and be a boy again. You will never regret it. Please bear in mind another thing. You are expected to help bear the expense of this celebration. It is a graduate affair and you are expected to give something. You have already received a letter from the committee. Have you answered it? If not do so at once. If by any chance your name has been overlooked don't think the committee desired to neglect you. They want some help from you just the same. Be liberal and be prompt in responding to their appeal. It is hoped that there will be enough money left in the hands of the committee after all necessary expenses are paid to publish a memorial volume, containing the only complete history of Theta Delta Chi ever written, beside all the banquet speeches and general exercises. This feature is quite as important as the celebration itself and will be permanent in its character. We hope it will not be necessary to make another appeal. Theta Delta Chi usually rises to the occasion at the first call. Do it this time and all will be well.

THE editor is beginning to be of the opinion that perhaps he has been more anxious on the lady question than the ladies themselves are. On that ground he yields cheerfully to the general desire not to inaugurate any new custom. When one stops to think that, while we know each other so well either personally or by name, and have so much in common that we set aside the formalities of acquaintanceship—it is different with the ladies. They neither know each other nor any of the gentlemen, and as a natural consequence do not possess the desire to attend our festivities—which we perhaps feel for them. It is a little embarrassing for a lady to be surrounded by so many strange people, and since it is for one occasion only they do not feel badly if they are left out. We have always been

anxious to introduce the ladies as a factor in the social part, but having been fairly argued out of our own position we now recede and henceforth shall side with those who are opposed to the idea. The committee of arrangements were of the opinion, however, that it would be very pleasant to have a reception open to all and here ladies will be welcome.

At the regular convention banquets those who have them in charge never know till the last minute how many will be present, and usually there is such a rush that it is difficult to provide suitable accommodations. The writer has seen this happen many times. At the last convention two hours before the banquet was called only 80 had signified their intention of being present and the convention reluctantly placed an order for one hundred plates. When the brothers assembled there were about 140 there. One can easily guess the embarrassment of the committee. The brothers will please take note of the fact that the Semi-Centennial Committee do not propose to be placed in such a dilemma. They already know the outside limit of space and believe that will be fully taken. They will be required to give the exact number of seats two days before the banquet, and that means that they will have to pay five dollars for every seat engaged—therefore, it would be wise to reserve your seats at once, then you will be sure of a place. Now, it takes five dollars in cold cash to reserve a seat. No promises from anybody. The sooner you send in your money the better able the committee will be to make proper plans. The Hotel Windsor can only seat three hundred and fifty. We will surely have that many and very likely more. If the orders come in promptly and the number is exceeded we will make other arrangements and go where we can all be accommodated. It will be necessary to know this before January 1st, as after that date it will be too late to make any changes. If orders do not come in to justify a change to larger quarters by January 1st we shall arrange for 350 at the Hotel Windsor. Then the 351st man will be barred out from necessity. See to it that you speak early. Do it now and

you will be sure. It has been suggested that the committee arrange to seat the brothers by charges. This seems to be a good idea and an effort will be made so to do—at least any of the active charges desiring to attend in a body will be furnished with a table or seats in a body. This banquet will be the finest spread ever attempted for Theta Delta Chi. You should be there. Make your plans to come and send your money now.

THE Hotel Windsor, which has been selected for our Semi-Centennial Convention, is located on Fifth avenue, between 46th and 47th streets. It is easily reached from all railroad points. Those coming in by New York Central have a very short walk from the 42d street depot up Fifth avenue, or if you notify the hotel on what train you are arriving they will send a cab for you without charge. Those who arrive by any of the trunk lines in Jersey City should take the cross-town cars, from Christopher street, or Twenty-third street ferries and transfer to Fourth or Madison avenue trolley cars and get off at 46th street, which lands you within a stone's throw of the hotel entrance. The following rates will prevail: On the European plan, one person in a room, \$1.50 upwards; two persons occupying the same room, \$1.25 each and upwards; on the American plan, a flat rate of \$4.00 per day will prevail. Reservations can be made by writing to the editor, who should be addressed at Elmira till February 1st—after that date, Hotel Windsor, New York. If all the brothers will engage rooms in advance, stating definitely what price they wish to pay, the editor will be glad to give their wants personal attention. If you have a companion whom you desire to occupy your room, please engage for both.

THERE has always seemed to be some objection to every place in which the convention has been held in New York city. The chief difficulty has been to get a meeting room which was not subject to disturbing influence from noise in the streets. Then, again, the delegates have seemed to drift off to other stopping places. Now, the success of a convention depends

largely upon two factors. The business must not be interrupted by noise from an outside source. The social part is appreciated more if every attending brother stops at the headquarters. Both of these objections are nicely overcome at the "Windsor." The pavements surrounding the hotel are asphalt and no noise comes from the street. The meeting room opens out on a side street, so that with every window open there would be no noise to annoy speaker or hearer. The hotel has 500 sleeping rooms at all prices, from \$1.25 per day upward, so that the brothers can all stop there and be well cared for. Mr. Leland, the proprietor, is a warm personal friend of Bro. Wm. G. Raines and is deeply interested. He desires the opportunity to show how pleasant our stay at his hostelry can be made. We feel sure that the universal verdict will be that it is the best place at which we have ever met. Remember, therefore, that the "Windsor" will be headquarters. Everybody will be there, and if all stay there we can have a much more enjoyable time.

THE Editor has before this mentioned the practice in vogue at the Sigma Deuteron, where every member of the charge writes one letter each month to a graduate brother. In this list are included the Grand Lodge and the SHIELD. We receive a letter each month and have learned to look for them. They are all interesting, newsy letters. If charge editors would only get into the habit of writing a personal letter of news, the alumni readers would enjoy it so much better, because each one would read it just as though it were written to himself. The graduates are hungry for just that sort of news. We fear that the charge editors start out on the task thinking they must prepare something for publication. Now just forget all about the SHIELD when you are writing the letter. Just imagine you are writing a good, long letter to your best Theta Delt friend, in which you are anxious to tell him every bit of news. If you will only do this you will give such a class of letters to the SHIELD as are not published anywhere. If they need a little fixing up the editor will do that

cheerfully. Be sure to write a letter and do it promptly, so it will not be too late for publication. In Correspondence will be found a letter from a disappointed brother, which speaks for itself; also a letter from a brother of Sigma Deuteron, and which is what we call a good, newsy letter.

THE Editor desires to express his thanks to Bro. J. C. Hallock of San Francisco for a greater batch of news for this number than has been contributed in a long time. What makes it the more gratifying is that the news is from a quarter which has never before been up to date in this particular. If a few more brothers would interest themselves as Bro. Hallock has, the SHIELD would never lack for lots of good news. The editor can not make news out of nothing, and a periodical of the character of the SHIELD must have many personal items in it to be interesting. We do not forget a few other good brothers who are always sending something, chief among whom are Rudolph Tombo and Olcott O. Partridge. We do wish there were many more of the same stamp. What a journal the SHIELD would then be!

WE publish in the current number some biographical sketches of Theta Delts prominent in political life. Early in the year we started out with the determination of collecting the lives of all our representative men, intending to make a distinctive number in which should appear the lives and portraits of our senators and representatives. We were promised assistance by a number of brothers, but the same did not materialize. Our own ill health prevented further work in that line, and lack of funds has prevented the use of portraits in the present volume. We therefore give all the matter on this line which we have been able to prepare, and will in future issues record such additional biographies as we may be able to secure.

IT is the committee's desire to reach every brother with an invitation to the Semi-Centennial, but we find the catalogue addresses are very faulty. The addresses of more recent

graduates, from 1890 down, are very imperfect. If each charge will immediately send a correct list of the present address of all their graduates since 1890, the committee will gladly send the invitations. Please do this at once, and send to the SHIELD editor, as the invitations should be sent out by January 1st.

LET every brother who reads this number of the SHIELD remember that this semi-centennial of Theta Delta Chi cannot be fairly celebrated unless each and every man who has named Theta Delta Chi as his watch-word has a part in it. It is your duty to do something to help make it a success. You should give something toward the expense; you should strive hard to lend your presence to swell the throng. If you can not do either, at least try to enthuse some other brother. We need your help. Every one must take hold of the work, and then success is certain.

IT will be noticed that the exercises have been so arranged that if any of the graduate brothers cannot give three days' time to the celebration, they can spend one day (Thursday) and get their fill of good things. This day is especially designed for them, and we hope to see more old graduates than have ever before been together at one time. The active convention delegates will be delighted to have the room thronged with the "old fellows" during the business session, if they can make it convenient to be there. If not, don't fail to put in an appearance on Thursday—the great day of the feast.

THE Editor notices the growing tendency of the various fraternity periodicals to publish charge pictures, and in some of them we find a large number. It is a good movement, and the SHIELD would like to see the day when a plate of each active charge would be published every year. The first move is a photograph of the charge, which most certainly should be taken every year. The boys in college now cannot realize what value would attach to these annual photographs in the years to come. The expense is but a song as compared to the value twenty years hence. After the photograph is once taken

the expense of a plate for printing is very small. This is a year in which every charge of Theta Delta Chi should possess a picture, and it should be reproduced in the memorial volume. If the charges will get a good photograph and contribute five dollars toward the cost of the plate, the editor will do the rest and see that they all appear. We do not want part of them. Every active charge should take hold of the matter at once and get a photograph. Send it to the editor, who will get a first-class half-tone plate made and publish in the Memorial volume. Such an opportunity will hardly occur again in the life-time of any brother, so do not let the present occasion pass by unimproved.

THE Graduate Club has changed its quarters again and is now located at 1424 Broadway. A comfortable suite of rooms has been fitted up and they were formally opened on the evening of Nov. 26th by a reception to our honored brother, Governor John W. Griggs. To the casual observer it might seem that the club had changed quarters rather frequently. There have been the best of reasons, however, and finally they seem to have secured a location which will be more pleasant and satisfactory than before. Brothers visiting New York city are cordially invited to drop in and meet the city brothers.

MUCH credit is due to Bro. Hallock for the efforts he put forth in the organization of the Pacific Coast association. Such associations can not be organized or maintained unless some zealous brother takes right hold with coat off and sleeves rolled up and does nine-tenths of the work himself. Evidently Bro. Hallock's absence from the country for two years generated a lot of enthusiasm, which was bottled up and preserved till he set foot on native soil again. The cork flew out as soon as he landed, and the result is the creation of another circle which will serve to keep those who have gone outside the natural circle warm and loyal to their first love. We are glad to see the good work going on. Every graduate association thus organized binds us all closer together and contributes a wonderful amount of renewed zeal to those who par-

ticipate. Bro. Hallock's appeal for help, in the matter of information as to brothers going to the far west, should meet a willing response. Let every brother who goes west make it a point to meet Bro. Hallock and the rest of the boys. It will do lots of good to both parties. The editor anticipates with much pleasure the possibility of meeting the Pacific Coast contingent some day not long distant. We of the east congratulate the Pacific and wish for them many happy reunions.

GRAND Rapids, Wisconsin, seems to be, educationally at least, a thoroughbred Theta Delt town, and under the full direction of Sigma Deuteron charge. Bro Guy S. Ford is now city superintendent of schools. Bro. Geo. P. Hambrecht is principal of the high school, and Bro. Brazeau is principal of the second ward school. Bro. Isaac P. Witter has been promoted to the cashiership of the Centralia national bank, and thus the good work goes on. The boys have frequent meetings and are fully realizing the benefits to be derived from fraternity association.

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.

We have been enjoying a novel sensation in Beta, this year—that is rushing in our new charge house with results equal to our expectations, having swung four good men before the university had been opened one week. I take great pleasure in being able to introduce to the fraternity Bros. George Merrill of Chicago, Albert Kirk of Pittsburg, George A. Austin and William R. Huntley of Buffalo, Cassells C. Atwood of Brooklyn, and Walter C. Massey of Watertown, N. Y., all from the class of 1901. We have also had the pleasure of affiliating Bro. Jesse H. Wilson of Chi Deuteron.

A number of Theta Delts have visited Beta since we have been in our new house—last Senior week especially, when we had our house warming. This year Bro. Morey, Gamma Deuteron, '99, paid us quite an extended visit, as did Bro. Waldo F. Tobey, Beta, '95, and quite a crowd came down to Cornell for the Princeton game, among whom were Bros. Seward Simons, William Ballard Hoyt, Lee Parker and Walter Goll, all Beta men. We are always glad to see any Theta Delts who can possibly get here and give them the best time in our power.

We have had quite a successful season in foot-ball this year, with the exception of one game, but our only representative on the team, Bro. Grimshaw, has the disadvantage of playing the same end as does Captain McKeever, so he only has an occasional chance to play. Speaking of football, sixteen of our fellows went up to Buffalo to see the Williams-Cornell game, where we had a most enjoyable time.

Beta is very well represented in Cornell this year. Bros.

Briggs, '98, Simpson, '98, Hoyt, '99, and Austin, 1901, are on the musical clubs, and Bros. Beckwith, '98, and Hoyt, '99, on the masque. Bro. Oddie, '99, is on the junior ball committee, and Bro. Stevens, 1900, is leader of the sophomore cotillion.

Bro. Huffcut, Beta, '84, is very busy now with his new text book on The Law of Bills and Notes, and Bro. Bullock, Lambda, '89, of the Cornell faculty, has just published his new book on economics.

Bros. Feigenspan, Walter, Smith and Hoyt made a flying trip down to Easton for the Cornell-Lafayette game, where they had a very pleasant time with the fellows of Psi and Nu Deuteron.

We were very much pleased to get cards announcing the marriages of Brs. Leroy Allen Kendall, Beta, '96, and Frederick Bassett, Beta, '96, both marriages taking place on the same day. All happiness to them.

We have had an addition to our crew trophies, viz: a section of the 19:29 shell in which Bro. Briggs rowed a year ago last June. Bro. Oddie also had a seat in the same boat, as it was used in the Annapolis race. It makes a most interesting and valuable thing to have in the house.

Once more Beta extends a hearty invitation to all who can stop over at Cornell.

BRACE H. HAMILTON.

GAMMA DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

So far the present college year has been a prosperous one for Gamma Deuteron. Owing to the large number of men who left college last year, the charge numbered only twelve on October first. However, while the number was small, all were active, and as a result the charge house has been entirely remodeled and improved, both in interior and exterior, and the charge roll has been increased to eighteen. Bro. Heames of Detroit, and Bro. Huggett of Charlotte, were both here for the rushing season, and much of the success of the work is

due to their efforts. First the charge was fortunate in the arrival of Bro. Philip R. Thomas, Tau Deuteron, who came from Minneapolis to take up a dental course in the University, and affiliated. Then the present roll was completed by the initiation of Bro. Frank N. Savage, '98, of Chicago, who was pledged last year, and the four freshmen following: Forest Lancashire of Detroit, Herman Stevens of Elyria, Ohio; Fred Nash of Pasadena, Cal.; William Talcott of Chicago. All of the new men came to us highly recommended by Theta Deltas, and we feel sure that all are very worthy to wear the shield.

As is usual in fall term, foot-ball has been the principal subject of student interest. Gamma Deuteron has been proud in having two men on the 'Varsity squad, Bro. Savage playing center and Bro. Talcott quarter in a number of the games. Bros. Sutphen and Wilkinson have also been playing on their class teams.

Incident to the foot-ball season was the usual Detroit game with Minnesota. Next to the Thanksgiving-day game in Chicago this is the "big" game of the Michigan schedule. This year the event was of particular interest to Gamma Deuteron and to Theta Delta Chi at large. Almost the entire charge went in to Detroit to attend the game and the first regular banquet of the newly organized Detroit graduate association at the Fellowcraft club. The banquet itself was a great success, and the graduate movement in Detroit is expected to accomplish a great deal in strengthening Theta Delta Chi in the west. It will be of particular benefit to Gamma Deuteron.

While the university has only fairly begun the present session, yet Gamma Deuteron is already well forward in the list of college honors. Bro. Sutphen is the veteran of the glee club, Bro. Wehrle is on both the banjo and mandolin clubs, Bro. Kreis is on the reception committee for the senior reception, and Bro. Green is on the board of directors of the athletic association.

The charge has already been pleased to welcome several graduate brothers back to 10 Cornwell for short visits. Bro. Warner, '91, of Jackson, Bro. Kreis, '96, of Cincinnati, Bro. Van Tuyl, '96, of Detroit, Bro. Collamore, '97, of Detroit, and Bro.

Knights of Zeta, have already come, and it is hoped that many more brothers of other charges as well as our own will soon be added to the list.

Gamma Deuteron sends best wishes and warmest fraternal greetings to all her sister charges.

CARL MUNSON GREEN.

EPSILON DEUTERON.

YALE UNIVERSITY.

On the 20th of September Epsilon Deuteron opened her doors to the new college year, with the outlook for a very prosperous season. Three of the best men in the freshman class have already been made Theta Delts, and the prospect for a large number of others is exceedingly bright.

On the 18th of November Epsilon Deuteron will be able to boast of two figures in her age; on that day we expect to celebrate our decennial. Most fortunately the date of the Yale-Princeton game has been set only two days later, so we feel that, with this additional attraction, we have the right to expect a large number of "grads" back. On the evening of the 18th we hold our banquet at the "Tabard." The next night—the 19th—the Princeton Glee and Banjo Clubs play at the Hyperion, and there will be in general, in the words of the song, "A hot time in Old Town that night." The next day—the 20th—comes the great game, and we will guarantee that, no matter which side wins, there will be a "hotter time in Old Town that night."

Epsilon Deuteron feels well represented in college; she has men on the Glee Club, the track team, one of our freshmen is playing on the freshman football squad, and Bro. Krementz is an editor on our Sheff. magazine.

Since college opened we have enjoyed a number of visits from Theta Delts of other charges. Many of our graduates have also made short stops at "The Tabard." We wonder whether our "grads" realize how much good they do us when they come.

On the 28th of September "Sheff" celebrated her semi-cen-

ennial. In the morning there was a meeting of the alumni and in the afternoon Dr. Gilman, president of Johns Hopkins, delivered an address. There were not as many graduates back as might have been expected, but those who came seemed to enjoy themselves.

Epsilon Deuteron sends best wishes to the SHIELD and all Theta Delta Chi men.

WARD S. GREGORY.

ZETA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Zeta opened the year with eleven men back at college. Last June six of our brothers graduated and one left college to go into business, so that this fall found us with rather a small, but, nevertheless, hustling corps of workers. On the evening of October 22d we initiated four freshmen—Eben Coleman Gould of Leominster, Mass. ; Stewart MacLeod of Brockton, Mass. ; Herbert Low, of the same town, and William Henry Hull of Auburn, Rhode Island. They are a fine set of fellows and are rapidly absorbing the true Theta Delt spirit. Two of them, Bros. Low and Hull have brothers in the charge, members of the junior class.

The charge have decided not to hold the annual banquet until late in the year, as it is believed that by so doing a larger number of the alumni can be present.

In the annual fall games Zeta showed up well. Bro. Hull, '01, made his first appearance as a sprinter and took places in the 100 and 220-yard dashes, besides running on his class relay-team. Bro. Hull, '99, also ran on his class team and helped '99 to win the class relay championship.

A rather unfortunate accident happened to two of our boys early in the year, compelling one of them to leave college to recuperate. Bros. Lyons and Hull were enjoying a tandem ride and while returning to college had a smash-up with a single. Bro. Lyons was severely injured, sustaining a concussion of the brain, which forced him to return home for a few weeks, but he hopes to be back next term, and the brothers will give him a hearty welcome.

Brown has made an enviable record in football this fall, as all of our readers know, and Zeta has one of the pluckiest men on the eleven. Bro. Chase has trained faithfully with the team during the last three seasons, being a substitute in his freshman and sophomore years, but this fall he succeeded in making the 'varsity and has played right end in a number of the games. Although receiving a broken shoulder only a few weeks ago, he pluckily played his position in the recent game with the Indians and helped Brown to win.

Bro. Burt plays center on the sophomore team.

In the junior class election Bro. Hull received the office of treasurer.

Bros. Miner and Arnold '97, who recently returned from a tour through Europe, frequently drop in at our Friday evening meetings and add to our joviality. Bro. Stone, '97, is another frequent visitor. Bro. Shead, '97, is studying medicine at Harvard.

A number of the boys accepted Iota's kind invitation to their reception on the eve of the Harvard-Yale game, and they report a hospitable treatment and first-class time. We acknowledge Epsilon Deuteron's invitation to their tenth anniversary reception and hope to send down a delegation.

With the best wishes for our sister charges and a hearty welcome to any brothers who may come to Providence, I am, fraternally,

CHARLES ARNOLD HULL.

ETA.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

In this, the first charge letter of the year, Eta gives hearty greeting to all sister charges.

Eta started in upon the year with colors flying, as they are always. Of course, for the first few weeks, every one was busy looking over the incoming class, in search of new men, and the good results of that watchful care are shown in the 1901 delegation, which, although it is small, is of very proper material. Naturally, the next thing in order was to initiate the new men. As soon as our thoughts turned to initiation

we were carried back a year, when we were favored with the presence of our worthy leader, President Carl A. Harstrom, and we hoped that we might be so favored this year, but were disappointed.

The initiation took place on the night of October 8th, and I take pleasure in introducing five new brothers from the class of 1901—Bros. Clarence B. Flint of Cornish, John A. Corliss of Bridgton, A. F. Hill of Portland, Ernest L. Smith of Deering and Frank L. Hill of Brockton, Mass. We feel that there are embodied in these men those qualities which make true, loyal Theta Deltas. After the initiation ceremony all sat down to a banquet, and after having indulged liberally in the dainty dishes set forth, speeches were listened to from representatives of the different delegations, from the new brothers and from the alumni. The alumni brothers present were Bryant, '95, Barker, '92, Cole, '88, Shorey, '88, Hall, '88, Dresser, '88, Hill, '88, Hersey, '92, Mitchell, '90, Woodwell, Omicron Deuteron, '84, and Merriam, Mu Deuteron, '97. It was especially gratifying to us to listen to the earnest words and good advice of the older brothers, for we feel that they have been through the mill and should know whereof they speak. And indeed it is always pleasing to us undergraduates to receive visits from a graduate brother, for not only do we receive a benefit therefrom, but it is a good way for the alumni to keep enthused with the true Theta Delt spirit and keep in touch with the charge.

Of football, I cannot say very much, except that some of the best men on the 'varsity were Theta Deltas. Bros. Stockbridge, '99, L. L. Cleaves, '99, T. Gould, '98, Ralph Wiggins, '98, Eames, '98, and F. Merrill, 1900, all played 'varsity at different times. Bro. Stockbridge was second in the election of captain for next season. Bros. T. B. Merrill and Malcolm Sylvester, of 1900, were star men on their class team. Bro. John A. Corliss played end on the 1900 class team.

We miss very much the members of the '97 delegation, but it is gratifying to know that they are doing well in other fields. Bro. John H. Morse is studying medicine at Harvard, Bro. Hull is acting as sub-master in Thornton academy, Bro. Knee-

land is also filling a fine position as teacher, Bro. French is acting as teacher and athletic instructor in a school at Attleboro, Mass., Bro. Stearns is in the hardware business with his uncle in Kansas, Bro. T. C. Keohan is studying law in Boston University, and Bro. Eugene Bodge is studying law in a Portland office.

Early in the term Bro. Bliss, Mu Deuteron, '96, gave us a call, which we much enjoyed. Bro. Spear, of Chi Deuteron, spent several days with us, while visiting his brother at Bowdoin. Several times have we been favored with visits from our own alumni, who have returned for a short time to that place which for nearly four years was a home to them. Bro. R. L. Hull has paid us two visits, and it was but a short time ago that, much to our surprise and gratification, Bro. Robert Newbegin of Defiance, Ohio, walked in on us. That was his first since leaving college. Bro. Wiley, '95, and Bro. Little, '86, have also, during the year, found their way back to the old hall which is so dear to the heart of every Eta man.

A thing which I must not omit is to speak of our new surroundings. Appleton hall, of which one end is controlled by Theta Delta Chi, has been remodeled, or rather repaired in a very fine manner. The old hall was like a barn and the new is fitted out in an up-to date manner, so that one can now enjoy the comforts of life. Bro. L. L. Cleaves and Bro. F. L. Hill have gone out teaching for a short time.

Last commencement the French prize was not awarded, as was customary, but was announced this fall, and Bro. P. M. Palmer, 1900, got the prize. Bro. L. P. Libby, who has served for over a year with the Orient board, was recently elected as member of the Bowdoin "Quill" board. Bro. Harry Shorey has been chosen one of the contestants in the sophomore prize declamation.

On the night of December 3d a special initiation was held and another was enrolled upon the lists of Theta Delta Chi, Bro. Guening of Cleveland, Ohio. We have seen quite a good deal of Bro. Guening since he became connected with the college, something over a year ago, and we know that another of the true Theta Delt spirit, has come among us.

We are all looking forward with mingled feelings to Exam's and the X-mas vacation, as probably are most college men. Wishing all sister charges a Merry X-mas and a Happy New Year, I am, for Eta,

WM. H. SMITH.

IOTA.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Life at Iota is much the same as usual. Everybody comes down to the house to have a good time. Any night one can see a picture of happiness and comfort by stepping within our doors. Our latest attraction is a new pool table. We hope that plenty of our friends from the other charges will come down and try it.

On November 12th, the night before the Yale game, we held an informal reception, primarily for the Yale brethren, but also for any good brother who might chance to lose his way in Cambridge. Six of the New England charges were represented, Yale, Brown, Tufts, Amherst, Bowdoin and Harvard. Owing to the kindness of our visitors, who entertained us more than we did them, the affair went off very well. We wish to thank Bros. Donelson and Humes, of Kappa, especially, for the musical selections which they rendered so well. Bro. Donelson's songs were exceedingly witty and well sung. Our own Bro. Starkweather was with us again and reminded us of old times when he sang the "Gay Tomtit." On the whole we feel like congratulating ourselves on having had the largest number of Theta Delts that we have ever had under our roof at one time.

Individually, Iota is also doing fairly well. Bro. Beecher has the reputation of being the most versatile and accomplished musician in college. He is represented on more of the college musical organizations than any other man in Harvard. Bro. Wrightington is back with us again at the law school. Although he can not spare the time actually to enter another debate, he is giving our representatives against Yale most valuable assistance. He is called upon from time to time to preside over the debates of the Harvard Union. Bro. Water-

house made quite a hit in "Iolanthe," which was given a short time ago in Newton by a number of very clever amateurs. Bro. Rideout represents us on the *Monthly*. He is also doing some very valuable work in teaching English at the Prospect Union. Bros. Ring, Sand, Moline, Breed, Converse, Boutwell and C. S. White are all doing good work on the lacrosse team. Bro. Wheeler played well at guard on the 1900 eleven. Bro. "Pete" White is riding his bicycle even better than last year; he is a dark horse in the coming intercollegiate contests.

Several good men from other charges have come to Harvard. We have been fortunate enough to affiliate with three of them: Bro. P. O. Place, a graduate of Omicron Deuteron; Bro. E. E. Wheeler, 1900, from Pi Deuteron; and Bro. W. A. Burton, 1900, from Nu Deuteron. In addition we wish to recommend to the fraternity two entirely new brothers, A. D. Converse, 1900, and R. D. Crane, 1900.

For the charge,

HUBERT L. CARTER.

IOTA DEUTERON·

WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

College opened this year with a freshman class of about one hundred and twelve men, from which we secured five men, swelling our numbers to twenty. During the fall several of our alumni have been with us. Bro. Sawtelle, '94, has been back coaching the 'varsity football squad and stayed a week, getting the 'varsity in good shape for the Amherst game. We have been represented on the football team by Bros. Davis, '98, and De Camp, 1900, while places on the second eleven have been filled by Bros. Beattie, '99; Kellogg, '99, captain; Dolph, 1901, and Knight, 1901.

In the freshman-sophomore game on the first Wednesday of the term, a game which is invariably won by the sophomores on account of a lack of team work in the freshmen, but which offers a chance for sizing up the men for the coming season, Bro. Knight, 1901, acted as captain and pitched, while Bros.

Dolph and Chandler played left and center fields respectively. The prospects for the coming base ball season are bright, with lots of material to choose from, but many vacancies to fill.

In football this fall the team has been the poorest in years, although the men on the team have worked very hard to bring out a championship team with the material in college. The high standard to which the college has been raised has caused us to lose several good men.

The musical clubs at this writing promise to be much better than last year and we expect to take several trips. Bros. Taylor, '99, and Doolittle, 1900, are on the glee club, while Bro. Dunbar, 1900, plays on the mandolin club.

Among the faculty this year we have two Theta Deltas, Bro. Williams, '97, who is assistant in chemistry, and Bro. Huntington, '95, from Harvard, who is teaching mathematics.

Debating is on the increase here and seems to hold the interest of the college even more than last year. Already the Adelpic Union, which is a union of the Philotechnian and Philologian societies of debating, has had a public debate in anticipation of the Dartmouth-Williams contest which comes to Williams this year. A large percentage of the charge belongs to the two debating societies and considerable interest is manifested in this line during the winter term.

The last important game in our football season is the Dartmouth game, after which comes the annual sophomore-freshman game, for which the two teams are looking the whole season. Bro. Dolph plays half-back on the freshman team and Bro. Knight plays end. Bro. De Camp holds down right tackle on the sophomore side.

Bros. Rowland, '99, and Sibley, 1900, have been elected to the positions of vice-president and secretary respectively on the Western New York club.

Bros. Taylor, '99, and Davis, '98, hold positions of trust on the honor system committee.

Bro. Beattie, '99, is coaching the Adams high school team.

The brothers have all returned of last year's delegation and the prospects for a successful year are very bright.

A number of the brothers went to New Haven with the foot-

ball team when we played Yale and visited the Epsilon Deuteron charge and report a fine time.

In the Amherst game, which was played at Amherst this year, over two hundred of the fellows went down, and while there a number of the brothers called on the charge and were cordially welcomed.

We hope that any of the brothers who get a chance to visit us at Williams will not fail to do so, as we are always glad to see them.

With best wishes to the welfare of Theta Delta Chi,

HARRY C. TAYLOR.

KAPPA.

TUFTS COLLEGE.

This year promises to be one of the most successful in the history of the charge. The men returned from their vacations with the idea of working hard and getting the best men from the entering class. When '97 graduated, it took away nine men, who had always been a credit to the fraternity and who had always been active to give it a high place in the college. Accordingly it was necessary to get a large delegation from 1901 and it is our boast that we did not lose one single man asked. The new brothers are H. L. Litchfield, '99; George R. Kempton, 1900, and J. F. Berry, Josiah Butler, Kingsbury Foster, R. F. Goodell, A. P. Heusted, W. G. Humes, L. D. Pierce, A. W. Row, H. C. Turner, W. F. Wyman of 1901. The men are an especially fine lot and will be zealous Theta Delts, of whom I would say much more if it were not that they are to read the SHIELD.

On the football team, we are as usual well represented. Bros. Foster, 1901 and Greul, '99, are playing ends on the 'varsity and are called the best that Tufts has ever had, while Bro. Kempton, 1900, is substitute guard. Bro. Turner, 1901, is acting captain of the freshman team, of which Bro. Foster is manager. Then, in all three branches of athletics, we are represented in the management. We expect some of our men to play on the base ball team next spring.

Although it is early in the college year, we have already given two social entertainments. Of course, we gave our annual reception to the faculty and freshmen, and this reception is pronounced the swellest event in the college year. We have also given a very enjoyable dance in the house, which is admirably suited for dancing. We hope to give several more this year, to render firm our social prestige on the hill. We have been especially fortunate, too, in receiving visits from brothers from all parts of the country.

Two of our men are away from college at present, on account of illness. Bro. Johnson, '98, is slowly recovering from a severe attack of appendicitis, but we hope to have him with us again before mid-year. Bro. Kendall, 1900, is away for a half year, owing to a general run down in his system, but will probably be back before next term.

The charge has just received a new addition to its ranks by the present of a valuable bull pup. Although only three weeks old, he has the regulation bow-legs and fighting disposition, and, if not spoiled, will be a great addition to our house. He was given to us by "Nick" Dwyer, a man who has been in the service of the college for over thirty-five years and who, all that time, has posed as the special guardian of our charge.

Hoping all the charges have had the same success that we enjoy, I am, fraternally yours,
G. W. KNOWLTON.

LAMBDA.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

The fall term opened propitiously for Lambda this year. September 17th found twenty-five brothers returned in good spirits and ready for business. We led off with a thorough house-cleaning, after which we were ready for freshmen. This year in our department they number about one hundred and fifty. The brothers began early and worked with a will. We gave two house parties early in the term and let personal work accomplish the rest. We take pleasure in introducing to the charges eleven new brothers: of '99, Bro. Moore, and of '01,

Bros. Annas, Briggs, Brooks, Crawford, Ennis, Gilbert, Mills, Rice, Sanger and Woodward.

Our initiation and banquet occurred October 28th. The following brothers from neighboring charges and Lambda alumni were present: Bro. Barker, Zeta; Bros. Towne, Hodges, Clark and Turner, Kappa; Bros. Smith and Smalley, Omicron Deuteron; Bro. Vandermark, Sigma; and alumni, Bros. Pickles, '77, Fall, '83, Bartlett, House and Taft, '84, Baldwin and Spencer, '88, Wenzel, '91, Paul and Tewksbury, '92, Deckman, '95.

Bro. Baldwin presided as toastmaster and introduced the following toast list:

"Theta Delta Chi," Hon. Seth P. Smith, Omicron Deuteron, '82; "Lambda," A. B. Gifford, '98; "Sister Charges," W. E. Vandermark, Sigma, '95; "Rushing," Arthur Deckman, '95; "Fresh Fruit," —.

Song.

"The Outlook," J. E. Lacount, '00; "Fellowship," E. L. House, '86; "To Be's," A. A. Hartwell, '99; "Has Beens," Dr. J. D. Pickles, '77; "Alumni," —; Choir Selections.

Bro. Baldwin also composed a song for the occasion, which, at the request of several of the visiting brothers, I enclose for publication in the SHIELD.

Bro. Wheeler, '99, is teaching this year on Cape Cod.

Bro. Boultenhouse, '97, entered the Theological school this fall, and Bros. Baldwin and King entered the Law school.

Bro. Robbins, '97, is taking A. M. work in college.

Bro. Sanborn, '96, has been appointed instructor in French, German and athletics at Concord academy, Concord, Mass.

Bro. Pickles, '77, has again taken unto himself a wife "Pax secum."

Bro. A. L. Bartlett, '84, has returned to Boston, after having spent several years in California.

Bro. Vandermark, Sigma, '95, and Bro. Page, Omicron Deuteron, are with us this year and they show up at our meetings very frequently.

We give our first alumni bean supper this year December

2d, and look forward to an enjoyable evening. With best wishes to all and a pleasant and profitable season, I am,

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE B. CURRIER.

MU DEUTERON.

AMHERST COLLEGE.

Our charge is in a flourishing condition. Never before have we held such a strong place in the life and interests of the college.

First in importance comes the rushing season. We have pledged five good men, who even before initiation seemed imbued with the true Theta Delt enthusiasm. Their names are: Albert Morse Walker, '99, of Stafford Springs, Ct.; William Parling Ballentine, '01, of Fitchburg, Mass.; Francis Goodell Barnum, '01, of Auburndale, Mass.; William Smith Hatch, '01, of West Newton, Mass.; and Albert Weeks Hunt, '01, of Auburndale, Mass.

The initiation banquet was held at the Amherst House, October 15th, and was a great success.

After the wants of the inner man had been satisfied, the following toasts were responded to:

"Cut over and Flunk Notices," Thomas G. Flaherty; "College Ideals," Frank E. Boggs; "Running the Gauntlet," Francis G. Barnum; a poem written by Bro. John Hay was read; "Our Elder Brother," Nelson C. Haskell, '86; "The Summer Girl," Charles W. Atkinson; "Fraternity Pets," Robert A. Holmes; "Mu Deuteron," W. Harold Hitchcock.

We were much cheered by the presence of a larger number of alumni than usual, among them four of the charter members.

After singing a number of Theta Delt songs and giving two or three rousing Theta Delt cheers outside of the hotel, we disbanded for an hour or so of rest.

Quite a number of our brothers hold college offices. Bro. Fosdick, '98, is base ball manager; Bro. Bedford, '99, is assistant football manager; Bro. Baker, '00, is one of the editors of the *Student*; Bro. Walker, '98, has been elected grove orator for the coming commencement; Bro. Hitchcock, '98, made

Phi Beta Kappa first drawing ; Bros. Fosdick, Ballentine and Dudley are on the football team ; Bro. Ballentine is president of the freshman class, and Bro. Barnum, '98, is on the *Amherst Literary Monthly*.

The house is in very good condition. A new furnace has just been put in, which will save much grumbling on the part of the brothers this winter. There are seventeen of us rooming down at the house. Several of the alumni brothers have remarked that they never saw the rooms so well fitted up as they are now.

Bro. Cobb, '97, is back here with us, taking a post-graduate course, and is assisting Prof. Gorman in philosophy.

We were sorry to lose Bro. Buxton, '99, who has gone to Harvard to study. He has affiliated with the Iota charge.

We are all enjoying good health, with the exception of Bro. Walker, '99, who has been quite sick with rheumatic fever. But I am happy to say that he is convalescing.

With the best wishes to the SHIELD and to the other charges,
EDWARD H. BARNUM.

XI.

HOBART COLLEGE.

The fall term opened very auspiciously for Xi. All our old men returned except Bros. Colton and Bliss, who graduated, and Bro. Morrison, who went to Cornell. About a month after college opened we initiated four men : Blodgett, '99 ; Dennison, '00 ; Wisewell and Griffith, '01, so we now number twelve men, one more than last year.

As for the college in general, it is in a more prosperous condition than it has been in for years. The freshman class numbered forty-five men this year and a class of seventy-five is promised for next year. Our new president, Dr. Jones, has been more than successful in his work thus far and is very popular with the students. He has put new life into the college and lifted it out of the rut into which it had fallen.

In the college elections Xi has come in for a share of the officers. Bro. Watson is president of the senior class ; Bro.

Blodgett of the junior class and Bro. Partridge of the sophomore class. Bro. Covert is captain of the lacrosse team; Bro. Moore is manager of the base ball team; Bro. Watson is captain of the football team and also senior representative on the athletic council.

Lacrosse has been introduced here this fall and the students are very enthusiastic over it. Dr. Leighton, the new chaplain, is an expert player, so the team has the benefit of his coaching.

During the term we have enjoyed visits from Bros. Cook, '95; Richards, '96; Guion, '92, and "Uncle Billy" Raines. We also had a short call from Bro. Cunningham, of Psi, when the Hamilton football team was here. We wish that more of the brothers would come and see us.

With best regards I am, yours fraternally,

HARRY T. MOORE.

OMICRON DEUTERON.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

The opening of the fall term saw most of the members of our charge back at Dartmouth for another year of work and enjoyment. Besides our '97 brothers we miss the familiar faces of Bro. Fairfield, who was unable to return to college because of poor health, and of Bro. Mayer, who has entered Harvard.

College opened with the largest freshman class in the history of Dartmouth. Although the number of men eligible for membership was considerably increased, the rivalry between the various fraternities was even keener than ever. After some very earnest "chinning" we have pledged nine men whom we deemed worthy to wear the shield of Theta Delta Chi. Among them are the three prize scholarship men and the president of the freshman class. Our initiation and banquet take place November 23d, and we hope to have with us our honored president, Bro. Harstrom, and several of our graduate members.

Our record in football continues to be a brilliant one. Bro. MacAndrew at full-back fulfills and exceeds his reputation as one of the best full-backs in the country. Bro. Rogers at cen-

tre and Bro. Putnam at left-tackle strengthen the 'varsity line. Bros. Whelan and Stickney are substitutes for the positions of half-back and full-back.

Bro. Rogers represents us on the mandolin and guitar club, Bro. Gary on the dramatic club.

At the fall athletic meet Bro. Sprague won the low hurdles and took second place in both the high hurdles and the pole vault. Bro. Stevens won the one-mile bicycle and was second in the two-mile bicycle.

Our charge is represented in almost every department of college activity, Bro. Snow being president of the Y. M. C. A. and Bro. Cook pitching for his class team.

It is one of the boasts of our charge that the worth of Theta Deltas here is appreciated more as they become better known. Accordingly we are pleased at the election of the following as class-day officers: President, Bro. Snow; vice-president, Bro. Carney; assistant marshal, Bro. Connelly; odist, Bro. Gary. Bro. Snow will give the introductory address at commencement.

Our house-committee chosen last October has rendered marked service by its oversight of our parlor and hall. Although our time for recreation is naturally out of doors for the most part during the fall term, our parlor is a gathering-place for Theta Deltas almost every evening.

During the past few weeks several brothers from other charges have given us pleasure by making us a visit. Omicron Deuteron again extends a hearty invitation to the brothers in other charges to visit us whenever an opportunity presents itself.

ARTHUR STANLEY ROBERTS.

PI DEUTERON.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Pi Deuteron started in the fall term with twelve men in the charge and has added two new men so far. Allow me to introduce Bros. Fisher, 1900, and Gregory, 1901. Both are fine fellows and we know will make loyal Theta Deltas.

We, in conjunction with the Rho Deuteron charge, have rented rooms in the upper part of the city ; they are a vast improvement on the rooms we occupied last year, as they are larger. They are very near Columbia University, which makes it very handy for the men. The apartment which we have taken is on Morningside Avenue, between 122nd and 121st streets ; it consists of seven rooms, all of which are nicely fitted up and just the place for Theta Delta gatherings.

We are all looking forward with great expectation to our new college. The plans are to be ready the first of December, the buildings will be started just as soon as possible. The site consists of two city blocks up town between 140th and 138th streets, and from Convent to Amsterdam Avenues. This is quite a large plot of ground and when everything is complete we can feel justly proud.

There is no football team in college this year, as there is not sufficient material in college to form a strong one, so all attention is being devoted to lacrosse. Bros. Grassi, '99, and Stratton, '99, are on the team. The team is practicing very hard just at present, and we feel pretty sure they will come out as victorious at the end of the season as they have heretofore.

The charge will hold its annual banquet in December, and everything points to as successful and enjoyable one as we had last year.

We have two men on the Glee club, Bros. Timne, '99, and Gregory, 1901. The latter is considered the finest basso in college. We are all looking forward with much enjoyment to the convention which will be held in New York, and we expect the charge to attend in a body. We would be very glad if our visiting brothers would come and see us in our rooms during convention week ; we would all like to see them, and we will give them as good a time as is in our power.

If any of our sister charges would like to exchange annuals we would be very glad to do so. Hoping that if any brother is in New York he will come up and see us I remain,

Yours fraternally,

ALLAN SCOTT.

RHO DEUTERON.
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Among all the letters from the different charges in this number I think that we are the only ones that can report a removal of the college from the site occupied last year. We have said good-bye to the old place in Forty-ninth street and are now situated near the banks of the Hudson on Morning-side Heights, in the upper portion of the city.

The new college buildings, of which we feel justly proud, are not yet all completed, but those that are finished provide ample space for all the students, there being no dormitories connected with the college. The library, a \$1,000,000 edifice, the gift of President Seth Low, the defeated Citizen's Union candidate for mayor, is all completed, and architecturally ranks among the first of its kind in the country. The library also contains the Law School, whose rooms are grouped around the magnificent central reading room, crowned by a beautiful dome. It is approached by a long flight of steps, and looks like a state capitol or other government building, so majestic is its appearance.

The other completed buildings are of a different style altogether, and form an effective background for the library. They are used mainly for scientific purposes, contain all modern improvements, and delight the eyes of the artistic as well as the practical.

University Hall, whose first stories are not yet finished, will contain the gymnasium, with a large running track and swimming tank and the college theater. Work is progressing slowly but surely, and when University Hall is finished Columbia will possess what is probably the most beautiful, large and imposing set of buildings in the country.

Rho Deuteron has progressed well since her removal, although it was hard to find one another in our new surroundings, rushing being slower than usual in Theta Delta Chi, as well as in all the other fraternities, and all initiations seem to be held later than heretofore. We feel greatly strengthened by having with us, as a post-graduate in the School of Philosophy, Bro. Rudolf Tombo, Jr., Pi Deuteron, '95, who is

studying for the degrees of M. A. and Ph. B. As a rusher and adviser he stands pre-eminent, and Rho Deuteron now looks upon him as a leader in all things.

Among the Theta Delts in Columbia's faculty are Bro. Rodgers, Psi, '87, assistant professor in Greek; Bro. Charles H. Fulton, Rho Deuteron, '97, instructor in assaying, and Bro. Crampton in biology. We do not see much of any of them, save of Bro. Fulton, who is also very busy in his underground laboratory.

The charge has moved into new rooms, 122d Street and Morningside Avenue, about six or seven minutes from college. Although not ideal nor vast in size, they are very pretty and cosy, and have been pronounced by graduates and active members alike as the best Rho Deuteron ever possessed. Pi Deuteron shares them with us, and so we two sister charges are brought together a good deal; a very pleasant thing for both; all the more so, as Bros. Dresser and Dickerson are now living in the rooms and some of the brothers of one charge nearly always attend the meetings of the other.

Our new men are Bros. Charles Eastmond, 1901, Harry C. Roller, 1901, and Jonathan D. Wilson, '98. It gives me pleasure to introduce them to readers of the SHIELD, and Rho Deuteron believes that in them she has gained men who will become true Theta Delts. Bro. Wilson's father was elected mayor of Newburgh, N. Y., the day before we initiated him. Bro. Eastmond is a polevaulter of no mean ability, and we hope that by the spring he will have become Columbia's leading representative in that class.

Bro. Beal, 1900, to whom we are indebted for Bro. Roller, has left us and gone to business. He is not the only one. Bro. Henry Haar, '99, has done the same, but we hope to see him back again in the fall of '99 for a special course in chemistry. Also having lost four brothers by graduation, we now have twelve active members, being distributed as follows, 3 seniors, 2 juniors, 5 sophomores and 2 freshmen.

Bro. Moran, Pi Deuteron, '98, has affiliated. He was the manager and second baseman of the 1900 freshman baseball team, and their tie with '98 of last spring for the college cham-

pionship was played off a few weeks ago, Bro. Moran's team winning. His batting was one of the features of the game.

The '99 *Columbian* will appear in about six weeks. Although no Rho Deuteron man is on the board, Theta Delta Chi will be well represented therein by the excellent drawings of Bros. Schanck and Moran, 1900, a great many of which have been accepted.

Bro. Lindenmeyr, 1900, hopes to take one of the leading parts in the Sophomore Show, which will be held in January next.

Bro. Lawrence T. Cole of Gamma Deuteron expects to take Ph. D. this year. Bro. Wallace of Sigma is in the School of Philosophy; Bros. Hildreth of Iota, Deming of Iota Deuteron, and Wagner of Pi Deuteron in the Law School, and Bros. Kosmak, Gilmour and Millsbaugh in the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Rho Deuteron believes that she is on a better footing than ever before, and the outlook for securing a number of fine freshmen is very bright. The men work well together, and many take an interest which has heretofore not been shown. If in numbers we do not compare so favorably with the other older fraternities at Columbia, we hope to before the year is out, and Rho Deuteron expects to have a big delegation at the convention.

The charge meets Wednesday evenings in the Elmer apartments, the address of which is given above. It would give us great pleasure to see as many out of town brothers as possible when passing through the city.

L. LINDENMEYR.

SIGMA DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The boys of Sigma Deuteron have now been enjoying fraternity life for nearly seven weeks. During that short time we have done no small amount of hustling and as a result we have obtained a fair proportion of the "spoil." We are glad to announce that five men have been added to our roll. Ralph

W. Perry is a sophomore and comes from Belfast, N. Y. It will be remembered that Bro. Perry caught for last year's baseball team. Herbert McNeil is another 1900 man who was pledged to us last year. Frank L. Ford is a freshman and a brother of Bro. Ford, '95. William C. Burdick, '01, and Leslie S. Everts, '99, complete the list. It is needless to say that these men are in every way worthy of the honor we have conferred upon them. Besides these men we have two other fine fellows pledged whom we hope to introduce as full-fledged Theta Delts before long. The charge is fortunate this year, in that it has several of the old men back whom we hardly counted on having with us. Bros. Williams and Graham, both Ex. '97 men, are in the law school this year, while Bro. Stavrum, '97, is taking post-graduate work. Bro. Stavrum is our musician and so we are especially glad to have him back.

The total number in the charge this year is 24, so with the two men pledged, we will have a full house, and no more rushing will be done this year.

In university affairs football has been the all-absorbing topic of conversation. Never before have we had such enthusiasm over this game, and as a result, or possibly a coincidence, we never have had a better team. In the two big games played already Wisconsin came out gloriously, beating Minnesota 39 to 0, and Chicago 23 to 8. Bro. Gregg, law, '99, has played his usual strong game at "quarter."

Bro. Seiler, 1900, represents us again this year in the Glee club, but as the other musical clubs are as yet unorganized we can make no announcements regarding them.

On the '99 Badger board we are represented by Bro. Carter, who is its business manager.

All of the brothers who left us last June are now hard at work. Bro. Blynd is teaching at Prairie du Chien, under Bro. Pratt, '94, who is principal of the school there. Bro. Jones is now located in Chicago, working hard endeavoring to rival Edison as an electrician. Bro. Brazeau, who closed last year's joint debate, is teaching at his home in Grand Rapids.

We have had several visits this fall from loyal Theta Deltas. Bro. Salmon, Sigma '86, of Chicago, came up to see one of the football games and of course visited this charge. Bro. Hackett, Gamma Deuteron, was in the city just before the university opened, so most of us did not see him. Bro. Fugitt, Chi Deuteron, came up as coach of the Platteville Normal school football team and gave us a good visit. Bro. Tobey, Beta, '97, was with us for two days and we learned much from this enthusiastic Theta Delt.

Some of the eastern charges may think it strange that I mention these visits, but you don't know how much we enjoy meeting men who are old in Theta Delta Chi. We are a long way from the other charges, and hence we don't come in contact with them as much as we would like to do. However, we try to live up to her glorious principles and do all we can to make this charge an honor to the fraternity.

With ever kind wishes to all brother Theta Deltas.

I am yours fraternally,

GEORGE BLISS NELSON.

TAU DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Tau Deuteron started the year '97-'98 with every sign of continued prosperity. Of her last year's seniors Bro. Johnson returned to take post-graduate work, and Bro. Pfaender to enter the law school. Bro. Ramaley, '95, besides working for the Ph. D. degree, is also an instructor of botany in the pharmaceutical department. Bro. Rees, medic, '97, Bro. Stewart, 1900, and Bro. Thomas, '98. are no longer with us; Bro. Stewart is attending Nebraska university and Bro. Thomas is now attending Ann Arbor, where he has affiliated with Gamma Deuteron. He is certainly a great gain to them.

Tau Deuteron has taken her share of the honors which the "U" has offered so far. Bros. Pratt and Brace were on the athletic ball committee, while the former, with Bro. Lehman, are also on the senior class social committee. In the military department, which is an important feature of the "U," we are also well represented.

Among the visitors who have favored us are numbered Bros. Hackett and Van Tuyl, Gamma Deuteron; Bro. Tobey, Beta; Bro. Seiler, Sigma Deuteron; besides a jolly delegation of the Sigma Deuteron boys who attended the Madison game. Let me urge all brothers, while in Minneapolis, to come and see us. They will meet with a cordial reception at 516 Masonic Temple.

The college was in mourning for some time after the Madison game, but Theta Delta Chi can rejoice, for Madison's victory was greatly due to Bro. Greggs, Madison's plucky little quarter-back, and Bro. Bean, their star tackle.

Before closing I wish to introduce as good Theta Delts Bro. Jay Eggleston, 1901, Wykoff, Minn.; Bro. Sweet, 1901, Freeport, Ill.; and Bro. McKesson, '1901, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

M. A. LEHMAN.

PHI.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

The fall term has been a very successful one for Phi in all that Theta Delta Chi means.

During the early part of the term our attention was given mostly to the selection of new men.

We held our first meeting on September 22d, at which all of the brothers whom we expected, excepting Bro. J. Larkin, were present.

It is a pleasure for me to introduce our new men, Bros. J. Fred Time of Pittsburg, Joseph Lynes of New York, Robert Rice of Bethlehem, Pa., and Horace Sternberg of Reading, Pa.

After a long illness, Bro. Jack Larkin has again joined us. So we now number sixteen.

Phi holds a goodly a goodly share of honor.

Bro. Evan Jones is leader of the glee club.

Bro. Lebo and the Larkin brothers are on the glee and banjo clubs.

Bro. Hickman represents us on the Lafayette and Melange boards. Bro. Davison is on the Lafayette.

Phi also has the leader of the banjo club and the assistant manager of the base ball team.

At a "smoker" which we recently held in the charge rooms we had the pleasure of having with us Bros. Stewart, '69, Sanderson, '91, Jones, '92, and Loux, '92.

We sincerely hope that any Theta Delts who come our way will not hesitate to look us up or to at least let us know they are coming, so we can find them.

For the Charge,

CHARLES H. LARKIN.

CHI.

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER.

The opening of the college year witnesses some new things for the Chi charge, one of which is a new charge editor, who has been appointed in the place of Bro. C. G. Orwin, '99. We regret to say that Bro. Orwin's health is still in such a condition that his physician refuses to allow him to return to his college duties, but we rejoice in his partial recovery after so long and so serious illness. In the meantime your humble scribe, who has returned to college after a year's absence in teaching, will try to perform, to the best of his ability, the work of the regular editor, although he can never hope to attain to the standard which Bro. Orwin has set in literature, he having already published a volume of poems.

But there are other new things, of more importance than that already mentioned, and one of the most important is our new home at 96 Park avenue, very near the university campus. The house is well adapted to our needs, containing apartments for ten men, spacious parlors, a library and a well-equipped "smoker." The house is adorned throughout with fraternity emblems, and every room impresses one with the spirit of Theta Delta Chi. The walls of our parlors are adorned with the pictures of men who have become dear to the hearts of every loyal Theta Delt. Such faces as Willis S. Paine, Dr. J. Macbride Sterrett, Dr. David Gregg, Rev. Elmer H. Capen, D. D. and many others cannot fail to impress all with the prominence of our alumni in every walk of life.

Another new thing which interested us very much, early in the term, was the presence of a large and exceptionally well-

prepared freshman class. The new class contained some very excellent material, and we have succeeded in appropriating a good share of the best of it to our needs and uses.

We have aimed at gentlemen and brothers and have secured seven of them. They stand high in their classes and have already infused a new spirit of music and art into the charge. The following is a list of those whom we desire to introduce to you and the fraternity as new brothers: James Franklin Keeler, '00, of Rochester; Walter Bosworth Clarke, '91, of Brooklyn; Albert Joseph Kennedy, '01, of Brooklyn; Eugene Charles Roeser, '01, of Rochester; Arthur Richmond Tower, '01, of Rochester; Charles William Watkeys, '01, of Rochester; Percy Frank Wilson, '01, of Rochester.

Bro. Keeler was catcher on his class team and will represent us on the campus board.

Bro. Clarke sings second tenor in the glee club and plays first mandolin in the mandolin club.

Bro. Kennedy is orator of his class.

Bro. Roeser comes to us with a high standard of scholarship, and without doubt will make $\phi B K$, as will several of the others.

Bro. Wilson is on the mandolin club and the reportorial staff of the *Democrat and Chronicle*.

Bro. Watkeys is our musical star. He plays the 'cello in the club and is professionally proficient on the mandolin, guitar, banjo, piano and banjeaurine. He is also the champion chess player of the city, and is one of the few students who had the satisfaction of defeating the Profs. in that game.

Bro. Tower is an unassuming freshman, but by the fiery glow of his hair one may judge of the pent-up forces within.

Our double male quartette and an orchestra of ten pieces, with Bro. Watkeys as leader, adds much to the attractiveness of our receptions.

Chi has had the pleasure of welcoming several visiting brothers to the city and our new house. Among those whom we have greeted are. Bros. Charles D. Clark, *K*, '95; Albert F. Hovey, ϕ , '95; Charles W. Curtis, *B*, '88; I. E. Harris, *X*, '92; T. T. Swinburne, *X*, '92; S. E. Barrett, *X*, '95; Prof.

P. A. Blossom, X, '95; Prof. Benjamin G. Estes, X, '95; George Lionel Hayes, X, '96; Herbert I. Harris, X, '95; M. L. Hakes, X, '96; Neil Burgess, X, '95; and W. S. Watson, X, '98.

During the Methodist Episcopal conference we had the privilege of listening to two Theta Deltas: Rev. W. A. Harris, X, '93, at the Glenwood, and Rev. Willis P. Odell, A, '80, pastor of Richmond avenue church, Buffalo, at the Asbury.

Two of our brothers have recently taken unto themselves wives. The names of the happy fellows are W. A. Harris, '93, and William I. Tompkins, '96.

Bro. G. Lionel Hayes, '96, who while in college was soloist on the glee club and for the past two years has been studying the French and Italian opera under the direction of the celebrated maestro A. de Trabadelo and other noted masters, has recently returned to this side of the "pond," and is now starting throughout the country and everywhere has large and appreciative audiences. We were fortunate in having Bro. Hayes with us at our initiation banquet, as he returns this month to sing in Paris and Milan.

Bro. A. A. Anderson, '97, who won the famous $\phi B K, \Theta \Delta$ key, is now principal of Warrensburgh union school.

Our college is still without a president, but we manage to play foot-ball yet and have the best team we have had for some time. We played our first college game on the 31st inst., with Hobart, defeating Bro. Watson's team by a score of 16 to 14.

Success to the SHIELD, and a hearty welcome to all the new brothers.

Fraternally,

F. E. McNALL.

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Every Monday evening the truly congenial Theta Deltas gather at their rooms near the college and pass the hours during which they are together in real fraternal fashion. But this time is only the prescribed hour of meeting, for at any period

of the day several of our men will be found frequenting our quarters. So right now Chi Deuteron wishes to repeat her invitation to any brothers who happen into Washington to visit the charge at 1509 H street, for there will always be a most hearty welcome awaiting them.

Our University football team is soon to play that of the University of Virginia, and in the light of our past creditable work, we are quite hopeful of the results. Bro. Kelly, who plays end, is one of the two college men on our team; and were it not for the recent unfortunate spraining of his ankle, his playing, we are sure, would be one of the features of the game, for the accounts of previous contests have given him high credit for his work.

It is with a feeling of pleasure and self-congratulation that we now introduce to our beloved Theta Delta Chi Bro. Chase, the president of the class of 1900.

Bro. Mason is now the confidential secretary of the secretary of war.

Just after the opening of college, we enjoyed a visit from Bro. Hunter, a graduate of Williams.

A short time ago a Chicago periodical published an article written by one of our charter members, Bro. Broadus, in which he discusses whether or not the work of American poets has a distinctively American style. The merit of the article is evinced by the fact that "Public Opinion" and several other periodicals have made special mention of it and quoted passages from it. So three cheers for Bro. Broadus!

In taking our leave, we would say that the SHIELD, the charges and the graduates have the best wishes of Chi Deuteron.

PSI.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

Psi added no new members to its list this year, three men whom we expected to enter college and join Theta Delta Chi not materializing.

The football season was an extremely successful one. The team played stronger teams than during previous years and

made an excellent showing against all. Victory perched upon "old Hamilton's" standard more often than defeat. Bro. F. H. Cunningham, '99, occupied his old position of right tackle, with credit to himself and to the charge.

During the past year various honors have fallen upon members of the charge; some voluntarily conferred, others obtained only after strenuous effort.

Bro. C. J. France, '98, has been honored by being elected representative on the intercollegiate athletic board.

Bro. F. H. Cunningham, '99, captured the sophomore prize in the McKinney declamation contest, without any trouble, during commencement week.

The best showing was made by Psi in athletics during the past year. Bro. F. H. Cunningham, '99, now holds the college record for the shot put, at 34 feet 5 inches, won at the spring field day. In the intercollegiate field day, held at Utica, June 5th, he took first place in the pole vault, at 9 feet 7 inches, breaking the college record by one inch; he also took third in the shot put.

An event which will long be remembered occurred on November 16th—dedication day. At that time the "Root Hall of Science" and the "Benedict Hall of Languages" were formally dedicated. The day was a large success. Many, prominent in social and political circles, were present. Governor Black gave a brief address. After the ceremonies, the football team met an aggregation from New York University on Steuben field and defeated it by a score of 12 to 0. In the evening the junior "prom" occurred in the gymnasium. The dance was a very pretty one. A large number of the alumni were present.

CARL G. CUNNINGHAM,

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.]

A new and valuable feature introduced by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record* is a map of the United States, showing the distribution of that fraternity throughout the country. Most of the territory which used to appear in the old geographies as the "Great American Desert" is still a howling wilderness so far as Sigma Alpha Epsilon is concerned, though Colorado blossoms as the rose with two chapters.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon's self-gratulation over having an honorary member in the White House has brought her more criticism than glory, but in this number a claim is made which if valid certainly constitutes a most enviable distinction, for a surplus of funds is a tremendous factor in fraternity success, though we submit that while financial embarrassment is bad enough, there are worse evils which might befall a charge or a fraternity. The exchange editor says :

Sigma Alpha Epsilon finds it most advantageous to exercise a certain "paternalism" over all, and though already incorporated, is seeking a charter of incorporation which shall give the Supreme Council a chance to exercise absolutely legal power to settle questions arising constantly in connection with the property and management of individual chapters, even to the extent of insisting that when a chapter builds a house on credit, its contracts shall be proper and be faithfully performed. Careful business management and some considerable power under the present incorporation have enabled Sigma Alpha Epsilon to become the only fraternity with a surplus, and careful business management with power behind it will keep individual chapters from falling into financial embarrassment, the worst evil that can happen.

In what is spoken of as "probably the last chapter letter" from South Carolina College (the victim of the zeal of the legislators to bring all men down to a level) there is a paragraph which indicates that life there may not be altogether uneventful, even with fraternities driven from the field.

The year itself has been a memorable one. First there came the un-called-for Greek letter fraternity legislation; following this was the unusual scene of a war with students, aided by professors on one side and policemen and militia on the other side. This was caused by the marching of the Columbia militia, during their inspection by the adjutant and inspector-general of the State, across the athletic field during the progress of a game of ball. Students protested and the adjutant-general ordered the field, private property of the college, cleared. The immediate result was the riot referred to; then came a military court of inquiry which exonerated the students, recommended the dismissal of a number of militia-men and the impeachment of the adjutant and inspector-general.

¶ Sigma Chi puts in a similar claim through an alumnus who responded to the address of welcome at the Grand Chapter held at Nashville, when he says: "Just here let me say that in regard to our financial condition we stand at the head of all other similar organizations." It is not meant for disparagement when we say that the report of this meeting of the Grand Chapter as given in the *Quarterly* strikes the superlative degree all the way through. The man to whom was entrusted the duty of noting outward impressions has done his work so graphically that one can imagine everything, from the "depot hands" turning pale as the yell from incoming delegates smote their ears, to the Sigma girl "who greeted each fellow with, 'Oh, I am so glad to meet you'—as if, with his coming, there had opened a dawn of new love for her," to the end when it was "Sigma Chi night at the fair, and then came Sunday and rest and bromides and the Grand Chapter was a thing of the past—a lovely, beautiful, colorful, everythingful dream. A kaleidoscope, a harlequinade, a bouquet, a ravishment, a delirium of color, movement, music, viands, speeches, tears (the kind you shed, not the ones you go on) and every kind of emotional and sensational episode was run in the gamut of that last day, which wound up with the banquet."

But there was, notwithstanding, much serious work done, and the oration was one that every fraternity man might be a better Greek for reading. One or two paragraphs we must give here:

Above and beyond all this there is the responsibility of the chapter to

the general order. We spell the word Nation with a big N. Use another letter and we should do the same with the General Fraternity. The action of every chapter should be taken with due regard to its sanction. It should consider itself, not an isolated entity, but one of a federation, and in all that it does should be kept a purpose single to the advancement and renown of the fraternity which gives it a standing; otherwise it becomes merely a local society or club—a ship without a pilot, aimlessly drifting, of few days and full of trouble.

There is another thought closely allied to the requirements or essentials of an ideal Sigma Chi, and that is what constitutes an ideal fraternity. If it was in the minds of the founders of this fraternity that its members should possess high attributes, it must follow that it was also within the minds of the founders that the whole order should partake of the same character as the individual members. With the growth of the country, institutions of learning have sprung up like mushrooms, and many of them have been created which should never have known the light. We now have a fraternity of fifty chapters—some of them in magnificent institutions of learning, some of them in struggling unimportant seminaries, called by brevet colleges or universities. It is unreasonable to expect that chapters that would be of service, or reflect dignity upon the fraternity, could survive in unendowed and obscure academies. I believe it better that we should decrease the number of chapters we have now than to extend into fields already too fully occupied or unable to support any Greek letter society whatsoever. It costs men and money to maintain a chapter in the most modest way.

In spite of an occasional outbreak of what might be termed "presidential fever," the lines are being drawn more and more tightly in most fraternities against anything approaching honorary membership, and the *Caduceus* of *Kappa Sigma* arrays itself against the practice in the following editorial comment:

It is with great regret that we have received the information that the Washington and Lee Chapter of Kappa Alpha immediately after the commencement of '97 initiated ten graduates of the Virginia Military Institute. We are not familiar with the organic laws of Kappa Alpha, and are, therefore, unable to say whether or not such a proceeding is regular, but we do know that several years ago it was understood that all the fraternities at Washington and Lee had ceased the initiation of Virginia Military Institute students. The last named institution forbids college fraternities among its students, and it was deemed inconsistent with a proper amount of dignity to resort to any subterfuge to obtain a fraternity membership for any cadets. The general governing body of Kappa Alpha we cannot believe indorses the action of the Washington and Lee Chapter, and for the honor of the fraternity stringent means should be

adopted to stop the practice. The Virginia Military Institute authorities became very much incensed at the affair this year, and all students hereafter entering that institution will be required to pledge themselves to join no fraternity, not only while students, but for one year after graduation also. No fraternity of any standing can afford to be placed in the attitude of scrambling for members at a college where fraternity membership is so strictly forbidden. The policy of the institution may be a very narrow one, but that has nothing to do with the case. Aside from the question of fraternity ethics involved in the practice, no fraternity member acquired after graduation is of any value to a fraternity. He is not in touch with its chapters and members, and is totally unacquainted with its purposes and ideals.

Kappa Alpha Journal is a convention number, and after making the preliminary statement that "The convention met least of all for legislation," routine business being made secondary to social intercourse, proceeds to give a very clear though brief statement of a considerable amount of work done. The tendency of all the better class of fraternities toward the uniform badge was illustrated by notice to the jewellers that the Greek cross with equal arms is the only legitimate form and the only one that shall appear on the badge. In view of the rapidly growing influence of the alumni a fifth general office was created, the title being "Chief Alumnus."

Perhaps the most important legislation was that in regard to Theta Nu Epsilon and kindred societies, which is given with the comments of the editor of the *Journal* appended under the title "The Pseudo Element."

In regard to Theta Nu Epsilon and pseudo fraternities in general, a most decisive stand was taken, and the constitution was interpreted "to debar all members of the Kappa Alpha order from joining the following organizations :

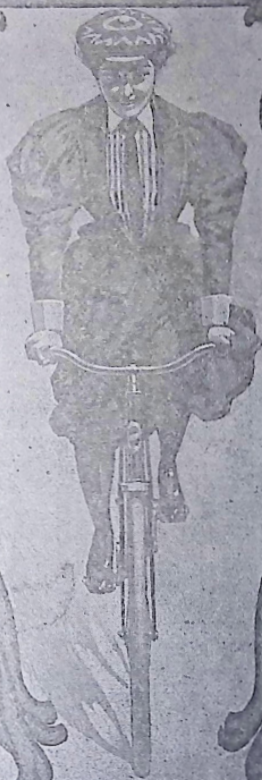
"Theta Nu Epsilon ; Boar's Head, at Tulane ; Golden Helmet, Golden Dragon, and Junior Secret Society, at Sewanee ; Gingham, Pi Sigma, N. Society, and Gorghon Head, at North Carolina ; 18K, Zeta Tau Kappa, and Yuppali, of the University of Georgia ; Tilka, Zeta, and Peter Magill, of the University of Virginia ; Skeleton and Hand, of the University of Texas ; and all such similar organizations. And all Kappa Alphas now connected with such organizations shall be compelled to withdraw at once."

Let us offer up praise and thanksgiving that the fraternity has seen fit

to finally and unequivocally announce itself on the subject not only of Theta Nu Epsilon, but of that coterie of locals now so numerous in the south and about which so little has been generally known. Investigation proved that the latter were much more powerful and influential than T. N. E., and the convention wisely saw fit to designate them specifically, besides using terms to include others of which it was possibly ignorant or which might spring up hereafter. Regardless, however, of the wonderful magnanimity displayed by the disappointed delegates who opposed the sweeping character of the legislation enacted, there are some who conceive that the convention has perpetrated some new, strange and unreasonable doctrine, depriving them of peculiar, cardinal and inalienable rights. Such an attitude is signally false for there has been no jot or tittle of the old law altered. There has been merely a demand that that law be regarded. Such radical legislation will of necessity cause temporary trouble in some quarters where parasites have the strongest hold on the vitals of fraternities. Such was anticipated by the convention, but so powerful had some of them become and so strong the convention's faith in the deep and universal devotion of all chapters to the order that the question would not permit of compromise in the first place, and secondly, that if the fraternity was not worthy of undivided loyalty the sooner the separation the better. The sole correspondent to this issue who accepts with ill grace the decision of the convention insinuates that the attitude of the fraternity is petty, and evidently based on "jealously." In so wafting the shaft of his intended sarcasm he unconsciously rings the bull's eye of the situation. Truly the order is jealous of her allegiance, and is unwilling to share fractional homage with what it considers false gods. It has been maintained by some that action has been premature and in ignorance of "peculiar local conditions." To which reply is made that any chapter esteeming a mere evanescent local club paramount to Kappa Alpha, cannot too soon return its charter. "Ye cannot serve two masters." Selah!

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The Root Hall of Science, costing \$31,000, in memory of Oren Root, who was professor of mathematics for many years, and the Benedict Hall of Languages, costing \$30,000, were formally dedicated at Hamilton College, November 15th.

The newly elected president of the West Virginia University, Dr. Jerome Hall Raymond, is a member of Beta Theta Pi.

Governor Hastings, of Pennsylvania, has signed the act of assembly to prevent wearing of any badge or button of any labor or fraternal organization without right to do so by membership. The act provides that any person who shall do so shall be fined \$100.—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield*.

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Beta Theta Pi has purchased a large and handsome house at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

Sigma Chi has at last adopted an official coat of arms, a seal with a blue background on which appears a white cross, the whole surmounted by an eagle holding a golden key.

D. K. E. is planning to issue a fraternity calendar giving the dates of meetings, dinners, etc., of the active and alumni chapters, so that wherever a D. K. E. happens to be he may know what is going on.

Beta Theta Pi has adopted a new constitution and by-laws.

The six women's fraternities, with the Woman's College, Baltimore, have formed themselves into a Pan-Hellenic association to settle all disputes and to promote a friendly spirit between them. Each chapter has two official representatives in the organization, the chairman of which is a member of Alpha Phi.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Tables in the June number of *The Scroll* show that the total membership of Phi Delta Theta is now 8,967; the number of active chapters, 69; alumni chapters, 32; number of year's initiates, 442.

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THE CLUB RECEPTION.

The following remarks made by President Paine at the reception tendered to Governor Griggs were received too late for insertion in the account which appeared in the last number of the SHIELD,

Col. Willis S. Paine, the president of the club, welcomed the members to the new rooms and said :

Parliament proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving in the year 1606 because the Guy Fawkes gunpowder plot was discovered in time to prevent an obnoxious king and worldly members of parliament from ascending to a greater height than they probably ever thereafter reached.

In 1643 the Dutch drove the Indians out of Wall street and celebrated the incident. In that year a dominie named Bogardus delivered the first Thanksgiving sermon on Manhattan Island.

From that time on whenever bad Indians became good Indians or were driven steadily westward, or, when affairs earthly were so favorable that a governor could write about it, ministers preached of it, and accordingly the union of thanks stands to-day.

If as a community we contrast our situation with that of the Pilgrims when they kept their first Thanksgiving Day amid the solitude of the wilderness, the cries of the wild beasts, the roaring of the tempest; remembering that the homes of their childhood and the tombs of their fathers were beyond a stormy sea; with a barren soil beneath their feet and a cheerless sky above their heads, we are put to shame with our stunted gratitude and meager praise.

We as a nation kept our Thanksgiving yesterday amid luxuries, such as the old monarchs never knew. Upon our festive boards were viands and spices from all earth's islands and continents. In our wardrobes were the fabric wonders of the looms of the world. Crowding our festive houses were furniture and bric-a-brac fit for the wealthiest scions of any of the nobilities of the eastern hemisphere.

Dwelling on these shores of freedom in this nineteenth century of omnific power, our lot in life seems the veritable realization of those golden predictions that colored the page of the Hebrew prophet and made lustrous the dreams of the ancient poet.

We should be thankful for our country, whose inspiring example affords a salutary influence to distant nations and for the glory and honor which a whole world accords to the flag of our nationality. We are to-day a spectacle unto all kindreds; a nation stretching from ocean to ocean across this vast continent, first in every product of genius, luxuriant in the flower and fruit of every manly virtue and every womanly grace, the home of the exile, and the highest expression of the conservative influence and endless power of righteous law.

Our Thanksgiving was celebrated yesterday principally in view of the ripened and gathered fruits of the earth. And in respect of all things, we may be said to live in the world's great harvest time. We have reaped, and are still reaping, the ripened and ripening fruits of the past and the present.

I shall not dwell upon the prospects of our dearly loved Brotherhood; that can be discussed much better by our ever-faithful and accomplished secretary, Bro. Van Iderstine, who although recently made a benedict indicates this evening by his presence that he has not forgotten his first love.

Neither shall I dilate upon the somewhat imperfect past or the seemingly glorious future of our club; our ubiquitous and energetic chairman of the house committee, Bro. Frederic Carter, can discuss that topic much better than any of us. He has been most capably aided by Bro. Howard Martin, whose judgment displayed in fitting up our quarters is entitled to high praise.

The mainspring of our gathering here to-night, as well our motive power during our two years of existence, it is not necessary to state; is our genial, good-looking and untiring treasurer, Bro. Rudolf Tombo, Jr., who has attended to his arduous duties in an unpretentious but I am glad to say effective manner.

Col. Paine then made use of some illustrations to show how success in business life may be attained and said that the same examples might be used in connection with a political career.

He then read a despatch from Governor John W. Griggs, of New Jersey, stating that the latter had been immediately called that afternoon to attend to exceedingly important business at Washington and concluding by proposing the long life and continued prosperity of the Governor. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, all the members rising.

FRATERNITY MEMBERSHIP.

One of the most important questions of the present epoch in fraternity history is the value of fraternity membership. There has seemed to be a growing tendency to regard membership in a college fraternity of high standing as being more desirable and of greater value than a connection with any civic organization. Outside the social relation this is really the most important factor, and it is entirely fitting that a man should be proud of his fraternity connection. It seems a wise policy for all fraternities to recognize this fact and bend all their energies toward the elevation of membership and the exclusiveness of its character. There are three great evils existing in some fraternities which do more toward the destruction of this high ideal of fraternity membership than all the good which can be accomplished in any or all other ways. These evils are (1) the initiation of professional students in universities who are not and never have been college men; (2) honorary membership for reputation's sake, or the initiation of college men after leaving college; (3) lifting. Of all the evils probably the last named does more actual harm than any other. Much has been written in recent years by the editors of various fraternity journals, and the opinion seems to be unanimous that the practice is vicious. The actual fact is that were such a practice prevalent in any considerable degree, membership in a fraternity would not be worth a row of buttons. Reasoning on common sense ground it is or ought to be embodied in the constitution of every college fraternity that no man could belong to more than one fraternity and that no fraternity has the right or power to initiate any man who belongs to or has been a member of any other college fraternity. It is true that some fraternities do accept and initiate members of other fraternities who have been expelled therefrom or who have severed their connection with their first love, so far as it was in their power to do so, for the express purpose of joining a second. It is not often that Theta Delta Chi has been called upon to suffer from this evil. It is an absolute rule never to take into membership any one who has been a member of another college

fraternity and we can not be charged with the crime. We have, however to record a case in which another fraternity has deliberately initiated a man who was a member of Theta Delta Chi. A history of the case will illustrate some points which we wish to bring out as lessons for careful thought. A young man entered college and during his freshman year did not join any society. He received attention from all and bids from some. After careful deliberation he decided that he would like to join Theta Delta Chi. A graduate member who knew the boy's father was requested to exert influence with the parents so that the boy might receive consent to join. The parents were appealed to and consented. The boy joined and judging from the deliberation he exercised he ought surely to have known whether the move would be satisfactory or not. For a time all was well, but suddenly the boy tendered his resignation. It was not accepted, because it is not possible for a man to sever his connection after having taken the vows, and therefore the charge was powerless. The boy was told by the other fraternity that "no fraternity or organization could under the laws of the commonwealth prohibit a man from resigning his membership." The boy declared that because he had done what under his solemn oath he had sworn never to do, he considered himself a free man, and therefore he allowed himself to be initiated into the second fraternity and probably took upon himself a similar obligation. Having thus violated his oath he was promptly expelled from the Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

Since the first and general idea of a fraternity is exclusive possession as well as permanent duration, it is against all rules of practice that a man should come and go as he pleases. The laws of the commonwealth, which of course must include the general constitution under which all laws are made, provide that no man shall be interfered with in his social or religious relations so long as these do not interfere directly with the rights of others by his own misdeeds. Therefore if the laws of the commonwealth had the power to interfere it would be to prevent the second society from trespassing upon the rights of the first. The man whose conscience is satisfied by such lame

conclusions is not likely to be a loss to any society—and while it is doubtless true that we are better off without him, it is still true that the other society has committed an outrage upon fraternity etiquette. How long are the governing bodies of reputable fraternities going to allow such things to transpire? In writing this article it had not been our purpose to give names or details, but having received a full report there seems no objection to its publication, and we do so on the ground that the more completely the case is ventilated the greater may be the final influence toward the enactment of such interfraternity laws as shall effectually and forever bar any fraternity from taking into membership any man who is a member of another fraternity. We have no personal animosity in the case nor desire to affect the personal relations of the subject—but the official report and subsequent facts illustrate so clearly how outside influence induced a young man of good character in all general ways to deliberately deceive his fellows on the plea of conscientious scruples—which were very suddenly lost as soon as he thought he had satisfied his conscience sufficiently to violate his first most solemn oath. The statement of facts in detail proves this most effectively. Our regret is that any young man could so far forget himself as to commit such an act, because it will react on him and cause those who have always admired him for his sterling qualities to lose their respect for mistaken virtues. No one knows the disastrous effect of one such case upon the fraternity system at large, to say nothing of the immediate participants.

KAPPA ALPHA'S LIFT.

Acting upon the belief that a full statement of facts in any case is necessary and best, if anything be said at all, and believing that in this case it is best to present to the fraternity world an account of the unfortunate affair, not to secure sympathy for ourselves, but hoping thereby to stir up a righteous indignation against such interfraternity discourtesy—which in

the end may lead to an abolishment of "lifting" we present the following official report :

NEW YORK, January 1, 1898.

To the Grand Lodge of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity :

I beg to submit herewith my report upon the investigation of the case of James B. Pratt, a member of the Iota Deuteron Charge.

Being duly accredited thereto, as will appear by my credentials duly filed upon the 30th day of October, 1897, I proceeded from New York to Williams college, the seat of the Iota Deuteron Charge, having summoned James B. Pratt and the members of the Charge by telegraph to attend me. I was first attended by Bro. Charles H. Davis, the member of the Charge to whom the so called treasonable correspondence from Pratt had been sent, and from him obtained a verbal statement as to the difficulty and three letters, dated September 4, September 9, and undated, annexed hereto and forming part of this report. From this statement and a perusal of these letters it was very evident that Pratt was either suffering from a morbid introspection, on the one hand, or was attempting to deceive not only his immediate friends of the Iota Deuteron but the fraternity at large. If the former, to act upon his (Pratt's) suggestion and discipline him would amount to a selfish desertion of a Brother in the time of his trouble, and would work a self condemnation upon the Charge and upon the Fraternity ; if, on the other hand, it were an attempt on the part of Pratt to relieve himself from the vows he had voluntarily made, action such as he desired would subvert the axiom of the Fraternity—"Once a Theta Delt, always a Theta Delt.

Having in hand the letters and statement aforesaid, I then summoned Pratt and he restated the case to me, his statement being an amplification of his letters ; that it was a matter of conscience with him, that his sole purpose was to be relieved from a false position—feeling that he was not a true Theta Delt, and that he had no ulterior motive whatever. Asked about his relations with the members of the charge, he stated that they were of the most friendly nature, that he had no complaint to make ; no reflections to cast, either upon the fraternity, the Charge or any member of either ; that the difficulty was simply that he could not feel that loyalty and enthusiasm for the fraternity that he thought he should feel and display. Throughout this interview and up to the time of my departure he did not cease to asseverate the most kindly interest and regard for the members of the Charge and for the Fraternity. I then questioned him in regard to his associates outside of the members of the Charge. He admitted that a certain senior named Falck, his room-mate, was his most intimate friend. This Falck is, I believe, a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. Searching in this a motive for Pratt's action, I questioned him very closely as to his relations with Falck and the Kappa Alphas and charged him with the purpose of joining that fraternity. This he repeatedly and emphatically denied, and said that his relations with the Kappa

Alphas and Falck had nothing to do with his action or desires; that, if any outside influence urged him, it was this—that he was making a deep study of mental philosophy and had in view the making of it his life work; that he had thought over his future, and that it seemed to him that it would be an injury to him, in his relation with undergraduates, should he return to Williams in the capacity of an instructor, to be bound by fraternity ties. This position I endeavored to show him was wrong, and was moreover an injustice to the fraternity, which had accepted his pledges and had given pledges in return. In vain I recalled to him the fact that his act in joining the Fraternity had been voluntary; that a year had elapsed between the invitation to join and his acceptance of it; that his contract was not with the few members of the Iota Deuteron Charge, but was with the whole Fraternity; that by the terms of his initiation he became a member, not of that Charge only, but of the fraternity at large. I demanded from him whether he had any complaint or charges to prefer against any member of the fraternity, and whether his situation arose from the conduct or character of any of its members. He repeated no; that he had no fault to find with any of them and that his condition was simply that he did not believe himself worthy to be a member of the fraternity as he could not feel for it that enthusiasm and loyalty that he should give. At this stage I requested the assistance and suggestion of Brothers Sawtelle, '94; Huntington, '95, and Williams, '97. Laying before them at length the foregoing matters, they coincided with me that Pratt was probably laboring under the influence of a morbidly active and searching introspection. If this were not so he was most certainly attempting to deceive us for his own selfish purposes. To determine this Bro. Sawtelle had a private interview with him and returned impressed with the conviction that the former interpretation was the true one. These interviews extended until Sunday evening. At that time Pratt was informed that I had given consideration to his case and that I could only dispose of it in the following manner: On the ground that he had committed no act of treason and that his letter contained merely the expression of a mental state or condition, and that no charges formulated upon an expression of that kind, in the absence of an overt act to sustain it, could be entertained; nor could he be expelled without charges proven; otherwise the membership of every Theta Delt would be in jeopardy and the door would be opened to an inquisition into the thoughts of any one of us. On his request that he be allowed to resign I informed him that there did not exist in the fraternity, nor in any branch or part of it, any provision for the release of any member by the acceptance of a proffered voluntary resignation. Such a provision, I showed him, would be of itself a nullification of the fundamental law of the fraternity and would, if permitted, work a destruction of the authority of that law. He asserted his to be a matter of conscience. If that were the case we would go as far as our law permitted to ease his conscience. We could

not expel him—he had done nothing objective ; we could *receive* his voluntary proffered resignation, and no effort of his that he had not already made could influence our action. Should he thus proffer his resignation he would clear his conscience. The Charge, I promised, would relieve him to the extent of their ability—but they had no power either to expel him or to accept his resignation. They would however relieve him from attendances and from duties to themselves ; they could do no more. This Pratt accepted and the following memorandum was drawn up and agreed to by him before the meeting below mentioned.

“ Bro. James B. Pratt offered his resignation from Theta Delta Chi, basing it upon the fact that he was totally lacking in fraternal feeling and that he felt that he was acting the part of a hypocrite in remaining a member of the Fraternity under the circumstances. This proffered resignation was read but was laid upon the table and not acted upon, it appearing that there was no authority, under the law of the Fraternity, either in the Charge, or in the Grand Lodge, whose representative was present, to accept the resignation of a member from the Fraternity ; that expulsion is the only method by which a member of the Fraternity can cease to be a member ; that in order for Bro. Pratt to be expelled and so sever his connection with the Fraternity, the commission of some act of a dishonorable nature by him (or any one else in like cases) would be necessary.”

“ Under an understanding with the members of the Iota Deuteron Charge, Bro. Pratt, at his request, has been relieved from all attendances, and is excused from wearing his Fraternity pin and from all duties to the said Charge.”

“ That the friendly relations between Bro. Pratt and the individual members of the Charge continue.”

I thereupon called a meeting of the Iota Deuteron and laid before them the following communication :

To the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity.

“ Gentlemen : For the reasons explained to you at length, I hereby resign my membership and withdraw from the fraternity.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES B. PRATT.”

I respectfully submit herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting showing the action taken in regard to the case.

I return herewith to the Grand Lodge my letter of credence herein, together with the exhibits in the case.

Very respectfully,

FREDERIC GOODWIN.

Special Deputy of the Grand Lodge.

Extracts from official minutes of a special meeting of the Iota Deuteron charge, held on the evening of November 1, 1897.—[Copied from official minutes by the editor and vouched for as correct.]

Bro. Frederic Goodwin presented his credentials as special deputy of the Grand Lodge, and in their behalf read the following statement :

An informal meeting of the members of the Iota Deuteron charge was held in the fraternity house on the 31st day of October, at 10 o'clock in the evening to consider what action to take upon certain matters affecting the charge.

Bro. Frederic Goodwin, special deputy of the Grand Lodge, brought before the meeting certain declarations of disloyalty to the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, made by Bro. James B. Pratt, in a series of letters written to Bro. Charles H. Davis and to other brothers, and asked for an unofficial vote on the following resolution :

Whereas, Bro. James B. Pratt has declared and expressed a disloyalty to the Theta Delta Chi fraternity to different members of the fraternity, verbally and in writing,

Resolved, That Bro. James B. Pratt, by such statements, both verbal and written, has been and is guilty of disloyalty to the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, and that he should be expelled, and that we so vote on the formal preferment of this accusation against Bro. James B. Pratt in formal meeting.

A full discussion of the question thereupon followed, from which it appeared that the attitude of Bro. Pratt resulted from a belief on the part of Bro. Pratt that he had no feeling of fraternal spirit, but that, while totally lacking in fraternal feeling, his actions were, have always been, those of a true and loyal Theta Delt.

A secret ballot was then taken, the result of which was :

For the Affirmative—None (0.)

For the Negative—Nineteen (19.)

The meeting then adjourned.

Bro. Goodwin also read the following communication from James B. Pratt :

To the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity :

GENTLEMEN :—For the reasons explained to you at length, I hereby resign my membership and withdraw from the fraternity.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES B. PRATT.

Bro. Goodwin stated that the Grand Lodge has no power under the constitution to accept a resignation, and that the charge has already voted not to expel him. Voted to lay the resignation on the table, on the ground of its being unconsti-

utional. It was voted that James B. Pratt be relieved from all duties as an active member of this charge and from wearing the fraternity pin. Bro. Goodwin then read the agreement arrived at between himself and Bro. Sawtelle, '94, on the one hand, and Bro. Pratt on the other, as to the explanation to be offered to the college of the state of affairs between the fraternity and Bro. Pratt. The explanation reads as follows :

"Bro. James B. Pratt offered his resignation from Theta Delta Chi, basing it upon the fact that he was totally lacking in fraternal feeling and that he felt that he was acting the part of a hypocrite in remaining a member of the fraternity under the circumstances. This proffered resignation was read, but was laid on the table, and not acted on, it appearing that there was no authority under the law of the fraternity, either in the charge or in the Grand Lodge, whose representative was present to accept the resignation of a member from the fraternity ; that expulsion is the only method by which a member of the fraternity can cease to be a Theta Delt ; that in order for Bro. Pratt to be expelled and so sever his connection with the fraternity, the commission of some act of a dishonorable nature by him (or any one else) would be necessary. Under an understanding with the members of the Iota Deuteron charge, Bro. Pratt at his request has been relieved from all attendance and is excused from wearing the fraternity pin and from all duties to the charge. That the friendly relations between Bro. Pratt and the individual members of said charge continue.

"All members of charge present, except Bro. Pratt. Meeting closed in the usual form."

The remainder of the story is told in the following letter to the President of the Grand Lodge :

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass, Dec. 20, 1897.

Carl A. Harstrom, President Grand Lodge :

DEAR BROTHER :—The great inevitable has come and last Monday night we expelled James B. Pratt from our charge and fraternity. This was done after we saw that he wore a K. A. key and acted as one of them. The history of the case, since Bro. Goodwin was here, is somewhat long, but I will give you it as well as I can write it. As I wrote you last that everything was going all right ; so it was, till P. M. Brown, '98, of the K. A., came over and told us that they had pledged Pratt.

He came over on a Thursday night, but I was not in, so he came just before chapel Friday morning, and in fact, just as we were eating breakfast, so it gave me no time to explain anything to him. Consequently Bro. Kellogg and myself called on Brown Saturday afternoon, as that was the first time we all were at liberty. We asked Brown what they were trying to do with one of our men. He said that he was not ours and that no fraternity or organization could under the laws of this commonwealth prohibit a man from resigning from that fraternity or organization. He said that Pratt had told him what he had done and that we had practically refused his resignation, and that he (Pratt) considered himself a free or a neutral man. We had quite a few words of less importance, but told him that we did not consider Pratt a free man and that he *was* still a member of our fraternity. He wanted to know if I meant to call Pratt a liar, and I told him that Pratt had broken his word, and that he could call it what he wished to. Also we gave him to understand that we considered that the K. A. society had broken all fraternity laws and etiquette in the actions that they had taken with Pratt. He said he could not see it in that way, as they had acted upon Pratt's statement, that he was a free man. We had a few more words, but nothing of any great importance. He said if Pratt was not a free man, that was for us to settle with Pratt. Pratt happened to be there at the house and we called him in. I asked him if he did not tell me and also Bro. Taylor that he would not join the K. A. society. He denied it. I told him his memory was defective, but could not convince him of the same. We asked him what he had told the K. A. society, as well as others, about the case. He said he had told all of them that he considered himself a free and neutral man. I said you have wronged us "Jim" and have broken your agreement; you agreed to tell what you had done, and that you did it purely from conscientiousness and that your relations were of the best, and *that we still considered you a member of Theta Delta Chi*. He acknowledged that he had misrepresented it, and turned to us and asked, "What shall I do?" Kellogg told him that was for the K. A. society to settle, and not for us. We laid emphasis on this point and there left the matter at that time. That evening we received a letter from Brown, which I will copy :

"WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass.

"MY DEAR CHARLES :—I am very sorry that I did not see you this afternoon before you and Kellogg left, as I should have cleared up one point that occurred to me since our conversation, and a point that Jim tells me, is one that you laid emphasis on in your talk with him, viz.: that he ought really to have told this society of the fact that he had been unable to secure a letter of dismissal from Theta Delta Chi. You will remember, I think, that in reply to a question of yours, I said that, *as a society*, we were not aware of this fact, which is perfectly true. But in justice to Jim and his room-mate, Alex. Falck, I must say that Jim

did tell the latter of this matter, expecting him to tell others of us, which he did. A few of us seniors knew this, that the Theta Delta Chi fraternity had not accepted Jim's resignation, but we considered it of utterly no weight in relation to the attitude of this society to Jim, and so accordingly it was never considered by or brought before this society officially. Moreover, Jim himself seemed to place no value whatever on this fact when he mentioned it to Falck.

(Signed)

PHIL. M. BROWN."

I left out a few instances which he mentioned where men had joined two societies. He also added a "P. S.—A formal statement of the position of this society will be sent to your society later." Early Sunday afternoon (Dec. 5) we received the following statement :

"*To Theta Delta Chi Fraternity :*

After due consideration of the statement made by the Theta Delta Chi fraternity in relation to the case of James B. Pratt, whom the Kappa Alpha society has seen fit to elect to its membership, this society would state that its members have arrived at the decision that no sufficient reason exists to alter their action, and that the Kappa Alpha society considers James B. Pratt an entirely free man and under no further obligations to the Theta Delta Chi fraternity of which he was formerly a member, other than his oath of secrecy. The principle determining this action is that neither the dictates of precedents nor reason justify the hindering of any man from resigning from any position or organization unless under oath never to resign, and from taking any subsequent action he chose in relation to any other position or organization.

For the Kappa Alpha Society."

(Signed by their senior delegation.)

We read this with some care and at once picked up the last sentence. We thought on it a while and soon after went over to the Kappa Alpha house. We asked Brown if they meant what they wrote. He answered in the affirmative and we asked him if he didn't consider a man bound by his oaths. He said yes and said a man would be dishonorable to break them. That, you see, gives their idea of Pratt. Then we asked him if they would continue their action if such an oath existed. He said yes, and continued that was to be settled with Pratt and did not concern them. We had found out how they considered a man who would break his word, so we next called on Pratt. We told him what Brown said and then told him of his oath. Also that it was a week after when his final initiation took place and that last year he had heard it nine times, had stood by the several candidates to whom they were administered and during all that time he had not said one word, made no complaint and he could not plead ignorance of it. Nevertheless he did and said as before that he considered them of no value and also that if a man had done wrong he was not bound to live up to it. We left him after telling him how we

considered it and its value concerning him, and for him and the Kappas to act accordingly. The next day I received the following note from Pratt :

" December 6, 1897.

DEAR CHARLIE :—I have thought very carefully over the matter we talked of yesterday and cannot come to any other conclusion than that I announced a month ago and more, namely, that I am not bound by the oath in question. We discussed fully one of the reasons, namely, that I did not by any means realize the full magnitude of the oath at the time I took it. So true is this that I did not even remember what oath I had taken until you repeated it to me early this fall. The main reason, however, for my feeling as I do is that I do not think a man can be forever bound to a mistake. When a man feels he can no longer carry out an oath in the spirit in which it was made, when the circumstances are such as to make all attempts to carry it out a farce and to make his whole nature revolt against trying to keep the letter of it while he cannot the spirit, and especially when after months of careful consideration he sees that it was a mistake, I think he is no longer bound by it, or that if he is technically bound by it he is justified in breaking it. But this matter was all considered, discussed and decided over a month ago. If there was any oath-breaking it was done when I withdrew from the fraternity. I do not see that the present question is at all affected by it. The oath was not that I would never join any other fraternity. I would be breaking my oath just as much by remaining a neutral as by joining Kappa Alpha. The only way for me to keep the oath technically and strictly would be for me to go back to Theta Delta Chi, which I cannot do.

Of course you will say that you still consider me a member. But that does not affect me. If it was possible for me to withdraw, and if in so doing I break an oath, I have broken it already. If it is not possible for me to withdraw, I will not be breaking any oath by joining Kappa Alpha. I have considered this matter very carefully, Charlie, and it does seem to me that this is the way almost every "plain," honest man would consider it if not influenced by other considerations. I can see, however, that you may look at it differently. I know you are honest and sincere about it, and I ask that you credit me with the same honesty and sincerity.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

JAMES B. PRATT."

The next day I had a long talk with him, showed him a letter from Bro. Goodwin and told him that his note proved nothing. We were at it for about an hour and some very plain talk came out. All he would say was that he was sorry that we looked at it in that way and that he was sorry that we thought him a liar. I told him that no other conclusion could be drawn from his actions and words. That was the last talk. The Friday before he returned his pin and some receipts of ours. Mon-

day morning, having found out that Pratt had not told that we still considered him a member of our fraternity, we sent the following notices to the other societies here :

“ To Society :

Feeling that the relations between Theta Delta Chi fraternity and James Bennett Pratt have not been fully stated, and that there is prevalent throughout college a misapprehension as to these relations, we desire to submit to you an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, held November 1, 1897 : ‘The agreement between the representatives of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity and J. B. Pratt as to the explanation to be offered to the college of the state of affairs between Theta Delta Chi and J. B. Pratt was as follows :—J. B. Pratt offered his resignation from the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, basing it upon the fact that he was totally lacking in fraternal feeling and that he felt that he was acting the part of a hypocrite in remaining a member of the fraternity under the circumstances. This proffered resignation was read but was laid on the table and not acted on. Under an understanding with the members of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, J. B. Pratt at his request has been released from active participation in the affairs of the fraternity.’ It has just come to our notice that the relations between the Theta Delta Chi fraternity and J. B. Pratt have been misrepresented and we take this opportunity of announcing that James B. Pratt is still a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

(Signed)

(By our senior delegation.)”

A few days afterward we heard he had been initiated into Kappa Alpha and the same day we saw him wearing a Kappa Alpha key. We considered this sufficient evidence and Monday night, December 13th, we expelled him and the following morning sent notices to the other fraternities to that effect.

I have given you the main points and hope I have made myself plain. Bro. Kellogg and myself will be at the convention. Please let me know if this matter is to come up. Write me at Ware, Mass., if before January 11th, 1898. Everything is pleasant here now.

Believe me yours with fraternal love.

(Signed)

IOTA DEUTERON CHARGE.

The only thing we might add to these official documents is the following extract contained in a letter received from a member of the Iota Deuteron charge under date of December 26, 1897 :

“I can say that Pratt himself stated that five of his very best friends in Elmira were members of Kappa Alpha, and they or their influence on him may have had a share in inducing him to so thoroughly disgrace himself in the eyes of any law-abiding and righteous man, as to join Kappa Alpha.”

How Kappa Alpha or any reputable fraternity can allow themselves to do such work as that shown here is more than we can understand. We leave it to each for himself to analyze the case and exonerate Kappa Alpha if he can. We hold that James Pratt while he has committed a grave mistake has done so under a pressure brought to bear by Kappa Alpha, and in some ways is more sinned against than sinning. It is our belief that spurred on by Kappa Alpha he tried to silence his conscience and do an act which his own inner self questioned, as is quite clearly shown in the personal letters connected with the official report, which we do not feel at liberty to publish. The course followed by the chapter of Kappa Alpha at Williams has been dishonorable to themselves and discourteous to the Iota Deuteron charge as well as to every other fraternity represented there. They initiated James Pratt knowing him to be a member of Theta Delta Chi, upon their own confession. We lack words to express our indignation at such an outrage to fraternity courtesy. We hope the day may come when such things will be so frowned upon by the great world as to prevent their being done.

THE PRESIDENT'S FLAG.

In the early history of the United States it was the custom to fly a distinctive flag called "The president's flag" wherever the president was greeted. Just where or how this custom arose is not known to the writer, but it is a fact that it existed years ago. The navy have been the only scrupulous and constant observers of the custom and whenever the president boards any naval vessel the presidential ensign is floated. It has been the custom at the White House for many years to float the American flag to denote the president's presence in Washington. Previous to the present administration the last time the presidential flag had been seen in New York was in 1832, when it was displayed in honor of President Jackson. The next time was on April 27, 1897, when it was definitely known that President McKinley had chosen the Windsor Hotel as his New York home. Mr. Warren F. Leland, the

proprietor, decided that it would be a fitting honor to float the presidential flag on the hotel. As there was no such flag in New York he had one of the regulation size made to order and therefore has the honor of being the first to swing the proper insignia to the breeze in New York since 1832.

The flag is of regulation size. The body is blue. In the center is the American eagle, exactly like that on a half dollar silver coin. The eagle is embroidered in white. The arrows and olive branch are worked in white ; the stars representing the states are also in white in a semi-circle above the bird. The shield on the eagle's breast is worked in red—altogether making up the national colors. This flag will again be floated on January 27th, when the President and his family will be at the Windsor for one week.

A HISTORIC SYMBOL.



It may not be generally known to the brothers that the monogram which we reproduce here is a historic emblem, so to speak, and is copied from the first monogram which has a known existence. In the year 1866, the editor of the SHIELD, then in college, spent his Christmas vacation in designing and making a monogram, which was the first one ever designed so far as he knows. A sketch of this monogram was made and it has from that date appeared in print many times. The outline in the cut here printed represents exactly the shape of the original. The jewels were a subsequent addition. The writer has this old original monogram which will be displayed at the semi-centennial. The cut on the convention invitation is reproduced from this monogram. Many monograms have been since made but none like this one.

Our Graduates.

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

John W. Griggs, Phi, '68. We are glad to be accorded the privilege of announcing another honor which has been tendered to one of the most worthy men in our country. The record made by Governor Griggs in state affairs has spread to national ears, and before he can close his career in the executive office of New Jersey he is the recipient of the President's invitation to become a member of his cabinet. It was officially announced on December 5th at the White House that Governor Griggs had accepted the office of Attorney General of the United States. As the Governor could not resign his office till January 11th, at the assembly of the state legislature, the change could not be made before that time. By the time this reaches the readers, Bro. Griggs will probably be located in Washington. We congratulate Bro. Griggs upon his honorable preferment and feel sure that every Theta Delt will do likewise. That his career in Washington will be as clean cut and decisive none will doubt. That he could have been United States Senator, had he so desired, is well known. Perhaps better service can be rendered in his chosen position. Of this we are sure. What John Griggs knows he is sure of, and even if the heavens fall he will never waver in the discharge of any duty set before him. What he honestly believes, that will he do, regardless of personal consequences. If we only had more such men in politics and the legal profession how much better off we would be. Success is always the outcome of a career founded on the honest policy possessed and followed by our honored brother of the Phi charge.

Wm. W. Thomas, Jr., Eta, '60, has again been appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Sweden and Norway. That this is a good appointment none will question. Bro. Thomas is perfectly familiar with those countries, having served in the same capacity heretofore, with credit to himself and advantage to his native country.

Frank S. Rice, Phi, '72. The following extract from the Springfield *Republican* of December 1st speaks for itself: "Another valuable addition to the literature and learning of the legal profession has been made by Frank S. Rice, now of this city, councilor-at-law and author of 'Civil and Criminal Evidence' and 'American Probate Law.' The new work

is entitled 'A Treatise on the Modern Law of Real Estate.' The purpose of the author was to prepare a complete and accurate exposition of the law of real estate as it is administered to-day in courts of final resort. The fact that the work has already been adopted as a text book in the law school of the University of New York is evidence that the author has succeeded in his undertaking. In the wilderness of modern adjudication, the great task of a text writer in this realm is to extract from the varied forms of expression in cases involving always a different congeries of facts, a consensus of opinion upon a particular proposition. To state what the law at least is, on a selected set of facts, is comparatively easy; but to follow the law out to its extreme margin with all its deviations and sinuosities is more difficult. In this arduous task, Mr. Rice has been eminently successful. Mr. Rice has won an honorable prominence in the field of legal literature through his elaborate and highly successful treatise on 'Civil and Criminal Evidence.' That work within four years of its publication has passed to its fifth edition, and the unprecedented sale of 15,000 volumes abundantly attests the scholarly treatment he has given to the topic. When we consider that these volumes sell at \$6.50 per copy the significance of its popularity is better appreciated. Mr. Rice is also the present editor of the 'Probate Reports Annotated,' a series that has been for 16 years in high repute with the profession."

Norman H. Hackett, Gamma Deuteron, '98, writes from California that he is meeting many Theta Deltas in his western travels. He is one of the active men who spends his spare time in hunting up the old graduates and infusing new life into them. He is a veritable missionary and he does his work well. It is unfortunate that his tour this year is in the far west, as he is sadly missed by his eastern friends. The missing of the semi-centennial, he writes, is one of the bitter disappointments of his life.

Hosea Webster, Beta, '80, has severed his connection with the H. R. Worthington Pump Co., and since October 1st has been connected with the Babcock and Wilcox Steam Boiler Co., at 29 Cortlandt street. He will be on hand at the convention.

Arthur L. Livermore, Omicron Deuteron, '88. His business address is 11 Pine street, Borough of Manhattan, New York. He resides at 173 Palisade avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.

A. Dudley Tucker, Zeta, '92. The following clipping announces the death of Bro. Tucker, which occurred December 6, 1897: "Word was received here last evening from Saranac Lake, N. Y., of the death of A. Dudley Tucker, which occurred at that place yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness. Deceased was the son of Archdeacon William P. Tucker of the Episcopal diocese of Rhode Island, and was about 26 years of age. He attended the public schools of this city, graduating from the high school, and later from Brown University. For some time he had been in failing health, and he went to Saranac Lake in hopes of a relief."

S. Carlton Haight, Pi Deuteron, '92, is spending this year at the Princeton Theological seminary. It will delight his friends to learn that his engagement to Miss Gertrude Bottom, of West Farms, N. Y., has been announced.

Charles N. Gunn, Epsilon Deuteron, '90, is at present located at 202 West 103rd street, New York city.

Andrew J. Gilmour, Epsilon Deuteron, '95, is at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York city.

Lucien G. Chaffin, Zeta, '67, whose address is not given in the last catalogue, has an office in the Potter Building, 38 Park Row, New York city.

Herbert F. Hill, Zeta, '95. His present address is 41 East 22d street, Borough of Manhattan, New York.

Edward B. Morse, Zeta, '96, is with the *New York Times*. His home address is 150 West 53d street, Borough of Manhattan, New York.

William H. Wiggin, Jr., Iota Deuteron, '92. Present address, 7 West 63d street, Borough of Manhattan, New York.

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

E. J. Crandall, Kappa, '89, is living at 157 West 36th street, New York.

Charles L. Ricketts, Kappa, '95, has left New York and is now in business in South Manchester, Conn.

Charles T. Snow, Lambda, '91, has left Saratoga Springs and is now residing at 64 West 93d street, Borough of Manhattan, New York.

Thomas C. Trask, Mu Deuteron, '93, is teaching in Newburgh, N. Y.

Frederic W. Cole, Mu Deuteron, '93, and **Ralph B. Putnam**, Mu Deuteron, '94, are teaching in Cutler school, New York.

Herbert A. Jump, Mu Deuteron, '96, was one of the three Yale debaters that recently defeated Harvard.

Edward J. Cook, Xi, '95, is in his last year at the New York law school. His residence is at 55 West 12th street, Borough of Manhattan, New York.

Albert G. Richards, Xi, '96, is at the General Theological seminary, Chelsea Square, New York.

Frank L. Jones, Pi Deuteron, '88. Bro. Jones' good work on the *New York Journal* has been rewarded. He was recently promoted to the news editorship, a position similar to that of Bro. Burgin of the *New York Herald*. This adds one more to the already long list of prominent positions in journalism occupied by Theta Delts.

Clifford Wilmurt, Pi Deuteron, '93, has removed to 176 West 91st street, New York city.

Henry A. Uterhart, Pi Deuteron, '94, has removed to 59 East 84th street; Henry King Cummings, Pi Deuteron, '94, to 252 West 132d, and John W. Remer to 144 West 123d street, Borough of Manhattan, New York.

Joseph G. Geoghegan, Pi Deuteron, '97, is engaged in business with the firm of Cillis & Geoghegan, sanitary plumbers, New York city.

Frederic A. Onderdonk, Pi Deuteron, '98, is with the Southern Bell Telegraph & Telephone Co., 26 Cortlandt street, Borough of Manhattan, New York.

Mortimer B. Foster, Pi Deuteron, '98, entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology last fall.

Harry Calhoun, Pi Deuteron, '99, has entered the New York law school.

S. C. Neidlinger, Pi Deuteron, '00, is with the construction department of the Consolidated Traction Company of Jersey City, Newark and the Oranges.

John A. Hill, Psi, '94, is located at Manhattan State Hospital, on Ward's Island, New York.

WHITAKER—CLARK.

Harry Cecil Whitaker, Mu Deuteron, '95, was married to Miss Louise Bailey Clark at the home of the bride's aunt, Miss Eliza Clark, in Louisville, Ky., December 8, 1897, at high noon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James G. Minnigerode. The house was tastefully decorated with chrysanthemums and smilax. After the ceremony a delightful wedding breakfast was enjoyed by a number of the intimate friends of the bride and groom. At 6 o'clock the wedded pair left for the east, and we have no doubt they had a delightful honeymoon trip. After January 1st Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker will be at home to their friends, at 2227 Chapline street, Wheeling, W. Va. This of course includes all the Theta Delt friends, of whom Bro. Whitaker has many, and who with the editor, will join in wishing Bro. Whitaker and his lovely bride a long and happy life.

Editorial.

FOR the first time in our editorial experience the volume of the SHIELD for the current year is completed before the meeting of the convention, therefore it is not possible to make any announcement as to its future. Whether this is the last number which will be issued under the present management or not is yet to be determined. The spirit of the hour, when the question comes up in the convention, will do much to decide the point. This is true: the editor would be glad to be relieved of the task if some one will come to the front and take it, and this offers an excellent opportunity for some young and vigorous writer to win favor for himself and the fraternity—but no money, unless he has better luck than the present incumbent. If no such be found, and the will of the majority is stronger than the determination of the editor, then perhaps we may again be led to do that which our better judgment tells us is not the proper thing. In the meantime subscriptions for Vol. 14 are due and subscribers may forward as usual. In case any change is made, all subscriptions will be handed over to a successor or returned in full, as the case demands. The present year's work has not been satisfactory to the editor. The irregularity in the time of issue, as well as many other failings, have been due entirely to the editor's ill-health. We feel grateful for the patience exhibited by our readers, but we cannot promise anything better for next year if it falls to our lot to continue the work. If good health casts her cheerful smile over our pathway, all difficulty would be ended; but no one can foresee. We have always done our best, though at times this has seemed very poor to us. We wish you all a happy new year and hope to meet you at the semi-centennial.

THE time rapidly draws near when the fiftieth annual convention will assemble. It will be an occasion of great interest,

not so much on its own account as because it celebrates a cycle of existence and at that time we begin the second period of our existence. Those who have attended the conventions from year to year find that even an ordinary convention is an occasion of much enjoyment, especially so to the older alumni. How much more, then, will this coming event be. Already a large number of old graduates have signified their intention to be present. Sickness or physical inability alone will prevent the two living founders from being there, and this fact alone should be sufficient to induce every brother to come. How many of the brothers have ever seen even one of the founders? Now the opportunity will be given for all who are present to see and meet the only two who are living—Bro. Abel Beach and Andrew H. Green. Then Bro. William L. Stone, the great historian, will be there; Hon. Daniel N. Lockwood of the Alpha, Bishop Gilbert of Minnesota, Rev. Cameron Mann, President Capen of Tufts, Bro. Ingersoll of Alpha, whom the boys enjoyed so much last year, and hosts of others just as well known. It seems only necessary to say that there will be more old alumni there than have attended any convention in years. The undergraduates are going to turn out in force, some charges sending their entire membership. This is as it should be. The boys in college will be well repaid for attending this convention, as it will be an experience for them which will probably never be afforded again. Don't miss it. It is not possible at this date to announce all the details, as they have not been completely arranged, Of one thing you may rest assured—the semi-centennial will be a great success in every way. The invitations have already been sent out to all brothers whose addresses were known. If perchance by mistake anyone has been overlooked it will not be understood that anyone is excluded. Every member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity is not only invited, but has a perfect right to come without an invitation. These invitations are sent more as reminders of the fact that a convention is to be held. Don't forget the date. Come Feb. 8th, and stay through the entire three days.

THE committee of arrangements for the semi-centennial are glad to announce that every indication points to a most successful convention. Probably more graduates, and by that we mean the older alumni, will be present there than have ever before attended a regular convention. This should be a strong inducement for as many of the undergraduates to come as possible. Boys, it will be the greatest fraternity event you ever saw. Word comes to us from Kappa, Beta and many of the other charges that nearly their entire membership will be present. What an opportunity this will be for meeting the large majority of your fellows. Owing to the railroad reduction it will not be an expensive trip, but it will be one you will never forget if you come.

THE program of events as given in the invitation slip will be followed out as closely as possible. The Convention will open Tuesday morning, February 8th, at 10:30 in the convention hall at the Windsor. Tuesday will be devoted to the solid business of the convention. Tuesday evening will develop either a reception by the New York Graduate Club or some other event. Wednesday will be devoted to the regular business and it is expected that the convention proper will close its business labors at the afternoon session. In the evening some event yet undecided will transpire which will be of interest to all, both old and young. The committee are unable to decide. Thursday will be given up to the semi-centennial committee. A morning session in convention hall will be devoted to the history of the first and second periods by Col. Wm. L. Stone and Prof Duncan C. Lee respectively. In the afternoon President Capen, of Tufts college, will deliver the semi-centennial oration and Rev. Cameron Mann, Xi, '70, will recite an original poem. If any time remains an informal reception to the founders will be given to promote social intercourse. The great event of the day and in fact of the convention will be the semi-centennial banquet, to be given in the main dining hall of the Windsor. The brothers will assemble at six o'clock in the main parlors of the Windsor and promptly at *six-thirty* will enter the banquet hall. Please do not forget

the hour. It is necessary to begin early. The superb menu to be given by the genial landlord of the Windsor will be served with promptness and despatch and we will be able to begin the post-prandial feast at an early hour, so that the speakers will have attentive listeners and the hearers will not be bored by the lateness of the hour. The old familiar songs will be interspersed and probably music by a Theta Delt glee club. This is merely a hint to the boys, who can make sweet music to formulate some plan to give us a taste of college music which will be very acceptable to the older men, many of whom have not heard such music in years—in fact this kind of music did not exist when they were in college. The entire three days will be most enjoyable to the alumni who have not recently attended any of the conventions. The committee will labor to make it pleasant for everybody.

A REDUCED railroad fare has been obtained from nearly all points to New York. Before this number is completely printed we will have heard from all points and will insert the outline of territory covered. This reduction amounts to a rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip. The reduction is granted provided 100 persons having certificates are in attendance. If there are five hundred attending and only fifty have certificates, the rate will not be allowed. No person can secure the reduction without the railroad certificate and the original fare paid must be over 75 cents. Any person, whether a delegate or not, can have the reduction by securing the certificate. Note carefully the following information :

1. These certificates will be granted upon all full fare limited tickets purchased between February 4th and February 9th, inclusive.

2. When you buy your ticket go early, as it takes several minutes to fill out the certificate. Ask the agent for a full fare limited ticket to New York, and tell him to give you a delegate's certificate to the Theta Delta Chi Convention, held February 8-10.

3. Ticket agents at small stations do not have these certificates. Then it will be necessary for you to buy a local ticket

to the nearest point where certificates are issued, which can be ascertained from the ticket agent. In case, however, several persons are going from any point and the ticket agent has no certificates he would doubtless send and get them, provided you ask him early enough. We suggest that all persons intending to come to the semi-centennial should ask their railroad agent more than a week beforehand, so that if he has no certificates on hand he can send and get them for you.

4. Every person must have a separate certificate. You can bring as many friends as you like by getting certificates for each one.

5. All certificates must be delivered to Clay W. Holmes as soon as you arrive in New York. He will have them properly signed and returned to you before the convention closes.

6. No certificates can be signed after Thursday, Feb. 10.

7. These certificates, when signed and returned, enable the holder to secure a return ticket at one-third the amount paid for the original ticket. This ticket will be good for a continuous return trip within three days after the meeting. The limit of time will expire on Monday night, February 14th, at midnight.

These certificates are not transferable and tickets obtained on them must be used by the purchaser.

No rebate can be allowed persons who do not secure the certificate and no rebate will be granted in any case unless 100 persons have them and deliver them to the chairman for signature.

This rate has been secured at considerable expense on the part of the committee and we hope every brother will avail himself of it so that the reduction will be sure. Do not neglect the matter where a number of active members are coming from one charge. It would be well to go a considerable time before train time, so that the agent will have plenty of time to fill them out. The committee felt that if the concession were obtained more of the college boys would attend, and we trust our efforts will be rewarded by seeing a large number present.

SINCE the above was written the arrangements have been

fully completed. Reduced rates will prevail in the eastern states—entire New England states—as far south as Washington and west as far as St. Louis and Chicago. The Sigma Deuteron and Tau Deuteron charges and all brothers living north and west of Chicago will buy local tickets to Chicago and there secure tickets to New York with certificate, according to previous instruction. These two charges are the only ones outside the limit. If the secretary of any charge desires detailed instructions please correspond at once with the chairman at Elmira. The railroad rule in all parts of the country is that persons desiring these certificates must present themselves at the ticket office thirty minutes before the leaving time of the train they take. Remember that every one who comes should get a certificate, that you can bring as many friends as you like—getting a certificate for each one—that you pay full fare coming and return for one-third fare. Read instructions carefully and if you have any doubts write at once to the editor who will be glad to reply.

THE distinctive badge of the members and delegates attending will be a red carnation, worn as a button-hole boquet. The reception committee will wear a white pink, and the semi-centennial committee and officers of the convention white and red carnation combined. At least the chairman will support this arrangement, and if the committee approve it will be adopted. In the meantime every brother should wear his badge without fail. Graduates who have badges laid away should hunt them up. The more antique they are the more attractive they will be on this occasion. The editor of the SHIELD will wear one which he bought thirty-two years ago. We have Abel Beach's pin in our possession, held for many years in trust, to be disposed of as he directs. This historic pin will be worn by Bro. Beach during the convention.

THERE has seemed to be a little feeling on the part of some of the younger members that the committee should have established headquarters at one of the "swell" hotels of New

York. Now there is a difference of opinion as to what a "swell hotel" is. The ambitious youth who aspires to a hotel made famous by fashion and newspaper talk does not stop to think that such places are expensive—i. e., the price of notoriety is paid by the guests. Second, that for many years we have tried prominent hotels on the main thoroughfare of New York, and every time we have been disappointed in some matter of signal importance. Now the fact is, the committee, or rather, our untiring and faithful president, Carl Harstrom, has visited every hotel of any prominence in New York—at least forty in number—and not a single one had half the admirable facilities possessed by the Windsor. In fact, the Windsor is the only hotel where the convention could meet and strike a happy combination of having everything under one roof. Just wait till you get there and see what a delightful hall we have for a meeting place. You will be able to hear every word without craning your neck out of shape on account of outside noises; but to resume our argument on "swell hotels." A truly "swell hotel" is the one which combines comfort with elegance, and at a rate which is not beyond the reach of the average mortal, where the solid men and women of the country go and find home comforts and solid enjoyment. The Windsor hotel has all these striking qualities, and they are recognized. One has but to go there and size up the guests to determine the character of the house. There is no shoddy respectability, but all have the sterling air of true gentility. It is the home of the President of the United States when in New York, and surely it is everything which could be desired by the most fastidious. The genial proprietor, Mr. William F. Leland, has extended every imaginable courtesy to the committee, and proposes to turn over his house to Theta Delta Chi during the convention week. He courts the patronage of a class represented by college societies—educated gentlemen. The editor hopes that every brother will stop at the Windsor. Order room in advance; write so the letter will reach the hotel about Feb. 5th. Address the chairman, who will be there and look personally after securing good rooms. The price on the American plan,

including good room, is \$4.00 per day. On the European plan \$1.50 per day upwards; with two in same room \$1.25 per day. Rooms with bath extra. Write the price you wish to pay and rooms will be secured in advance.

THE complete success of the banquet will depend largely upon the promptness with which those who expect to attend send in their orders and cash. This banquet will necessarily be much larger than any which has heretofore been held. It is impossible for the committee to estimate in advance, and as the price charged for tickets is paid in full for the plate, there is no margin to pay for seats ordered but not taken. Each plate costs five dollars, and every man who sends that amount to the chairman before Feb. 8th will be sure of a seat. On that date a definite number of plates will be ordered, and those who come after will have to take what is left, if there is any room to spare. Blanks and autograph slips have been sent to each charge, to the corresponding secretary. Delegates and all who expect to attend should at once pay over their money to the secretary and have it sent in one remittance, and as promptly as possible. We are anxious to have as many orders in as possible at an early date, so that our plans may not fall short. Many orders have already been received from the graduates, which is very encouraging for a large turnout—in fact, by far the greatest in the history of the fraternity. Regular tickets for the banquet, which are in fact a souvenir of the occasion, will be delivered to all who have subscribed, on the day of the banquet.

DURING our editorial experience we have noticed that the SHIELD always enjoys a boom when we have anything special to offer. The last boom was in 1895, when we offered a catalogue open to every subscriber. Now since we wrote the leading editorial for this issue it has dawned upon us that there are many of the brothers who would like to have the memorial volume, but cannot afford to pay five dollars for it. The valuable part of the memorial book will be the fraternity his-

tory. We cannot engage to reproduce in the SHIELD all that the volume will contain, but the history of the fraternity will be published as a continued story in the four numbers of the next volume, so that when it is completed it can be separated and bound. This will make the 1898 SHIELD the greatest ever issued. We do not like to lay down our editorial pen with such a year's production as this has been—but at the end of vol. XIV, we hope to be proud of our work. Everybody should subscribe now. Don't wait to be asked for your money. Send two dollars right away and make the editor happy. Do more, try to get some new subscribers—which will help more than you think for.

THOSE who reach New York by the roads coming in to the Grand Central depot, have but a short walk out Forty-second street to Fifth avenue and up the avenue to the hotel. Entrance near Forty-sixth street. If notice is sent to the hotel in advance cabs will be sent to meet you without charge. Those who land in Jersey City by Penna., Lehigh Valley or Erie railroad, should take Twenty-third street horse car—get transfer from conductor for Fourth avenue electric line—change at corner Fourth avenue and Twenty-third street, and take up town car. Get off at Forty-sixth street and walk west on right hand side to the hotel entrance, a very short distance. When you arrive at the hotel register and put after your name the Greek characters. This will enable the room clerk to locate you at once. The editor will be in as constant attendance as possible in the lobby on Monday to receive the brothers, and in his absence some member of the committee or the reception committee will be on hand. We shall be at the hotel on and after February 4th. All letters of any kind referring to fraternity matters written after February 1st, should be sent to him at Windsor hotel.

SOME of the subscribers to Baird's new edition of "American Fraternities" are getting impatient. The book is not yet issued. A letter from Mr. Baird dated December 22, says the work is just now at a standstill. It would have been issued

early last summer, but some of the leading fraternities would not contribute the necessary information so that the work was delayed. Mr. Baird's professional duties have prevented him from proceeding with the work this fall. He hopes to be able to take up the work soon again, but may possibly not do so—any subscriber who desires his money returned can have it by notifying the editor of the SHIELD who still holds all the money paid in, or in case the project is given up we will refund the money without any call on us for it.

WE do not like to tell the committee's secret plans, but for the benefit of SHIELD readers who can not be present, but who would if they could, we will state that the menu in preparation for the semi-centennial banquet will be a great souvenir, and if you wish to have one, send fifty cents to the editor at once and one will be reserved and sent to you by mail after the banquet. This is just the cost, or perhaps less than they will cost, and, unless ordered in advance, only enough will be secured to furnish one to each ticket holder. Orders received before Feb. 1st can be provided for; after that, if menus are exhausted money will be refunded.

THE invitations to the fiftieth annual convention and the semi-centennial exercises of Theta Delta Chi will have been sent out before this reaches you. An effort has been made to send one to every brother whose present address was known. If any brother hears of any one who has none, say to that brother that he is invited just the same, or notify the editor and one will be sent.

THIS number has been made up at lightning speed, so that convention matters might be brought before the readers at as early a date as possible. Everything is a jumble, and if things are mixed up and out of place don't blame the editor. He has about all on his hands that can well be attended to. It is no sinecure to arrange for a semi-centennial. Hundreds of letters have to be written and time is limited. We put in all the news we have time to prepare, and the rest must wait till the next number. Read the editorials over carefully. Excuse haste and a busy brain, and please do not criticise.

Editorial Notes and Comments.

A SAD BLOW TO LAFAYETTE.

Pardee hall, the magnificent four-story stone structure that stood on the brow of College hill, this city, and was the pride of Lafayette college, was badly damaged by fire early on the morning of Dec. 18th. Only the east wing was saved from the flames.

Besides the damage to the building, there were thousands of dollars' worth of valuable property, belonging to professors at the college, destroyed by the flames. Of the latter, a heavy portion falls on J. Madison Porter, professor of civil and topographical engineering. His machinery, instruments, etc., were valued at \$15,000, on which there was no insurance. Dr. T. C. Porter's botanical collection, probably the finest in the United States, and the result of Dr. Porter's life work, was also destroyed. The Ward library, consisting of 10,000 volumes of valuable books, is in the smouldering ruins, along with a valuable museum of minerals and birds.

The fire was discovered at 5 o'clock in the morning, but it had evidently been burning a long time. The flames had already gained great headway. Alarms were sent out in rapid succession, and soon the entire fire department was on the hill. By this time, however, the east wing of the building was a mass of seething flames. The flames raged so fiercely and spread so rapidly, aided by a stiff wind from the west, that for three hours the work of the firemen was of no avail. Then aid came from Phillipsburg, N. J., across the Delaware river, and in another hour the flames were under control.

The students turned out, and, under the direction of Prof. Marsh, jr., they succeeded in carrying from the building many valuable instruments, books, experimental plants, etc.

The fire originated in the biological laboratory, on the second floor of the west wing. It is believed to have been started by a defective gas burner under an incubator.

Pardee hall consisted of one center building five stories in height, 53 feet front and 83 feet deep, and two lateral wings, one on each side of the center building, measuring 61 feet in length and 31 in width, four stories in height.

The old Pardee hall was destroyed in 1879, and the structure which was burned Dec. 18th was built in 1880.

The above newspaper account of the burning of Pardee hall does not portray the depth of the sad loss occasioned to Lafayette college. Every Lafayette man who reads the

SHIELD will join the editor in extending to Lafayette college the deepest sympathy in this time of her deep misfortune. It is peculiarly sad because it is the second stroke. This magnificent building, Pardee hall, the finest building on the old hill, was originally due entirely to the munificent generosity of Ario Pardee, the father of three as good Theta Delt sons as ever lived. In 1864 Ario Pardee gave \$20,000, which was further increased from time to time till he had given \$250,000. Upon this basis were established the scientific and technical departments. For their development a new and specially adapted building was needed. To enable Lafayette to have this building, Mr. Pardee gave an additional \$250,000. In the face of such princely munificence, the trustees began at once the erection of the most complete building in the United States for scientific work. The building was begun in 1871 and completed in 1873. It was 256 feet long by 84 deep, five stories high, with lateral and cross wings four stories high. On the evening of June 4, 1879, it took fire from the chemical laboratory and was entirely destroyed. Being well insured, it was soon replaced, with many improvements. The second building was dedicated Nov. 30, 1880. The loss on the first fire, over the insurance, was about \$160,000, and will be as much or more this time. In the face of the hard times at present existing it seems peculiarly unfortunate that disaster should overtake our beloved Lafayette; but disaster is by no means defeat. The trustees, President Warfield and the faculty are already at work, plans are being outlined, and soon a new building will be under way. While it will be comparatively easy, perhaps, to erect a new building, to replace the valuable collections will be an extremely difficult matter, and herein consists the depth of the misfortune. In this time of trouble every one's mind will naturally revert to that good man whose memory is so dear to us all, and this feeling of veneration will tend to sharpen the energies of all concerned in their efforts to restore Pardee hall, which would never have existed except for Ario Pardee's loving generosity.

PAN HELLENISM.

The *Key* has arranged to continue its general exchange with the grand officers and chapters of the other women's fraternities. In consequence each of the grand officers and chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma should regularly receive copies of *Kappa Alpha Theta*, *Anchora*, *Alpha Phi Quarterly* and *Trident*. If the exchanges do not come, please notify the editor.

In this age woman comes to the front in all good things. Those who believe there is nothing in woman which will permit her to occupy pulpit or bench are rapidly taking a back seat. It looks to us as though college fraternities could copy many of the sorosis ideas without doing themselves violence. The above clipping from the *Key* hits the pan hellenism nail right on the head. We recommend the course to the Greek press as being a move in the right direction. The SHIELD stands ready to enter into such an alliance and believes that it would do much to soften harsh ideas, and overcome the great evil of "lifting." The painful secrecy—that mysterious element so captivating to the fraternity man—a quarter century ago—is one of the barbarous relics rapidly disappearing under the more modern ideas of the present day. The "secrecy" idea is not the ennobling principle of fraternity life. There is something deeper and grander—the soul fire, which is common to all men, only traveling in different channels. The same divine law which makes it necessary to have different churches, would apply to fraternity existence. The same idea presented to two persons is received by each in a different light. Two men gazing at the same sunset see different beauties portrayed therein. To each they are just as real—just as grand, but in a different way. So it is necessary to have different societies—all, however, lead to the same ultimate idea. Their ways are parallel, but never cross. All can exist in harmony and help each other in the matter of raising the standard of fraternity membership. Such a move on the part of fraternity journals is the stepping stone to closer sympathy on general lines.

 THE CHARACTER OF INITIATION.

There is no excitement like ardent enthusiasm and the impressions re-

ceived under excitement are the most intense in their nature. For this very reason extreme care should be exercised when a girl is to be initiated into the fraternity. The idea of the organization which she then receives will remain indelibly stamped upon her mind. Later experiences may deepen her interest in the order, but the first impressions cannot be erased. The mind is not a palimpsest and the first writing on the initiate's mind survives under all later inscriptions. What that writing is to be depends upon the chapter.

The initiate is treading on unknown ground, The divinity that hedges about a king performs the same kindly service in the Greek letter fraternities. What to the members is perfectly simple and natural appears to the initiate in the light of a great mystery. What conception of the fraternity does the chapter wish the candidate to have? Do they wish her to regard her initiation as a frolic and the organization at large as a huge social club or do they wish her to be impressed with the deeper significance which is attributed to the fraternity? What means shall they employ to bring it about?

Mr. Walter Besant says that "women can never understand the divine right of foolery," but in spite of this remark it is true that foolery has its charms for most young women and the mock initiation is commonly the essence of "fooling." If the absence of such an initiation is a deprivation to upper and under class-women, hold it; but let it be neither a part of nor a preparation for the fraternity initiation. Hold it after the regular initiation and make a third or a forty-seventh or a thousandth degree, or any other excuse for its nonsense. The initiate will know what is expected of her and exactly with whom she is dealing, and things which might wound a sensitive girl at her initiation will then pass as a part of the general foolishness.

This plan meets the arguments in favor of a "chapter swing" quite as well as the other one. Let the regular initiation be serious and dignified, something the candidate will remember all her life. If the mock initiation is supposed to be a preparation for it we should change our fraternity bird from the owl to the lark at once.

The above is from the leading editorial in the *Key*. It is probably true that the initiation of a college student into his chosen fraternity is the first great epoch in his or her life—an event which is considered in all soberness and earnestness. This the writer has noticed in his extended experience in administering the service to candidates. He never saw one with a smile on his face—serious, earnest, usually trembling with the suppressed excitement incident to vital periods in life's history—the candidate drinks in every word, and pledges his fealty with all the sincerity he is master of. It is no place for

tom-foolery. The members should be just as sober-minded and earnest as the candidate. Any sort of diversion seems to us as much out of place, as it would be in a marriage ceremony. If one must have fun, let it come afterward, when the candidate has had a chance to catch his breath, and realize the beauty of his new connection. We confess we fail to see any necessity for nonsense, even afterward. Much better is the course suggested by the sensible editor of this same *Key* in another editorial:

The ideal initiation consists of two parts: the Ritual established by the fraternity and a formal banquet with toasts and merry-making. At the banquet there should be some alumna who can explain to the initiates the purpose of the fraternity and what their attitude toward it should be.

Why not make the initiation service dignified to a degree, and pursue the same dignity throughout? Do not associate nonsense with so important a factor of a high-bred college institution.

FRATERNITY CLUB HOUSES.

The influence that Greek letter club houses have exerted upon the life of a large number of young men in New York since they were first started, about twelve or fifteen years ago, has not, perhaps, been generally appreciated. Up to the time that the graduates of several leading colleges residing in New York who joined during their college days these Greek letter fraternities decided to bring together their fellow society members in small club-houses, the average young college graduate who was not a New Yorker and who had no family and few friends here, found when he came to the metropolis to engage in business or professional life that the few large social clubs were either too expensive for his generally narrow purse, or that he could not obtain admittance to them for some years at least. He was therefore deprived of club facilities, and very often his only refuge from the hall bedroom or stuffy parlor with its horsehair covered furniture of the old New York boarding house where he generally lived was the hotel corridor or cafe, or the billiard or bar room. It is not so long since the time that hotel windows along Fifth Avenue and Broadway, especially on Sunday morning in winter, were crowded with just this class of young men, who had no other places to resort to, and who spent their Sunday mornings at least in thus gazing upon the passing throng. Under these conditions many a young man contracted bad habits and associations, and many a business and social

failure could be directly traced to the absence of any restraint and the resorting to places of demoralizing character.

The above editorial extract from a New York daily has much in it worthy of thought. Twenty-five years ago there was no thought of city clubs among fraternity delegates. The demands of advancing civilization and the rapid growth of this age present a need for a well-ordered club house, or place for young men to spend their leisure moments. We can see how such a house properly conducted is a godsend to many a lonesome young man in Gotham. We do contend, however, that they should be properly conducted and entirely free from the vices which have existed in some clubs in the past.

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.]

It has been a long time since the editor in *propria persona* has communed with his companions of the Greek press. The Exchange Table was too great a task for enfeebled energies, and like many another we groaned over the task. There is, however, a peculiar fascination in examining the work of others and making remarks about it. After a long rest we find before us quite an array of matter. We are touched by the opening remark in Alpha Phi's August exchange column, "The exchanges that have come to the *Quarterly* table for review might well be called changes, so many resignations or editorial changes are recorded." In looking over the various magazines we find this but too true. The year has indeed been one of change and we hardly feel ourselves in the lists. In the years gone by when we were sparring with Van Cleve, Keeble and others there was much spice in exchange matter, but at the present time we fail to see any "wars or rumors of wars." All is quiet and serene. Fraternity journalism does not seem to have retrograded in particular, but rather to have kept on improving in many ways. We note more of the biographical and historical, a line of work inaugurated by the SHIELD years ago. The new editors follow in the line of their predecessors, but striving to excel them, which is commendable. Nearly all the periodicals are well filled with illustrations, a feature which the SHIELD has regretfully dropped this year from necessity. As we contemplate the pile of journals heaped up we are led to observe that the sororities seem to hold their own remarkably well. The girls have the right idea. Their magazines are chatty and yet filled with good sound sense. It does seem strange that a young sorosis with few chapters and a limited list of members can maintain a creditable maga-

zine, while a full-grown fraternity like Alpha Delta Phi and many others can not publish any sort of journal. The day has passed when fraternities can say that a periodical is not in keeping with their tenets. The Greek press is doing a work which could be accomplished in no other way. A publication of regular issue is almost a necessity in this age, and many fraternities are gaining a position which they could never hope to hold except through the medium of their publication. Speaking directly of the exchange departments of the various journals—there is certainly a great falling off in the bulk and quality of matter and some have dropped the department altogether. Many good things have appeared in the past and we hope the present condition is merely a resting spell.

The *Anchora* of Delta Gamma for November, being the first number of Vol. XIV, greets us for the first time in several years. Indeed, we had given it up as a lost child, but judging from the appearance of this number it has been considerably alive all the while. It is published by the Psi chapter at the Woman's College of Baltimore. This opens our eyes to another fact. We had supposed that a distinctively womans' college was ruled out of the sorosis combination. If not, why is it that the Elmira College, the oldest women's college in the United States, has never been entered? To our knowledge it is a wonderfully good field, but still remains to be occupied. A number of communicated articles, all treating of fraternity topics, make up a goodly collection of matter. The editorial remarks pay a tribute to the faithful work of Miss Ina Firkins, who for ten years filled the editorial chair and is now succeeded by Miss Joe Anna Ross. She seems to be debating as to whether personals shall be dropped or continued. Well, that depends. If the *Anchora* is only for undergraduates it might make but little difference, but if the alumnae play any part in the economy of the journal, don't. There is no part so interesting to a stray alumnus as the personal news of old friends. We note that there exists an interchange between Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma, whereby one copy

of each magazine is furnished to every chapter of the other society. This is a pan-hellenic move which might well be adopted by all fraternities having a regular publication. No harm can result and much good might be accomplished—surely so if all editors were kindly minded toward fraternity existence. The girls never do things by halves.

The *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma sends out the January number, opening vol. XV early in December. The editorial board suffers no change and we find the same solid substantial journal as of yore. The *Key* has seldom indulged in illustrations and from this fact we take comfort, as it does seem quite possible to have a most excellent periodical without any artificial adjuncts. In examining this number we discover the reason why so many valuable contributions on fraternity literature are found in thy *Key*. Last year a prize was offered for the best article contributed during the year. As a result many excellent things were written and published. Miss Annie Pitman received the vote of the Grand Council and obtained the prize. While this prize was not large it was contested for as earnestly as it would have been if much larger. The SHIELD has never been able to arouse its readers to the desirability of aiding the editor in this way. We will try the prize idea ourselves and see if we can get as many interesting dissertations as have appeared in the *Key*. Referring to the contributed articles in the present number "Chapter Swings" contains some excellent thoughts.

Are chapter swings advisable? Perhaps it is best before we attempt to answer this question to explain just what we mean by a chapter swing.

By this we mean a preliminary initiation, which is of the chapter alone and entirely separate and distinct from the fraternity initiation. The character of such an affair would be frivolous and it would be, in intention, more or less of a farce.

There are forcible arguments on either side of the question. First we will consider a few points in favor. The freshmen need some experience to make them congenial with the other members of the chapter. Many jests are made at the expense of freshmen, and yet underneath the jest there lies considerable truth when one speaks of the "freshness" of the youngest class in our American colleges. This "freshness" may be due

to timidity, bashfulness, ignorance, or conceit, but from whatever source it arises, it may well be dispensed with, and the average fraternity girl has no desire to retain it. Here it is, then, that the chapter swing is useful. Its devices are like grains of salt thrown in to season and make palatable the younger members. Sometimes a small pinch is needed—again a larger amount will not be disagreeable. However, the amount must be governed by the disposition of the initiate.

By this process the members may become acquainted with their pledging as in no other way. The disposition will show itself plainly, and the members know what to expect of each initiate.

Again it has been said, "The freshman expects something of this sort and is disappointed if she does not receive it," but is it not a question how far our acts should be governed by the expectation of the freshman? And if they do not receive this do they not receive what is much better?

Lastly, such an initiation forms a relation between upper and lower classmen which cannot be gained through the regular initiation. There the girls are not sisters; nor are they equals, for they have not yet entered upon the fraternity life nor taken its vows.

But the arguments are also strong on the other side. The affair is frivolous, and there is some danger of carrying frivolity too far. What is intended as nonsense may become unkind, and wound rather than heal.

In knocking off the corners there is sometimes danger of injuring the model.

The next article on "College Fraternities for Women" gives a short history of their birth and growth.

These feminine fraternities only exist in coeducational colleges, as the charters of the women's colleges forbid them. They do not have any connection with the men's fraternities, but they are similar in character and aim.

There is always a spirit of rivalry among the different fraternities to secure the most desirable of the new students on their entrance, and each novice is much lionized when first joining the coterie of her choice. Indeed, the girl who remains an outsider during her college course misses the pleasantest part of the social life, as the secret circles do much toward forming and strengthening the ties of friendship, and in bringing the girls in closer touch with college manners and methods.

The secrets are only mysterious to the uninitiated; in reality they are scholarly and often uplifting in influence, incentives to unselfish and noble actions and ambitions. The initiate is made to realize that the purposes of the fraternity are of a serious nature, meant to be an aid, not a hindrance, to growth. To quote from the *Key*: "The basis of fraternities is made of principles which teach right living and right thinking. The initiate must dwell upon those until they have become a fact of her life and are reflected in her conduct. This is the deeper significance of the fraternity."

In the alumnæ department we find a very interesting account of the founding of the *Key* and the struggles under which it labored. The first number appeared in 1882. We find a full list of chapter letters—of a character which could grace many of the quarterlies. There is one thing we fail to comprehend. The boys are always so busy they can find no time to write chapter letters. How is it that the girls, who seem to be quite as much occupied—even the effort to grasp honors—of which they secure their full share, find time to write such interesting letters? The leading editorial is commented on under another head. It is too good to be lost. All in all this number has much in it which can be enjoyed by any fraternity reader.

The *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi for October beginning vol. XIV, gives a group portrait of the grand officers with a brief sketch of each. A history of the Columbian University follows with a group picture of the chapter located there. A new chapter has been established at Butler College, absorbing a local society. The college settlement question is discussed at length. This seems to be a favorite topic with the sorority press.

The opening editorial announces a new editor who has no particular policy to announce. It is perhaps wise to start out with the tide. A settled line of work will sooner or later develop. She does declare that the policy of the *Arrow* is three fold, (1) to strengthen the bond of fraternity by promoting acquaintance and interest between chapters, (2) to facilitate the practical workings of the order, (3) to help in the ideals for which Pi Beta Phi stands. Then comes a definite policy at once and a good one it is. Pi Beta Phi alone among the sororities—holds her conventions during the summer vacation. The editor debates the question and seems to think that in summer time a better attendance is secured, both of alumnæ and undergraduates. There are many good reasons especially pertinent to the undergraduates which would seem to make it desirable to hold a convention in the summer. We have always felt however that it would be impossible to draw a crowd during an off season. There would be nothing nicer than to

meet at some delightful water resort and while away a week—but could the boys settle down to business? Our experience with more mature bodies who hold conventions in the hot months at such resorts is that a corporal's guard can never be secured to attend a business meeting, but when it comes to any pretence of entertainment every one is on hand. A few exchange notes and one scanty page of personals follow a collection of chapter letters. These chapter letters seem to be the prominent feature of all the ladies' publications, and are to be commended in every instance.

THE Alpha Phi *Quarterly* for August seems to be the last which has come to our table. This number closing vol. IX—opens with a short account of their quarto-centennial jubilee to be held in Syracuse in October. We presume it was held, and regret that the news has not yet reached us. We find here as in other journals—a number of contributed articles on topics of the day, all having a direct and pertinent bearing on fraternity life—for instance :

The question is raised : " Why do not freshmen feel the burden of fraternity business as they should, and why do they not appreciate what the fraternity really means?" Can we not easily guess at a reason or two?

The fault does not lie with the freshmen, for had this been the case the chapter would have divined it in advance and they would not have been chosen.

Rush less professionally, O my sisters! Bring into play more of the elements among the chapter girls. If you want deep girls, set the deep girls to rushing with dignity, if that be not a contradiction of terms, and with an unforced development of true friendship. And when the candidates are gathered in, don't nip any buds of growing interest in affairs. Take pains to lay before the freshman the entire state of things, and then remember that she has brains. Remember also that if she shows a tendency to dissect precedent, she will not usually go to the length of vivisection.

The question of the " Initiation of Specials " is discussed at length. It seems that the discretionary power of initiating special students has been withdrawn from all but two chapters. The article truly remarks :

We are led to ask why the last convention withdrew the discretionary power concerning the initiation of special course students from all except

two chapters. If the danger of abuse of this discretionary power lead to this enactment, then the question is whether legislation provides the best remedy for this evil.

The same low ideal which would permit a chapter to make an indiscriminate selection of specials would permit the same chapter to choose unworthy regular course students, and we should have at best a weak chapter. Legislation might correct the first evil but could not remedy the latter. What we need to do is to strike at the cause rather than the effect, and this legislation cannot do. Legislation can never raise an ideal; the only way of doing this is to infuse into the chapters true Alpha Phi spirit, and to do this by the moral influence method rather than by legislative power.

Special students were a rarity twenty-five years ago, and in those days, none but regulars were admitted. At the present time specials probably make up nearly two-thirds of the attendance at most colleges. The question merits careful consideration and we are led to feel that while great care should be exercised—occasions may be found where a special would add to rather than detract from a fraternity ideal. The editor says farewell in her leading article and closes her labors with this number. Our attention is attracted to an obituary notice of Mrs. Albert H. Tracy of Buffalo, nee Miss Kate Hovey of Sayre, Pa., married July 15, 1896—called home June 8, 1897. The closing remarks tell a sweet story:

As she sang in the Buffalo Missions, strong men, with tears streaming down their rough, weather-beaten faces, would cry out: "Sing it again! God saves me." The world is better and Christ's Kingdom nearer for so pure a life.

We miss our dear sister, and the sweet influence of her cheerful presence will long be felt by us. Such a life was ever ready to respond to the Divine call, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

How much good one can do who having a beautiful voice uses it for the Master, and what a sweet memory is furnished by such a record.

Kappa Alpha Theta for November, opening Vol. XII, has a familiar look. Like the *Key* it has no illustrations, but it is filled with good things. The first article gives an account of the social side of the twelfth biennial convention held at Madison, Wis. There were forty-five delegates present. One

evening was devoted to a general reception, participated in by the fraternity element of Madison. Pi Beta Phi entertained the delegates at an afternoon tea. A report of the convention proper follows: Three chapters established during two years, and eight applications rejected. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,891.45. Just think of it, and this in the face of a reduced annual tax. The journal is supported largely by the convention, and was increased at this meeting. We are disposed to feel that the girls have a better faculty for raising funds than the boys. Sure it is, a girl knows how to spend some other fellow's money, or rather how to get him to spend it. Kappa Alpha Theta girls certainly have applied this principle to their finances. Theta Delta Chi can get a good lesson from this. The convention acknowledges the kind attention of the Greeks of the University of Wisconsin, and so the pan hellenic courtesy grows. It seems that Kappa Alpha Theta has adopted an idea which we first adopted and have always followed. The president visits each charge once during the year. It is the only way in which the universality of idea can be perpetuated in any fraternity. A number of most excellent contributed articles are in this number, from which we would like to quote, but we cannot print the entire journal, so we desist. We do wish we might find as much good matter in some of the lean fraternity journals which occupy space on our desk.

LAST of all, but not least by any means, comes *The Trident* for November, opening Vol. VII. We are quite interested in the number, as it gives a full account of the convention held in Minneapolis, the last week in August. The delegates to this convention will not know, till they read this, how narrowly they escaped a scene at this gathering because the editor of the SHIELD was, at the time, sojourning at Lake Minnetonka beach while they were in session. He discovered the fact of their meeting from the daily papers, but one day too late, or he surely would have presented himself, just to see how a bevy of handsome girls looked in convention assembled. They must all have been good looking, if one may judge from

the frontispiece group of the grand officers. We are glad to learn that their convention was a success. It was voted to discard the name "sorosis" and use the word fraternity, and so the last becomes first in adopting the term regardless of sex distinction. It always seems awkward to speak of a sorosis, anyhow, and so we approve the change. The conventions are biennial. Eight chapters have been established during the last two years. Total membership 555. As in the other journals received, we find a number of excellent articles. The "First Sorosis," which appeared in the SHIELD for June, is copied entire. An extended symposium on "rushing" contains many good thoughts, among them this:

To the non-fraternity world a college rushing season must seem very strange. To them it must often seem a madness without method. But for a chapter to make a success of the rushing season there must be very much method in it all. For unless there be organization and much planning, rushing becomes a wild attempt to secure new members—an attempt which may lead the fraternity to repent at leisure what it has hastily done in a moment of enthusiasm. A chapter is never so small that it can afford to take in new members simply for the sake of increasing its numbers.

Every fraternity has its own ideals, and the problem—how it shall conduct itself in those exciting days "when the freshman cometh"—must be solved, in great measure, by each chapter for itself. No chapter should be so rash as to extend an invitation to a girl, when it knows but one side of her disposition. What then are the qualities upon which we should insist?

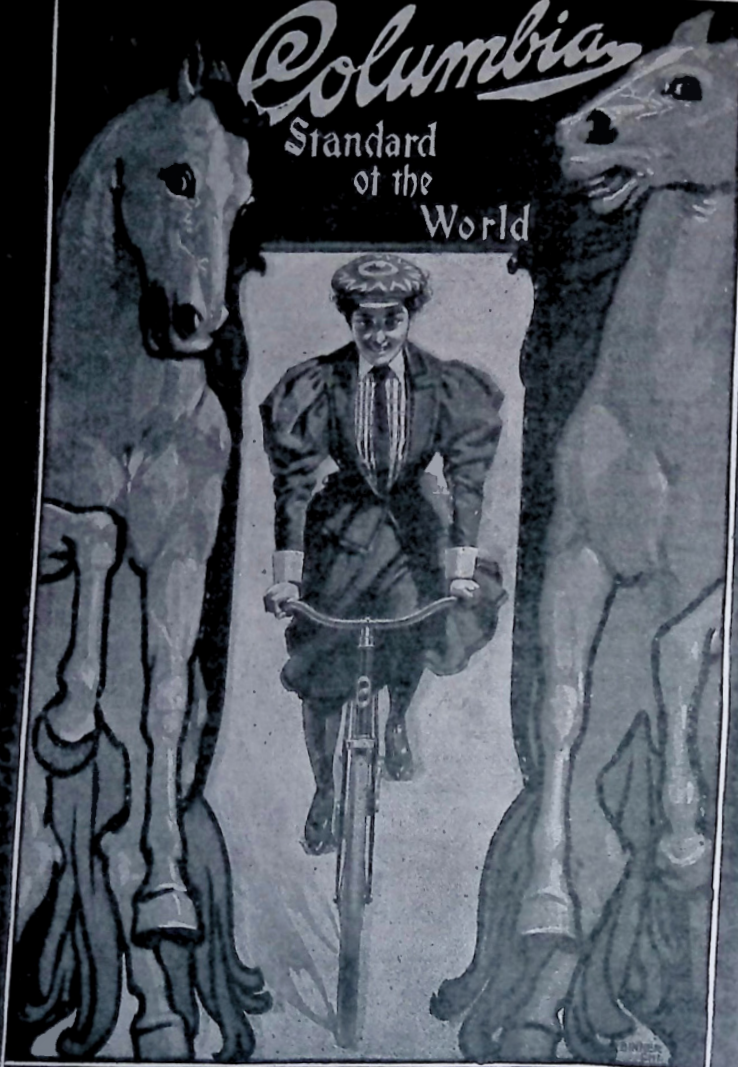
It seems to me that there are three essential requisites for a fraternity girl. (1) Character, (2) A social disposition, (3) Scholarship.

We find there are others as weak as ourselves. In the last number of the *Trident* the editor extended her resignation and made her parting bow. She was re-elected despite her protest and now goes at it with renewed vim. Shake hands with us, please. It does us good to meet fellow sufferers.

The editor regrets that owing to illness he is unable to complete the Exchange Notes for the present issue, the more because he had some pleasant things to say about the recent issues. Should the work fall to our lot for another year we will continue where we left off.

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College Notes.

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A new catalogue of Kappa Alpha Theta is announced for publication during the present year.

The University of North Carolina opened its doors to women this fall and four young ladies matriculated.

The University of Virginia is probably the only institution of learning in the country that has never had a president, that office being filled by one of its professors chosen by the faculty from year to year. A majority of the alumni, however, now favor the establishment of the office of president, and it is rumored that ex-President Cleveland will be tendered the newly-created position. — *The Lafayette.*

The subject of the last Yale-Harvard debate was, "Resolved, That the United States should annex Hawaii." We have not heard which side was victorious, but as far as heard from the annexation has not yet taken place.

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A building of physical science will be erected by Syracuse University upon its campus, the intention being to complete it before the next college year. Ground will be broken immediately after the holidays. A course in electrical engineering, which is one of the latest courses established in the university, will be taught in this building, together with the regular course in physics. The first subscription for the new building was made by Mrs. Esther B. Steele, of Elmira, N. Y., a trustee of the university and widow of J. Dorman Steele. Further subscriptions, including those of Congressman James J. Belden and John D. Archibald, of New York, have brought the total amount to over \$35,000. The plans call for an outlay of between \$60,000 and \$70,000. The building will be modeled largely after a similar structure of the University of Michigan.

—*Exchange.*

The Bradley Polytechnic Institute was opened at Peoria, October 4, 1897. It is a feeder to the University of Chicago. 150 students registered.

The Windsor Hotel seems to be very popular with many societies for their reunions. The "Daughters of the Confederacy" held a banquet there this month, and the "Sons of the American Revolution" will hold forth for their annual meeting and banquet at the same place January 21st. Next thereafter will be the semi-centennial.

Theta Delta Psi is a new sorority at Bucknell with a shield-shaped badge. Somehow Theta Delta Chi gets it on all sides. Here the girls take as much of the name as possible and the shield bodily.

Rushes have been abolished at Williams College. Instead a reception is given to the freshmen by the Y. M. C. A.

The Georgia legislature passed an anti-football law which was vetoed by the governor.

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It is stated that President McKinley will deliver the oration at the University of Pennsylvania on February 22d.

A colored girl recently spent four years at Vassar without the students' or authorities' knowledge of her race. Miss Anita Hemmings is, it appears, a very light mulatto. She is now employed in the Boston library. Does Vassar not admit colored girls? If not, then we cannot but willingly pardon Miss Hemmings in her efforts to gain a first-class education. At all our schools and colleges the negro should have an equal opportunity to sit in the class-room, if not occupy the dormitories of the institution. At Yale negroes are permitted to attend all recitations and examinations. Why not at Vassar? —*Bachelor of Arts.*

Under the direction of the managers of the American Baptist Home Mission Society the project of removing Wayland Seminary from Washington, D. C., to Richmond, Va., and establishing at the last named place a Wayland College is gradually developing. The scheme also includes the affiliation of the Baptist Theological Seminary and Hartshorn's Memorial College for Girls, both of which are in Richmond, with the proposed Wayland College, and calling the combined schools the Virginia Union University. Land has been purchased and earnest efforts are making to secure the necessary funds for the erection of suitable buildings. The Wayland Seminary property, in Washington, has greatly appreciated in value of late years, and the proceeds of the sale of that site, together with the property owned by the Baptist Home Mission Society in Richmond, will make the total value of the grounds, buildings, and endowment for these affiliated schools about \$300,000. This consolidation will enable the society to provide better facilities, to employ teachers of experience, and in general to effectively reorganize the work at Richmond.—*Exchange.*



College Notes.

I do not mean by loyalty the mere indefinite stirring of the emotions when Pi Beta Phi is mentioned, nor a general feeling of affection for all that pertains to the fraternity. This is desirable in its place, but it is not loyalty. Loyalty is not feeling, it is *doing*. It finds expression not in sentiment, but in definite deeds and in performance of particular duties.—*The Arrow*.

The Karnea of Delta Tau Delta will be held in Chicago some time during August.

Phi Kappa Psi, after occupying a rented a house at Cornell r a number of years, expects to have her own house ready or use October 1st.

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The chapter-house of Kappa Alpha at University of the South has been burned. Though there was no insurance, the chapter has decided to rebuild.

Some members of *B Θ II* speak of an initiation as a rescue from the terrors of barbarism.

Boston University seriously contemplates adopting the two term system.

Phi Gamma Delta is to have a ten-room house at Allegheny college ready for occupancy in September.

Delta Kappa Epsilon is to hold her fifty-first annual convention at Chicago November 22-25th.

I believe in a secret society, not because the secrets are of any value whatever, but because it knits the hearts and lives of the members together more closely.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly.*

Pi Beta Phi has a national alumnæ association.