

waging a bitter campaign as candidates for Governor of Minnesota. It so happens that Mr. Eustis is an ardent member of Alpha Delta Phi.

Ed Partridge, Xi; W. C. Dreier, Beta; Cochran, Nu Deuteron, and Chinn, Beta, '99, have been welcome visitors. Mr. Partridge has made Minneapolis his home.

HARRY S. SWENSON.

PHI.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

Phi entered upon the new year with eleven active members—a rather smaller number than usual but the exceptionally strong brotherly feeling existing between the boys has made us stronger than our numbers indicate.

We were delighted to have with us once more Bro. Lynes, '01, who left college last year, but who has again resumed his work here. Bro. Robt. Sterrett, '99, has but quite recently joined us, having just recovered from an attack of malaria contracted while encamped with the Connecticut Signal Corps at Jacksonville, Fla.

We have thus far initiated four men from the new class, and take pleasure in introducing them to the brothers. They are, Bro. C. F. Rumbaugh, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; Bro. M. J. Williams, Kingston, Pa.; Bro. B. Loomis, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; and Bro. J. B. Greene, Belvidere, N. J. They have all come to us well recommended, and are first-class fellows, and are rapidly imbibing the true fraternal spirit.

Phi begins the new year well represented in the various lines of college activity. Bro. Larkin, '99, has been re-elected leader of the Banjo Club, and two of the other brothers are also members; while we have also two men on the Glee Club.

Among the other offices we hold are Editor-in-Chief of the Lafayette, our weekly; Business Manager of the Melange, our annual; Secretary of the Dramatic Association; and a member of the 'Varsity foot-ball squad.

Bro. Hess, Epsilon Deuteron, '98, was with us a great deal during the early part of the year, and aided us materially with our "rushing."

Bro. Ahbe, '96, of the Illinois Cavalry, while convalescing from an attack of fever, spent part of his sick leave with us.

We had a delightful visit from Bro. Norman Hackett, of Gamma Deuteron. Bro. Hackett's company played "A School for Scandal" in Easton, and after the show he joined us in our rooms, and we had together one of those good times so characteristic of a gathering of Theta Delts. We are extremely sorry that Bro. Hackett's engagements would not permit him to spend a longer time with us.

At our last initiation we had present with us Bro. Swift, one of the charter members of our charge. Bro. Swift's duties as a Chaplain in the U. S. Army have prevented him from attending a fraternity meeting or

witnessing an initiation for quite a number of years, and he expressed himself as very much pleased to be present once more. We can only say that the pleasure was mutual.

Our charge is now in excellent condition ; we have about as many men as we usually carry, and we have recently made a number of improvements in our rooms which have added greatly to the appearance and comfort of our already pleasant quarters. Bro. Holmes' present of a frame containing the menu, invitation, banquet ticket, and song book of the semi-centennial banquet has been greatly admired, and is highly prized not only as a unique souvenir of the banquet, but as one which will grow more valuable as the years go by.

We hope that if any brother finds himself in or near Easton he will do us the honor of looking us up, and it will be our endeavor to make him feel that it has been well worth the effort.

J. CONRAD HECKMAN.

CHI.

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER.

It is with pleasure I enter upon the duties of a new year. College opened with a new acting President, Prof. Lattimore having been succeeded by Prof. Burton.

The Freshman class was smaller than last year, but is composed, however, of some very promising young men, six of whom we succeeded in appropriating to ourselves. Ten of the old men are back, Bro. Keeler having entered the University of Buffalo, and Bro. E. O. Wilson having gone to Newton Theological Seminary.

The strife for good men was warm, but we feel amply repaid for our work. I take pleasure in introducing Bro. DePuy, a splendid scholar, and one who will undoubtedly make P. B. K.; Bro. Gosnell, a fine fellow and one of the bright ones of his class; he is also our professor of boxing at which he is very proficient; Bro. Hart, who is an accomplished pianist and has a fine tenor voice, he easily succeeded in getting on the Glee Club; but music is not the only thing in which Bro. Hart excels, as he is undoubtedly the best student in his class. Bro. Slauson is our Math. shark, and is also musical, playing the violin finely; Bro. Whitbeck is going to be a star electrician, and has also shown marked ability in other lines; and Bro. Vale who, owing to his handsome appearance and fine base voice, is very popular with the ladies. We also have two men pledged whom I hope to introduce later.

Bro. McNall, who has just returned from an extensive trip in the South and West, is manager of the foot-ball team. Our team, this year, is expected to turn out better than it has for several years. It has splendid material to choose from, most of the eleven that won the Thanksgiving

game from Colgate being back, and, in addition, a number of promising candidates from the Freshman class.

We have our full share of college honors. Br. Roeser is President of the Sophomore class ; Bro. Tower, Business Manager of the Campus, with Bro. Roeser as Assistant Manager, and Bro. Watkeys on the Board of Editors. Bros. Clarke and Hart on the Glee Club ; Bro. Watkeys leader of the Mandolin Club, with Bros. Wilson, Clarke and Hart members.

We send fraternal greetings to all brothers, new and old, and wish them a prosperous year.

CHAS. W. WATKEYS.

CHI DEUTERON.

COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

Through the absence for the present of our regular charge editor, Bro. Arthur P. Spear, it has become my pleasure to speak to the fraternity at large of the happenings among the brothers of Chi Deuteron since the closing of the last collegiate year.

It would be a tedious and difficult task to follow the course of Chi Deuteron's brothers throughout their summer outings. It is sufficient to say that after having scattered over the broad stretch of country lying between northernmost Maine and southernmost Porto Rico, they are again united. We have lost only one of our number, Bro. H. H. D. Sterrett, '98, who has entered for the degree of A. B. at Harvard.

It is with great pleasure that I announce the safe return from military duties of Bro. Robert Sterrett and Bro. H. J. McKenny. Bro. Sterrett, who was stationed at Jacksonville, saw no active service. Nevertheless he displayed his patriotism through his tender nursing of a sick comrade. Bro. McKenny, however, was actively engaged in Porto Rico and gained a reputation which distinguished him as a national hero. He was enlisted as a private in the signal corps. In stature Bro. McKenny is very small, but in personal courage he is a Hercules. Through inquiries among his officers we have ascertained the following facts : During a very dubious engagement the telephone station had to be abandoned on account of the severity of the enemy's fire, which was concentrated upon it. Upon the ringing of the bell the commanding officer called for a volunteer who should leave the shelter and receive the message, at the same time saying that the attempt in all probability meant death. Bro. McKenny at once stepped forward, received the message and then carried it two miles along the firing line to the proper officer. Through the timely arrival of the ammunition, which this message called for, the engagement was won, and it was all due to Bro. McKenny's gallantry. Three cheers for Bro. McKenny.

Chi Deuteron entered upon the rushing season with very brilliant prospects. We found good material to work among and therefore wasted no

time. I will take this opportunity to introduce to you the following newly initiated brothers: Douglass Sterrett, 1902; Munroe, special student, and Durham, 1902. They are all capital fellows and will prove a valuable addition to our charge.

As is customary after initiation we held an informal spread Monday night, October 17th. A few of the members of the Southern Graduate Association were present and a few visiting brothers. After the serving of a very enjoyable menu we spent the remaining time in speaking. Nothing contributes more to the spirit of a new brother than to be present at one of these delightful assemblies.

The number of Theta Deltas in Washington is rapidly increasing. The greater part of them find employment in some department of the Government. Since the hours for work are short they can readily pursue their professional or graduate studies at night. Among those who have lately removed to Washington or vicinity are Bro. Cunningham, of Psi; Bro. Spear, of Eta; Bro. Huggitt, of Gamma Deuteron; Bro. Knowlton, of Kappa; Bro. Town, of Kappa; Bro. Twin, of Chi, and Bro. Higgins, of Nu Deuteron. Some of these brothers are always present at our meetings and contribute largely to the enjoyment of those occasions.

In university athletics Chi Deuteron takes no very important part this fall. Bro. Kelly, who has played left end on the team during two seasons is now out of the game for at least a month. He has severely sprained his left wrist. This makes the third sprain that he has suffered during the year. Since the faculty has leased a fine athletic field for five years it is thought that athletics will make a decided advance in Columbian.

MELVILLE W. LINDSEY.

PSI.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

The fall term has opened very auspiciously for Psi. We lost two men with the close of '98, but we have taken in three from 1902 and one from 1901 already, and hope to take two more during the year. The four brothers we have already initiated are Daniel Randles Campbell, '02; Irving Samuel Wood, '02, and Warren John McLaughlin, '01. Brother McLaughlin enters Hamilton from Lima College, Lima, Ohio. At the fall field day held October 15th, only sophomores and freshmen competed. Psi was well represented by Brother McLaughlin who took first place in the two twenty dash, second in one hundred yard dash, second in high jump, and third in the broad jump. Brother F. H. Cunningham, '99, acted as clerk of the course.

Brother Campbell, '02, took the Brockway entrance prize, and promises to do much to keep up the high record for scholarship, which Psi has always held.

Brother Bushnell, who is on the committee, assures me that the Junior Prom. this year will be one of the best in the history of the college.

The class of '98 left the college a very commodious fountain, which is located some fifty yards southwest of the chapel. This was utilized for the first time, the past field day, when the sophomores threw a freshman in bodily. Rather harsh treatment, but the consensus of opinion is that it was deserved. A snap shot was taken of him, emerging from the water, which will appear in the *Hamiltonian*.

During the first week of the term Brother John C. Mason, '86, was with us for a few days, and Bros. Chas. T. Ives, '92, and D. G. George, '97, made us a short call while he was here. Bro. Chas. W. E. Chapin, '89, has been in Clinton and vicinity for three weeks during October. He is writing up the religious life of the college for the *New York Observer*. The foot ball team has been doing able work so far, though they have not had as many games as they ought, through the canceling of certain dates by their opponents. Brother Cunningham has had no coach for his team but it does not seem to matter, "They get there just the same."

Brother D. C. Lee, '71, who joined the 203rd regiment of New York Volunteers last spring, and was promoted from private to sergeant, and from sergeant to second lieutenant, has resigned and returned to Cornell.

W. E. DANFORD.

College Notes.

Kappa Sigma has entered University of Wisconsin.

Michigan University has a new law building costing \$50,000.

Williams College opened with a freshman class of one hundred.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has revived her chapter at Cornell University.

Phi Gamma Delta is occupying a fine new hall at Purdue University.

Phi Delta Theta has the only chapter house at the University of Vermont.

Phi Gamma Delta has taken a chapter house at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Of five new professors at Iowa Wesleyan University three are fraternity men.

Theta Nu Epsilon at Hampden—Sidney has disbanded by mutual consent of the members.

There is a rumor that Zeta Psi has granted a charter to a local society at the University of Minnesota.

Chanler Hall, the new Mathematics building at Dartmouth College, is occupied for the first time this fall.

Chairs of journalism, architecture and sanitary engineering have been established at University of Missouri.

The entering class at Amherst is the largest for several years, numbering about one hundred and twenty-five.

The trustees of Colby University have petitioned the Maine legislature to change the name of the institution to Colby College.

President James B. Angell has resigned as Minister to Turkey and has resumed his old position at the head of Michigan University.

The Harvard chapter of Beta Theta Pi has opened a club house in Cambridge.

The Kenyon College chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon, is said to contain only three men.

Beta Theta Pi has the only chapter house at the University of Kansas, and also at Knox College.

Kappa Sigma entered University of Wisconsin last June, and the chapter has rented a handsome house.

Phi Delta Theta has entered the University of Cincinnati, granting a charter to a local society, Gamma Nu Sigma.

Through the abolition of fraternities at Furman University, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Chi Psi and Kappa Alpha, each lost a chapter.

Beta Theta Pi at University of Pennsylvania, has taken possession of a new chapter house, on a lease with privilege of buying.

Delta Kappa Epsilon has purchased a house at Colby University. Report says that the price was \$7,000 and that they talk of investing \$5,000 more.

The program for semi-centennial convention of Phi Gamma Delta contains an innovation. The sessions will include Sunday and some prominent Fiji clergyman will preach.

The Richardson dormitory, at Dartmouth College, built upon the most modern plans, and supplied with every convenience, was opened to occupants for the first time this fall.

All branches of athletics at the University of Michigan, are now under the control of a graduate manager, each team having its student manager who is under the graduate manager.

Another elegant family residence in Ithaca has been transformed into a fraternity house. This time Phi Gamma Delta becomes the possessor of the William H. Sage residence at a price far less than it would cost to build,

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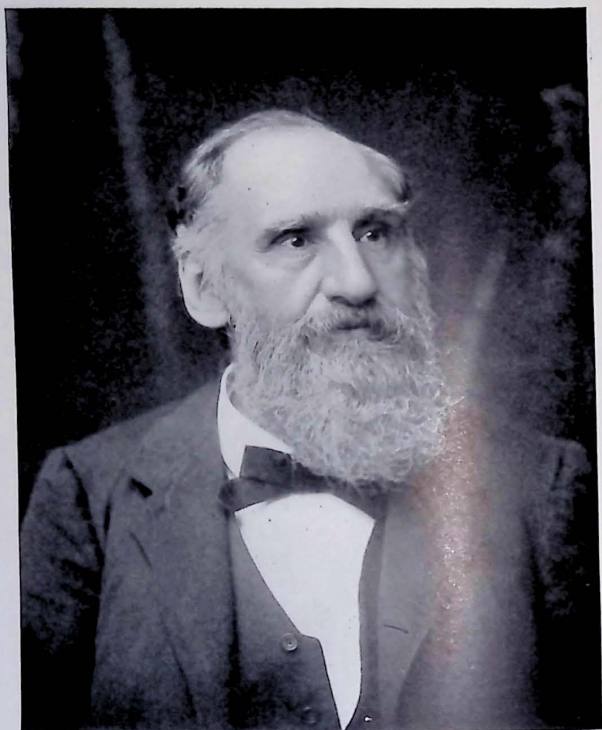
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FRANK S. RICE.

It was a sudden announcement which came to the friends of Frank S. Rice in Elmira in the *Morning Advertiser* of November 7th, which contained the following :

DIED—In Springfield, Mass., November 4, 1898, Frank Sumner Rice, aged forty-nine years.

The announcement of the death of Frank S. Rice will be received by the numerous friends of the deceased with genuine regret. Mr. Rice was born in this city and it continued to be his home until about ten years ago. He was educated in the schools of the city and afterwards attended Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa. He read law with the late Robert Stephens and practiced his profession here until his removal to the state of Colorado. While a resident of that state he published an annotated edition of the code of Colorado. The work was so well done that it brought him into notice as a law writer. He was persuaded to move to Rochester, N. Y., where he wrote "Rice on Evidence," in both civil and criminal law, four thick volumes published by the Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Company of Rochester, and speedily accepted as standard works by the legal profession.

Subsequently "Rice on Probate Law" was written by him and published by Matthew Bender, Albany, N. Y. This was followed by "Rice on Real Estate," published by Diossy Publishing Company, New York. He also left "Rice on Wills," now in the hands of a Washington publishing house. All of these books are of standard authority as far as they have appeared and constitute the highest evidence of Mr. Rice's industry and ability as a law writer. For a number of years he had resided in Springfield, where he died. In October, 1888, he was married to Miss Minnie Cowles, of this city, who survives him, together with their son and only living child, Augustus Cowles Rice.

The following from the Springfield *Union* of November 5th gives fuller particulars :

Lawyer Frank S. Rice, author of several meritorious legal works and lately attorney for Jesse W. Starr, now president of the Springfield and

Hartford Street Railway Company, died unexpectedly yesterday at his home, 40 Main street, West Springfield.

Heart failure was the cause of death, which took place at 7 o'clock. Mr. Rice had been practically confined to his home since last Friday, though most of the time he was able to be about the house. His illness was not regarded as serious. His health appeared to be somewhat broken from close application to work and he was disturbed mentally by the death of an aunt, to whom he was devotedly attached.

He was considerably worse yesterday morning, but was able to move around. At 5 o'clock there was a marked change in his condition and his cousins, the Misses Allen, at whose house he lived, became alarmed. They sent for Dr. F. M. Robbins and from that time the doctor remained with Mr. Rice until his death. The doctor at first told the relatives that there was no occasion for alarm, but the case grew rapidly worse. Mr. Rice was conscious and rational until the last moment.

His death was a good deal of a shock to his relatives and friends, none of whom had expected any serious results from what was regarded as a temporary indisposition.

No arrangements for the funeral had been made last evening. They will be in the care of Mr. Rice's brother, Rev. Huber Rice, of Laconia, N. H., to whom word of his death has been sent and who is expected to reach this city to-day. The news has also been sent to the other relatives, most of whom are in Elmira, N. Y., and Denver, Col.

Much of Mr. Rice's ill-health is attributed by his friends to his close application to the interests of Jesse W. Starr, the promoter of the Springfield and Southwestern Street Railway Company. He has been unflagging in his efforts to promote Mr. Starr's interests and his efforts had just been largely crowned with success when he was taken sick. That Starr is again president of the company is in a large degree due to the work of Mr. Rice, who has had the utmost faith in and admiration for the promoter. He has stood by him when many were inclined to be critical.

Two weeks ago Mr. Rice effected a reunion between Starr and the elder Dunham, who furnished the greater part of the money for the building of the road, and the result was that Starr again became the head of the Springfield and Hartford Street Railway Company.

Mr. Rice came home from a conference at Hartford between Starr and Dunham, much gratified at the happy result of his endeavors. A day or two afterwards he was taken ill.

Friends of Mr. Rice last night expressed the keenest sorrow at his unexpected death. Lawyers who knew him feel as though the profession has suffered a loss, though his stay in this city has been of but a few years. He was a recognized authority on property, probate and corporation law and has contributed some works to the libraries that rank well with the best authorities. He was a student and writer rather than a

practicing lawyer. It was due to the fact that there was an excellent law library that he came to this city.

He is the author of a digest of the laws of Colorado, of "Rice on Evidence," both civil and criminal, of an exhaustive work on "Probate Law" and of "The Modern Law of Real Property." He had just finished a work on the law of wills and was beginning a work on the relations of landlord and tenant. For two years he has been editor of Probate Reports, published in New York.

Mr. Rice was a master of the use of the English language. His wit was of a clean-cut character and he dressed it in the most virile words. It was a pleasure to listen to his forceful comments upon men and affairs. He was a constant and painstaking student of Macaulay, Carlyle and De Quincey, and to this fact is attributed his mastery of the language.

The following, from the *Union* of November 7th :

Funeral services over the remains of lawyer Frank S. Rice were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at his home, 40 Main street, West Springfield, and were largely attended, many of Mr. Rice's legal associates being present. Rev. F. B. Makepeace officiated and spoke briefly of Mr. Rice's characteristics as lawyer and man. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. H. Rice, of Laconia, N. H., a brother of the deceased. The Trask Quartette sang "Lead, Kindly Light," "Abide With Me" and "Beulah Land."

The interment was in the Feeding Hills Cemetery and the bearers were Frank E. Carpenter, D. E. Webster, W. G. McKechnie, Henry C. Bliss and Messrs. Day and Campbell. Other lawyers present were W. R. Heady, C. H. Barrows, H. A. King and C. W. Bosworth.

At a meeting of the Hampden County Bar Association this noon it was voted that a committee of three be authorized to take such action as may seem judicious and appropriate in the matter of the recognition by the association of the recent death of Frank S. Rice. The committee appointed consists of H. C. Bliss, W. G. McKechnie and H. A. King.

To the writer the news was startling and very sad. Snatched in the prime of life from this life to face an unknown future without having had time to regain the priceless boon lost in early life, he leaves in the minds of those who knew and loved him a deep and poignant regret. Frank Rice was an ardent Theta Delt and the Phi boys who knew him in college and out of college had a deep affection for him. Perhaps we cannot better express our own idea of him than to quote entire an editorial published in the *Elmira Advertiser* in connection with his death notice :

Frank Rice was originally endowed with gifts akin to genius. None could be more charming than he, few were more variously endowed with

intellectual powers. His mind was unceasingly animated; everything and every human being interested him. He had read prodigiously and possessed a memory that let nothing escape him. His colloquial powers were of a high order, while his command of picturesque and pertinent speech was simply despotic. He was warm-hearted, companionable, cheerful in every trial, a loyal friend without an enemy in the world. His mind was given to conceits and fancies so graceful and airy as to remind one of *Mercutio*, and yet was equally remarkable for precision and firmness of grasp when these were required for sound thinking. He was free from illusions, yet without a trace of cynicism and endowed with a sense of humor so unflinching and so just that it rose to philosophic vision. His tastes were fine and even his amusements were intellectual. He was a strong chess player and brilliant at whist, indications that seldom fail to denote, in combination, unusual mental powers. His friends of other days will mourn that the life of this genial man has ended. They will recall the hours of charming pleasure spent with him and pray that as they remember him with tenderness he may be judged with that mercy which all mortals crave when they face the unknown and are about to pass out of this mortal life. He had his faults, and serious ones. It would be idle to deny that, and as idle to speculate upon how much they were due to mistaken kindness in childhood, how much to the endowment of a temperament that reminded one constantly of *Robert Burns*, though without *Burns'* dazzling poetic gifts. Less clever men than he were attracted by his fascinations and stimulated them after the fashion of the dull and unthinking, heedless of the evil that they helped to work in him. Yet *Frank Rice* was too manly always to blame others for his own lack of self-denial. There is the pity of it, so often felt about men of genius, and the heartache that its fatal progress could not be stayed, and since it is all over there is left the shining memory despite the tears.

This is all true and much more might be said. Had *Frank Rice* been free from the failings which finally sapped his life, he would have been one of the most brilliant lawyers in this country and would surely have made his mark either on the bench or in politics. He was one of the most brilliant and witty speakers it has been our pleasure to hear, talented to a degree, and with it all one of the most attractive men socially one would desire to know. The history of his life, if it could be fully written, would portray many very sad pictures. We cannot write of them and it would be unkind to load his memory with any but the pleasant things which we know of him. Associated with him from boyhood the writer loved *Frank Rice*, and when he was himself none could be a truer friend.

The portrait which we reproduce was taken in 1891 and is a magnificent likeness. He always wore his badge and was loyal to Theta Delta Chi.

FITZ JAMES O'BRIEN.

There are a few really great men, whose names have not lived after them. In the earlier years of the present half century the opportunity was afforded to many men to do valiant deeds and yet be lost to sight and even to memory. Of such truly was the subject of this sketch. It seems but just to resurrect the memory of our brother from oblivion and place upon record what we may of his life history. For many years his life remained unwritten. In 1880, eighteen years after his untimely death, William Winter, one of the last living writers of O'Brien's time, undertook the publication of a book containing a meagre sketch of his life, and such poems and writings as could be obtained. This book is out of print and very few copies extant. Recently there have been published sketches in the *New York Times* by William Sidney Hillyer, to which we are indebted for much of the matter following :

Fitzjames O'Brien was born in Limerick, Ireland, in 1828. He was educated at the University of Dublin, and it is believed that at one time he had been in the British army. He went to London shortly after he left college, and it is said that inside of two years he managed to get rid of an inheritance of £8,000. He issued some sort of periodical published in the interests of the World's Fair of 1851. Among his early poems two, entitled "Loch Ine" and "Irish Castles," were included in Edmond Hayes's compilation, "The Ballads of Ireland," published in 1856. In 1852 he sought to better his fortunes by coming to this country, and on his arrival here immediately entered upon an active literary career. He had letters of introduction from Dr. R. Shelton Mackenzie to M. M. Noah and George P. Morris, and these secured his entrée in New York literary circles. Practically, the first contributions he

made to the American press were published in *The Lantern*, a periodical conducted by the genial John Brougham. During this period he formed the acquaintance of a brother poet in Thomas Bailey Aldrich, who afterwards said: "When I first knew him he was trimming the wick of *The Lantern*, which shortly afterward went out." Besides contributing to *The Lantern*, he wrote poems and sketches for *The Home Journal* and published occasional matter in the *New York Times*, *The Evening Post*, and *The American Whig Review*. In *Harper's Magazine* for February, 1853, a paper by O'Brien appeared entitled "The Two Skulls." This was the first of a series of articles, comprising many of his imaginative short stories and matchless poems contributed to Harper's, which extended to the year 1857. One story from his facile pen entitled "How I Overcame My Gravity," was published in May, 1864, two years after his death. He wrote sketches and verse for *Harper's Weekly*, and was one of the brilliant contributors who made *The New York Saturday Press* and *Vanity Fair* the readable periodicals they were. For several years he contributed to *Putnam's Monthly*, and he wrote for *The Atlantic Monthly* many of his finest efforts, notable among them being his wonderful stories "The Diamond Lens" and "The Wonder-smith," which were published respectively in January, 1858, and October, 1859.

O'Brien also wrote several pieces for the stage, one of which, "A Gentleman from Ireland," made a pronounced success at Wallack's Theatre. He adapted one of Brough's burlesques, and it was produced by Stage Manager Joseph Jefferson at Laura Keene's Theatre under the title of "The Tycoon." O'Brien was a firm believer in the natural school of acting, and advocated its theories when and where he could. He had an intense admiration for Matilda Heron's dramatic genius, and he once traveled with her company as a sort of literary assistant. This, in short, is a summary of his literary labors, and has been briefly glanced over to come to the more interesting part of his biography—the personal side of his career.

In June, 1858, O'Brien had the misfortune to have his nose broken by the blow of a pugilist. This marred the expression

of his face, but previous to this accident his personal appearance was remarkably attractive. His complexion was fair, and he had wavy brown hair and large gray-blue eyes of great brilliancy. Although in stature he was not more than medium sized, his figure was athletic and compact, and his friend William Winter writes of him that he always moved with negligent grace. He had what is popularly termed a "free-and-easy" manner, and his voice being loud and clear, the general breeziness of his character sometimes resulted in a boisterousness that was not always liked, especially by those to whom he was not particularly friendly. It was these general characteristics which caused William North to caricature O'Brien in his "Slave of the Lamp" under the ill-disguised name of "Fitzgammon O'Bouncer.

With the true characteristics of his race O'Brien never let the need of the hour worry him. Like the Irishman so cleverly drawn by William Black in his captivating novel "Shandon Bells," care rolled off O'Brien like the water from a duck's back, and it is no surprising thing that he was one of the leading spirits of the bohemianism which then flourished in New York, and one of the coterie who looked upon Harry Clapp as their leader and hailed the brilliant Ada Clare as queen of their outre society. The rendezvous of this fraternity was at Broadway and Bleecker street, in Pfaff's restaurant and saloon. Here would congregate a gathering of genius that was reckless and talent that was unconfined. Here would meet in good-fellowship the venerable Harry Clapp, George Arnold and Charles Gardette, both poets; Fitz Hugh Ludlow, noted as a hasheesh eater; Charles Gayler, the prolific playwright; Edward Howland, ever dreaming of ideal communities; Charles Seymour, the brilliant musical and dramatic critic of the *New York Times*; Charles F. Browne, (Artemus Ward,) Charles G. Halpine, (Miles O'Reilly,) and many others of almost equal distinction. Among these literary and journalistic stars O'Brien shone with great brilliancy. His habits and peculiarities, which were certainly not of the straight-laced type, were more than once the subjects of good stories.

One of these stories is told in connection with him and Ald-

rich, who was then a small salaried clerk in George W. Carleton's book store on Broadway. O'Brien was in the habit of dropping in to see Aldrich, and one day came in rather more than "half seas over." Aldrich decided to take him across the street to a hotel and put him to bed. Cautiously and carefully he led O'Brien, but before he had got half way across a friend stopped him and asked: "Why do you want to bother with the fellow. Let him go." "I will not," replied Aldrich. "He borrowed a dollar from me a few days ago and I can't afford to let anything happen to him."

O'Brien was always thoroughly alive to the enjoyment of the hour, but when the time came to put himself to the task of literary composition he worked with an assiduity that bore fruit in a vast quantity of material, among which was some of the weirdest tales that ever the mind of genius conceived. The faults of O'Brien's character were not unlike those of many other men. His nature was one of contradictions. With conscientious motives and an impulse that led him to uphold and fight for the principles of truth and right, the inconsistency of human nature frequently forced him into the commission of acts that were the antithesis of these.

Conviviality weakened a will not inherently strong, and a general improvidence led him into regrettable excesses. He wronged no one but himself, however, and his faults reacted on him alone. Despite these failings, he possessed a manhood and a courage that bordered on the heroic. He had no reverence for the self-constituted leaders of the literary world, and with society he was ever at variance.

His devotion to the principles of freedom impelled him to espouse the cause of justice, and when the war broke out, in 1861, he joined the Seventh Regiment of New York and went to Washington with it. He was in camp there for six weeks. On the return of the Seventh to New York he became engaged in gathering recruits for a volunteer regiment, to be known as the McClellan Rifles. He then received an appointment on Gen. Lander's staff, and went at once to Virginia. In a skirmish with Ashley's cavalry, on February 27, 1862, he was shot. He lived until April 6, when he passed away, in the

prime of his physical manhood. His death occurred at Cumberland, Md. His body was brought home and buried from the Seventh Regiment Armory with military honors. Beside the coffin stood Lester Wallack and his gray-haired father, and the tears they shed fell upon flowers sent in sorrow by Matilda Heron. His body was accompanied to Greenwood by his friends, Aldrich and Winter, and a volley was fired over him. O'Brien's body was first placed in the receiving tomb, but was removed on November 27, 1874, to its present resting place. It is Grave 1,183 in lot 17,263. It is unvisited and neglected, and no flower of sweet remembrance is ever placed upon it. This grave is in the southwestern section of the cemetery off the road known as Maple Avenue, and it is marked by a small marble stone, on which is carved the simple inscription, "Fitzjames O'Brien."

O'Brien's death was tragic, and its occasion almost dramatic. He had been restless and uneasy to get into active service. He chafed like a caged eagle. He had joined in January, 1861, the crack Seventh Regiment of New York. In April they went to Washington for a month. Returning to New York when the time was up O'Brien tried several times to get back to the front. In January, 1862, he was successful. An appointment on Gen. Lander's staff made him happy. His dashing energy and brilliant soldierly qualities soon endeared him to the general. At the battle of Bloomery Gap he rendered Lander valuable assistance. For his bravery on this occasion Gen. Lander made special and honorable mention of Lieut. O'Brien in his dispatch to Gen. McClellan. Two days after this, on February 16th, O'Brien was sent out at four o'clock in the morning with a cavalry company to capture a hundred head of cattle belonging to the enemy. The expedition resulted in a skirmish, in which O'Brien's little company of thirty-five cavalry were pitted against 150 rebel infantry and sixty of Jackson's regular cavalry led by Col. Ashley. There was a general engagement. The enemy could have easily captured so small a party, but O'Brien's onslaught was so audacious that they thought he must have a reserve somewhere; the result of the fight was not disastrous, no one being

hurt except O'Brien. He had a regular duel with the rebel colonel. They were about twenty paces apart, and with great deliberation fired three shots. O'Brien was hit by the second shot and he killed Ashley with his last shot, so his men say. The ball which struck O'Brien passed completely through his shoulder, splintering the scapular bone. Although wounded, he continued to rally his men, until a subordinate officer seeing him reel in his saddle from loss of blood got him to the rear. In this state of weakness and agony O'Brien rode twenty four miles, but he passed through the ordeal like a hero. On the following day General Lander received the following dispatch

GEN. LANDER :—Please say to Lieutenant O'Brien that I am much pleased with his gallantry, and deeply pained to hear of his wound. I trust he will soon be well enough to give the cause the benefit of his services again.

GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN.

The surgeon who first took charge of his wound did not consider it dangerous, and evidently did not understand the case at all. On the 20th of March, after having suffered untold agonies for four long weeks, a surgeon of ability took his case in hand and found that the joint of the arm at the shoulder had been smashed into a hundred fragments. A re-section of the joint, one of the most difficult and dangerous operations in surgery, was the only possible recourse left to save his life. There were twelve surgeons to witness the operation. In his exhausted condition it nearly finished him. He revived, and there was a possibility of his recovery. Tetanus (lockjaw) soon intervened and he died very soon.

Only a short time before his death he wrote the following letter to a friend in New York :

"This is the day of the Spring opening. You are going to see the new bonnets; I am awaiting the surgeon, who comes to torture me for an hour. I have fever and constant thirst, but I lay on my tongue some of the slippery elm lozenges you sent me. They are an infinite comfort, and here comes dear W. P. with some ice. I see out of my window a very good thing in bluebirds. They crowd a tree which is all delicate greens. Would not that make a pretty spring bonnet? What is a slippery elm? I never heard of a slippery oak, or a dishonest maple, or a treacherous lime tree. How does an elm continue to be slippery? But I thank the elm for this departure from the usual dull tenuosity of a tree, and for its adroitness in bringing refreshment to my fevered tongue.

A slippery elm! May it be followed by a rollicking poplar and a luscious pine, an intoxicating hemlock. Do you know of any tree which bears a mint julep? Consider what an apostolic tree that would be that could concentrate into a lozenge the essence of mint julep, such as you used to give us on hot June evenings? Your butler was a past grand master in mixing them.

"Great Jupiter! I believe in spooks. Here comes W. P. with a mint julep and two straws! I drink your health. Distant cannonading reaches my ears! And I may meet the enemy and I am his! There is the great enemy of all not far away, so the doctor tells me, but here or there, I am yours gratefully,
F. O'B."

The "W. P." referred to was his faithful nurse, a young man from Boston, who left luxury at home to nurse the wounded in the hospitals at the front. After his death he wrote the following to Mrs. Sherwood:

"He showed the patience of a sage and the cheerfulness of an Irishman all the way to painful death. His talk was full of classic, historical, romantic episodes. It was wonderful! He had that varied armory which is needed for debate. I used to listen with delight as he gave back witticism for stupidity from his neighbors. We were always listening for his funny retorts. Then he would become brilliant, fervid, eloquent, pathetic; even as death came on he desired to see the priest, who spent his last hours with him on earth, hearing his confession and commending to God one of the gentlest and most gifted souls whom it has been my good fortune to meet."
W. P.

O'Brien's end was not unlike that of Theodore Winthrop, but, unlike Winthrop, O'Brien's fame was greatest when he lived. His faults have had a detracting influence on his literary reputation, but the wonderful weird stories he wrote, and the charming poems born in his brain attest his possession of true genius. His failings were many, but in the light of his advocacy of the institutions of liberty and the offering of his life to the country of his adoption, these failings should be buried in oblivion and the hand of gratitude should place a wreath of memory upon his long-neglected grave.

Fitz James O'Brien had a boon companion during his New York life just previous to the war, Ned. Wilkins, who was as much of a typical journalist as was O'Brien a typical poet. Both were Theta Deltas and had joined the Graduate Lambda charge at the time John Brougham and Mark Smith were admitted. Mr. George Arnold compares O'Brien with his friend

Wilkins, and says of O'Brien: He was shorter than Wilkins and far more muscular, being a gymnast of some ability. His complexion was florid; his eyes dark blue; his chin very small, and his mouth covered by a heavy, brown, cavalry moustache. His hair, darker than that of Wilkins, was so fine as to appear thin. All told, O'Brien would have passed anywhere for a fine looking man, as he certainly was. His voice, in speaking, was the richest, the sweetest, the most persuasive of all the male voices I now recall. O'Brien's methods of work were not so systematic as Wilkins'. Poets are erratic by nature, and none more so than O'Brien. He loved luxuries, but could not acquire them. He had his faults, like the best of men; but he loved his friends and his country—for which he gave his life, and it would seem fitting that his country should remember him and deck his lonesome grave when the bright flowers are showered upon other heroes no braver than he.

To close this sketch we quote the last stanza of his poem entitled "A Soldier's Letter," written but a week before he received his death wound.

Don't be startled, my darling, at this hand writing not being mine;

I have been a little ill, and the comrade I spoke of before
Has kindly offered to take from my loving lips this line;

So he holds, as you see, the pen I can hold no more.

That was a skirmish that came, as I wrote you out on the hill;

We had sharp fighting a while, and I lost my arm.

There! don't cry, my darling!—it will not kill,

And other poor fellows there met greater harm.

I have my left arm still to fold you close to my heart,

All the strength of my lost one will pass into that, I know;

We soon shall be together, never, never to part,

And to suffer this for your country is bliss, not woe!

NED. WILKINS.

E. G. P. Wilkins, better known as Ned. Wilkins, was one of the coterie of the Graduate Lambda charge. Nothing has ever appeared in our records about him, and but little is known. The facts here stated are taken from Wm. Winter's life of

Fitz James O'Brien, and are quoted from an article by George Arnold, printed in the *New York Citizen* of September 30, 1865.

Ned. Wilkins was a tall, thin young man with stooping shoulders and a strikingly handsome face. His complexion was light. His eyes were intensely blue and expressive. His features were sharply cut, and thoroughbred in mold; his skin clear and delicate; his hair lustrous and wavy; his dress was always unexceptionable, no matter what the occasion or the season, though his preference was for loose, rough, easy styles. He was never at fault for the minor elegances and hospitalities of life, though he was a typical Bohemian. Wilkins was an indefatigable worker. The sun never set without having shone upon something accomplished by him. The dramatic and musical articles, and a variety of short, sharp and spicy editorials in the *Herald* were from his pen. So much occupation left him little leisure, yet nobody ever saw him in a hurry or with the air of being pressed by business. It was one of his peculiar and pleasant affectations, to let nobody know when he worked; to appear not to work at all, but to accomplish much notwithstanding. He rose at six and wrote till nine, when he took breakfast. Then he went to the *Herald* office and wrote more, returning home at dusk to dine. His evening was spent going from one theatre to another, where anything of moment was going on, after which he wrote his amusing paragraphs for the morning papers.

Ned. Wilkins left no work which will live beyond the memory of his personal friends. The *Herald* files bear abundant testimony to his powers as a journalist. His death came suddenly, and took him in his prime. He was just on the threshold of success. His position was assured and ripening, and he was just coming into a handsome income from his manifold labors. Everything seemed to smile upon him, when, like a meteor, his flash of life was suddenly ended. There were many mourners for him in St. Thomas' Church, on the corner of Broadway and Houston street, among those who gathered to pay the last sad rites to his mortal remains.

OUR YOUNGER ACTORS.

At the present time there are four Theta Deltas on the stage who seem to be more or less successful, and are winning laurels from the public.

James Bradbury, Kappa, '79, is a comedian. He was for several years associated with Nellie McHenry, playing important parts in her company with much success. Last year he was a member of "The Electrician Company." Bradbury is certainly a very clever actor. He attended the New York graduate dinner in 1891, and rendered some of his productions in the most inimitable style, bringing down the house continually. He is the longest on the stage of the younger actors, but as a rule few comedians reach great prominence, as their parts are not usually leading roles.

Frederick M. Knights, Zeta, '94, began his stage career two years ago as a chorus man in Frank Daniels' "Wizard of the Nile" Opera Company. His fine tenor voice secured for him at once the position of understudy to the leading tenor and several times he had the opportunity of distinguishing himself in a manner that attracted the attention of a number of opera managers, who made him flattering offers. Last year he was leading tenor in the "Isle of Champagne" Opera Company, in which he was entirely successful. This year he is with William C. Mandeville's Opera Company, playing in "El Capitan" as Count Hernando Verraelo. In October this company were in Elmira, and Bro. Knights was accorded a hearty reception by a full house. Evidently he has a fortune in his voice and will be heard from as the years go by. Thus far his rise has been rapid and phenomenal.

Charles D. Clark, Kappa, '95, studied for a year at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. While there he attracted the attention of Daniel Frohman, who offered him a small part in "The Prisoner of Zenda," then playing at the Lyceum theatre. His success was immediate, and for the past two years he has been a prominent member of this company. As a comedian and character actor he is remarkably clever and will undoubtedly attain prominence in his line. Bro. Clark

while at Tufts, gave ample evidence of his inherent ability. We remember being once entertained in the Kappa charge house by some of Bro. Clark's amateur work which was certainly very fine.

This season Bro. Clark branches out in another department of his profession. He will be the manager and general business representative of a new production called "Kindred Hearts." The play and company are strong and should prove a success.

Norman Hackett, Gamma Deuteron, '98, during his freshman year in college met Madame Rhea, and recited several Shakespearean scenes for her. So pleased was she with his work that she immediately engaged him for the following year. For two years he was a member of her company. Unfortunately Madame Rhea was obliged to give up the stage so Hackett spent the next year with Louis James playing the leading juvenile parts. This year he is playing the same roles with the great triple alliance, Louis James, Kathryn Kidder and Frederic Warde. Bro. Hackett's career thus far has been satisfactory and successful. It has been our pleasure to see him in his various roles several times, and we can say that we are proud of his work. During his travels about the country Bro. Hackett has also played the part of a Theta Delta missionary, meeting many of the stagnant brothers and rousing in them a new zeal for the fraternity. The SHIELD has been indebted to him for many news items. Nothing escapes him and the many long and cheery letters which have come to us from him have imparted renewed zeal to our tired brain. We can say of the last three young men whom we knew personally, that we believe they are doing good work. The stage does not perhaps honor them, but assuredly they honor the stage. If all actors possessed the same manly virtues with which they are imbued, the public would look with more favor upon the theatrical art than they now seem to. Success in any avocation carries honor with it, and so we point with gratifying pride to these young men just beginning their stage career, and bespeak for them the success which their abilities and character merit.

COLLEGE FRATERNITIES COMPARED.

In a recent number of *Beta Theta Pi* appeared a numerical comparison of fraternities, taking into account the eleven largest. This article has been largely reproduced in other journals. It hardly seems desirable to take up space to give it entire, but as a matter of history a condensed notice may be desirable, for purposes of comment.

The table, in a nutshell, is as follows :

IN 1883.				
1.	Delta Kappa Epsilon			8,316
2.	Alpha Delta Phi			5,781
3.	Psi Upsilon			5,757
4.	Beta Theta Pi			4,874
5.	Phi Kappa Psi			3,819
6.	Delta Upsilon			3,432
7.	Phi Delta Theta			3,367
8.	Phi Gamma Delta			3,009
9.	Sigma Chi			2,951
10.	Zeta Psi			2,876
11.	Delta Tau Delta			2,437
IN 1890.				
1.	Delta Kappa Epsilon			10,353
2.	Psi Upsilon			7,124
3.	Beta Theta Pi			6,995
4.	Phi Delta Theta			6,803
5.	Alpha Delta Phi			6,233
6.	Phi Kappa Psi			5,302
7.	Delta Upsilon			4,871
8.	Phi Gamma Delta			4,244
9.	Delta Tau Delta			4,044
10.	Sigma Chi			3,999
11.	Zeta Psi			3,590
IN 1898.		Years.	Chapters.	Total No.
1.	Delta Kappa Epsilon	54	35	12,948
2.	Beta Theta Pi	59	62	9,609
3.	Phi Delta Theta	50	63	9,609
4.	Psi Upsilon	65	21	8,585
5.	Alpha Delta Phi	66	23	7,933
6.	Phi Kappa Psi	46	38	7,435
7.	Phi Gamma Delta	50	44	6,330
8.	Delta Upsilon	64	31	6,275
9.	Sigma Chi	43	50	6,051
10.	Delta Tau Delta	38	38	5,670
11.	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	42	54	5,668

For purposes of information rather than comparison we add a table of all the fraternities not included in above tables in the continued numerical order :

	Years.	Chapters.	Total No.
12. Zeta Psi	52	20	4,827
13. Alpha Tau Omega	33	42	4,261
14. Chi Phi	43	19	4,048
15. Kappa Alpha, Southern	33	37	3,855
16. Chi Psi	57	19	3,718
17. Kappa Sigma	33	49	3,466
18. Theta Delta Chi	50	21	3,411
19. Delta Psi	51	8	2,989
20. Delta Phi	71	12	2,914
21. Sigma Nu	29	40	2,864
22. Sigma Phi	71	8	2,190
23. Phi Kappa Sigma	48	12	2,153
24. Kappa Alpha	73	6	1,395
25. Pi Kappa Alpha	30	13	1,061

LADIES' FRATERNITIES.

1. Pi Beta Phi	31	27	3,119
2. Kappa Kappa Gamma	28	27	2,937
3. Kappa Alpha Theta	28	23	2,339
4. Delta Gamma	26	13	1,205
5. Alpha Phi	26	9	832
6. Delta Delta Delta	10	15	643
7. Gamma Phi Beta	24	8	633

In the above tables we have the number of years each fraternity has been in existence, the number of active chapters at the present time and the total membership. In the comparative tables the other journals draw lessons of advance and decline on the basis of membership. Those who like may make those comparisons for themselves. We propose to ask the attention of SHIELD readers to a different comparative diagnosis, on the basis of the true fraternity idea. It will be noticed that the highest number of chapters in a fraternity is 63, and the lowest 6, while the average runs from 12 to 20, except in the 11 largest. We are led to gauge the standing of a fraternity largely upon that of the college. Those fraternities which have over twenty-five chapters must draw their balance from institutions of very small calibre. While it will be admitted that some good Greeks can be obtained in the small colleges, the usual fact is that the number of fraternities repre-

sented in such institutions is altogether out of proportion to the good material there is to operate upon, and necessarily many poor men must be absorbed. Taking a standard of conservatism the proportionate membership of Theta Delta Chi shows that great care has been exercised by the different charges in securing men. We might enter into a percentage estimate, but it seems needless. The tables have been given rather as a matter of information and while Theta Delta Chi stands 18 in numbers every member of the fraternity who is at all conversant with fraternity affairs will agree with the editor in the statement that she does not stand 18 in the matter of quality. This fact makes no difference to a single person outside of Theta Delta Chi, therefore comparisons would not be in good taste. We are entirely satisfied with ourselves, as we hope the members of every other fraternity are with themselves and their environment. There is one great danger in large membership. The larger the number the more fraternities lose their inceptive character and become analogous to the great civic societies, whose purposes are good in intention, but the great inherent social factor is entirely lost.

As a further matter of information it may be fitting to note that Theta Delta Chi meets the following fraternities in various institutions as follows :

Delta Upsilon	15
Delta Kappa Epsilon	13
Psi Upsilon	12
Alpha Delta Phi	12
Phi Delta Theta	11
Beta Theta Pi	10
Phi Kappa Psi	9
Chi Psi	9
Sigma Chi	9
Phi Gamma Delta	8
Zeta Psi	8
Delta Tau Delta	7
Sigma Phi	6
Delta Phi	6
Chi Phi	5
Kappa Sigma	5
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	4
Kappa Alpha (Northern)	4
Delta Psi	3
Phi Sigma Kappa	3
Alpha Tau Omega	3
Kappa Alpha (Southern)	1
Sigma Nu	1

THE GREEK PRESS.

Fraternity journalism is clearly a fact of the last quarter century. Twenty-three years ago there were but two periodicals published, and one of those has since succumbed. *Beta Theta Pi* is the only periodical which has enjoyed a legitimate continuous existence, and therefore is entitled to the credit of being the leader, although not the originator of the idea. In 1875 the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta made its appearance, and since that time others have appeared, and to-day the journal of that period would not be recognized as a fit exponent of Greek journalism. The last decade has really witnessed the development of the true type of the fraternity magazine. This is truly a world of progress and it may be fairly said that the Greek press has kept pace with the general advancement. When the writer assumed the editorship of the SHIELD, in 1888, things were moving slowly. Nearly all the journals were small and made little effort at personal adornment. We believe that the SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi opened the new era when in 1890 we branched out into a magazine—which was printed on a better quality of paper than any then issued at the time and adopted the feature of half-tone illustrations, a thing then unheard of in fraternity journals. It may be noted in passing that the style adopted in 1890 has never been changed. Cover and inside are just the same. One by one other journals have made changes for the better—in most cases, and in fact, have seemed to vie with each other in the race for supremacy. New covers, gaudy, hideous and handsome have appeared and disappeared; better paper has been the general rule, illustrations have grown and multiplied. They have been good, bad and indifferent, anything to get more pictures than some other fellow, has seemed to be the main object, but after all, bad as some of them have been, they have accomplished a purpose. To-day the Greek press is an acknowledged factor in fraternity existence, and must be regarded hereafter as one of the standards. Some of the old line fraternities still cling to the original conception, and are slowly losing stature in consequence. The only sad fact to

relate in this historical review is the fact that there must of necessity be so many changes in the editorial staff. If the same heavy-weights who plied their pens so vigorously some years ago could have kept at the helm the work would have been more attractive. There is a charm to the editor in rubbing up against some of his old friends who were at work when he began. We have had the pleasure of keeping company with Jacobs of Psi Epsilon, Keeble of Kappa Alpha, Van Cleve of Phi Kappa Psi, Brown of Phi Delta Theta, and Wm. Raymond Baird of Beta Theta Pi. All of them, excepting Baird, have retired. By the way, it has been stated that we were the oldest in the field, but this is not an exact fact. We believe, however, taking the journals themselves for proof, that we do stand as the oldest editor-in-chief in continuous work since 1888. Five years ago we thought we had reached the finale. We had made no plans to continue. The fact of editorship had been an accident, but having pledged five years to the work no thought of failing in our work ever arose, but a second period was not contemplated. In fact, when the work was rather unwillingly resumed it was with the idea of simply keeping the SHIELD moving till some one else might be found to assume the task. From year to year our good nature has prevented our declining the urgent appeals to stay at the helm. Last year must have closed our labors, but for the fact that the semi-centennial made it possible to round up our work. This has been done, and now before laying down the editorial pen finally, we feel it our privilege to make some comparisons and comments on the last five years' work. We have no desire to try to appear better than we are. Before undertaking the task it is only fair to state that we fear that the results of such a comparison will not give so creditable a showing for the SHIELD as did the first five years. We are not jealous, however, and shall give the credit where it is due. In our December issue of 1890 we made a comparative estimate of some of the leading journals, but it was largely estimated. The present comparison is absolutely actual, and the labor of making the figures has been performed entirely by the editor. Our figures show just what has been done in the past five years.

We have tried to analyze the work of all the journals carefully and accurately, so as to see just how much work had been created by the editors themselves. We therefore have slowly and tediously counted pages and separated departments to arrive at proper conclusions. In the table we present herewith we show the totals of five years' complete work, the only variation being that we have been obliged to estimate the contents of the last number of some of the quarterlies of the present year, including our own. The editorial column indicates all matter published under that head, so also personal items, college notes and exchanges. The symposium shows as nearly as we can determine how many pages of original matter have been prepared direct by the editor. In some of the journals there is so little as to be of no practical account.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF GREEK PRESS PUBLICATIONS.

	1889 to 1893	1894 1898	Total	Editorial	Personal Items.	Charge Letters	Symposia	College Notes	Exchanges	Illustrations
Theta Delta Chi <i>Shield</i>	2066	2325	4391	291	225	401	501	55	250	141
Kappa Alpha <i>Journal</i>	1977	2376	4353	156	201	782	205	40	149	131
Phi Kappa Psi <i>Shield</i>	1917	2418	4335	159	189	733	115	123		148
Phi Delta Theta <i>Scroll</i>	1872	2860	4732	140	165	911	226	219		213
<i>Beta Theta Pi</i>	1538	2232	3820	165	192	619	176		138	200
Sigma Alpha Epsilon <i>Record</i>	1376	2182	3558	121	94	874	118	72	142	132
Phi Gamma Delta <i>Quarterly</i>	1326	2166	3492	160	41	520	132	67	80	192
Delta Kappa Epsilon <i>Quarterly</i>	1188	1206	2394	40	160	348	81	52		15
Sigma Chi <i>Quarterly</i>	1180	1920	3100	122	235	828	61	22	14	132
Delta Tau Delta <i>Rainbow</i>	1114	1671	2785	134	149	494	29	84	79	60
Sigma Nu <i>Delta</i>	922	1995	2917	96	131	759	50	61	30	198
Alpha Tau Omega <i>Palm</i>	821	1652	2473	101	86	580	125		82	72
Kappa Kappa Gamma <i>Key</i>	793	1246	2039	70	31	520		52	97	31
Kappa Sigma <i>Caduceus</i>		2548		126	106	1037		114	211	130

It will be noted that the relative location of journals changes in the second period when basing the grade solely upon the number of pages issued. It seems unnecessary to submit to the expense of multiplying tables. Every reader can figure out all the facts from the combined table. Phi Delta Theta *Scroll* takes the lead, followed by Kappa Sigma *Caduceus*. The *SHIELD* of Theta Delta Chi is relegated to fifth place in the

list. We might apologize right here and say that but for the two years illness of the editor, in 1896 and 1897, the SHIELD would have still been at the head of the column. Delta Kappa Epsilon falls to the bottom of the list.

But it was not so much to see just how many pages the volumes contained, as to learn what the different journals had given to their fraternities which has led to this exhaustive tabulation on which we now propose to compare the work. Taking the editorial writings which represent the good advice and information—combined with argument or criticism upon the doings of the fraternity, the real work of an editor, we find the SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi far in the lead, almost double any other. Beta Theta Pi, second; Phi Gamma Delta, third, and Delta Kappa Epsilon lowest on the list.

Personal items, i. e., news of graduate brothers, are found to predominate in two journals, Sigma Chi leads with 235 pages, and Theta Delta Chi follows with 225. In this point alone is the SHIELD a second. The general run of personals is below the mark. This is one of the most interesting features of fraternity journalism. When it is remembered, however, that Sigma Chi has 50 chapters and twice as many members as Theta Delta Chi, the SHIELD really has almost twice as many personals in proportion to membership as Sigma Chi, and really ranks first on the list. When the fact is known that the editor re-writes four-fifths of all the personal matter it justly counts as original matter. The matter of chapter letters can only be fairly arrived at by taking into consideration the number of chapters in each fraternity. We arrive at our comparison by dividing the number of pages by the number of chapters, which gives the number of pages devoted to the chapters pro rata. Following this course we find that *The Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma and the Kappa Alpha *Journal* stand first with 21 pages; the SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi, the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, the Delta of Sigma Nu and *The Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma each give 19 pages; the Sigma Chi *Quarterly* 17 pages; *The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon 16 pages; the Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* and the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta each 14 pages; *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta 13 pages; the Phi Gamma

Delta *Quarterly* 12 pages; Beta Theta Pi and Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* each 10 pages. The Symposium represents the leading articles in the first part of the book. In many of the journals these are entirely contributed by the chief officers of the fraternity, or enthusiastic brothers. Unfortunately the SHIELD has not been at all favored in this way and the poor editor has had to scratch around to manufacture the padding—which is always done in this department. On this account the SHIELD distances all the rest even the greatest rival we ever had, the Kappa Alpha *Journal*.

In the matter of illustrations the SHIELD set the pace in 1890, just as half tone printing came into prominence, but if our readers could see our financial report they would not wonder why we have almost dropped out of the race, but as a matter of fact the showing is not so bad after all. The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta leads with 213. The greatest number in any one year 62, which is more than any other journal has had except the SHIELD. In 1894 we printed 97. There is this however to be said about illustrations. The appearance of those in all the journals would indicate the fact that at least three-fourths of the plates were loaned to the journal and therefore little expense was incurred. Now so far as the SHIELD is concerned ninety-nine out of every hundred plates were made expressly for our use and paid for by the editor. Therefore we are prepared to assert without much fear of contradiction that the SHIELD has paid out more cash money for illustrative work than any other journal during the ten years. Special criticism of this feature has been made under individual heads. We note here that the plates appearing in the SHIELD as a rule have been entirely uniform in size; individual portraits one size, and groups another; but neither so large as to interfere with binding.

Exchange Comments have not been a general feature, still all journals are coming to that part of the work very rapidly. It will be seen that the SHIELD leads all competitors in this department, and is far ahead of all others except *The Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma. We have felt that the Exchange department was the proper medium for propagating such pan-hellen-

istic ideas as would tend to benefit the whole fraternity system, and therefore have exerted ourselves to sow seeds of good feeling which might produce a more harmonious feeling in the intercollegiate fraternity circles. We think we have seen sufficient results to reward us for our efforts along this line. Reference to comments quoted in another part of this article would indicate a reasonable ground for our position.

Now to sum up this comparison, not as a "horn blowing" affair, but to show Theta Delta Chi what part the editor has really had in the work of publishing the SHIELD, we note that the editor has written with his own pen 1,267 pages of matter, the charge editors 401, and 557 pages have been contributed or copied from other sources, to complete 2,325 pages. The final statement is that the editor of the SHIELD has produced twice as much matter as any other editor.

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* has always been regarded as the closest competitor of the SHIELD in all points. The detail figures prove this to be true. John Bell Keeble was the industrious editor for three years, succeeded by Vernor M. Jones, and recently followed by Samuel M. Wilson. The *Journal* has always been strong and bids fair to hold its position. The *Journal* has been fortunate also in having a wonderfully able man behind it,—the former chief officer and a prominent factor at all times in Kappa Alpha affairs, Mr. S. Z. Ammen. He has contributed many valuable articles. If the SHIELD had been blessed with one such helper the present incumbent would never have thought of retiring, and would be at the helm years to come, D. V. But, in addition to Mr. Ammen, there have been other good assistants, so that it is not to be wondered at that Kappa Alpha *Journal* is a dandy. The general character of the periodical has been chaste and handsome. The present style was adopted by Mr. Keeble, who is certainly a man of excellent taste; and subsequent editors have had the good sense to perpetuate his ideas.

The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi has been more or less changed. In 1890 it issued nine numbers. in 1894 eight, then five, and six, and in 1898 five. The old veteran, C. L. VanCleve, who was editor and publisher for seven years, ceased his work with

the close of the 1894 volume. For seven years previous he was an assistant. Geo. Frederick Rush took up the work in 1895, and of course he tried a new cover. He also introduced half-tone work, and 38 pictures appeared, but they were mostly small and poorly printed; a number of wood cuts were also used. The general appearance of the volume was quite different from Mr. VanCleve's pattern, and gave strong evidence of a new broom. The next year the advertising fever struck the journal and things were a little mixed. In 1896 seventy half-tones appeared of a better order than previously, but of all styles and sizes, apparently borrowed plates; and a large number of tabulated reports, exhaustive in character, evinced an amount of labor by some one which was commendable. In 1897, W. C. Gretzinger edited the journal. He also tried the usual experiments on a cover. The general matter, however, was good. Mr. Gretzinger closes his labors with the present year and is succeeded by Mr. Frank Chapin Bray, who is a practical newspaper man, and good things are to be expected from him.

In the *Scroll* of June, 1896, appears a historical review of the publication, written by Walter B. Palmer, which gives a concise history of great value. This same number contains a complete index of the twenty volumes.

From the history we glean the following facts:

The first number was published in Indianapolis in January, 1875, at which time there were only two other journals being printed, the *Beta Theta Pi* and the *Chi Phi Quarterly*. Volume I comprises four numbers of 196 pages, and Volume II three numbers of 100 pages. The journal was then suspended for two years and reappeared in 1878, with nine numbers in the form of a three column newspaper; the volume contained 72 pages. Volume IV contained 76 pages. Volume V issued one number and then changed to magazine form and issued nine numbers of 212 pages. The first ten volumes were published in six different places and with different editors for each place. Volume XI changed editors three times. In 1889 J. Edwin Brown took hold of the journal as editor and manager, and until the third number of 1897 everything ran

as smooth as a marriage bell. The *Scroll* was regular, met no rash cover changes, and like a gold dollar, was good the world over. The year 1897 produced the banner volume of the *Scroll*. We account for this largely from the fact that after so many years of service the retiring editor wished to make his last numbers his best; and the new editor was not to be outdone, so he launched forth at a break-neck speed and produced three numbers as a most capable successor, a fortunate fact for Phi Delta Theta. The aggregate of the five years places the *Scroll* at the head of the list for size. The greatest number of half-tone illustrations appeared in this journal, and of fair order throughout.

Beta Theta Pi, in her early days, had many ups and downs. It was published in many different places, by many different editors, as a quarterly, bi-monthly and monthly. The first number appeared in December, 1872. Wm. R. Baird was first an associate editor in 1881, and continued as such till 1885. He was again an associate in 1886. He finally became editor-in-chief in 1897. He is a capable editor and the journal is well conducted. The illustrations are numerous and of good quality. Mr. Baird is well known as the author of Baird's American Fraternities, and other fraternity literature, and we imagine has spent more actual time at fraternity literary work than any other editor in the field.

The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was not included in our 1893 comparison because at that time we did not possess a file of the journal. The editor, however, supplied the information and we insert *The Record* in the first table, where it would have appeared had we been possessed of the figures. It is only fair to do so because this journal is of no mean pretensions. H. C. Burger became the editor in 1894 and for three years made a decidedly interesting magazine. He was succeeded in 1897 by Herbert C. Lakin, who has continued the magazine with credit. All told *The Record* is one of the substantial periodicals of the day. In typography it has been regular, constant and very neat. The only objects of criticism are the illustrations, which have been irregular in size and rather poorly printed. Many of the

plates are so large as to be utterly ruined in binding. This is the general fault in all the journals.

The Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* has been in charge of Frederick C. Howe for the past two years. He is the editorial head, but has two assistants, one for general work and one for exchanges, so that the labor imposed upon him is not severe. The general character of the journal has not changed materially during the past five years. Now and then a new cover, but mostly plain and unostentatious. In the matter of illustrations it has of late blossomed out with an exuberance which is alarming. In 1894 and 1895 there were nine plates each year. In 1896 the number reached 20. In 1897 the number jumped to 73, but the quality was in inverse ratio to the quantity. The plates were irregular, many printed on both sides of a sheet and indiscriminately put in. Taken as a whole they can fairly be counted as not of a high magazine order. In 1898 the first three numbers contained 66, but many of them were contributed by members without cost to the journal, so that the financial strain was not great. The journal has been in financial straits often, the editor states, but it manages to exist, after all.

The general style and character of the Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* has not changed in any particular during the last ten years. The editorship changed from David G. Downey to Walter B. Safford and Sanford G. Tenney in 1892, and at the beginning of 1894 Jesse Grant Roe took the chair, so that during the last five years he has been a continuous companion of the SHIELD editor. It seems a noteworthy fact that two of the veterans should be graduates of Lafayette College, and our pride is stirred, not for ourselves but for our dear old Alma Mater. Jesse Grant Roe has made a good editor, and well he might, because he is a good fellow. We have not yet heard any farewell from him, but from this time on he has a partner who may have something to say about his editorial work, and if he takes the course adopted by John Bell Keeble he will throw up the sponge at once, on account of greater attractions at home which are quite "goodnough" for him. Speaking of the general character of the *Quarterly*, it has been very

modest and unpretentious at all times. It appears regularly three times a year, with few illustrations as a rule. During the first four years it had only five all told, and one in the first number of this year, but in the last number it blossoms out with nine portraits, an exact companion to the present number of the SHIELD. All are portraits of war heroes and statesmen. The *Quarterly* stands at the foot of the list in size, but it must not be forgotten that three numbers only are issued in the year. Taking a general average and allowing four numbers of the same size to the year and we would have an issue of 1,600 pages, which would change its relative location somewhat. No exchange comments appear in the *Quarterly* at all. Almost one-half the matter is contributed, in addition to the chapter letters.

The Sigma Chi *Quarterly* has been a creature of change since 1894. For two years Chas. E. Alling, Jr., was editor. During this time no college notes or exchanges were published. In 1896 Frank Crozier became editor and for two years he conducted the journal. During the first year he introduced college notes and exchanges. In the second year he dropped exchanges but gave nine pages of college items. In 1898 Newman Miller became editor. The cover of the magazine was changed several times, but the general build of the *Quarterly* was not materially altered. The illustrations have been numerous and usually of good character, but not at all uniform in size or make-up. Some were printed on both sides. Taken as a whole, however, the *Quarterly* is a creditable publication.

The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta was edited by H. J. Eberth in 1894; Max Ehrman took it in 1895. He was succeeded in 1896 by Edwin H. Hughes, who still conducts it. The general character of the journal has not changed during the period. Modest and unassuming it has gone quietly along, doing its intended work with good grace.

The *Delta* of Sigma Nu is an "avis rara" and requires somewhat more than passing mention. Up to and including 1894 it had been a quiet, unostentatious magazine, well edited and conducted by Mr. Grant W. Harrington. In the old com-

parison of the first period it stood 10 on the list, being with one exception the smallest on the list, while the last five years have not pushed it forward so far as pages go. In 1895 Mr. Clarence E. Woods became editor and manager, and still holds the fort. Now we do not wish to offend Mr. Woods, because he is a perfect gentleman, but this report is founded on bare fact, and we are trying to give an actual comparison of the Greek press for the last five years, therefore we say things about this journal which we wish definitely understood have nothing personal in them. It becomes our painful duty all the more because Editor Woods asserted in the beginning of his career that he was a newspaper man—so as a newspaper man we mention facts as we find them, with much surprise on our part that they are facts. The *Delta* is fearfully and wonderfully made up. It reminds us of a poor, insignificant turkey that has been hastily fattened on poor corn for Thanksgiving day. It is fat indeed, but, oh! how awry its feathers are. The make up of the *Delta* is irregular and fearfully defective, its printing is frightful, but the editor is not answerable for this, except that he ought to have “swapped horses.” The size of the journal has changed, its cover likewise, the type has been frequently changed in size and style—the headings of departments seem to be different in almost every issue, and when the portraits are mentioned we shudder; red ink, blue ink, brown, black, and all shades of the rainbow, all sizes and kinds bound in “up side down” and “down side up”—in fact, omitting the other things, we might mention the judge decides that all points are against the *Delta* as a work of art. While it is fat as a flounder it is decidedly the poorest printed journal we have seen. It must have been done at a backwoods office. Now these remarks have no reference whatever to the matter which appears therein, for it is good, but the 1,995 pages of stuff, as they are printed in the *Delta*, would if printed in the style of the *SHIELD*, make about 1,000 pages—or less. If Editor Woods will only go to some first-class printing office, adopt a modern style of make up and hold to it rigidly he will have a capital journal.

The *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega has continued since 1894 in

charge of Mr. Louis C. Ehle of Chicago. It has been regular and constant. Scarcely any changes have been made in the journal, and it may be said to be to-day what it was in 1894. In general appearance it holds its own with the other aspirants and has not seemed to copy any of the fads or notions of the times. Fraternity journalism does not need to be gaudy. Brothers in reading a magazine of this character want news, personal and fraternal—nothing more, nothing less, and so we say Editor Ehle has done good work.

It is perhaps unfair to bring the *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma into the present comparison with the fraternity journals, but she suffers nothing by the examination. Being the only ladies' periodical in the list, it may be proper to mention a few general facts. It will be noted that the *Key*, which stood lowest on the list in size in 1893, has reached a middle average of the fraternity journals in that table. Averaging about 230 pages per year the *Key* makes no mean showing. Mrs. or Miss Mary J. Hull (please excuse our embarrassment) has been the capable editor since 1896. No changes have been made in the general form. It is customary to print mostly communicated articles and the girls have sent them in freely. The style and arrangement have been constant and regular, and as might be expected of a lady, in perfect taste, modest in all things. Only four illustrations appear in the five years, with the exception of one number, in 1897, when the *Key* accomplished a feat which no other journal has done during that time. Twenty-seven plates appeared in the June number, being a group of each of the chapters and most of the grand officers. The groups make the handsomest collection we have seen, and why not? One could not expect to assemble the pictures of over one hundred handsome girls without having a charming aggregation. In short, the general appearance and character of the *Key* is excellent, and the matter inside rings with fraternity spirit. Now these remarks would fairly apply to all the ladies' magazines, because taken as a whole, there is not so much contrast as between the different fraternity journals. They are all gotten out in excellent taste, and none have lost ground during the five years.

The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma is the only real addition to the second period. Only two volumes had been completed in 1893. Vol. III appeared in 1894, but was numbered Vol. VIII, for what reason we cannot state, and the succeeding volumes have kept this consecutive number. The first two volumes were of fair average size, but all the succeeding volumes have been large. Six numbers have been issued each year. George W. Warner edited the two volumes of '94 and '95, since which time J. Harry Covington has been the editor, ably assisted by Herbert M. Martin. The journal has been of high order and constant in its make up, no changes in cover or interior, in appearance neat, but not flashy. A goodly number of illustrations have graced its pages, and many of them good. The old objection of all sizes and styles will apply to a considerable number, but taken as a whole, they are above the average. The general work of this journal entitles it to a prominent place in the Greek world, and we predict that the Kappa Alpha *Journal* will have to look sharp after her laurels or *The Caduceus* may capture them.

Having given in detail the character of the other periodicals it does not seem out of place to note also what some of the other journals think of the SHIELD as expressed in their own words. We therefore take the liberty of quoting a few extracts.

In the *Scroll* of December, 1893, Editor Brown editorially wrote as follows :

Five years ago there was little personality to the other SHIELD, that of Theta Delta Chi. The struggle for existence was too fierce to allow a personality to surmount it. The irregular numbers of the SHIELD came from New York city, and were inclosed in a cover that had the most hideous design which ever made eyes blush. Then it was that Mr. Clay W. Holmes, an alumnus of the Lafayette charge, class of '69, came forward and took hold of the magazine under an agreement that he be given its exclusive control for five years. This term expires this month. Little reason had Theta Delta Chi from what had preceded, to expect the handsome, plethoric magazine which has been given her during these years. Mr. Holmes made a success of the SHIELD. He has conducted it on lines in which few others would care to exactly follow. At times the editorial and personal in the SHIELD seemed as prominent as the Theta Delta Chi features. But these are matters on which the editor and

his fraternity were to judge. It is only ours to say that he made a success where others failed. During this time Theta Delta Chi has prospered better than before. The September issue under his management is as attractive as previous numbers, though not so widely diversified in contents. If the SHIELD passes from Mr. Holmes' hands we fear we will not be so much interested in Theta Delta Chi as heretofore.

Editor Hughes of the Delta Tau Delta *Rainbow* wrote of us in 1896 as follows :

The SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi is a most creditable journal. It is loyal to the fraternity it represents, and yet broad and courteous in its relations toward its rivals. We do not know of any fraternity publication that maintains a higher moral tone. Without the preaching air, and with inoffensive frankness, Editor Holmes urges the highest standard. Too much material is perhaps taken from other journals but always with due credit and good judgment. In his "Notes and Comments" he puts himself squarely against the practice of lifting. The SHIELD seems to be very largely the product of one man's enthusiasm and industry. It is one of the very best magazines we have seen.

Again at a later date he says .

With Keeble, Burger, Brown and Holmes, all vacating their places as editors, the field will lose its older and more conspicuous figures. Should Editor Holmes retire, his fraternity will probably look in vain for one who will serve it so loyally and ably, and maintain the same generous bearing toward other societies, which has nearly without exception marked the present editor's work.

Editor Burger of the *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon said in January, 1894 :

The SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi came very near losing its editor at the last convention of that fraternity. Clay W. Holmes who has conducted the SHIELD so ably for the last five years had intended to relinquish his task, but was prevailed upon to continue at least a year longer. We rejoice with the members of Theta Delta Chi. Five years ago the SHIELD was practically nothing. Last year it presented a very strong claim for the first place among fraternity journals.

Again in May of the same year.

The SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi is one of our best exchanges. Its visits are always looked forward to with pleasure of the keenest nature. We are always sure of a treat. Other magazines sometimes vary in the qualities that interest, but the SHIELD—never. The department of Exchange Gleanings is to us the most interesting feature of the SHIELD. Surely his work on exchanges is done in a masterly way.

Again in October.

If the SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi is noticed more frequently in this





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department of any other journal, it is for the reason that we find more in it of general interest to all fraternity men.

Again in March 1896.

Editor Holmes of the SHIELD yields to none in the matter of preparing interesting convention and banquet accounts.

Again in October, 1896.

The "Editorial Notes and Comments" and "Exchange Gleanings" are as usual most interesting from a Pan-Hellenic stand point. The SHIELD is the Nestor of the Greek press, and is never moved to "kick the under dog."

Editor Ehle, of the Alpha Tau Omega *Palm*, in 1884, says:

We have always regarded the SHIELD as a remarkably well conducted magazine, and one which must be eminently satisfactory to all the members of the fraternity which it represents. The personal department of the SHIELD seems to be ably conducted, and, as an exchange editor, Mr. Holmes can perhaps speak from a longer experience than any of his fellows.

Again, in 1898, he says:

We have always accorded first place among our exchanges, to the SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi. Its editor, Mr. Clay W. Holmes, of Elmira, N. Y., is a publisher by profession, and he is thus better fitted than the average man to bring out a tasty and interesting magazine. As a matter of fact, however, he labors under disadvantages in other respects, that make it very difficult indeed for him to carry on his work.

The *Caduceus*, of Kappa Sigma, in 1894, says:

There is no denying that Mr. Clay W. Holmes is a thorough expert in the art of editing and publishing what is most difficult to edit and publish—a Fraternity magazine.

Again, in 1895:

We always enjoy reading the exchange department of the SHIELD. The editor reads with more care and comments with more just discrimination, than a general exchange editor whose writings we are wont to scan.

Again, in 1896:

Though we re-published an editorial of Bro. Holmes' in November, we cannot refrain from taking the liberty to again give to our Kappa Sigma readers another example of the soundness of his fraternity views. It touches on the unity of chapters, and to every word in it we say, Amen! As usual, the "Exchange Gleanings" are of the highest character, and amid so much comment we can only commend the whole department to any of our readers that happen to get the SHIELD.

The *Delta*, of Sigma Nu, in 1896, says:

It is like pushing a dagger into the bosom of a virgin to thrust our

scissors into the SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi, so faultless is its character, representing all that is noble in Greek journalism. It is a model of the typographic art, and when we spy its enameled cover of heaven's own blue we expect within a feast of choicest viands—and often do we turn away sated with the good things that its editor, Mr. Clay W. Holmes, places before its readers.

We have nothing to add. The sentiments of many brother Theta Delts, received in personal correspondence during the ten years, lead us to feel that at least a portion of our readers have appreciated the efforts put forth to make a creditable publication. Many doubtless have enjoyed it in silence. We bespeak for our successor the same courteous treatment which has been accorded us during our term of service, for which we extend the fraternal hand in hearty thanks for kind words and kinder thoughts.

SOME VERSES BY HELEN HAY.

An unpretending little book, bound in Quaker gray, with the title "Some Verses by Helen Hay," is of especial interest, not only because of the father to whom it is dedicated, John Hay, Zeta, '58, but for the marked talent which the verses display, and it goes a long way to prove that mental gifts as well as outward resemblances may be a matter of heredity. What might to some appear an introspective note in the poems is rather a clear sighted outlook upon life and nature which finds ready understanding and response in her own heart. There are mysteries and burdens in the world, and her young eyes see them, but they have added only pathos, not the bitterness of pessimism to her song. Its quality is aptly summed up in these lines of her own :

Aloof she stands from idle mirth and tears,
And keeps the white sails of her spirit furled,
Altho' a girl, pure from the stain of years.

So many of the lines are peculiarly quotable that it is difficult to make the best selections. While there is no measuring rule for genuine poetry, yet we instinctively use in this way the work which as Lowell says "time has criticised for us,"

and find an added pleasure in so doing. The "Trees of the Wilderness" is perhaps one of the strongest of the poems, and these two verses suggest a comparison with Browning's description of desolation in "Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came."

Thro' starless nights the untold hours wear on.
 All awful phantom shapes affright the wood.
 And morning light but brings th' unwinking sun,
 To torture with its glare their solitude.

In those grim wilds no sweet voiced bird will sing,
 No flowers will bloom within such trackless lands,
 Nor is there trace of any living thing,
 Save those gaunt giants, holding up their hands.

It is decidedly interesting to read the two together, for while Browning's poem represents the grimmer solitude, and he handles his subject with the strong grasp of a man in the well matured prime of his mental power, it contains nowhere the touch of the human soul which must keep vigil with its own loneliness that is found in Miss Hay's line :

Thro' starless nights the untold hours wear on.

The same weird note is struck in "The Flowers of Proserpine :"

The grass is not the grass that overhead
 Cooled my bare feet with daisies' purest snows ;
 But thick pale blades, like fingers of the dead
 Thrust from forgotten graves upon their foes.

But this is not the dominant chord, and one turns with delight to "Waiting for Day."

Sweet Lady Night is paling white.
 Why lags her Lord and Master?
 She, weeping, lays her jewels off :
 Ah ! may he not come faster.

But hush—the tender rosy blush
 Her beauty fair adorning,
 Her love steps o'er the mountain's rim,
 They kiss—and here's the morning.

There is no more exquisite piece of workmanship in the whole book than these eight lines. Their melody has a rare charm like that of Herrick, and their simplicity is the sim-

plicity of the highest art. In almost the same vein is "The Last Cloud :"

A red rose cloud upon the evening sky,
 A warrior cloud which dies in gallant fight,
 Too proud for prisons of triumphant night.
 Knowing no pause, no strain of changing years,
 Its little hour too short for dreams or tears,
 The faithful sun its first and latest light—
 Who would not be so glad to fight and die !
 A red rose cloud upon the evening sky.

"My Brook" shows with the same graceful touch, a keen, sympathetic observation of nature, and the "slim birch trees like tall, pale ladies," is a singularly felicitous bit of description.

Earth holds no sweeter secret anywhere
 Than this my book, that lisps along the green
 Of mossy channels, where slim birch trees lean
 Like tall pale ladies, whose delicious hair,
 Lures and invites the kiss of wanton air.
 The smooth soft grasses, delicate between
 The rougher stalks, by waifs alone are seen,
 Shy things that live in sweet seclusion there.

And is it still the same, and do the eyes
 Of every silver ripple meet the trees
 That bend above like guarding emerald skies?
 I turn, who read the city's beggared book,
 And hear across the moan of many seas
 The whisper and the laughter of my brook.

The severest test of a writer's ability is the handling of a hackneyed subject, and Miss Hay stands this admirably in all her poems of nature, but pre-eminently in "Autumn."

The ruddy banners of the Autumn leaves
 Toss out a challenge to the waiting snows,
 Where Winter stalks from o'er the mountain rows;
 This fiery blaze his onward march receives,
 A mock defense his coward heart believes,
 And turns him sulking to his moated close.
 Now man the confidence of Nature knows,
 And feels the mighty heart that loves and grieves.
 Not as in rude young March or hoyden June,
 Hard in their beauty, laughing thro' their days ;
 Their fine indifference is out of tune.
 In the dark paths we tread with hope and fear
 Look we to Autumn and her gracious ways,
 The great last swan-song of the dying year.

Here we have the fine courage of youth and happiness, a mood that sees nothing of "the melancholy days," but rather gives us a picture of Autumn as a royal princess, holding her castle with brave dignity against the besiegers, who, she knows, will sooner or later overwhelm her.

The climax of the love poems is reached in "I Have Seen What the Seraphs Have Seen," full of movement, brilliant color and triumph, and yet spiritualized to a degree worthy of its title.

I have seen what the seraphs have seen
As they gaze through the limitless air,
Thro' the wind and the clouds to the lean
Pale face of the moon, and the bare
Bright flame of the sun, unaware,
I have seen what the seraphs have seen !

Thro' the limitless spaces of air,
The brave mists that waver and wane,
Are patient and pensive and fair.
I have fathomed the pride and the pain
Of the snows and compassionate rain
Thro' the limitless spaces of air.

I have known them, the brave mists that wane
And the glory and peace of the skies,
Where all glory and impatience are vain
And ahush are all passionate sighs,
For I gazed in the deep of Love's eyes,
And I know what no seraph shall gain !

One more poem must be given, both for the beauty of its form and its spiritual significance; "Throne and Altar:"

He had a vision of a golden throne
Fronting an altar; both alike were bare,
But o'er the purple of the regal chair
Blazed the device, "I wait for him alone
Who with the world has held his soul his own."
He sadly turned, this height he could not dare.
But, stay, the text upon the altar there,
"I wait for him who has not made a moan
Howe'er his kind have used his heaven-sent dower;
Fear not, and burn thine incense, lowly heart."
Then sudden brightness turns the averted face,
To holy sense of majesty and power—
And a voice : "Master, this indeed thou art."
While wondrous music trembles thro' the space.

The poems have that compelling quality which holds our interest and brings us back again and again to some line which seems to have magic in it. It is not the magic of mere word painting, but the undefinable something which distinguishes the poet from the versifier. Whether we will or no, we must not only read the smoothly flowing lines, but between them the things that we have kept in our own hearts seem to be finding expression.

THE GREEK CLUB.

So little time has elapsed since the appearance of the September issue that any responses to our article could hardly be expected. By the courtesy of Mr. W. R. Baird, editor of *Beta Theta Pi*, we are permitted to present our readers with the advance copy of an editorial which will appear in the next number of that journal, as follows :

There will be found reprinted in another part of this number, under the caption of "A Club Idea," an article which appeared in *THE SHIELD* of Theta Delta Chi for June, which deserves the thoughtful attention of all fraternity men living in or near New York city, or who expect to be frequently at New York on business.

The increasing number of chapter houses throughout the United States has led to the education of a large number of fraternity men in the benefits of club life, and such. When the men drift to the large cities, and especially to New York, the things which they miss most keenly and quickly are the benefits of the community existence to which they have become accustomed in the houses of the different fraternities. They are solicited to join many clubs built upon different plans and bases of organization. The good clubs they find to be expensive and exclusive, and discover, moreover, that the number of names on the waiting lists of each of them are so numerous as to preclude the possibility of admission to them for years to come.

During a recent address by Chauncey M. Depew before the College Women's Club of New York city, we heard him say that he believed that the waiting list for the University Club would afford a membership of 700 or 800 to a junior club, if some one would undertake it.

We are heartily in accord with Mr. Holmes' idea, as expressed in his article in *THE SHIELD*. We have more than once been impressed with the magnificent but unutilized club material to be found among fraternity men, who, unfortunately, have not been able to complete their college

course and round it out with the reception of a degree. They comprise a large and influential class, and one which the fraternities have shown great wisdom in cultivating in contradistinction to the attitude of all of the colleges and universities (except Wesleyan) who studiously ignore their non-graduate alumni.

We assure Mr. Holmes of our hearty co-operation in the project, and take great pleasure in assisting him by any means in our power. We believe that there are easily 2,500 fraternity men within ten miles of the City Hall in New York city who would be eligible to membership in a club formed upon the basis outlined.

One of the most prominent members of a leading eastern fraternity, a man who has a national reputation for his wealth, geniality and intellectual culture, told the writer that, although he was fifty-five years of age at the time, he could not help classifying men whom he met in society, if they had had the advantage of attendance at any college, in the following way :

First, members of his own fraternity, all of whom he *knew* to be gentlemen ; second, members of any other fraternity, all of whom he *presumed* to be gentlemen, and third, members of no fraternity, about whom he was extremely doubtful. Had this man been a member of the Greek Club (and he is to-day eligible according to the scheme proposed) the narrow-mindedness which led to his classification, as above set forth, natural though it was, would certainly have disappeared by contact with other Greek letter men within an extremely short time.

We hope that Mr. Holmes will take the time and trouble to pursue his plans further. We can assure him of the cordial co-operation of many Betas in New York, and we think we are not going too far in saying the co-operation of other members of the Greek family.

We feel very grateful to Mr. Baird for his kindly expression. He seems to agree entirely with the editor in all the essentials which would go to make up such a club as is proposed. We have conversed with many Greeks of different fraternities and all seem to favor the idea. There is no disposition whatever on the part of alumni to introduce any question of priority or difference between the various fraternities. Naturally undergraduates take the opposite view, but this club is not for the undergraduates, and they really have no right to discuss it. Alumni always take broader views, and such a club as this presents no obstacle, either to the individual fraternity clubs of such fraternities as choose to maintain them, or to the general fraternity idea. We are of the opinion that such a club would do more to place all fraternities on a better footing and

more parallel lines than any other plan which might be suggested. But this is not the initial object. There is a large class of men who are eligible to the University Club, and who are quite as worthy of membership as those who are. They are college men and in sympathy with college objects, but the fact is patent that the University Club is not large enough to take in all those who are eligible there. The waiting list is growing all the time, and at this time there are more names on it than can be admitted in the next three years, unless the limit of membership is abandoned or made larger. The writer has been on the waiting list for a long time, and while he is much nearer a possibility of election now than when his name was presented it may be a long time yet before his election can be considered. Mr. Depew is entirely right. The waiting list of the club could provide plenty of material for a new club. Add to this the large list of Greeks without a degree and a splendid Greek Club could be organized and maintained. It is almost sure that unless a Greek Club is organized there will be a Junior University Club. Mr. Baird has so clearly and concisely presented the case that it seems needless to extend argument.

The possibilities of such a club seem to be greater than we first imagined. All the idea needs is a start. Let a move be made and it is sure to succeed. We hope to have the opportunity of saying more on the subject later on. At the present time it is only fair to present the opinions and arguments of others. We would be glad to hear in as distinct a tone from other Greek editors. Mr. Baird is a man of very large fraternity experience in New York city, and his opinion has great weight. Nothing we have heard or seen strengthens our views so much as his editorial. Let others be heard from.



GEORGE T. CARTER, PHI, '84.

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There are many good loyal brothers in the Phi charge who are so busy making a success in life that they have not appeared prominently before the fraternity. One of the missions of the SHIELD is to introduce such to general notice so that they may not be forgotten in the general hustle for personal ends. Among this long list we present one of our recent helpers who has come to our assistance in the matter of producing a successful memorial volume.

George T. Carter was born at Pottsville, Pa., August 14, 1860. His boyhood days were spent there. He was educated mostly in private schools, till he was twelve years old. For one year he was tutored with three other boys by Prof. Swallow, and then sent to Professor Hastings' school in Philadelphia, where in two years he completed his preparation for college. He entered the class of 1884 at Lafayette College, and soon joined the Phi charge. He completed his junior year and then left college to accept a position in the Philadelphia & Reading C. & I. Co.'s main office at Philadelphia. After spending two years there he was transferred to the paymaster's department of the same company in their office at Pottsville. While here his father put him in charge of the *Miners' Journal* of Pottsville, which was run down and in a very bad way. Bro. Carter did some hard work here but his labors counted for good and the *Journal* was built up and sold to good advantage in 1888. With proceeds of this sale Bro. Carter purchased a printing business in Philadelphia which had been established just fifty years on the day he bought it. For ten years he has done a successful and paying business, and to-day has one of the best establishments in the city of Philadelphia, located at 223 South Fifth street. During this period he has conducted and been part proprietor of a monthly street railway paper "*The Car*" and also *The Daily Lancet*, a medical paper.

In 1894, April 17th, he was married to Miss Batchelor of Portland, Me. Bro. Carter is a member of the Union League club, the leading club of Philadelphia, and the Merion Cricket

club. The half tone plates which appeared in the September SHIELD were printed in Bro. Carter's establishment, as are those of the present number. He has also had the entire supervision of the printing of all the illustrations which appear in the Memorial volume. They are of a high order. We would suggest to the coming convention the propriety of considering Bro. Carter as a most capable and successful manager for the SHIELD, because we feel sure that he could easily maintain its present standing typographically, and we believe improve it immensely. He knows just what is wanted and has had much experience in that kind of work. We feel grateful to Bro. Carter for the assistance he has rendered in the half-tone work of the Memorial volume. His portrait is presented herewith.

Our Graduates.

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

William L. Stone, Zeta, '57. The following interesting account of Bro. Stone's wonderful Revolutionary library appeared recently in the *New York Times*: "William L. Stone, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., is recognized as an eminent authority on the early history of this country. He wrote for Appleton's Encyclopædia and Encyclopædia of American Biography more than 100 different articles. He is also the author of a number of books, among them being 'Revolutionary Letters' and 'Burgoyne's Campaign and St. Leger's Expedition.' His 'History of the City of New York' is well known. Mr. Stone's collection of books on Revolutionary subjects is acknowledged to be the most valuable extant. It comprises more than 3,000 volumes. There are also more than 250 volumes relating to Burgoyne's campaign. Many of his books consist of manuscripts neatly bound. His library is made more attractive by preserving in each volume, where possible, engravings, scraps, &c., relating to places or incidents therein described. There are autograph letters from Gen. Marinus Willett, the hero of Oriskany, and afterward Mayor of New York City; Mrs. Janet Montgomery, wife of Gen. Montgomery; Isaac Sears, the leader of the 'Liberty Boys,' and George Washington. There are also letters and locks of hair from George Clinton and Col. Trumbull and a tiny gold slipper that Lady Harriet Ackland wore on her watchguard through the Burgoyne campaign. This was given to Mr. Stone by her nephew, the late Lord Carnarvon, who was Lieutenant Governor of Ireland. There is an autograph letter of Benedict Arnold, while in the West Indies; a passage from one of Gen. Burgoyne's plays, in his own handwriting; a military order written by Fraser, who fell at Saratoga; the diary of Capt. Fausch, commander of Burgoyne's 'May nau' artillery; a manuscript of 170 pages, and 'Burgoyne's State of the Expedition. There is also the narrative by the Marquis de Chastellux put in type during his voyage back to France, and the narrative by Lamb, an Irish officer on the British side, who became a schoolmaster after he returned home. One of the most interesting works is the narrative of Sir Henry Clinton in relation to his conduct in North America, with special reference to the issue of the campaign in 1781. This book was printed at Dublin in 1783. In it the British commander gives many

excuses for not preventing Washington from uniting his forces with those of Rochambeau on the Chesapeake. Besides his books, Mr. Stone has a varied collection of aboriginal relics, and quite a number of fine paintings, one of which is a Rembrandt representing an old Dutchman gleefully pulling a cat's ear. One of the most highly prized of all Mr. Stone's treasures is an engraving of Queen Victoria and a letter of thanks bearing the signature of Lord Palmerston, both of which were sent to Mr. Stone's father in acknowledgment of a copy of the 'Life of Brant,' the famous Mohawk Indian, of which the senior Stone was the author. The engraving represents the Queen in her robes and crown, soon after succeeding to the throne. The senior Stone—William L. Stone—was the editor of *The Commercial Advertiser* from 1818 to 1844. He has a secure place in American historical literature as the author of 'The Life of Joseph Brant.' Thurlow Weed was Mr. Stone's apprentice at the typesetter's case, and cherished many pleasant recollections of his chief. Mr. Stone's ability as a historian of the Revolutionary period was recognized when he was appointed centennial historian for the state of New York, in 1876. He is a member of numerous historical and literary societies in this country and in Europe."

William P. Odell, Lambda, '80. The *New York Times* of November 20th contains the following: "The Rev. Dr. Odell has just taken up the work of Calvary Methodist Church, the largest and most important Methodist church in the city, and, perhaps, in the country. At the last session of the New York Conference Bishop Hurst transferred Dr. Odell from the Richmond Avenue Methodist Church of the Genesee Conference, in Buffalo, to this large field of responsibility. Owing to the fact that he was just completing a large building enterprise his people thought it best to have him remain until it was brought to a successful finish. For this reason the Rev. Dr. Beiler, of Washington, D. C., was secured by the pulpit committee of Calvary to serve till the arrival of the new pastor. Dr. Odell is a New Englander by birth. He received his education in Boston University, from which institution he was graduated with honor. Early in his ministry, which was commenced as a member of the New England Conference, he gave evidence of those characteristics which fitted him for the important work he accomplished in later life. It may be said entirely to the credit of the brilliant young orator that Bishop Vincent appreciated the quality of the man and by convenient arrangement secured a hearing for him, entirely without his cognizance, before a committee of the largest and most influential church in Methodism outside of the state, at the session of a summer school at Silver Lake, N. Y., where Dr. Odell was invited to give the principal address before 12,000 young people of that conference. At the next session of the Genesee Conference he was transferred and stationed at the Delaware Avenue Methodist Church in Buffalo where he served with satisfaction for the full term of five years, at the close of which he was stationed at the Rich-

mond Avenue Church, in the same city. Here he commenced and carried to a successful completion the erection of a new edifice, made necessary by the increasing size of the congregations.

David C. Macandrew, Omicron Deuteron, '98, coached Bowdoin until a few days before the Harvard game. He is now coaching the team of Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, O., where he is having good success. He came to Boston for a few days to play with Newton A. A. in the recent Yale game. Macandrew will return east after Thanksgiving, when he expects to enter business.

J. Merrill Boyd, Omicron Deuteron, '97, is preparing for next year's class at Dartmouth two sons of Hon. Alfred Batchelder, of Keene, N. H. He is also reading law with the intention of entering B. U. Law School next fall,—*The Dartmouth*.

John W. Mellow, Omicron Deuteron, '97, is a draughtsman in the office of Fuller, Delano & Frost, architects, 452 Main street, Worcester, Mass.—*The Dartmouth*.

Herbert W. Blake, Omicron Deuteron, '97, is principal of the high school at Barton's Landing, Vt.—*The Dartmouth*.

John M. Poor, Omicron Deuteron, '97, is instructor in astronomy in Dartmouth College.

Ernest C. French, Omicron Deuteron, '95, is to study law with ex-Gov. Pingree, of Hartford, Vt. His address is W. Lebanon, N. H.

Guy L. Gary, Omicron Deuteron, '98, is in the introductory department of the *Youth's Companion*. His address is 49 Irving street, Everett, Mass.

Everett M. Gleason, Omicron Deuteron, '98, has accepted a position as principal of the high school at Newfields, N. H.

Joseph P. Carney, Omicron Deuteron, '98, is at his home in West Gardner, Mass., where he has taken charge of the business of his father, who died recently.

John M. Connelly, Omicron Deuteron, '98, is in Denver, Col., and has been appointed secretary to the Denver board of fire and police commissioners.

George G. Honness, Phi, '93, is at present with the Passaic Water Company, of Paterson, N. J. His address is 165 Fair street, Paterson.

Warren F. Gregory, Omicron Deuteron, '88. We take the following from *The Dartmouth*: Warren F. Gregory, A. M., general manager of the Lee & Shepard publishing house, was married on Tuesday, October 4, to Miss Annie Laurie, only daughter of Charles Laurie, managing partner of E. Fleming & Co., the noted bookbinders of Boston and Norwood. The ceremony was privately performed at the residence of the bride, 276 Highland street, West Newton, by the Rev. Edward Dowse, D. D., of Sherborn.

A. L. Janes, Lambda, '89, is instructor in Latin at the boys' high school in Brooklyn, N. Y. Bro. Janes' address is 1477 Bedford avenue.

Everard W. Snow, Omicron Deuteron, '98, has entered Hartford Theological Seminary, where he has been elected president of his class. His address is 66 Hosmer Hall.

John Wenzel, Lambda, '91, has been appointed librarian and secretary of the Boston University Law School. He resides at 34 Harrison street, Newton Highlands, Mass.

Irving P. Fox, Lambda, '83, is still editor and publisher of *The Spatula*, a bright and newsy drug journal which has a very extended circulation.

W. M. Brigham, Lambda, '87, is practicing law at Marlboro, Mass. His office is 211 Main street.

Henry Newbegin, Eta, '57, has taken his son Robert, Eta, '96, into partnership. The Chicago *Legal News* of the 19th inst., contains the following: "Hon. Henry Newbegin, of Defiance, Ohio, has taken his son, Robert Newbegin into partnership, under the firm name of Henry & Robert Newbegin. The father was for many years attorney for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and has long been recognized by the bench and bar as one of the leading lawyers of the state. The son is a chip from the old block. They say 'old men for counsel and young men for war.' This firm has the necessary combination and is evidently prepared for either peace or war."

Fred B. Kellogg, Lambda, '93, is pastor of the Mt. Vernon Heights Congregational church at Mt. Vernon, N. Y. He resides at 335 Bedford avenue.

Henry R. Gibson, Xi, '62, has been re-elected to the U. S. House of Representatives from the second Tennessee district.

Frederic C. Stevens, Eta, '81, was re-elected to congress from the state of Minnesota.

William H. Brewer, Epsilon Deuteron, '89, returned last month from a trip of several months in Europe.

Ralph Lyman Burbank, Kappa, '98, has left the Massachusetts State Board of Health, and is at present located in Providence, R. I., with the Silver Springs Bleaching and Dyeing company.

Dwight A. Parce, Xi, '93, is delightfully located as rector of a church at Bolton Landing on Lake George, N. Y. He writes that he is very well and luxuriating in the finest scenery on earth.

J. H. Conkling, Kappa, '75, is in the general merchandise business at Arenal, San Carlos, Costa Rica, C. A.

Satterlee Saltonstall, Xi, '92, is at Bowling Green, Ohio.

Charles L. Hibbard, Iota Deuteron, '92, is the proud father of a boy, Robert Sargent Hibbard, born October 14th.

Edward Bartow, Iota Deuteron, '92, who is assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Kansas, attended the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Boston last summer.

William I. Corthell, Iota Deuteron, '92, is assistant principal of the high school at Leominster, Mass.

Paul M. Goodrich, Iota Deuteron, '94, is at Manila with the Fourteenth U. S. Infantry. Bro. Goodrich was in San Francisco on his return from an extended trip to the Hawaiian Islands when the war broke out. He enlisted in the regulars as a private, and has since been promoted to be successively corporal and sergeant. He writes that he finds army life full of interesting experience, and is likely to stand by Manila till the American flag goes up, at least.

Rev. Lewis E. Lee, Iota Deuteron, '94, has been preaching during September at Nebraska City, forty miles south of Omaha, Neb.

John H. Peck, Iota Deuteron, '95, has been appointed an assistant secretary of the Massachusetts commission on Revising the Public Statutes. His address is 70 Pinckney street, Boston.

George W. Hunter, Jr., Iota Deuteron, '95, is instructor in zoology at the Hyde Park High School in Chicago. Bro. Hunter since graduating from college has spent one year at Williams in post graduate study, and as assistant in biology, and two years in studying biology at the University of Chicago.

Edmonds Putney, Iota Deuteron, '96, has been admitted to the New York bar.

Clarence J. Russell, Iota Deuteron, '96, has begun his third year as instructor in the high school at Pittsfield, Mass.

Ralph W. Dunbar, Iota Deuteron, '98, has entered the Harvard Law School.

Charles H. Davis, Iota Deuteron, '98, has entered the Hartford Theological Seminary.

Frank H. McCall, Nu Deuteron, '91, has charge of the tool-room in Union Pacific railway shops at North Platte, Nebraska.

Frank S. Curtis, Theta, '89, is sadly bereaved by the sudden death of his wife, which occurred early in November. He had only been married about a year. He resides at 1714 Corcoran street, Washington, D. C.

Isaac P. Witter, Sigma Deuteron, '96, who sailed for foreign shores a few days previous to the Semi-Centennial, is expected to arrive in New York on his homeward trip about December 10th.

George P. Hambrecht, Sigma Deuteron, '96, has received a merited promotion and is now superintendent of public schools at Grand Rapids, Wis. This seems to be a great Theta Delt town. The school has been under the control of Theta Delt for some time.

George T. Blynd, Sigma Deuteron, '97, is acting as principal of the high school at Grand Rapids, Wis.

F. S. Barrows, Sigma Deuteron, '98, is one of the brave boys who was omitted from our war list. Bro. Barrows enlisted as first sergeant of Co. K, Third Wisconsin regiment. He has just recently returned from Porto Rico.

Thomas E. Rogers, Sigma, '66, who has been for more than twenty years the capable superintendent of the national Bank Redemption agency of the U. S. Treasury Department, took his first vacation this summer. He left Washington September 5th, going to Niagara Falls first, then taking the trip of the great lakes. From Duluth he took in St. Paul and Minneapolis. He returned by the same route to Buffalo and thence to New York via Albany and the Hudson river by daylight. In New York he tarried at the Windsor for a week where he says he was royally treated because a Theta Delt. Mrs. Rogers accompanied him. Washington and business were reached September 25th.

Rev. Loring Woart Batten, Iota, '85, is professor of Old Testament Literature in the Philadelphia Divinity School, having held the chair since 1891. The University of Pennsylvania granted him the degree of Ph. D., in 1893. He has become an authority in Hebrew and is well known in the councils of the Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania. He is married and has one son born in 1890. Bro. Batten still has a fondness developed in college, for the pleasures of the rod and gun.

John Derthick Cary, Iota, '65, is still in the hotel business at Richfield Springs, N. Y. Bro. Cary is shared by two charges, being a member of Psi, '84, and Iota, '85, and well beloved by those who knew him in both charges.

Dr. Henry Foster Lewis, Iota, '85, is practicing medicine in Chicago where he has been since 1888. He has been professor of Physical Diagnosis in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, and is now on the medical staff of the Jackson Park Sanitarium, and is medical examiner for the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York. He married in 1890 Minnie Dows Naa, of Bangkok, Siam. They have three daughters. His address is 4426 Lake ave.

Justin Perry Miner, Iota, '85, is farming his ancestral acres at Sheridan, N. Y., since the recent death of his father. Before that he had been engaged in the publishing business in Boston and in Lincoln, Neb. In 1888 he married Martha K. Moseley in Colorado.

Edward James Sartelle, Iota, '85, who was, while in college, at one time president of the New England Association of Theta Delta Chi, is connected with the State Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Worcester, Mass. His address is Box 1038 Worcester, Mass.

William Kanan Smith, Iota, '87, is practicing law in Portland, Oregon.

E. D. Warner, Gamma Deuteron, '91, has recently made several visits to the editor at Elmira, and they were pleasant indeed, breaking in on the monotony of work. Bro. Warner is interested in a flourishing Theta Delt concern, "The Parrish Signal Co." of Jackson, Mich., capitalized at \$100,000.00. Bro. E. S. Hobbs, Eta, '74, is president of the company. Lyman B. Trumbull, Gamma Deuteron, '91, is secretary, and Bro. Warner is treasurer and general manager. Field & Hinchman of Detroit, (Bro. H. G. Field, Gamma Deuteron, '93,) are consulting engineers. The business of the company is to make crossing and block signals for electric trolley roads and steam railroads. Their prospect of success are flattering. Bro. Warner is certainly a great hustler.

F. M. Kendall, Beta, '78, now is general manager of the college department of the Ginn Publishing Co., of Chicago, and is meeting with much success in his work.

John Hitchcock, Gamma Deuteron, '98, left college December 1st on account of his health and has sailed to Australia for a six months voyage.

Frederic Carter, Epsilon Deuteron, '90, is still in California. We believe he returns to New York after January 1st.

William E. Hills, Xi, '91, went through the land campaign on the Phillippines, but we have no particulars.

Merton L. Kimball, Eta, '87, of Norway, Me., served in the army and has just returned home. We have no advice of his regiment or position however.

Lewis Eichwalt, Pi Deuteron, '96, served on the U. S. S. "America," an ammunition and dispatch boat, as apothecary. He is still in service, having enlisted for three years.

Edwin A. Schaff, Rho Deuteron, '98, entered the naval reserve at the beginning of the war and served on the "Yankee" during the latter part of the war.

Arthur Allen Waterman, Iota, '85, resides at Arlington Heights, Mass. He is proprietor of the A. A. Waterman Fountain Pen, very popular among Theta Deltas and other "literary fellers." He is married and has a son and three daughters.

William Warren Winslow, Iota, '85, resides at his ancestral home in Punxsutawney, in the mountains of Pennsylvania, where he practices law and dabbles somewhat in local politics. He has been for many years a member of the school board and for the last three years its president. He is a director of the National Bank of Punxsutawney and secretary of the Punxsutawney Electric Light and Power company. The only reproach lying against him is that he has not yet taken unto himself a wife.

Lewis P. Frost, Iota, '86, is chief examiner of the Chicago Civil Service Commission, where he has been for the past two years. Previously he was engaged in mining affairs in Colorado.

Henry Clay Nelson, Pi Deuteron, '91, enlisted in the army but we do not know what branch.

Dean Nelson, Pi Deuteron, '90, was a soldier of the war, but no particulars are at hand.

Dr. Charles Churchill Carmalt, Iota, '87, practices in New York where he is Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy in Columbia and attached to the surgical staffs of several hospitals. His address is 40 E. 58th street.

George Edgar Ladd, Iota, '87, took the course and obtained the degree of Ph. D., at Harvard, finishing in 1894. He has been Assistant Geologist on the Texas and Missouri Geologic surveys for several years, and of late has given the summer school course in geology at Harvard. He married in 1889 Mary Oceana Hammond. They have two sons. His permanent address is Bradford, Mass.

Rev. Franklin Chester Southworth, Iota, '87, is pastor of the third Unitarian Church of Chicago, whither he came in the early part of the present year from Duluth, Minn. He had assumed the latter pastorate in 1892. Bro. Southworth is considered an acquisition to the pulpits of Chicago. He is a director of the Western Unitarian Conference. He was married in 1893 to Alice Amelia Berry and has two sons. His address is 118 S. Oakley ave., Chicago.

Charles Sproul Thompson, Iota, '87, is a member of the growing Chicago colony of Theta Deltas. He is contracting freight agent for the Illinois Central railroad. In 1894 he took the degree of A. M., from the University of Chicago. Bro. Thompson, during his vacation time is something of an expert mountain climber, spending that period in the Canadian Rockies making difficult and dangerous ascents. He has written several articles for mountaineering journals.

Theodore Cramer Von Storch, Iota, '87, lives in Scranton, Pa., where he is president of the West Ridge Coal Co., and secretary and treasurer of the Von Storch Coal Co. His address is 1609 N. Main ave.

 In Memoriam.

FRANK SUMNER RICE,

PHI, '70.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in his infinite love and wisdom, to call unto himself our beloved brother, Frank Sumner Rice, of the class of 1870, who died November 4, 1898; and,

WHEREAS, In his death, the Phi charge of Theta Delta Chi realizes that she has lost one of her most valued and loyal members, and one who, by his many abilities and brilliant achievements, has always reflected the greatest honor and credit upon the fraternity; be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Phi charge of Theta Delta Chi, while humbly bowing before the will of the Almighty, deeply mourn the loss of our brother and extend to his bereaved relatives and friends our sincerest sympathy; and be it

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased brother, to the Grand Lodge, to each of the charges of Theta Delta Chi, to the Department of Archives for preservation, and to the SHIELD for publication.

For the charge.

J. CONRAD HECKMAN, '99.

JAMES G. STRADLING, '00.

W. J. WILLIAMS, '02.

Lafayette College, Nov. 10, 1898.

Editorial.

It is not often that the SHIELD has the opportunity of presenting a group so characteristic as the one we give in this number, of the family of James Macbride Sterrett and his five sons. In fact, this is the only family group of its size of which Theta Delta Chi can boast. Our Bro. Sterrett, senior, is so well known that little is necessary to be said about him. Everybody knows what a genial, whole-souled man he is, and how his presence always lights up any occasion. He is an ever present factor at all the big doings. It would be a very cold day when he remained away from a convention or banquet. Well, perhaps, many others are, or seem to be enthusiastic, but when we see a man allowing his sons to go to college without even an effort to interest them in Theta Delta Chi, and as a consequence they join some other fraternity, we do feel that he is very lukewarm, but Bro. Sterrett is a Theta Delt at home as well as abroad. His boys have all been nurtured in a Theta Delt cradle. His eldest son, James Macbride, jr., was sent to Rochester University, that he might join the Chi. It was with deep and poignant grief that he was soon surrendered to the Omega charge. But there were other boys, and how to bring them in was the study of our good brother. He appealed to the fraternity for a charge at Columbian University, and here he has gathered in not only his remaining four boys, but also a goodly number of other fine, manly fellows, who make up in the Chi Deuteron charge a splendid aggregation. They have a good father to look after them, and so long as Bro. Sterrett is in Washington so long will he be just as earnest and faithful in his cherished work of making Chi Deuteron one of the best charges in the whole fraternity. A father and five sons is a most excellent record, and clearly Bro. Sterrett takes the prize. It rather

strikes us that the man who can do so much for the fraternity would be an excellent "father of them all" as President of the Grand Lodge.

WE desire to thank President Harstrom for four years of pleasant association in the work of the fraternity. There is no question as to the good work done by the Grand Lodge in recent years. The difference in the general condition and standing of Theta Delta Chi during the last ten years clearly indicates that good work has been done somewhere. The Grand Lodge is entitled to the lion's share of credit, and it is cheerfully conceded to them.

In the future even more responsibility will rest upon the executive officers to maintain the degree of excellence already attained. It behooves delegates to the convention to refrain from any political ideas and seek only those who are well fitted for the work in hand.

WHEN examining the other fraternity journals we discovered the fact that the portrait of the editor of many of them had appeared two or more times in five years, and it occurred to us that once during the ten years we had published our own from an old photograph taken some fifteen years ago. We are sufficiently vain to believe that possibly some of the later readers would like to see the editor as he looks now. Having had a photograph taken expressly to get a half-tone plate for the memorial volume, we are in a position to show ourselves just as we look at this writing, so we have been immodest enough to insert a portrait of the editor as a farewell greeting to our subscribers and fellow editors. We have said no good-byes this time, but are of the opinion that every reader who completes this number will be impressed with the fact that this is really our final effort.

DELEGATES to the convention should go prepared to suggest a successor to the present editor of the SHIELD, whose absolute and positive resignation will be presented to the convention. Heretofore we have yielded to the clamor of our old

and dearly loved associates of the alumni against the protest of personal health and our family. The time has arrived when it is absolutely essential that the work must be dropped. The fact is, as has clearly been proven by our table, that the editor of the SHIELD has done more mental work by twice than any other editor in the field. We have not been supported by our literary brothers. It would be nothing but play to publish the SHIELD if we could get forty or fifty pages of communicated material, as some of our co-laborers do, and it is wonderfully interesting, but we don't get any without begging for it, and then it is some oration or matter which has been prepared for other use, and usually not really proper material for the SHIELD. We have taken everything that offered—and that has been very little. Every line in this number but the charge letters and official announcement have been written by the editor, and every word of it between seven p. m. and midnight. That is hard work, and any man knows it who has done it. It is for this reason that we resign. We have learned to love the work deeply and shall miss it sadly for a time, but all things have an end, and so must our editorial labor. The labor has been one of love entirely, as our report to the Convention will demonstrate. All we ask is that those who have read the SHIELD with enjoyment will give us credit for the desire to render some service to our younger brothers. We have tried to lead their minds to higher things. If any measure of success has attended our efforts we are well rewarded. Time alone can show the results.

THE fates, or rather the Grand Lodge have decided that the next convention shall be held in Boston, as per official announcement published herein. We bow to the will of the powers that be, but just the same we regret the fact. We have argued, as we believe it to be right, that the old line of succession should be broken now and our new territory duly considered. There is no denying the fact that Washington and Chicago are entitled to consideration, and Chicago most of all. Our western brothers cannot come so far east every year to

attend the conventions. Years ago it made less difference as the western contingent was very small. The last decade has seen a most wonderful growth of Theta Delta Chi in the west. This increase is largely of eastern creation. The boys have all been seeking the west and now they are hungry for a convention. They want it and they ought to have it. We were hoping that Washington would be the Mecca this year, and many other graduates hoped the same. We know from expressions received, that a number expected to attend there who cannot go to Boston. We deeply regret to state that the date fixed is very likely to conflict with our business interests to such an extent that we will probably be unable to be in Boston. It will be the first convention in ten years that we have been obliged to pass; so don't be shocked if we fail to materialize. It will give others all the more chance to talk.

WE have on hand the accumulations of ten years, and there is a goodly amount of money invested which we would be very glad to get back. All volumes of the SHIELD can be supplied back to and including Volume 7. They will be supplied in bound form at \$2.00 each, or unbound for \$1.00. Those who wish to complete their sets can get what they need, and those who want a full set can get it at a very low rate. It must be done at once however, as the accumulation takes up quantities of room, and if not disposed of will be soon cast into the rag-bag. We also have six hundred dollars worth of Catalogues of the 1891 issue and a few of the 1895 edition. These will be furnished at the uniform price of \$1.00 each, plus postage of thirteen cents for each. Any brother who will buy a set of SHIELDS, or at least four volumes, at two dollars per volume, will be presented with a full leather bound copy of the 1891 edition of the Catalogue and also a copy of the 1895 Appendix. Don't cast aside this offer, because next year will be too late. Now is the time to improve the opportunity of completing your files. If a full set is wanted the price will be reduced, so that you cannot afford to miss the opportunity.

A GENERAL index of the last ten volumes will be found in this number of the SHIELD. It has been a work of much labor to prepare it, but we believe it will be sufficiently appreciated by those who have a full set of the SHIELD to reward us for the long hours and days spent in its compilation. But one other journal has done this so far as we know, and we hope it will never fall to our lot to make another; but a complete index is the most valuable part of the publication. In it you will find a complete list of all the personal mentions which have ever appeared about any brother; also any general topics, and, in fact, everything which has been published.

WE have published a considerable number of books during our time, but we are frank enough to state that we are more elated over the Memorial Volume than any other book we have ever gotten out. It is not gaudy or showy in any particular. The original idea was to have a plain, neat, substantial volume, which should contain an account of the Semi-Centennial exercises and as perfect a history as could be prepared. No thought of anything further was contemplated. Funds were hardly in sight to publish the plainest kind of a book. The work of editing and publishing this book was given over without restriction to the editor of the SHIELD, and was no part of the work of the Semi-Centennial Committee, the only consideration being that the editor was also financially responsible for the undertaking. As the work progressed we felt that the book would be incomplete without at least a few of the portraits of our most noted and well known members, and so launched out on the portrait idea. It has grown—regardless of financial conditions, concerning which we became reckless,—until we have sixty-six portraits and groups, besides two steel plates and a cut of the fraternity flag. The book as completed, contains a full account of the convention and banquet, the oration, poem and ode, the autograph signatures of those attending the banquet, and 210 pages of fraternity history. This in addition to sixty-six portraits, two steel plates and the flag, makes quite a book.

It seems to be quite as much of a success as the Semi-Centennial itself. The book will make a valuable addition to the fraternity literature of the day, and no Theta Delt can afford to be without it. We have done our part toward making it a success, and await your further pleasure. If the book is not subscribed for liberally our success will be turned into failure, but we are not solicitous about that. The book is going to be well received and we predict that the edition will not half supply the demand.

THE Memorial Volume is now a thing of reality, and is already in the hands of those who have paid their subscriptions, or will be in a very few days. The work of binding is slow and the books are being sent out as fast as completed. Those who have subscribed but have failed to receive their copy will understand that it takes five dollars to complete the subscription, and as soon as the money is sent the book will be forthcoming. No books are sent out until paid for. Those who have not yet subscribed should do so at once, as the edition is very limited and already over half sold. About one hundred copies remain to be disposed of, and if each of the charges obtains one, as they most certainly should, only eighty copies would remain. There is no doubt of the early exhaustion of the edition, as we feel sure that every brother who sees it will want a copy. You are therefore warned in time. Do not wait, if you want the book, but let your subscription come in at once.

THERE exists in our mind an impulse which we cannot resist to pen the lines which follow, and responding to this feeling which implies no reflection whatever upon the beloved brother to whom we must refer, we will endeavor to express clearly the points which are uppermost in our mind. There seems to be a peculiar opportunity offered to give a final touch to the influence the SHIELD and its editor have tried to exert upon young men during the ten years of our incumbency. When we took up the work in 1889, it had not been our

purpose to continue it, but simply to bridge over the chasm of suspension till some active editor might be found. Necessarily we soon came into contact with the active charges, and discovered, to our deep chagrin, that the habits of our own college days had been faithfully perpetuated. Most of the boys were liberal with the wine cup, and some very free with it. Having in mind the sad ruin of one of the Phi boys through drinking habits, encouraged and cultivated in college, we determined to take up the work actively—and for ten years we have waged war, personally as well as editorially, against that terrible demon, the wine cup. Now, just as we are laying down the editorial pen, comes the news of the death of our brother Rice, whose obituary is published in this number, and we are permitted to say things which could not have been told during his life-time. Our heart has ached times without number over the result of Bro. Rice's misfortune. How much of it is due to the course of the Phi charge during his active membership we cannot state, and perhaps it would not be well to attempt it, as the writer was one of her active members, and did not then try to restrain him from temptation. We have often thought, however, what the result might have been, had the Phi boys all been of the character which is seen in the charges of to-day. Certain it is that he would have been kept from the temptation while in college. Now, the painful fact is, that a young man meets his most trying temptations during his college career, and there it is that he most usually forms the habits which endure through a life-time. This being the case, it is a terribly serious thought—the influence we have upon our fellows while their characters are in the formation stage. We have tried faithfully and prayerfully to atone for whatever part we may have had in the downfall of our dearly loved brother, by trying to lead our young men of to-day into the path of rectitude. Frank Rice was one of the brightest boys in college. He was young, attractive, and a good entertainer; immensely popular and naturally invited to all the convivial occasions. Wine was on every board and he created a taste for it which clung to him through life. Sad and pitiful were his trials. For months at a time he would resist

its cravings, but once a taste and he was lost. Strange it is but true, that he retained his brilliancy during lucid periods to the last. We wish every brother were as familiar with all the sad details as we are, so that they might be the more impressed with the terrible danger which surrounds our college boys. Just think of it, reader—the raising of your hand to stay the temptation of your young Theta Delt brother may save a man and a soul. The pathway of the earnest missionary in this line is not one strewn with roses. We have felt the thorns, but we have also experienced the satisfaction of knowing that more than one college boy has thanked our earnest influence for keeping him from the wine cup; and this lesson will keep on living, even though our pen has become silent and our presence is wanting. As an active worker, we have seen our best days, and in retiring to give place to others, it cheers us to know that there are many good brothers who have been our main stay in the past, and who in the future will champion the cause of morality and sobriety with all the vigor and ardor which is necessary to keep the line unbroken. Let it be remembered of us that it was our constant aim to show the boys that there is nothing in life so sweet as the high standard of manhood which cannot be found in the wine cup. Our last word to you is—avoid this habit of drinking as you would a pestilence. Strive to live in such a way that when you stand face to face with death there will be no terrors for you in the transition.

WE have hinted elsewhere that we shall make a full SHIELD report to the Convention, which will speak for itself. We have always stood our ground on the original proposition made when we accepted the trust. There has never been any debt against THE SHIELD since that date, because we have always paid the bills and kept the *secrets* between THE SHIELD and ourselves. When the books are closed at the completion of this our final number, the results will be reported to the Convention for information. There is a very considerable difference between the totals on the two sides, according to the figures, but no debt. The balance is our contribution to the

fraternity. It does seem proper in closing up our relations with the publication to make reference to a few people who have been of very material assistance to THE SHIELD treasury during the ten years. We refer to our advertisers. They have paid money to THE SHIELD for space, and are entitled thereby to the patronage of the brothers in recognition of their support of the fraternity organ. The most faithful of all our advertisers is John F. Newman. His advertisement appeared in the very first number we issued and has been in every number since that date, in which any advertisements at all have appeared. Mr. Newman died several years ago, and Mr. W. F. Edwards has since conducted the business in the interest of Mr. Newman's widow. Newman's badges are always good ones, and as a continuous patron of THE SHIELD we bespeak for him the kindly remembrance of the brothers who wish to get a first-class badge. So long as THE SHIELD is published he will no doubt be a patron. Louis Dreka, the steel plate fraternity printer of Philadelphia, has also been an advertiser since 1890, and whenever steel plate work of any kind is wanted he should not be forgotten. You can always be sure of getting the best work at as reasonable a price as good work can be done anywhere. Roehm & Son of Detroit began to advertise in Vol. IX, and since that time have been liberal advertisers. They are in a location to take good care of the western trade and can supply as fine goods as can be manufactured anywhere, and their prices are always right. Simons Bros. & Co. of Philadelphia began to advertise in Vol. X and have kept it up to date. While we have not seen much of their work, they are surely in a position to offer as good bargains as any other house. These houses are certainly entitled to preference over other houses because of their support, and we bespeak for them your patronage in recognition of this fact.

WE have heard incidentally of a book entitled "Fraternity Men of Chicago," published in that city, and it has recently come to our notice that a similar book is contemplated for New York city. Now these books are not being published

by fraternity men, but by publishing houses for profit to themselves. They print the history of any fraternity man and include his portrait for "a consideration," and it is not mild either. A friend in New York said to the editor recently that a man had approached him and requested his photograph and biography to be published in such a book of New York fraternity men, and incidentally wanted either fifteen or twenty-five dollars—we have forgotten which. This tells the story. The man who comes down with the cash goes in, the man who cannot stays out. Such a book is a misnomer and positively damaging to the fraternity idea, and every good fraternity man, no matter what fraternity he belongs to, should frown upon it and refuse to be "taken in." Of course it is legitimate business for the publishing house to publish said book if a sufficient number of contributors can be secured to make it pay—but to put such a work forth as in any way truly representative of fraternity life is a misrepresentation pure and simple. We would like to see a book published on the basis of including all the fraternity men of New York with unbiased biographical or business sketches of those who merited it, the same not to be put in for pay, but because the subjects were worthy of it. When such a book is contemplated it will be by fraternity men themselves, and not by scheming publishers, who are after dollars rather than histories. We hope every member of Theta Delta Chi will steer clear of any such enticing trap as non-fraternity publishers may offer.

THE official announcement of the coming Convention will be found at the close of this department. President Harstrom writes that there seems to be the prospect of an excellent attendance. We hope there may be. The fraternity is not so large but that all of its charges can be represented, and they usually are. It is to be hoped that the increased attendance of graduates will be maintained. For several years there has been a goodly representation at the conventions. Make it more every year. We have for some time felt that the best interests of the fraternity would be subserved by increasing

the graduate representation. The more we study the point the stronger our opinion grows. Every charge should have two graduate delegates and two undergraduates. This would at once double the graduate attendance, because there are many graduates who will make considerable effort to attend if their charge appoints them a delegate, who under other considerations would not come at all. We believe that the experience of graduate brothers is of incalculable value, as balancing the impulsive acts of undergraduates. Then, again, a graduate delegate could and would act on all questions, especially those of sectional interests, with less personal feeling than the undergraduates. He would feel for the fraternity at large rather than any individual charge. This is just what we most need in our conventions—a balancing power cool-headed and always standing for the best good of all. This is a problem which will come to the front sooner or later. We also believe that the make up of the Grand Lodge is not what it should be. We don't like large bodies, but it should certainly be two graduates and one undergraduate, or three graduates and two undergraduates. These are our parting seeds sown by the wayside, which we trust will spring up and bear fruit to the advancement of Theta Delta Chi.

WE produce in this number the portrait of William L. Stone, the historian, whose admirable history of the first period of the fraternity, written for the memorial volume, adds another to the many productions from his pen, and gives to the fraternity the most extensive historical account ever published. An account of his wonderful library is reprinted in graduate personals. A life of Bro. Stone has recently been printed in *THE SHIELD*, and the only fact that can be added to it is that he is still as enthusiastic a Theta Delta as ever. Without his valuable assistance the memorial volume could not have been a complete success. As it stands it is one of the most interesting fraternity publications we have ever seen. The thanks of the entire fraternity are due to Bro. Stone for the immense amount of time and labor he has put upon this history.

WE received a letter not long ago from a member of another fraternity. He describes a club which they have for graduates in the city where he resides. They gather at all times, but especially on Saturday evenings. He says in closing: "When you are in town I shall be glad to show you our rooms and to have you present on any Saturday evening. We entertain members of other fraternities at our rooms—the same as non-members of our own—a thing which might shock the undergraduates." This goes to illustrate that the sentiment of terrible exclusiveness so carefully nurtured by the active college members in the years past softens materially when college walls have been left behind. We do believe in a certain remarkable exclusiveness at times, but the sentiment can be carried so far as to be detrimental.

THE make-up of this number will be changed somewhat so that pages may be held open for charge letters as long as possible. The September number was so long delayed that charge editors were asked for December letters before the September issue was mailed. We were delayed two weeks waiting for plates, and then when one is behind time everything goes wrong. This time we are on deck for a prompt issue and it will be hindered by nothing—such letters as arrive before the last form goes to press will be inserted. The rest will surely be left out because they are late. Our personal items are necessarily meager, as so little time has elapsed between issues.

BRO. Tom E. Rogers, of Washington, writes: "Your announcement of Tom Reily's death in the September SHIELD was the first I had heard of it. Your loving eulogy was well deserved. He was also my first teacher in the art of fraternity living and I shall never forget his love and zeal for the fraternity."

A MENTION was made in the September number that the daughter of Bro. John Hay had captured her father's art and written a book of poems. We have since received the book

from the publishers and feel it our privilege as well as pleasure to give Theta Delta Chi's poetry somewhat extended mention in this number. We assume that Miss Hay will not object to being claimed as one of Theta Delta Chi's illustrious daughters, because of the pride which it gives the fraternity to regard her in that light, and the loyalty of her father to his old college society. We have reviewed the book, however, just as we saw it, and trust those who read it will find as much pleasure in it as we did.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Fifty-First Annual Convention
of the
THETA DELTA CHI FRATERNITY
will assemble at Young's Hotel, Boston, Mass., Thursday
Morning, January 12th, 1899, at 10 o'clock.

There will be both morning and afternoon sessions during Thursday and Friday.

The Convention Banquet will be given in the same hotel, Friday evening, January 13th, at six o'clock.

Notices containing more detailed information have been sent to every graduate brother whose address is known, and the early indications point to an attendance not far short of that registered at the Semi-Centennial. Every Theta Delt is most cordially urged to be present.

For the Grand Lodge.

CARL A. HARSTROM,
President.



WILLIE.

PATERFAMILIAS.

HATCH.

ROBERT.

DOUGLAS.

Notes and Comments.

FRATERNITY FINANCES.

In the present day of fraternity growth and expansion of new ideas there is no subject so carelessly handled or little thought of as the financial condition of a fraternity at large. There appears in the November number of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* an able article by Joseph C. Nate on "The Fraternity Endowment Fund." From this article it seems that Sigma Chi has had her mind on one or another kind of general fraternity sinking funds for some years. Mr. Nate's explanatory sentence reads :

The purpose of these paragraphs is to explain the important feature of our system of finances designated as the "Endowment Fund," how it has been developed, what it is now accomplishing, and what is fairly to be expected from it. Especially, also, will be pointed out a method, believed to be practicable, whereby our alumni with a small (if at all representative) effort may, by this fund, make the fraternity a stronger institution, financially, than any college fraternity has yet, so far as is known by the writer, become. Incidentally it will be necessary to state accurately and consider the financial phase of the "chapter-house question" so far as it directly interests our fraternity. It may be added that these matters are considered mainly for the benefit of those of our own membership who are interested in knowing what our exact progress along these lines has so far been and wherein it may hereafter become greater.

He then argues, first, as follows :

College fraternities, generally, may fairly be said to live "from hand to mouth." In most cases the situation seems to be to collect "dues" and magazine subscriptions as fully as possible, while all which is collected, and more, is needed to cover running expenses and desired new ventures. The writer believes that Sigma Chi has already advanced further from that condition than any other college fraternity, but it is not the present purpose to discuss such proposition further than as the facts herein shown shall, incidentally indicate it.

Referring to previous efforts by legislation the following extract tells the whole story :

The first effort was the "Catalogue Sinking Fund." It was estab-

lished as a means of aiding to place our Catalogue and History, of 1890, upon the market. That publication cost some \$6,000, and when it appeared, in 1890, had exhausted, not only the sinking fund, but about all other available resources, including the physical strength of many scribes and the patience of one publishing house. The financial troubles which then arose were practically ended in three years time through various measures, at first considered largely experimental, but which proved splendidly successful. A debt of \$3,000 was paid and five hundred remaining catalogues were disposed of, the former without hardship and the latter without complaint.

Meanwhile this fund began again to accumulate. Its net surplus was \$848.26 on July 15, 1895, when one-half of that amount was transferred to the newly created Chapter-House Sinking Fund. It again amounted to \$929.01 on July 15, 1897, when it was abolished, and the funds ordered to be devoted to other purposes.

The twenty-second Grand Chapter (1895) recorded the creation of two other sinking funds, the Railway Expense and the Chapter-House.

The Chapter-House Sinking Fund was intended to provide for loans to those of our chapters which were planning to build chapter houses and had already made a considerable start. The money was to be returned into the same fund for similar use over again. Its only source of income were (1) \$428.12 turned directly into it from the Catalogue Sinking Fund, as above stated. (2) 50 per cent. of the National Fraternity's initiation fee as required of all initiates into active chapters, and (3) 10 per cent. of the annual "dues" of all active members. On July 15, 1897, it had already made a building loan of \$900 to our Cornell chapter, and had a balance of \$481.78. It was then abolished and the balance turned into the present Endowment Fund.

The Railway Expense Sinking Fund was intended to pay the railway expenses of a delegate from each chapter to biennial grand chapters. Its only source of income was 20 per cent. of the annual dues of all active members. On July 15, 1897, it showed a balance of \$942.54, a sum which sufficed to pay the railway expenses of all of the forty-eight delegates present (out of fifty chapters) and leave a balance as a start for "next time." This fund, as already stated, was retained by the Nashville legislation and was allowed thirty, instead of twenty, per cent. of active chapter dues.

It will be noticed that all of these funds were to accrue from active membership alone, and no reference at any time was had to the graduates. Mr. Nate explains the change from old to new as follows :

Turning now from old funds, let us understand the present arrangement. It may be said that the last grand chapter found perhaps a greater degree of alumni interest awakened in its doings than any of its prede-

cessors. For the first time its financial legislation had been prepared by a committee of alumni. The new constitution, as presented at Nashville, had been prepared with much labor by what is known as the "Put-in-Bay Committee," composed of alumni from all sections, and had been before the chapters in printed form for nearly a year. For the first time a system of alumni dues received much consideration. Of this fact the creation of the Endowment Fund may be considered a direct result, although a *form* of alumni contributions to it was not decided upon.

Nothing, however, can explain the endowment fund as it stands better than the final legislation itself. I, therefore, append Art. XVIII, of our new constitution as adopted at Nashville and now in force :

ARTICLE XVIII.

SECTION 1. There shall be a permanent fund designated as the "Endowment Fund." All money coming into the possession of the fraternity and not otherwise appropriated shall be carried into the endowment fund at the end of each college year.

SEC. 2. The endowment fund shall be used and employed only as follows :

First: In loans to chapters on good security to assist them in the acquisition of chapter houses and otherwise. The money on such loans, when repaid, to be returned to said fund.

Secondly: The income (but no part of the principal) may be used, in case of extreme need, to defray the legitimate expenses of the fraternity.

The Grand Council, as a body corporate, shall be trustees to collect, hold and disburse all moneys coming into the endowment fund. They shall collect, hold or disburse the same, subject to the provisions of the constitution, statutes and ritual of the fraternity.

This endowment fund receives annually the sum of \$2.50 for each member initiated—as the contribution of the active members. Evidently the alumni part is not yet clearly outlined, as Mr. Nate says :

It is understood by those alumni at Nashville who had given the matter most thought that the endowment fund should involve some form of required alumni dues. To briefly state why some definite action was not decided upon, it may be explained that it was believed that another two years might profitably elapse before settling this important matter finally. The report of the committee on finance, unanimously adopted, was in part as follows :

"Your committee believes that the time is ripe for the adoption of a system of alumni dues, but recommends that the matter be referred to the Grand Triumvirs with instructions to formulate such a system."

One of the obstacles to present legislation for past alumni, was that no *ex-post facto* law could compel those already grad-

uated to contribute, but might be effective only as to those graduating after this date. Mr. Nate then goes on to state :

For these reasons, and, particularly for one other, no action on alumni dues has, as stated, been had. The "one other" reason remains to be stated, and is this : It was thoroughly understood at Nashville, and plans were then under way, to give, by a systematic method, these five thousand alumni of ours an opportunity to voluntarily swell our endowment. Herein lies the suggestion alluded to at the opening of this article. The plan in detail is now before our alumni. Through the *Bulletin*, and direct correspondence, it is intended that all alumni shall know what is wanted and be given the opportunity to do their part. To avoid details here, it will only be added that our large body of alumni are asked to move together and at once to swell the proportions of our endowment fund. A general response will, naturally, mean two things. First, that we have secured the voluntary help of about all present alumni who could be prevailed upon at this late day to become payers of alumni dues because of any "legislation" sought to be enacted. Secondly, their voluntary act would pave the way for, and render welcome, any legislation by the next Grand Chapter looking to such dues from those who shall hereafter join the alumni fold.

The possibilities of this endowment fund are then argued by Mr. Nash, and among other things he states :

The reasons why we should immediately create a large endowment fund are many. To begin with, a carefully invested endowment of only \$15,000 or \$20,000, available for loans of from \$500 to \$2,000 in chapter house buildings, and with the interest available for personal visitation of chapters and alumni gatherings by grand officers, for extension, for publications, and for new fields of effort, will make our institution a leader—will increase its influence in getting men and chapters when and where needed and holding them when once secured. Such a fund contributed by many alumni will increase their own interest in the fraternity and its future—will insure the impetus always given to any cause by a united effort of many of its friends. These are reasons affecting the general welfare of the fraternity. It is needless to suggest them at length, or in greater detail, for, as said, we are writing mainly to those who believe in the fraternity ; who value their membership in it ; and who will, if shown the method, its value and safety, contribute to increase its influence.

A lengthy statement of their present chapter house needs follows and his conclusion ends the article in the following words:

If we persevere as a fraternity we may look confidently forward to a successful system of alumni dues and to a large and useful endowment fund. The present effort to hasten that prosperous time through the aid of our present force of alumni will, necessarily, have its early effect in

increasing the interest in, and knowledge of, the fraternity's financial plans both among them and among active members. If, in addition, its unqualified success could, as is hoped, enlarge ten-fold, our present fund, the fraternity would, indeed, have cause for rejoicing.

We have much admiration for a line of work like this laid out systematically, and it reads as though Sigma Chi intended to follow it up and make a success of it. We gather from it one idea which had not before occurred to us, and perhaps this is the reason of failure on our part to establish such a fund. It will be recalled that a resolution was offered at the convention held in 1896 in New York, that the alumni be asked to pay five dollars per year to a trust fund which should be established. Now it does seem a little incongruous that active members should legislate for alumni. In the case of Sigma Chi the alumni are handling their own proposition. The new idea we evolve from this article is, why not begin the day a man enters the fraternity by taking a certain portion, even though it be small, of the initiation fee for this fund, and then a percentage of his annual dues each year while in college, and a certain annual contribution after graduation. Say one dollar from the initiation fee, ten per cent of annual dues, and one dollar annual alumni tax. Then ask the old alumni as an *ex-post-facto* contribution to give one dollar for every back year of their membership at once. Then devote this fund to the chapter house work, and the interest funds to catalogue or periodical publication. We fully agree with Mr. Nate that the business end of a fraternity makes the final success. Fraternities can not be run on sentiment. It takes cold cash to complete the work. This is one of the pressing demands of the age, and for the coming half century those fraternities which press this question of finance to a successful issue will be the ones which will continue to be prosperous in every other particular. We give this as the most important legacy for our successor in the editorial chair. Grind at the subject till something is done. We are sure from our past experience that something of this kind is needed to make Theta Delta Chi permanently successful.

FRATERNITY BADGES.

The shield badges of Theta Delta Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi and Southern Kappa Alpha have the same general outline. Theta Delta Chi was founded at Union in June, 1848, Phi Delta Theta at Miami in December, 1848, Phi Kappa Psi at Jefferson (now W. & J.) in 1852, and Southern Kappa Alpha at Washington (now W. & L.) in 1865. The SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi has recently referred to its shield form of badge having been "plagiarized." This charge was directed probably against Phi Delta Theta. We have documents to prove that the first Phi Delta Theta badge, a shield charged with an eye and a scroll bearing " $\Phi \Delta \Theta$," was made in June, 1849, and a statement of that fact was made in the *Scroll* for June, 1898, by the designer of the badge, Rev. Robert Morrison, D.D., one of the surviving founders of the fraternity. The first of the "Old Fraternity Records" published in the *Scroll* for October, 1898, shows that a member of the Miami chapter purchased such a badge on July 7, 1849. Has Theta Delta Chi any documents to show that its members wore a shield badge at an earlier date?

This matter ought to be decided by proof, and, as the history of Theta Delta Chi has recently been written for its semi-centennial, it ought to be easy for that fraternity to produce evidence on that point. If it can be shown that Theta Delts wore shield badges before Phi Delts, we will cheerfully accord to Theta Delta Chi full credit for originating this design. However, our founders in 1848-49 knew nothing whatever about Theta Delta Chi's badge, or even about the Theta Delta Chi society. Except the ephemeral chapter at the Ballston law school, New York, Theta Delta Chi had no chapter outside of Union until 1852, when it entered the University of Vermont, and it did not get anywhere near Phi Delta Theta territory until after the civil war.

The above extract is taken from Walter B. Palmer's article on badges in the December *Scroll*. We are very glad that it appeared so that we might have the opportunity of answering the query, as the last evidence given before the court in our closing hours. It is with a great feeling of pleasure that we respond to so courteous an appeal. Mr. Palmer is certainly possessed of the true fraternal spirit. For his information we would state that we now have in our possession, and have had for a number of years, one of the first Theta Delta Chi badges ever made. It was obtained in Albany in December, 1847, by Abel Beach, one of the founders of the fraternity and also one of the designers of the badge. In its general outline the badge is exactly like the ones in present use. It is, however, larger, but a distinctive shield. The date of pur-

chase probably needs some explanation to reconcile it with the "founding date," adopted after much discussion, as June 5, 1848. The fact is, there are written evidences and abundance of unwritten history to prove that Theta Delta Chi was conceived and really born in October or November, 1847, but the oldest record in the Alpha minute book being June 5, 1848, the writer was one of those who strongly insisted on being absolutely safe and sure, by counting our birth as of June 5, 1848. This is proven by the badge itself. In that early day there would be no conceivable inducement for the college boy to have his badge dated back. The owner of the badge still lives and declares that he purchased the same in 1847, as stated. We trust this statement will establish priority in Mr. Palmer's mind. We can readily understand his statement that Phi Delta Theta might have easily conceived a similar badge without ever having seen one of ours. Now in regard to the remark that our reference to plagiarizing was intended for Phi Delta Theta, Mr. Palmer is altogether wrong. In order to prove this we must tell the whole truth, like our illustrious friend, George Washington, but we do it without any feeling of animosity, hoping that our friends who are hit will not take it unkindly. Our remarks were directed entirely to Phi Kappa Psi, who are making a shield so near like that of Theta Delta Chi that it is almost impossible to detect any difference at a distance of ten feet. This fact has been acknowledged by Phi Kappa Psi men to the writer with regret. The only sensible difference in the shape is that there are two points at the top center, instead of one, as in our shield. The border is of pearls, and while the center characters in the enamel are different, they are not easily detected at any distance. It is, to say the least, very unfortunate, and had Theta Delta Chi not possessed absolute proof that our badge was created, made and worn nearly five years before Phi Kappa Psi was founded, the writer would have insisted on a change being made in our badge, which would enable us to recognize it at all times and in all places. Now the simple fact that Phi Kappa Psi or any other fraternity has a "shield" badge, does not affect Theta Delta Chi in the least, but when

anybody so nearly copies it as to resemble it closely and occasion errors on the part of members of both fraternities it is time for somebody to change the style of their badge. Clearly priority of possession does not call upon Theta Delta Chi to change hers. The shields of Phi Delta Theta or Kappa Alpha have never troubled us in the least. They are distinctly different and would never be mistaken by either fraternity. We trust we have made ourselves perfectly understood by Mr. Palmer. He has expressed himself so kindly that we wish to thank him for his loyalty to right—no matter whom it affects.

RESIGNED AND LIFTED.

From time to time it seems that "lifting" or some kindred evil will crop out in the fraternity world. The instance we shall refer to is perhaps not as grave an offense as the deliberate taking of a man from one fraternity and initiating him into another, but it is far below a high standard of fraternity morals. A. J. Carter, of the Wabash chapter of Kappa Sigma, resigned from the fraternity and was initiated into Beta Theta Pi on the same night. The cause which led to his resignation was his failure to meet his financial obligations to Alpha-Phi chapter and to individual members of the chapter. His continuous shortcomings in this respect became burdensome to the chapter and several members thereof, so that finally, after compelling him to square his accounts, he was permitted to resign. While Kappa Sigma has willingly let go an unworthy member, it turns out that that member was solicited to join Beta Theta Pi while still connected with Kappa Sigma. We don't know what the constitution or organic law of Beta Theta Pi has to say upon the subject of taking in men who have belonged to other fraternities, but we cannot believe that any fraternity will justify the action of any chapter in taking in a man under the circumstances surrounding Carter's case. The information which comes to us is that the Wabash chapter of Beta Theta Pi has on more than one occasion incited members of other fraternities to join it, and it is time the matter is given publicity. We hope and believe that Beta Theta Pi will promptly disavow the action of the chapter and thus preserve the honor of the fraternity.

The above editorial from the September issue of *The Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma tells its own story. If the facts be literally true both fraternities have made a great blunder. It would look as though Kappa Sigma should have expelled the offending member for his shortcomings instead of letting him

down easy. Then *all* fraternities should have kept their hands off. Nothing would advance the standing of fraternity membership more than a rigid adherence to the rule that a man once a member of any fraternity is *never* under any conditions eligible to membership in any other. This would lead to greater care all around. If there be one thing more disgraceful than another it is accepting the "cast-offs" of another fraternity. No Greek letter society is so low in standard but that a man whom they discard because he is a discredit, is certainly not fit for any other society which he may join. We trust the Greek press will take up this question as they have Theta Nu Epsilon and harp on it till an impression is made which will be lasting. Let us have done with lifting. A fraternity never gets a "lifted member" who is good enough to pay the cost in the end.

Exchange Cleanings.

As we take up the pen for the last time to say a few words about the work of our brother editors we are reminded of the first efforts made in this line ten years ago. We launched out with fear and trembling and awaited the result anxiously. As the years have rolled by it has become one of the most pleasant tasks imaginable and it is with a sincere feeling of regret that this is the last time we shall look with the critic's eye upon the pile of journals heaped up before us. It has been a long time since we have reviewed the journals ourselves, except now and then to add a word here and there when occasion seemed to require it, but now we propose to do it entire and give a liberal amount of space to our favorite work.

The topmost victim is Kappa Alpha's September number, opening the new volume. The first thing striking is the frontispiece; a full length portrait of the Rev. Thomas Dixon. The plate is four inches wide and nine inches high; just think of it. It is too bad to spoil the effect of a handsome man's picture by such disproportion. It makes the man look as though he was about ten feet high, a regular giant. The next plate is 2×3 , the next one $2\frac{1}{2} \times 3$, and next an oval $1\frac{7}{8} \times 2\frac{5}{8}$. In addition to these there are two chapter groups still more out of proportion, so that the illustrations, taken as a whole, look badly and mar the otherwise handsome journal. They might have better been left out altogether. We have said considerable about uniformity in size. To understand what we mean just look at the last issue of the SHIELD and note the regularity of the plates. There is ample room for improvement in this particular in all the journals—without a single exception. Contributions and chapter letters compose the greater part of the number. Among the contributions we note "Hobson Comments and Clippings," covering eleven pages. We are glad that Kappa Alpha has some one to be proud of and gloat over. Please remember however, that Mr. Hobson

is a young man and "much praise doth make some men mad." It might take more than a football head of hair to keep his cranial contents within bounds if the thing keeps on. We don't wish to be understood as underrating Mr. Hobson. Not at all. He is a brave man and if he remains as sensible as he is courageous there is no fear for his future. There is also a goodly list of Kappa Alpha men in the service. The present editor took up his work in the middle of the last volume and reserved his "bow" till the opening number. He expresses himself as not a believer in college notes or exchanges and practically drops them from his journal. That is all right if Kappa Alpha desires it, but we observe that a little pepper and salt on our food helps it wonderfully sometimes. The journal to us is not what it used to be. As a mechanical production we see the same marks, but the touch of affinity has gone.

The Quarterly of Sigma Chi for June has a very interesting history of the University of Michigan, accompanied by a number of excellent illustrations. "Foot-ball in the West" and "The Convention of the Fourth Province" make up the symposium. A list of all the initiates of the year is also given, as is printed in nearly all the journals once each year. This is a good idea and helps to make permanent record of names and gives the catalogue maker something to check up by. Such lists would gladly have been published in the SHIELD, but they have never been furnished and so the editor has been debarred from doing it. The rest of this closing number of the seventeenth volume is made up of chapter letters and personals. Just as we are reviewing this number we receive the November number, opening Vol. XVIII. We notice a change in the color and style of cover which seems to resemble one used several years ago. The first article is "Sigma Chi in the War," which gives a goodly list of heroes. A reproduced sketch of John Franklin Goucher, president of the Woman's College of Baltimore, and several biographies follow. An article on "The Fraternity Endowment Fund" interests us very much and is discussed in another department of this issue.

The chapter letters and personal items are copious as usual. It will be remembered that the *Quarterly's* total of personals was the only one which exceeded that of the SHIELD. This department is well kept up by Editor Miller and it makes the journal very interesting to Sigma Chi readers. In Greek notes we find this :

The SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi presents a fine cut and a biographical sketch of Secretary of State John Hay. It is perfectly within the evidence to declare that Mr. Hay possesses as many of the characteristics of the ideal Greek as any man living, and Theta Delta Chi may well congratulate herself.

We have always been glad to record the good things spoken and written about our illustrious brother, and only regret that we have nothing new to offer in this number on the same subject. But we are glad to do honor to him through his family even in this issue.

In the chapter letters we find a group picture of one of the chapters. Its first appearance attracts prominent attention to a fact of later years. There are nine in the group and every man's hair parted in the middle. All they would need would be gowns to make it the picture of a group of fairly handsome girls. We have often wondered why the boys did part their hair in the middle. We have been unable to decide whether it is because the girls do so, or to get nearer the conventional foot-ball cut. It never struck us as an improvement, but it may not last always. The total appearance of the *Quarterly* is good. It looks neat, it is well printed and the illustrations are always of good character. From the fact that we find no editorial complaint of non-support in either the closing or opening numbers of a volume we are led to conclude that the *Quarterly* is well supported. We hope so, as it is a most creditable publication and ranks well in the Greek press coterie.

The *Kappa Alpha Theta*, for November, opening up Vol. XIII, is as usual a capital production. It has no half-tones in it, but that does not detract at all from its value. The first article, "Policy in Fraternity—Non-Fraternity Relations," is clear-headed and has much in it of sound sense.

The sphere of action open to the fraternity girl in regard to the non-fraternity girls of her own college is large; and proportionately as she takes advantage of it, she raises the standing of the chapter in university consideration and develops tremendously her own character and personality. Exclusiveness is good while it is temperate, but its tendency is toward the extreme, and rare and wise the hand that restrains it to the dignified and happy man.

And this is the way that Kappa Alpha Theta does it:

During the term, as we have a well-run chapter house where the out-of-town girls live and which is open to all at all times—the luncheons entertain frequent guests. Informally, of course; but each girl brings a friend now and then to share what we happen to have, and chat a little while before returning to recitations. It does not deprive us of any of our privacy, and it betters the feeling. Once every year, a month before the seniors go, they send out simple cards for a tea to the girls of the senior class; the house is thrown open, and between the hours, a hundred or so girls come and go, to drink a cup of our tea, from the care of which the fraternity sophomores loyally relieve their seniors by taking entire charge of the refreshments. Usually the juniors try to make an equally extended effort with their class.

This is a delightful state of things. There is too wide a gap between inter-fraternal bodies, and between fraternities and barbarians; a gap which could easily be partially closed without harming the fraternity a particle, and it would make the life of the barbarian happier.

We find another pretty sentiment in this same article which reads:

The four years college education should be an education of people and things, as well as of books. By the people and things we appreciate the books; by the books, the people and things. Each is essential to the other, neither is complete without the other. The triple education is a well-rounded one; the one-sided education is unsatisfactory and impractical.

We discover that Kappa Alpha Theta is to have a catalogue, which is now in course of preparation. In the undergraduate department we find under the caption, "A Helping Hand":

When one of the girls begins to fail in her school work, as evidenced by the great attention on her part to outside interests and the neglect of regular attendance at school work, something must be done in the fraternity, and it is a delicate question as to how best to reach the sister and give her the needed counsel and assistance.

Put it in such a way that she will see and regret her laxness in loyalty

to our fraternity, will see that her sisters are sisters in truth, preferring to lend a helping hand in faith, hope and love, rather than to grieve in silence, talk it over secretly, deplore the "disgrace to the fraternity," and do nothing to help.

The active members of a chapter can be greatly helped or hindered by their fellows. If there be one really good strong-minded one among them the whole chapter is likely to follow in line. So far as a fraternity goes in college life proper its best work is as a training school for its members, where they learn manhood and brotherhood.

We pick up the next, which happens to be the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* for June. It looks well on the outside, but—oh, dear—we have to stop and cut the leaves before we can see the good things on the inside. There are 28 inset pages of fine half-tone work, not of uniform size, but after all they look well, as none are too large to be out of good proportion. A picture of the Cornell chapter house is given and separate plans of each floor. This is a good feature, not so much to show what the Cornell boys have, as to give ideas on construction to other chapters. If these drawings had also contained dimensions much would have been added to their value. Interior views are also given. In fact, as we turn the leaves we discover that this is a "Cornell" number. It is following out the same idea which THE SHIELD adopted several years ago, and makes a most interesting feature of the journal. An advance notice of the semi-centennial convention, to be held October 14 to 18, 1898, occupies several pages, and this explains why we have not received the current number. We regret its absence, as we would like to note the good things said and done there. There does not seem to be anything of special interest, except to the fraternity, so we pass along.

As we look through the pages of the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta for October, we feel it in our bones that we will not find a handsomer journal in the whole pile. What a wonderful improvement in every direction over the *Scroll* of years ago. The paper a coated book, of better grade than any

other journal uses. Whether it be a special feature of this number or the regular thing we cannot state, but it is fine. There are seventeen plates, beside a number of small ones interspersed with reading matter in this number, and they are all good illustrations, well printed and of a proportionate size, which adds to the typographical appearance.

One of the most interesting things in the whole number is entitled "Old Fraternity Records," by Walter B. Palmer, the able historian of the fraternity. Such records are valuable. We have noticed many articles by Mr. Palmer in past numbers of the *Scroll*, and have envied the editor. We have longed for just one such helper ourselves. We are interested in the war pictures, of which several appear. There is also a long list of soldier boys' names. The journals all have them, and it is a good thing. It is possible to obtain an almost perfect record of the "Spanish war." If we could only have had such a record of the civil war, what a valuable history it would be now. Just as we have completed this interesting number, the December issue puts in its appearance, ahead of time. What we said in a general way of the October number applies equally to the December issue. It only contains five illustrations, but they are excellent ones.

The first article is "Reminiscences of Catalogue Making," by Frank D. Swope, Phi Delta Theta's present catalogue maker. It gives an interesting account of experiences so similar to those we have met that with a change of name it would do for THE SHIELD. The next article is one on "Fraternity Badges and other Emblems," by that same prolific, but most captivating writer, Walter B. Palmer. It is a statement of interest to Theta Delta Chi, which is quoted in full and answered in another department. We would like to produce it entire, but there are too many Greek symbols in it for our printers, who are not up on Greek. The editor always has to set the Greek text himself, and time is too valuable just now. The next thing is two full page tables of chapter houses owned or rented by the various fraternities. We note that Theta Delta Chi is credited with a rented house at Tufts. This is an error. Kappa owns her house. Otherwise the list

seems to be correct, so far as Theta Delta Chi is concerned. Then comes "Old Fraternity Records," by Walter B. Palmer, ten pages long. The editor gives a 17-page review of college annuals. This is well written and interesting, but somehow we have always failed to see the utility of so much time devoted to college annuals. In fact, our interest never ran that way. The leading editorial announces the semi-centennial to be held in Columbus, Ohio, November 21-26. So the next number will give the account which we must miss. Three semi-centennials this year—Theta Delta Chi opened the ball in February, Phi Gamma Delta followed in October, and Phi Delta Theta in November. Semi-centennials are enjoyable affairs, and if these fraternities have as good a time as Theta Delta Chi did it will take pages to tell the story.

The *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for September has a long article on the "Northwestern Lift," which has been discussed for some time. Theta Delta Chi's article on the Williams case is freely quoted. We regret that such things must be, but there is no shadow of a doubt as to Theta Delta Chi's position on that question. The war record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is good. The editor says that "chapter letters are less numerous in this issue than they should be." That may be true, but the journal has 48½ pages of chapter letters in a total of ninety-five pages, which we should call quite a respectable showing. The editor also wails as follows: "We feel obliged to refer again to that hackneyed subject, subscriptions. Less than 200 subscribers from among our 6,000 alumni is our condition." While it is poor medicine for the editor, it makes us happy to find some one else worse off than we are. Misery does love company, and we condole with our suffering co-worker. Just the same, he gets out a very creditable journal, which ought to appeal to graduates. We do think, however, that it would help very materially to put in graduate personals and general news. Old graduates are not deeply interested in chapter letters and dry discussions of current topics. They like to read about the old fellows, and

about college affairs and other fraternities. We speak from experience in this matter. Of course it is hard work to get personals, but biographies of old and distinguished brothers and matter of that sort takes well. Try it and see.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* for October is a great number. It might be called a war number. It contains the biographies and portraits of nine distinguished dekes. John D. Long, secretary of the navy; General Stewart L. Woodford, Whitelaw Reid, General Matthew C. Butler, John Addison Porter, private secretary to President McKinley; Theodore Roosevelt, the governor elect of New York state; Captain Peyton Conway March, U. S. artillery; Grant Squires, lieutenant U. S. A., and a former editor of the *Quarterly*, John Blair Gibbs, the first surgeon accepted under McKinley's first call, and the first to fall on Cuban soil. Surely that is a creditable and notable aggregation of which any fraternity may be proud. The illustrations are all well printed and embellish the number. There are also several war sketches, and all taken together make excellent reading. The editor seems to realize it himself and chuckles in his sleeve over it. He bubbles all over and we do not wonder at it. Editor Roe is a happy man, that is plain to be seen, and it is not war history which makes him happy either, but it is all right. He would be forgiven for anything he might say just at this juncture. In closing our most delightful relations with Bro. Roe, we have only two little suggestions to offer. If your chapter letters were headed with the name of the college as well as the chapter, it would at once locate them for many of the older graduate readers who are not thoroughly familiar with the location of chapters, vide charge letters in the SHIELD; our last one is we have never earned the title "Colonel," although we do belong to the Loyal Legion. We were so 'dubbed' by our old friend John B. Keeble—and to him alone belongs the inherent right to address us as "Col." as he has retired from the field so has our title. Plain "Mr." is *good enough* for us.

The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi for July closes the labors of Editor Gretzinger. Its opening article is an introduction to the newly elected editor, Mr. Frank C. Bray, who graduated from Wesleyan University in 1890. His portrait accompanies the article and is the only one in the number. Mr. Bray is young and vigorous. He has had considerable newspaper experience and at present is editor of "Topics of the Day," "The Literary Digest," and several other journals. Evidently Phi Kappa Psi expects much of him—and we hope they will not be disappointed. He has a number of irons in the fire, and one more will not perhaps make any difference. Phi Psi in the army is a proper article. In his valedictory Mr. Gretzinger gives utterance to a principle with which we heartily sympathize. He says :

The editor has aimed to make *The Shield* a magazine of which no Phi Psi need be ashamed, and for this reason we allowed no reflection or aspersion on other fraternities to be printed in *The Shield*. Time and time again during the first months of our editorship did we "kill" in the most heartless and cold-blooded manner puerile matter in which rival organizations were spoken of in not the most dignified and pleasant manner, until at last the Chapter correspondents came to realize that it was simply a waste of time to write such truck and make the attempt to run *The Shield* blockade with it. Now all this gave us a new experience. It gave us a keen insight into the undergraduates' make-up. It showed us that if properly handled the average fraternity students can be made to realize that there are other fraternities in the world besides their own, and that each one fills a special field and occupies its own ground. And so we could go on, but the head grows heavy and the eyes dim, tears crowd themselves to flow when we begin to realize to the fullest extent that we are about lay down for the last time the editorial quill that we have wielded so earnestly in behalf of dear old Phi Psi. As editor of *The Shield* we have been brought closer to Phi Kappa Psi, we have laid upon her altar our humble services; we ask no return, for there is not enough gold in the world to buy the sacrifices we have made, not that we measure the value of these services so high, but because nothing could buy for us the many warm friendships we made through *The Shield*, we would not sell the heart-throbs of brotherly affection for the most princely palace, nor would we trade the practical experience gained and the new insight and knowledge of the American Greek-letter Society we have secured through our editorship for a kingly crown.

We can only say, as editor of *The Shield*, good-bye. And as a Phi Psi, we want to say we shall be as loyal, as true, and as devoted as we have

been in the past. May *The Shield* always live to be the guiding star in the destiny of Phi Kappa Psi.

This is the result of two years work. We wonder how ten years experience would affect our friend. His first remarks are directly in line with our own policy. When he speaks of his personal relations we can sympathize most deeply. We have been brought into the closest relations with a vast number of our brothers, and have enjoyed it. We have seen another side which came after the "new broom" had worn down, but of this we will not speak. Editorial work has its sorrows as well as joys, and we have had a good fill of both. As a parting word to Theta Delta Chi, Editor Gretzinger reviews the March number and says many nice things about Theta Delta Chi. After stating the financial results of the semi-centennial, he says:

This is surely a commendable showing. It is only necessary to add that Mr. Clay W. Holmes, editor of the *SHIELD* of Theta Delta Chi, and the Nestor of fraternity journalism, had charge of the matter, to account for the prudential handling of the above funds. The banquet which closed the semi-centennial was an elaborate affair. The menu was one of the most complete banquet conceits it has ever been our privilege to see. Through the courtesy of Mr. Holmes we received a copy. It is plain, yet there is an honest and beautiful dignity about it that gives it richness and tone. The lack of "gingerbread" is its most striking feature. A unique feature consisted of the autographic signatures of the participants, covering eighteen pages. The signatures were printed from plates, and certainly entailed a vast amount of work on the part of Mr. Holmes.

Theta Delta Chi is to be congratulated upon the glory of her honored past, extending over half a century. May her centennial witness greater and grander achievements.

And now we say adieu to our co-laborer and turn to the October *Shield*. Of course its cover is different so we know that a new man is at the helm. We cannot honestly say we think the change is an improvement, but then it is different, and is distinctive. The interior denotes change. There are six illustrations, one group, two war sketches and four portraits—and they are very well executed. The president and secretary of the fraternity, and best of all an excellent likeness of the retiring editor, with an appropriate sketch. The war record is continued and a long list of those who served is printed. The introductory editorial is simple and to the point. The editor is

to be paid a definite salary for definite work. There is a satisfaction about this. The finances are in charge of the fraternity officers. The general impression from a careful examination throughout is that Editor Bray will do good work for his fraternity, and keep up the reputation of the journal.

The Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* begins a new volume with the December number. Editor Penfield was re-elected editor-in-chief at the recent convention. The number treats largely of the convention held in Philadelphia in October. A new chapter was voted at McGill University, in Montreal, and D. U. congratulates itself that it has become international. Cuba and the Philippines are open for conquest. The editor makes his bow in the following language :

With this issue the *Quarterly* begins another year of her history. It is with pleasure, and yet with a feeling of diffidence, that the editor again takes up his work ; pleasure because of the manifested desire on the part of the fraternity that he should continue in a labor that has been a sincere source of pleasure to him ; diffidence because of the difficulty he experiences in convincing all of our fraternity brethren of the importance of maintaining the present grade of excellence attained by the *Quarterly*. In plain words, the *Quarterly* cannot live on air or congratulations, and the alumni of the fraternity must support the magazine heartily and promptly, or the magazine must change its character. We believe it is not the lack of appreciation, but pure thoughtlessness on the part of many. The alumni will recognize the fact that the editor of the *Quarterly* is performing a labor of love in editing the magazine. If the magazine was paying him a living salary, he would ask no odds of any man ; but under existing circumstances he cannot give his whole time to the work of securing new subscribers and advertisements, and the brethren at large must help in this matter.

So long as we are crippled by financial limitations, however, we must do the best we can, and the editor now gives fair warning that unless the brethren in the fraternity will back the magazine more heartily than they have in the last few months, the Executive Council will have to get some one else to carry on the burden of the magazine for another year.

The brethren will understand that this is not a threat, but a plain statement of necessary facts. Your editor will resign, rather than be obliged to publish a magazine which would be a discredit to the fraternity, but unless there is a more general and hearty response on the part

of our alumni, it will be necessary either to do this or to publish a magazine much different in character from that which we are now giving to the public.

Our thoughts have run in the same direction for a number of years. It seems strange that the most important arm of any fraternity's organism should be so neglected by the alumni. We believe that the life of college fraternity organizations for the future depends largely on their publication. If it be a good one the fraternity will thrive. If it languishes the fraternity will follow suit. This, however, is the cry of every journal so far as we know, and there is no use making any bones about it. The SHIELD has suffered in this direction. If the alumni of Theta Delta Chi would stand by the SHIELD as they ought the editor could make a nice little salary out of it, but as it is—well, we won't tell the public. Go to convention and find out for yourself the reason why the editor resigns.

The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma for September does not seem to contain much subject matter for review. A sketch of Davidson College with some illustrations and "The Social Side of the Chapter House," copied from Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly*, make up the symposium. Chapter letters occupy the chief space. In the editorial leader we find a complaint that interest in the magazine is lacking, as evinced by the scarcity of contributed articles. We have suffered from this disease very much ourselves and can extend sympathy, but why doesn't the editor fill the gap as we have always done. An editorial on lifting is copied entire in another department.

Beta Theta Pi for October has some records of the last convention. The editor bemoans the fact that so many chapters failed to be represented at the convention. Theta Nu Epsilon was "sat upon" in the proper manner. The usual number of chapter letters are found in this number. The November number gives a historical article on Columbia University with some very fine illustrations. The article by Walter B. Palmer in *The Scroll* on "A Practicable Fraternity Catalogue" is cop-

ied almost entire. This journal issues monthly during the college year, but its size is small in proportion and really it does not average much larger than the quarterlies in a volume. Nearly half of each number is taken up with chapter letters and there does not seem to be much to review.

The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta for November devotes considerable space to a new chapter located at Sewanee, with several illustrations. "The Spirit of the Greek," a response to a banquet toast, is full of good things. Here is a sentiment which is emphatically true :

If friendship and brotherhood be beautiful among the lowliest and humblest of men, it must be doubly beautiful among the favored class, the most intellectual product of our country, what Burke would call the "decoration and the ornaments of society," and so I may conclude, the most beautiful thing in this world is the bond of friendship and affection that can exist between man and man.

It is not true that the fraternity system tends to make one exclusive : the very converse of the proposition is nearer the truth. Some of the best and most vital things in education have been unconsciously overlooked, The young man who is the completest master of the curriculum of his college has not universally been the best and most serviceable man in life.

And here is another :

It has been said that the defect of our education, of our religion, of our social, of our political life, is, that it does not hold man sacred. How shall man be held sacred unless it first be learned that man is sacred? There is a great deal more good in us than ever comes out. There are a great many beautiful flowers of affection and wit, of sentiment, of hope, of ambition, of admiration, of human encouragement, of sympathy, which are doomed to perish without hands to gather them.

Under Exchange heading we find the following :

The semi-centennial oration delivered on the anniversary day of Theta Delta Chi is a noble production. We wish fondly that we might put it entire in our columns. This we cannot do. If all our college presidents assumed the same attitude toward fraternities as is taken by President E. H. Capen, of Tufts College, it would prove a vast aid in every way. We take from his oration a liberal selection.

Theta Delta Chi knows how to appreciate the truth of Editor Hughes' remark. No fraternity ever had a member

who scattered more seeds of *exalted manhood* than has Elmer H. Capen. He is a typical fraternity man himself and all the Theta Delt boys at Tufts love him. In fact we believe that all the other fraternity men there do. They know this, that Dr. Capen is entirely impartial and respects the other fraternities so long as they do what is fair and right just as much as he does his own. This very factor in his life has enabled him to make Tufts College a successful institution. It is an inspiration to every member of his fraternity to hear him talk. He lives "fraternity" in his everyday life, and adds lustre to the gem of fraternity existence. Long live Dr. Capen.

Among the sorority magazines none has been more interesting to us personally than *The Trident*. Perhaps this may be because the editor, Miss Emily Francis Allen is better known personally than any of the others. Our attention was attracted by the first number, which appeared in November, 1891. Delta Delta Delta was then a sorority of five chapters and less than 100 members, if we remember correctly. The society was founded in 1888. The point which amazed us was that a sorority of such infancy should attempt to establish a journal. Miss Allen was the editor. For seven years this little gem of a journal has made its appearance just as regularly as the "big and mighty ones." At this date the sorority has 15 chapters and 643 members. What puzzles us now is how such a journal can flourish so like a banyan tree, while the periodicals of societies fifty years old and with anywhere from 20 to 60 chapters and 3,500 to 10,000 members should languish and complain so bitterly of non-support. One fact we are sure of, the sorority journals, taken as a whole, distance the Greek press at large. Six out of the seven sororities publish a magazine, and while they are conducted on somewhat different lines they are all, every one of them, creditable journals. We do think that Miss Allen is entitled to a greater amount of credit, however, than any other editor in the Greek field during the last seven years. She has labored under lots of difficulties, but *The Trident* is a handsome little journal just

the same. It has not changed during the period of its existence in cover or general appearance, neither in the high tone of its interior.

The November number, opening Vol. VIII, has ten very fine half-tone plates of convention groups and an account of the convention held at Galesburg, September 5th. There are several communicated articles of merit and interest. "The Influence of the Fraternity" is most excellent. In the editorial matter we notice that the fraternity has decided to establish a bureau of archives. This is a very sensible idea and one which older societies overlooked in their young days. Things of apparently no value or interest at this time will take on both as the years go by. A goodly array of chapter letters and personals complete an interesting number.

The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma we have always regarded as the leading magazine of the sororities. It always has a solid look, and a substantial tone is present in all its articles. The October number gives an account of the Convention. The social features must have been very attractive—"lawn parties," "teas," and many other good things. The Kappas were entertained by Sigma Chi. After the Convention the girls all took in the Omaha exposition. It was Greek letter day and a general fraternity meeting was scheduled for eleven o'clock, but it was adjourned to witness Buffalo Bill's parade. A brass band will attract the girls. Nothing else—no, never.

We always enjoy "the Parthenon." This is a collection of short communications on different topics, and much of interest is always found there. The girls always write interesting chapter letters. Their make up is vastly different from those written by the boys, but they are very interesting and decidedly preferable to football and other topics which usually predominate in the general average letter. There is much we could say of the *Key*, but to sum it all up, it has always been a favorite with us, and we have enjoyed its contents.

Just as we are completing the review along comes one copy of the *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi, and this reminds us of the fact

that one of the only things THE SHIELD has to complain about is that so many of our exchanges either send one copy only—or none. When we get one copy it is difficult to review and make extracts, and so usually the copy goes to our file for binding. The *Arrow* has always been irregular in its appearance, so we have not kept closely in touch with it. The October number just received opens Vol. XV. The first article, barring a little poem, is "A Red-Cross Pi Phi," with her portrait as a frontispiece—so the girls are not behind in war stories. Miss Chenie Morton French, the subject, has the look of a sweet-faced, tender-hearted girl, yet resolute and patient, so we read in her face the most excellent qualities of a red-cross helper. The rest of the number is good and made up of short contributions on the question of "What a fraternity girl thinks" and kindred topics, a number of most interesting chapter letters and a few exchange comments.

The *College Athlete* of September contains an account of "Football in the early Fifties," which attracts our attention, not so much on account of any interest in the game, as because the writer refers to a Theta Delt of Zeta charge. The account refers to a game played in Providence October 28, 1854, between the freshmen and sophomore classes, and some newspaper extracts are noted. Now it happens that William L. Stone, Zeta, '58, then a sophomore, has the original challenge in writing, which reads as follows :

The members of the freshman class of Brown University hereby challenge the members of the sophomore class of the same college to meet them on the ground in the rear of the college building, on Saturday, the 28th inst., to have a game of football. The best three out of five.

CHARLES M. SMITH,
M. GOLDTHWAIT,
Z. H. GILMORE,
HENRY G. SAFFORD,
J. C. PLUMB,
Committee.

Providence, Oct. 26, 1854.

W. L. STONE, Esq.

An "undaunted soph." (Wm. L. Stone) wrote an article which appeared in the Providence *Journal*, and the next day an answer appeared written by a freshman.

"This quarry cries, on havoc ! O proud Soph !
 What feast is toward in thine eternal cell,
 That thou, so many 'Freshies' at a shot,
 So bloodily hast struck ?

The sight is dismal !"—*Hamlet*.

At the appointed time, the ground having been previously measured off, a prominent outhouse was selected as a stand for the judges, from the ridge-pole of which were read the rules of the game, and the combatants arranged themselves on their respective sides like

"Greyhounds straining upon the start,"

and at a given signal rushed on to the conflict.

At the first onset, although the first kick and the most favorable ground was awarded to the freshmen by the sophomores, with their accustomed magnanimity, yet Mars was for a long time doubtful.

It was curious meanwhile to observe the different scenes transpiring on the field. In one part could be seen a wounded and fainting freshman, borne from the conflict by some benignant senior; here another was holding up his punneled cranium between his hands, as he sat mournfully on the ground: there a junior was leading one blinded with blood to the well; while still another in the corner of the field, shirtless and with bleeding shins, was wandering about like one forlorn. In all parts of the field the battle raged with fury, and in whatever place the combatants made a stand, there they left it covered with agonizing freshmen. At length the sophomores were defeated by superior numbers. Again the sophomores rallied, and once more superior numbers gained the battle. But, hark! what mean those compressed lips, those gleaming eyes, this deathlike silence, like the murmur of a coming storm? It is because the last struggle has arrived. And now the parties join, the sophomores fight like tigers—nay, like demons—the Goliath of the Philistines falls back as he quails before the David of Israel! Yes, Dame Fortune pauses, and as she rolls on her wheel, the name of Sophomore appears in burning letters. But, alas! inconstant! her grasp relaxes; the wheel rolls back, and—yes! It is so—the Freshies have triumphed!

MESSRS. EDITORS:—While perusing your valuable issue of this morning, my attention was struck by a series of unjustifiable misstatements and calumnies upon the freshman class of Brown University, in relation to the last football game, from the pen of an "Undaunted Soph."

The very tone of the article throughout evinces a lack of fair and honorable dealing, and a mighty effort, resulting from the consciousness of unexpected defeat, to impute injustice and cowardice to his victorious

friends. He would fain lead this quiet community to believe that scenes of rash and unheard of brutality, common only to a barbarous age, had been enacted upon the peaceful summit of College Hill, in which the "contemptible freshies" were well nigh annihilated, yet bore off the palm of victory.

The plain facts are as follows: The freshmen, numbering 67, challenged the sophomores, numbering 81, to a game of football on Saturday last. The challenge was accepted unconditionally; the class beating three games out of five was to be considered the victor. At the appointed hour the classes met, armed and equipped for the approaching struggle. The umpires chosen from the senior and junior classes, and consequently unprejudiced men, read the laws of the game, and themselves, not the "sophomores with their accustomed magnanimity," awarded the first kick to the freshmen. Three successive games were hotly contested, with no serious injury to any one, and in precisely twenty-three minutes from the first onset, the umpires from their exalted position declared, "The freshmen have the game."

The reproachful groans and hisses of the sophs, exasperated at their utter defeat, were speedily drowned amid the loud and hearty cheers of the victorious freshmen. * * *

The success of the freshmen in the game referred to was probably due, not to superior numbers, but to the following circumstances:

The freshman class had found by a few weeks of experience that they possessed, in the person of Merrick Goldthwait, Zeta, '59, a typically good football leader. Goldthwait, as we remember him at the date of this game, was a young man of about 18 or 19 years, about five feet seven inches in height, rather above the average weight, and with the arms and especially the legs of a Sampson. He was not only the best man to "camp" the ball, but was expected to follow it up, to lead the charge, and to be in the thickest of the fight. His mighty rush was bound to keep things moving, and when well sustained by his classmates, the ball was bound to move in the right direction.

There are other exchanges which should appear in this final review, but the current numbers have not yet come to our table, so we close our work trusting that we quit at peace with the whole Greek world. In our effort to give the best we find in the current topics we may have skipped some good things,

but after all there is sufficient to think about till our successor shall get into the harness. We trust his reception will be as gracious at the hands of the Greek press as was ours. We are impressed, however, with the idea that the exchange comments of a majority of the periodicals have materially weakened during the past five years. It does not seem that there is as much spice in the writings of the editors to-day as there was ten years ago. Perhaps the spicy ones have dropped out, or perhaps the pan-hellenistic spirit has so softened the hearts of our co-laborers that they are not so easily brought up to the fighting pitch. Our fighting days are over. We now retire to a back seat and shall watch the bulletin board hoping to see the day when all shall agree that we are travelling in the same direction and have many interests in common; one chiefly: which is always to bear high aloft the standard of the "true fraternity idea."

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.

Since the close of the rushing season, foot ball has been the chief topic of interest. Beta was well represented on the team in the person of Brother Grimshaw at right end. Brother Morrison played in the Williams and Lafayette games but was kept out of the Pennsylvania game by a dislocated shoulder. Brother Morrison's work at left half-back has been of the highest order and he is regarded as a worthy successor to Captain Whiting, whose place behind the line he will undoubtedly fill next year. Bro. Grimshaw played a strong game and won the much-coveted "C." Many of the brothers went down to Philadelphia on Thanksgiving day to attend the Pennsylvania game. We had a Beta reunion at the Walton house where we were joined by brothers W. H. Morrison, '90; M. Morrison, '97; Connard, '93; Simpson, '98, and Oddie, '99.

Brother Merell has been appointed one of the sophomore cotillion committee. Brother Persons is on the junior ball committee and Brother Foote is on the freshman banquet committee. Brothers Stevens, Wilson, Persons and Nolan have been elected to the Bench and Board. Brother Smith is toast master of the Mermaid. Brothers Massey and Baker are on the Undine.

The 1900 Cornellian, under the able editorship of Brother Stevens, bids fair to out-do our former annuals.

The trustees of the Beta charge have purchased an additional fifty-foot frontage to the west of the charge house, upon which we propose to move our tennis court.

We have elected Brothers Hoyt, '99, and Stevens, 1900, as our undergraduate delegates to the convention. At least eight of the brothers will attend, and we hope to assist in making this convention the most successful in the history of the fraternity.

BENNETT NOLAN.

GAMMA DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Many incidents of general fraternity interest have occurred at Gamma Deuteron since our last letter, and pre-eminent among these is the initiation of some new brothers. All are excellent men and promise much for

the prosperity of the charge. But as we have been fortunate in securing new men, we have been equally unfortunate in the loss of old. Bro. Hitchcock, '00, was forced to leave college on account of ill health, and Bro. Morey, '99, accepted a position as teacher in the Detroit school for boys. To offset this, however, we have a prospective brother in Mr. Bert Winchester, or, who is a fine fellow and will doubtless make a good Theta Delt. With a view to the future we have pledged two men for next year, Mr. Wilton, a cousin of Norman Hackett, who is at present attending Shattuck's Military Academy, and Mr. Elmer Whyte of Duluth, who is a man very prominent in the athletics of Ann Arbor High School, and one who possesses good timber for the Varsity base ball and foot ball teams.

The initiation banquet was a most successful affair. In addition to the undergraduates and initiates there were present to enliven the occasion brothers Rebec and Hill of this city, brothers Burt Hamilton, Frank Van Tuyl, Horace Van Tuyl, George Field, Seymore, Collamore, and Heames, of Detroit, and Bro. Warner of Jackson. The presence of these graduate brothers, the heartfelt, sincere toasts, and the general feeling of brotherly love so manifest, served to make this gathering a pleasant and impressive affair.

Another delightful gathering took place at the Fellowcraft club on the occasion of the banquet given by our Detroit alumni to the undergraduates of the charge attending the annual foot-ball game at Detroit. We saw the game in the afternoon and in the evening were in excellent spirits. To say that we appreciated the honor done us by our Detroit alumni would be to repeat our oft expressed and enthusiastic opinions. The banquet was a great success, due largely to the efforts of Bros. Van Tuyl, Collamore and Field.

Although not strictly fraternity news we cannot refrain from noting our success this year on the foot-ball gridiron. We produced a team strong enough and fast enough to win from the worthy Chicago eleven, a hotly contested game and to earn for Michigan the championship of the west.

Since our last letter a few more honors have come our way. Bro. Lancashire secured for himself the much sought for and much to be desired position of directorship on the Athletic Board.

Bro. Bidwell is a promising candidate for the freshmen glee club. Bro. Sutphen will have charge of the glee club work in the University minstrel show.

In conclusion we can report Gamma Deuteron's condition to be healthful and prosperous. Our house is in first-class shape, and our desire is that we may have many opportunities to extend our hospitality to many brothers from other and our own charges during the year before us.

H. I. STEVENS.

[The penmanship of this letter was such as to necessitate the cutting

out of nearly all the proper names because of illegibility—charge editors should be painstaking.—EDITOR.]

EPSILON DEUTERON.

YALE UNIVERSITY.

The history of our opening term this year is one of numberless events. From the first night of college, when many an aspiring freshman returned to his room with a can of condensed milk in his hand or walked the streets with a baby's bonnet tied securely under his chin, to this very moment, every instant has had something to make it an important one. However, we have no intention of appropriating to ourselves a selfish share of the SHIELD. In fact we can give but a fragmentary glance of our life here at Yale.

Our first great event was the "Rush." This is a form of celebration peculiarly our own. It starts at seven o'clock with a blaze of red-fire and concludes with a gradual disappearance of participants. Only the most analytical brain could write correctly the equation that corresponds to this jollification. Among its constituents there is something of a parade, something of a wrestling match, perhaps three atoms of fire-crackers, surely six atoms of fire-water, three atoms of brass bands and funny costumes, two atoms of cheering; and the whole is equal to one molecule of a "mos' pow'rf'l time."

Scarcely had the exhilaration of this died away, when foot ball games, class elections and miscellaneous happenings began to crowd upon us. In addition to this excitement, the faculty have adopted the policy of making our life a trembling uncertainty. Yet the old Yale spirit, in spite of a quantity of new rules and a hundred old ones, rises up and flourishes as ever.

But there have been dark days; days when disagreeable scores (17 to 0) took away all the sunshine and pocket money too. During one of these times, the game between Harvard and Yale, a jolly party of seventeen brothers from Cambridge came down and sympathized with us. From a psychological standpoint, it was both novel and interesting to note how the sons of Fair Harvard would celebrate in case they defeated old Eli. Our curiosity has been satisfied, we found that at the close of the last half, countless red umbrellas, deafening shouts, and cries of "I told you so" proved that a vast enthusiasm had been gathering at Cambridge during the past years, and that it burst forth in true style. Next year, however, we intend to reverse the score.

To be a bit personal, we have taken in three freshmen and two seniors, and everything has a bright and prosperous out-look.

The warmest of welcomes is waiting for every brother who can sacrifice a few days in New Haven. Our concluding wish is a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

JAMES E. MCINTYRE.

ZETA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY.

The eagerly awaited SHIELDS arrived the last of the week and have been read by the brothers from cover to cover. The idea of making the number a biographical one was much appreciated, as it brought before us some of our well-known alumni of whom we previously knew only by name.

The best thing that has happened to Zeta in late years is new rooms of which we are so proud. They have already accomplished a great deal in bringing us in closer touch with the alumni, who now find it easy and pleasant to spend a social hour with us. Since our advent into our new quarters the attendance at meetings has improved greatly and it is usually a good excuse that keeps a brother away. We have purchased a large register and every visiting brother from far or near has his name upon it, and it is now assuming goodly proportions. As our rooms are always open and so excellently situated we have made them our headquarters for all meetings, and they have become so popular that some of the brothers term them "The Club."

We received a letter recently from Bro. Myrick, ex-1900, who is in company with Bros. Mansfield and Carter in a California copper mine. It was brim-full of enthusiasm and fraternity spirit and made the hearts of the Zeta brothers glad with its encouraging words. Bro. Myrick is one of our most beloved brothers and a finer and more loyal Theta Delt never wore the "shield." We wish him and his company brothers the greatest kind of success in their new venture.

Much interest is manifested in the coming Convention. A more agreeable place or time could not be found so far as we are concerned. We expect to have every brother at the banquet, at least, and will unless something unforeseen prevents.

Bro. Burbank, of Kappa, is now a resident of our city and he is much appreciated at all our meetings.

Since our last writing we have initiated two more men, Preston Hill Porcheron, of Brockton, Mass., and Allen Kramer Krause, of Lebanon, Penn.

Zeta is enjoying an era of prosperity and we hope the other charges are doing likewise. Let us all strive to do more and more for Theta Delta Chi until she becomes perfect in all her grand principles.

CHARLES A. HULL.

ETA.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Eta, from the snow drifts of Maine, again greets the brothers of sister charges. Leaving you to guess our trials and tribulations permit me to relate to you some of the things which are pleasures to the ear of the Theta Delt.

Bowdoin closed her foot-ball season Thanksgiving day with but one dark blot upon its career. To a Maine man it is needless to say that that was the defeat by Bates with a score of 6 to 0. The only other defeats were those at the hands of Harvard—which is almost considered in the light of a victory—and by Dartmouth. We came out of the season with 205 points in our favor against our opponents' 80.

The Bowdoin mandolin and guitar glee club started out on its career for '98 last night with a concert at Woodfords. Eta has upon this six members, Bros. Haskell and Woodbury, '99; Cobb, '00; Gibson and McCann, '02, while Bro. Libby, '99, accompanies the club as piano soloist and accompanist. In the near future they intend to give a concert in Boston, but the trip which is looked forward to with the most pleasure is the week in the northern part of Maine and in Montreal.

Upon the college orchestra we are represented by Bro. Greenlaw, '99, first cornet; Bro. Libby, '99, pianist, and Bro. Gibson, '02, second violin. This orchestra is quite popular in this and neighboring towns, and in the course of the year pockets quite a number of shekels.

Eta has decided that in order to keep in the swim it is advisable to make up her freshman delegation before commencement. She has accordingly pledged, already, three men for the '03 delegation. They are Dana, a brother of Bro. Dana, '96, the tennis champion; Woodbury, brother of Bro. Woodbury, '99, and Farnsworth. We have known of these men for some time and feel sure that they will prove loyal Theta Deltas and true brothers.

Quite a number of the brothers enjoyed a very pleasant call from the brothers of Kappa last month, in which trip they took in the Harvard—U. P. game, as well as the Tufts-Bowdoin. Such visits help to keep the sister charges more in touch with each other, and we hope to be able to entertain in return.

We are all rejoicing over the fact that the convention is to be held in Boston and intend to send quite a contingent, including quite a number of the brothers from the lower delegation. There are very few of Eta's men who have had the pleasure of attending a convention, consequently we are looking forward to it with a good deal of pleasure to the event.

Exams are almost in sight and the brothers are now making up for lost time and as usual wishing they had "plugged" more the first of the term; but I believe I said I was going to put aside our tribulations, so I will not weary you longer with my scribbling but will send Eta's wishes for a pleasant Christmas vacation.

H. S. SHOREY, JR.

IOTA DEUTERON.
WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

The foot-ball season is over and things are beginning to resume their normal condition. We made a brave fight this year but luck seemed to

be all against us, yet discouragement should not be accompaniment of defeat for the showing made this year with practically the same material as last should point towards victory and a championship in the near future.

With the passing of foot-ball and its accompanying excitement comes the fuller enjoyment of life, at least socially considered; the winter season, too, has probably something to do with it, for dinner is no sooner over than our house is filled with the concord of sweet sounds, violin, piano and voice. Our singing is our especial pride and "The Mountains," "The Royal Purple," etc., are rendered "company-time" at least, almost faultlessly. Whist, hearts and euchre also help to pass time pleasantly.

But we would like to correct the impression that might be gained, that pleasure is our only end—there are other things which occupy attention.

Here are a few facts worthy of mention: Bro. John A. DeCamp, 1900, and Bro. Marion F. Dolph, 1901, received "W's" this fall; Bro. A. M. Parker, 1902, won a class foot-ball sweater with the privilege to wear his class numerals; Bro. P. R. Dunbar, on Friday evening, November 18th, was elected vice-president of the art association, to be president next year; Bro. H. H. Rowland, '99, is president of the New York Club; Bros. Taylor, '99, and Dunbar, 1900, are candidates for the college relay team.

The charge enjoyed a visit a few weeks ago from Bro. C. W. Dunham, '96, a student in Auburn Theological Seminary.

On Saturday evening, December 3, it was the good pleasure of Iota Deuteron to initiate a member of the class of 1901. We would like to introduce Bro. Charles M. Davenport, of Leyden, Mass., who has every qualification of a good and loyal Theta Delt.

The college has adopted the semester system. Instead of having three terms of unequal length, with the final "exams." coming at the end of first and third terms, we have two terms of equal length, with the finals in February and June. By this rule of things senior vacation and the pleasant associations which cluster about this happy time will be no more. Whether the advantages will outweigh its disadvantages time alone will tell.

Changes in the faculty are rumored. At the last meeting of the trustees of the college a communication from Dr. John Bascom was read, requesting that he be relieved from one of his courses for the next year. The request was denied. Dr. Bascom is now undecided whether to resign his chair or not.

The whole college feels keenly the loss of Dr. James O. Peck, professor of biology. He was a man of wide sympathy, who kept himself in close touch with the student body and in consequence was beloved and respected by it.

On the day of the Amherst game we had the pleasure of seeing several of our Mu Deuteron brothers. We would like to see them again and

would extend to brothers of all charges a cordial invitation to visit us when in this vicinity.

JAMES W. BOYD.

KAPPA.

TUFTS COLLEGE.

Since my last letter Kappa has increased its membership by the initiation of Samuel S. Fiske, '02, of Franklin, Mass., whom I take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity. We are still on the lookout for any good man who may appear on College Hill.

The evening of November 4th found the charge house decorated with fall leaves, orchestra playing, and a very successful house dance in progress, so successful, indeed, that we intend to repeat the pleasure a little later in December.

The real meaning of fraternity fellowship was well illustrated by the treatment the Kappa men received at Eta while the foot-ball team was on its Maine trip to play Bowdoin. And those of us who were not so fortunate as to make the trip were exceedingly glad when the return game was played here at Tufts, to have the Eta men return the visit. We hope that Bros. Smith, '99, Greenlaw, '99, L. Cleaves, '99, A. Cleaves, '99, Shorey, '00, and Gibson; '02; will come again in the near future and bring with them as many from Eta as can be persuaded that Boston is not very far away.

November 15th Kappa tried an experiment; made up two foot-ball teams from her undergraduates, barring out varsity men, named the teams "Husted's Pills" and "Moors' Pellets," after their respective captains, and lined up for a game. Some men outside the charge got wind of the news and quite a number gathered to see the fun, and such fun it was. Two ten minute halves were played, at the end of which the score stood 10 to 0 in favor of Moors' Pellets. As a result of such simple amusement Kappa has received challenges from the local chapters of Zeta Psi and Delta Tau Delta, also one from Iota charge. This latter challenge was accepted and the date fixed, but a game of foot-ball in two feet of snow was rather out of the question, so the game is still unplayed.

The Tuesday before Thanksgiving here at Tufts is given over (per order student body, the faculty not taking action) to the freshman-sophomore foot-ball game and flag rush. Class spirit began to run high some time before the great day. Simply because the sophomore canes had one day mysteriously disappeared. Naturally enough the game was for blood, and the sophomores won, but not so with the flag rush, the freshmen winning in about five minutes. Kappa was well represented on the team and in the rush.

We are now holding our annual billiard tournament and the present champion, Bro. Foster, '01, will have to play pretty good billiards to retain his title.

Early in February the annual Tufts minstrel show will be given, in which Kappa will try and keep up her end.

The glee and mandolin club trials are nearly over and Bros. Clark, Boutelle, Foster, Humes, Berry and Spring are still in the race with good chances of being successful.

Bro. T. Whittemore, Kappa, '94, and instructor in English, is giving a series of evening readings at the college.

Bro. Samuel P. Capen, Kappa, '98, took part recently in the Somerville historical drama and showed considerable talent.

Besides the Eta brothers already named we have had visits from Bro. Fish, Zeta, '02; Bro. Barrows, Omicron Deuteron, '99; Bro. Hooper, Iota, '73; Bro. C. Green, '99, also of Iota. And quite a number of Kappa's sons have returned for short visits; among them were Bros. Pierce, '84; Whittaker, '96; Start, '97; Pinder, '97; Davis, '97; Hammond, '98, and Donaldson, '96.

Now that the convention is coming to Boston, let every visiting brother consider himself personally invited to call on Kappa before, during or after the convention and stay just as long as possible. Hoping that this invitation is all that is needed I am, for Kappa,

J. OTIS BURRAGE.

LAMBDA.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

The long expected September SHIELD arrived at last, in all its glory, and a glorious issue it was, well worthy of the highest ideals of fraternity publications. The fellows in Lambda affirm that it grows better with each succeeding issue.

It was news to many of us that Captain Lamberton is a Theta Delt, but we none the less appreciate the distinguished services he has rendered his country. It does seem as though Theta Deltas were bearing a pretty large share of the burdens of this country just at present, and they are showing the eminent results of their training in the work accomplished.

We are drawing so near to the Christmas Xams, that we can feel their icy clutch upon us; under such circumstances, the inspiration for writing is far away, nevertheless, Lambda has a few credit marks she would like to make known to her sister charges.

In the first place, Bro. Look has been elected leader of the glee club, and is filling the position with a great deal of ability. Bro. Look is organist in one of the large Boston churches, and gives promise of developing into one of the leading organists in this vicinity. Under his charge, the glee club will have a successful season without question. Bro. Lacount has also had honor thrust upon him, by securing election as manager of the glee club. He is busy just at present, arranging a schedule of concerts for the vacations. Nine other Theta Delta boys are members of the club, and are a credit to the charge.

You have all had a touch of the big snow storm that recently paid us a visit. We were particularly unfortunate in this vicinity, for many of the students could not get back to college for pretty nearly a week after Thanksgiving. Bro. Sheldon spent his Thanksgiving in Maine, and returning, was caught in the snow storm, and detained for thirty-four hours. It was a genuine pleasure to gaze upon his smiling countenance again.

An ice polo team has been formed in college with Bro. Currier as captain, and Bro. Noble manager. The team expects to give a good account of itself during the coming season, as several of the players are veterans at the game. It is about the only athletic game that stands any chance of flourishing in B. U., owing to its position in the heart of the city, and the fellows are going to make the most of it.

We still continue to follow the good example set by Zeta by having a bean supper occasionally. Their popularity is evinced by the number of the old boys who come back to participate in them. Early next term we expect to give a swell reception to our lady friends. It is always our intention to make these affairs superior to anything in college, and with a great degree of success too, it may be added. Last year we gave three or four, and each one was an eminent success.

The freshmen have succeeded in bringing off their play and thanks to the good offices of the upper class men escaped with nothing more serious than a disrupted collar, or coat, or some such minor matter. Several of our new initiates participated, and bore themselves manfully, considering the amount of jaundice exhibited by the sophomores. The disturbance was so terrific that a mass meeting of students decided to abolish sophomore interference for all time. The two lower classes have promised to be good, and to conduct themselves with amity toward each other in the future.

A "Congress" has been recently formed in college in place of the old debating society. As nearly as possible it is patterned after the U. S. congress with similar officers, Bro. Wheeler occupies the speaker's chair at present, and officiates with such delightful Reedism that we have christened him the czar. Bro. Currier is vice-speaker, and Bro. Clapp assistant clerk.

I think this is the sum of Lambda news for the present. We are looking forward of course to the convention and to renewing last year's acquaintances. May the occasion be as fruitful of enthusiasm and of Theta Delt good things as that was.

JAMES DAVIES.

MU DEUTERON.
AMHERST COLLEGE.

Fall term, 1898, is now rapidly drawing to a close, and the studious manner hastily assumed by many of the men shows only too plainly that

examination time is once more upon us. But, as we of the Mu Deuteron look back over the college year 'thus far, we cannot but have a feeling of satisfaction. Our first task was rushing season. Into this every brother entered with a will, and each one felt well repaid when the work was finished. After rushing season was over we began gradually to settle down into the regular college work. In all branches we have been well represented. Of course foot-ball has taken up most of our time and attention. Our two brothers on the 'Varsity have done excellent work. They are Bro. Dudley, '00 and Bro. Ballantine, '01. Bro. Dudley played a steady, plucky game at left, and Bro. Ballantine won his honors at right tackle. Shortly after the Williams game, which closed the season, the election of captain for the season of 1899 took place. We are pleased to announce that Bro. Ballantine, '01, was elected. That he will prove to be a capable and efficient captain is assured by his faithful work in the past.

Now, that the warm, pleasant days of Autumn are beginning to give way to cold, blustering Winter days, we are spending more time in the house. To make it more home like, several of the rooms are undergoing repairs and papering. The inside social life is now attracting much of our attention. There have already been several "bats" this term, and next term we hope to institute again our regular winter term Saturday night "bats."

We were all very much pleased to have with us a short time ago, Bro. Riggs, Mu Deuteron '88, who is now principal of the Plattsburg, N. Y., High School. Bro. Riggs gave a lecture in Smith College on Saturday night, November 19, and spent the following Sunday and Monday with us. The presence of graduate Theta Delts is always helpful to a charge. It shows that they still have an active interest in the fraternity. We are always glad to welcome them.

A new move, and one in the right direction, has been made here in Amherst in regard to the relation of fraternities to college elections. With eleven fraternities it was thought that heretofore there had been too much wire pulling and too many fraternity "deals." The tendency was for one fraternity to gain votes for its man in an election by promising to another fraternity to vote for a man of theirs in a following election. The result of this system on the election of the best man can easily be seen. A few weeks ago a set of resolutions were submitted to the different societies and were approved by all. According to these resolutions no electioneering is allowed in college elections. A system was also introduced by the Senior class, whereby their class elections were also freed from any fraternity deals. There is a general feeling of satisfaction here over this new ruling, and it is hoped that all underhanded work will be done away with.

With two girls' colleges near at hand, the social advantages of Amherst speak for themselves. Each society has numerous afternoon dances

during the year. These have become an established part of our college life. Our fraternity has already had several dances this term, but next term there will be many more, as is usual during the winter term.

We have recently been struck—and quite forcibly—by the chess craze. Whereas a few weeks ago but two or three fellows in our house knew one move from another, now everybody is at it. Already several informal tournaments have been played, and we are fast getting into form for a genuine fraternity tournament. Undoubtedly the best player in the house is ———, well perhaps we had better not say, as it might cause hard feelings. Many of the brothers are getting quite expert, although there are one or two who, just for variety, occasionally very carefully take one of their own pawns. The college tournament to decide who will be the men to play Williams, will take place next term. Several of the brothers have signified their intention of entering this tournament, and that they will make a good try is certain.

Now, that cold weather and good sleighing have come, the brothers are beginning to plan for the annual sleigh-ride. It is the custom every year to have a fraternal sleigh-ride. We generally choose a moonlight night and start late in the afternoon. We then drive about ten or twelve miles and enjoy a hot supper, returning late in the evening by moonlight. A good time is always the result. We plan to have this year surpass all others.

It is with pleasure that we look back upon this last term, and with bright hopes that we face the future.

HARRY B. MARSH.

NU DEUTERON. LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

The first of December finds all of the brothers at Nu Deuteron looking forward with pleasure to the Christmas vacation, but with less pleasure to the three weeks "grind" previous to the mid-year examinations which follow.

Since our last SHIELD letter we have initiated two new men into Theta Delta Chi; Wm. E. Griffith and Wm. L. Heim, both of Kane, Pa. In them we are sure Theta Delta Chi will find two worthy brothers. They increase our membership to thirteen, but we are not superstitious.

Our prosperous foot ball season of '98 is a thing of the past, and all our leisure moments are now consumed by college organizations. A number of the brothers are taking an active part in the Minstrel show which is to be held on December 10th, in the Fountain Hill Opera House.

Nu Deuteron's Bowling Club of last winter has been re-organized, and inter-fraternity matches are being scheduled.

All our Sophomore brothers have been elected to the Sophomore Cotillion Club, and so Theta Delta Chi is sure of a merry time, socially, this winter.

J. H. POMEROY.

XI CHARGE.

HOBART COLLEGE.

This year, which opened so well for Xi, promises to be the most prosperous since the foundation of the charge. We expected a Freshman class of sixty, but only about thirty entered; and of these we took six men, who are considered the best in the class. We secured more Freshmen than any other Hobart fraternity.

We are well represented in college organizations. Bro. Dennison, who has just been mustered out of Company B., Third New York Volunteers, is president of the Junior class, and Bro. Stettenbenz is secretary and treasurer. Bro. Wisewell is historian of the Sophomore class. On the foot ball team we had Bro. Moore, '99, left guard; Bro. Lewis, '02, right end; and Bro. Warner, '02, who was the only substitute who won the Hobart "H." Bro. Moore is president of the athletic council, and Bro. Robinson is the junior member. Bro. Blodgett, '99, is editor-in-chief of the Hobart *Herald*, and Bro. Wisewell is on the editorial staff.

About a month ago Bro. Waugh, '02, was taken ill with typhoid fever, and we shall continue to miss him greatly until he is with us again. He is rapidly recovering and will return to college after Christmas.

We have made several changes in our house and have had the third story finished off. We have a fine pool room finished in Georgia pine with a hard wood floor.

We have recently had visits from Bro. Cornell, Xi '60; Bro. McNall, Chi '99; and Bro. Maier, Psi '02.

We have encouraging reports of Bro. Partridge, '99, who left college last June, and has gone to Minneapolis for his health. We hope to have him with us again next year unless he is captured by Tau Deuteron.

We expect a large Freshman class next year, as the college will be ready to accommodate more men than can be taken care of this year. President Jones is working to raise money with which to build new dormitories, and possibly a Chemistry building. He will be at the Hobart Alumni smoker in New York next week, and we hope that many of the brothers will make his acquaintance.

Two new professors have been added to the faculty this year, Prof. Jones, who is associate professor of German and French, and Prof. Kinney, assistant professor of English.

When the new buildings are put up Hobart will be able to offer inducements second to those of no other college in the country. Xi charge hopes to profit by the "boom" which the college is sure to have, and which is already begun.

KARL, HOBART WISEWELL.

OMICRON DEUTERON.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Another term is nearly completed and finds Dartmouth more prosperous than ever, with Theta Delta Chi enjoying much of the prosperity around her.

We are now fully settled after a very busy twelve weeks. We were unusually successful in our "chinning" this year and have a large delegation from 1902 to introduce to the fraternity. They are: H. W. Briggs, New York city; R. H. Carleton, Haverhill, Mass.; R. B. Clarke, Belmont, Mass.; W. P. Craig, Marlow, N. H.; P. O. Dorr, Somersworth, N. H.; J. F. Drake, Pittsfield, N. H.; C. H. Farley, Nashua, N. H.; E. J. Fletcher, Portland, Me.; W. H. Howard, jr., Lowell, Mass.; H. F. Parker, Reading, Mass.; H. G. Parker, Worcester, Mass.; K. V. Pember, Woodstock, Vt.; G. W. Newman, Keene, N. H.; J. C. O'Connor, Bradford, Mass.

Our initiation took place on Friday, December 2d, and the banquet on the following day at Woodstock, Vt. The affair was a grand success in every way. Several of our graduate brothers were with us, among them Bros. Prof. Foster and Prof. Adams. Bro. Pratt of Mu Deuteron was present and spoke of the feeling of good fellowship that existed between the charges of Theta Delta Chi.

Our football season has just closed, with Dartmouth again champion of the triangular league. Omicron Deuteron was well represented on the team. Bro. Rogers, '00, played center; Bro. O'Connor, '02, right end, and Bro. Craig, '02, left tackle. Bro. Briggs, '02, played right half-back on his class team.

Bros. Rogers, '00, and H. G. Parker, '02, represent us on the Guitar and Glee clubs, respectively.

The "Buskin," our dramatic club here at Dartmouth, is now preparing to present Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" early next term. Here also Theta Delta Chi will be well represented by five men, as follows: Bro. F. S. Hill, Sebastian; Bro. W. H. Howard, jr., Antonio; Bro. R. B. Clarke, Junio; Bro. A. S. Roberts, Friar; Bro. H. G. Parker, Clown.

At the trials for the Brown-Dartmouth and Williams-Dartmouth debates, to be held next week, Bros. Davis, '00; Roberts, '00; Cate, '01, and Carleton, '02, will compete.

Omicron Deuteron once more assures any brother who comes to Hanover of a hearty welcome. Let him look up any one of the brothers and we will show him how we drive dull care away here at Dartmouth.

HARRY B. DAVIS.

PI DEUTERON.

COLLEGE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The first term of our collegiate year is fast drawing to a close, and we are all looking forward to the holidays, which are near at hand.

Such a short time has passed since the last SHIELD letter that there is very little of important charge news to record. Pi Deuteron has, as usual, received her full share in the recent college elections. Bro. Stratton is vice-president of the lacrosse association and manager of the track team. Bro. Holton is president of the lacrosse association and on the executive committee of the class. Bro. Moran is treasurer of his class and captain of his class lacrosse team. Bro. Maloney is treasurer of his class. Bros. Holton and Schmid are our representatives on the Glee club and Bro. Schmid represents us on the "Microcosm," our college annual.

We have so often referred to our new college building, that possibly it is getting to be an old tale. But it is a matter of such great importance to C. C. N. Y. and Pi Deuteron that we feel justified in mentioning it every time that we have a glimmer of hope that the project has not fallen through. After such a bright beginning last spring when the site was selected and the plans submitted and approved, we heard nothing more of it for some time. It has now come to light once more, and by next spring we hope that some material progress will have been made on the new building. We all feel sure that when we obtain new quarters, the tone of the college will be raised materially and a revival of college spirit will be experienced.

We are all looking forward to the convention next month. The experiences of the semi-centennial are still fresh in our minds, and we hope that the coming convention will be just as full of Theta Delt spirit, although it may not be as great in number. Pi Deuteron hopes to have a fair delegation present when the convention assembles.

Bro. Harstrom has not as yet paid us his yearly visit, but we expect him to get around next week with some of his usual timely advice and encouragement.

Next week we expect to initiate three men whom we have been rushing. Our policy is to take men from time to time during the year, and we have no special rushing season.

In closing let me urge upon all Theta Deltis in the city or visiting from other colleges, not to fail to visit the new "frat." house at 127 street and Convent avenue, on Monday evenings and see the progress that Pi Deuteron has made in the past few years.

NELSON P. MEAD.

RHO DEUTERON. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

I fear that when Bro. Holmes calls for the best letter I ever wrote for this number of THE SHIELD, and expects it, he will certainly be disappointed. It seems but a very few days since I wrote my last letter, and I am afraid that a communication of any size or length is out of the question.

We initiated our sixth man on November 2d, and take a great deal of

pleasure in introducing him. He is Bro. John N. Kirby, 1902. Next week we are going to add Mr. Lawson, 1902, to the charge, increasing our active membership to seventeen, but making the thirty-third Theta Delt registered under Columbia University this year.

The charge house is very cozy at this time of the year, and the billiard table and new piano are proving quite an attraction for the brothers. A deplorable fact is, however, the infrequency of visits from graduates or Theta Delt passing through the city. Since opening, we have not had a half dozen brothers come to see us. It is not just—we need the visits of men from other charges, because Rho Deuteron is only striking her gait now, and the interest must not be allowed to flag, or the charge will slide down hill. When reading THE SHIELD letters, one notices that other charges, situated in a place where there are fewer Theta Delt than in New York, report a larger number of visitors than we do. Our men need other Theta Delt, besides their immediate neighbors, to infuse new spirit into them. When that is done, we, who are interested in Rho Deuteron's progress, can pause for breath in our onward march. Individually, I doubt if there is a finer lot of fellows in any charge of this fraternity than in Rho Deuteron at present.

Bro. Frederic Carter's frequent visits did us a world of good, and his sojourn on the Pacific coast has temporarily bereft Rho Deuteron of one of its best friends.

I certainly do not enjoy writing in this vein, but I have been wanting to give vent to my ideas for a long time, and believe this is the place to do it. But now for other things.

Bro. J. Boyce Smith, jr., has again brought honor upon us by representing his class, of which he is president, in the light-weight cane spears. Bro. Smith put up a splendid exhibition of scientific spearing, and had decidedly the best of the argument for the first round, repeatedly tossing his antagonist over his head like a rag baby, figuratively speaking. By some peculiar stunt the cane was wrenched from his hands in the second round, and thus is superior science counted for naught. His defeat, though unexpected, was not so surprising, as Bro. Smith had done good work the day before in the games of the Argyle A. A., winning first place in the shot-put, second in the high hurdles and third in the half-mile run. Bro. Eastmond, a novice in anything but the pole-vault, won second in the shot and third in the broad jump in handy fashion.

A German club has been founded up at college, which has started on a career bound to land at the top rung of the ladder. Its object is to promote the study of German in a social way, with lectures and talks, but that is as far as the serious part will go. There will be social gatherings of the club after every meeting in New York's familiar "joints," where an imitation of German student life will be aimed at, and only German will be spoken and sung. Then there will also be theater parties to New York's German playhouse, which will take the place of the literary ex-

ercises, but the "social features" following will always be a part of the programme. Bro. Rudolf Tombo, jr., holder of the German fellowship, was the originator of the scheme, and stands at the head of the club. Bro. George Ehret, jr., is secretary, and among the members are Bro. Boyce Smith and, of course, your correspondent, who would not be taken for an Irisman, not even on a dark night. I have devoted so much space to this, as the society has been very favorably noticed in the city papers, and is of some importance in college circles. All the German professors are members.

We are now represented on every musical club in college—mandolin, banjo and glee club, as well as the university chorus.

A word is due here to the zeal of our three *Columbian* editors, Bros. Tiemann, Moran and St. Clair, for their efforts to make this book the most successful and complete ever published. Theta Delta Chi will be on just about every page. Bro. Tiemann has contributed some of the literary work, and the hard work of Bro. Schanck, as the chief artist, must not be forgotten. Some of his drawings possess artistic merit of a very high order and are original and well executed. Bros. Schanck and Moran between them have contributed about forty, or eighty per cent of the drawings.

Bros. Van Winkle, '00, and Rionda, '00, represent us as delegates at the convention, and Bro. De Young, '98, is the graduate delegate. They will certainly do their full share to make the fifty-first convention a success. We hope to send about half of the charge.

Once more recurring to athletics, it is well to mention that Bros. Eastmond and De Young rank first and third at Columbia in the official intercollegiate strength tests. This is certainly a great feather in our cap, and speaks well for the muscle of Rho Deuteron's athletes.

L. LINDENMEYR.

SIGMA DEUTERON. UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The prosperity promised to Sigma Deuteron at the opening of the Fall semester, has not failed to materialize. The return of a sufficient number of brothers to college obviated the necessity of securing new men for mere filling out purposes; and, as a consequence, our selection of neophytes was careful and conservative. With one exception, the new men are all in the house, and they having rapidly acquired the fraternal bonhomie, the unity and sympathetic good-fellowship of the charge is unsurpassed.

The success of the communistic existence of a college fraternity renders indispensable mutual concession and compromise, together with a broad toleration for the faults and foibles of mankind. No fraternity ever had a happy existence while nursing dissension or contention. Sigma Deute-

ron has realized this from the first, and has labored unceasingly for the perfection of internal organization, rather than expend her efforts along more ostentatious lines. As a result, we can safely say that our domestic life is a most happy one; while, at the same time, our external activities have not suffered. We have learned by experience that in rushing men it is of much greater value to have a crowd which impresses the candidate with its brotherly good-fellowship, than to be able to point to this or that man who has won in this or that college honor. However, the latter will generally take care of itself, while the former will not, and as a consequence we are not handicapped in either field.

The new men initiated this year now number five. In addition to the three mentioned in the last SHIELD, we have conferred the badge upon Bro. Raymond E. Nichols, of Onalaska, Wis., and Bro. C. Harry Watson, of Milwaukee, Wis. The latter is a brother of Bro. Frank H. Watson, '99. All our initiates are members of the class of 1902. To our new men we give our annual initiatory banquet on December 17, and as it is to be in our lodge house, we anticipate a rousing and inspiring time.

The Minnesota-Wisconsin annual foot ball game, played here on Oct. 29th, attracted several of the Tau Deuteron brothers, but not so many as we could have welcomed. Bros. Lawrence and Fender accompanied the Gopher team, while Bro. Nicoulin participated in the game, playing a guard. Bro. G. B. Chandler, Eta '90, now in business in Minneapolis, also favored us with his genial presence. Bro. Chandler's fraternal loyalty, notwithstanding eight years out of college, is a shining example of what is the true Theta Delt spirit.

We have had a few visits this fall from old graduates and young graduates, and which is the more welcome it is difficult to say. Bro. C. L. Baldwin, '94, of LaCrosse, was with us November 23, and Bro. I. B. Kirkland, '97, of Jefferson visited our lodge the first three days of December. Bro. J. H. Bradbury, Kappa '79, was here recently with the "Gay Coney Island Company," and jollied up the fellows with true thespian agility. The latch-string of Sigma Deuteron's modest dwelling is always out for every brother, be he a strolling actor or an itinerant preacher.

Our system of alumni letters keeps us in constant touch with our graduate brothers and helps to maintain their interest in the fraternity.

Bro. J. A. Pratt, '94, has again been elected principal of the schools at Prairie du Chien, after a very successful career last year. Bro. Geo. T. Blynd, '97, is now principal at Grand Rapids, with Bro. Geo. P. Hambrecht occupying the position of Superintendent of Schools in that city. Bro. H. S. Youker, '94, has returned to college for graduate work in mathematics, and Bro. H. E. Bolton, '95, has this year a fellowship in history at the University of Pennsylvania. Bro. Isaac P. Witter, '96, who has been spending the year abroad, is expected to return about the middle of December. Bro. R. R. Farrand, '00, has branched out into collegiate literary work, and has a continued story in the current number

of the *Aegis*, our monthly publication. Bro. Law, '01, had the distinguished honor of being elected president and orator of his class. Bro. Bridge, '01, who was recently mustered out of the United States' service, will return to college at the opening of the next semester.

The annual joint debate will occur December 16, and as this is the leading literary event of the year, a great deal of interest is manifested. Bro. W. F. Adams, '00, is one of the three debaters representing the contesting society, Philomathia; the society, by the way, whose banner was borne to victory by a trio of Theta Deltas in '96.

We gave our first dance of the season on the evening of November 5th, and satisfaction was expressed on all sides at its success. We are all well, happy, and glad we are alive, and wish all our brothers similar good fortune.

GERHARD M. DAHL.

TAU DEUTERON. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

"Your best letter!" cries Editor Holmes, and we find that our tank of news and knowledge is as dry as the man astride a camel in the heart of the Sahara with nary an oasis in sight. "Any news, boys?" we questioned. "Nope," was the terse reply.

We had almost given up writing this letter when we ran athwart the unchanged and unlesened shade of "Mooch," otherwise known as George R. Snoad, who, after an unutterable absence of three years or so, turns up chick and smiling, the same old "Mooch." Bro. Snoad requests me to whisper in the ear of Bro. Holmes that he once again wishes to be enrolled as a subscriber to the SHIELD and that his present address is 1018 University avenue, S. E., Minneapolis, Minn. Bro. Snoad during his absence has traveled "all this wide world over." He tells us in glowing terms of his meeting with Nansen, his introduction to the Alpine glacier, and his unblushing promenade down Chicago's oily river on a barge.

We just met Bro. Wendell Hertig, '95, on Tom Lowry's street vehicle, and Wendell tells me that the "Um Zoo Wees" will give a number of interesting terpsichorean affairs during the winter. The above named club is the bon ton dancing aggregation of this "burg" and presided over by our only Burch Moffett, '95, with wondrous grace and pleasing abandon.

Bro. H. B. Chouinard, we are told, is preaching the gospel to the sinners of Montevideo, Minn.

Bro. Fred Prail, '98, is yanking out teeth in and about the city of Waseca, Minn.

Dr. John C. Farmer, '95, is having lots of patience (patients) in Minneapolis.

Edmund Perry Sheldon, '94, formerly an instructor in our University,

is somewhere in the state of Washington and holds a good position relating to geology and her kindred "ologies."

Edward L. Gedney, Gamma Deuteron, is no longer at Winnebago City. He and his cheery helpmate now reside in Minneapolis. Minneapolis, by the way, is becoming a veritable Mecca for Theta Deltas.

Linn Savage, '97, has become a pulpit orator and slings scripture at the "lacking and deficient" in the good old candid way.

Elmer L. Clifford, '95, whose clever literary etchings brought the Minneapolis *Times* into prominence, is now studying law.

Percy Lawrence, '99, plays the flute in the University mandolin club, which ranks as the leading mandolin club in the northwest. He is also principal of the 'varsity band.

Charles Frank Lane, freshman, is now a leading member of the dramatic club. He will star next season. He sings tenor in the glee club. His wonderful run and tackle in our great game with the Phi Gams the other day will always be remembered. We entertain hopes that Frank will land the Phi Beta Kappa honor, even if he doesn't win spurs similar to those worn by Bro. Norman Hackett.

George Webster has won honors in composition and is at present at work upon a play to be staged for the dramatic club. His much announced wrestling bout with the "Strangler" resulted in a draw. Cheers upon cheers sounded in the gymnasium hall as the "Strangler," the champion of Minnesota, found himself nonplussed by the doughty George. Try as he would the former could only slightly embarrass the latter by some stringent hold, from which our man would quickly extricate himself and thus turn the tables. Both Webster and Bro. Webber are in training for the spring events, and Theta Delta Chi hopes to get some of the laurels.

The foot-ball season is over and Minnesota's players have at least justified themselves as "stayers," if not championship winners. We feel perfectly satisfied with the work of Bro. Nicoulin, whose foot-ball prowess has been commented upon by us before. He is certainly one of the best tackles Minnesota ever had.

Beautiful snow has been precipitated in plenteous quantities throughout this part of the country, which condition of things may prevent the consummation of an ice-boating party proposed to be held at picturesque Lake Minnetonka during the holidays.

We will hold one more "smoker" this year and then follows the series of dancing functions to be held at the "frat." house.

A fraternity quartette has been organized and is at work upon a number of fraternity songs to be sung on the occasion of the annual banquet. Bro. Phaender is leader.

Bros. McKesson and Cool will lead the "hot tasse" german, as it is called, next Saturday evening. Bro. Oliver Eggleston will serve frappe.

Bro. Jay Eggleston has received honorable mention for excellency in the art department. His drawings have won admiration on all sides.

Carroll Dawley, son of W. W. Dawley, Psi, '75, has been pledged to Theta Delta Chi.

The Chi Psis have purchased a lot near the university campus, the consideration being about \$1,500.00. This fraternity, by the way, has recently instituted a new chapter at Chicago University. Chapters of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota took charge of the initiatory exercises. It is very evident that the fraternities are working westward. It is no longer the "policy" to restrict chapters and charges to narrow eastern limits.

We close our letter, extending to sister charges the best wishes of the holiday season.

HARRY SYLVESTER SWENSEN.

PHI.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

Since the close of the foot ball season, it has been very quiet here at Lafayette, and the Phi brothers have all settled down to do a little work preparatory to the examinations that precede our much looked forward to Christmas recess.

Our foot ball season was a rather disastrous one this fall, but the team braced up in time to win the last two games and defeat our old rival Lehigh, on Thanksgiving day. Bro. Heckman won his "L" on the team this year.

Only seven of the brothers remained at college over Thanksgiving, but we had an enjoyable time together and assembled in the evening for a little Theta Delt celebration of our own over the victory. Bros. Lobengier, Phi, '96, and T. R. Jones, Phi, '98, spent Thanksgiving with us.

Our glee and banjo clubs are said to be the best we have ever had, and Bro. Larkin, '99, is winning many laurels, not only as leader of the banjo club, but for his solo work on the glee club. The other two brothers on the club are also acquitting themselves well.

The social functions in the town are beginning to come into prominence about this season and Phi is well represented as usual. A series of dances to be given by the students has been arranged and Bros. Larkin, '99, and Stradling, '00, are two of the four composing the committee in charge.

Unfortunately Bro. Larkin, '99, has been taken ill recently and has been compelled to return to his home. We have hopes, however, that nothing serious will develop.

The charge has recently had the pleasure of receiving visits from Bros. Hess and Ayres, Epsilon Deuteron, '98, and Bro. Twitmeyer, Phi, '96.

Phi takes this opportunity to extend to the charges her best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year.

J. CONRAD HECKMAN.

CHI.

ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

The approach of the holiday season finds the brothers of Chi buckling down for the term's examinations. But this does not take our minds away from the new field which we have entered. Sometime ago considering the diversified talents which the fates had brought together in Chi we determined to make use of them and so organized the Theta Delta Chi Dramatic club of the University of Rochester. Our leading man Bro. Craig is one possessed of true dramatic talent, and if he should select this path for his future we prophesy that he would hand his name down to posterity. Our leading lady, Bro. Salmon, is a success in his new role, and under Bro. Craig's tutelage is showing marked dramatic ability. Bro. Whitbeck makes a captivating young lady and we all got struck on her, him I mean, as soon as he donned his costume. Bro. Tower gives a rare exhibition in his interpretation of the character of an English gentleman. To detail adequately the merits of the acting of Bro. Taylor as "The Professor," Bro. Burgess as "A Disappointed Lover," is a task to which I am unequal. Sufficient it to say that at our first presentation of this play at Brighton, a small town near here, our reception was most flattering and conducive to further efforts in this direction.

Before the play we gave a short program of music by the mandolin club and the quartette, recitations by Bro. Craig, and solos by Bros. Taylor, Hart and Watkeys.

Bro. Gosnell is our manager. More than half the success we have met with has been due to his ability and untiring efforts. Next Friday night we give another presentation at Savonia, and everything points to a flattering success.

We had a very pleasant visit from Bro. E. D. Warner of Gamma Deuteron recently. We are always very glad to welcome visiting brothers.

With wishes for a pleasant holiday season to the SHIELD and sister charges.

CHAS. W. WATKEYS.

CHI DEUTERON.

COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

In the month and a half that has elapsed since Chi Deuteron's last letter to the SHIELD, many little things have occurred in her history, all of them important to her, but few great enough to interest the fraternity at large.

She has been adding to her ranks from time to time, "such as have been saved." The "saved ones" are (beside the three mentioned in the last SHIELD) Bros. Moore and Hyatt. But we don't intend to stop here, for we have four other men on the string at present.

I think I will not follow the old custom of stating that the new initiates

are "smooth boys," or "capital fellows," for such are the only kind that are admitted to Theta Delta Chi.

Bro. Gillis, one of our officers, suffered the loss of his father lately, and has been obliged to leave us. We lose in him a sterling man and a brother whose place will not be easily filled.

In the recent class elections, the presidency of the junior class changed hands from Bro. Chase to Bro Lindsey.

Of course Chi Deuteron feels as if she had been robbed of the convention, but perhaps justly, so she will heroically refrain from raising a kick, and will send as many men as possible to Boston. We had decided upon countless ways of entertaining the brothers, (far better, I am sure, than any our "Yankee" brothers can devise,) but we will have to wait another year before we spring them.

The next paragraph every brother wants to take notice of.

Chi Deuteron is going to give a Theta Delt dance, the Friday before Christmas, and if there is a Theta Delt in town, who doesn't show up there, or give a very good excuse—there'll be trouble. With this dire threat, I will close, assuring the charges and grads of Chi Deuteron's brotherly love and best wishes.

ARTHUR P. SPEAR.

PSI.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

The first term of the year is nearly ended, and Christmas vacation approaches. May it be a pleasant one to every Theta Delt.

This term has been a very pleasant one at Psi. Many of the "old fellows" have been back and told us of Theta Delt life out of college.

Bro. C. G. Cunningham, '98, who is studying medicine in Washington says, if all the good fellows there are not Theta Delt, yet all the Theta Delt are good fellows.

Our representative on the Hamiltonian Board this year is Bro. Weston. He is the business manager and intends to make nineteen hundred books as good as any of the past. This year's edition will contain many fine engravings of the campus and college buildings.

Brother T. C. Cheney is on the dramatic club, and Brother D. R. Campbell is a member of the college choir.

We had two men on the foot-ball team this year, Bros. F. H. Cunningham and W. J. McLaughlin. Brother Cunningham was captain and to him is due much of the team's success. He had no coach but he brought the team to such perfection as it had never attained before. Hamilton has every reason to feel proud of her team this year. We have been beaten but twice, by Cornell in the first game of the season, and by Trinity November 21st. We have beaten Colgate and Union out, and won the pennant in the league. The Union game was one of the best of the

season. Both teams were confident of victory and meant to have it. The Colgate games were both fine exhibitions of strong, close playing.

The junior prom. occurred November 16th in the sophomore gymnasium, and was one of the finest dances ever given by a junior class in Hamilton.

The floor was crashed and the window seats trimmed in the college colors. The different fraternities were represented by brothers scattered about the hall.

The night before the fifteenth we gave a very pretty reception, with which all seemed to be delighted.

With best wishes for the new year to the editor and all good Thetas.

W. E. DANFORD.

IOTA.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

November 19th will always be remembered by Harvard men in general as an especially red letter day; but while members of Iota charge are not likely to forget that day, nevertheless the evening of November 18th will be to those who were fortunate enough to be the guests of Epsilon Deuteron a time to treasure up in one's memory as being particularly delightful. About twenty men, in fact, nearly the whole charge, descended upon 36 Elm street and were royally looked out for by our Yale brothers. In the evening a most bounteous spread was laid out and as the loving cup passed from hand to hand the festivities of the evening were soon under way. The cordial feeling present on all sides was to be especially noticed in the singing alternately of Yale and Harvard songs, interspersed from time to time with a Theta Delt song. I am sure that those present will not soon forget the especially marked friendship shown by a very tall brother of New Haven for a very short brother from Cambridge. Iota is very much indebted to Epsilon Deuteron for her glorious hospitality and only wishes that she may soon have an opportunity to play the host herself.

Iota, under the able guidance of Bro. E. E. Wheeler, put a foot-ball team into the field this fall and practiced for about a week, preparatory to a game with Kappa. A foot and a half of snow on the day of the game put, however, a damper on our enthusiasm. It is to be regretted that this blizzard could not have postponed itself for a couple of days, for I am sure that the game would have brought out some earnest if not brilliant play and have been a most delightful occasion. A game was also arranged with Dummer Academy, whose head master is Bro. Perley Horne, '89, and where Bro. W. J. Wilder, '97, is also a teacher.

Hare and hound runs have been held while the weather continued favorable, in which a number of our men have participated. Bro. W. W. Carter, '99, and Bro. C. I. Porter, '02, one who has lately joined us, have

each carried off a couple of prizes for finishing either first or second among the hounds.

What was Chi Deuteron's loss in Bro. H. H. D. Sterrett is Iota's gain. He has honored us by affiliation.

Iota still pursues her policy of taking in good men when she finds them, so that new men are added throughout the year and not principally from the freshman class, as is the case where conditions are somewhat different. The following men we have considered suitable to become Theta Delts: Bro. H. C. Paine, '01, C. I. Porter, '02, and O. D. Crilley, '00.

I am sure the whole charge joins me in wishing Bro. McLaughlin, Iota, '93, all happiness in his new state. He weds Miss Clark, of Binghamton, December 27, '98.

FRED B. TAYLOR, '99.

[This letter was received too late for insertion in proper order.—
EDITOR.]

College Notes.

The first regulation flag of any fraternity was that of Theta Delta Chi, adopted in 1871. The following descriptions of flags are from "American College Fraternities:"

The flag of Sigma Chi bears the fraternity name.

The flag of Delta Kappa Epsilon is composed of three vertical stripes of blue, gold and crimson, displaying a rampant lion in black on the gold back-ground.

The flag of Phi Kappa Sigma has a black ground, displaying at the left of the field the skull and bones, and in the center the letters " $\Phi K \Sigma$ " in gold.

The flag of Phi Gamma Delta is pennant-shaped, bearing the Greek letters " $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ " across the face of the flag upon a white background. In the upper left hand corner is a purple square containing a white star.

The flag of Beta Theta Pi is a field of blue, displaying three stars arranged at the angles of a triangle enclosing a red rose, and with a border panel of white, the latter color out of compliment to the Mystical Seven.

The flag of Southern Kappa Alpha consists of three broad bars: crimson, white and gold, of equal width, placed parallel with the staff—the crimson bar next to the staff, the gold at the flowing end. In the center of the white bar is the eight-pointed crimson cross.

A fraternity flag was adopted by Phi Delta Theta in 1891; it consists of three vertical bars of equal width; the outer bars blue and the middle bars white; each of the outer bars charged with three white five-pointed stars; the middle bar charged with " $\Phi \Delta \Theta$," the letters in blue, reading downward; the width of the whole being two-thirds of the length.—*The Scroll*.

The conflict over Greek letter fraternities at Furman University has culminated in action by the trustees, taken contrary to the wishes of the president and faculty, by which both the fraternities and the anti-fraternity league are abolished from the University, though the trustees say that they "do not believe the fraternities have been guilty of any conduct which is censurable."

In the race for desirable freshmen this year the eleven fraternities at Amherst must take their chances from 122 new men. Dartmouth gives a wider choice with a proportion of 200 to 6; Brown has 250 to 14.

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