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THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

The fifty-first annual convention of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity met at Young's Hotel, Boston, Mass., January 12, 1899. After it was ascertained in the usual manner that all present were Theta Delts, Brother Harstrom, President of the Grand Lodge, called the convention to order. At forty minutes after ten o'clock A. M., Bro. Lindenmeyr opened the meeting.

The familiar room was thronged with delegates and other members of the Fraternity. More than a hundred loyal, enthusiastic Theta Delts took part in the opening ceremony. Immediately the Convention got down to business. Registration and Reception Committees were appointed, also Committees on Credentials and on Order of Business. Bro. Rudolph Tombo, Jr., was elected stenographer and Bro. Ehret assistant secretary.

While the committees were securing credentials, planning the order of business, etc., etc., Bro. Harstrom seized an opportunity to introduce some of the graduate brothers present. First was Clay W. Holmes, then Seth P. Smith, J. MacBride Sterrett, F. W. Hamilton, George N. Grass and G. H. Spencer. All briefly addressed the Convention and all were received as only a crowd of our fellows knows how to receive a brother.

The tide had already begun to rise. A hint was given of the enthusiasm which was to make the 51st one of the most remarkable conventions in the history of the Fraternity.

Bro. Gregory read the report of the Committee on Credentials. The following delegates were present :

Beta—P. M. Walter, '98 ; C. A. Stevens, '00.

Gamma Deuteron—Ernest J. Dennen, '93.

Epsilon Deuteron—Bernard Beinecke, '98 ; Ward S. Gregory, '99 ; J. Walter Gannon, '99.

Zeta—Alex. Meiklejohn, '93; Robt. K. Lyons, '99; Chas. A. Hull, '99.

Eta—F. J. C. Little, '89; Lincoln S. Cleaves, '99; P. M. Palmer, '00.

Iota—R. B. Carter, '98; J. T. Harrington, '99; E. E. Wheeler, '00.

Iota Deuteron—O. O. Partridge, '94; H. C. Taylor, '99; R. C. Gibbs, '00.

Kappa—Rev. F. W. Hamilton, '80; I. R. Kent, '99; E. W. Rich, '99.

Lambda—Rev. Geo. H. Spencer, '90; Herbert R. Sheldon, '99; J. E. Lacount, '00.

Mu Deuteron—H. H. Baker, '93; Harry A. Bullock, '99; Harry B. Marsh, '99.

Nu Deuteron—R. R. Horner, '99; E. A. Keys, '99.

Xi—Rev. John G. Robinson, '91; Albert Stettenbenz, '00; Earl S. Warner, '01.

Omicron Deuteron—Seth P. Smith, '82; Jas. Raphael, '01; Nat. Barrows, '00.

Pi Deuteron—Carl Tombo, '97; Otto J. S. Grassi, '99; Fred S. Fischer, '00.

Rho Deuteron—Frank S. Dickerson, '99; Edward Van Winkle, '00.

Sigma Deuteron—Earl C. Tillotson, '99.

Tau Deuteron—John W. Erf, '93; Jas. N. Pike, '00; Harry C. Bayless, '99.

Phi—Clay W. Holmes, '69; Robert Sterrett, '99; H. N. Warbasse, '00.

Chi—James A. Hamilton, '97; Freeman E. McNall, '99; E. O. Wilson, '99.

Chi Deuteron—Rev. J. M. Sterrett, '67; J. H. Altschu, '99; Wm. D. Sterrett, '00.

Psi [unrepresented].

After the Committee on Order of Business had reported Bro. Hamilton, K '80, took the chair while Bro. Harstrom read his report. The Fraternity has come to expect great things when the president gives account of his stewardship. There was no

disappointment on this occasion. It was the report of a statesman and an administrator. Wise, fair, clear, it carried the consent of the convention. For form's sake it was referred to the appropriate committee who could only report approval and recommend adoption.

About the time the president's report was read, the rising tide caught up Bro. Harstrom and never let him down again during the convention.

In the greatly regretted absence of Bro. Frederic Carter, Bro. E. S. Smith read the report of the Custodian of Archives. The committee to whom this report was referred recommended the adoption of the report, commended it as "satisfactory to an eminent degree" and recommended that "the Convention extend its most hearty thanks to Bro. Carter for his work." All of which was done.

One of the most interesting events of the Convention was the report of the editor of *THE SHIELD*. The ten years' work was passed in review. As the delegates listened to the story of the extraordinary labors and extravagant financial support by which the editor had brought *THE SHIELD* to its high position and maintained it there, all felt for a time, that there was but one Theta Delt and Clay W. Holmes was the one. The Committee on *SHIELD* report were not fulsome, but just, when they said :

"It was with a sense of admiration and wonder that we came to appreciate the tremendous labor of love which the editor of *THE SHIELD* has given to this Fraternity and to realize the height of honor which accrues to Theta Delta Chi in the possession of such a man. No words at our command can adequately express the gratitude, love, and reverence which we feel and which we know the whole Fraternity feels toward this brother of ours who has ungrudgingly and gladly given so large a share of his life's best effort that the welfare of his Fraternity and ours might be advanced.

With these emotions in our hearts, which must speak when our tongues cannot, we recommend that the resignation of Brother Clay W. Holmes from the editorship of *THE SHIELD* be accepted."

Bro. Seth P. Smith introduced the following resolution which was adopted with cheers and great applause.

Moved, As an expression of our sincere gratitude to Clay W. Holmes for his unremitting zeal, his untiring devotion and his conspicuous success in editing and publishing our Fraternity Periodical during the last decade, that we, in convention assembled, extend to him a unanimous vote of thanks by rising and that the same be entered on the minutes of this convention."

The report of the secretary modestly made was of interest as illustrating the thorough and practical manner in which the G. L. undertakes to cement the charges more closely together and to strengthen the weak points by a systematic comparison with one another. The committee reported to the convention that Bro. Smith's "report was complete in every particular" and that he could "not be commended too highly for his work the past year."

An interesting episode of the meeting Thursday afternoon was the introduction of Bro. Wilson, Major U. S. A., who had just returned from Cuba, strong in his thirty years of service. He had found canned beef a luxury and a troop-ship a floating palace. His short and stirring address was full of rampant patriotism and loyal fraternity spirit. It was good to be there.

The report of the treasurer of the G. L. showed two things—that the Grand Lodge was in excellent financial condition and that the duties of the treasurer had been performed in a prompt, careful and business like way. The treasurer was commended and later received his reward, well won and worthily bestowed.

The election of officers Friday was a great occasion. After some pleasant and spirited parliamentary sparring, the convention unanimously instructed the Secretary to cast a ballot for Carl A. Harstrom for next president of the Grand Lodge. The scene that followed defies description. The tide had risen. No man could refuse an office tendered to him with such demonstrations of love and confidence. For the fifth time Bro. Harstrom accepted the high office to which he had been called. Bro. E. H. Capen who was present addressed the convention pronouncing a eulogy upon the president and the work of which any man in any position might well be proud.

Bro. Capen was then authorized to cast a ballot as the expression of the unanimous will of the convention for Bro. Marble

as secretary of the new Grand Lodge. Bro. John Boyce Smith, Jr., was elected treasurer of the Grand Lodge. At the Friday afternoon session an interesting discussion was precipitated over the question of the place of the next convention. It was finally recommended that Washington have the honor. The usual votes of thanks and appreciation were passed.

One of the delightful and unexpected features of the installation of the president was the presentation of a magnificent Theta Delta Chi jewel. This costly and appropriate emblem was the characteristic gift of Bro. Willis S. Paine. It is to be preserved for the presidents of the Grand Lodge through all time. A rising vote of thanks to Bro. Paine was taken as expressive of the feeling of the convention.

The minutes were read, announcements made, a song was sung and in due form the 51st annual convention was closed.

Two hundred and forty-six Theta Deltas had registered. Undoubtedly many were present a portion of the time who did not register. It was probably the largest convention in the history of the Fraternity.

The Grand Lodge and Eta Charge had reception rooms in the hotel, open early and late, where generous and fragrant hospitality was dispensed. Every member of Eta but one, was present at the convention and at the banquet. Kappa, Lambda, and Iota entertained at special hours. For attendance, for enthusiasm, for earnest and spirited debate, and for thorough harmony and brotherly regard, this convention will be long remembered, especially by the New England Charges.

And the banquet, also! One hundred and ninety-three seated at the tables. And everyone of them from President Brother Capen of Kappa to the last freshman initiated, a loyal Theta Delt. No wonder the ceiling rang and the crystal room where we met seemed a music-box.

The dinner was good as it always is at Young's. The simple but exquisite menus were a souvenir to be prized. There was no oration, no poem, no set speeches; but there were some wonderfully good speeches of all kinds, serious and witty, eloquent and humorous. Then there was music, instrumental and vocal;

songs by Lambda's glee club; and by all the fellows. Cheers too. Everyone cheered, and everyone was cheered.

There never was such spontaneous, hearty, overflow of good feeling even in Theta Delta Chi.

Rev. F. W. Hamilton, Kappa, was the toastmaster, and he was a good one, brief, apt, genial.

The following are the toasts and speakers :

The Day We Celebrate.....	Seth P. Smith, Omicron '82
The G. L.....	Carl A. Harstrom, Xi '86
THE SHIELD.....	Clay W. Holmes, Phi '69
Our Graduates.....	Elmer H. Capen, Kappa '60
Our Undergraduates.....	East.....L. L. Cleaves, Eta '99
	Centre, Rudolph Tombo, Jr., Pi Deuteron '95
	West.....E. S. Tillotson, Sigma Deuteron '99
Graduate Associations.....	J. McBride Sterrett, Chi '67
The Iota Charge.....	A. P. Stone, Iota '93
The Fitting Schools.....	A. W. Perrie, Kappa '82
Sweethearts and Wives.....	Harry B. Bullock, Mu Deuteron '99
The Professors.....	F. Spencer Baldwin, Lambda '88
The Law.....	C. Neal Barney, Kappa '95
The Gospel.....	George H. Spencer, Lambda '90
Literature.....	Orrison S. Marden, Lambda '77

The banquet closed at a late hour and the fifty-first convention passed into history.

GEORGE H. SPENCER, Lambda '90.

Convention Reports

The President's Report. The report of the President of the Grand Lodge covers the period from February, 1898, to January, 1899. The Grand Lodge held three formal meetings during this period. It is, of course, impossible to print openly some portions of the work done, but there is enough suitable for general publication to indicate how active and efficient our governing body has been. A charter was refused to petitioners from Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa. No encouragement was given to inquiries from the University of Maine and the University of Nebraska. No action was taken in the matter of establishing a charge at the University of Chicago. The California petition is referred to

under a separate head. A circular letter has been sent each month during the college year to each charge and to some sixty alumni of the charges. In addition the President has written an average of twenty-five personal letters each week dealing with fraternity business. The President has taken an active interest in the formation and work of the graduate associations and recommends that each association keep in touch with the Grand Lodge by sending in some account of its transactions as a part of the annual records of the fraternity. The charter of Theta Charge was revoked on October 29, 1898, owing to the inactive condition of the charge. So far as heard from the graduates of Theta concur in this action. Every charge, except Zeta, received an official visitation during the five weeks preceding the convention by the President or his deputies,—Bros. Houston, Coville, Waters, Whittemore and Sterrett. The visitation has for its object a careful scrutiny of the effects of the charges, an examination of officers and members in the official duties and secret work of the fraternity, and a face to face talk with members on the aims of the fraternity and the duties of members. A report was submitted upon the condition of each charge. With the exception of Omicron Deuteron the reports show an excellent condition, such defects as exist being easily remedied. The charge history and charge records are found in several charges not to be in satisfactory condition. The semi-centennial drew attention to the importance of keeping accurate charge records, and each charge is now required to meet a fair standard in this respect. The serious defects at Omicron Deuteron have received the anxious attention of the President, and, since the convention he has personally visited the charge and sent a private communication to each charge and to the graduates of Omicron Deuteron dealing with the defects and the proposed remedies. The President gives it as his deliberate conclusion at the end of four years of official work that the charges, taken as a whole, were never in a more flourishing or hopeful condition than they are to-day, and that Theta Delta Chi is easily the peer in character and standing and devotion to fraternity ideals of any college fraternity in the land.

The Secretary's Report. The special work of the secretary is largely statistical in character, and Bro. Smith's report shows

how carefully and accurately the work has been accomplished. It is to be regretted that one or two charges have, by their delinquency, made a full statement impossible. It appears (allowing for these omissions) that from the '98 convention to the '99 convention 107 men were initiated, one died, and 103 left college. The present total active membership is over 400. Bro. Smith calls attention to the necessity of prompt co-operation on the part of each charge secretary, and the desirability of electing to that office men who by age and experience are fitted to perform its responsible duties. The records of the fraternity can never be complete unless these admonitions are heeded.

The Treasurer's Report. The report of the treasurer shows a balance of \$72.81 in cash, and assets in the form of unpaid dues of the last year of \$146 and of previous years of \$151.25. The actual disbursements of the past year were \$812.92, of which \$172.25 went to THE SHIELD, \$217.74 to necessary printing for the Grand Lodge, \$114.10 to expenses of Grand Lodge meetings, \$59.47 to Grand Lodge office expenses, \$163.16 to Grand Lodge visitations by the president and his deputies, \$45 to the stenographer of the semi-centennial convention, \$31 for history books, and \$10 to the Custodian of the Archives. The report raises the question whether the Fraternity is not living too much from hand to mouth, and whether there ought not to be established a "reserve fund" for the enlargement of the work of the Grand Lodge in its relation to the charges.

The Custodian of the Archives. The report of Bro. Frederic Carter, Custodian of the Archives, together with his "Newsletter Number Three," show the wisdom of the convention which created this important office and the wisdom of the Grand Lodge which so efficiently filled it. The office is dependent entirely upon voluntary subscriptions for its support. It is the depository of the historical records of the fraternity and of its members. It merits hearty and generous support. If each brother will enclose one dollar to Frederic Carter, 1424 Broadway, New York City, he will materially aid a most important department of fraternity work.

The Shield Report. The report of Bro. Clay W. Holmes of his management of THE SHIELD for the past ten years is at once

an honor to him and a reproach to the fraternity. It shows that there has been borne by him a net loss of over \$1,500, and that in only one year (1894) have the receipts equalled or exceeded the expenses. The outstanding indebtedness of graduates and undergraduates would not wipe out the deficit, but if paid would materially decrease it. It is a poor return for ten years of devoted work to retire with a deficit ; but if Bro. Holmes has not the money due him he has, at least, the sincere gratitude of his Theta Delta friends and brothers. The Committee on THE SHIELD report and the convention in its resolutions voiced the general sentiment. As to the future, the committee recommends that each charge become a subscription agency and, in a sense, responsible for the support of its own graduates. To this end the present management has conferred with the charges and already has from some an assurance of cordial co-operation. The assurance and prompt action upon it should come from all the charges. Every undergraduate can secure one graduate subscriber. If this be done, the subscription list, with such additions as will naturally be made from the home office, will suffice to give the fraternity a magazine suitable to its needs.

The Memorial Volume. The report of Bro. Clay W. Holmes, editor of the Memorial History, shows that there is at present a deficit of \$600 on the publication. To offset this he has on hand 177 copies and if these are sold there will be a small surplus over the cost of publication. Only 300 copies of this noble volume were printed. In a very few years it will be a rarity, and brothers who now put off purchasing it will then be seeking to pick it up at a greatly enhanced price. It is to be hoped that prompt application will be made for copies and that before the next convention meets this deficit will be wiped out.

The California Petition. One of the most interesting matters submitted to the convention was the petition from eight students at the University of California for a charter from Theta Delta Chi. The committee made a majority and a minority report, the majority favoring further investigation and a submission of the matter to the vote of the charges. From the report it appears that the University of California, founded in 1868, now has about 2400 students, of whom 600 are in the San Francisco professional

schools, while the rest are in the academic and scientific departments at Berkeley. There are now the following Greek letter societies at the University: Delta Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Psi, Chi Psi, Delta Tau Delta, Chi Phi, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Nu, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, and Kappa Alpha (Southern). Those who have investigated the matter and are favorably inclined or are active supporters are Bros. J. C. Hallock, Delta '91, N. L. Bachman, Psi '72, formerly president of the Grand Lodge, Rev. W. B. Noble, Pi '63, Dr. W. F. Southard, Kappa '69, Rev. F. H. Robinson, Psi '74, George W. Haight, Chi '74, J. W. Ruthven, Epsilon D. '90, James McLachlan, Psi '78, A. S. Gaylord, Gamma D. '95, W. G. Smith, Beta '83, W. E. Norris, Zeta '57, W. H. Orr, Eta '84, S. S. Holman, Beta '85, W. B. Geoghegan, Lambda '89, Rev. B. W. Perry, Psi '91 and Frank Morton, Omicron D., '80, all alumni of the Pacific slope. The project is opposed by Frederic Carter, Epsilon D. '96, B. F. Mansfield, Epsilon D. '96, H. B. Quinan, Epsilon D. '97, and Prof. C. D. Marx, Beta '78, of Stanford University. The arguments pro and con suggest themselves at once. On the one hand the advantages of entrenchment at a strong and progressive institution, near a growing body of graduates; on the other the difficulties of satisfactory beginnings at a university where there are already successful chapters, the distance from the Grand Lodge headquarters and the place of convention meetings. It is the old much-debated question of expansion as applied to a very inviting field. The chairman of the committee, Bro. Olcott O. Partridge, Iota D. '94, made a minority report favoring a submission of the question to three prominent graduates of each charge and the submission of the question to the charges only in case a majority of these replies were favorable and the Pacific Graduate Association would become responsible for sending two undergraduates east to the annual convention. The majority report, signed by Bros. H. G. Field, Gamma D. '93, and J. W. Erf, Tau D. '93, was adopted and in pursuance of the convention action the matter has now been submitted to the charges for final action.

A Reserve Fund Plan. This brings us to the consideration of the "Reserve Fund" plan submitted to the convention by Bro.

Clay W. Holmes, Phi '69. In brief this plan proposes to create a body of trustees in whose hands shall be placed a fixed percentage on all initiation fees and dues and a small annual contribution from each graduate. The funds so raised are to be invested and, where advisable, as loans secured by first-mortgage upon chapter houses. The interest earnings may be devoted to the publication of a quinquennial catalogue and to the support of *THE SHIELD*, if so directed by the convention. This plan, presenting as it did some novel features, was temporarily laid aside by the convention for further consideration. That consideration ought to be given by all graduates and undergraduates during the time intervening before the next convention, and that body should again take it up and debate it. The plan has in it so many possibilities for the enlargement of the fraternity work that, if it can be put into operation without detriment to the existing conditions, it should be given a trial.

Convention Notes

A considerable number of telegrams and letters of regret were received, among which were messages from the following :

Andrew H. Green, Alpha '49, Syracuse, N. Y.

Theodore Edwards, Alpha '61, Snow Hill, N. C.

J. F. Echeverria, Delta '84, San Jose, Costa Rica.

John E. Hamilton, Theta '56, U. S. Consul at Morrisburg, Ontario.

Edwin P. Matthews, Theta '79, Dayton, Ohio.

Richard A. Bullock, Mu '60, Henderson, N. C.

R. L. Coffin, Mu '61, Memphis, Tenn.

John D. Bellamy, Nu '74, Wilmington, N. C.

Pres. George Williamson Smith, Xi '57, of Trinity College.

Henry B. Brown, Omicron '59, East Hampton, Conn.

A. R. Archibald, Omicron Deuteron '74, of Minneapolis, Minn.

James R. Mellon, Pi '65, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. James T. Richardson, Sigma '90, Bucksport, Me.

Jacob Spahn, Chi '70, Rochester, N. Y.

Stanton E. Barrett, Chi '95, Color-Sergeant of the 202d N. Y., then at Guanajay, Cuba.

Prof. Duncan Campbell Lee, Psi '91, of Cornell.

The letter from Bro. Green was as follows :

SYRACUSE, N. Y., JANUARY 9, 1899.

CARL A. HARSTROM, President :

MY DEAR BROTHER :—I regret very much it is not in my power to attend the Fifty-first Annual Convention of Theta Delta Chi, on the 12th inst., agreeably to your kind invitation.

I have long hoped to get such release from the demands of business that I might avail myself of such a pleasant occasion to meet my brethren of the New England Colleges, who I suppose will be present in large numbers. I enjoyed myself greatly at the Semi-Centennial, where I saw the signs of the present and past greatness of our Fraternity. It has an increasing list of distinguished men, of whom we may be justly proud, but it must not be forgotten that its character depends not less on the mass of its membership, displaying character and worth in every path of life all over our land.

I heartily greet every brother present on this auspicious occasion, and hope it may prove most enjoyable.

Thanking you for your remembrance of me, I am as ever

Faithfully yours in $\Theta \Delta X$,

A. H. GREEN, Alpha '49.

Bro. J. R. Mellon, Pi '65, was missed by all regular attendants at convention. He has always been most faithful in his attendance at conventions and, indeed, in every way that could evidence his attachment to the fraternity. Only the serious illness of a brother kept him away from this gathering.

Bro. N. R. Webster, Eta '81, is another faithful and well-loved brother whose absence was especially noted because unusual.

Bro. Holmes read at the banquet a letter from "Fate" Bachman, Psi '72, whom all Theta Delts of an earlier period remember with pleasure and affection. We regret that we cannot present this message from our California frater.

THE GRAND LODGE FOR 1898-99

CARL AXEL HARSTROM

PRESIDENT OF THE GRAND LODGE

Carl Harstrom, Xi, '86, was Secretary of the Grand Lodge during 1885-86, was first elected President of the Grand Lodge in 1894, has been re-elected at each succeeding convention, and is therefore now in his fifth term. There is but one opinion throughout the fraternity, and that is that for fidelity and efficiency he has no superior in all the ranks of our brotherhood. His administrations have been marked by steady organization of work, intimate knowledge of details, exhaustless patience and tact, and a self-sacrificing devotion which is as unobtrusive as it is noble and fruitful. His election to five successive terms is without precedent, but has been not only acquiesced in by the fraternity, but received with satisfaction and enthusiasm by all who are in touch with current fraternity affairs.

Carl Harstrom was born in Westeras, Sweden, December 20, 1863, and came to this country with his family in June, 1874. He attended a small private school for one year and then spent five years in the Peekskill Military Academy, graduating in 1880. While there he held the position of Cadet Captain and took high rank in scholarship, receiving several prizes. In the fall of 1880 he entered Hobart and was initiated into Theta Delta Chi on October 11th. At the end of his sophomore year he left college and taught music and military tactics at the Peekskill Military Academy for two years. In the fall of 1884 he returned to Hobart and graduated with the class of '86. During his college course he took the Horace White Essay Prize, the Junior Greek Prize, the Senior Debate Prize, was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa, and was Valedictory Orator, *magna cum laude*. He was chairman of the Class Publication Committee in his junior year and editor-in-chief of the college paper in his senior year. He played the college organ during his last two years in college. In athletics he was sanely active, and was regular substitute on the baseball nine. He was given an M.A. degree by Hobart in 1889.

After graduating at Hobart, he was for a year Head Master at the Peekskill Military Academy, after which he started the Vieuland Preparatory School at Peekskill. Here he remained three years, when he accepted the position of Head Master of the Norwalk Military Institute. In 1893 the school was moved and Bro. Harstrom established the Norwalk Preparatory School, of which he is still in charge. He spends about half of his time in New Haven where he is working in the graduate department of Yale University and will probably receive his Ph.D. degree in June.

Bro. Harstrom was married on June 20, 1888, at Phelps, N. Y., to Miss Lee Selden Partridge, and has two children, Frances, now in her ninth year, and Carl Eric aged seven.

To this record of the life of our President, it is unnecessary to add any words of comment. He is known and loved of all Theta Deltas for his sterling worth, his admirable qualities of head and heart, and his unflinching allegiance to all that is noblest in our fraternity ideals. For us his best record is that he has been a true and faithful servant of our highest interests.

ERNEST GILMAN MARBLE

SECRETARY OF THE GRAND LODGE

When a man's life has not yet reached its "Commencement," the writing of its history would seem like working with scant material. But the measure of the calendar is a faulty standard of achievement. As in the later years, a man is as old as he feels, so in the earlier, he is as old as he knows and does. By this better regulation of time, Brother Marble has lived quite long enough to have a biography.

The present secretary of the Grand Lodge was born on the nineteenth of September, 1876, at Methuen, Mass., a town which, in spite of the proved assertions of his friends that it is no longer on the map, he still claims as his home. Passing rapidly and with great credit through the successive gradations of the Grammar and High Schools, he graduated from the latter in the class of 1893. Here for a time his school life ceased, for the next two years saw him in the employ of the great Arlington Mills at Lawrence. He entered the mill laboratory shortly after his grad-



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Secretary of the Grand Lodge



J. BOYCE SMITH, JR.
Treasurer of the Grand Lodge

uation from the High School and his already marked taste for the sciences and his proficiency in practical application, soon made him second only to the chief chemist of the plant.

Ordinarily a boy would have been satisfied with such a degree of success and so excellent a prospect, but not so with Brother Marble. In the autumn of 1895 he left the Arlington laboratory, and entered Tuft's College with the class of '99 in the Civil Engineering course. From the day of his entrance he was marked as one of the most prominent men of the class and a subject of fraternity contention. Suffice it to say that Kappa stood up to her reputation for good judgment and magnetic attraction, and that the Freshman from Methuen took the vows of Theta Delta Chi early in October.

Brother Marble's college record has been a broad and enviable one. Facing the very severe requirements which Tufts makes of her engineering students, he has constantly been among the foremost of his class and yet has found time to give much attention to general college interests. He has dabbled a little in athletics in making a place upon the '99 class baseball and track teams, and was manager of the college track team for the season of '97-'98, as well as a member of the present Advisory Board for Athletics. At the senior elections he was chosen as the Chairman of the Class Day Committee, and has since been honored with a Commencement Day party.

His connection with the fraternity has been marked by just that high degree of interested, hard-working loyalty which was expected by those who knew him. From the first his charge has profited largely by his active, intelligent work and when the Convention of 1898 placed him upon the Grand Lodge as its Treasurer it did not take the rest of the charges long to find out what the Kappa men already knew, that the office was in the hands of one whose only conception of its duties was to do them in the right way and at the right time. As Secretary, his characteristics are not likely to be greatly changed.

Much has been expected of Brother Marble in the past and the fulfillment of those expectations justifies their extension into the future. He is a man of ideas and action and for such the world finds a place.

I. R. KENT, Kappa, '99.

J. BOYCE SMITH, JR.

TREASURER OF THE GRAND LODGE

The subject of this sketch was born in the city of New York on the 15th of August, 1881. Brother Smith received his earliest education at private school, and later entered Grammar School No. 85, from which he graduated as valedictorian in the spring of 1894. He passed the highest examination from his school for entrance into the College of the City of New York, but in the fall went to Collegiate School, in order to prepare for Columbia. The influences surrounding Brother Smith at this school were very healthy, and were calculated to develop rapidly all his slumbering energies and capacities. He got all there was to get out of his school-life, dividing his time sensibly between study and exercise. He did a little running while at school, caught on the base-ball team, played half-back on the foot-ball team, was President of the Athletic Association, and delegate to the New York Interscholastic Athletic Association. Three pleasant years were spent by Brother Smith at Collegiate School, during which time he laid an excellent foundation for his future College studies. He entered the Class of 1901, Columbia College, in the fall of 1897. Brother Smith is one of the youngest men in the class, and at the same time one of the brightest. In his Freshman year he distinguished himself by winning the pole vault in the dual games with Princeton, thus procuring the coveted "C" very early in his college career. In other lines Brother Smith was rather reserved in his Freshman year, but devoted a large portion of his time to becoming acquainted with the members of his class and getting familiar with the general run of things. His popularity among the student-body is attested by the fact that he was chosen President of his class in his Sophomore year. Meanwhile he has developed in many directions, and takes an active part in all spheres of college life. He is Assistant Manager of the Track Team—which means that he will be Manager next year—Vice-President of the King's Crown, a member of the "Deutscher Verein," represented his class in the light-weight cane sprints, took part in the Sophomore Show, and will most likely make the "Spectator," the Columbia bi-weekly. At the same time his



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Lambda, '90

studies have always received their due share of attention, and he stands well up in his class. Brother Smith is a typical American College man, but above all he is a good Theta Delt; he cherishes a warm love and a deep regard for Theta Delta Chi, and is a brother of whom the Fraternity may well be proud.

RUDOLF TOMBO, JR., Pi D., '95.

THE REV. GEORGE H. SPENCER

The annual convention of the Fraternity, like all parliamentary bodies, is always dominated by a few men. There are certain delegates who speak with distinct authority, whose opinions on important questions are decisive. Occasionally it happens that one man comes conspicuously to the front as the acknowledged leader of the convention. When he speaks the delegates listen,—and vote accordingly. Such a thing happened at the last convention. The brother who will be remembered by all who took part in the sessions as preëminently the leader of that convention is the Rev. George Hazelton Spencer, Lambda, '90.

When Bro. Spencer was informed that the SHIELD was minded to immortalize him by spreading him over "a certain portion of uncertain paper," and was summoned to furnish to the writer any items in his career that might be fit for publication, he promptly entered protest. "There is absolutely nothing to write," he insisted, "except—Born at Newbury, Vermont, August 17, 1866." "If I were to select my biographer," he continued, "I should choose one who knew nothing about me and let him loose. A professor of the art of fiction, rather than an economist, would suit the meager facts of my prosaic career. I really do not know what there is to write. Do not say I am a promising young man. Do not say I was marked in early years as a child of destiny. The very best and most encouraging thing I know about myself is

that I have been able to attain the friendship of some mighty good fellows." It was only after the official biographer had threatened to write something which would widen the circumference of his incipient bald-spot and cause him to lie awake o' nights that Bro. Spencer finally came down with a few scant facts. The inadequacy of this sketch is to be attributed, then, to the inordinate modesty of the subject.

The date and the place of birth of Bro. Spencer have already been recorded. His father was for many years the leading Methodist clergyman in Vermont. As the son of an itinerant preacher, Bro. Spencer received a peripatetic education. He obtained his early schooling in St. Johnsbury, St. Albans, Windsor, Ludlow, and Montpelier. His preparation for college was completed in the Montpelier Academy. After his graduation from this institution in June, 1885, he taught for one year in Stratford, N. H. In the autumn of 1886 he entered the College of Liberal Arts, Boston University. He was initiated into Lambda charge in October of the same year.

Bro. Spencer, by the way, is not the only Theta Delt of his family. One brother, J. Wesley, Lambda, '90, who came into the Fraternity with him, died November 28, 1891. Another brother, William T., Lambda, '93, is now president of the *Mexican Methodist Institute* in Pueblo, Mexico. A third brother, Frederick, now in Boston University, is pledged to Lambda.

During the years of his college course Bro. Spencer also pursued studies in the Theological School of Boston University. He preached regularly, having charge at different times of various churches in the vicinity of Boston. He interested himself actively in the public societies of the college. He was especially prominent in the debating society. As a college debater Bro. Spencer was in a class by himself. He was always ready to speak without preparation on either side of any question whatsoever. His fame as a ready debater was not won by mere superficial eloquence. The solid basis of his success was a rare ability to think logically and rapidly on his feet. The power of graceful and forceful oratory is Bro. Spencer's best talent.

At the conclusion of his college course Bro. Spencer entered at once upon the work of the ministry. In June, 1892, he was

married to Miss Rosetta Munroe of Lynnfield, Mass. They have three children, a boy and two girls. From 1890 to 1894 Bro. Spencer was pastor of the Methodist church in Methuen, Mass. After another four years' period of service in Somersworth, N. H., he was called in 1898 to the pastorate of the Methodist church in Newton Centre, Mass., one of the most desirable appointments in New England. His success in his present field of work is sufficiently indicated by the fact that his congregation is now building an imposing stone church.

The pastoral work of Bro. Spencer is not confined by narrow denominational lines. His influence reaches far beyond the limits of his own parish. He has always had the confidence and the friendship of the best men in the community, irrespective of church relations. He modestly refers to himself as "only a plodding pastor." He is that and more. He is also a powerful preacher. His sermons are characterized by a sanity and a virility that are rare in the latter-day pulpit. They are not emasculated discourses for the feeble-minded. They appeal to men. Antediluvian theology has no attraction for Bro. Spencer. His chief intellectual interest is in the ethics and the theology of the New Testament. The vigorous independence which has always marked Bro. Spencer's course in the church was shown recently in the stand that he took in reference to imperialism. The Methodist clergy are practically unanimous for expansion. They have pronounced with loud voice for the Bible and shotgun policy in the Philippines. This maudlin manifestation of abortive missionary zeal Bro. Spencer has uncompromisingly denounced. He has refused to accept the expansionist version of the scriptural injunction—"Go ye into all the world and *shoot* the gospel into every living creature."

The finest tribute that I can pay to Bro. Spencer in conclusion is merely to say that he is a rare good fellow. It is no small thing to be able to say this in sincerity of a parson. He is one of the most companionable men that I know. He is uniformly genial and optimistic. He is absolutely free from the conventional mannerisms of the ecclesiastic. He is gentle, tolerant, sympathetic; yet he has a backbone that can stiffen to a proper rigidity, if the occasion require. Withal he is wholesomely

genuine to the very core of his being. As you grasp his hand and look into his eyes, you feel that here is indeed a brother in whom there is no guile.

F. SPENCER BALDWIN.

Boston University, March 4, 1899.

S. FRED NIXON

At the age of thirty-eight S. Fred Nixon, Psi, '81, is Speaker of the popular branch of the second most important legislative body in the United States. It is an honor that has come to him as the result of a wide experience in public affairs, including years of service in the narrow field of local government in his native town and county and years of service in the broad field of State government in the great commonwealth of New York. The greater has not swallowed up the lesser. The Speaker of the Assembly still continues with unswerving fidelity to serve his fellow-townsmen as supervisor and adds to the dignity of his office as presiding officer of the New York Assembly the honor of presiding officer of the Board of Supervisors of Chautauqua County. It is a rare but encouraging example of fidelity to the American notion of the prime importance of good local government. A man honored with a great office in the State still sits with his neighbors in the local legislature because he realizes that the county and the town need the services of trained and experienced administrators as well as the State and the nation. For thirteen years Mr. Nixon has represented his town as supervisor and for eight years he has been chairman of the County Board of Supervisors. During this period he has served nine times as member of assembly from his district, has been at different times on practically every committee of importance except the judiciary committee (the members of which are always lawyers) and is now, in his ninth term, serving as Speaker.



HON. S. FRED NIXON, Psi '81
Speaker of New York Assembly

S. Fred Nixon was born at Westfield, Chautauqua County, N. Y., December 3, 1860, and has always, save for a single year, continued to reside in his native town. He finished his preparatory course in the Westfield Union School in 1877 and in the fall of that year entered Hamilton College with the class of '81. The seniors in Psi at that time were S. D. Allen, now a prominent lawyer in Duluth, and James McLachlan, ex-district attorney of Los Angeles County, California, and ex-Member of Congress from the sixth congressional district of California. Who could resist such men? Nixon speedily cast in his lot with Theta Delta Chi as one of the seven men who made up the Theta Delts of the class of '81. He was actively identified with the work of the fraternity and served as Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

Graduating in 1881, he spent a year in the employment of Gov. Proctor, of Vermont, in the marble business. At the end of that time he returned to Westfield and entered into partnership in the business which had been established by his father. He has since continued in this business and is put down in the "New York Red Book" as a manufacturer and a farmer.

In 1885 he was elected a trustee of the village. In 1886 he was elected supervisor of the town, an office which he has ever since held by annual re-election. For the past eight years he has been chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Chautauqua County.

In the fall of 1887 he was elected Member of Assembly for the second assembly district of Chautauqua County, serving in the legislature of 1888, and by re-elections in those of 1889 and 1890. After an interval of three years he was re-elected in the fall of 1893 and has served continuously ever since in the assemblies of 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898 and 1899. His political activity is further evidenced by the fact that he was chairman of the Republican county committee of Chautauqua County in 1887, 1888, 1889 and 1892, including as will be observed two presidential campaigns. In the assemblies of 1897 and 1898 he was chairman of the Ways and Means committee, which carries with it the party leadership upon the floor of the house. At the opening of the present session he was advanced to the position of Speaker.

Bro. Nixon was married in 1885 to Myrtle H. Redfield, of

Westfield, and has three children, Samuel Frederick Nixon, Jr., aged 11, George R. Nixon, aged 9, and Dorothy F. Nixon, aged 7.

After his election to the Speakership Bro. Nixon was prostrated with a serious illness which kept him from his duties during several weeks of the session. He was sufficiently recovered to return to Albany early in March and has since occupied the Speaker's chair.

CYRUS TOWNSEND

Pi, 59. Omega, '98

Cyrus Townsend, Pi, '59, probably a charter member of the now extinct charge at Washington and Jefferson College, died at his home in Leavenworth, Kansas, on August 4, 1898. He was an honored member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and on November 3, 1898, at the stated meeting of the Commandery of the State of Kansas, the following minute was adopted :

Cyrus Townsend, born May 7, 1838, at Meadville, Pa. Died August 4, 1898, at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Entered the service as private 140th Pennsylvania Infantry, August 22, 1862. Quartermaster-Sergeant July 13, 1863. Discharged to accept commission October 17, 1864.

First Lieutenant and Regimental Quartermaster 211th Pennsylvania Infantry October 18, 1864.

Honorably mustered out June 2, 1865.

With the regiment as private soldier guarding public property in Maryland from August to December, 1862; in Burnside's Mud Campaign, 1863; at Chancellorsville, Va., and Gettysburg, Pa. As Quartermaster-Sergeant through the Wilderness and Richmond Campaign under General Grant until October 17, 1864, date of discharge to accept commission. During final campaign around Petersburg assigned to duty on staff of Commanding General, Third Division, 9th Army Corps, in charge of ammunition supplies, and was present at final assault and capture of Petersburg. After capture of

Petersburg, assigned to the staff of General Matthews, Commanding Third Brigade, Third Division, 9th Army Corps, as Acting Assistant Quartermaster.

Elected a companion of the first class October 9, 1886, through the Commandery of the State of Kansas. Elected Junior Vice Commander May 2, 1895. Elected Member of Council May 7, 1896.

Such is the ineradicable record that makes our deceased companion a part of the military history of his country. Yet, a word to commemorate his character and genial spirit.

To the companions of the Loyal Legion his relations were specially fraternal. They cherish his memory as they joyed in his society and delighted in his conversational powers. Think of him amid the din of the battle of the Wilderness, the deadly meeting of the hosts at Gettysburg, and in the thunderous assault at Petersburg! In the ranks he was the typical soldier—patient and obedient as, after, he was an accomplished and admired officer of the regimental and personal staff.

The best of listeners, the least obtrusive among men—who on occasion, could give words more fitly spoken, or thoughts more wittily expressed? Forgetful of self, he was ever appreciative of merit, and when others were critical he was a silent man. With ripe scholarship and great literary excellence, through most extensive reading, he communed with the best minds of past and present times. He was bound to life by the happiest family ties, and all who knew him sought his company.

Death, never a welcome messenger, seemed doubly cruel here. But—

"Men must endure
Their going hence, even as their coming hither."

At that dread juncture how we shall bear ourselves we know not; he affords us an example worthy of imitation. His approach to the inevitable hour was marked by a calmness, a manly bearing, that was pathetic. When the evil days came that he had no pleasure in them his soul was undaunted. Though he walked among us almost to the end, he made no complaint. His eye was dimmed but he was undismayed.

The fortitude that enabled him, a few days before his death, to wish good voyage to a departing friend, when he had, as it were, his death warrant in his pocket, and yet make no sign that it might, as he knew it must be, a last farewell, is rare indeed. He might have had in mind that summer night, the thought "Say not 'Good Night,' but in some brighter clime, bid me 'Good Morning.'" A cheery bravery was his. He waited for death to reveal to us the weight of his sorrow and his acquaintance with grief.

To the aged mother and the children of the deceased, the companions of the Kansas Commandery extend their heartfelt sympathy in their ineffable bereavement.

[The Pi charge was first established at Jefferson College, Cannonsburgh, Pa., but afterward Jefferson College was united with Washington and the Pi has been known in our history as

the Washington and Jefferson charge. The Rev. Henry C. McCook, who graduated at Jefferson in 1859, writes that he has no remembrance of Bro. Townsend and that probably the latter was a graduate of Washington before the union of the two colleges. It would aid to clear up our history of the Pi charge if some early graduate of the charge would undertake to fix the college and year of the Theta Delts who now appear under one list in our official catalogue. Bro. William L. Stone's sketch of this charge in the memorial volume (p. 133) is very interesting but there is an inconsistency in the statement that it was established at Jefferson in 1858 and the statement that Bro. F. W. Schoonmaker was a founder and was initiated in 1864. This is probably reconciled by the further statement that he was one of the first members taken in after the consolidation of the two colleges. Can it be that Bro. Townsend was a Washington student but initiated at Jefferson before the union of the two? It would be interesting to clear up the early history of this honored brother, and his relation to the fraternity.—ED.]

WALTER H. MARBLE

Omicron Deuteron, '83. Omega, '99

Dr. Walter Herbert Marble, Omicron Deuteron, '83, died at the German-American Hospital in Chicago, on January 13, 1899. He had been in his usual health until a few days prior to his death. He had been unusually busy the week preceding, and had attributed a little *malaise* to this overwork and loss of sleep. Monday the 9th he was about his work as usual, but toward evening he complained of some pain in the abdomen. Ely chance he met his old-time partner and intimate associate in professional work, Dr. J. P. Houston, who advised him to go to bed at once. The next day he seemed but little sick, but kept his bed. The

day following owing to the appearance of suspicious symptoms, the eminent surgeon, Dr. Christian Fenger, whose reputation is international, was called in consultation. After careful examination he advised removal to the Hospital, but not till nearly twelve hours later was he able to make the diagnosis of appendicitis. Thursday the operation for excision of appendix was done, when the hopelessness of the case was first appreciated. The disease was far advanced, and had existed for years though without the slightest symptoms referable to this region. Friday at 9:30 our brother passed quietly away. He leaves a wife and one son to mourn his early death.

Brother Marble was born in Ashburnham, Mass., in 1858. He was educated in the public schools of his native city and prepared for Dartmouth in Cushing Academy, Ashburnham. He entered with the class of 1883 at Dartmouth and graduated with honors in June, 1883. In the fall of the same year he entered Chicago Medical College, and at the same time went into the office of Dr. E. C. Dudley, under whose preceptorship he completed his medical course, graduating in 1886. He was appointed, upon competitive examination on his graduation, first Interne to Mercy Hospital, Chicago, a place he held for one year. He then began the practice of medicine locating on the north side of the city. Soon he began to acquire an enviable reputation and made a most successful professional career. In 1889 he was married to Miss Susie Greenwood of Ashburnham, Mass. Their home was at 733 Grace Street, Chicago, where they lived well and in keeping with the Doctor's professional standing. Dr. Marble had recently been appointed Obstetrician to the German American Hospital, and his death was a severe blow to his professional associates as well as to his large acquaintance in the city.

Dr. Marble was well qualified by natural endowment for his profession and he entered it with a zeal and interest which commanded success. To these qualifications he brought a well trained mind and a capacity for a great deal of hard work. His rise to a place of distinction in his profession was sure to come had his life been spared.

During all these busy years our brother has been faithful to the Fraternity. For the members of Omicron Deuteron he always

had a cordial greeting and usually gave them the grip. He was loyal to his friends and had a warm place in his heart for his college associates especially for Theta Deltas. In his death Theta Delta Chi loses a loyal member, a faithful brother, a man whose career adds to the richness of her history a life of honorable and successful attainments.

At a meeting of the Central Graduate Association at Chicago on January 27th, the following resolutions were passed :

WHEREAS, We have with deep sorrow learned of the death on January 13, 1899, at Chicago, of our beloved brother, Dr. Walter H. Marble, Omicron Deuteron, '83, whose name has been stricken from our rolls to be inscribed forever on those of the Omega charge, and

WHEREAS, We have long known him as an earnest and enthusiastic Theta Delt, a faithful and self-sacrificing physician, and a generally respected and influential member of the community ; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Central Graduate Association of $\Theta \Delta X$, desire to express our grief at his loss, and our appreciation of his sterling character and virtuous life ; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the widow and child of our deceased brother with an expression of our warmest sympathy with them in their deep affliction.

For the Association,

C. W. FRENCH,
HENRY F. LEWIS,
B. J. WERTHEIMER,
Committee.

Chicago, Ill., January 27, 1899.

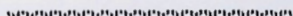
BISHOP WINGFIELD MEMORIAL

A recent number of THE SHIELD contained a portrait and sketch of the late Bishop Wingfield, Epsilon, '53. The following account, taken from a recent number of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, is inserted as a post-script to the former article :

Most impressive memorial services were held at Benecia, February 9th, in memory of the late Right Rev. J. H. D. Wingfield, Episcopal Bishop of Northern California. The occasion was made a memorable one by the presentation of a memorial pulpit to the church, which is the gift of many friends of the late Bishop. This pulpit is a magnificent work of art. It is made of brass with fluted columns and ornamental filigree work and stands on a solid base of polished oak.

The presentation speech was made by Col. L. S. Babbitt of Benecia Arsenal. On the pulpit is a plate on which are engraved the following words: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of J. H. D. Wingfield, D.D., L.L.D., Missionary Bishop of the northern part of California, erected by his friends. 1833-1898."

Eloquent and impressive addresses were made by Bishops from other parts of the State, all dwelling at length upon his history as a pioneer Bishop and his faithful work for the church he loved so well.



CHICAGO GRADUATE DINNER

The eighth annual banquet of the Central Graduate Association of $\Theta \Delta \chi$ was held at the Victoria Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on the twenty-seventh of January.

Twenty-five of the brothers gathered in the hotel parlors, and after spending some time in renewing old acquaintances and greeting new faces, adjournment was taken to the banquet hall.

Everyone enjoyed himself as one only can at a $\Theta \Delta \chi$ banquet and each felt impressed with the value of the fraternity to those who have left the college walls and who are out in practical life.

Bishop Gilbert was the guest of honor and everyone present was inspired by the zeal and sincerity of this faithful and gifted brother.

After an ample menu had been discussed, the toastmaster, Bro. Houston, announced the following toasts :

The Billy Goat—H. F. Lewis, Iota, '85.

The Convention—W. F. Tobey, Beta, '95.

Theta Delta Chi—Bishop Gilbert, Xi, '70.

The Recent Undergraduate—H. R. Tobey, Beta, '97.

The announcement that Bro. Harstrom had been re-elected president of the Grand Lodge was greeted with much applause for every brother appreciates the splendid work which has been done by our able president.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected : President, J. P. Houston ; 1st Vice-President, O. T. Eastman ; 2d Vice-President, B. J. Wertheimer ; Secretary and Treasurer, Geo. H. Jones (139 Adams Street, Chicago, Ill.) ; Executive Committee, J. M. Hollister, G. D. Bills, A. W. Hobson.

The brothers in attendance were : M. N. Gilbert, Xi, '70 ; J. M. Frost, Xi, '84 ; J. P. Houston, Omicron Deuteron, '84 ; B. J. Wertheimer, Omicron Deuteron, '76 ; C. W. French, Omicron Deuteron, '79 ; W. T. Abbott, Omicron Deuteron, '90 ; Benj. B. Kingsbury, Eta, '57 ; E. T. Hobbs, Eta, '74 ; C. H. Hastings, Eta, '91 ; O. T. Eastman, Mu Deuteron, '86 ; H. F. Lewis, Iota, '85 ; Wm. R. Northway, Alpha, '53 ; Guy Pierce, Kappa, '96 ; E. K. Broadus, Chi Deuteron, '97 ; J. L. McNab, Sigma Deuteron, '96 ; Geo. H. Jones, Sigma Deuteron, '97 ; Robert H. Hyde, Gamma Deuteron, '97 ; Louis Spahn, Chi, '79 ; J. F. Barker, Beta, '93 ; P. A. Newton, Jr., Beta, '94 ; E. C. Ryan, Beta, '94 ; E. G. McConnell, Beta, '94 ; W. F. Tobey, Beta, '95 ; W. S. Goll, Beta, '96 ; H. R. Tobey, Beta, '97.

EDITORIAL

The following letter explains itself :

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF LAW,

ITHACA, N. Y., 7 FEBRUARY, 1899.

CARL A. HARSTROM,

President of Grand Lodge.

DEAR BRO. HARSTROM :

After a careful consideration of the invitation of the Grand Lodge to assume the editorship and management of *THE SHIELD* for the ensuing year, I have decided to accept the position, being assured of the co-operation and assistance of the members of the Beta Charge. While therefore the responsibility will be primarily mine, a large share of the work will be done by the Beta Charge, without whose assurances of assistance I should have felt great reluctance to undertake the editorship of our fraternity periodical.

Thanking you for the confidence reposed in us, I am

Very fraternally yours,

ERNEST W. HUFFCUT.

It is only necessary to add that the Beta Charge is redeeming its promises and that *THE SHIELD* office is now located in the Beta Chapter House.

A fraternity periodical is justified only so far as it reaches and interests the members of the fraternity. It is sure to reach the undergraduates in one way or another ; whether it interests them depends on its characteristics—and on theirs. But it is equally sure not to reach the larger number of graduates. The problem is to reach as many of them as possible, for, after all, the graduates need the fraternity periodical far more than the undergraduates. Each charge is in constant communication with the other charges on the one hand and with the Grand Lodge on the other. Each active member is always in touch with fraternity news, ideas and progress. Not so the graduates. Save for the comparatively few who reside near a charge, they are cut off from any, except occasional and largely accidental, contact with fraternity activities. The result is a gradual fading out of the vivid and pleasurable experiences of fraternity relationship. The

fire once glowing and warming, sinks to a dull flame or flickers and dies.

There are two feasible methods of keeping alive the interest and intelligent helpfulness of graduates. One is to induce them to take and read the fraternity news organ,—provided, of course, the messenger carries to them the news that the graduate will care for. Two serious problems. First get the graduate to take the fraternity periodical. Second, make it a pleasure for him to read it. Of the two it is difficult to say which is the harder to solve. A brief glance at the fraternity exchanges shows that nearly every one of them is wrestling with the first problem. Is it then true that the graduate loses so soon and so completely his interest in his fraternity that he cannot be induced to part with a dollar or two dollars a year in order to keep in touch with its current affairs? A new editor, still in the first flush of his enthusiasm, must refuse to credit it. The books are not yet closed. But the second problem? That, indeed, may well stagger the new editor. Here he is content to lean for the time on the teaching and example of his experienced contemporaries, and of his veteran predecessor. What has stood the test of years must not be hastily or rashly discarded. If change comes it must be the result of sober reflection based upon personal experience. In the meantime will the graduate speak out? Does the fraternity periodical interest him? If not, why not?

The other method of keeping alive the fraternity fires is for the graduates to unite in tending them. There is a very pregnant thought in the suggestion of the President of the Grand Lodge, in his report to the Fifty-first Convention, that there should be some sort of official relation established between the graduate associations and the governing body. The American instinct is for organization. Even a useless thing may be given a pretty realistic semblance of vitality if it be sufficiently promoted and organized. How much more a really useful thing—and surely nothing is more useful, whether considered from a high

point or a low point, than friendship based upon some mutual principle of community interest. That principle, uniting and centralizing, we have at the heart of our fraternity. We all felt it very keenly once. It suffused and transformed our lives when we were still in our 'teens and readily susceptible to the subtle influences of the fraternity religion. Have we outgrown all that? Do we smile at our youthful enthusiasm and zeal? It is the worse for us if we do, and the sooner we set to work to recultivate the finer and nobler parts of us the better for us and for ours. It is wholesome for us to recall all that the fraternity meant for us and to reproduce so far as we may the gentle influences that radiated from it. The graduate associations ought to mean more than an annual dinner to which we go doubtful whether we shall find it worth while. They will mean more when we make them a not unworthy substitute for the undergraduate charge around which are clustered our fondest college memories. Just how this is to be done the graduate must solve. But the first step in the solution is to get the graduate association into organic relation with the fraternity economy.

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Fortunately for the success of such an undertaking the present Grand Lodge has at its head the most experienced administrator in the history of the fraternity. It is President Harstrom's fifth term and he has behind him a record of achievement that demonstrates his fitness to grapple with any problem. Of all new problems or old the most urgent is this problem of the relation of the graduates to the fraternity. He has touched upon it lightly but firmly in his report. He realizes, none more fully, the vital weakness in the present conditions. For the past four years he has given of the time and strength that meant much to him to the upbuilding of the active charges, to the rounding out of an efficient scheme of administration. That work is nearly completed. His successor will find it an easy task to keep the charges in the paths hewn out for them. If he can now complete the work by devising and initiating a scheme for bringing the graduates into vital relations with the fraternity he will leave little for his successor to do except to keep in order the new plan

of government. Should he undertake this last great work—and it is to be hoped he will—the graduates ought not to wait to be asked twice before heartily co-operating with him.

One brother has given for ten years of time and strength and money to this work. The retiring editor of our fraternity periodical has sought to aid the solution of the problem by publishing through bright days and dark days a magazine that should serve to keep alive the flagging interest of the graduates. It has not been encouraging work. The report made to the Fifty-first Convention of a decade of labor, unrequited save by the gratitude of a few loyal supporters, is referred to elsewhere in this issue. Would that every one of our three thousand graduates could read it and be moved by it. One reads there the urgent need of some new plan for vitalizing the graduate body. But, whoever is to undertake this mission, Clay W. Holmes has done his part and done it out of a spirit of devotion that quite puts to shame the inaction of many another of us. Ten years is a big span out of a man's life. Were our work as graduates properly distributed no one graduate would be compelled to serve so long. But year after year for the past five years it seemed that if he laid down the burden no other bearer could be found to take it up. He has been able to lay it down at last, and every loyal frater wishes for him a long life of ease and happiness, filled with the gratitude of the brothers whom he has served so faithfully.

It is a pleasure to see in the editorial comments of the Greek press such a hearty and appreciative estimate of our veteran editor. The *Beta Theta Pi*, edited by William R. Baird, declares *THE SHIELD*, under Mr. Holmes' editorship, to be "one of the best fraternity journals," and says, "Mr. Holmes has certainly done more than any one man to bring to $\Theta \Delta X$ its present measure of prosperity. We shall miss him keenly as a fellow member of the Greek press." The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* says: "The Council [G. L.] has a hard task before it, if it attempts to fill Mr. Holmes' shoes; in fact we fear we shall miss in *THE SHIELD* hereafter much of that excellence which gave it such a high

place in the fraternity press. It is with reluctance that we bid its distinguished editor farewell." The *Quarterly* is certainly not more apprehensive of the future of THE SHIELD than is its present editor. Meanwhile it is satisfying to see these spontaneous tributes to our retiring editor.

Expansion, which has recently become a burning national question, has long been a burning fraternity question. The annexation of Louisiana or the Mexican domain was not more hotly argued by the statesmen of the past than the annexation of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota by our fraternity men of the past. Both issues resulted in favor of expansion. The statesmen are now discussing the Philippines; our fraternity men are discussing California. The Americans are in the Philippines to stay; the Theta Deltas are rapidly taking California. To judge from the numbers and the enthusiasm of the Theta Delt expansionists of the Pacific coast, there can be but one outcome to the present movement. What the Central Graduate Association did in the northwest and the Southern Graduate Association did in Washington, the Pacific Graduate Association is bound to do in California. Of course weighty arguments must be met and overcome. Webster had to be vanquished before California was annexed to the United States. The fraternity anti-expansionists are abroad in the east and our Pacific brethren must meet and vanquish them before California is annexed to the Fraternity. But it will be accomplished. If not this year, then next year or the year after. It is "in the blood" to seek new lands to people. There are difficulties—mainly of administration—but they will be met and solved. The academic argument may go on in the lodge rooms, but the men on the spot are those who will conquer in the end. It was so at Cornell in 1870 when Dickenson and Fitch overcame the conservatism and prejudices of nearly the whole body of existing charges. It was so in the early '90s when our dwellers by the unsalted seas fought it out for the great state universities of the northwest. It was so but yesterday when Sterrett and his allies won the fight for Washington. It will be so to-day or to-morrow when Hallock and his allies plant our

flag at Berkeley. Meanwhile let us all be tolerant of each others' opinions and prejudices and content to abide the verdict rendered according to the forms of our constitutional polity.

Whatever the outcome, the activity of the graduates of the Pacific slope presents just the needed opportunity for the advancement of the graduate movement in a remote quarter. While interest is aroused and a definite purpose is dominant, why should not the Pacific Graduate Association be the first to adopt some method, in concert with the Grand Lodge, of bringing itself into organic relation with the governing body and through it with the charges? California is a resourceful region and not less so in the matter of ideas than in that of things material. Our graduates there are not behind their neighbors in this respect. Along with the campaign for a California charge let us have a campaign for a graduate association that shall have a distinct and active part in the fraternity federation. Perhaps as many objections will have to be met and overcome in the latter campaign as in the former, but no Californian is ever discouraged by eastern conservatism. He has met and overcome it too often not to know that in the end it always yields to the sunshine and sweet reasonableness of the California propaganda. If an active charge is to be established in California, every reason that can be urged for the establishment of such a graduate relationship is doubly and trebly fortified. Removed as the charge would be from easy reach of the other charges or of the Grand Lodge, the presence of a graduate association which, like the charge, should be an active factor in fraternity affairs, would set it straight and keep it straight, would instil the true Theta Delt spirit, would prevent serious deviations from the established standards, would, in short, remove the weightier objections now urged against the installation of such a charge.

The "Reserve Fund" plan submitted to the convention and referred to under the head of convention reports, is one of the matters that the fraternity cannot afford to put aside without fuller discussion. It is perfectly obvious to all thoughtful ob-

servers that the financing of the fraternity for the increasing work it is called upon to do is one of the vital questions of the immediate future. It will be difficult to justify expansion, either as to territory or as to administration, unless adequate provision is made for the increased expenditures rendered necessary by such a policy. Already we are living year by year quite up to the limit of our resources, and some really necessary measures are held in abeyance for want of funds. There has been no deficit because the administration has wisely refused to permit the expenditures to exceed the revenues. But there have been no accumulations for investment; no loan fund for the building of chapter houses; no income from capital to be applied to new measures of usefulness. In this respect we are behind some of our fellow Greeks. The last issue of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* contains an interesting account of the "Endowment" methods adopted and carried out by that fraternity. There is a percentage on initiation fees; a system of annual alumni dues; and an accumulation by "endowment notes." The latter are notes given by alumni, each giving his five notes for five dollars each, payable in one, two, three, four and five years respectively, and no note to be payable until five hundred "sets of fives" are secured. The result has been an endowment, which, says the *Quarterly*, "has cleared 'Cornell's' beautiful building lot and within a few months will put 'Michigan' into a splendid home." The plan proposed at convention was essentially the same as this except that it did not involve the "endowment note" feature. A percentage on initiation fees and a small annual fee from alumni would in a few years give a very respectable fund. The principal could be loaned upon chapter house security and thus aid in the housing of charges. The income could be applied to the publication of catalogues or such other work as might advance the fraternity welfare. No measure could do more toward securing future progress. It is to be hoped that it can be so framed as to be acceptable to the charges and the graduates and that it will meet the approval of the next convention.

Such a plan would not, of course, supplant in any way the present system in vogue at many charges of accumulating funds

for the erection and maintenance of chapter houses. It would supplement it to the extent that the general fund might be loaned on adequate security to help out the charge fund. But such adequate security could be offered only by those charges which had accumulated a sufficient charge fund to cover the margin of safety. As the trustees of the reserve fund could loan only on first mortgage and only up to a safe percentage of the market value of the security, it follows that a charge seeking such a loan would need to have money enough, given outright or loaned on second mortgage bonds, to cover about one-half the cost of the house and grounds. This means that the graduates of each charge must care for their own. And this is right and expedient. Some charges have already made satisfactory arrangements for chapter houses upon this basis. Others are working toward the same end. Eventually each charge should be suitably housed. Alumni gifts should properly go toward this purpose; but a small annual payment to a reserve fund would, in most instances, be no obstacle to the necessary donation to a charge fund.

The Proceedings of the Fifty-first Convention will soon be ready for distribution. Graduates who may desire copies of the Proceedings would do well to file an application with the Grand Lodge or the Custodian of the Archives. There are also left a few copies of the Proceedings of the Fiftieth Convention which may be had upon application.

The work of the charge agents or committees in securing graduate subscribers for THE SHIELD should be pushed as rapidly as possible. No charge should feel that it has done its full duty until its graduate list is at least equal to its undergraduate list. This number will be sent to each subscriber as the first of his year, since all annual subscriptions must be regarded as beginning and ending with Volume XV.

Subscribers will please note that the rules adopted by the New York clearing house make it necessary to add to personal checks the cost of collection.

CHARGE LETTERS

BETA.—Cornell University

All of the Beta brothers returned after the Christmas vacation with the exception of Orson Hoyt, '99. Brother Hoyt has completed his work in the law school and has been granted a leave of absence until June when he returns for his degree. He is at present studying law in the office of his brother, Ballard Hoyt, Beta, '81.

Except for the gaieties of Junior week there has been little to break the routine of a term, always monotonous at Cornell. We omitted the customary house party this year but nevertheless, had a very jolly week. Brothers Baker, '01, Fitzpatrick, '02, and Merrill, '01, contributed to the success of the Glee Club Concert and Brother Persons' committee of the Junior Ball gave us the most splendid and successful of Cornell "Juniors".

About the first week in February we lost Brother George A. Merrill, '01, who will go into business with his father in Chicago. We hope, however, to have him back with us next fall.

We gave a small dance during the term, just for our graduate brothers and ourselves. It proved very successful and we propose to repeat it from time to time during the year.

Brother Stevens, editor-in-chief of this year's *Cornellian*, is preparing to issue his production in May. Brother Wilson is still editor of the *Widow*.

Brother Nolan won the '94 Memorial Prize in debate and was one of the team that Cornell sent down to Philadelphia to represent her in the annual contest with the University of Pennsylvania.

The Beta charge will suffer a loss next September when Brother Charles Jesse Bullock, Lambda, will assume a professorship in Economics at Williams. Dr. Bullock is known in economic circles as the author of *An Introduction to the Study of Economics*. During his four years at Cornell he has been a steadfast and honored friend to the Beta charge and it is with profound regret that we hear of his departure. It is therefore with mixed feelings that we congratulate Dr. Bullock on his promotion and the Iota Deuteron charge on the valuable ally they have secured.

This is the season in which the track and baseball teams and the crews begin training for the spring term contests. Bro. Walters who holds the University record for the low hurdles is again with the track team. Brother Smith is busy with his baseball schedule, which is to include a preliminary southern trip. The outlook for baseball at Cornell is very promising and we hope to have a winning team.

Beta feels honored in the selection of Brother Ernest W. Huffcut, '84, as editor of the *SHIELD*. The charge has been divided up into committees by

Bro. Huffcut and works under his supervision. We hope to aid him in keeping THE SHIELD in the first place among fraternity periodicals.

BENNETT NOLAN.

GAMMA DEUTERON.—University of Michigan

The new year has brought with it many events which are decidedly beneficial and pleasing to Gamma Deuteron. Owing to unavoidable circumstances which at the beginning of the year forced three of our men from college (two of them returning later, however,) we were left for some time with but a small number of men. But with the new year by the return of Bro. Green, '99, and with the initiation of two new men the roll of the charge is now larger with one exception than at any time in our history. In addressing this letter to the new editor of the SHIELD we do it with it a feeling of regret and pleasure. We are sorry to see the management pass from the hands which have so long and faithfully and with so little remuneration of a material sort made it the best of fraternity journals. On the other hand we can feel only the greatest pleasure in hearing of the interest which the new editor and his co-workers have shown in undertaking so important a fraternity function.

Before proceeding further, I wish to announce the initiation of Bros. Burt Winchester, '01, of Jackson, and Jenero Davilla, who has just entered the University as a junior, of Monterey, Mexico. Both are good men and will do much for the fraternity. Brother Davilla is of a Mexican family although much of his life has been spent in the United States and France. He is an advanced student in the Engineering Department, having obtained credit from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and also from Notre Dame.

Since our last letter many events have occurred at Michigan which are of importance to us as a charge and to the Fraternity in general. In thinking of these we naturally revert to *that* Chicago game in which Michigan's position as champion of the West was, after an interval of two sad years, again indisputably established. Following this historic occasion came the distribution of "M" sweaters, and among those of that enviable few to be thus rewarded was Bro. Talcott, '01. The principal social event of the year, the Junior Hop, passed off with its usual round of pleasure. The charge was well represented by fourteen men, this being the average number for each fraternity.

The position of Gamma Deuteron in College can hardly be better shown than by enumerating the list of honors which have fallen to us. Beginning with the freshmen, two places on the freshman banquet are assured. Bro. Kinnucan will respond to the toast, "The Faculty," and Bro. Bidwell is a member of the reception committee. Bro. Stevens held down the office of ~~managing~~ managing editor of the Oracle. Bro. Talcott was our only representative on the ~~Varsity~~ Varsity Foot Ball Team, where he played quarter back. Bro. Walter

Wood, '00, was general Treasurer of the Junior Hop Committee, Bro. Ar-buckle' '99, is a member of the Invitation Committee for the Senior Reception. Bro. Wehrle, '99, still holds his old place in the banjo and mandolin clubs, Bro. Sutphen, '97' Lit., '00, Law, in addition to his office as leader of the Glee Club, takes a prominent part in the U. of M. Minstrels, and also plays the leading part in "The Night Off" to be given by the Comedy Club next month. Our last and perhaps most important acquisition is the election of Bro. Lancashire, '01, since last October a member of the Athletic Board of Directors, to the office of assistant manager of the Varsity Base Ball Team.

In an athletic way work on the track and cage has already been begun, and Michigan's prospects in base ball and track events are exceedingly bright. Very few of the old men were lost by graduation and their places can be creditably filled by the class of '02. Gamma Deuteron is not wanting in candidates for various positions on these teams.

HERMAN C. STEVENS.

EPSILON DEUTERON.—Yale University

Since the last letter, New Haven has had a unique, and painful experience. There was every indication that the Glacial Period was about to re-appear. For days everything was snowed in, except the homes of the faculty of Sheffield Scientific School; and by some strange chance, there were left pathways leading from these buildings to recitation halls so that in spite of the severe storm the unfortunate students were obliged to assemble as usual.

The weather brought with it a form of plague called "The Grip" which has proved nearly as disastrous as the famous Black Death in London.

Under these circumstances Theta Delta Chi has pursued her way unchecked, her warm life showing forth in pleasing contrast.

Among the happenings of note, may be mentioned the initiation of a new freshman brother, Brigham, 1901. Brother Hues of Psi has entered the law department and taken up his residence at our charge house. Brother Clapp (the world's champion pole vaulter) won his Y in the gymnasium contests. Brother Gregory received an appointment in the Senior Class.

The Convention has left a large share of encouragement and enthusiasm with Epsilon Deuteron. Those delegates who attended it brought back some of the zeal that characterized the occasion. They wish to acknowledge the hearty good time accorded them by the brothers and to extend their greetings to all.

JAMES E. MCINTYRE.

ZETA.—Brown University

We have taken in one new brother since the convention and I take pleasure in introducing to the other charges Bro. Allan M. Newman, '01, from Bristol, R. I. Bro. Newman is a promising candidate for the baseball team and will make a zealous Theta Delt.

Our alumni are regarding us with renewed interest and scarcely a meeting night passes without half a dozen or more in attendance. This close touch with the alumni does us much good and we fully appreciate their exertions in this direction. Bro. Ladd, cx '99, has been with us now for over two months and is once more an active member in every sense of the word.

The fire, on the ninth of February, in Maxcy Hall, one of our largest dormitories, has furnished an inexhaustible topic for conversation among the students. It was discovered about seven o'clock in the evening and in the course of two hours completely destroyed eleven rooms, while the rest of the building was so damaged by smoke and water that the students have been obliged to seek quarters elsewhere for the remainder of the year. The valuable collection of botanical specimens, however, which was in the basement escaped injury. Bro. Newman was the only brother rooming in the building and he barely saved his dress suit from the flames by entering the building from the fire escape.

Last week we had a pleasant visit from Bros. White and Fay of Iota. Bro. Chase has figured prominently this winter in the position of goal on the hockey team. Our musical clubs have been more successful this year than for several years in the past and have lately appeared in their new club hats.

The Zeta men who attended the convention all report the best possible time and are filled with determination to go to Washington next year if possible. We were all pleased with the re-election of our president and are likewise glad to see the new SHIELD in such competent hands. Zeta wishes it the best of success and will do all in her power to promote its interests.

C. H. GILMORE.

ETA.—Bowdoin Colloge

To use that old familiar charge letter phrase which makes the brothers so tired, Eta has not much news to give the outside world "since convention." But the few scraps picked up here and there I gladly give.

In class elections, this year more than ever before, we have been opposed by "combines," and as it has always been Eta's policy to steer clear of "vote buying," we cut but little figure in honors given. In the election of the senior class Brother Woodbury was given chaplain and Brother Greenlaw toastmaster. From the junior class Bro. Merrell was chosen captain of the floor team in the coming athletic exhibition, and Bro. Gould was chosen

second on the committee of arrangements for the Ivy Day exercises. In the freshman class, Bro. Gibson had the honor of being selected as leader of his class squad, which makes its debut into Brunswick society at the athletic exhibition mentioned above.

The topic of special interest here this winter is the matter of chapter houses at Bowdoin. Already one society has purchased a house and rumor is rife that others are to come in the spring. Holding as we do, an "end" in Appleton Hall, we are more by ourselves than we should be in a fraternity house. Consequently this discussion has troubled us but little.

We have in our ranks a musician of whom we are very proud, L. P. Libby '99. Bro. Libby has just composed and dedicated to the class of '99, "The Bowdoin Waltzes." They are now in the hands of the printer and are expected to put in an appearance in a few weeks.

Among the members of '99 permitted by rank to contend for class parts, were chosen Bros. Libby, L. L. Cleaves and Woodbury. 'Tis needless to say that they are employing these winter evenings in careful preparation of their subjects.

Having been away from college for a number of weeks, I am necessarily a trifle misty as to what is being done at Eta. Taking this into consideration, I trust I may be pardoned for this brief and uninteresting letter, with a promise to do better in the future.

H. A. SHOREY, JR.

IOTA.—Harvard University

Iota considered herself fortunate in that the fifty-first annual convention was held so near Cambridge as Boston, a fact which made it possible for a large number of the brothers to attend the convention and banquet. On such an occasion a man begins to get some idea of what the fraternity really stands for. Iota was also glad of a chance to welcome a number of visiting brothers and to show them around Harvard. Really it is a pity they are not always with us.

During the last year debating affairs have changed more or less at Harvard. Instead of a Freshman and a University Debating Club, now each class has practically a club of its own. The Junior Debating Club which has been named the Wranglers has been the leader in change of debating spirit. This club, formed on the lines of the Wigwam at Yale, is divided into two groups which debate against each other throughout the year for a dinner to be given by the losing camp. Refreshments are served at the debates and there is an air of informality about them which tends to produce men who can think on their feet. Bros. T. H. Whitney '00, and R. D. Crane '00, are president and vice-president respectively of the Wranglers. The Coolidge Debating Prize of seventy-five dollars was offered for the first time at the recent

trials to select the Harvard debaters in the Princeton debate. This prize is to be offered hereafter in both the Yale and the Princeton trials. Bro. Keith '99, who lately received a detour for high standing has been coaching the men retained in the Princeton trials.

A number of the brothers are busy in one branch or another of athletics. Bros. W. F. Porter '00, and C. I. Porter '02, are with the Mott Haven team. At the recent B. A. A. indoor games Bro. W. F. Porter '00, ran on his winning class team in the relay race, while Bro. C. I. Porter '02, won his heat and finished third in the final of the six hundred yard run. Bro. W. F. Garcelon '95, who was so successful with the hurdlers last year has again charge of them this year. Bros. Harrington '99, and Hilliard '00, are with the cricket squad, while the writer has charge of the lacrosse team.

Since the last letter we have decided that the following are proper men to become Theta Deltas. I have great pleasure in introducing the following brothers: Sidney Morris Chase '99, Waldo Shaw Kendall '99, Harry H. Skinner '02, William Otter '02, Cyrus C. DeCoster '02, Edmund L. Pearson '02.

FRED B. TAYLOR.

IOTA DEUTERON.—Williams College

Our convention delegates returned with glowing reports. However much these reports may have differed in non-essential details, there seemed to be perfect unanimity in one respect, viz., that it was the best convention of the best of fraternities. Those who didn't go wish they had, those who did are glad they did, and those who didn't will next time, so also will those who did. An improvident use of the allowed "one-tenth" may have been the chief cause why some of our brothers did not attend, but in the future they'll do better.

Most of our initiates are freshmen; but not infrequently there appears a man in some of the other classes whose good qualities demand our attention and win our esteem; this time he was a sophomore and it is a real pleasure to introduce to the fraternity at large Bro. Charles F. Osborn of Fall River, Mass., believing that he will prove a strong addition to Theta Delta Chi. Although Bro. Osborn has been in college but a year and a half, yet he has in this time become prominent both in college and class circles; he is a member of the Williams College Dramatic Association, having made the same in freshman year; he and Bro. George V. Chandler are our representatives on the Sophomore "Pron." Committee. Besides being treasurer of this committee, Bro. Osborn is secretary and treasurer of 1901, and chairman of the class crest committee.

Bro. A. M. Parker, 1902, has left college. It is with genuine regret that Iota Deuteron parts with this brother. Bro. Parker was a member of his class football team and of the glee club; he gave promise of marked literary

and artistic ability ; he was popular in his class. Bro. Parker enters upon a business career in Boston.

The new triangular league to hold good in every branch of sport was formed by representatives of Amherst, Williams and Wesleyan at a meeting in the Copley Square Hotel, Monday evening, February 20. Williams' outlook in athletics this spring is bright, especially in baseball. For with every prospect of a good team and with the incentive of two championship series, baseball enthusiasm should run high, while the presence of a good coach and the organizing of a second nine should nerve every candidate to his best endeavors and call forth the generous support of the student body. Work has already been begun in earnest. The candidates for the battery positions began their practice in the baseball cage, Monday, January twenty-third. The men have been divided into squads so that every one will have a chance to practice at least twice a week. Bro. Dolph, 1901, captain of his class team this year, and Bro. G. V. Chandler, 1901, captain last year, are trying for the 'Varsity this year, being candidates for the positions of left field and pitcher respectively.

Not only in baseball are there any indications that the coming season will be successful, but also in track athletics, for the work of the relay team at the B. A. A. meet was particularly good and won for Williams the fastest time of the evening.

A most cordial invitation is extended to all members of our fraternity to come and see us when in this vicinity. They will find our latch string always out, and a most hearty welcome in store for them.

JAMES W. BOYD.

KAPPA.—Tufts College

Everyone here is talking about the long expected minstrel show, which before this letter is published will have become college history. Bro. Kingsbury Foster '01, has been chosen interlocutor and if things are not kept moving it will not be from lack of ability on his part. Bros. C. R. Marvin '99, and S. S. Fiske '02, are to be end-men. Bro. A. M. Boutelle '01, will sing a solo, while Bro. R. B. Manbert '02, will amuse the audience with a specialty of his own composition. Last but not least Bros. J. P. Clark '00, A. P. Husted '01, J. Butler '01, are to appear in a comedy sketch. With this list of brothers to appear it is little to be wondered at that the charge is very much interested in the success of the performance. The proceeds go towards the fitting out of the 'Varsity baseball team.

The 'Varsity baseball squad is having daily practice in the gymnasium. Here, too, Kappa is well represented there being about five of our men on the squad. We are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to our annual game with Iota this spring. Should a game be arranged Iota may rest assured that Kappa will do her very best to win.

We expect to have another house dance soon, no date having been set yet, and when the date is set and the dance comes off it will be one of those occasions which make one realize that there is more than one side to college life. In the latter part of March we hold our annual graduates night here at the charge house, when we have a feast of story telling and reminiscences.

Bro. Herman Grenl has recently been very seriously ill in Philadelphia, but being on the road to recovery he will soon return to his home in Waltham, Mass., to recuperate.

Kappa has found another worthy man who has signified his willingness to become a Theta Delt: Richardson '02, of Medford, Mass.

Arthur W. Row '01, has lately left college to enter the Warren School of Acting.

Dr. F. B. Harrington, Kappa '77, has recently presented to the charge a very handsome deer's head, thus making the third ornament of this character which has been given us within a few years.

I will not try to give a list of visitors, for the list is very long, due to the convention having been in Boston. But those who did come, and those who have never been here, will be always welcome.

J. OTIS BURRAGE.

LAMBDA.—Boston University

The winter term is nearly over, and we can look back upon it as one of the most enjoyable of our college life. It was rendered particularly so from the fact that it was ushered in by the convention. The convention was of practical use to us in two ways. It gave older brothers a chance to meet once more the brothers from distant charges, and renew former acquaintanceships; in the second place it enabled us to give our freshman delegation a true idea of the fraternity and arouse in them the real Theta Delta Chi spirit.

On the evening of January 20, we entertained our lady friends at the Charge rooms. Bro. F. Spencer Baldwin '88, and wife received. It was pronounced one of the most successful social events of the college year.

Many of the brothers are holding class offices. Bro. Oliver is president of the Senior class, Bro. Shook of the Junior, Bro. Rice of the Sophomore, and Bro. Beadle vice-president of the Freshman. Bro. Allen is treasurer of the Senior class, Bro. Sanger of the Sophomore, and Bro. Chandler of the freshman. The annual college concert given by the Glee Club last week, was a great success. Two-thirds of the Glee Club are Theta Delt and they hold all the offices. Bro. Davies was recently elected leader.

Our dramatic ability has shown itself recently in the persons of Bros. Davies, Shook and Clapp who took part in a very successful presentation of a German play. Bros. Rice and Sanger took part in the recent Sophomore plays, and showed great dramatic ability. Bros. Davies, Currin, Noble and

Shook are to take the leading part in a series of plays to be given in aid of the College Annual.

We have beaten our rival fraternity *B @ II* twice recently, in inter-fraternity whist matches.

Two weeks ago we tendered a bean supper to Bro. Solon I. Bailey, Lambda '81, at present Assistant Professor of Astronomy at Harvard. Bros. Baldwin '88, Spencer '90, Shields '86, Baldwin '97, Stratton '98, and S. P. Smith (Lambda and Omicron Deuteron) '82, were present and entertained us with reminiscences of their own college days.

Allow me to introduce Bro. Robert N. Fulton '00, whom we recently initiated.

Several of the brothers are to take part in a minstrel show to be given for the benefit of the Athletic Association.

Bro. Vandermark, Sigma '95, is with us at nearly every meeting.

A. E. NOBLE.

MU DEUTERON.—Amherst College

Although winter term is supposed to be a somewhat dull one in college it has been by no means dull as far as Mu Deuteron is concerned. Informal smokers, occasional chafing dish parties, spreads, and so forth, have been very conducive to a feeling of satisfaction with things in general.

Along the social lines we have had one event in which all the college unites,—the Junior Promenade—which came February tenth. To this a number of our brothers went and reported it a thorough success. During the Promenade week it is the custom for the fraternities to give teas, etc. We gave an informal dance on the morning following the Prom. This was a very delightful affair and made a very pleasant ending to Prom. week.

Most of our effort along social lines, however, was concentrated on our annual reception which came Saturday, March the eleventh. Nearly all the fraternities in college have these annuals and they are always looked forward to as one of the pleasantest features of our college life. Besides the girls, who are a very important part, we also, as is the general custom, invited the faculty and members of the senior delegations of the other fraternities. The house was very prettily decorated with laurel, smilax and evergreen. The reception room was tastefully trimmed with purple and white, the Amherst College colors. Every room in the house was thrown open to the guests and so, although we had more present than we had ever had before, the house did not seem crowded. In all there were about one hundred and fifty present. Among others were Bro. Hitchcock, Gamma Deuteron, Bros. Barnum and Rice, Mu Deuteron '98, Bro. Ballou, Kappa, and Mr. Robert Howard of Yale '98. Every one seemed to enjoy himself thoroughly and we feel well repaid for the work which was required.

Besides this there have been several informal afternoon dances during the term and these, though smaller, are by no means less enjoyable.

As winter term draws near its close we are all looking forward to next term when once more the piazza chairs will be drawn forth from their temporary confinement in the cellar and returned to their rightful sphere on our broad and spacious piazza. It is there that most of our time in spring term is spent. Studying is then by no means such an important factor in our college life. When one thinks of a hard lesson the great tendency is to drop down into a comfortable chair and drown such thoughts in a cloud of smoke. As we look forward our thoughts are also turned baseball-ward. Last year we had a winning fraternity team and we expect to keep up our reputation this year. Most of the team is still with us and with some good material in the freshman delegation we have hopes for a good nine.

We have recently had visits from Bro. Morse, Epsilon Deuteron, Bro. Hughes, Psi, who is attending the Law School at Yale, and also Bro. Compton, Sigma Deuteron. Such visits from brothers from other charges are very pleasant to us and we are glad to welcome at any time such brothers as may come to see us.

Two new college honors have come to Mu Deuteron since the last SHIELD letter was written. Bro. Morris 1900, succeeded in capturing the managership of the *Amherst Student*, the weekly college paper, after a somewhat long and close competition. We are also glad to announce that Bro. Clapp 1900, has been chosen a member of the Glee Club.

In closing this letter Mu Deuteron desires to extend to the new editor of THE SHIELD its most hearty wishes for a very prosperous year.

HARRY B. MARSH.

NU DEUTERON.—Lehigh University

"Now is the winter of our discontent." The grind is in his element and the elements abuse us but Mu Deuteron struggles merrily on.

The battle with the exams. has come and gone and its terrible ravages have left but few marks on the boys of 237 Broad. In fact some of them treated this serious matter so lightly as to compose rhymes during the ordeal. Here is an example of one feeble attempt :

"The instructor sleepeth,
The student cheateth,
And the sun shines down very hot.
The wind bloweth,
The Lord only knoweth
Whether I'll pass this exam. or not."

Our delegates to the convention returned filled with beans and unbounded enthusiasm, convinced that for two days at least Boston was the hub about which the universe centers.

We are delighted at the re-election of Bro. Harstrom, whom we consider the ideal fraternity president. He paid us a pleasant although brief visit this winter.

In regard to charge news I can say that Nu Deuteron is holding her own in society, athletics and scholarship, which is hardly news.

We have been giving a series of chafing dish parties, which, with the exception of the cooking, have been a great success; as yet we are all alive but suffering with indigestion and our guests with curiosity as to what they have eaten.

On Washington's Birthday we gave an informal reception. Several of the young ladies wanted souvenirs and we were foolish enough to place the house at their disposal. The result is that they are sporting college hats and new neckties while we are wearing sweaters and going bare-headed.

Bro. E. G. Grace is again captain of the 'Varsity Base Ball Team. Besides him, Bros. J. W. Grace and J. H. Pomeroy of last year's term are sure of their positions and Bro. Parsons is a likely candidate. Bro. R. R. Hornor has resigned from the captaincy of the track team but will probably run again this year.

During the year great improvements have been made on the interior of the house and it has never before looked quite so well as it does at the present time.

Bro. B. S. Hanna left college permanently this month. In his going we lose an energetic and enthusiastic friend of Nu Deuteron.

We received a very hard blow just after Christmas in the death of Bro. Harry L. Bowman of the class of '85. In him we have lost a prominent and faithful brother in Theta Delta Chi.

Nu Deuteron sends best wishes to THE SHIELD and to the sister charges of Theta Delta Chi.

SAM'L R. ALDER.

XI.—Hobart College

Since the beginning of the year our charge has lost two members. Brother Dennison '00, has a prospect of securing a government position which will take him to Manila and Brother Griffith '01, has gone into business in Buffalo with Henry Zauer & Co., of which firm his father is a member.

The prospects of a winning baseball team are good and twenty games have been scheduled, the first one to be played with Syracuse University about the middle of April. We have three men who are trying to make the team: Brothers Rockfeller, Lewis and Warner of the class of nineteen hundred two, who are practicing for the respective positions of short-stop, first base and third base. Brother Graves is working to get on the lacrosse team and Brother Warner '02, hopes to be our representative on the track team. *The Echo of the Seneca*, the college annual published by the junior class, will be issued in a few weeks. Brother Stettenbenz '00, is a member of the business board of the *Echo* and Brother Graves '00, is connected with the editorial staff.

Our loyal and generous brother, S. Douglas Cornell '60, of Buffalo has given to the charge the official regalia for the presiding officer and has also given us a valuable collection of photographs of the charter members of the charge. We have had two brief visits from Brother Cornell and no charge in the fraternity can boast of a more active and faithful alumnus. Brother Colton '97, is travelling in California for his health and is incidentally acting as tutor in the family with whom he is touring. Brother Partridge '99, has a place as clerk in the auditor's office in Minneapolis of the St. Paul and St. Louis railroad.

We have created the office of alumni secretary and Brother Stettenbenz '00, has been appointed to fill the position. It is the duty of this official to prepare every year a letter to be sent to each of our graduate members containing all facts of interest concerning the college and fraternity and defining our position and prospects. The letters which have just been sent out were headed with cuts of the four fraternity houses at Hobart: the Kappa Alpha Lodge, the Sigma Phi Place, the Sigma Chi and the Theta Delta Chi House. The letters also contained a full financial report of the past year.

By this means we hope to keep track of our men after they leave college and to keep them in touch with the fraternity. Each recipient of a letter has been asked to reply and thus we hope to keep alive an interest in the fraternity among our alumni.

A few weeks ago we had taken a photograph of the charge. Besides the active members Brothers Whitwell '98, Bachman '00, and Griffis '01, were in the group, the latter of whom was making us a short visit.

We were very glad to have with us one evening Brother Walter '98, of Beta and we are eagerly looking for calls from as many of the brothers as can come to see us.

Brother Fairley '94, Zeta, who is principal of Granger Place School in Canandaigua invited the crowd to a party which was given by the young ladies of the school a few weeks ago. Unfortunately the date of the party came during our examination week and we were unable to go.

Brother Stettenbenz '00, and Brother Warner '02, our convention delegates, returned from Boston full of enthusiasm for the re-election of Brother Harstrom, the prospect of continued success for THE SHIELD and the splendid outlook for the coming year, in which they are heartily joined by the Xi Charge.

KARL HOBART WISEWELL.

OMICRON DEUTERON.—Dartmouth College

To find much of interest to write about here at Dartmouth during the winter months is a rather difficult matter, shut off as we are from social life from without.

The Glee Club and the Dramatic Club however serve to relieve the monotony to some extent. Bro. H. G. Parker '02, and Bro. Rogers '00, are

members of the former club and Brother Hill '01, Brother H. F. Parker '02, and Brother W. H. Howard '02, are members of the latter.

The Dramatic Club presented Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" here in Hanover early in February and later took a trip through Southern New Hampshire. Bro. Hill '01, as "Olivia" made a great hit wherever the play was presented. I am sorry to report that Bro. Hill who came to Dartmouth rom Bowdoin last fall has been compelled to leave college on account of his health.

Bro. Barrows has more than an even chance of securing the managership of the Glee Club in the coming elections of that organization.

In a vaudeville performance recently given by members of the college Bro. Raphael made a hit as a German comedian and Bro. Vanderhoof proved himself an artist on the banjo.

The baseball team has been in practice in the cage for some time and under the able coaching of Tenney of the Boston league team the prospects are bright for a winning team. Bro. Cook who did such excellent work in the box for the 'Varsity team last spring is again sure of his position and Bro. O'Connor is a promising candidate for first base.

The track team is hard at work and with an abundance of material in the freshman class the outlook is bright for another championship. Bro. Moody '00, and Bro. Cate '01, are promising candidates.

The monotony of winter life was relieved a few weeks ago by a two days visit from Bro. Harstrom. We enjoyed his visit a great deal and received a new inspiration from his presence.

During the spring we hope to see many of the brothers in Hanover with the various teams. To all we extend a hearty welcome.

HARRY B. DAVIS.

PI DEUTERON.—College City of New York

It seemed rather strange in addressing this letter not to have Bro. Holmes' name at the head. He has served the Fraternity long and well as the editor of *THE SHIELD*, and I am sure there are none who do not feel that we owe him a great vote of thanks.

At the same time we cannot but congratulate the Grand Lodge on the selection of Bro. Huffcut as the new editor. We all prophesy for him great success in this new field of work.

Two weeks ago the graduate club held their annual smoker, and although the rain made it rather unpleasant outside there was a jolly crowd present. Bro. Lindenmeyr, Rho Deuteron, entertained us with some amusing sketches and Bro. Shattuck, Pi Deuteron, was present with his mandolin. Speeches were made by Bros. Harstrom, Dougherty, Pi Deuteron, Smith, Rho Deuteron, and others.

Bro. Harstrom's address naturally drifted towards the proceedings of the last convention. He characterized it as the most successful convention held

in the past 20 years. Whether this is so or not I am not able to judge, but if it did no more, we all feel that its re-election of Bro. Harstrom as president of the Grand Lodge stamps it as a convention to be remembered.

But there is one more thing which the convention did, of which the two city charges feel justly proud, and that is the selection of Bro. Smith, Rho Deuteron, as treasurer of the Grand Lodge. Pi Deuteron shares the honor with Rho Deuteron, and those who know Bro. Smith, certainly feel that he is the right man in the right place.

But to pass to another subject. Regular routine work is the order of the day at college, and nothing of importance has yet occurred in college sports. Bro. Holton has been elected president of the college baseball association, and manager of the team.

It is the regular thing for $\Theta \Delta X$ to be first in athletics at C. C. N. Y., and this year we have good reason to believe will prove no exception to the rule.

This about covers the points of interest at Pi Deuteron, and I close with a hearty invitation to all visiting brothers to call at the "frat" house when in the city.

NELSON P. MEAD.

RHO DEUTERON.—Columbia University

When the eight members of Rho Deuteron who made the trip to Boston on January 12th returned to their college duties again, I do not doubt that all, perhaps unconsciously, saw in the unqualified success of the convention a propitious forecast of the coming year's work in their home charge. Present conditions at Columbia would sustain such a presentiment. Since our last letter we have initiated Bros. W. W. Lawson, A. E. Cherouny, J. B. Rionda and S. J. Rionda, and the affiliation of Bro. Rudolf Tombo, Jr. from Pi Deuteron has of itself greatly strengthened the charge. Bro. Tombo is studying for his Ph.D. in the Germanic Seminar, and is already known to many of you, as an earnest worker for Theta Delta Chi. He has recently been notified of his election to the New York City College chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, an honor which has been attained by but three other Theta Deltas at C. C. N. Y. or Columbia.

Our charge is stronger than ever before both in the number and the quality of the members. In almost every branch of student activity Theta Delta Chi has its representatives, besides having four members on the Faculty. Bros. Brown and Kebler will make a strong bid for the 'Varsity baseball team; Bro. Van Winkle will play again with the lacrosse team, and Bros. Smith and Eastmond are sure of places on the track team. Bro. Smith is assistant manager of the track team and also vice-president of the King's Crown, a literary society. He has won the greatest number of points so far for the indoor athletic championship.

The greatest indoor event at Columbia this winter will be the triple gymnastic exhibition between Yale, Princeton and Columbia in the Columbia

Gymnasium on March 10th. Bro. De Young is captain of the Columbia Gymnasium Team and Bro. Eastmond is president of the Gymnastic Association, which is managing the exhibition. Both are members of the executive committee and valuable additions to the team. The Yale team is captained by Bro. R. G. Clapp, so this affair takes on quite a fraternal aspect.

The "Deutscher Verein" selects one member each year from the freshman class, who acts as "Bierfuchs," and this year Bro. Cherouny has been honored with the choice. This organization is limited in membership to thirty-five, but among those the Executive Chairman, Bro. Rudolf Tombo, Jr., the Secretary, Bro. Ehret, and Bros. Smith and Lindenmeyer, are charter members. Bros. Tombo, Lindenmeyer and Cherouny also sing on the University Chorus and Bro. Tiernan plays on the Banjo Club.

Bro. Moran, who contributed some of the best work for this year's Columbian and was accompanist to the Glee Club, has left College for a short period of practical work, but expects to re-enter in the fall.

During the Christmas holidays Bro. Tombo journeyed to Charlottesville, Va., as delegate to the Modern Language Association convened there, and on his way down he stopped for a short time at Washington and looked up the Chi Deuteron boys. He brings back glowing accounts of their hearty reception and hospitality. If any brother visits New York we urge upon him not to leave the city without paying Rho Deuteron a visit at her new home at No. 2 Convent Ave.

J. BOYCE SMITH, JR.

SIGMA DEUTERON.—University of Wisconsin

The opening of the second semester found Sigma Deuteron in a more prosperous condition than ever before. Bro. Bridge '01, has returned to college and Bro. Seiler '00, is with us again. The return of these brothers adds much to our already happy family.

Exam. week was aptly climaxed February 10th by the Junior Prom., probably the most brilliant and successful in Wisconsin's history. Our large gymnasium was artistically decorated under the supervision of Bro. L. S. Everts '00, who, besides being chairman of the decoration committee, officiated on the refreshment and reception committees. Wisconsin seems to be rapidly acquiring the custom of inviting out of town people to its largest annual function, for there were more of that class present this year than ever before. Most points of the compass were represented. Sigma Deuteron was well represented at the ball and it seemed to be the opinion of all that the '00 Prom. surpassed all others.

Athletics are attracting the attention of some of the brothers at the present writing. Bro. G. S. Ford '95, (P.G.), who played on the '95 baseball team, will appear in his accustomed place. Bro. A. F. Kindt '02, is practically certain of a place on the freshman crew, and Bro. Charles Seiler '00, is working for the 'Varsity. Bro. W. C. Burdick '01, is one of the origin-

ators of the revived interest in basketball and plays a "forward" on the 'Varsity. A contest on the gridiron with Yale next fall is now assured and arrangements are being completed for a game in October. This will be Wisconsin's first appearance on an eastern gridiron and the result will be watched with deep interest. Our crew has shown up so well when classed with eastern oarsmen that we feel confident our athletes in any department whatsoever, need feel no diffidence in competing for honors with members of the older and more established institutions of the east.

After a somewhat protracted suspension caused by our recent altercation with Spain, military drill is about to be resumed in the university. The news was not vociferously welcomed by the freshmen and sophomores as its compulsory element makes it rather obnoxious. The distaste for drill, however, is probably more acquired than congenital. Bro. G. B. Nelson '98, now a student in the Law School, was elected first president of his class, February 28.

Bro. J. L. McNab '96, now a member of the Chicago bar, visited the charge the early part of February.

The interest in debating is constantly maintained at Wisconsin, and Sigma Deuteron generally manages to be represented in activities of this character. Bro. T. W. Brozeau '97, now in the Law School, was elected to the intercollegiate debate with Illinois but declined the honor. Bro. Brozeau will be remembered as the closer on Philomathia's winning joint debate team of 1897, where his two colleagues were Theta Delts. Bro. C. J. White '01, distinguished himself in Philomathia's Semi-Public, held in the middle of February. Bro. W. H. Dale '02, is closer on the freshman team and Bro. C. J. DuFom '02, is one of the debaters. The writer was elected to Athena's joint debate team for next year.

GERHARD M. DAHL.

TAU DEUTERON.—University of Minnesota

Since our last letter but few events have transpired. In the early part of January a dinner was given in honor of Merton Harrison our recently returned hero of Manila. After serving as a soldier should serve, he received an honorable discharge. Fred Andrews another of our brothers who enlisted is still fighting Filipinos. His name has been sent to Congress for formal commendation on account of brave and meritorious conduct on the field of battle. Another honor mark has been written on the escutcheon of Theta Delta Chi.

Percy Lawrence has been promoted to the leadership of the University band with rank of Lieutenant. George Webster takes Bro. Lawrence's old position, of cadet major.

Harry Bayless has been appointed to one of the principal senior committees.

Emory Brace will serve on the Senior Promenade committee.

On Friday night March third, one of the most important university events of the year took place at the Lyceum Theatre, the University Glee and Mandolin club made its formal debut to the public. The musical population of Minneapolis and St. Paul turned out en masse to listen to the University talent. Bro. Lawrence led the Mandolin Club.

Bro. James H. Bradbury, Kappa '79, of the "Gay Coney Island," and Bro. F. M. Knights, Zeta '94, of "El Capitan" theatrical organizations respectively, were welcomed as visitors just after the holidays. Their work as footlight artists received favorable comment from the local press, and both companies drew to crowded houses.

TAU DEUTERON'S SEVENTH ANNUAL BANQUET.

The Seventh Annual Banquet of Tau Deuteron Charge was held Friday evening, February 17th, 1899, in the charge quarters at number 1018 University Avenue, S. E., Minneapolis. The rooms were prettily decorated with the fraternity colors. Over the entrance to the reception room hung a lighted red lantern, which burned brightly, and cast an oriental glow over a part of the assemblage. It was not intended as a danger signal, but was rather emblematical of the fact that Theta Delta Chi's "fires still are burning." About forty brothers surrounded the T shaped banquet table. The menu card was very unique, it having been arranged and executed by the two very excellent artists, Bros. W. D. Hartman, and George R. Snode. On the front of the card was a photographic reproduction of the charge house. C. Louis Weeks, T.D. '94, officiated as toast master.

W. A. Simonton, T.D. '94, a Minnesota editor, was the first to respond. He enlightened us as to "Extracts from his Editorials." He showed that Pine City and its environs, including lacteal factories, could exist, but could not *live* without his editorials.

Merton E. Harrison, our hero of the Philippines, replied to the toast: "Theta Delt Warriors." With grim humor he told how he was Hobsonized almost to death before he ever saw the smoke of battle. He told about the sweet faced Filipino maiden, and his experiences in the land of Aguinaldo. He closed his talk with a touching tribute to old glory.

Rev. W. W. Dawley in a clear cut speech explained very satisfactorily "Why so many Theta Delt are Ministers."

At this point in the program the toast master called for extemporaneous remarks from Bros. C. B. Leonard, Kappa '76, L. J. Bodge, Eta, '89, and Ed. Partridge, XI, '87. Their remarks were in a happy vein, and evoked much enthusiasm.

George Webster, freshman, followed with facetious allusions to "His Co-ed Friends." Much laughter was the result.

Elmer Clifford's bold, energetic, toast, "Reminiscences," called forth renewed applause. He pictured in words of wit and wisdom the vicissitudes through which the local charge had passed since its birth. He told about the old home at 1000 Beacon street, the adventures with the good old matron,

and her goggle eyed daughter, and the house at number 1018. A metamorphosis had taken place in the affairs of the charge. It had indeed grown from the old Addisonian Society of a lot of frisky youths to a staid, sturdy branch of Theta Delta Chi, where friendships are made but never broken. Having finished his topic, Bro. Clifford then turned to Toastmaster Weeks, and in felicitous language presented to him in behalf of the charge, a beautiful briar pipe, a token of Tau Deuteron's appreciation of C. Louis' loyalty and work for the good of the order. Bro. Weeks thanked the charge in words trembling with pathos and gratitude.

Bro. H. C. Bayless recounted as briefly as was possible the doings of the 51st National Convention. He outlined the fraternity's new policies, its purposes and ambitions.

J. B. Moffett, a bachelor, member of the charge, rendered a comic monologue entitled "Bachelor's Life on the Island." Bro. Moffett, being an exceedingly precocious society man, was able to do justice to his subject.

S. P. Rees, spoke to, "Married Life in the Country."

George B. Chandler, Eta, delivered the oration of the evening, although his subject, "Some Theta Deltas I Meet," was not of the spectacular kind. Brother Chandler is a master of diction, and his words were thoughtful ones, marking him at once a wide reader and a deep thinker. His speech was truly beautiful, and he did justice to himself on this evening. After touching upon his meeting with Theta Deltas, he passed to the question of fraternity expansion, and showed conclusively that a fraternity like Theta Delta Chi need not fear a branching out into the great northwest, where the great Anglo-Saxon races predominate and hold sway. When he came west, he said, he was surprised to find the State of Minnesota in such good hands. He expected to find a heterogenous mass of people of unlike ambitions, and contrary purposes. Instead he found homogeneity, energy, progress. The Theta Deltas were the product of the west, were worthy representatives of the fraternity. They would not lower its standing. On the contrary, their influence, good in its nature, would be felt.

The speech making closed with a few appropriate words from Bro. Gedney.

And all felt that fate is preserving Theta Delta Chi with its auspicious present, for a still more brilliant future.

During the evening fraternity songs were sung, one of them being from the pen of Elmer Clifford.

The following members were present : C. B. Leonard, D. W. Horning, C. Weeks, LeGrand Powers, E. H. Crooker, R. Wentworth, J. B. Moffett, C. T. Moffett, W. W. Bardwell, G. B. Chandler, Wendell Hertig, Rev. W. W. Dawley, B. F. Webber, G. R. Snode, L. Savage, W. D. Hartman, E. Scofield, E. Clifford, F. Lane, G. Webster, J. Eggleston, O. Eggleston, J. C. Farmer, F. E. Cobb, S. Rees, L. J. Bodge, E. Brace, W. Simonton, E. Partridge, A. Phaender, R. F. McKesson, C. Nicolin, E. L. Gedney, H. C. Bayless, M. E. Harrison, Percy Lawrence, N. McCloud, Max Lehman, H. S. Swensen.

HARRY S. SWENSEN.

PHI.—Lafayette College

The winter term at Lafayette is traditionally the term for work, and while Phi is not entirely an association of "polers," we have all, to a certain extent, recognized the influence of the tradition, and devoted our chief attention to our college duties. Unfortunately we have not all of us Kipling's happy faculty of revealing the interest and the poetry of the day's work, so the topic is necessarily a dry one to dwell upon, and charge news is correspondingly dull.

It has not been all work with us however, and we have found time to take an active part in the various social functions of the winter. But now Lent has put an end to the majority of these.

We had the misfortune to lose Bro. Lynes at the beginning of this term, he having left college to engage in business. Otherwise the charge is moving along in an excellent fashion.

Our delegates reported a glorious time at the convention of course, and re-enthusiased us all when they returned with the good old fraternity spirit.

We were sorry to see Bro. Holmes give up *THE SHIELD*, which he has carried on so long and faithfully, but we were also glad to find it in such good hands. We shall make a special effort to give it our hearty support.

We have been visited quite frequently during the winter by brother Theta Deltas and have enjoyed their visits very much. It is always our effort to make these visits as pleasant as possible for the brothers and we hope that they will all drop in on us as frequently as possible.

J. CONRAD HECKMAN.

CHI.—Rochester University

In taking up my new duty as *SHIELD* editor, I take the liberty of omitting all customary apologies. In the first place I wish to congratulate our new editor and wish him every success in his new undertaking. We all feel confident that *THE SHIELD* will be kept up to its standard.

Since the last publication of *THE SHIELD*, much has taken place here. Last month we gave our first reception of the season and met with unusual success. The charge house was decorated with large palms and drapery of the fraternity colors. Our frat. glee and mandolin clubs together with the assistance of Brother Craig as elocutionist, furnished the entertainment for the evening. We had a large number of guests and everything went off finely. Our dramatic club, which is composed of Theta Deltas only, will probably give a performance in the near future at one of the largest churches here. So far our attempts in that line have met with the most flattering success.

I regret to say that we have lost Bro. Clark 'or, by his accepting a position as manager of the Chicago office of a large local nursery company.

At the annual banquet of the New York resident alumni of the University of Rochester the remaining amount necessary for the erection of a

\$25,000 gymnasium was raised and ground will probably be broken soon. The gymnasium will be a great addition to the university and will undoubtedly create quite a boom.

We received the charge groups and pictures of the charge houses about a month ago, all of which we had framed. We hung them up in our library which makes it present the appearance of an art gallery. Last week we received very pleasant calls from Bro. Layer '99, Bro. Webster '94, and Bro. Burgess '98.

We intend to give an alumni supper in the opening week of next term and want every Theta Delt within a hundred miles to be present.

Extending a most cordial invitation to any and all Theta Deltas who find themselves in Rochester, to make us a call and if possible to make the charge house their headquarters while here, I remain

A. RICHMOND TOWER.

CHI DEUTERON.—Columbian University

Chi Deuteron extends a most hearty welcome to the new editor of THE SHIELD, and pledges him her best support.

I have the pleasure of reporting for the charge a continuation of great prosperity. Her ranks are swelled now to eighteen, the largest membership Chi Deuteron has ever had. Out of the eighteen, eight have been taken in during this college year, and three of those eight since my last letter. Let me introduce Bro. Parson, president of the freshman class, Bro. Ashford 1901, and Bro. Twinn of Chi, who has affiliated with us.

Bro. McKenney, one of our heroes of the last war, has returned to the War Department and to the charge. Chi Deuteron feels as if she controlled the War Department. She has four men there: Bro. Mason, Bro. McKenney, Bro. Twinn and Bro. Gillis.

Our Christmas vacation was a season of unrivalled jollification, foremost among which was our "Frat. Dance," pronounced by all present to be "the dance of the season."

During the holidays we enjoyed visits from quite a large number of brothers, some were with us only for a day, some for a week or more, but none of them exceeded their welcome.

Chi Deuteron has suffered a loss which she feels very deeply, the departure of Bro. Kelley, who has left us to finish his college course at Princeton.

College was forced to suspend operations from February 13th to 20th on account of the severeness of the weather and lack of coal. This we could have borne, even to the extent of cheerfulness, if we hadn't been frozen out of our Frat. rooms at the same time.

Chi Deuteron held an informal banquet at the rooms Friday evening, February 3d, which was a most successful affair. The banquet was in honor of Brothers Ashford and Kelly, the one just initiated, the other about to leave

us. A very pleasing menu was prepared and all enjoyed themselves, even the few that had to help wait on the tables. Bro. J. McBride Sterrett of Chi '67, and Bro. Dan Lockwood of Alpha '65, were present and their speeches were listened to with great enjoyment and benefit by us younger brothers. Bro. Emory Wilson of Beta '93, was toastmaster and the following brothers responded to toasts: Bro. Peelle, Bro. McKenney, Bro. Spear, Bro. Altschu, Bro. Gillis and Bro. Kelly. But this, like all other good things, had to come to an end, and we parted feeling that our *Theta Xi* spirit was improved even if our digestions were injured.

Chi Deuteron has formed both a mandolin club and a glee club and she feels very proud of both.

With the best wishes of the brothers of Chi Deuteron to the Grads. and sister charges.

ARTHUR P. SPEAR.

PSI.—Hamilton College

Save for the sophomore hop and the fraternity dances, college life has been very quiet since Christmas. But now the fellows are beginning to train for the spring meets and the gymnasium is crowded again. Psi will be represented on the baseball team by Bros. Weston and McLaughlin. Bro. F. N. Cunningham leaving us at the end of the term to enter West Point will not be able to play first base for us this year. His loss is a serious one, both on account of his fine individual work, and his influence on the team. Psi will miss her big son very much; but she gives him up to Uncle Sam knowing that he will serve him, as he has always served Hamilton, with faithfulness and honor.

Brother Weston, '00 has been elected manager of the track team; and already has a fine schedule for the term, including a meet at Binghamton with Rutgers; and the intercollegiate meet at Schenectady, and the meet of the N. Y. S. intercollegiate league at Albany. Bros. McLaughlin and Danford will probably represent Psi on the track team.

Since our last charge letter we have pledged and initiated another man from '02, Bro. Chas. W. Lewis, one of the highest standing men in his class.

A few weeks ago Bro. Thomas H. Lee, '83, dropped in on us; and many were the good stories he told of undergraduate life as it was before '83. May we see more of our alumni.

W. E. DANFORD.

OUR GRADUATES

Every graduate is an associate editor of this department. Its interest depends entirely upon the cooperation of those who are in a position to know of information concerning the members of our Fraternity. The assistance of each is earnestly requested.

Walter C. Dreier, Beta, '94, is with Swift & Co., St. Paul, Minn.

C. A. Cleaver, Beta, '94, is Mechanical Engineer for the Tennessee Cotton Compress Co., located at Memphis, Tenn.

W. W. Hubbard, Beta, '97, is now at Stevens Point, Wis.

Merritt E. Haviland, Beta, '77, acted as Toast Master at the 19th Annual Banquet of the New York Cornell Alumni, held at the Waldorf-Astoria on Friday evening, February 10th, 1899.

Franklin Sheble, Beta, '87, has an office in the Empire Building, (Rooms 1006-7) Broadway & Rector St., New York.

Frederic V. Coville, Beta, '88, had an article in the September *Forum* on "Our Public Grazing Lands."

M. M. Shoemaker, Beta, '74, Cincinnati. We clip the following from an associated press dispatch of March 8th: M. M. Shoemaker, author and traveller, has just returned from a year's tour, including India and the Philippines. He spent the greater part of the month of January in and about Manila, where he made a study of the Filipinos. He says self government by the Filipinos would be impossible; the natives would soon relapse into savagery. They are, he says, naturally a treacherous, suspicious and "no account" race. They need the iron rule of good government to keep them all within the bonds of civilization. The half caste class in Manila, corresponding to the mulatto, are the most intelligent. Speaking of how the insurgents procure arms, Mr. Shoemaker says that a firm in Shanghai, consisting of five brothers, furnishes arms and escapes responsibility by representing that each one is a resident of a different country, so that if one nation objects the blame can be laid on some other country.

Mr. Shoemaker was in Manila from January 3 to January 22, and lunched with Admiral Dewey. He says that the Admiral rarely appears on land, spending nearly all his time aboard his flagship at Cavité. He is unassuming, and talks little about his victory, apparently thinking that he did nothing more than his duty. In appearance he is much better looking than his pictures would indicate.

Charles H. Gray, Gamma Deuteron, '95, holds the position of instructor in English at Oberlin College, Oberlin, O.

George McGee, Gamma Deuteron, '95, is now in Australia for an American mining syndicate.

Clarence DePuy, Gamma Deuteron, '92, is Professor of Engineering at the Armour Institute, Chicago, and recently was made an honorary member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Frank Briscoe, Gamma Deuteron, '95, who for the past two years has been engaged in the study of music in Paris, has recently returned and is now in business in Detroit.

Arthur Veysey, Gamma Deuteron, '93, has recently published his third book, "Two White Elephants."

Norman H. Hackett, Gamma Deuteron, '98, who is at present playing with the James-Kidder-Warde combination, spent two weeks during the month of February in San Francisco, and all of his leisure time while there was given to an investigation of the practicability of establishing a charge at the University of California. Bro. Hackett is probably one of the best known of our younger graduates, and all testify to his earnest and untiring efforts in behalf of the Fraternity's welfare. His investigation of the conditions and petitioners at University of California was thorough and searching, and he left, deeply impressed with the advisability of establishing ourselves on the Pacific coast.

John Brougham, Delta, '57. "Some twenty years ago the late William Black came to this country. His fame was then broad in the land, and the Lotus Club gave him a dinner, as was and is its wont with famed ones who come over seas. John Brougham presided, and when introducing Black referred to him as 'The Author of Lorna Doone.' Some one pulled Brougham's elbow and told him of his mistake. 'Ah,' said Brougham, 'I should not have said our guest is the author of Lorna Doone. Blackmore wrote that book. But our guest, after all, is more Black than Blackmore.'"

Major J. L. Rathbone, Delta, '64, is thus referred to by the *San Francisco Examiner*: "A practical patriot is Major J. L. Rathbone, ex-army officer, West Pointer, club-man, mine owner and San Franciscan. The Major serves not Uncle Sam for money. He serves him for love. Of course this country is teeming with loyal enthusiasm. We have patriots wherever we have Americans, but the man of elegant leisure who is willing to take off his coat and work like a beaver nine hours out of each twenty-four, for months, and with never so much as a nickel in compensation, is a patriot of a peculiar and decidedly pleasing variety. When war with Spain was declared Major Rathbone promptly offered his services to Maj. Gen. Shafter. The latter was eventually ordered to New Orleans, and when it was decided that troops would be concentrated in this city, the General foresaw that Maj. Rathbone would be of invaluable aid to his successor, Maj. Gen. Merriam.

The Major's intimate knowledge of local affairs and his military training were exactly what were required to facilitate the workings of the department here, and he found plenty to do. No clerk on salary worked harder or more faithfully than he, day after day, until the peace protocol justified him in giving himself a vacation.

Maj. Gen. Wesley Merritt and Maj. Rathbone are old time army friends. During the former's stay here, the Major was literally his right hand man and upon his departure for Manila, Merritt designated his former comrade and present assistant, as his personal representative in this city. That he proved

faithful and competent is evidenced by the fact that the War Department recently received letters dwelling at length upon the value of his services. In West Point's class of '65, the best drill master and cadet was conceded to be young Rathbone. Shortly after he went as aide-de-camp on the staff of Maj. Gen. Schofield, serving in that capacity for ten years and coming to this coast with the General. It was here that he resigned from the army. All of which goes to show that though this is a more or less selfish world there are occasionally found in it, people who are willing to toil without money and without price."

Leonard M. Cox, Delta, '92, whose home is in Louisville, Ky., has been in Washington for a short time taking government examinations.

Carlos Yznaga, Delta '92, U. S. Consular Agent at Trinidad de Cuba, has since January been Mayor of the city and Lieutenant-Governor of the District.

Adolph F. Hüpfel, Jr., Epsilon Deuteron, '96, was married on February 14th to Miss Lottie Kuizer, at Petersburg, Va.

Frank L. Halch, Epsilon Deuteron, '92, is Assistant District Attorney for the Southern Illinois District. He is stationed at Springfield.

Robert C. Lanphier, Epsilon Deuteron, '97, is Superintendent of the Sanganio Electric Co., Springfield, Ill., manufacturers of electrical instruments.

Bro. Gibbons, Epsilon Deuteron, '89, is a rising young lawyer and politician in Jacksonville, Fla. He undertook numerous filibustering cases on behalf of the Spanish Government.

L. C. Dubois, Epsilon Deuteron, '89, was in Florida recently and paid Brother Gibbons quite a visit.

W. W. Thomas, Eta, '60. The *New York Sunday Tribune*, of recent date, contained a picture of the wife of Bro. W. W. Thomas, Eta, '60, American minister to Sweden, together with the following account of the social success of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas at the Swedish capital: "All travelers who have visited the Swedish capital bring most happy accounts of the American Minister and his wife, who contribute generously to the entertainment not only of American residents at Stockholm, but those passing through there on their travels. Mr. Thomas, by the way, is a great friend of King Oscar, who recently abdicated in favor of his son, and in his book, "Sweden and the Swedes," pays many tributes to that monarch, with whom he has many traits in common.

Mr. Thomas's chief claim to the King's admiration is his knowledge of the Swedish language, his admiration for its literature and the good taste he displayed in selecting a Swedish wife. Mrs. Thomas, who bears the picturesque name of Dagmar Elizabeth, is the daughter of Ragnar Törnebladh, member of the upper house of the Swedish Parliament, and manager of the National Bank of the Kingdom of Sweden. Like her Scandinavian sisters, Mrs. Thomas has light hair, blue eyes and fair com-

plexion, and her figure is lithe and graceful. But she has all the enthusiasm of the daughters of the South, and her winning manners and social talents have added much to her husband's prestige in Stockholm."

A recent associated press dispatch reads:

"STOCKHOLM Feb. 22.—Washington's Birthday is being celebrated here by a brilliant ball, given by the American Minister, William W. Thomas, and Mrs. Thomas, at the new American Legation, directly opposite the royal palace. Among those present are his Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Sweden and Norway and Prince Eugen, Count Douglas, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and almost the entire diplomatic corps."

Walter W. Poore, Eta, '91, went to Chicamauga as a corporal in a company of the First Maine Regiment, volunteers. While in camp there he died of typhoid fever. He leaves a wife, but no children.

Edwin P. Matthews, Theta, '79, is city attorney of Dayton, Ohio.

C. H. Beckwith, Iota, '94, was re-elected secretary and treasurer at the third annual meeting of the Connecticut Valley Harvard Club, held March 3, at the Mayasset Club, Springfield, Mass. Brother Beckwith and Brother E. E. Whiting, Iota, '97, responded to toasts.

E. E. Whiting, Iota, '97, was recently appointed Assistant Truant Officer of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Maxwell A. Kilvert, Iota, '89, is General Agent for the Washburn Coupler Co., 1745 Old Colony Building, Chicago, Ill.

C. Park Pressey, Iota Deuteron, '93, is manager of the Boston office of the Educational Register Company, one of the most important teachers' agencies in the East. His work throws him in touch with the large number of Theta Deltas who are engaged in educational work in New England.

James E. Peabody, Iota Deuteron, '92. At the annual meeting of the New York State Science Teachers' Association held at Columbia University, New York, during the holidays, Bro. Peabody of the New York Mixed High School was elected secretary and treasurer of the Association for the coming year.

Edmonds Putney, Iota Deuteron, '96, is with Putney & Bishop, lawyers, 115 Broadway, New York.

Richard P. Ward, Iota Deuteron, '95, who has been in New Mexico for several months on account of poor health, expects to travel in the Northwest the coming summer and locate permanently in Denver next fall.

Chas. L. Hibbard, Iota Deuteron, '92 has been appointed Assistant Justice of the District Court of Pittsfield, Mass.

J. H. Peck, Iota Deuteron, '95, who passed the second highest examination for admission to the Massachusetts bar in '98, has been recently appointed secretary of the Committee for the Revision of the Statutes of Massachusetts.

C. B. Goodrich, Iota Deuteron, '97, of Harvard Law School, is a candidate for the 'Varsity baseball team.

Rev. Lewis Earle Lee, Iota Deuteron, '94, was installed as pastor of the North Presbyterian Church of Northside, a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 19. The sermon was preached by Rev. E. Trumbull Lee, the new pastor's brother, who is minister of the Second Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati and Moderator of the Presbytery. An installation hymn was written for the occasion by Bro. Lee's father, Rev. W. B. Lee of Albany, Oregon. Bro. Lee studied for two years at McCormack Seminary in Chicago, and for one year at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Cincinnati, where since 1896 he has been assistant pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Frank Marion Williams, Iota Deuteron, '97, and Miss Adda M. Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Barnes, were married at the First Congregational Church of Lockport on December 29.

William S. Gray, Kappa, '92, has resigned his position as Secretary of the Lorain Steel Co., and is now Secretary of an Engineering Bureau at 1030 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

C. Neil Barney, Kappa, '95, was recently elected president of the Massachusetts State Young People's Christian Union.

Frank M. Lynde, Kappa, '95, Harvard Dental School, '98, has located at Barre, Vt.

Horace A. Davis, Kappa, '97, is Organist at the St. Paul's Universalist Church, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Benjamin H. Hinds, Kappa, '60, is with A. D. Juillard & Co., North St., New York.

Frederick W. Eddy, Kappa, '74, Editor, is with *New York Times*.

Arthur L. George, Kappa, '95, is with the Johnson Co., Johnstown, Pa.

John C. Graves, Kappa, '62, is President of the Eastern Elevator Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

William S. Gray, Kappa, '90, is Secretary of the Johnson Co., Johnstown, Pa.

William M. Mason, Kappa, '99, has gone to the Philippines.

Charles L. Ricketts, Kappa, '95, was married June 7, 1898, to Miss Lena M. Babbitt, of Monson. Mr. Ricketts is employed in the office of the Hilliard Company, Woolen Manufacturers, and resides in Manchester, Conn.

LeGrand Powers, Kappa, '72, for several years State Labor Commissioner for Minnesota, has been announced by Director Merriam as Chief Statistician of the Census Bureau. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of this office, and the appointment of Bro. Powers comes as the result of proved capacity and fitness. In a recent extended account of his work the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* says: "It is not generally known, it is hardly appreciated by anybody, that Mr. Powers, essentially a conservative in his makeup, has been a pioneer in proposing and advocating advanced labor legislation, and that largely through his labors Minnesota stands in the front rank of states in the matter of factory legislation and the prevention of child labor."

John Coleman Adams, Kappa, '70. The Rev. John Coleman Adams is writing "Nature Studies in Berkshire" for G. P. Putnam's sons.

F. Spencer Baldwin, Lambda, '88, published in the February number of the *North American Review* an article on "Some Aspects of Luxury." He has been appointed a member of the advisory council of Mayor Quincy, of Boston, to investigate the problem of intemperance in Massachusetts.

W. B. Geoghegan, Lambda, '89, is pastor of the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, California.

Emory Warren Lane, Lambda, '82, is proprietor of the Waltham Church Organ Company. His address is 1041 Main Street, Waltham, Mass.

Fred W. Adams, Lambda, '92, is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Yalesville, Connecticut. He is the editor of a paper called *The Brotherhood Advance*.

Luther Freeman, Lambda, '89, is pastor of the Chestnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Portland, Maine. This is the largest church of the denomination in the state and one of the largest in New England. Bro. Freeman's address is 488 Cumberland Street, Portland, Maine.

George F. Willet, Lambda, '91, is a wool merchant in Boston. He has recently built a handsome residence at Norwood, Mass.

Charles T. Snow, Lambda, '91, is assistant at the Second Avenue Baptist Church, between 10th and 11th Streets, New York.

W. H. Clifford, Lambda, '89, is engaged in missionary work in Para, Brazil.

Wm. S. Spencer, Lambda, '98, is president of the Institute Methodist Americana, Pueblo, Mexico.

W. F. Rogers, Lambda, '94, is at present in the advertising department of the *Youth's Companion*.

George O. Smith, Lambda '94, is teaching school in Walpole, N. H.

Charles J. Bullock, Lambda, '89, has been called to the chair of Political Economy at Williams. Bro. Bullock has had marked success as a teacher in Cornell University during the past three years and his recent book "Introduction to Political Economy," has been widely accepted as a text-book in colleges and schools. A more extended notice of this eminent young scholar will appear in the June SHIELD.

Richard A. Bullock, Mu, '60, one of the few survivors of the charge at the University of North Carolina, is living at Williamston, N. C. In a recent letter he says: "Just at the close of the Civil War there came a card of inquiry from the fraternity, addressed to the postmaster of my town, making inquiry after me desiring to know whether I was dead or alive, and which was forwarded to me in the course of time. This seemed to me friendship akin to the teaching of the Divine friend, and my heart has continued to warm to you all since that time."

Willard G. Reynolds, M.D., Mu Deuteron, '91, is now a rising physician in Brooklyn, at 107 Gates Ave. He is a specialist in ear, nose and throat

diseases, and his services are in demand at the hospitals. He spent some time in Vienna in preparation for his work, besides a long period of post graduate work here.

J. A. Rawson Jr., Mu Deuteron, '95, has left the *Tribune*, and is at present connected with the Business Publishing Company, No. 32 Lafayette Place, New York. His home address is 114 East 18th St., New York.

C. A. Kelley, Mu Deuteron, '95, has left Chicago, and is practising law at Denver, Colo.

G. A. Gessner Jr., Mu Deuteron, '93, has resigned his position as City Engineer of Alexandria, Md., to accept the same appointment in Toledo, Ohio. He will begin his new work April first.

F. Stewart Crawford, Mu Deuteron, '97, is on the staff of the *New York Tribune*. His house address is 280 Henry St., Brooklyn.

Don Fuggitt, Mu Deuteron, '99, who has been in a hospital undergoing an operation, is now out and well again.

W. H. Neill, Mu Deuteron, '88, has removed from Prestonburg, Ky., to Titusville, Pa.

Robert S. Woodworth, Mu Deuteron, '91, will receive the Ph.D. degree in June at Columbia University where he is now studying. His major is psychology, and he has many minors, for he took first rank in mathematics, sciences and language at Amherst, receiving a *summa cum laude* diploma. He has availed himself of the best instruction in psychology which this country affords, having studied at Chicago University, Harvard University and Columbia.

John D. Bellamy, Nu, '74, Wilmington, N. C., was elected to Congress from his district last fall. In a recent letter he says: "There ought to be some effort made to re-establish chapters at Southern Universities. The material we have in the South is both socially and intellectually of the best."

Marcus Blakey Allmond, A.M., L.L.D., Nu, '74, has achieved merited renown as a poet. He is the author of "Estelle," "Agricola," "Fairfax, My Lord," and other poems. Among many testimonials to his poetic merit is the following from the former president of Yale College:

Prof. Marcus B. Allmond: MY DEAR SIR: Some one was so kind as to send me by post a poem by yourself, entitled "Estelle." Happening to have an hour to spare I at once took it up, and was so interested in it as to read it through at a sitting. I take the liberty to congratulate you as the author of a very lovely idyll, sweet in its spirit, lovely in its pictures, and admirably felicitous, in its diction. What can I say more, and I could not say less, if I should say anything. Most sincerely yours, N. PORTER.

Several editions of "Estelle" have been exhausted and another rare edition of a thousand copies is soon to be issued. Brother Allmond has for twelve years been Head Master of the University School of Louisville, Ky. He was Magazine Medalist of the University of Virginia for 1875, and was Professor of Ancient Languages in the Louisville High School for seven years. He is also the author of an "Outline of Latin Syntax."

Henry F. Russell, Nu Deuteron, '96, is with the Larkin Soap Manufacturing Co., of Buffalo. He is secretary of the Buffalo Theta Delta Chi Association, and will be glad to see all visiting Theta Deltas at 261 Franklin Street, where John D. Larkin, Jr., Phi, '00, will also be found.

C. W. New, Xi, '95, took his M.A. degree at Hobart in January. He is at present president's assistant and instructor in Latin and Greek at St. John's Military Academy.

The Rev. Alexander M. Rich, Xi, '85, is rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, Port Deposit, Maryland, Diocese of Easton. Any and all Theta Deltas will receive a cordial welcome at any time from him if they happen his way.

Webster R. Walkley, Omicron, '60, read a poem at the seventh reunion of the Lewis Academy as Southington, Connecticut, last June, and has been invited to read a poem at the bi-centennial anniversary of the settlement of the old town of Durham, Connecticut, next July. Brother Walkley was a member of the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen until the consolidation of Brooklyn with New York, and is connected with several important business corporations. He is a trustee of Wesleyan University, having been twice elected by the alumni to that position.

Rev. William A. Bacon, Omicron Deuteron, '90, recently resigned his charge at the Washington Street Church, Beverly, Mass., and accepted a call to Shellburne Falls, Mass.

Rev. Jay M. Hulbert, Omicron Deuteron, '85, has left the Congregational Church at Clinton, Iowa, to accept a call to the Como Avenue Congregational Church at Minneapolis, Minnesota. He will find a large number of Theta Deltas in Minneapolis to welcome him and will be a welcome addition to that loyal brotherhood.

E. A. Kimball, Omicron Deuteron, '85, was toastmaster at the annual banquet of the Dartmouth alumni, recently held in Chicago. Henry W. Thurston, Omicron Deuteron, '76, was one of the speakers on the same occasion. B. J. Wertheimer, '76, J. P. Houston, '84, and W. T. Abbott, '90, were also present, representing Omicron Deuteron.

W. F. Kelley, Omicron Deuteron, '97, is Director of the Physical Culture Department at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

John H. Weiss, Pi, '63. The following is taken from the *Philadelphia Press*, of March 15th: Governor Stone to-day sent to the Senate the name of Hon. John H. Weiss, of this city, to be additional Law Judge of the Dauphin County court, to succeed Judge John B. McPherson. The nomination was at once unanimously confirmed by the Senate. The entire Dauphin County bar indorsed Mr. Weiss, and no other name was considered seriously.

John H. Weiss is one of the best known lawyers at the Dauphin County bar. He was born in Lebanon County, where he received his early education, and later attended Jefferson College, at Canonsburg, Washington County, Pa., where he graduated in 1863. A year later he came to Harrisburg and studied

law with the late Major David Mumma, and was admitted to practice in 1866. In 1877 he formed a law partnership with Hon. Lyman D. Gilbert, then Deputy Attorney General, and the firm has had a wide and extensive practice. Mr. Weiss has never before held office, although he could have had anything in the gift of the Republican party of Dauphin County, and he has frequently refused a place on the State ticket.

He has for ten years been the chairman of the Republican County Committee, and his relations with the Republican State organization have been very close. He resides with his family quietly, and while not an orator or speaker of note is regarded as one of the soundest attorneys in the State. The new Judge has a love for art and books, and has a collection of pictures, rare old volumes and ceramics that is almost priceless. He is a most genial and companionable gentleman, an adviser and kind friend, and numbers among his closest friends in the State men of all professions and walks of life, who have been sending him congratulatory messages all day.

Arthur Hay, Pi Deuteron, '92, during the past year has been Superintendent of a cinnabar mine in northern California. During the latter part of 1898, he made a voyage to Honolulu.

Walter E. Strobel, Pi Deuteron, '96, has moved from 164 West 105th Street New York City, to Mount Vernon, New York.

Frederick M. Steeves, Pi Deuteron, '00, is in business with Church E. Gates & Co., Mott Avenue & 135th St., New York.

Charles F. Wilken, Pi Deuteron, '95, is with Wetmore & Jenner, Lawyers, of 34 Pine Street, New York.

Henry A. Uterhart, Pi Deuteron, '94, is practising law in New York City. His correct address is 59 East 84th Street.

George H. Lindenmeyr, M.D., Rho Deuteron, '88. His address should be 329 (instead of 239) East 17th Street.

Elliott M. Sergeant, Rho Deuteron, '96, is with the Westinghouse Company in Pittsburgh, Pa. He is rooming with Bro. Paul MacGahan, Rho Deuteron, '96, at 6336 Merchand Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Louis Eickwort, Jr., Rho Deuteron, '96, is acting as apothecary on the U. S. S. Texas.

Harry G. Hershfield, Rho Deuteron, '98, is on the *New York Journal*.

S. S. Wallace, Sigma, '90, is an Adjunct Professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology at Atlanta, Ga.

James F. Richardson, Sigma, '90, is pastor of the Franklin Street M. E. Church at Bucksport, Maine.

John D. Larkin, Phi, '00, has left Lafayette College and is now with the Larkin Soap Manufacturing Company of Buffalo. Henry F. Russell, Nu Deuteron, '96, is also with the Larkin company.

Morris R. Sherrerd, Phi, '86, affiliated Delta, '86, is engineer and superintendent of the Waterworks Department of Newark, N. J.

Joseph R. Webster, Chi, '94, is practising law in Rochester. His office is 703, Chamber of Commerce Building.

J. F. Keeler, Chi, '00, is at 183 Franklin St., Buffalo, having taken up the study of law in that city.

Stanton E. Barrett, Chi, '95, is with the 202d N. Y. Vols. now camped at Guanajay, Cuba. To him belongs the honor of carrying the flag of the first regiment to march through Havana.

We give some extracts of a letter written to a friend :

"Your letter reached me this A. M., and indeed it was a God-send. For fifteen days I have not seen an American paper nor received a letter. To-day we are all cheerful. The first mail was welcomed.

We left Athens, Ga., with flying colors Dec. 3rd to the favorite tune of the south—'Dixie,' and arrived at Savannah the 4th. Left the city on transport the 5th, with twelve hundred and two on board. We had a beautiful trip. The sailing was smooth, and all on board were in the best of spirits. The transport is owned by the U. S., and no fault could be found with it.

Thursday at 7 P. M. we espied the lights of Morro Castle. Every man rushed on deck. Soon the lights of Punta Castle hove in sight, then the long row of batteries. The captain of the transport (Minnewaska) signaled three times for a pilot, but in vain. We weathered a rough sea until morning, and then a pilot took us through the opening into the harbor. We passed Morro Castle, with 500 Spanish soldiers on the left, and Punta with 1000 soldiers and hundreds of Cubans on the right. Not a sound was heard. Not a hand was waived nor a whistle blown. The 202nd men remained silent. The band warbled not a note. It was a frigid reception. A mile and a half within the harbor we passed the wreck of the 'Maine.' Every one of us stood still. Every hat was raised in memory of our comrades. Still, there was joy in that their death was so quickly avenged.

We tied up to pier Friday, Dec. 9, at 10 A. M., and on Monday the 202d marched out of the Minnewaska in columns of fours and up the principal thoroughfares of a hostile city—the first regiment to invade Havana.

Without vaunting allow me to say that the 7th Army Corps was booked for Havana, prior to the mustering in of the 202d. Our Colonel hammers on good food and sufficient clothing, and well does he succeed. In five months and ten days he has lost but nine men.

August first your correspondent became a Corporal, later 4th duty sergeant, then 3rd and before embarking was appointed color-sergeant. Two of us carried the colors proudly through the streets. The Cubans scarcely dared to cheer, as the Spanish soldiers still provosted the city. Many followed our band, but when the colors came in sight they were compelled to give vent to their feelings of joy. Many wrung their hands. Others cried and yelled like children, while still others rushed from the crowds and endeavored to kiss our colors. We were compelled at times to grasp the colors to keep them from the populace. We passed on, the 2d batallion going to Pinar del Rio, and the 1st and 3d to Guanajay. Twenty-five or more stiff-sprung freight cars brought us safely to our destination.

Guanajay, a city of 15,000, is 35 miles from Havana and is the city which the 202d is to Americanize. Already we have Cubans under us sweeping the streets. Soon gutters will be dug and and telephone lines constructed.

Many bandits and guerillas infest this province, and we are to 'round them up' next week, alive if possible, dead if necessary. I am anxious to get into a skirmish. For months we have had rushes, skirmishes, extended order, etc. We now have picket duty (mounted). The restrictions placed on the men are severe, but rightly so. Havana has excellent buildings, narrow streets and filthy. Her parks and gardens are superb and Paradise-like. The foliage is all novel to the northerners. In passing from Havana we passed cocconut, orange, pomegranate, and palm trees. Oranges sell three for two cents, but the prices for vegetables and meats, (because of the devastation) are exorbitant. Beef is 40 cents per pound and poultry \$2.00 a piece.

Col. Waring stated that \$50,000,000 would be required to clean Havana.

He was nearly right. The sewerage of the city empties into a small but very picturesque harbor which is a mass of filth.

The Cubans of one to seven years are nude and the others are nearly so. The weather is extremely warm and oppressive. The starvation of the Cubans is still something to be deplored. All about here are battle fields where shot and shrapnel have hissed for three years and the natives are cultivating these fields for the first time in four years."

Victor L. Mason, Chi Deuteron, '97, is absent on a trip to Cuba in company with Secretary Alger, to whom he is private Secretary.

R. Davis, Chi Deuteron, '95, has returned to Deadwood, South Dakota, after a short visit at his home in Washington, D. C.

Joseph Finckel, Chi Deuteron, '97, who has been studying music in Brussels, is to return to this country in the spring for a brief visit.

Barton W. Perry, Psi, '91, is Chaplain of the 33d session of the Assembly, California Legislature.

Edwin H. Jenks, Psi, '86, who for the past three years has been associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of San Francisco, has accepted a call from the Second Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles to become its pastor. The church is one of the important Presbyterian churches of California. At a meeting of the San Francisco Presbytery tributes of commendation of the retiring pastor were paid by many of the leading clergymen and much regret was expressed at his parting from San Francisco.

John A. Hill, Psi, '94. Dr. Hill has been transferred from the Manhattan State Hospital on Wards Island to that on Blackwell's Island, East River, New York.

Notes

At the Hotel Royal Poinciana, Palm Beach, Florida, are gathered during March Bros. Willis S. Paine, Chi, '68, his nephew Col. Walter N. P. Darrow, Columbus, and Bro. Ben. Douglas, Phi, '71, of R. G. Dun & Co.

The famous Theta Delta Chi law firm of Buffalo (Petrie, Timmerman & Pardee) has been dissolved, one of the members having left town.

The Buffalo Association of Theta Delta Chi held a smoker at the University Club on January 11th, and had a jolly old Theta Delt time. It is expected that the annual dinner will be held in April as usual. The members of this association are active Theta Delt and desire it to be known that they are at the service of the brothers who visit Buffalo or locate there.

Theta Delt Superintendents of Schools in New England are numerous. Among the number are J. C. Simpson, Omicron Deuteron, '87, at Portsmouth, N. H.; H. K. Whittaker, Mu Deuteron, '90, at Brattleboro, Vt.; I. W. Home, Eta, '86, at Braintree, Mass.; W. H. Small, Omicron Deuteron, '78, at Chelsea, Mass.; J. E. Sears, Lambda, '77, at Dighton, Mass.; E. D. Daniels, Mu Deuteron, '90, at Franklin, Mass.; W. P. Kelly, Omicron Deuteron, '86, Hudson, Mass.; S. A. Malcher, Eta, '77, Whitinsville, Mass.; C. N. Kendall, Psi, '82, New Haven, Conn., and E. C. Willard, Omicron Deuteron '83, Stanford, Conn. These with the large number of Theta Delt principals and teachers give the fraternity a big representation in the New England schools.

EXCHANGE GLEANINGS

Our exchanges are requested to send three copies of each issue to THE SHIELD, 15 South Ave., Ithaca, N. Y. In return three copies of THE SHIELD will be sent wherever requested.

Owing probably to the change of the publication office of THE SHIELD most exchanges have reached the new office too late for extended examination. It has been a keen pleasure, however, to glance over the contents of the various publications that have reached us and to begin with their editors an acquaintanceship which, it is hoped, may prove mutually agreeable. The Greek press ought, in many respects, to present to the world a solidarity of interests and aims. Each member of it is primarily concerned of course with the interests of the fraternity which it represents. But to the non-fraternity world, or such portion of it as may give the matter a thought, there is no fraternity, but only fraternities. While the fraternities can no longer be regarded as on trial or even under suspicion, there is nevertheless a good deal of misapprehension in some quarters as to just what useful or desirable end the fraternities subserve. It may, perhaps, be a part of the common mission of the Greek press to make clearer the essential characteristics and the community of interests of the Greek world. In this sense the Greek press, while each serves its primary purpose of voicing the spirit of the fraternity it represents, may as a whole aid in a better understanding of the Greek Letter Society system. It may do more. It may aid in rooting out such noxious growths as may have fastened themselves upon the system or any part of it. It would be Phariseism to pretend that some such uprooting is not necessary here and there. A new editor must speak with caution upon these matters and confine himself for the present to generalities. But he may hope to earn the right to speak more frankly and more specifically with larger experience.

Reference is made elsewhere to the unanimous and hearty appreciation shown by the Greek press for the retiring Editor of

THE SHIELD. It seems fitting that some record should be preserved in these columns of such comments as have reached us. The first, from the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, contains an allusion to the solidarity of which mention is made above. In the February number of that periodical appears this editorial reference to the "Memorial History" and its editor :

The most complete Fraternity publication of the kind we have ever seen is the "Memorial History of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity," with the account of the semi-centennial convention and banquet, published and edited by Clay W. Holmes, Lafayette, '69, editor of THE SHIELD. The Memorial contains a detailed account of the semi-centennial convention, held in New York City, February 9 to 10, 1898, and is followed by a history of all the chapters with profuse illustrations, making in all a beautiful bound volume of nearly three hundred pages, containing fraternity history and records of almost inestimable value. Among other things it contains the autograph signatures of the two hundred and forty-four members who participated in the banquet. Mr. Holmes is a living example of the successful man, who, in the midst of the pressing duties and demands of the world, has always found time to devote a great part of his energy to the building up and support of his fraternity. We know of no other man who has been more conspicuous than Mr. Holmes in this particular. His purse, his pen and himself have always been devoted to Theta Delta Chi. His example is not only a benefit, but an inspiration to not only his own fraternity, but to us all.

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The *Beta Theta Pi* for February has this to say, and we commend it to the careful consideration of our graduates and of all Greeks :

Many of the fraternities seem to have trouble with the management of their journals. We have just received word of the resignation of Clay W. Holmes, the editor of THE SHIELD of $\Theta \Delta X$. He has long threatened that if he were not better supported he would be obliged to give up his connection with THE SHIELD ; more than once he has been persuaded to continue, but finally a time came when his determination could not be shaken, and hereafter THE SHIELD will be in different hands. Mr. Holmes has certainly done more than any one man to bring to $\Theta \Delta X$ its present measure of prosperity. We shall miss him keenly as a fellow member of the Greek press.

The troubles resulting in Mr. Holmes' resignation were largely financial. We find in many of the fraternity journals expressions of exasperation at the slowness of the chapters in attending to the requests of the editors, and at the slovenly way in which their work is done, but we imagine that all such troubles would count for little if the editor were not usually pinched for money.

It costs money to run a journal. The desire to be on a level with, or to excel, rival publications, produces a constant tendency to increased expenditure which is out of all proportion to the increase in income in most of the fraternities.

It is a melancholy fact that alumni no longer largely subscribe to fraternity periodicals. Their sole support now rests upon the undergraduates. With a system and membership such as is found in *B Θ Π* and *Φ Δ Θ*, enough money is secured to run a fairly good sized journal.

But fraternities with one-half or one-third of our membership, and without a collection system such as obtains in the two fraternities mentioned, are severely handicapped in the race. We have long since learned to cut our garment according to our cloth, and our esteemed contemporaries will, we imagine, have to do the same.

The *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon not only appreciates Bro. Holmes' work but intends to profit by it. In the March number the exchange editor says :

It seems to be the unanimous opinion of the Greek press that the "Exchange Gleanings" as conducted by Clay W. Holmes, retiring editor of *THE SHIELD* of Theta Delta Chi, has been by far the best and most complete. Therefore we shall try to follow the same general plan, trusting to make up in zeal what is lacking in experience.

The *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma in its February number has this just estimate :

THE SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi for December is taken up with a feeling of general sadness because of the announcement therein made by the veteran editor that he will no longer wield the editorial pen. There isn't a man familiar with the Greek press to-day that will not say that Clay W. Holmes has done as much, if not more than anyone else, to place fraternity journalism upon its present broad plane, and his retirement creates a vacancy hard to fill.

The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* says :

The most important fraternity news gleaned from the fraternity press of the past three months, to our mind, is the resignation of Mr. Clay W. Holmes from the editorship of *THE SHIELD* of Theta Delta Chi. Deep editorial mutterings in the December number told us that something would happen at the Boston Convention of that fraternity and since then we have been informed that Mr. Holmes' resignation has been accepted and the choice of his successor left to the official council. The council has a hard task before it, if it attempts to fill Mr. Holmes' shoes; in fact we fear we shall miss in *THE*

SHIELD hereafter much of that excellence which gave it such a high place in the fraternity press. It is with reluctance that we bid its distinguished editor farewell.

Meanwhile Editor Holmes has gone out in a blaze of glory; in other words the December SHIELD is a gem. An article on "The Greek Press" especially attracts attention, though we confess to a slight feeling of disappointment in that *The Delta Upsilon Quarterly* was not considered. * * * Each department of the December SHIELD is complete, but Mr. Holmes revels most extensively in the field of exchanges.

The ladies, whose cause our gallant editor has always espoused, are not unappreciative of his merits as a man and as an editor. The *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta says in its February number :

In the last number of THE SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi, Mr. Clay W. Holmes, the efficient editor, intimates that his absolute and positive resignation will be presented to the convention. The loss to the fraternity of such leadership in the magazine will be an almost irreparable loss. The labor has been one of unusual self-sacrifice. Often every word in THE SHIELD, with the chapter letters excepted, has been from the pen of the faithful editor. A large share of the success of the fraternity is due to the magazine's influence. We congratulate Mr. Holmes on the success of his long term of service and hope that as in the past his resignation will be withdrawn.

These gracious and kindly comments of our exchanges upon our veteran editor and his work are a source of pride to every Theta Delt. In behalf of $\Theta \Delta X$ we return to his fellow editors the sincere thanks of the Fraternity.

The *Beta Theta Pi* has been printing in its recent numbers a very interesting history of the Greek Press, and gives *fac simile* reproductions of the various covers or title pages. It says :

"In 1884 $\Theta \Delta X$ started a journal in Boston called THE SHIELD, and this notwithstanding the fact the *The Shield* of $\Phi K \Psi$ had been running some five years. It claimed the right to the name, however, on account of the publication of the one number of the projected periodical in 1869. For a short time there was much angry discussion between the two "Shields" as to the right to the name, but after awhile it was allowed to die out. After a pre-

carious existence of some five years, THE SHIELD of $\Theta \Delta X$ was placed under the control of Clay W. Holmes, of Elmira, N. Y., a trained journalist, who has since continued to publish it, and, although the fraternity has not supported him as the merit of his work has deserved, yet he has, by his own individual energy, published one of the best of the fraternity journals."

Our contemporary is quite correct in saying that all controversy between the two "Shields" has been allowed to die out. Each has too much to do that is worth while the doing to indulge in any fruitless discussion that would do nobody any good and would do each of the disputants harm. There are two "Shields" but they are not Dromios.

This leads us to offer our congratulations to the Editor of the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* on the action of the Fraternity in making the office of the Editor of *The Shield* a salaried one and an appointive in place of an elective one. Both are excellent reforms. Which leads us again to note that the two "Shields" are not Dromios. The editor of one of them has no salary or other emolument.

It seems that Editor Wilson of the *Kappa Alpha Journal* has taken some umbrage at the remarks of ex-Editor Holmes of the SHIELD concerning the announcement by the *Journal* that it should omit the departments devoted to the Greek Press and Greekdom generally, and in his haste has said some things which Editor Hughes of *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta characterizes as "a bad breach of editorial manners." We feel sure Bro. Holmes will take it all in good part. He is too old an editor to get much ruffled at the first lunge of a novice. We deliver Editor Wilson over to the gentle chastisement of the genial editor of *The Rainbow*.

The Rainbow has a strong editorial urging the chapters of Delta Tau Delta to discontinue or refrain from the practice of initiating students in professional schools. That all depends, it seems to us, upon what the status of the professional student is. It is true that in law and medicine it has not always been

satisfactory, while in engineering, architecture, and the applied sciences, it has generally been equivalent to the status of a student in the "College" or "Academic" Department or, as it is called in some institutions, the "Department of Arts and Sciences." In law and medicine it is now raised in the best universities to the same level, and with the increase of the law course to three years and the medical course to three, and in many places, four, there is not, after all, any essential distinction between the student who is pursuing an Arts course and one who is pursuing a law or medical course. It would be a surprise at all events, to the students and faculty of many universities to learn that any discrimination is thought desirable between students in Arts and students in Engineering. Yet Engineering is a "professional" course as clearly as law or medicine.

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THE SHIELD COAT-OF-ARMS

It has often been suggested that Theta Delta Chi ought to have a coat-of-arms which could be used in place of the badge at times and places when the badge is not strictly appropriate. It is, indeed, an open question whether the badge ought to be used for any purpose except as a pin to be worn upon the person of a member of the fraternity. The common use of it for decorative purposes, or the use of it by any one except a member of the fraternity, may be open to well-considered objection. However this may be, there is room at least for a coat-of-arms to be used as a kind of "open insignia" of the fraternity.

This need was brought prominently to the front when the subject of a new design for the cover of *THE SHIELD* was under consideration. The first design included the use of the official badge, but it was found that its shape forbade a satisfactory result while its peculiar sacredness to the brotherhood might be urged against its prominent appearance in enlarged size upon the cover of the fraternity periodical. Accordingly some members of the Beta charge set about designing a coat-of-arms which should satisfy the desire for a suitable cover design and also combine the characteristic symbols of the fraternity. The result is shown upon the cover of *THE SHIELD* and in the enlarged illustration in colors which appears as a frontispiece to this issue.

The scheme is simple but effective. In the first quartering appear the colors of the fraternity and its Greek letters in the familiar form of its flag or ensign bearing on its standard the shield or badge: thus the name, the colors, the flag and the badge of the fraternity are first read. Of course in an ordinary print the colors are represented by the devices adopted in heraldry of the crossed lines for black and the horizontal lines for blue.

In the second, third and fourth quarterings appear again the color readings, black in the second, white in the third and blue in the fourth. In these quarterings appear also the other characteristic symbols of the fraternity, the stars, the book and daggers, and the arrows, the meaning of which is familiar to every Theta Delt. Underneath is the open motto, *Spetemur Agendo*, with the date of the founding of the fraternity,—1848.

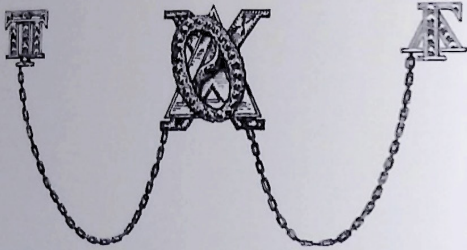
This coat-of-arms is submitted by THE SHIELD for the judgment of the fraternity. If it is thought aptly to represent the meaning and history of the fraternity, it might be officially adopted. If not, then it is simply a part of a cover design and will probably disappear when a new editor exercises his one indisputable prerogative of choosing a new cover.

It is right to make it a matter of record that the first draft of the design was made by Brother William H. Baker, Beta '01, of Philadelphia. Other members of the Beta charge assisted Brother Baker in selecting and arranging the color scheme and the symbols, notably Brothers R. S. Persons, '00, and W. G. Massey, '01. The whole was then carefully drawn for line engraving and the cuts for the cover and frontispiece were made by The Chas. H. Elliott Co., of Philadelphia.

THE SHIELD will be glad to receive suggestions regarding this coat-of-arms or designs for different ones. There are many brothers who could present appropriate designs whose ideas may differ from those that controlled this one. All such suggestions or designs will be carefully preserved and the whole matter remitted to the wisdom and choice of the fraternity at convention or through the Grand Lodge and the charges.

It is hoped that a live interest may be aroused in the matter so that an official coat-of-arms may be eventually adopted.





THE PRESIDENT'S MONOGRAM BADGE

Under date of January 11, 1899, the Hon. Willis S. Paine, Chi, '68, wrote to President Harstrom as follows :

"A monogram badge is being prepared by J. F. Newman which he hopes he will be able to express to you to the end that you may receive it on or before Friday, the 13th inst., care of Young's Hotel, Boston. Please find herewith a presentation address, to be read to the newly elected President of the Grand Lodge when the pin is presented to him. All the societies here, like the New England, the Holland, etc., observe the custom of having the new President receive from his predecessor in office an emblematic badge or medal and he, in turn, transmits it to his successor, and thus it is presented in perpetuity. I desire the same rule to be observed in this case, and that the badge shall be presented by each President of the Grand Lodge to his successor. This will tend to dignify the office and make it more desirable. In case you will consent to be your own successor (which I sincerely trust will be the case) kindly ask Brother Holmes, or in his absence Dr. Dougherty, or in his absence the oldest Theta Delt present at the election, to read the presentation address to you. I desire to have the presentation address or something analogous thereto made a part of the Constitution or adopted as a By-Law, so that the custom may be maintained of making the induction into the office of President more of a formality than heretofore."

The monogram badge was received and upon the election of President Harstrom was presented to him by Brother Holmes who read the address prepared by Brother Paine and referred to in his letter. The address cannot be printed but it will be preserved and used at subsequent conventions.

The badge consists of the $\Theta \Delta X$ monogram designed by Brother Paine some years ago (a cut of which appears in the Memorial History on page 88), to which are attached by chains two small monograms, that on the left being *HT* and that on the right *ΓΑ*, signifying President of the Grand Lodge. In the main monogram the Θ is a crown setting with brilliant cut diamonds and ruby center ; the Δ is of dark blue enamel, and the *X* of gold with fine beaded edge and with crossed arrows in the upper arms and stars in the lower arms of black enamel. On the back of the monogram are certain insignia and, for purposes of identification, the address of the donor, Willis S. Paine, Met. Club, 60th St. and 5th Ave., N. Y. City. The two minor monograms

are attached to the central one by fine gold chains and are jeweled with diamonds and rubies.

The President's jewel is a magnificent badge and will be cherished as an heirloom of the fraternity, and as an additional evidence of the constant thoughtfulness and generosity of Brother Willis S. Paine.

THETA DELTA CHI MEMORIAL HISTORY*

In a superb volume of upwards of three hundred pages and seventy engravings, half-tones and cuts, appears the history of the first half century of Theta Delta Chi. The first ninety-six pages are devoted to an account of the semi-centennial convention and banquet held at the Windsor Hotel, in New York, February 8, 9 and 10, 1898. All the speeches at the dinner are given in full, and a fac simile reproduction of the autographs of all the participants fills eighteen pages. The oration by President Capen, Kappa '60, the poem by Rev. Cameron Mann, Xi '70, and the ode by Rev. Lewis Halsey, Xi '68, are also printed in full. The account of the dinner, with the speeches, the orations and the poems, is a fine testimonial to the character and thought of the leaders of the fraternity.

Following the proceedings of the convention and dinner, and occupying 124 pages, is the history, by William L. Stone, Zeta '57, of the first quarter century of the fraternity. This consists of: (1) an introduction, dealing with the founding and the founders and with the progress of the fraternity in general outline; (2) a history of each charge, living and dead, down to and including 1872; (3) the fraternity conventions from 1853 to 1859, and from 1867-1873 inclusive; (4) THE SHIELD of 1869; (5) the songs of Theta Delta Chi; (6) L'Envoi. In this history by Brother

*Memorial History of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity, with an account of the semi-centennial convention and banquet. Clay W. Holmes, Phi '69, Editor and Publisher, Elmira, N. Y. [1898].

Stone appear some of the most novel and fascinating details of the life of the fraternity, from its birth to the expiration of its twenty-fifth year. It is unnecessary to enlarge upon the fitness of the author to deal with historical material. He has added to a native talent the experience of forty years of historical study and writing, and in the ripeness of his training he has unselfishly given of his valuable time and strength and talent for the preparation of the definitive record of the early years of the fraternity. It would be unfair to the author and the publisher to attempt any résumé of the matter contained in this interesting portion of the volume. Every Theta Delt ought to possess himself of a copy and read it from first to last.

The next forty-two pages are devoted to a history of the second quarter century (1873-1898) by Duncan Campbell Lee, Psi '91. This consists of a general introduction followed by a historical outline from year to year. Each administration is treated in detail and the steady progress in administrative efficiency is clearly exhibited. The renaissance dates from about 1879, when the charges were brought into a real union and the central administration through the Grand Lodge began to be systematized and effective. The preceding Grand Lodges had been working steadily toward this end, but under many disadvantages and discouragements. For three years (1869-72) President Gilbert, Xi '62, and for another three (1872-75) President Stewart, Phi '69, had wrought great changes and done stalwart work. Eddy, Kappa '76, Kneisly, Delta '73, Pardee, Phi '74, and Bachman, Psi '72, largely completed the work thus devotedly begun. The charges began to respond to the appeals and efforts of the Presidents and the present admirable system of government is the result. All this and more is entertainingly related by Professor Lee in his portion of the history.

In a further contribution to the history of the second period, Clay W. Holmes, Phi '69, gathers up many matters of permanent interest, under the headings, Charges Founded, Charges Revived, Charge Houses, Alumni Associations, THE SHIELD, In Memoriam, etc.

The volume is beautifully printed in the same general style as THE SHIELD when edited by Brother Holmes. The half-tone

work is not only excellent but far surpasses that found in most publications. Altogether the book takes its place as the most important contribution to fraternity literature ever published by any fraternity. It is a high honor to Theta Delta Chi and is a permanent record of its history whose value will increase with every year. As only 300 copies were printed it is likely to be a rarity, difficult to procure, within a very short time from the date of its publication.

THE CALIFORNIA PETITION

"It shall be the policy of this fraternity to establish a charge in every first class college."

The writer's memory is somewhat rusty as to the exact wording, but in this or an equivalent clause is expressed the ideas of our founders. They little thought what a demand the future would bring for the growth and expansion of their creation or doubtless they would have added a limiting clause which, according to the general opinion of to-day, would have been amended by this time to read, "with the proviso that, at no time shall the active charges be more than twenty-five in number."

Strictly within the limits of the original policy and its unwritten proviso are the ideas of the Pacific Coast Association in desiring to establish charges, first at the University of California and later at the Leland Stanford Jr. University. A petition from the University of California has already been submitted to the fraternity and has naturally met with some opposition but as most of the objections are based upon lack of information or mis-statement of facts, we wish to present to the fraternity a brief summary of the conditions as they exist and a few of our reasons for advocating the immediate establishment of a charge on the Pacific Coast.

There can be no discussion as to the grade of the University of California or regarding its desirability as a home for a charge

of Theta Delta Chi. Already one of the leading universities of the United States, plans have been made to increase its buildings, accommodations, courses and requirements until a few years will see it in a position to deny the superiority of any other American university.

Situated as it is, in a distinctly "college town," on the opposite side of the bay from the city of San Francisco and surrounded by the effects of a glorious California climate, it presents an ideal spot for the development of true fraternity life and spirit.

Sixteen fraternities have already found, in it, a desirable location, and yet of the sixteen hundred students, less than twenty per cent. are fraternity men. All the fraternities there represented have chapter houses; fraternity flags are as often displayed as the American emblem; lunches, "at homes" and receptions tend to develop fraternity zeal and spirit. From the twelve hundred and more, non-fraternity men, a small but solid body has been selected and they, with the consent, approval and enthusiastic support of the Pacific Coast Association, have petitioned to be granted a charter of Theta Delta Chi. Although they were willing to pledge themselves to send delegates to Conventions and to enter a charge house as soon as the charter was received, it was deemed advisable by the graduates to omit this from the petition, preferring to let the future show by deeds, not words, what would be done to uphold the principles and standing of Theta Delta Chi.

Without personal contact with the petitioners or an intimate knowledge of the history of the University, it may be difficult to convince Theta Deltas of their sterling character or to explain just why, *now* is a most desirable time to enter the institution. We ask however that the charges will consider the advantages presented by a selected body of petitioners supported by graduates from thirteen of our active charges and three extinct ones. We ask that our judgment be accepted as to their worth, endorsed as it already has been, by affirmative votes from more than seventy-six per cent. of the charges.

Some objections have been based on the difficulties of Grand Lodge visitation and chances of personal contact with members

of other charges. A movement is already projected by the graduates on this coast, whereby the Grand Lodge visitation fund will be materially aided and cut rates with rapid transit will also make more practical, an annual visitation. As for personal acquaintance with the members of other charges, the facts may be surprising but the records of the secretary of the Pacific Coast Association show that for the past two years, San Francisco has been honored by visits from eastern Theta Deltas on an average of one a week.

In conclusion we beg all to believe in the unswerving loyalty of the members of this Association which prompts them to plead for the granting of this charter. If, in our zeal and anxiety to take advantage of this rare opportunity, we have now or in the past, omitted any details which would give a better understanding of existing conditions, we ask that it be remembered that all phases of the question have been carefully considered by the Theta Deltas on the ground and that we believe it to be for the welfare of the fraternity, that favorable action should be taken at once on this petition. If confidence be placed in the large representation of graduates asking this favor they in return will consider it their duty and pleasure to see that a charge established in the University of California shall uphold the position and reputation that Theta Delta Chi now enjoys in the college world.

J. C. HALLOCK,

Secretary Pacific Coast Association.

332 Hyde Street, San Francisco, Cal.

At the annual meeting of the Southern Graduate Association held at the city of Washington, April 7th, 1899, (at which eleven charges were represented,) after listening to the members of Theta Delta Chi who are familiar with the college hereinafter mentioned, it was

Resolved, That a Charge of Theta Delta Chi should be established at the University of California, also

Resolved, That our secretary be requested to send a copy of this resolution to each of the charges and to the Grand Lodge.

"ZETA SHOUTS HER CHORUS"

[Air—"Sparkling and Bright."]

The hand's warm clasp, when brothers grasp,
No earthly power can sever ;
And a brother's love, all change above,
Shall cling to the heart forever.

CHORUS : Then laugh and sing, ere Time can fling
His chilling shadow o'er us ;
Let young delight put care to flight,
With Zeta's ringing chorus.

The sacred chain shall our hearts retain
In its links of fond devotion,
While brims each soul, like the flowing bowl,
With the wine of warm emotion.

Each spirit keep, in memory deep,
Our motto's mystic beauty ;
Let it shine afar like a pilot star,
O'er the holy path of duty.

And thus each day shall glide away,
In bliss to perfect ending ;
And life be bright with a rainbow light,
Of tears and sunshine blending.

Old time shall fly more merrily by,
When joy has plumed his pinions,
And not a shade from his wings be laid
On youth and love's dominions.

CHORUS : Then laugh and sing ; Time ne'er can fling,
His baneful shadow o'er us,
While hope is bright and our hearts are light
And the Zeta shouts her chorus.

JOHN HAY, Zeta, '58.

[These beautiful verses appear in the printed proceedings of the '73 convention, together with several other songs, and are reprinted at the request of some brothers under whose eye they recently fell. They are not found in the song book of '94.—ED.]

MAJOR WILSON, PI, '60, ON THE CUBAN
COMMISSARY DEPARTMENT

At the Fifty-first convention, held in Boston last January, Bro. David B. Wilson, Pi, '60, Major U. S. A., was called upon for a speech, and in the course of his remarks he made the following interesting statement of his connection with the commissary department in the Cuban campaign :

"Although in 1860 I proposed to start out on a career which would involve words more or less, I switched off very early in the civil war. I took up arms with my companions in college, and after having done what little service I could, I concluded to remain in the army, and have been there ever since. When I was sixty years of age I joined the Cuban campaign. I was responsible for the sustenance of the whole army amounting to 2,000,000 of rations. I presume you will have learned from the newspapers before this that a portion of it was not satisfactory. However, we beg to demur to that, for the reason that the dissatisfaction arose largely from troops which were localized, troops which had not had the training and the experience of regulars, troops which had not been entirely alienated from the golf-links and from the butter and cookies of their mothers, troops which had not yet become acquainted with the fact, that the duty of a soldier in exigencies is always to be satisfied when he has meat and bread, coffee and sugar. However, we did our best.

A little description of the processes through which we had to work, will enable you to realize to some extent under what disadvantages we labored. The port of Siboney is merely a little break in the line of the southern coast of Cuba. It is practically an open sea. My provisions were on fourteen transports lying out in the open sea, which were called in as they were wanted. The rations had to be landed from the ships by means of lighters, which were shoved in as near to the coast as they could be gotten. The soldiers who finally got the provisions on land, were compelled to wade ashore in the open sea. A man loaded with a fifty pound box of hard bread on his shoulder and wading in water up to his breast, did not offer very much resist-

