



LEGRAND POWERS

Kappa, '72

ance to a wave, so that as a result, about half of the food was lost, but we were thankful for the other half. If the papers comment on our action, we refer them simply to the state of the facts. Let them go there and look at matters for themselves.

As I told you before, I have followed the army from '61 to the present. Aged as I was, I went to Cuba and did what service I could, and contracted all the diseases that Cuba afforded. I had an attack of yellow fever, and after I had been back in the United States for three days I was taken with malaria and confined to my bed between five and six weeks. However, I am here yet and a good deal better than a dead man. That is about as much as I can say."

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LeGrand Powers, Kappa '72, was born at Preston, Chenango County, N. Y., on July 21st, 1847. His life is therefore coincident with that of the fraternity. His family is thoroughly American, his ancestors coming to Massachusetts in 1636 and several of them serving in the Continental Army. He prepared for college at the Clinton Liberal Institute and entered Tufts with the class of '72. He was one of the first members of his class to be initiated into the fraternity and ever since has been an enthusiastic Theta Delt. Remaining at Tufts but two years, he then removed to Iowa, where he entered the Iowa State College and there graduated with the class of '72.

Immediately after his graduation Brother Powers was ordained as a minister in the Universalist Church, and took charge, as principal, of the Universalist School for Iowa, at Mitchell, in which capacity he gave satisfactory service for two years. Ill health then compelling a change, he gave up teaching and took up what he then expected was to be his life work—the ministry. The first church of which he had charge was in Herkimer County, N. Y., from which he went successively to Oak Park and Joliet, Ill. On leaving Joliet he was made state superintendent of

churches for Illinois, having in his care the missionary work of his denomination in the state. He then went to Minnesota, and, after a short period of acceptable service in Anoka, was called, in 1885, to All Souls Church in Minneapolis. Here he remained three years, during which his charge grew under his ministrations to be one of the strongest in the state and a new church building costing some thirty thousand dollars was erected and dedicated. In 1888 he accepted a call to the Tuttle Church, also in Minneapolis, where he remained until he was called to the service of the state and entered upon a new chapter of his career.

In January, 1891, at the almost unanimous request of labor organizations and leaders in all parts of the state, made entirely without solicitation on his part, Brother Powers, though not a member of any labor organization and not, in the ordinary acceptation of that term a laboring man, was appointed labor commissioner by Gov. W. R. Merriam. On entering upon the discharge of his duties he found that they consisted solely in gathering such statistics as he deemed best and that his office did not give him any power whatever to ameliorate the condition of the workers. In fact, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, of which he was the head, had been established for the purpose of making a snug berth for some labor leader whose political services should seem to the governor to merit reward; or whose political usefulness should make it advantageous to the party that his time and talents be always at command. Effectual service to the cause of labor was a mere cloak which was expected to cover the reward for political usefulness. When after having served the people for eight successive years under three successive governors, Brother Powers surrendered his office to his successor, who was appointed by Governor Lind in January, 1899, all this had been changed. There had been a revolution in the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The original purpose of the Bureau, the gathering of statistics, had not been abandoned. On the contrary the scope of its inquiries had been extended and they had been prosecuted with such industry and intelligence as to put the Minnesota Bureau in the front rank and to firmly establish the reputation of its chief as one of the foremost statisticians and sociologists of our time.

When Brother Powers took up the question of direct work for the improvement of the condition of the workers he found a deplorable state of affairs, in which respect, however, other states were not in advance of Minnesota. The only restriction as to child labor was that children should not be permitted to work more than ten hours a day. Women workers were protected by law only in that it had been enacted that they should not be compelled to work more than ten hours; but this provision had been evaded by the discharge of women who worked for twelve and a half hours and re-engaging them for the same hours under a "voluntary agreement." He also found, in the words of his predecessor, that the Bureau had "no legal authority at present to order any improvement in workshops, mines, or factories." Recognizing such lack of authority the Bureau, up to that time, had made no effort whatever in that direction. But Brother Powers, with a deeper faith in human nature, sent out his factory inspectors with instructions to use persuasion whenever they found evils that ought to be corrected. The result, almost without exception, warranted his faith. There was an immediate and marked improvement in factory conditions all over the state, brought about by his efforts and the co-operation of employers. At that time there was no such system in operation anywhere, but two years later Mr. Asquith, as Home Secretary for England, inaugurated a similar one in Great Britain. At the same time he began his campaign in the legislature for better labor conditions, and during his eight years service in the Bureau drafted more labor laws than had been passed in all of the states during the previous twenty years. This important work was carefully and systematically carried out, largely on original lines, and during his entire incumbency Minnesota was a pioneer in labor legislation. An extended, or, indeed, even an intelligent description of the various laws which he drafted would be beyond the limits of this sketch; but a general statement of results will be both interesting and instructive. A factory inspection law, giving the Bureau enlarged authority, was passed. His inspectors, who were practical mechanics, invented several important safety appliances and placed them at the disposal of the public. Several classes of accidents were thereby wholly eliminated and all

causes of accident were carefully studied with the view of prevention. The result, in this department of the work alone, has been to prevent injuries for which employers had previously been called on to pay over one hundred thousand dollars annually in damages, to say nothing of the suffering and misery that has been avoided. Stringent laws regulating, and largely prohibiting, child labor, and regulating the employment of women were passed; also a law imposing sanitary conditions on bake shops. He also drafted the first law ever passed legalizing the trades union and prohibiting blacklisting. Of course all this advance in labor legislation was not made without opposition. On several occasions organized attempts were made to secure legislation which would nullify the usefulness of the Bureau, but all such attempts met with defeat.

The *St. Paul Pioneer Press* for December 25th, 1898, published a review of the work of Brother Powers in the Bureau. After a more extended discussion of his efforts in procuring labor legislation than the limits of *THE SHIELD* will permit, there follows an account of the other branch of his work so accurate and excellent as to be worthy of extended quotation.

"While the work of the bureau in these directions under Mr. Powers has been vastly useful to the workers of the state, the most progressive and enlightened that any state can show, in some particulars going further than English or European legislation, from which most American states can derive lessons, a much wider fame has come to Mr. Powers from his work in statistical compilation and original research. In these lines he is recognized the country over as among the authorities. He has the natural gifts of a statistician that few men in the country enjoy. His conclusions are carefully weighed and the personal equation enters as little as may be into the result. On a number of lines he has assembled facts and data that are held of value among the learned all over the land, and in Europe his researches are viewed with respect that only the highest authorities can command.

"The compilations and deductions from them have filled a large part of his annual reports. In one he studied with greater thoroughness than had been displayed elsewhere the conditions and terms of trades unions. A similar investigation is under foot this year, which is left unfinished for his successor. When the first investigation was undertaken, reports were received from hardly one-fourth of those addressed. Many of the unions took the deliberate ground that it would be prejudicial to publish their strength or standing. In the present inquiry the majority of inquiries have been answered, and the lack of returns is no greater than through inattention

when the same number of manufacturers is addressed. The difference is due to the more intelligent understanding on both sides of the place of the trades unions in the community. They no longer find it expedient to carry on their transactions in a clandestine way, are no longer fearful of misconceptions, no longer dread publicity, and realize that the bureau is not a device of the enemy to expose their weaknesses.

But Mr. Powers has not confined his investigations to the trades unions. The farmers are also workmen, an essential and preponderant element in the community of Minnesota. Several investigations of their condition have been completed. In looking over the field at the first, Mr. Powers decided that several phenomena relating to farming were among the vital questions of the day and followed that line in deciding which of many possible investigations were to be undertaken. The result is a part of industrial literature.

A notable contribution to current economic science was his report on wheat prices. By a careful study he showed that the fall in price was due to several definite conditions. Pursuing that line he demonstrated that not all farm products were subject to the same conditions as wheat-growing. If they were the condition of the farmers must have been desperate. Another investigation of the state of a large number of farmers all over Minnesota showed conclusively that those who had adopted diversified farming had bettered their condition and were richer than when they began, while the wheat farmers had suffered intensely.

Another important investigation that furnished data for a wide class of collateral inquiries was that recently finished relating to farm mortgages.

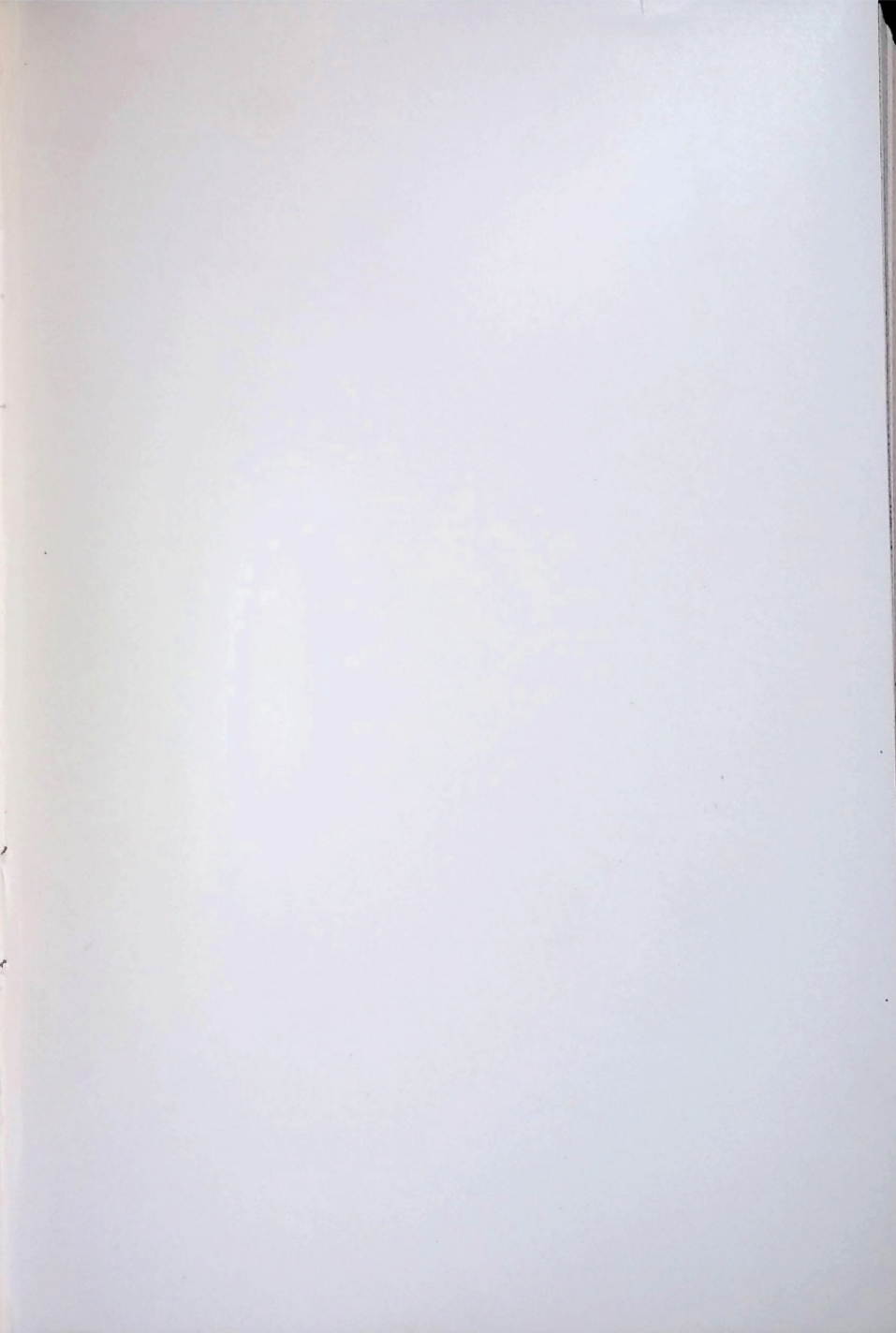
Matter of much present interest and far greater future value has been obtained in the investigation of wages in shoe factories and on railroads. Statistics of strikes have also been collected, but as the national department covers the same ground the time has not been spent to explore the results. In the direction of co-operation an early report made a careful compilation. Since then there are no significant changes except in the increase of co-operative creameries and the development of building and loan associations. As one is covered by the report of the dairy commission and the other by the public examiner, Mr. Powers has made no special excursion along these lines.

It is hard to realize how very recent is the body of labor legislation that is now accepted as necessary and equitable, which only a few years ago would have been dismissed without argument as paternalistic. Popular notions and common conceptions of the province of the state have changed wholly in a short time. Only a little while ago the trades union was itself legally a conspiracy. 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 much of this 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."

Along with his official labors Brother Powers has found time to do considerable literary work. His published reports in the bureau, filling several large volumes, and rising above the dignity of mere compilations of statistics to that of philosophical discussion of social problems, are in themselves an important addition both to our knowledge and to our literature. In addition he has been a regular contributor to *The Independent* on social and economic topics; has contributed articles on finance and economics to the *Yale Review*, and on taxation to *The American Journal of Sociology*. In the heat of the last presidential campaign he published a discussion of the currency question in book form, under the title of *Farmer Hayseed*, which had a large circulation in the northwest. His intimate and extensive knowledge of agriculture and financial conditions enabled him to treat his topic in a masterly manner. At present he is under contract to furnish a series of articles to *Harpers Monthly*, two of which on *Farm Tenantry* and *The Distribution of Wealth*, are already accepted and in the hands of the publisher. Other articles are in preparation.

When President McKinley was considering the appointment of Director of the Census, Brother Powers was strongly endorsed for that position by a considerable number of the best statistical experts in the country, and was induced to become a candidate. His application was based on personal merit and not on political influence, for he has never been very active in politics. When the President announced his intention of selecting a man of large business experience rather than a statistical expert, Brother Powers gracefully withdrew from the field, acknowledging that he was not possessed of such experience, and devoted himself to his literary work. However, he was not long allowed to remain out of the public service. His peculiar qualifications for the more important part of the work of taking the census were so well appreciated that, without solicitation or influence, he was appointed one of the five chief statisticians in the bureau, and given charge of the agricultural statistics.

The social side of Brother Powers character is exceptionally well developed. Although studious and retiring in disposition, he has and deserves a large circle of friends. He has taken to heart the vital principle of the fraternity and "shows himself





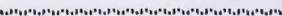
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Lambda, '89

friendly." His interest in all matters affecting the welfare of the fraternity is as active now as when he was an undergraduate. He assisted in the establishing of the Tau Deuteron Charge, and, unlike some of the alumni who were associated with him in that enterprise, has never ceased to interest himself in its welfare, and in that of its members, attending its meetings and encouraging the boys with his example, his counsel, his presence, his influence and his purse, and opening his home for their entertainment. His departure from Minneapolis, a necessary result of his appointment, will be a direct loss to that charge, as well as to his graduate brothers of the northwest.

Brother Powers is already in Washington, where, as his work will keep him there several years, he will be joined by his family at the end of the hot season. His northwestern brethren rejoice in his well earned good fortune, although they regret most sincerely that it necessitates his departure from among them. In wishing him God-speed and success in his new field we congratulate our Washington brothers on his accession to their ranks and bespeak for him a hearty and fraternal welcome.

EDWARD H. CROOKER, Beta '83.



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The graduate brothers who deserve well of the fraternity fall into two classes. The first class includes the elect few who achieve eminence in their chosen fields of work and thus enhance the reputation of the fraternity by the reflected distinction of their own careers. The second class is made up of the mediocre many who never get into the biographical dictionaries, but who devote their time and their tithes to the loyal promotion of fraternity interests. Occasionally a brother is found who belongs in both these classes, who is conspicuous both as a man and as a Theta Delt. Such a one is the subject of this sketch, Charles Jesse Bullock, Lambda '89.

Brother Bullock is an easy man to write up. There is much to tell; nothing to conceal. His career is not of the sort that makes large demands on the inventive powers of the biographer. The story tells itself.

Charles Jesse Bullock was born in Boston, Mass., May 21, 1869. His father was a successful Boston merchant. From 1872 to 1889 the family lived at Wellesley Hills, Mass. Brother Bullock was prepared for college in the Wellesley High School. In the autumn of 1885 he entered the College of Liberal Arts, Boston University, where four years later he received the A.B. degree. He was initiated into Lambda Chi in October, 1885. Brother Bullock was one of the most active members of the Chi throughout his college course. In 1888-89 he was secretary and treasurer of the New England Association of Theta Delta Chi. He was a proctor of the college during his junior and senior years and was also speaker at commencement.

The first year after graduation Brother Bullock taught in the Hitchcock High School at Breinfield, Mass. In 1890-91 he was teacher of the classics in the high school at Pawtucket, Rhode Island. He then went to Middlebury, Vermont, as principal of the high school, serving most acceptably for two years. In 1893, Brother Bullock resigned his position in Middlebury, in order to pursue graduate studies in economics. The two years, 1893 to 1895 were spent in the University of Wisconsin. In 1893-94 he held the Jacob Sleeper fellowship of Boston University, and in 1894-95 a fellowship of the University of Wisconsin. In June, 1895, he received the degree of Ph.D., presenting a thesis on "The Finances of the United States, 1775-1789." Dr. Bullock was instructor in Economics in Cornell University from 1895-99. He has recently been elected Assistant Professor of Economics at Williams College and will begin his duties there next September.

On June 2, 1895, Brother Bullock was married to Helena Mercy Smith, A. Φ., at Washington, D. C.

In his profession, Dr. Bullock has rapidly won for himself a high reputation both as investigator and as teacher. He has already made numerous important contributions to economic literature. His "Introduction to the Study of Economics" has at-

tained wide popularity as a text book,—and deservedly, for it is without question the best introductory manual that exists. Dr. Bullock's economic writings are marked by judicial impartiality, scholarly thoroughness, and lucid exposition. His work is done always in the scientific spirit, without prejudice. The admirable quality of the work which he has already done gives promise of valuable service in the future.

The remarkable activity of Dr. Bullock in the economic field is shown by the following list of his published writings :

- (1) *Industrial Training from an Economic Point of View. "Education,"* June, 1890.
- (2) *Political Economy in the Secondary School. "Education,"* May, 1891.
- (3) *The Finances of the United States, 1775-1789.* (Madison, 1895.)
- (4) *Introduction to the Study of Economics,* (New York, Boston, and Chicago.) Dr. Bullock is at work on a revised edition of this work, which will appear by September next.
- (5) "A Discourse Concerning the Currencies of the British Plantations in America," by William Douglass. Edited with an introduction. *Economic Studies of American Economic Association,* 1897.
- (6) *Direct and Indirect Taxes in Economic Literature. "Political Science Quarterly,"* 1898. This is to be followed by two other articles on allied subjects, in 1899.
- (7) *Wage Statistics and the Federal Census. American Economic Association Monograph on the Federal Census,* 1899.
- (8) *Contributions to the History of Wage Statistics. Publication of American Statistical Association,* 1899.

The devotion of Brother Bullock to the fraternity has been shown by many acts of service. In 1889, with his cousin, Albert Keigwin, Phi, '91, he was partly instrumental in re-establishing the Phi Charge, and was a member of the embassy that installed the Charge at Easton, in March, 1889. In 1895, he had a part in the establishment of the Sigma Deuteron Charge, at Madison. Last year Brother Bullock initiated a movement among the graduates of the Lambda Charge which resulted in the formation of the Lambda Graduate Association. The fraternity spirit of

Brother Bullock is infectious ; wherever he goes there is sure to follow a Theta Delta Chi renaissance. It deserves also to be noted, in this connection, that a younger brother, Harry A., is a member of Mu Deuteron Charge, class of '99.

It is not, however, what Brother Bullock has done, within and without the fraternity, that gives him the strong hold which he has upon the affections of his nearest friends ; it is rather what he is—the strong and genial personality of the man himself. Those who know him best admire and love him for his intellectual candor, his warm enthusiasm, his loyalty to his friends. The strenuous devotion to his chosen work, which has won him professional fame, is tempered by a hearty good-fellowship. His fine sense of honor impresses all who come in contact with him. He is frank and chivalrous ; superior to any petty equivocation or compromise. His is one of those large and generous natures to whom anything other than perfect honesty and fidelity is absolutely foreign. If I were to suggest an ante-mortem epitaph for Brother Bullock, I should write with apologies, to some dimly recollected author from whom I fear that I am plagiarizing—

"A Theta Delt—
By every gift of mind a scholar ;
By every gift of heart a friend."

F. SPENCER BALDWIN.

Boston University, May 15, 1899.

FRANKLIN SHEBLE

Beta, '88. Omega, '99

Franklin Sheble, Beta, '88, died suddenly of appendicitis at Philadelphia on Thursday, April 20, 1899. He was born in Philadelphia on April 10, 1866, was prepared for college at the Central High School, and graduated from the Mechanical Engineering Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1887 with

the degree of Bachelor of Science. His graduating thesis was published in the *Journal* of the Franklin Institute. In the fall of 1887 he entered the Sibley College of Mechanical Engineering at Cornell University in order to take special work in electrical engineering. Here he joined the Beta Charge of Theta Delta Chi and from the day of his initiation was always intensely interested in all that concerned the fraternity. Here, too, he met his future wife, Miss Lena Edwards, of Cortland, who was a student of the University, and to whom he was subsequently married on April 2, 1891. He received from Cornell in 1888 the degree of Mechanical Engineer (M.E.) in Electrical Engineering, and in 1889 the degree of Master of Science.

On entering the field of practical work, he joined the staff of the Thomson-Houston Co., (afterward the General Electric Co.) spending over five years at Lynn having charge at one time of the meter department and at another of railway testing. He was engaged later on general railway engineering and inspection work, and later in installing 1500-kw generators for the People's Traction Company. In November, 1894, he organized the firm of Sheble & Patton, Ltd., as electrical engineers and manufacturers. For some time previous to his death he had been connected with the New York office of the Stanley Electric Manufacturing Company, as its consulting engineer, associated with Mr. M. D. Barr. He was a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Brother Sheble was a man of great talent, thorough professional training, and had met with a large degree of success. He was admired and loved by a large circle of friends, and was counted one of the most loyal and devoted of Theta Deltas. He leaves a wife but no children.

At a meeting of the Beta Charge held recently the following action was taken :

INASMUCH as it is with sincere sorrow that we, the active members of the Beta Charge of Theta Delta Chi, have learned of the death of Franklin Sheble, of the class of '88, of this charge,

Be it Resolved, That this method be taken to register and make known our sense of bereavement and especially our heartfelt sympathy with those who will miss him most, his wife and family, and furthermore

Be it Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Sheble in expression of our commiseration with her in her sorrow, and to the President of the Grand Lodge of the fraternity.

NEW YORK GRADUATE CLUB

The Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Graduate Club in New York was held at the Club Rooms, 1424 Broadway, on Monday evening, April 3d. The meeting was well attended and the reports of the officers showed the Club to be in good condition. The following brothers were elected to the Board of Governors to serve for three years in place of the six members whose terms had expired: Willis S. Paine, Chi, '68; Edward S. Griffing, Iota, '89; Carl A. Harstrom, Xi, '86; Arthur L. Livermore, Omicron Deuteron, '88; E. C. Chamberlain, Phi, '93, and Frank N. Dodd, Rho Deuteron, '91. The Board of Governors then elected the following officers:

President—D. S. Dougherty, Pi Deuteron, '82.

Vice-Presidents—Franklin Burdge, Zeta, '56; Willis S. Paine, Chi, '68; Arthur L. Livermore, Omicron Deuteron, '88; Edward S. Griffing, Iota, '89; Robert Van Iderstine, Rho Deuteron, '94.

Secretary—Clifford Wilmurt, Pi Deuteron, '93.

Treasurer—C. Le C. Howe, Pi Deuteron, '90.

The Club now has about one hundred members, but is anxious to increase this number, not only among the city brothers, but among those of the brothers who do not live in New York, but often have occasion to stop over for a few days on business or otherwise. Brothers from out of town will find all the conveniences at Brown's Chop House, where the Club has its rooms. The location on Broadway, just opposite the Metropolitan Opera House, is very convenient and easily accessible from all parts of the city.

Visitors' Book

A very handsomely bound Visitors' Register (being Volume No. 2) was opened at the rooms of the New York Graduate Club May 10, 1899. It bears the inscription "Graduate Club Theta Delta Chi, Incorporated April 15, 1896."

Among the first to register were: Clifford Wilmurt, Pi Deuteron, '93; Charles E. Birch, Delta, '92; B. Beineke, Jr., Epsilon

Deuteron, '98; Frank N. Dodd, Pi Deuteron, '91; Walter J. Slichter, Pi Deuteron, '97; F. R. Trafford, Pi Deuteron, '91; James Hess, Epsilon Deuteron, '98; Deane Stratton, Pi Deuteron, '99; C. Le C. Howe, Pi Deuteron, '92; Carl Tombo, Pi Deuteron, '97; E. C. Chamberlin, Phi, '93; D. S. Dougherty, Pi Deuteron, '82; Edward S. Griffing, Iota, '89; James A. Hamilton, Chi, '98; Charles B. Schmid, Jr., Pi Deuteron, '97; Leslie Calhoun Shattuck, Pi Deuteron, '98; T. C. Trask, Mu Deuteron, '93; Samuel C. Neidlinger, Pi Deuteron, '99; Homer D. Brookins, Chi, '80, and George W. Kosmak, Pi Deuteron, '94.

Letter from a Sixty-Eighter

GRADUATE CLUB OF THETA DELTA CHI, 1424 BROADWAY, NEW YORK,
MAY 27TH, 1899.

MR. EDITOR :

Last Thursday evening at the above address by mere chance the following well known Theta Deltas came together: Albert G. Hetherington, Psi, '69, our famous "Curly," Edward Schenck, Alpha, '69, the last man initiated by the Alpha Charge; Willis S. Paine, Chi, '68; James H. Bradbury, Kappa, '78 and '79 (the dates after his signature on the visitors' book so read) who as a *raconteur* is not easily matched; Charles E. Birch, Delta, '92, who is a most energetic member of the club, and others not so long identified with the fraternity as those I have mentioned.

Such a meeting at the club room indicates the interest shown in the society by those who have long since graduated from their respective Alma Maters. May I add a few words and state that the club's existence for three years with an increasing membership, an absolute freedom from debt, a surplus in the treasury, make it, when its location and conveniences such as access to sleeping apartments, etc., are considered, a most desirable organization with which to become identified. Indeed the club has no obligation to meet except the rent which is remarkably low being but fifty (\$50) dollars a month. The annual dues instead of being as in some of our pretentious neighbors one hundred (\$100) a year, are but a tenth of that amount. Non-resident members living within a radius of one hundred miles from the City Hall but a twentieth and non-resident members living elsewhere a fiftieth or two dollars a year. The entrance fee is but one-half of the annual dues.

Therefore no one need hesitate to apply for membership either because of a probable liability or from lack of pecuniary ability.

To show how large the fees paid by club members in the metropolis are I may state that one member of our club has already paid this year as a

member of the Manhattan Club, one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars and a like sum as a member of the Metropolitan Club.

There are men in this city and they are not so very exceptional in this respect, each of whose annual dues for membership only, in the various clubs aggregate more than a thousand (\$1,000) dollars a year and yet not one of these clubs is so conveniently located so far as places of amusement and hotels are concerned as our own modest quiet graduate organization.

SIXTY EIGHT.

THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF A CHAPTER

In September, 1881, the Kappa Kappa Gamma Society granted a charter to a number of students at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., constituting them and their successors the Beta Beta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Previously the charter members had constituted the membership of a "Browning Society" and it is alleged that upon the transformation of the Browning Society into the Beta Beta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma the *KKΓ* Sorority 'adopted many of the rites and symbols, the grip, motto, call-----and part of the initiation service' of the "Browning Society." This piece of Greek letter society history is interesting; but this piece of "Browning Society" history is even more interesting. It has long been known that only the adepts could understand or interpret Browning, but it is now revealed that the adepts are bound together by oath and rites and symbols and grip and motto and call, and an even more mysterious bond vaguely represented in print by a long line of uninterpreted "points." To this occult knowledge, to these age-long secrets of the Browning Mahatmas, *KKΓ* succeeded in fee simple by the incorporation of the Browning Society of St. Lawrence University into the bosom of the sorority. This fine and subtle blend of the Greek letter society and the Browning society proved an immense success, and after the establishment of the chapter at St. Lawrence new chapters sprang into being at Boston, Barnard, Cornell, Syracuse, Pennsylvania, Swarthmore, Alle-

gheny, Ohio State, Michigan, Adrian, Northwestern, Iowa State, Nebraska, Kansas, Stanford, and California. Thus from the little town of Canton in northern New York the Browning cult spread until arrested by the waters of the Pacific.

Then a curious thing happened. *K K Γ* through her Grand Council asked on May 23, 1898, that the chapters vote upon the withdrawal of the Beta Beta charter upon the grounds, (1) of the "low standard of the college," (2) lack of material sufficient to support a chapter in good standing," (3) "lack of culture and refinement among the women of the college and town" and (4) "that the chapter would be congenial to no other chapter of the fraternity." The Beta Beta Chapter learned by accident of this action and applied at once for information as to the cause of it. By slow and painful degrees it learned the charges against it. On May 30th it learned from the Grand Secretary that the St. Lawrence University was deemed of a low grade. On June 2d it learned from the Grand President that there was deemed to be a "lack of material, etc." On June 9th it learned from another member of the Grand Council that there was objection to "the kind of women who composed the chapter." On the 11th of June it learned through another chapter that "Canton is a coarse uncultured town and the girls of the same character." It was not until some days later that it was officially supplied with copies of the charges which had previously been sent to the other chapters. The shock may be imagined. The original "Browning Society" which had supplied to the *K K Γ* its innermost secrets was to be 'wound up' as no longer a 'going concern' because, forsooth, it lacked "culture."

But, if it had lost in culture it had gained in energy. It promptly instructed its attorney to begin proceedings to restrain the Grand Council from withdrawing its charter. Complaints were served upon the Grand President in Massachusetts and a member of the Council in New York. The Massachusetts court on June 29th issued an injunction restraining the Grand President from proceeding further in the matter of withdrawing the charter, being led thereto by the consideration that no due notice had been given the chapter of the charges against it and no due opportunity for a hearing on such charges had been afforded.

The New York action seems to have reached a hearing in January but was not then determined.

But more was to follow. The Beta Beta Chapter, in order to support its contention that the Grand Council had no authority to annul a charter in the manner contemplated, had appended to its complaint a copy of the constitution of *K K Γ*. This sacred document had therefore become a matter of record in the courts of Massachusetts and New York and was subject to be freely inspected by the profane eyes of the uninitiated. There is a controversy as to whether the chapter or the council is responsible for filing the document, but the fact remains that the chapter has affixed it to its complaint, that it had been seen and read by its attorney, had passed through the hands of the process-servers, and had finally been filed as a part of the record of the case. The secrets of *K K Γ* and of the occult Browning Society might be read by any who were curious in such matters.

Here was a new offence. The Council withdrew its former charges and notified the chapter that at the convention to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, August 23 to 30, it should vote on the withdrawal of the charter of the chapter on the grounds that there was a lack of proper material for the maintenance of the chapter, that the chapter had published the constitution, and that it had revealed to non-members the official letters and documents of the fraternity.

This notice came in vacation. Some members of the chapter appeared at convention and when the Council met to consider the charges entered a protest against the withdrawal of the charter and demanded to be confronted with the witnesses and the evidence. The Grand Council fearing that there was concealed legal dynamite in the 'protest,' refused either to overrule or sustain it, and proceeded to vote to withdraw the charter, and to submit the question to the chapters,—over two-thirds of which voted also to withdraw the charter.

Once more the chapter appealed to the law. A new complaint was served, together with a temporary injunction, upon the New York member of the Council. This injunction forbade any further action in the matter, the publication of the action already taken in *The Key* (the *K K Γ* periodical) or the omission

of the Beta Beta Chapter from the list of chapters in good standing. It may be noted that the editor of *The Key* evaded the last clause by dropping altogether from her publication the list of the chapters.

This second action was tried and heard before Judge Russell, of the Supreme Court, on March 3, 1899. The evidence given by the chapter and by the New York member of the council accorded substantially with the statements set out above. A notable incident, however, was the introduction into the evidence by the counsel for the defendant of the constitution of *K K Γ* in force in 1881 and at subsequent periods. Thus, while the chapter was being tried for divulging the constitution, the attorney for the Grand Council put the whole constitution in evidence.

The case was tried by L. P. Hale, district attorney of St. Lawrence County, for the chapter and by E. A. Denton, of Halliday & Denton, of Ithaca, for the defendant. At this writing the decision of Judge Russell has not been handed down.

The points of law involved in the second action seem to be whether any property right is involved so that the aid of a court of equity may be invoked, and if so, whether proper steps, conformable to the laws of the society and of natural justice, have been taken to terminate the interests of the plaintiffs in these rights. It is to be observed that no one is to be deprived of her membership in the society; if she were, the question would not be without legal precedents. The charter is to be withdrawn without prejudice to existing membership; active members are deprived of the right to perpetuate the chapter, but lose no other rights as members of the fraternity; in effect the members of Beta Beta Chapter become non-active or graduate members.

There is an allegation by plaintiffs that the chapter has a property interest in certain property managed by the Grand Council, namely, the fraternity periodical, catalogue and archives. This may satisfy the requirement that there should be a property right involved. Perhaps the case nearest in point is that of *Wellenvoss v. Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias* (Ky. 1898,) reported in 45 *Southwestern Reporter*, 360, and in 40 *Lawyer's Reports Annotated*, 488. But in that case the only remedy asked was that the Grand Lodge should admit Wellenvoss to its meetings as a repre-

representative of his local lodge. The court held that there was no proper allegation that any property right was involved and that it did not appear that the local lodge was denied representation but only that Wellenvoss was not received as its representative. In this case the chapter is not only denied representation but is to be extinguished.

The question may well be raised whether the charter granted by the *K K T* society to the chapter is not, itself, a species of property. It is a franchise granted by the society and accepted and acted upon by the chapter, giving to the latter the authority to receive members, collect initiation fees and dues, and exercise all the usual powers of a chapter so long as it conforms to the rules and usages of the society. The charter members and their successors become vested with a valuable franchise which may justly be regarded as more than a bare license revocable at will. It would seem, therefore, that a chapter charter could be annulled only upon cause shown, and that such cause must be some breach of the rules and usages of the society.

Whether the annexing of the constitution to the complaint is such a breach, presents a question of considerable nicety. There is a dilemma. If the chapter does not annex the constitution to the complaint, it may not be able to make a case; if it does, it will offend against a rule of the society, and then be subjected to the very penalty it is seeking to avoid. This difficulty is one of the most interesting of the questions which the court will have to decide.

It is possible that after all the case may be decided upon some technicality that will make it unnecessary to pass upon these two interesting questions.

It is to be hoped, however, that the decision will cover these points squarely, and give to the fraternity world a judicial pronouncement upon the legal rights of a chapter and the manner in which they may be lawfully terminated. All fraternity members must be deeply interested in these questions. The whole system of fraternity government must depend, to some extent, upon the answer returned to them. If, once vested with charter rights, a chapter may continue to exercise them until legal grounds for their withdrawal can be shown, fraternities will need to be more

careful than many of them have been in the past, to make sure that the chapter thus created will be able to maintain a standard satisfactory to the fraternity as a whole. It is obvious that a chapter may in fact be unsatisfactory without committing any fault which can be recognized as a legal ground for the withdrawal of a charter.



INTER-FRATERNITY SECRET SOCIETIES

At its convention in 1897 the Kappa Alpha Fraternity (Southern) passed stringent legislation prohibiting its members from joining any other secret college society. This action of Kappa Alpha, in view of the conditions at various institutions where it was active, was somewhat, perhaps very, radical. It is not strange, therefore, that a movement is on foot among some of its chapters, to repeal or modify the law of '97. This movement leads a contributor (H. S. Risley) to print in the March number of the Kappa Alpha *Journal* an extended and cogent argument against the proposed reactionary legislation. As this question is certain to become a very important one in fraternity polity everywhere and as the exact relation between the Greek letter fraternity and the local secret college society is admirably stated by Mr. Risley, it will interest all fraternity men to see this reprint of the main portion of his article :

"It might be well at this point, before any attempt is made to analyze the present trend of fraternity development, to point out the distinctive and vital difference between the ordinary local secret societies organized at our various colleges and the various general fraternities.

"The general fraternity performs outside of its higher mission a certain developing labor. They usually initiate a man in his freshman year when his future college life is problematical ; he may turn out well or he may not. If he is of fairly good address

and well recommended, so great is the fraternity rivalry that he is very certain to be asked by several fraternities and to make his choice long before he has taken any very active part in college life, before he has been classified by his fellow students. Thus, of course each fraternity must take certain chances in each initiation. Their tact and ability to judge human nature go far, and they must resolve that their initiates shall develop along the lines in which they will most excel. The local organization has none of this to do. They never initiate a man until he has achieved a certain distinction in college life. Then they live and thrive on the labor which has been expended by the general fraternity—'reaping where they have not sown.'

"To the average fraternity man, membership in these secret societies seems perfectly harmless. It is simply an effort, he will say, to bring together under a certain ban of secrecy, so dear to the collegian, the older and more congenial spirits of the various fraternities, and he would indignantly deny that it in any way militated against his allegiance to his fraternity which he really thinks is first in his affections. But he forgets that he owes something more than a merely formal obedience to his chapter. The very friendship and advice which the senior members of his chapter extended to him when a young initiate is a solemn obligation, which he dare not shirk and which he must extend to those who are but novices in college life now that his position is assured. The responsibility of their development is upon his shoulders as an older member of the Order, which has promised to contribute so much to the college life of the new initiate. He may urge that he is older now, that the crude views and immature companionship of the boyish freshmen are not so congenial to him as is the society of older men—of the men whom he meets in the senior secret society and that beyond a grasp of the hand he does not see that any very close association is necessary. 'Let him associate with the younger initiates,' he will say, 'and let me choose my friends from the older set.'

"It was on account of this sentiment that the law of our '97 Convention relating to certain of these societies was passed, and its passage proves beyond a doubt that K. A. realized the danger

of this movement among the collegians toward the local secret society and passed this law for the sake of self-preservation.

"The reasons for this movement are evident after a moment's inspection :

"1st. The senior society (under this head is included also the junior and sophomore secret organizations) recruits its membership from tried and proven men.

"2nd. The responsibilities and expenses of the local society are determined by the members directly and are for purely local purposes.

"There is another reason which has undoubtedly exercised a moulding influence upon fraternity men, and yet is of such an essentially selfish nature and so opposed to what may be believed to be the high ideal of fraternity taught by most general orders that it is with a certain reservation that it is mentioned ; the reservation that one can hardly believe the members or those who desire to be members of these societies, themselves conscious of its influence. It is :

"3rd. Membership in these organizations, which on account of their parasitic character, are felt to be more exclusive than the general fraternity, carries in its very secrecy and closer selection, a certain importance and respect which differentiates their members from the remainder of their chapters.

"It is this very evil which causes the immediate danger by which the Greek world is threatened. Not only is the apathy of the older members a powerful factor in the decay of a chapter, but this feeling that there are certain of the chapter admitted to orders which the others cannot join and which are so exclusive that the name of the society itself is not mentioned to an outsider, is a direct and active agent toward destroying a true brotherly congeniality and an attack upon the vital principle of fraternity. The crucial importance of this danger cannot be overestimated by the Greek world.

"That Kappa Alpha and Kappa Alpha alone has taken a decided stand in this crisis is a fact of which we should be justly proud. We have announced our belief that the principles upon which our Order are founded are of a more enduring character, than those embodied in any local parasite organization. We have

declared that a congeniality can be built upon our principles which will satisfy a student's whole college life, and we have demanded of our older brothers that they discharge to the younger element of their chapter the obligation which they owe them and their fraternity.

"It is strange that this danger, so glaringly apparent, has not been foreseen by the whole Greek world. Every day that passes witnesses an increase in strength and number of these local clubs, yet the fraternities as a rule have failed to take any active steps toward restricting their membership and seem blind to the fact that not only their future prosperity, but the very existence of their chapters is threatened by this growing evil. Some are unfortunately so deeply entangled, their vitality diminished and their ranks decimated, that it would be impossible for them to take an aggressive stand and others seem absolutely unaware of their danger. Certainly this anomalous state of affairs cannot continue very long. Either the fraternities must take active steps toward preventing their members from joining these societies or else they must be content to see their chapters become mere training schools for the local secret societies and the whole fraternity system, if not destroyed, at least relegated to a position of very secondary importance in college life.

"With Kappa Alpha the question has been settled and should never be opened again. In the old days before the local secret society became a power, our broad principles and devoted enthusiasm bore our banner from college to college until we successfully occupied every stronghold in the South. The highest thing we can stand for is a true fraternal spirit, a bond that shall suffice to give each of our brothers all the good that can be drawn from a college life. The most remote attack upon this is a threat to the whole fabric of our fraternity. Our obligations, our services, everything, in short, which is an integral part of our Order is devoted to upbuilding and strengthening this feeling and we should make any and every sacrifice to preserve it.

"Having once taken our stand and adopted a definite policy in this matter, it is now the time for us to prove that Kappa Alpha is 'sufficient unto itself' and that it can and does prosper without reference to or the permission of any local society. It is

the fiery furnace through which the gold of our fraternal love and devotion must pass before it can be determined to be pure and without dross or alloy.

"Certainly we have existed, nay prospered, as never before even while this law has been in force; let us not permit the '99 convention to undo the good work which its predecessor performed and thus announce to all that we would not stand alone, but rather let us still maintain the high position we have assumed, and true and loyal to our Order, rest on its principles alone, and be devoted only to its trust—for thus and thus only can we avert from ourselves the certain fate which must sooner or later overwhelm and destroy the present fraternity system."

The attitude of Kappa Alpha toward the local college secret society is the attitude of several fraternities toward other chartered college secret societies. Indeed, it is not clear that Kappa Alpha is entirely unique in its attitude toward the local secret societies. At least in some universities, some fraternities prohibit their members from joining any other secret college society, local or chartered, and in at least one prominent university similar action has very recently been taken by the chapters of several leading fraternities. It is therefore not improbable that the action which Kappa Alpha took in 1897 is merely a part of a wider movement which is quietly taking place throughout the fraternity world. The Theta Nu Epsilon sophomore society has been practically killed at some universities by the action of the leading fraternities in forbidding their members to join it. Yet in these same universities the junior and senior secret societies have been, at least until recently, recruited mainly from the fraternities, and it is probably the fact that the members of these secret class societies devote as much thought and energy to them as to their fraternities.

That the matter is not of concern to Kappa Alpha alone is shown by the fact that the January number of the *Phi Kappa Psi Shield* contained a signed article upon "Inter-Fraternity Class Societies" the conclusion of which is that "these inter-fraternity class organizations are of no advantage, but of positive disadvantage, and certainly ought to be discouraged." The May number

of the Sigma Chi *Quarterly* also contains a strong article against Theta Nu Epsilon.

The question is really one of general fraternity policy, though it will probably have to be solved by the independent action or inaction of each fraternity that may be affected by the existing conditions. Those fraternities that have seen no impropriety in permitting their members to belong to other Greek letter fraternities would probably raise no objections to the local secret societies. But those that deem it impolitic to permit their members to join other Greek letter fraternities may logically enough conclude that it is equally unwise to permit them to join any other secret college society, whether chartered or local, whether its object be ostensibly to foster "college spirit" or to unite its members into an "honorary" brotherhood of distinguished collegians.

The whole matter ought to be discussed calmly and rationally, with the sole purpose of reaching a conclusion which shall conserve the interests of the fraternities without unduly interfering with the commendable spirit of inter-fraternity good-fellowship. Much advance has been made in recent years toward a better understanding among rival fraternities and closer friendship among their members. This must not be lost. In any movement looking toward the limitation of membership in college to one secret college society, there should be some substitute provided for the present secret class societies. These have, in a way, brought together the members of different fraternities and aided in breaking down old worn-out notions of the essential superiority of one fraternity over another. In other words they have helped to kill one species of college snobbery. That they have tended to build up another, perhaps more objectionable, species, has often been charged and has not, perhaps, been successfully refuted.

On the whole, it is better to have a large number of Greeks get together than a small number. If all the Greek seniors were to meet occasionally in a senior club for the purpose of social intercourse and the exchange of views, much more good would result to the college and to the common interests, than can result from the meeting in secret conclave, under the ban of oaths and ceremonies, of a few "prominent" Greeks. If to such a club were admitted a considerable number of non-Greeks, the results would be all the more beneficial.

EDITORIAL

The duty of every active member is to be prompt in returning to his college or university next fall and to be zealous in working to secure desirable men for his charge. The duty of every graduate member is to inform any charge of the coming of any freshman who ought to receive consideration. If the graduate does his duty and the undergraduate does his, next year ought to show an advance upon any of its predecessors.

A word to the charges. THE SHIELD is your official organ. It is managed primarily in your interests. It is intended to aid you in holding the sympathy and support of your graduates. But for you and your interests it would cease to exist. It merits therefore your earnest and loyal assistance. No unreasonable demands will ever be made upon you. The demands that are made are absolutely necessary to the success of the periodical, and when made call for prompt and effective attention. If you will give this, your periodical can be made self-sustaining, a credit to the fraternity, and an effective means of advancing charge and fraternity interests. If you are indifferent or careless, the periodical will be a failure financially and will be a burden and not a help to the fraternity.

These observations are called forth by the failure of a few charges to respond without repeated notices to some of the requests of the present management. Four charges had to be notified three separate times before they sent in their charge rolls for the mailing list, and the inconvenience and delay added materially to the burdens voluntarily borne by the management. Some charges have not sent in their charge letters for this issue at this writing, although they received in due season a notice that all letters should be sent in not later than May 27th. Some charges have never responded to the request that they make an organized effort to secure graduate subscriptions among their own alumni, although the last convention voted that they should do so and the

present management re-inforced the admonition by two separate communications.

Such negligence is in sharp contrast with the loyal and efficient support rendered by some of the charges. It has been a keen pleasure and a constant encouragement to note the promptness and hearty cooperation of the officers and members of a considerable number of charges—in fact the larger number of charges. In the hurry and anxiety of getting out the first issue in the short period after the trust was accepted this loyal support was the mainstay of the management. Without it, the issue would have been delayed far beyond its publication day and the editor would have felt that his task was not only thankless but useless. This support has continued with unabated zeal and has rendered the preparation of this issue a comparatively easy undertaking. It is only just to extend to these supporting charges the grateful thanks of the management.

To a considerable number of graduate brothers like hearty thanks are due. Scattered over the country from Maine to California are numerous voluntary associates whose thoughtfulness has brought to the editorial rooms many items of fraternity news and many needed subscriptions. Some of these brothers have done far more than any one could have had the hardihood to ask of them, have done it generously and unobtrusively, and in a spirit of single-hearted devotion and kindly helpfulness. To these good brothers the editor wishes to make known his appreciation of their services. It has been impossible to make personal acknowledgment in all cases, but they have understood this and have continued their cooperation without abatement. Such a spirit has been a revelation of the strength of the fraternity tie, and a constant source of inspiration. Added to the undergraduate support it means that THE SHIELD is to be in the true sense the articulate voice of the fraternity.

The fraternity is in urgent need of a new catalogue. This fact has been brought home by the attempt to reach all of the

graduate members in the interests of THE SHIELD. The last catalogue was published in 1895. It included the active members then initiated down to the class of '98. By next January the initiations from the class of 1903 will be nearly complete. Thus four classes will have graduated and four new classes will have been added since the present catalogue was published. This fact, together with the many changes in addresses of members of earlier classes, renders the '95 catalogue an untrustworthy guide especially for the classes of the last ten years whose members are likely to make changes of residence. This need ought to be speedily supplied. All that is required is an address book, compactly and inexpensively printed, which can be sold for a very moderate price. The main labor would be, of course, the securing of the present addresses. This has already been partly accomplished by the Custodian of the Archives. If it can be completed, THE SHIELD will undertake the financial responsibility of publication.

Meanwhile it is planned to present in the September issue a supplement to the '95 catalogue which shall show the members initiated since that catalogue was published. To this end the Secretary of the Grand Lodge has called upon each charge to prepare and send in its list of initiates, with their addresses. There ought to be no delay about this. It should have been done before the charges adjourned for the summer vacation. It has been by many, perhaps by all. If, however, any charge has neglected its duty in this respect it will simply have to be omitted from the supplement and its graduates will know where to fix the blame. This list will enable the work on a new catalogue to go forward rapidly next year and by the time that convention meets the catalogue ought to be ready. The initiates of next year can be included and the grand total to 1900 will appear, including all classes to 1903.

All Theta Deltis will remember the circumstances connected with the recovery in 1889 of the archives of the Epsilon charge of William and Mary through the courtesy of a Phi Theta Alpha Greek at the University of Virginia. An account of it appears in

the Memorial History at pages 122 to 124. By another singular combination of circumstances there has just passed into the hands of the President of the Grand Lodge another constitution formerly in the keeping of the old Epsilon which bears every evidence of being the original. It is probable that the one recovered in 1889 was a copy and that the one now recovered in 1899 is the original. An investigation is now on foot to discover how and where it was mislaid. When the investigation is completed the results will, if possible, be given to our readers. There is evidently an interesting story connected with the loss and recovery of the Epsilon Charge records.

In the Memorial History there are two pictures that are truly historical. The first is the house, No. 17 Front Street, Schenectady, where Theta Delta Chi was born. The other is the Windsor Hotel in New York where it celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. The first still stands but the other was totally destroyed by fire on the 17th of last March. Aside from the Astor House, where the renaissance of the fraternity occurred after the civil war, from the years 1867 to 1873, and where the quarter-century celebration took place, no hotel has ever become so distinctly a Theta Delt home as the Windsor. It was, by a strange coincidence, opened in the very year in which we passed our twenty-fifth milestone and was destroyed very soon after it had entertained us at our semi-centennial. That celebration was so successful and memorable that Theta Deltas will always recall the Windsor with affection and regret. In addition to this convention two others have been held at the Windsor, the thirty-eight in November, 1884, and the thirty-ninth in November, 1885. It was at these conventions that Carl Harstrom was first elected to the Grand Lodge, first as treasurer and the next year as secretary. The next time the convention met at the Windsor he was elected to his fifth term as president. The Windsor is now only a name but about it cluster some of the fondest memories of Theta Delta Chi.

The California petition, for the establishment of a charge at the University of California, has been denied by the adverse vote

of five charges, one of which has since, it is understood, reconsidered its action and voted in favor of the proposition. This result was not unexpected, although it is a serious disappointment to a very considerable body of alumni who have made themselves familiar with the conditions in California. We publish in this issue a letter from Bro. Hallock, Secretary of the Pacific Coast Graduate Association, which sets forth the attitude of the California graduates and the reasons that have induced them to favor the project. We bespeak for this communication a careful consideration by the members of the active charges. It is evident that the one controlling question involved is the question of policy. So far as the institution is concerned, or the character of the petitioners, there can hardly be room for two opinions. Everybody familiar with higher education in this country is aware that the University of California, and the Stanford University are now in the first rank of America universities, while the careful investigation of our California graduates is an ample assurance that the petitioners are worthy to be entrusted with a charter of Theta Delta Chi. The sole question, therefore, is whether we shall become a national fraternity. Upon that there is room for a difference of opinion, and it is evident that four of our charges are not yet convinced that such a course is wise. But seventeen charges, more than four-fifths of the whole number, have decided that it is wise and expedient. In view of this overwhelming preponderance of opinion, it would seem to be only a question of time when all the charges will decide in the affirmative. And such a decision, as was said in these pages in the March issue, would seem to be quite in accord with the inevitable tendency of the times. While there ought to be no undue haste and no compulsion of opinion, it is timely to consider whether, if a charter is ever to be granted to a charge on the Pacific coast, it is not wiser to grant it now when our graduates who are in the best position to understand the conditions have examined carefully all the questions involved and have, with few dissenting voices, decided that the occasion is ripe for action. With the reconvening of the charges in the fall it is evident that the matter will again be brought forward. It is to be hoped that all who are entrusted with the final decision, will give the matter a careful considera-

tion and will be ready act as shall then seem best for the welfare of the fraternity.

The main objection to becoming a national fraternity seems to arise from the doubt as to whether there could be an efficient administration of widely separated charges. That is, indeed, a matter of serious moment. It would certainly be unwise to launch a new charge in California unless means are provided for extending to it the same care and supervision now enjoyed by the other charges. But it is evident, upon a little reflection, that what seems a serious difficulty now will probably appear a few years later to have been only an opportunity for benefiting existing conditions. At present Minnesota is our westernmost charge. When Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin were added to the charge roll all previous conditions were radically changed. We had previously but one charge west of Central New York and Central Pennsylvania, and that was at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio. When we moved on to the northwest and into the Mississippi Valley, we ceased to be an eastern fraternity and had to face new administrative questions. That they have been vigorously met and handled no one familiar with fraternity history can doubt. But the solution has involved added expense and an added burden upon administrative officers. Even now the matter is open for discussion whether it would not be wiser to adopt some system of district government under the central control of the Grand Lodge and thus relieve the latter body of the necessity of attending personally to some of the routine work of charge supervision. With extension to California this would become absolutely necessary. The Pacific district would have to be put under the local supervision of a deputy, subject, of course, to the ultimate control of the Grand Lodge. It would then be but natural to put the three northwestern charges under a like local supervision. Whether additional districts would be desirable could be decided in the light of experience. With a Grand Lodge President in the east and with two of his deputies, chosen by him for their experience, devotion and fitness, in the northwest and the far west, the present administrative machinery, so far from being weakened, would be actually strengthened and rendered more ef-

fective. Thoughtful observers have already foreshadowed such a change, even if no more western charges are added. The addition of a charge in California would simply bring sharply to the front the necessity for such an extension of the administrative department. It appears, indeed, from the report of the President to the last convention, that the official visit to some charges was made last year by a deputy appointed by the President. It is but a step to the appointment of a deputy who shall for a whole term have the immediate supervision of certain charges, and whose presence, when needed, can be had upon short notice without too great a sacrifice of time or money.

A correspondent, Brother E. C. Chamberlain, M.D., Phi, '93, of New York, writes as follows :

May I suggest a plan which I feel sure will meet with hearty approval from many brothers. Next summer every Theta Delt who can afford it will be at the Paris Exposition. Is it not possible to arrange it in advance so that all Theta Delts, or perhaps fraternity men in general, might meet together at a hotel or some good American boarding house. There will be many fraternity men traveling alone and it will be most fortunate if some arrangement could be made so that the above suggestion might be carried out. If you think well of this idea it is not too early to bring it before the fraternity.

The plan suggested is an admirable one, and THE SHIELD will be glad to receive further suggestions as to the execution of it. The earlier the matter is decided the more extended can be the notification as to the Theta Delt headquarters in Paris. Will not the brothers who are familiar with the conditions, or who are in a position to acquire the necessary information, submit their views for publication ?

Gamma Deuteron and Epsilon Deuteron are to be congratulated upon coming into possession of new chapter houses. Each seems to have bettered itself in every aspect and to have put itself well to the front at Michigan and Yale in the matter of suitable house accommodations. It is of moment to the whole fraternity that each charge should be housed in a befitting style. This does not mean that it should be expensively housed, or in any case,

that it should be tempted into extravagance. But a wise expenditure for chapter house purpose will bring in an ample return in social standing and social enjoyments. This is recognized by all observers of current fraternity history, and graduates of the earlier days need to be awakened to the fact that conditions have materially changed since they were in college. It is often of great importance to a charge that its graduates should cooperate in securing a suitable chapter house. The graduate ought to respond to any appeal for assistance, not in the light of his college experience, but in that of the existing conditions. Let him go back and study the situation if he can ; if he cannot, let him take the word of the graduates who have had an opportunity to keep in touch with affairs.

In order to complete a file of *THE SHIELD* the following numbers are wanting : Vol. V, Nos. 1 and 2 ; Vol. VI, Nos. 2 and 3. If any brother can supply these numbers, or the whole of volumes V and VI, any reasonable sum will be paid for them.

It is also desired to collect the printed proceedings of conventions prior to the establishment of *THE SHIELD*. The following are already in hand : 26th Convention (1873), 31st Convention (1878), 32d Convention (1878), 33d Convention (1879), 34th Convention (1880), 35th Convention (1881), 36th Convention (1882). Anyone having the proceedings of other years will confer a great favor by informing *THE SHIELD*.

Subscribers are again reminded that the rules recently adopted by the New York clearing house make it necessary to add to personal checks the cost of collection.

CHARGE LETTERS

BETA.—Cornell University

Since the last issue of *THE SHIELD* Beta's affairs have been progressing in every way.

Brother E. S. Smith, '99, who is manager of the 'Varsity baseball team, has taken such good care of its interests that we hope baseball will be put on a paying basis this year—a condition of affairs that has not existed here at Cornell for a long time.

Brother C. A. Stevens, '00, who has been on the board of *The Daily Sun* for the last two years, has been elected editor-in-chief for next year. We feel sure we shall have a good "daily" as Brother Stevens was editor-in-chief of the 1900 *Cornellian*, which has just come out, and has been pronounced equal if not superior to any previous Year Book published at Cornell.

We are represented in the 1901 *Cornellian* Board by Brother W. H. Baker, '01.

All the old Beta brothers know what it means to make Sphinx Head, the senior honorary society, and will be as proud as we are to hear that we have two men from the coming senior class in that society—Brother C. A. Stevens and Brother J. B. Nolan.

On the '86 Memorial oratorical stage we were represented by Brother J. B. Nolan, '00, and Brother J. H. Wilson, '00. This was Brother Wilson's first appearance as a speaker at Cornell but Brother Nolan won the "'94 Memorial" debate and was on the team that debated with the University of Pennsylvania in February.

Brother A. B. Morrison, '01, is playing sub. on the baseball team.

During senior week, which begins the nineteenth of June, we expect to have a house party. We give our dance on the twenty-second.

Nineteen of us will be back a week or two before the University opens in the fall to start the rushing and get the pick

of 1903, in which class we have one man pledged, Mr. Frank Walter, of Chicago, who is a brother of "Phil" Walter, B '98.

C. CASSELS ATWOOD.

GAMMA DEUTERON.—University of Michigan

In this, our last letter for the college year, the principal items of interest in Gamma Deuteron are the new house which she has recently purchased, and our prospect for new men next year.

The property which we have, very fortunately, been able to obtain, is almost ideal in location and appearance, and the house is most admirably fitted for fraternity purposes. The house, though old, is admirably preserved and is large enough to accommodate twenty men. The parlors are large and convenient and they together with a fine lawn have already set our minds agog with visions of dancing parties and lawn fêtes.

The place, although leased for the present, is practically bought, the title being held by an association formed of Gamma Deuteron alumni in Detroit. The builder and late owner of the place have given to it an esteem and prestige that is more than enviable. Dr. Frieze, who for years held a chair in the University, in his time undoubtedly was the most prominent man on the faculty. Dr. Nancrede, who now occupies the place, is Professor of Surgery in the Medical College and is a very able and eminent man. These facts together with the natural beauty of the place make it especially desirable.

The taking of our new house will necessitate a small increase in our usual number of active members. But with view to this we have by conservative rushing already pledged three men for next year. These with the returning brothers will give us about sixteen men to start with and by drawing the usual quota from the incoming class our numbers will be amply sufficient.

In a political way there has been but little stirring at Michigan, and consequently I have few honors to report for Gamma Deuteron. Brother Herbert Moris is captain of the freshman baseball team and Brother Ralph Bidwell, '02, is catcher upon the

same. Brother Charles Morey, '99, recently presented a paper of original research before the Philological Society of the University, which is rather an unusual honor for an undergraduate. The University Comedy Club gave "A Night Off," in Detroit recently and judging from the press notices, Brother Richard Sutphen, '97 Lit., '00 Law, who played a leading part, made quite a hit. Brother Moris, '02, was property-man of the company. Brother Ross Whitman, '95 Lit., '99 Medic., the veteran of the charge, having been an active member almost from its foundation, leaves us this year. He has a position as physician in an asylum for the insane in Worcester, Massachusetts.

We will lose this year, by graduation and other causes, six men: Brother Ross Whitman from the medical department, Brother Frank Savage, '98, who has been taking post graduate work in Civil Engineering; Brother Frank Arbuckle, '99; Brother Charles Morey who expects to return, however; Brother Phillip Thomas, '99, of the dental department, and Brother Carl Green, '99. It is needless to say that this loss will be a severe one and only to be made up for by more earnest effort on the part of the remaining members.

On the evening of May 27th we had a most enthusiastic reunion of neighboring alumni, about ten of our graduate brothers from Detroit, Jackson and Lansing being present. Although there have been many similar meetings in the past this one will undoubtedly lead to a permanent alumni association whose object will be to keep up close relations between the charge and its alumni.

We have had very pleasant visits from brothers of other charges among which were those of Brother Kendall, Beta, '78, of Chicago, Brother Cole, '93, (of our own charge) who is arch-deacon of the diocese in Crawfordsville, Indiana; Brother Woodruff, Chi, '98, and Brother McPeck, ex-'00, of Charlotte, Michigan. Brother Ned Warner, '93, of Jackson, and Frank Van Tuyl, '95, of Ypsilanti, together with our graduate brothers in Detroit are with us very often. For the past few days we have been enjoying an excellent treat in the way of our annual visit from Brother Norman Hackett, ex-'98. Brother Hackett seems to carry an inexhaustible fund of genuine fraternity enthusiasm about with

him and we all feel renewed in fraternity interests and zeal by his visits.

HERMAN C STEVENS.

EPSILON DEUTERON.—Yale University

The past term has been a most eventful one for the Epsilon charge. On May 1st the house at 36 Elm street which has been our headquarters for more than ten years was vacated and a new location was taken up at 128 Wall street. From every stand point the change was a wise one. The new building is a substantial red brick house, finished with hard wood floors, open fire places, and many other desirable features. On the main floor are two front parlors, a card room and a kitchen, while on the two upper stories are spacious rooms for the brothers. But its situation alone makes it a much more satisfactory place than the former one. It lies in the very heart of the college district thus making it easier to "rush" men, and more convenient for those who live there.

On the eve of moving, a number of graduates came back to congratulate us on the fortunate step we were about to take and at the same time bid good bye to old "36."

In place of a house warming we gave a coaching party as soon as the new rooms had been put in shape. Fourteen young ladies accompanied by the brothers and two chaperons (beg their pardon for putting them last) were packed on a tally ho and rolled over the country until the midnight hour was at hand when they returned to the charge house and were entertained by dancing and refreshments.

The strength of the charge has increased very much since the opening of college, both by the addition of good men and by the general progress of affairs.

Brother Raymond G. Clapp, '99, won the all-round-college-gymnast championship of United States and Canada, and incidentally forty-four silver cups and over twenty medals.

We have taken in but one new man, Brother George S. MacDonald, 1901, whom we herewith introduce to the fraternity.

As the year draws to a close, and athletic events, social gatherings and examinations crowd upon us there seems to be but little time for self consideration. We only know that Epsilon Deuteron has passed a successful year and that the future is encouraging, and that there is a store of energy and enthusiasm to be expended.

In conclusion we bid good-bye to all the brothers, trusting that each may enjoy a pleasant vacation. There is always a genuine Yale welcome to every Theta Delt who will spend a day with us.

JAMES E. MCINTYRE, '99.

ZETA.—Brown University

The spring term at Brown is drawing to its close and Zeta is looking forward to it more with regret than gladness. In our senior delegation we lose men whom we can hardly spare, but we shall make strenuous efforts to get a large and strong delegation from 1903. Brothers C. A. Hull, G. H. Davis, R. K. Lyons and J. C. Chase, all of '99, have been mainstays throughout their course and we wish them success in their future undertakings. We are in hopes, however, of having Brother Lyons with us again next year as a post-graduate. We are also sorry to lose Brother Ray Hood, '02, who insists on going to Massachusetts Institute of Technology next year.

The "hot" celebration of our victory over Princeton is no doubt familiar to many through the papers, which have so kindly criticised and exaggerated it. In spite of criticism, however, many disinterested people feel free to say that they wouldn't have missed it for the world.

There is no time in the college year when we have more to divert our minds than in the spring. Ball games, canoeing, wheeling and walking, all help to entertain and keep us from our studies. Examinations are almost upon us now and there will be unusual diligence shown in college work for the next few weeks. Bro. A. M. Newman, '01, our sole representative on the

team this year, thus far holds the highest batting average on the team. Brother Lyons, '99, represented us on the track team which went to Worcester last week. Brother A. Ladd, ex-'99, Providence, has lately presented a finely framed picture of the charge, which now ornaments our walls.

We were rather unlucky this year in our drawing of rooms for the class-day spread and so will serve light refreshments in our own rooms, Nos. 3 and 4 Slater Hall. *The Liber Brunensis*, our college annual, which appeared about the middle of May, has some very good hits and is ornamented with a very attractive cover.

It is reported that Brown's President has at last been selected in Rev. W. H. P. Faunce of New York and we feel thankful that we are again to have a head. Zeta has had several short visits from neighboring brothers this term and we shall be pleased to have them made oftener and longer.

C. H. GILMORE.

ETA.—Bowdoin College

The brothers of Eta, with little regard to the feelings of her brothers at large, have been indiscreet enough to re-elect me as charge editor for the ensuing year. While I heartily sympathize with my readers, I am glad to render what small service I am able. It is with a good deal of pleasure that I start out upon my second "lap" in this capacity.

The one dark blot upon our horizon this year has been the loss of success of our ball team. When we started out this spring our prospects were bright for a winning team, but as yet we have played with but ill success. It is not my purpose to stand on the "side line" and criticise, for we realize that none feel their defeats more than the members of the team themselves. Early in the season Captain Bacon was obliged to withdraw from the game on account of a dislocated shoulder. As yet we have played but two league games, both of which have been victories for Bowdoin. We confidently hope and trust that the im-

petus given to athletics by our track team, will stir the members of the ball team to new life and enthusiasm.

By far the greatest event that ever happened within the history of Bowdoin, is the recent victory of our athletic team at Worcester. Coming as it did, a complete surprise to even the warmest enthusiast of the college, it has given to track athletics such a "boost" as nothing else in creation could have done. While we are not "swell headed" over the event, at the same time, we feel, and justly it seems to us that we have done a thing for which every Bowdoin man should be proud. We have proven our claim to a place among the larger colleges of New England and have at last attained that position for which we have been faithfully contending, for seven years.

Enthusiasm this year in tennis has been quite marked. A new interest has been taken in the game because of the fact that for the first time, Bowdoin is to send a tennis team to Burlington, where she is to contend with the University of Vermont.

It is with a mingled sense of joy and sadness that we look forward to commencement ; with joy because it is the gala week of the term, with sadness because it will mark the time when we must say good-bye to our senior brothers, who have, perhaps more than any other delegation in her charge, wound themselves around the hearts of the members of the lower classmen. It is needless to say, that as they stand upon the threshold, about to plunge out into "the wide, wide world of sorrow" that our best wishes go with them, wherever they may be. Brother W. H. Smith has already left us and Brother W. T. Merrill goes the first of June. The remaining brothers of the delegation are Brothers R. S. Cleaves, C. V. Woodbury, L. P. Libby, R. M. Greenlaw, W. D. Stockbridge, L. L. Cleaves and P. C. Hoskell.

We received a very pleasant call from Brother John Morse, '97, the first of the week, who came down to help us celebrate.

Strictly fraternity news, being somewhat scarce this month, I have tried the experiment of giving the brother alumni what, to my mind, would be interesting to them. How well I have succeeded I shall find out when the next SHIELD puts in an appearance.

H. A. SHOREY, JR.

IOTA.—Harvard University

Harvard is now in the vortex of final examinations. Hopes and fears have driven away remembrance of the days before the spring recess when college men lived the useful life of making Boston society really happy. Now and again we entertain the suburbs of Cambridge by a base ball victory, but not often, and the atmosphere that surrounds Iota charge is not enlivening. Work is not without reward and when the grades for the year come out our faces will resume the accustomed brightness.

We shall find time to administer dire defeat on the diamond to our brothers of Kappa charge. This would not be expected, in view of last year's score, but Brother W. F. Porter, '00, did not guide the destinies of his eight associates in that game.

The charge has attained prominence in many ways this spring, although the competition in athletic sports has been unusually severe. Brother J. T. Harrington, '99, now wears the H. of the track team. This was gained by winning second place in the broad jump at New Haven, in the Yale-Harvard games. Brother G. H. Breed, '99, was a member of the victorious team which represented Harvard at the meet of the New York Amateur Fencers' League. He has distinguished himself many times this year in Boston and elsewhere and is, perhaps, the best fencer in college.

We have also had success in the intellectual activities of college life. Brother J. A. H. Keith, '99, was a member of the victorious Yale-Harvard debating team and was considered the strongest man of a very strong team. The coach of these debaters was Brother A. P. Stone, '93, who is now practicing law in Boston. A short time ago Brother Keith was awarded a Bowdoin prize for an essay in economics. He has also been elected to the Phi Beta Kappa.

The annual pool tournament was won by Brother H. W. Mason, '00. Brother Archer was a close second.

Brother Converse, who was with us last year, is applying his exceptional administrative talent in the toy business at Winchendon, Mass.

We are sorry to lose Brother E. R. Fay, who has entered business at Danbury, Conn. We hope to have him with us next year.

Brother Greene has become an expert at golf. Several of the brothers are envious of his success and are giving much time to the game.

We are happy to announce that since our last letter we have welcomed to Theta Delta Chi, Brother Roger Flint, 1901.

O. D. CRILLY

IOTA DEUTERON.—Williams College

We are now in the midst of the most delightful season of the year at Williams, when we are willing to claim that our Berkshire Valley is as ideal a location for a college as any in the land. The indoor amusements of winter are given up and it is the old story, always new, of long rambles over the hills, drives and bicycle trips along country roads, games of base ball and tennis, and long summer evenings whiled away on the piazza in talk and song; all of which are both the source and outgrowth of that spirit of fellowship for which a fraternity exists and for which Theta Delta Chi is preeminent.

The most important charge event this term has been our annual banquet in commemoration of the founding of Iota Deuteron, which was held here at the house, Saturday evening, April 22. We were sorry that no more of the alumni could be back, but those who did come were most heartily welcome. Brother Edmonds Putney, '96, came up from New York for the occasion and gave us a talk on "Our Fraternity," emphasizing especially the loyal spirit of the founders and early members of our charge, a spirit which Brother Putney himself has always shown. Brother E. V. Huntington, Iota, 1895, from his position as instructor was especially fitted to give us a toast on "The Faculty." We were pleased to be able to have with us also Brother W. H. Butler, Pi Deuteron ex-1893, who has come to Williamstown this year as pastor of the Congregational Church. Brothers C. J.

Russell, '96, and Henry R. Russell, Mu Deuteron, 1896, were present, the former adding much to our pleasure by his cornet solos. We shall remember this banquet as one of the most successful we have had.

Early in April the 1900 *Gul* appeared, of which Brother Gibbs, 1900, was one of the editors. This is one of the best annuals Williams has seen especially from an artistic standpoint, and no small share of credit is due to Brother Gibbs, whose work received the highest commendation of any at the hands of the critics.

Just now the college is looking forward eagerly to the "Thirtieth" with its attendant festivities, especially the Sophomore "Prom." which occurs Monday evening, May 29. Brothers G. V. Chandler and C. F. Osborn, 1901, are our representatives on the "Prom." committee, and a good number of the brothers are going to have girls up for the occasion.

As usual a large share of the fellows are at work on the different branches of athletics. Brother W. B. Putney, 1900, is out this year for the first time, running the hurdles, and is doing good work. Brother P. R. Dunbar, 1900, is in his usual good form in the high jump, having won first place in the preliminary meet and taking part in the Union Meet at Albany, which Williams won by 62 points. Brother H. C. Taylor, 1899, has been running the half mile. The loss of the Worcester Meet was of course very disappointing to Williams, especially since it was given to Bowdoin on a very questionable decision, but we are feeling confident of winning the Triangular Meet at Amherst on June 3.

In base ball Brother M. F. Dolph, 1901, captain of the sophomore team, has brought out a nine that seems likely to win the championship of the class series. Brother G. V. Chandler, 1901, holds his own in the pitcher's box and bids fair to become the best pitcher in the class league. On the senior team Brothers H. C. Taylor and W. C. Kellogg have taken their old places at short and third.

The 'varsity this year is putting up a strong style of game such as has not been seen here for several years and under the able guidance of Coach Ganzel is likely to carry off the pennant in the new Triangular League.

Through the efforts of the students and committee of the faculty an endowment fund of \$12,000 for the new Y. M. C. A. hall has been raised and work on the building has been begun. It is hoped to have the building ready for use before 1900.

We enjoyed a visit from Brother W. F. Williams, '97, and his bride early in the term and a call from Brother Booth, Iota, '96, who was on a tramp through the Berkshires.

Brother G. W. Hunter, '95, has accepted a position as teacher of biology in the Boys' High School in New York. His address is 330 West 55th Street, New York City. Brother P. H. Dater, 1896, has a new position in Greenwich, Connecticut, and Brother A. M. Parker, 1902, is in the office of the Y. M. C. A. at 502 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Brother J. W. Anderson, '92, has changed his address to 564 Henry Street, Brooklyn.

We are looking forward with pleasure to having Brother F. C. Ferry, '91, one of our charter members, with us next year as associate professor of mathematics, taking the place of Brother Huntington who will study abroad next year, and Brother Chas. J. Bullock, now at Cornell, as associate professor of political economy.

GEORGE H. HUNTINGTON.

KAPPA.—Tufts College

This is the season of annual college elections and here at Tufts nearly every day there has been some annual meeting and in many instances elections for the ensuing year. Following is a list of the prizes which have come to Kappa. :

Brother Wesley G. Humes, '01, was elected to the managership of the Musical Club but resigned and Brother Kingsbury Foster, '01, was chosen to fill his place.

There are several of the brothers serving in official base ball capacities, among them are Brother John P. Clark, '00, assistant base ball manager, and Brother Samuel S. Fiske, '02, has been playing third base on the 'varsity all the season. Brother Leslie D. Pierce, '01, captains his class team assisted by Brother M. L.

Burt, Zeta and Tufts, '01, who serves as manager. Brother George R. Kempton, '00, is captain and pitcher of the Tufts second team, and has among those who support him Brother Charles R. Marvin, '99, L. D. Pierce, '01, K. Foster, '01, and Charles E. Moore, '02. There have been several scrub teams formed in which quite a number of the brothers are actively interested and are having a good deal of sport.

Golf has had quite a boom here this spring; a club was formed and elected Brother Frank W. Knowlton, '99, president, Brother Thomas Whittimore, '94 Vice-President, and Brothers W. G. Humes, '01, L. M. Burt, '01, were elected to the board of directors.

At Worcester in the N. E. I. A. A. meet Brother Harry C. Turner represented Tufts in the broad jump.

Two out of four men chosen by the faculty to serve on the editorial staff of *The Tuftonian* are men from Kappa. They are Brother M. Boutelle, '01, and Brother Ray B. Manbert, '02.

Kappa is represented on the *Tufts Weekly* by Brother J. P. Clark, '00, editor-in-chief, while Brother W. G. Humes, '01, and Brother Richard B. Coolidge, '02, are associate editors.

The Tufts College Publishing Association chose Brother Ira R. Kent, '99. President. Brother H. K. Richardson, '02, was elected to the board of directors and is secretary of that board. Brother H. C. Turner, '01, will serve in the capacity of mailing clerk and Brother J. Otis Burrage as business manager.

Everything considered Kappa is taking a very active part in college affairs, there not being a half dozen men in the charge who are not serving in some manner, either the college or class or playing on an athletic team.

It gives us great pleasure to present to the fraternity at large Brother Horace Kindall Richardson, '02, of Medford, Mass., where he graduated from the High school.

May 26th, the charge house was again the scene of festivities; a very enjoyable house dance took place on the evening of that day.

Brother Thomas Whittimore, '94, is to spend the summer in London and Northern France.

Thursday, April 27th, Kappa held its annual Graduates'

Night and welcomed quite a number of graduates who favored us with speeches and stories of their college days.

With the departure of the class of '99, six loyal Theta Deltas sever their active connections with Kappa and we shall be forced to say good-bye to Brothers Ira Rich Kent, Ernest G. Marble, Charles R. Marvin, Harry L. Litchfield, Frank W. Knowlton and Edward Wellington Rich.

In closing allow me to introduce Brother Ray B. Manbert, '02, who will succeed me as charge editor on *THE SHIELD*.

JOHN OTIS BURRAGE.

LAMBDA.—Boston University

The third term of our college year is drawing to a close and we shall soon begin to study for our final "exams." Lambda has had a quiet term though a busy and pleasant one.

The German department of the University has given several entertainments in which Brother R. G. Clapp, James Davies, D. C. Dorchester, J. E. Lacount, H. P. Look and J. R. Shook, all of 1900, and Brother H. Dean Woodward, 1901, have taken parts. In the department of oratory several of the brothers were chosen as speakers in the recent recital.

At the annual men's club banquet Brothers G. B. Currier, '99, R. G. Clapp, 1900, W. E. Ennis, 1901, and Fred Webber, 1902, served on the committee.

Brother George L. Bradlee, 1902, was chosen to represent his class in the annual college social committee.

Lambda gave an informal musical at the charge rooms, No. 6 Ashburton Place, on the evening of April 25th. The affair was one of the most successful social events of the season.

Brother Allen A. Hartwell, '99, has been obliged to leave college owing to the death of his father.

We enjoyed a brief visit recently from Brother Clark of Kappa.

At Lambda's last meeting on Tuesday, May 22, we enjoyed one of our bean suppers. Several alumni and the visiting broth-

ers were with us among them being Brother Hatch Sterrett, Chi Deuteron '98, now studying at Harvard; Brother F. S. Baldwin, Ph.D., Lambda '80, and Brother Frank Marsh, Lambda, '98.

At commencement, June 7th, Lambda will lose some fine men. Brothers G. B. Currier, A. I. Oliver, H. P. Sheldon, Joseph R. H. Moore, Clifford G. Allen and Charles W. Wilder, Jr., all leave us to begin their struggle with the world. In them Lambda loses some men who have worked long and hard for her interests. May they meet with deserved success.

A. E. NOBLE.

MU DEUTERON.—Amherst College

When we returned this spring from our various dissipations we were delighted to welcome again to our charge Brothers Clark, '00, and Baker, '01, who were obliged to leave us last fall and spring respectively on account of illness, and thus with renewed zeal and membership we started out on our spring work. Soon we learned that Brother Cobb, '00, had been elected to first drawing $\Phi B K$ and rejoiced accordingly; then Brother Ballentine who, by the way, is next year's foot ball captain, distinguished himself by defeating all competitors in the strength test and now has the honor of ranking fifth in the list of collegiate strong men.

At a performance of the Senior Dramatics given recently we recognized the very clever work of Brother Flaherty, '99, in one of the leading feminine roles and swore off Smith for a week but then, alas, fell back into our old ways. It is strange but "Fussing" is the only course in Amherst at which the roll is not taken, yet rarely do we cut or get excused. Certainly a strong plea for the university system.

At the Worcester meet Brother Dudley, '00, was our only representative on the team and he won an easy second in the bicycle race, but we were strong in that humble but useful body known as "rooters" and it was not due to weak lungs that the banner waves elsewhere.

Our annual spring banquet will probably come in Commencement this year, as we want as many alumni back as possible and that is the best time to catch them.

We have been blest so far with fine weather and the piazza and tennis court have been crowded daily, while the gladsome "Tone" of those who have strange and unaccountable yearnings towards golf, oft strikes our ear mingled with the groans of the janitor as he sees our enthusiastic ball team practicing on the lawn. Books and their attendant miseries are thrown somewhat in the background and we enjoy to the utmost the pleasures open to us, pleasures that are marred only by the thought that as the days and weeks go by the end is drawing near and that when we return many of the old familiar faces and voices will be missing. The places they vacate will be hard to fill but we hope to get a crowd of freshmen that will be worthy of our fraternity and our departing delegations.

In closing Mu Deuteron wishes all the brothers a most pleasant and prosperous vacation.

CHESTER M. PRATT.

XI.—Hobart College

It is with mingled feelings of pride and hesitation that the new scribe of Xi takes up the editorial pen; with pride because he appreciates the honor of representing his charge on THE SHIELD and with hesitation because he is conscious of his inability to satisfactorily fill the place of his predecessor.

Three weeks more and the college year at Hobart will be a thing of the past. Every student is bracing himself for the final exams. and calculating his chances for being "busted out." It seems criminal that these nerve-racking exams. should come just at this time of the year, when studying is about the hardest job that a man can tackle.

We lose two of our best men this year by graduation, Brother Harry T. Moore and Brother Frank B. Blodgett. Both of these men have been leaders in college affairs and have occupied prominent places in athletics and society. We shall miss them very much when we come back next year.

The outlook for a large freshman class next year is very promising; so promising indeed that several of the "next-year's"

sophomores have already announced their intention not to go into any class "scraps." We have our eye on a number of men who expect to enter up, and we hope to be able to report some star men under our wing at the beginning of next year.

From an athletic standpoint, the season of '99 at Hobart has not been a "howling success." The lacrosse team was crippled by losing many of its best players last year; and, as it takes two or three years to learn to play the game "according to Gunter," it was impossible to get a team into satisfactory shape this season. However, the men are improving rapidly and will be able to hold their own next year. Brother Warner, '02, is playing on the team.

The base ball team forfeited all chance of winning the pennant by losing two games to Hamilton. Brother Lewis, '02, is holding down first base in fine shape and is rated one of the best players on the team. He stands first in batting average.

The Echo, the Hobart College Annual, made its appearance this week, and by the students is pronounced the handsomest and best gotten-up *Echo* ever published. Brother Graves, '00, and Brother Stettenbenz, '00, were connected with the editorial and business boards.

The long-postponed freshman banquet came off last week and was a decidedly successful affair. Brother Earl S. Warner, '02, was on the committee of arrangements and "your humble servant" responded to one of the toasts.

We were exceedingly pleased to meet Brother Pierre Cushing, '81, LeRoy, N. Y., who paid us a visit the first week in May. He was here attending the convocation of laymen and clergymen of Western New York, and incidentally spent a couple of days with us at our house.

We intend to give a reception and dance to our college and local friends the first week in June. We would be delighted to welcome any of the brothers from near-by charges who might find it convenient to join us in the festivities.

EDWIN B. ANDREWS

OMICRON DEUTERON.—Dartmouth College

Our college life this term has been almost entirely taken up with out of door sports, for which no place furnishes a better chance than Hanover, with its crisp New Hampshire air.

The golf fever has taken possession of the college. Brother Roberts, '00, has proven himself to be one of the finest players on the links. Tennis has also been very popular this spring and the brothers have made good use of the fraternity courts.

Baseball of course has been prominent and Dartmouth has cause to feel proud of her team. We have already won the last championship of the old triangular league with Amherst and Williams. Brown and Harvard have been among our victims, the former for two games.

Brother Cook, '00, has represented the charge on the team and has pitched some very effective games.

I am pleased to announce to the fraternity, the election of Brother Raphael, '01, as junior manager of the baseball team.

We were pleased to have with us last week Brothers Hatch and Walker, Mu Deuteron, who came to Hanover to attend the Amherst-Dartmouth games.

Brother Moody, '00, took second place in the two-mile run at the N. E. I. A. A. meet at Worcester. He expects to leave Dartmouth and to enter Harvard next fall.

Five of the junior delegation have been elected to senior societies. Brother Rogers, Brother Sprague and Brother Roberts, made Casque and Gauntlet, Brother Cook is among those elected to Sphinx and Brother Moody has been chosen a member of the Dragon.

Our examinations are upon us. The final meeting of Omicron Deuteron was made pleasant by a fine spread furnished by the seniors and juniors.

HARRY B. DAVIS.

PI DEUTERON.—College of the City of New York

Since the March SHIELD letter we have initiated four men from the freshman class, and beg to introduce to the fraternity

Brothers Chas. F. Tucker, Carl Schur, Robert M. Schmid and Harry A. Fisher, all of New York City. We also have several desirable men who are now in the sub-freshman class pledged for next year.

The annual spring games of the Athletic Association were held at Berkely Oval early in May and, as usual, our representatives carried off a large part of the honors. Brother Stratton, '99, was first in the 220 yard dash, first in the high jump and third in the 100 yard dash; Brother Holton, '99, was first in broad jump, second in the shot-put; Brother Moran, 1900, came in second in the half mile and third in the quarter, and Brother Fisher, '02, was second in the quarter.

Brothers Moran, 1900, Fisher, '02, Stratton, '99, Neidlinger, '99, Grassi, '99, and Holton, '99, are on the lacrosse team, and much of its good work this year is due to them. Brothers Tucker, '02, Holton, '99, and Stratton, '99, played on the baseball team.

The *Ninety-Nine Microcosm*, the college annual, will be issued early in June and promises to be the best annual ever published by the college. Brother Schmid, '99, is our representative on the board.

An important change in the college course will be made next year, which we feel certain will greatly raise the standard of the college. The preparatory course known as the sub-freshman class will hereafter consist of three years instead of one,—that is to say, graduates of the public schools of the city will have to take a course of three years either in the city high schools or in the sub-freshman class of the college before they can enter the college proper.

The commencement exercises will be held on June 22d at which time our six seniors, Brothers Wood, Mead, Stratton, Neidlinger, Schmid and Holton will receive their degrees. At the Columbia University commencement exercises held to-day Brother George W. Kosmak, ex '93, received an M.D. degree; Brother Henry E. Crampton, Jr., ex '93, the degree of Ph.D., and Brother Oscar Wagner, '96, the degree of LL.B.

NELSON P. MEAD.

RHO DEUTERON.—Columbia University

College work for the second term is now over and all that remains for the complete accomplishment of the duties of the college year is for us to count our A's and B's and plunge recklessly into the joys of commencement week. At this happy time a shadow of sadness sometimes falls upon us when we realize that the reopening of college in the autumn must find us without the companionship of three brothers whose claims on our admiration and love for a number of years have been growing steadily stronger. Brothers F. S. Dickerson and G. Ehret, Jr., will graduate with the class of '99, and Brother Rudolf Tombo, Jr., P. G., has laid plans to continue his study of the German language at the Universities of Jena and Heidelberg. Brothers Dickerson and Ehret are also going abroad and these three intend to meet in Germany and pursue their studies together for a year. Doubtless they will spend their time pleasantly and profitably, but we shall lose three leading spirits in matters of large interest, whose judgment was always respected. Brother Ehret is a candidate for final honors in German and served on the committee for the senior dance on April 21.

Brother A. B. Morrison, Pi Deuteron '97, took part in the presentation of "Cleopatra," the annual play by the University Musical Society. Brother Morrison, together with Brother J. B. Covert, had positions on the lacrosse team. We are represented on two of the college publications. Brother J. B. Smith, Jr., 1901, has been elected an associate editor of *The Columbia Spectator*, and Brother W. H. Schanck, 1901, is now on the staff of *The Morningside* and is doing some of the best illustrating in the University.

Our 'Varsity nine with Brother J. S. Kebler, 1900, behind the bat, has had a fairly successful season. Brother Kebler has played an almost errorless game throughout the season and under his guidance the 1900 team won the inter-class championship. In this game he filled the pitcher's box and knocked out eight men. Another exciting ball game was that between scrub teams from the "Deutscher Verein" and the "King's Crown" literary socie-

ties. Brother Rudolf Tombo, Jr., P. G., led the "Vereinners" on to victory by a comfortable margin of runs, ably assisted by Brother G. Ehret, Jr., '99, on second base and the other members of the club. Brother Tombo is executive chairman of the "Deutscher Verein" and when the German press club tendered a "Kommer's" to its members, Brother Tombo had a position of honor as "Fuchsmajor" and responded to the toast. In the new elections for offices Brother A. E. Cherouney, 1902, was made a member of the executive committee.

Yale, Princeton and Columbia met in the magnificent new Columbia gymnasium on March 13, to give a triple exhibition of gymnastic work, and the event proved the most successful of the indoor season. Brother A. B. De Young, 1901, law, captained the Columbia team and Brother R. G. Clapp, who last week broke the intercollegiate pole vault record, led the Yale gymnasts. Brother C. Eastmond, 1901, gave a special exhibition on the parallel bars. After the exhibition a dance was held, and the presence of sixteen Theta Delts made it for us a function to be long remembered. A week later at the A. A. U. championships Brother De Young took second in the flying rings. He was sure of the first place until he seriously injured his arm in the last combination.

Several of our brothers have been taking active interest in track athletics. On April 27 the annual sophomore-freshman dual meet took place and Brother J. B. Smith, Jr., 1901, was so fortunate as to capture the running team. He took second in the pole vault. Brother Eastmond, 1901, captured the pole vault and second place in the high jump. In the spring championship games these two finished the same way in the pole vault and at the Argyle games brother Eastmond took second and Brother Smith third. Both were taken on the team and on May 20 went to Princeton for the annual meet with that university. Here Eastmond tied for first and Smith for third in the vault. Owing to weakness in the other field events the Columbia team met defeat. Soon after the games the election for captain of the team was held and that high honor fell to the lot of Brother J. B. Smith, 1901. Brother Smith feels very sanguine of success against Princeton next year. Not a single point winner on this

year's team leaves college and he is looking for a strong freshman class.

The week ending May 13 was a joyful one at Columbia, unused as we have become of late to many victories. Our crew was victorious at Annapolis, our lacrosse team defeated Harvard, our bicycle team outsprinted Cornell at Berkeley Oval and our track team carried off the point trophy from the Argyle games. We had cause for rejoicing!

Our charge house at No. 2, Convent avenue, will be kept open during the summer and if any brother happens to come to New York we should be very glad to have him take up his abode there. We should also be very pleased to hear of any desirable men who are coming to Columbia in the fall.

J. BOYCE SMITH, JR.

SIGMA DEUTERON.—Wisconsin University

The college year which is fast drawing to a close has been of great prosperity for the Sigma Deuteron Charge. The approach of vacation finds all of the brothers buckling down for the customary three weeks' "grind" which precedes the final examinations.

At the annual charge election held a short time ago Brother G. H. Williams was elected president of the charge for the coming year.

Considerable interest has been shown in interfraternity baseball this spring. The Sigma Deuteron team of which Brother R. E. Nichols is captain won the first game of the season from Psi Upsilon by a score of thirteen to four. Our next game is with Phi Delta Theta, and it will probably be the hardest one of the series.

During the past month we have enjoyed visits from a number of our alumni: Brother J. L. McNab, '96, now a member of the Chicago bar; Brother W. B. Naylor, Law, '95, and Brother E. A. Stavrum, '97.

Brother G. S. Ford who is doing post graduate work in history expects to continue his study at Berlin and Freiburg next

year, and he would be glad to hear from any Theta Delts who expect to be in Germany at that time.

Brother G. B. Nelson, '98, a member of the Law class of '01, has recently withdrawn from college for the remainder of the semester on account of ill health.

In athletics we are represented on the base ball team by Brother Ford and on the track team by Brother Burdick. Brother H. N. Carter is senior captain in the University Regiment. Brothers J. H. McNeel, W. C. Burdick and E. H. Watson are members of the '01 *Badger* Board and promise us a good college annual next spring. Brother Dale won his freshman debate and has been elected closer on next year's semi-public team.

The annual interscholastic field meet occurred the latter part of May, high schools from all parts of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan being represented by teams. The time of the Interscholastic is one of the busiest rushing seasons of the year, and the competition for desirable men is sharp among the different fraternities. Theta Delta Chi is more than pleased with the results of this season's rushing.

The annual banquet of the charge takes place June sixteenth. Special effort has been made to have all of our alumni with us, and the number who have expressed their intention to come in-sures us a good reunion and a good old Theta Delt time.

GEORGE N. FERRIS.

CHI.—University of Rochester

With the approach of commencement Chi can look back upon one of the most prosperous years of its existence. She feels that her labors have been well rewarded and that the encouragement received will add increased enthusiasm and zest in the labors next year for her own advancement and that of the fraternity in general.

At present the whole charge is busy with the preparations for our annual June banquet, the prospects for which are so

bright that we think it will be one of the most successful and enjoyable ones which the charge has ever held.

Since the last issue of *THE SHIELD* I regret to say that Brother Watkey, '01, has been obliged to leave us temporarily because of ill health. We are all anxiously awaiting his return and wish that a speedy recovery may soon restore this loyal and enthusiastic brother to us.

Brother Tower has also left us to enter into business and we feel confident that, if he displays the same zeal in that line which he showed in his efforts for the charge, success is assured.

The charge unites in wishing joy and happiness to Brother Clark, '01, who was recently married in Chicago.

Chi loses three men this year by graduation. Two of them live in the city and, we know, will be *active* still, while the other, Brother McNall, who has accepted a position at Stetson University, we are equally confident will remain loyal and enthusiastic. Brother McNall was recently elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Trusting that the other charges have spent as profitable a year as Chi, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM H. SALMON.

CHI DEUTERON.—Columbia University

Chi Deuteron is of course glad to see vacation so near, but it is with real regret that we break up and separate for the summer.

This college year has been without doubt the most successful year that Chi Deuteron has yet had, and although we lose at least five men this spring our prospects for next year are very bright.

Chi Deuteron held her annual banquet, in connection with the Southern Graduate Association, at the Ebbett House on the seventh of April. There were about forty brothers in all present from Washington and vicinity, and if the night had not been very inclement the number would probably have been fifty. Brother J. McBride Sterrett, Chi, '67, was toastmaster and Brother Willis

S. Paine, Chi, '68, and Brother Clay W. Holmes, Phi, '67, were the guests of honor. The others present were Brothers Le G. Powers, Kappa, '72; J. M. Curtis, Sigma, '65; Chas. R. Wright, Sigma, '69; Edw. W. Byrn, Sigma, '70; Wm. M. Coleman, Mu, '58; E. M. Wilson, Beta, '93; James Tanner, Sigma, '94; Frank J. Metcalf, Lambda, '86; Frederic E. Town, Kappa, '98; E. A. Playter, Chi Deuteron, '96; Geo. W. Gordon, Chi Deuteron, '99; S. C. Pulle, Chi Deuteron, '99; Wm. S. Manning, Chi Deuteron, '99; J. H. Altschu, Chi Deuteron, '99; Geo. G. Chase, Chi Deuteron, '00; A. P. Spear, Chi Deuteron, '00; W. Weir Gillis, Chi Deuteron, '00; H. T. Domer, Chi Deuteron, '00; Wm. D. Sterrett, Chi Deuteron, '00; Harry J. McKenney, Chi Deuteron, '00; Melville W. Lindsey, Chi Deuteron, '00; C. G. Cunningham, Psi, '98; Edwin E. Spear, Eta, '98; C. N. Dunham, Chi Deuteron, '01; Horace F. Ashford, Chi Deuteron, '01; Artley B. Parson, Chi Deuteron, '02; Duglas Sterrett, Chi Deuteron, '02.

Brother Chase, Chi Deuteron, '00, left college before the end of the term to accept a place on the Geological Survey in West Virginia.

At our next meeting the new president, besides giving his inaugural address, gives the usual treat.

Chi Deuteron is very well represented on the Board of Editors of the *Annual* by Brother Altschu, who is doing a large part of the work, so we expect an unusually good book.

During the last month or so we have received visits from a number of out of town Theta Delts and if they enjoy seeing us as much as we enjoy seeing them we shall be satisfied.

Brother Willis S. Paine while in Washington made Chi Deuteron the present of a fine clock, which now adorns a mantel piece at 1509 H Street.

Chi Deuteron sends her best wishes to the charges and grads. for a pleasant vacation, and hopes that in scattering for the summer, the brothers may run across many of the brothers of other charges.

ARTHUR P. SPEAR.

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.

Major George Y. Ingham, Alpha, '60, had the honor of mustering into the service Major General Nelson Miles. That was just previous to the civil war and took place in Massachusetts, but that interesting event is cherished among Major Ingham's fond recollections, and it is a source of great satisfaction to him that the general has so nobly held up his end in the controversy with General Eagan.

E. C. Ryan, Beta, '94, has been appointed special agent of the London and Lancashire Ins. Co., for the states of Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota, with headquarters at Minneapolis.

Franklin Sheble, Beta, '88, died of appendicitis, in Philadelphia, April 20, 1899. See extended notice in this issue.

George Reynolds, Beta, '98, has been appointed by Governor Roosevelt Commissioner of Claims for Chemung County. Brother Reynolds has recently returned from a visit to his brother who is an army officer in Porto Rico.

W. C. Dreier, Beta, 94, with Swift & Co., has moved from the St. Paul to the Chicago office of that firm.

F. V. Coville, Beta, '87, Chief Botanist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, made the interesting discovery last summer of two pieces of coniferous charcoal in a lot of drift that had come down from Mount St. Helen and which geologists think indicative of a comparatively recent eruption. A full account of the find and the subsequent investigation by Mr. Diller, of the U. S. Geological Survey, is published by the latter in a recent number of Science.

E. W. Huffcut, Beta, '84, delivered before the American Academy of Political and Social Science on April 7th, an address upon "The Constitutional Aspects of the Government of Dependencies," which has been published, together with the other addresses and discussions of the third annual meeting of the Academy, in a volume entitled "The Foreign Policy of the United States."

A. S. Gaylord, Gamma Denteron, '94, who has patiently labored with a large orange ranch at North Cucamonga, California, for the past four years, has had the gratification of seeing his efforts rewarded. The past season his crop of oranges and lemons has yielded him large returns and the future prospect for him is most encouraging. His is one of the most suc-

cessful and flourishing orange ranches in southern California. Though located just about as far as one could be from the center of things Brother Gaylord's interest and enthusiasm for the fraternity never slumbers and any brothers who happen in his vicinity will be soon convinced of this if they visit at his pretty house where his charming wife is ever ready to welcome and share the hospitalities with her husband, to a Theta Delt.

Henry Wilkinson, Gamma Deuteron, '98, is employed in the office of his father, Judge Wilkinson, at Austin, Texas. His plans for the future are unsettled.

Robert W. Hyde, Gamma Deuteron, '97, was married on April 12 to Miss Susan McKee of Owosso, Michigan. Brother Hyde is one of Gamma Deuteron's most faithful and enthusiastic sons, and his interest in the fraternity has always been a source of inspiration to the boys at Michigan. Brother Hyde left college in his junior year to study art in Chicago. In this particular line he is unusually gifted and his rapid progress has enabled him to open a studio and embark professionally for himself. His bride is a most estimable young lady of rare accomplishments—a classmate of his and a member of the Alpha Phi Sorority. No more popular young lady ever attended the University of Michigan. Their courtship began several years ago in the conventional but delightfully romantic way of meeting in class rooms, and strolls through the campus—it has been an ideal one in every respect and the many friends of both Brother Hyde and his charming wife—and their friends are legion—will rejoice with them in their happy marriage and wish them all the success and happiness they so truly deserve. Mr. and Mrs. Hyde will be at home at 269 Superior street, Chicago, after June first.

Fred C. Nash, Gamma Deuteron, '02, who was unable to return to college last fall, has entered his father's business at Pasadena, Cal., and is meeting with much success.

J. B. Hamilton, Gamma Deuteron, '96, has accepted a position with the Saginaw Mining Company and will assume his new duties March 1.

Thos. D. McCall, Gamma Deuteron, '96, is a member of the firm of Eddy & McCall, Engineers and Contractors, 331 The Nasby, Toledo, Ohio.

Frank Briscoe, Gamma Deuteron, '95, who has been studying in Europe during the last four years, is now connected with the "Crown Acetylene Gas Machine Company" of Detroit, Mich. The Detroit alumni are glad to have Brother Briscoe with them again as he has always been one of their most genial and enthusiastic members.

Norman H. Hackett, Gamma Deuteron, '98. The following is an extract from a notice of the James-Kidder-Warde combination in "The School for Scandal," given in *The Detroit Free Press* of May 7 :

"Norman Hackett, Detroit's member of the company, received an ovation on his first entrance. He played Sir Benjamin Backbite with a skill and freedom highly gratifying to his many friends, and sang the original drinking song—written by Sheridan—so well that he was given four en-

cores. At the end of the third act, in response to an unmistakable demand, he was led upon the stage by Mr. James and presented a number of floral offerings. It was easily evident that Mr. Hackett has well employed his time during the three seasons he has been upon the stage. He has a voice of excellent quality, delivers his lines with feeling and force, and he is thoroughly in earnest. Time will ripen and mature his natural gifts, and give him the repose which youthful enthusiasm is so prone to lack.

Miss Loretta Wells as Lady Sneerwell, Mrs. Henry Vandenhoff as Mrs. Candour and Miss Aphie Jones as Marie contributed materially to the strength of the performance.

At the close of the great fourth act the three stars were repeatedly called upon the stage to bow their thanks for the hearty applause of the audience. To-night "Othello," with Mr. James as the Moor, Miss Kidder as Desdemona and Mr. Warde as Iago. Mr. Hackett will appear as Montano."

John V. W. Reynders, Delta, '86, is Superintendent of the B. C. Department of the Pennsylvania Steel Company.

W. C. Hawley, Delta, '86, is Superintendent of the Water Works at Atlantic City, N. J.

Lieut. Col. Peter D. Vroom, Delta, '62, Inspector General, U. S. A., has been assigned to duty as Inspector General of the Department of the Atlantic with headquarters at Governors Island, N. Y.

Drake Whitney, Delta, '64, may be addressed at 335 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

I. C. Blandy, Delta, '87, is President and General Manager of the American Wood Board Company of Schuylerville, New York. He resides in Greenwich, N. Y.

James D. Ringwood, Delta, '93, and his brother, **Thos. D. Ringwood**, Delta, '94, are civil engineers at Iliion, N. Y.

Wm. C. Brohm, Delta, '95, is Chief Engineer of the Grainger Iron Works of Louisville, Ky.

Walter J. Towne, Delta, '95, is engaged in railroad engineering in Iowa at present.

Edward M. Green, Delta, '66, is head of the firm of Hannibal Green's Sons & Co., iron merchants of Troy, N. Y., of which city he is one of the foremost citizens.

Robert G. Simonds, Delta, '83, is in business at Front and Gay Streets, Columbus, Ohio.

L. M. Cox, Delta, '92. From the *Louisville Courier Journal* of February 17, 1899: "Mr. L. M. Cox, son of Col. Artilla Cox, President of the Columbia Finance and Trust Company of this city, has been appointed a civil engineer in the navy. Mr. Cox has recently been with the Louisville and Nashville Terminal Co. and has done much toward planning and putting into execution the designs for the L. and N. depot to be built at Nashville. Before going to Nashville he was adjunct professor of chemistry in the High

School for boys here. After graduating from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y., he was a civil engineer for the Louisville and Jeffersonville Bridge Co. The appointment of Mr. Cox to the naval position was due entirely to his own ability and achievement, he having stood a severe competitive examination which lasted for two weeks and having passed with a splendid grade. His rank will be that of Junior Lieutenant and he is stationed at the New York Navy Yard."

John Consalus, Jr., Delta, '90, is associated with his father in the commission business at Troy, N. Y.

Carlos C. Arosemena, Delta, '90, is assistant engineer of the Panama Water Works of Panama, South America.

Chas. E. Birch, Delta, '92, is with Lewinson and Just, consulting engineers, 128 West 42nd Street, New York City.

T. B. Cram, Delta, '93, is with the Middle Division Elevator Company, 52 Board of Trade Building, Chicago.

Benj. F. Strader, Theta, '59, a retired capitalist of Cincinnati, died in that city, 1898.

Wm. W. Hearne, Theta, '83, is a member of the firm of Matthew, Addy & Co., pig iron brokers, Cincinnati, O.

A. W. Hayward, Theta, '84, is of the firm Des Jardins & Hayward, architects, Cincinnati, O.

Harry L. Sterrett, Theta, '86, is in business in New Haven, Conn.

William Moerlein, Theta, '88, is of the firm, C. Moerlein Brewing Co. of Cincinnati, O.

Dr. Valentine Mott Pierce, Iota, '88, of Buffalo, was married on March 20th, 1899, to Mrs. Marion Young Morel, at Coconut Grove, Florida. We clip the following from the *Allanta Constitution*, of March 24th, which also published the portraits of the bride and groom :

The romantic marriage of Dr. Valentine Mott Pierce, of Buffalo, and Mrs. Marion Young Morel, which occurred on the 20th on a yacht at Coconut Grove, Fla., has attracted much attention throughout the country because of the prominence of the contracting parties. Besides the bridegroom's family, there were present at the ceremony Hon. D. S. Alexander, Mrs. Alexander, Paul Ransom, Mrs. Ransom, and the well known author, Kirk Monroe, and Mrs. Monroe.

The yacht Whim-Wham is a familiar and a welcome visitor in southern waters. Its millionaire owner, Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, is fond of fishing, and every winter he takes a cruise in his yacht on the Florida coast. The announcement of the engagement of his son and Mrs. Morel excited great interest in Buffalo and other northern cities, and the newspapers spoke in the most complimentary terms of the doctor and his bride, who are general favorites in society.

The Pierces, father and son, are known throughout the world. They are the heads of the World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo and

London, and their patents and patrons are to be found in the four quarters of the globe. The elder Pierce has built up a great business, and his medicines have successfully stood the test of time. His public spirit, enterprise and generosity have made him one of the most popular citizens of his town, and Buffalo takes a genuine pride in his career.

His son is a man of talent, who showed at an early age that he had the ability to establish a reputation for himself. The young physician threw all of his splendid energy into his father's enterprise, and in a very short time made himself one of the most potent factors of the dispensary. His original and enterprising methods, judgment, tact and foresight and devotion to the interests of his community soon caused his fellow townsmen to point to him with pride as a model citizen, and when they heard that he was to marry a charming and accomplished lady, who had won the love and admiration of all who knew her, they were eager to offer their congratulations in advance.

That wedding on the trim and pretty yacht, under tropical skies, must have been a picturesque and an impressive affair. The soft breezes that sighed through the forests were spiced with aromatic hints of orange blossoms and magnolias, and the wilderness of wild flowers on shore resembled a veritable conflagration of color. The little group on the vessel yielded to the romantic suggestions of the scene, and it was easy for them to realize that the Land of Flowers was also the paradise of lovers.

After all, this little floating palace was a better place for the wedding than one of the big Florida hotels, filled with a crowd of idle pleasure seekers. Doubtless Kirk Monroe thought so, and it is more than likely that he will weave the incident into the plot of one of his delightful stories.

The marriage will receive an unusual degree of attention from the northern press, and many enterprising journals will not rest satisfied unless they can embellish their accounts of it with a few artistic illustrations. Whether the newly married pair will sail southward over summer seas, or skirt along the Atlantic coast, homeward bound, is not stated, but the voyage of the Whim-Wham will be followed by the best wishes of thousands for the doctor and his bride.

Frederick C. Ferry, Iota Deuteron, '91, has received an appointment as assistant professor of mathematics of Williams College for next year. Brother Ferry was prominent in college as being the unusual combination of a brilliant student and a good fellow. He was an editor of the *Gul*, the college annual, held many class offices and took nearly all the prizes in sight. After graduation Brother Ferry remained three years at Williams as instructor in mathematics and Latin; since then he has been pursuing post-graduate studies at Clark University. Brother Ferry was one of the senior charter members of Iota Deuteron, and has been one of her most loyal alumni.

Rev. Edwin W. Bishop, Iota Deuteron, '92, is minister of a prosperous Congregational Church at Stafford Springs, Conn. After graduating from

the Hartford Theological Seminary Brother Bishop spent some time in Germany on a travelling fellowship of the seminary before beginning active work as a pastor two years ago.

Dr. Ernest N. Wilcox, Iota Deuteron, '93, and Miss Grace Hatch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Hatch, were married on the evening of Thursday, June 8. Dr. Wilcox prepared for college in the academy at Shelburne Falls, Mass., was graduated at Williams in 1893, spent four years at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and has since been practicing in New York with much success. He was one of the public school medical inspectors in 1897-98 and has held other important positions. Dr. and Mrs. Wilcox will be at home after October first at 43 West 75th Street.

George W. Hunter, Jr., Iota Deuteron, '95, has become instructor in biology at the Boys' High School of the Borough of Manhattan, resigning a similar position in the Hyde Park School at Chicago.

C. Burr Goodrich, Iota Deuteron, '97, now at the Harvard Law School, is playing first base on the Harvard nine. His playing has been one of the features of the base ball season at Cambridge.

Laurence A. Hawkins, Iota Deuteron, '97, was graduated in June from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he entered as a junior in the course in electrical engineering after graduating from college two years ago.

Olcott Osborn Partridge, Iota Deuteron, '94, is in the law office of H. E. Bolles, Sears Building, Boston.

Rev. Christopher W. Collier, Iota Deuteron, '92, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Congregational Church at Orange, Mass.

Paul M. Goodrich, Iota Deuteron, '94, who is a sergeant in the 14th United States Infantry of Manila, recently wrote home a long and interesting letter which was published in the *Berkshire Sunday Democrat*, and republished in the *Pittsfield Eagle* of April 12. It is evident that Brother Goodrich has been in the midst of things from the mere fact that his regiment has lost more men than any other stationed in Manila; and his company which went into the war with an effective strength of 75 had lost on February 13, seven killed and nine badly wounded. The following remarks upon the alleged cruelty and devastation of American troops are especially instructive:

"Every house has a towel or a shirt hung out its window and we have to search them for native men. They simply hang out a white cloth at day, come in and eat at night and then shoot us. Now we allow no native men inside the lines. When one is found he is passed on from sentry to sentry till the last one gives him a boot and tells him to vamoose. They are so treacherous we have to burn their shacks; to allow them to stand is a menace to our lives. Suspicious houses are burned and of course are more or less looted of curios or valuables and food before being burned. We leave a bag of rice and one of figs where there are women or children. Of course the suffering you can read between the lines, but our soldiers are not fiendish, though they are sometimes too rough.

The fields are destroyed and to see the beautiful country devastated so is tough. This is work I did not enlist for, to see lurid fires all about homeless people saying their beads before images and supplicating pity for their homes. It is a travesty on our intentions and assertions; it seems like the Arcadians at Grand Pre. No doubt to some of the insurgents who have no part in this only to fight to save their homes and for right as they see it, it is like Grand Pre. But Aguinaldo, his staff and the priesthood, have terrible things to answer for in deceiving these people and they keep it up. Those whom we have as prisoners or wounded that we care for, are amazed that we do not torture or butcher them. The priests tell them we exterminated the Indians on our plains at home and we will do the same to them and take their land. Freedom and civilization were offered them and undoubtedly Aguinaldo would have held a post of honor but his ambition was too great, he wanted to govern all.

We find among the enemies some with feathers and bows, genuine savages, some with hair to their knees, who butcher and mutilate all in their reach. Aguinaldo can never govern them. America must now prove to them that they must obey commands before she can benefit or civilize them. It is a hard necessity but let us hope that a good result may come and that a few engagements may prove enough to convince the masses. England had hard duty in Africa and some good results follow. Let us believe it may be the case here. The heat is very great."

Geo. M. Lovejoy, Kappa, '82 has been appointed Assistant General Agent of the Western Department of the Phoenix Insurance Company of Hartford, at Cincinnati.

Alaric Bertrand Start, Kappa, '97, is now with the D. C. Heath Publishing Company. His address is the New York office of the firm, 93 Fifth Ave.

H. J. Perry, Kappa, '92, is instructor in pathology in the Colby Training School for Teachers and Practitioners of Educational and Medical Gymnastics.

P. G. Wright, Kappa, '84, is professor of mathematics, political economy, astronomy and in charge of the gymnasium at Lombard University.

J. M. Hollister, Kappa, '92, is Vice-President of Chicago Electrical Association.

John Redlow, Kappa, '76, is Secretary of the Faculty of Northwestern University Woman's Medical School.

O. H. Perry, Kappa, '83, is President of the Rutland English and Classical Institute, of Rutland, Vt.

G. W. Rowbotham, Kappa, '97, is with the Southern Belting Company at Atlanta, Ga.

F. D. Lyon, M.D., Kappa, '92, is located at 5 Wayland St., Roxbury, Mass.

M. M. Johnson, Kappa, '92, is Treasurer of the Johnson Mercantile Company, Director in the Tide Water Trap Company, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Waltham Public Library.

J. H. Conkling, Kappa, '75, is President of the New York and Nicaragua Commercial Company.

Geo. H. Braley, Kappa, '86, is in the drug business at Spokane, Wash.

Rev. George H. Spencer, Lambda, '90, conducted from May 7th to May 14th, dedicatory services in his new church at Newton Center, Mass.

Dr. Frederic W. McCall, Nu Deuteron, '90, was re-elected Secretary of the Sixth District Dental Society at a recent convention held at Binghamton, N. Y.

The Rt. Rev. M. N. Gilbert, Xi, '70, made a Memorial Day address on "Liberty Enlightening the World" before the Commandery of the State of Minnesota of the Society of American Wars, at the Minneapolis Club.

Frank Morton, Omicron Deuteron, '80, was elected chorister of the Dartmouth College Alumni Association at a meeting held in the Occidental Hotel, San Francisco, April 3, 1899.

Ganzalo de Quesada, Pi Deuteron, '88, has been appointed by Governor-General Brooke as Special Commissioner for Cuba at Washington at the handsome salary of \$5,000. All believers in the policy of General Gomez are highly pleased at this appointment, considering it a just reward for years of faithful service and an additional guaranty of the speedy rehabilitation of the island. A portrait and sketch of Brother Quesada appears in THE SHIELD for September, 1898.

Harry Clay Nelson, Pi Deuteron, '91, is with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y.

Walter W. Lee, Pi Deuteron, '93, has left the Gallatin National Bank, and is now Assistant Secretary of the newly incorporated "City Trust Company," located at 36 Wall Street, New York City.

S. Carleton Haight, Pi Deuteron, '92, is no longer at the Princeton Theological Seminary but is finishing his theological studies at the Auburn Seminary.

Frederick H. Patterson, Pi Deuteron, '90, and Charles F. Wilken, Pi Deuteron, '96, have formed a partnership for the general practice of law at 33 Pine Street, New York, under the firm name of Patterson & Wilken.

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

Rudolf Tombo, Jr., Pi Deuteron, '95. Brother Tombo completed his postgraduate work for Ph.D. at Columbia this year, and will spend the next twelvemonth in Europe finishing his dissertation. Brother Tombo is investigating the influence of Ossian on German literature, and intends to spend some time in study at Oxford, Cambridge and the British Museum during the summer. In the fall he will go to the University of Jena with Brother Geo. Ehret, Jr., Rho Deuteron, '99, for the winter semester, and to the University of Heidelberg for the summer semester. Being a native Ger-

man, well equipped for advanced work, as his rapid progress and diligence have shown, there is no reason why Brother Tombo should not be a worthy representative of Theta Delta Chi in Germany, from a scholarly as well as a social point of view. Although in business two years after graduation with the degree of B.S. from the College of the City of New York, he won the scholarship in Germanics at Columbia and took M.A. last June. His thesis, a commentary on the Göchhausen Faust, has been much praised. During the past year Brother Tombo has held the fellowship in Germanics, the only one given in modern languages, while the year before there were four, and four have been announced for next year. It is pleasant to state that the good work he has done at Columbia has won recognition by his being elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Brother Tombo is the founder and first Executive of the German Society at Columbia which is one of the most flourishing and successful clubs at the University, having just concluded a brilliant and enjoyable winter.

As a fraternity man Brother Tombo is too well known to require any notice of the fact in *THE SHIELD*. His loyal service to Pi Deuteron and his two years as advisor and general superintendent to Rho Deuteron have won him a host of admirers and much of the latter charge's recent improvement can be viewed as the result of Brother Tombo's efforts. He is also responsible for the initiation of Brother J. Boyce Smith, the Grand Lodge Treasurer, into Theta Delta Chi, which is one of the best things he has done for Rho Deuteron.

Brother Tombo was a frequent contributor to the *New York Times Review of Books and Art*.

Mariano L. Mora, Rho Deuteron, '91, is connected with the General Electric Company in New York City.

Harry Grah Hershfield, Rho Deuteron, '98, has left the *New York Journal* and become a member of the firm of Bly & Hershfield, Real Estate, 1293 Broadway, near 33rd Street, New York City.

Charles H. Fulton, Rho Deuteron, '97, is serving for a few months as Assistant in Assaying at Columbia University. He will return shortly to Holy Cross, Eagle County, Colo., where he is connected with the Hekla Mining Company.

M. I. Stewart, Tau Deuteron, '00, is doing newspaper work at Lincoln, Neb., and incidentally continuing his duties at the University of Nebraska. He is also editor-in-chief of the university weekly paper, on which he has achieved much success and an enviable reputation.

Charles Albertson, Phi, '93, is manager of the Engineering Department of the American Trading Company at Kobe, Japan.

Merwin W. Lay, Chi, '99, has been re-engaged as vice-principal of the Avon, N. Y., High School.

Dr. Herbert J. Harris, Chi, '98, should be added to the list (published

in the December SHIELD) of the Theta Delts who served in the late war. We clip the following from the *Buffalo Express*, which also printed a portrait of Brother Harris :

"Dr. Herbert J. Harris is one of the contract surgeons appointed by Gen. Sternberg. He was sent to join the Third United States Infantry at Montauk Point. When that regiment was sent back to its post at Fort Snelling, Minn., Dr. Harris was ordered to accompany it. During the recent trouble with the Indians in Minnesota, the Third was the first regiment called upon to go to Bear Island to quell the disturbance. Gen. Bacon, who was in command, said he had been in many an Indian fight, but this was the hottest he had ever witnessed. It was at this time that Dr. Harris proved himself every inch a hero, as the following extract from the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* will show :

'Another man who deserves much credit for his devotion to duty is Dr. Herbert J. Harris, the surgeon of the detachment. When the first volley was fired from the woods Dr. Harris was aboard the steamer *Flora*, whither he had gone with a soldier who was taken sick with chills and fever during the march. The *Flora* almost immediately started for Walker. Dr. Harris was in a safe place on board the boat and would have been perfectly excusable if he had remained there. But he did no such thing. He launched a rowboat that was in the bow of the steamer and rowed ashore to what looked like certain death, traveling through a storm of bullets on the way. All through the battle Dr. Harris showed no signs of fear, but walked around the firing line, dragging away wounded men and dressing their wounds, apparently oblivious to the bullets flying around him. It was the doctor's first battle but he conducted himself as a veteran.'

Dr. Harris is a graduate of the Buffalo University and was recommended by Col. Alexander and Dr. Roswell Park. He seems to deserve all the good things that were said of him.

Gen. Bacon's official report to Adjt.-Gen. Corbin of the battle of Bear Island, says :

'I also take great pleasure in calling attention to the courageous conduct and efficient professional services rendered by Acting Assistant Surgeon Herbert J. Harris, United States Army. This officer at the time of the attack was on board one of the steamboats, anchored some distance from the landing, but returned to shore in a small boat under the Indian fire and joined us.' "

Joseph Finckel, Chi Deuteron, '97, has returned from Brussels where he has been studying the violin under Ysaye. He expects to continue his study abroad next fall.

G. W. Gordon, Chi Deuteron, '99, recently won the Baird prize of \$100 in oratory at Princeton. This is a most signal success, the Baird prize being the best thing of the sort Princeton gives. Our heartiest congratulations to Brother Gordon.

Geo. T. Chase, Chi Deuteron, 1900, has left college to accept a position on the Geological Survey.

Dr. John G. Campbell, Psi, '93, is practicing his profession in Chicago. His address is 6857 Wentworth Ave.

Barton W. Perry, Psi, '91, has accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church of Carson City, Nev. This is the largest church of any denomination in Nevada. Brother Perry is well known all over California as an active and aggressive religious worker and at a recent meeting of the Presbyterian Union read a scathing denouncement of the shameful methods of the California senatorial campaign.

U. P. L. Stafford, Psi, '76, is an attorney at law, practicing before the Los Angeles, Cal., courts.

James McLachlan, Psi, '78, who was a Member of the 54th Congress from Los Angeles district, was a member of Psi contemporaneously with Brother Stafford, and also, while practicing at Ithaca, N. Y., helped initiate the present SHIELD editor into the mysteries of the law.

R. B. Seymour, Psi, '84, is instructing in the Gutches College of Business and Shorthand, Detroit, Michigan.

Professor Duncan Campbell Lee, Psi, '91, was married to Miss Elizabeth Williams, of Ithaca, at the Sage Chapel of Cornell University, on Thursday, June 8th. His brother, John Lee, Psi, '97, was groomsman and E. W. Huffcut, Beta, '84, was one of the ushers. The wedding was a brilliant social event.

Notes

Graduate Associations are earnestly requested to send to this office an account of their meetings and such other items of interest as may come under their notice.

The Southern Graduate Association held its annual reunion and dinner, in connection with the Chi Deuteron charge, at the Ebbett House, Washington, on April 7th. See the charge letter of Chi Deuteron in this issue.

It is desired to secure a full list of all Theta Deltis who participated in the late Spanish-American war. A provisional list was printed in the September (1898) issue of THE SHIELD and additions have appeared in subsequent issues. If any brothers know of other Theta Deltis whose names have not appeared, it is hoped that the information will be promptly forwarded.

Captain Lamberton, Sigma, is in charge of the Olympia now returning to this country with Admiral Dewey. It has been suggested by an enthusiastic brother, who was a volunteer in the late war, that Theta Deltis should present to Captain Lamberton a diamond $\Theta \Delta X$ pin upon his return. The next convention would be an appropriate occasion for such a presentation. It is to be hoped that the idea will be taken up by some graduate

association which is in a position to push it, and that the graduates throughout the country will all unite in an expression of the appreciation in which the fraternity holds this gallant brother.

Theta Delts, who enjoyed the following clever verses in the *Easter Life* may be interested to know that the initials at the end are those of Colonel Walter N. P. Darrow of Pi Deuteron '83.

He bought two gaudy scarlet coats,
 Brass-buttoned, with green collars ;
 His knickerbockers made the bill
 Close to \$100.

The Golf Club that he joined was large,
 Established well and thrifty,
 And for his fee, in good, hard cash,
 He next put up a 50.

His brassy, cleeks, and putter fine,
 The club with which to drive,
 The bag, the balls, and other sticks,
 Cost nearly 25.

With shoes, broad-soled, with hobnails filled,
 He next his feet bedecks ;
 For them he gave up in exchange
 A crisp, new, green-backed X.

For sundries like a code of rules,
 White paint, a rubber tee,
 And books to tell him how to play,
 He dropped at least a V.

At last he started out one day,
 And as he hit the fence—
 "Gee!" some one heard the caddie say,
 "He plays like 30 cents."

W. N. P. D.

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.

It is evident that some exchanges to which the March number of THE SHIELD was sent have not yet made the change of address requested above. Will our exchanges kindly note that all copies should be sent to the one office, 15 South Ave., Ithaca, N. Y. We desire to acknowledge the receipt of the following since the publication office was changed :

Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* (March).
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Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* (January).
Phi Delta Theta *Scroll* (April).
Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* (May).

Exchanges not in the above list and exchanges whose recent numbers have not been forwarded, will confer a great favor by putting THE SHIELD regularly upon their exchange lists and sending *three* copies.

The Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* for March contains a full account of the Sixteenth Biennial Congress of the fraternity at New Orleans on December 28 to 30, 1898. The fraternity has

forty-one chapters and fifteen alumni associations. It initiated 480 members from January 1, 1898, to the date of the congress. The congress imposed fines on three chapters for non-representation at the sessions, and censured three others which were represented only by alumni. Public exercises were held, and a smoker, a ball and a banquet completed the festivities of the occasion. The most interesting feature of the congress was the adoption of resolutions for the establishment of a "Chapter House Fund" by the sale of certificates of membership at five dollars each and by the securing from graduating members five two-dollar notes which should entitle the new graduate to the *Palm* for five years, and to a membership certificate, the amount received to be divided equally between the *Palm* and the "Chapter House Fund."

Boston will be the place for the next meeting of the congress in 1900. The congress also voted to abolish all honorary memberships.

Will the *Palm* please note that it sends but one copy to THE SHIELD. Three would be welcome.

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Beta Theta Pi for April contains an extended and complimentary review of the Theta Delta Chi Memorial History. It also contains an article upon the *K K Γ* litigation, an independent account of which appears in this issue of THE SHIELD. *Apropos* of that the following editorial from the *Beta Theta Pi* makes interesting reading :

In another part of this number will be found an account of an interesting litigation which is now exciting the fraternity of *K K Γ*. It is interesting to our fraternity for many reasons. The chapter of our fraternity at St. Lawrence has been one of the best in our ranks. Its alumni have been unusually loyal and enthusiastic and its personnel of unexceptionable material. We feel, therefore, that if the chapter of *K K Γ* at the same place has been in the least like that of *B Θ Π* it might be expected to be a chapter to be proud of, and our first judgment would be that there must be two sides to the controversy between it and *K K Γ*. The chapter at St. Lawrence was established indirectly, if not directly, through the efforts of a number of the members of the Beta Zeta chapter at that place, and, judging merely from the names of the members, we imagine that a goodly proportion of the alumnæ of the *K K Γ* at St. Lawrence have become the wives of members of our Beta Zeta chapter.

Aside from these considerations, based upon ties of past friendship and sentiment, the case itself is exceedingly interesting, from the fact that for the first time it brings before the courts of this country the point as to whether a college fraternity has the right to withdraw the charter of a chapter merely because, in course of time, the majority of the chapters or of its governing body have arrived at the conclusion that the chapter which has not really, but only relatively, changed its status is an undesirable chapter to retain.

In the case referred to, it is easily seen that at the time the St. Lawrence society became a chapter of *KKΓ* it was considered to be a very desirable addition to that body. St. Lawrence University has, in the intervening eighteen years, grown but slowly. It is situated in the midst of a rural community, has no large endowment, and, although the students come from families of culture and refinement in that community and from other places, they are by no means wealthy, and are not in the habit of indulging in quite so many elaborate or social functions as their brothers and sisters in larger and more thickly settled communities. The college has steadily improved since the establishment of the chapter, but it remains simply a college of the old type. Its standing may be inferred from the fact that a charter of *ΦBK* was granted to it by the United Chapters last September.

In the meantime *KKΓ* has extended its ranks, has from a social standpoint, possibly, improved its condition, has raised the standard of its chapters, and, from a university standpoint, has relatively improved its condition more than the chapter in question has been able to do. Therefore the governing body of the fraternity and some of the chapters, claiming this particular chapter not to be upon the relatively high level required by the new standard of excellence obtaining throughout the fraternity, conceived the notion of withdrawing its charter. The question to be decided is, under such circumstances, is it right, is it wise, is it legal to do this?

This is a question which is confronting other fraternities than *KKΓ*, and is giving anxiety to a great many fraternity workers, more especially that earnest group in every fraternity which has developed in chapters situated at small colleges, where the relative importance of the fraternity, as compared with that of the college, has brought fraternity enthusiasm to a higher pitch than elsewhere, and has produced that characteristic genius known as a "fraternity crank."

The *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta for April has a symposium upon "Pan-Hellenism." Editorially the *Trident* has this to say :

The subject of interfraternity relations is always interesting, and in many institutions a very serious question. It will soon be time for the yearly campaign of rushing. A contract to suppress this evil, while it may not be entirely satisfactory, is vastly better than unrestrained rushing. Local con-

ditions must always be considered, yet we hope that it will be the aim of Delta Delta Delta always to be on the liberal side. In colleges where rushing is merely a friendly rivalry, no advice is needed. In institutions where the advisability of entering into contracts is under discussion, let our chapters support the movement. Loyalty to our fraternity means first of all loyalty to womanhood. The members of a chapter can best show such an allegiance by not opposing any progressive movement to restrain rushing—one of the chief evils of fraternity life.

The *Anchora* of Delta Gamma for April contains an article, with illustrations, upon "The University of Indiana" and an account of the installation of a chapter of Delta Gamma at that institution.

The Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* for June announces the gift by a member of \$1,000 toward a general fraternity fund, provided \$3,000 more be contributed by the members of the fraternity. It is a generous offer and no doubt Delta U's will meet it generously.

The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta for March has this good advice and admonition for its correspondents, which we commend heartily to our own :

"Will our correspondents please omit abbreviations? If you write "U" or "Univ." or "prep." or "frats.," or "barbs.," the editor simply has so much more writing to do in the way of correction. Remember, also, that abbreviations, giving the names of local literary societies, etc., may mean something to you while to the outsider they are void of sense. Do away with the whole lazy practice and let us have dignified fullness."

By the way the *Rainbow* favors us with only a single copy. We like it well enough to desire three.

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* for March is an interesting number. We quote elsewhere in this issue from its article upon inter-fraternity secret societies. There is also an article upon the action of the trustees of Furman University in prohibiting all secret societies at that college, an action which resulted in the extinction of the Furman chapter of Kappa Alpha. The article

displays rather more vigor than good taste. The editor has an appeal against expensive and extravagant entertainment at conventions.

The *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for April has these sensible remarks upon the chapter house problem :

As every fraternity man of to-day realizes, the most important factor in making a chapter stable is the chapter house. The result is an almost mad scramble to secure houses. But our humble advice is to "go slow." We have had too many sad experiences of undergraduates who have taken a "white elephant" on their hands in the shape of a chapter house. We have seen too many chapters flourish temporarily under such conditions and then almost become annihilated by the burdens that the house has piled upon them. The undergraduate members of a chapter never should undertake to purchase or rent a house until they not only have weighed all sides of the question for themselves, but have obtained competent advice of their alumni or of some older and wiser men than they. We want to see every chapter have a house or hall of its own. But we want that hall or house to belong to the chapter in fact as well as in name, and we want to see it a permanent benefit to the chapter and not a prospective burden. Therefore, our advice would be, "Get a house, but 'go slow.'"

The *Record*, like its bigger contemporaries, is indulging in a wealth of "war articles." It also rejoices in a new cover which is decidedly handsome.

The Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* for January (latest issue received) also runs the "war articles" conspicuously. There are several things we should like to quote from the *Quarterly* but we cannot bring ourselves to mutilate the single copy with which we are favored. Will the *Quarterly* be more generous.

The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta for April presents a "war article" of which it and the fraternity may well be proud. It is a portrait and biography of Col. (now Brig.-Gen.) Frederick Funston, a Phi Delta Theta of "Kansas, '92."

The *Scroll* has these words of solid wisdom in its editorial pages :

If the Phis in college want to do their share toward bringing the alumni together, keeping their interest intense and receiving their moral and material aid, they can use no better means than the annual circular letter. Many of the letters issued this year showed marked advance in the attention given to their preparation. The model in the code is being more and more carefully and elaborately followed. The chapters which have postponed or neglected the sending out of this letter are making a most serious mistake. It will reach alumni who do not read *The Scroll*; it will give much fuller information to those who do; it will convince the boys of old that the Phis of to-day remember them, and nothing so warms the heart of an old college man as to have his youth recalled and to know that his name is not forgotten by the boys who are freshmen a decade after him.

The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi for May appears in a startling new cover design which omits the name of the fraternity. It is a little curious that just as the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD places the name of the fraternity upon the cover the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* should omit it. Yet one cannot wholly blame the $\Phi K \Psi$ *Shield* editor for not wishing to advertise his fraternity name upon this particular cover.

The *Shield* has an interesting account of the University of California and the installation of the new Phi Kappa Psi chapter there. It also gives an account of the recent meeting of the "Executive Council," which, among other business, voted to withdraw the charter of the "District of Columbia Alpha Chapter" at Columbian University.

COLLEGE AND FRATERNITY NOTES

Albert J. Beveridge, recently elected United States Senator from Indiana, is a member of $\Delta K E$.

$\Delta K E$ now prides itself upon being an international fraternity. It has just established a chapter at Toronto University consisting of nineteen charter members.

The new University Club building, at Fifth avenue and Fifty-fourth street, New York, was opened on Wednesday, May 17th. It is a superb building and very handsomely appointed.

The Psi Upsilon convention was held at Cornell University, May 10-11, 1899. An open meeting was held at which Dean White, of Cornell, presided, Goldwin Smith read an essay on "The Future of Poetry" and Richard Harvey read a poem.

The Rev. William Herbert Perry Faunce, D.D., Brown, '80, has been elected to the presidency of Brown University to succeed Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews. Dr. Faunce is at present pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in New York.

Professor Arthur T. Hadley has been elected to the presidency of Yale University, of which he is a graduate. Yale has departed from her traditional policy of electing a clergyman as president. Professor Hadley is a member of $\Delta K E$.

During the last twenty-seven years the total number of students in colleges and universities has increased from 88,864 in 1871, to 217,763 at the present time. The number of post-graduate students is twenty-five times as large as it was in 1871.

Delta Psi has recently completed a fine chapter house at 116th Street and Riverside Drive, in New York, at a cost of \$100,000. The chapter moves from 29 East 28th Street, where it has for some years shared a house with the St. Anthony Club.

Justin S. Morrill, for many years United States Senator from Vermont, whose death occurred on December 28th last, was a *A T.* Sereno E. Payne, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House, in succession to Nelson Dingley, deceased, is a member of *A T.*

Berlin boasts the largest number of students ever assembled at a German university. There were 5,606 last summer, and for the winter this number has been increased to 6,151. Besides these regular students (among whom are 147 Americans), 4,841 attend lectures. Among these are 234 women.

The Bowdoin College Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity at the beginning of the term opened its new chapter house, the first to be established at Brunswick. In a very short time many of the other Greek-letter societies will build and occupy fraternity houses; and by the removal of fraternity men from the college dormitories many vacancies will occur, which may bring about a change in the policy of the college. For several years the entering class has been limited to about sixty, but very likely the limit will have to be raised before many years.

Deacon Royal Hammond, who died recently at Galesburg, Ill., left a will, which was filed for probate recently. The first bequest in the instrument is one of \$2,000 to Wheaton College, and it provides that the trustees of that institution shall have charge of the bequest and shall use it for fighting secret societies and against the manufacture of intoxicating drinks as they see fit. Deacon Hammond was one of the early settlers of the county, and in the early days was a warm admirer of Dr. Jonathan Blanchard, formerly President of Knox College and later of

Wheaton. When Dr. Blanchard began his fight against secret fraternities he had no more ardent admirer than Deacon Hammond. During all the years since the deacon has unceasingly maintained his hostility to secret organizations. As a prohibitionist he was for years prominent, and at one time he was prohibition candidate for congress in his district.

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The New York University Chapter of the Psi Upsilon fraternity will have a new house ready at the beginning of the next college year at the northwest corner of One Hundred and Eighty-third Street and Loring Place, Fordham Heights. Plans for the new structure were filed at the Building Department recently by builders Robinson & Wallace. The house, which will be three stories in height, and will stand on a plot having a frontage of 108 feet, will be thoroughly up to date in every respect. Besides allowing for a spacious lodge room, the first floor will be so arranged that the several rooms may be thrown into one for receptions and banquets. There will be a billiard room in the basement, and the upper floors will be devoted to studies and sleeping rooms. The house is to be located near the university, and not far from the present home of the chapter, at 10 Hampton Street. Its cost is estimated at about \$20,000.

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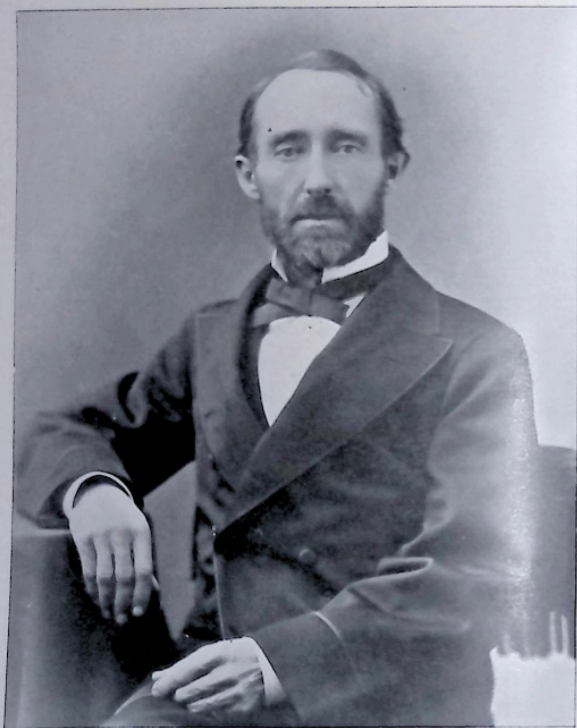
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When we review a life well spent,
The heart in ease will rest content.
Spring-time was bright with flowers and leaves,
The summer fruits were rich and rare,
The autumn gathered golden sheaves,
Winter's repose will free from care.

—*Abel Beach.*

On Monday morning, June 19, 1899, Abel Beach, one of the founders of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity, was discovered to have passed quietly away during the preceding night, at his rooms on East Washington street, Iowa City, Iowa.

This sorrowful event must occasion deep and wide regret, and demands more than passing notice from THE SHIELD. The interesting relation which he bore to the fraternity he aided to found, the enthusiasm he ever manifested in its affairs, his attainments as a writer and scholar, and much more his own amiable and attractive character, made our departed brother the object of especial esteem and affectionate regard. To these we would, as best we may, give expression, and at the same time help to preserve a proper record of his life. Nor could he himself have been willing now to seem unhonored and forgotten by those with whom occasional communion had become, in the vicissitudes of a long life, almost "his sole remaining joy."

"For who to dumb forgetfulness a prey
"This pleasing anxious being e'er resigned,
"Left the warm precincts of the cheerful day,
"Nor cast one longing lingering look behind?"

"On some fond breast the parting soul relies,
"Some pious drops the closing eye requires ;
"E'en from the tomb the voice of nature cries,
"E'en in our ashes live their wonted fires."

Abel Beach was born February 7th, 1829, in the town of Groton, Tompkins County, New York. He was the fourth of the five children, the youngest of the four sons, of Abel A. Beach and Elizabeth Smith Beach. The father was a farmer and merchant at Peruville in the town of Groton. The son was prepared for college first at the Groton, and after at the Homer Academy. He entered Union College, in the Sophomore class, in September, 1846. He was a diligent student throughout his attendance. Notwithstanding some absence, while teaching, he graduated with a rating of "maximum," and the third highest in his class. He was also elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society, as a reward of scholarship.

The writer, his classmate, entered college at the same time. William G. Aikin, Theodore B. Brown, William Hyslop, and Samuel F. Wile, also of his class, entered at the beginning of the preceding (Freshman) year. They had become in the course of that year well known to each other, before the arrival of Beach and Green. Beach became the room-mate of Hyslop and remained so during the three years following.

"West College," as the large brick building was called in which the Freshman and Sophomore classes then roomed and recited, occupied the centre of an otherwise vacant square in the centre of the city of Schenectady, while the College *Campus* and the main College edifices, known as "North" and "South" Colleges, where the Seniors and Juniors recited and dwelt, and the venerable President, Doctor Nott, and some of the professors resided, were situated a mile or more away. West College being therefore less under the watchful eye of "Old Prex," as the students liked to call him, life there was correspondingly lively.

In 1846-7 there existed at Union six secret or Greek-letter societies, and one non-secret, all having originated there. They were wont to elect each some half dozen men from a class, or in all about one-third of its members. The class to which Beach and the others above named belonged was by one-third or more

larger than any of its predecessors. This fact, if it did not lead to the suggestion of another secret society, at least gave hope for the success of one.

It is not known from which of the founders came the proposal to form a new society. The only survivor is clear that it was first broached to him by Theodore B. Brown, his roommate. He also understood it had been already talked of between Aikin, Brown, Beach and Hyslop. There is some reason to believe it was Aikin who originated the idea. His home was opposite Albany, where there were many college-society men, which fact might have suggested the project to him. He was also early in proposing a form of badge, and had a model of it made.

A meeting was held in Beach and Hyslop's room in "West College" one evening about May, 1847, all the six now known as the founders being present. They sat about a "round table." A new society having been determined on, the various matters relating to the subject were referred to a committee composed of Hyslop, Green, and Beach. Its labors were not completed in time for formal action before the fall or winter term of 1847-8, when the class was in its Junior year. Its report having finally been made and duly considered, and acted upon, and all necessary preliminaries completed, the banners of the new society were hung out "on the outer wall",—the badge, the glittering shield, proudly but somewhat nervously displayed on the breasts of its members at morning recitation, early in the Junior year, 1847-8, announcing to an all-curious college-world the new creation. Mr. Beach was present on that exciting occasion, the important record of the society of June 5, 1848, attesting that he attended that term.

In regard to the above mentioned first meeting of the founders, though it occurred some fifty-three years ago, the writer's memory still recalls it, though incompletely. An humble gathering then, out of it there has been "ordained praise." Of how many earnest and life-long friendships, of what a host of delightful memories, precious associations, and absorbing histories, it was the somewhat unconscious, and all unforeseeing forerunner!

As to the part which Abel Beach had in the counsels and labors which led to the organization of the society to which was

given the name of Theta Delta Chi, it is perhaps sufficient to say here that he was an active, zealous, and intelligent sharer of them all. He assisted in framing the Constitution and the first record of it was made by his hand.

And so the new fraternity was an accomplished fact. Whatever good Providence may have favored, the time, the circumstances, and the worth of its members contributed to the success which awaited it. Who would laud the founders need but say, "By their works ye shall know them." Unaided by the veneration which age brings to an established society, without the influence of a numerous membership in and out of college, by their own qualities and character, it must have been, they soon attracted to their side some of the best men entering the college, the first initiated being Francis Martindale and the brothers Theodore J., and Jesse Fonda, in the order named.

At the graduation of Abel Beach and his colleagues in July, 1849, they had the satisfaction of knowing that the society's resulting loss of nine active members would be more than made up by fifteen "good men and true" whom they left behind, distributed too among the several classes. Those graduated were in fact succeeded by the initiation of a greater number at the ensuing term.

It does not admit here to recite the further history of the parent chapter, which for twenty years more had a marked and uninterrupted success, until from various causes which include the death of Union's famous President, Doctor Nott, the interruption caused by the war, and not least the starting of Cornell on its great career, the attendance of students had become so greatly diminished that in 1870 it seemed necessary or advisable to close the Alpha, to the great and lasting grief of its graduates. Happily the "altar fires," which thus ceased to burn where first they were kindled, had been lighted upon many another more favoring mountain-peak, where they still glow, and we trust ever will, with undiminished brightness.

And now, the glories of "Commencement" past, came the parting of friends more fervent for their fraternal ties, and the labors and confidences they had shared. As the railway was about to bear them away to their homes, with "the hand's warm



ABEL BEACH
Taken in 1855



ABEL BEACH'S FRATERNITY PIN

clasp when brothers grasp" they bade each other what to most of them was to be a last farewell. Invoking for each other a bright future, they went forth, some not without regret that they could not return to the happy companionship they had enjoyed, some too confidently perhaps to the expected triumphs and little-understood struggles of life. They heard without apprehension the prophecy of one whose stay in college had been brief because necessity had compelled him to take a look at the world,—“Boys, you are all good fellows, but you'll none of you be rich.” Grant the prediction a true one, yet who will say these men did not choose “the better part,” leading honorable and useful lives, faithfully discharging duty, dying some of them in its discharge?

Of such serious matters however they thought not at that seemingly auspicious moment.

“Gay hope is their's, by fancy fed,
 “Less pleasing when possess,
 “The tear forgot as soon as shed,
 “The sunshine of the breast ;
 “Their's buxom health of rosy hue,
 “Wild wit, invention ever new,
 “And lively cheer, of vigor born ;
 “The thoughtless day, the easy night,
 “The spirits pure, the slumbers light,
 “That fly the approach of morn.”

But how sadly would they have “fared forth” had they foreseen that in five short years the two strongest of their number would be in the grave, a third ten years after, and the others, one of whom should soon follow, be far separated for life, but two to meet for a few brief days again !

“Yet, ah ! Why should they know their fate,
 Since sorrow never comes too late,
 And happiness too swiftly flies ?
 Thought would destroy their paradise.”

Immediately after his return home from college Mr. Beach became a teacher in the Ithaca Academy. He continued there two years, when a bronchial affection caused him to retire. In 1852 and 1853 he studied law in the office of Austin Smith, at

Westfield, N. Y. During the same time, or for part of it, he taught in the Academy there. Admitted to the bar at Buffalo early in 1854, he began the practice of the law at Ithaca. In the fall of the same year, whether because dissatisfied at his prospects, or that he thought a change would benefit his health, he removed to Iowa City, Iowa. As he took his quiet departure from Ithaca, little did he think that just half a century from his graduation at Union, in the then village, become a city, in which he thus essayed the practice of the law, in the county of his birth and Academic experience, his life would be recorded, as it is here, in the attractive pages of a handsome quarterly, edited by a chapter of that fraternity he aided in founding, and issued from the halls of one of the greatest universities in the land, to be read by the members of twenty other chapters, and many hundreds of his graduate brethren throughout the world!

Arrived at Iowa City Beach unexpectedly found there friends from his old home at Groton, who had preceded him, by whom he was warmly welcomed. At first intending to practice law he obtained admission to the bar of Iowa, but soon after accepted an election as Professor of Greek and Latin in the Iowa State University, at Iowa City. At the end of a year however, finding his health weakened by its duties, he resigned that position. This year (1854) proved in some respects a sad, and in others a momentous one for the founders. William Hyslop died February 27th, Aikin November 7th. Brown was hard at work in business, and soon to marry; Green was on the way to the Pacific to be there until 1856; Wile, having sailed the Australian seas, was settling in New Zealand; and Beach as seen was a "pioneer" in Iowa. In 1856, September 17th, he was married to Miss Zerelda E. Bowen, daughter of Col. Bowen of Iowa City. Three sons were born to them, but none survive. Soon after Beach received the appointment of Deputy State Auditor, which he held four years. During 1860 and 1861 he was an editor, with Judge Howell, a brother-in-law, of the *Keokuk Republican*, a daily paper. (In politics Mr. Beach was always a Republican.) The working at night, which the editing required, so injured his health that he was forced to give it up. For some time after he had a place in the Pay Service of the United States. In 1863 he

engaged in the wholesale and retail book and stationery business at Iowa City, continuing it with varying success until 1870. For three years he then tried farming, near Iowa City, but concluding he was not adapted to that difficult pursuit, he went to Davenport and engaged in jobbing books and stationery again. This venture proved more disastrous than any preceding one, and he was obliged to abandon it with a heavy loss. He obtained then a clerkship in the Quartermaster General's office, and afterward in the Pension office, at Washington, remaining there ten years. His health again failing, he resigned, and sought recovery amid the hills of his native Groton, with relatives there, and in Northern Pennsylvania. About this time he visited Green in Syracuse, and the long separated friends had a few pleasant days together, recalling old times, and exchanging their several experiences. With improved health Beach returned to Iowa City in 1887, and thereafter practised there as a pension attorney.

To the loss of property had been added in 1878 the far more grievous loss of his two sons then his only children, one by sickness, and the other a month later by a railway accident. This double misfortune occurred while he was living in Washington. After his return to Iowa it is not to be wondered at that Mr. Beach was sometimes made despondent by "unmerciful disaster", which had thus "followed fast and followed faster". At length however, it is believed, he found solace in those poetical compositions by which some of his time was thenceforth employed. Affliction, that passed over his life, like the glacier of the Klondike left golden treasures in its path. "'Tis held that sorrow makes us wise". The springs of human sympathy, checked in one direction, overflowed in another, and in the new employment our friend found a heaven-sent medicine, a "kind nepenthe", and forgot for the while his losses and griefs. In a letter to Green in March, 1891, he said, "Once in a while I have been weak enough

To make a little rhyme
To reconcile the time,

but do not suppose I devote much attention to it." We find however that in December, 1892, his fame as a poet had become

so recognised by and among his townsmen of Iowa City, that, celebrating the 78th anniversary of the birth of their War-Governor Kirkwood, they engaged Mr. Beach to write and read a poem for the occasion, which he did very acceptably. In March, 1894, in a letter to Green he said—"I do a little literary work now and then but do not devote my time to it". In 1895 his little volume of poems, "Western Airs", was published. November 2nd he wrote of his labors in getting it out, adding, "I am looking for the volumes now, and will promptly mail them to my many subscribers".

The writer is not informed as to the measure of success the book had. Having read and heard so much of the small pecuniary reward that the poet is wont to receive he did not venture to inquire. But he feels sure Mr. Beach reaped abundant profit in the pleasure which the labor afforded him, nor was it without gratification to his friends. Whatever the result was, it did not lead to his ceasing the agreeable work. Thank God, the fear of failure, or of poverty, never yet repressed a poet. At Christmas (1895) he rearranged from "Western Airs", the following :

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Whoever pulls a paltry weed ;
 Whoever plants a garden seed ;
 Whoever cultivates the land,
 And, for the wigwam, makes to stand
 The cottage or the stately dome—
 (Whichever represents "sweet home") ;
 Whoever drains a fetid pond,
 And lifts—to save, Hygeia's wand ;
 Whoever smooths the rough highway
 For sore and weary feet of clay ;
 Whoever quells the bloody strife,
 And, in its stead, plants peaceful life ;
 Whoever bridges chasms drear
 Where life and death are neighbors near ;
 Who'er the light of truth imparts
 To darkened lives and blighted hearts ;
 And who this day shall glad, proclaim
 The great Redeemer's precious name,—
 Have wrought sweet works of lasting worth,
 And made to man a better earth.

While the writer is not competent to pass upon the general merits of his friend's work, to him there seems ability to express deep feeling in the following verses of "A Memorial Poem", page 37 of "Western Airs".

Last night in sweet transport of vision methought
I was happy at home with my loved and lost boys
Who had come as of yore, and endearingly sought,
My time to beguile with their innocent joys :
Home heavenly joys.

Their past was with many dear memories crowned,
With many sweet charms and good deeds was made bright ;
Their present the halo of youth shone around,
Their future was lit with hope's heavenly light ;
Resplendent the light !

O presence most dear ! O sweet moment of bliss !
No rapture more hallowed could angels impart
To man from the mansions above, than was this
Brief hour of delight to a fond father's heart ;
O'erflowing my heart.

But alas ! the bright vision dispelled is soon made
To deepen the darkness where light seemed to gleam,
My boys in their silent beds long since were laid :
I wake but to find that my bliss was a dream ;
Delusive the dream !

At the Theta Delta Chi Semi-Centennial banquet at Windsor Hotel, New York, February 10, 1898, he read, with much applause from the large assemblage, a poem which he had written for the occasion, entitled "The Beautiful River", by which title he symbolized the fraternity. He also made addresses both at the banquet and the celebration on the same day. These all are printed in the handsome and most interesting volume "Memorial History" of the Fraternity, edited and published (1898) by brother Clay W. Holmes, Elmira.

It has been to the writer a source of keen regret, and some self reproach, that the active and laborious lives of the founders did not seem to allow of more intercourse between them after leaving college. Soon some met an all too early death, yet not so early but that they left shining memories after them. Beach and Green for many years have been the only survivors. They

had written each other one or two letters while studying law, but after Beach (Green being then in the Pacific) went to Iowa, they did not become informed of each other's location, until in September, 1869, when Green learned where Beach was, and writing him received a welcome answer, containing the following :

"I was gratified to receive your letter and to note your undying interest in your old class and society mates, even though it contained no news of your own history, which I could read with avidity. This however I hold in expectation. If I had not been so woefully silent I would like to assure you this interest is not one-sided. But duties as well as friends thicken as we go on in life, and amid the crowd and the pressure we but hastily glance back at the halcyon school-boy days, give our old friends the sacred but unperceived recognition of memory and good wishes, and turn again into the current of surrounding unrelenting duties. In such a way may I assure you have I often thought of you. * * * We were in N. Y. last fall and happened in Syracuse, waiting for the cars. Do wish we had known you were living there. Will try to call on you next time I go East. Would be happy to receive a good long letter from you, and especially to learn that your lot and experience has been a favored one".

Letters were afterward, from time to time exchanged, always eliciting from Beach fresh expressions of love for the fraternity. In one of March 14, 1891, he said : "I am pleased to be assured our good old Theta Delta Chi fraternity has survived the ravages and buffetings of the two score and over of past years, and established a foundation of permanency and honor". After his return from the Semi-Centennial in 1898 he wrote, saying in reference to that celebration : "My visit East and our reunion under the Theta Delta Chi fraternal banner, with so auspicious surroundings, and so many and hearty tokens of genuine brotherly love, warmed my heart with a new zeal and interest in the grand old institution we had a hand and part, however humble, in founding."

As the mind recalls our friend as he appeared to his colleagues at Union, he was of medium height, well-proportioned, well-knit, healthy, having brown hair, a pleasant voice, a kind

and cheerful disposition, a merry laugh, and a frank, manly demeanor. Brother Franklin Burdge in his able, careful and interesting Historical Address, published in *THE SHIELD* for July, 1884, attributes to Mr. Beach when in college "a retiring disposition and diffident manners". Such is not the impression the writer retains of him. Though modest doubtless, he was as remembered neither diffident nor retiring. He may have seemed so to some others. In those days Beach was to Green a sort of elder brother. He was in fact a year older, and had been more from home. The writer has still his commencement oration carefully (by his request) copied by Beach in his much more orderly and clear hand, so that Doctor Nott might the more easily and favorably judge of it. He has kept it because of its associations, this incident being one. Method, order, good sense, industry, patience, and perseverance were so marked in Beach as a young man, and so much a part of his character, that it is not seen how in any ordinary circumstances he should have failed as he finally did in business. He himself explained it as partly due to the dishonesty of a business associate. That is more easily reconcilable with his character, for he was trustful and unswervingly honest himself.

To those who saw him first when age had come upon him, it would be difficult to make his appearance agree with the above picture of his youth, such had been the ravages of time, sickness, misfortune and grief. But though the outer form had sadly changed, the mental and moral qualities remained the same. Kindness, order, patience, simplicity, purity, truthfulness,—all were there. And there was that also which must make his memory the more pleasant to his brethren, the interest that he showed with advancing years in the welfare of the fraternity, and in its companionship. If this was due in some part to the loss of other usually engrossing ties and interests, it is still worthy of notice, and must serve to enhance the estimate of that fraternal relation which can help to assuage grief and disappointment, and to compensate age for the losses and loneliness by which it is often attended.

Most of those who saw brother Beach on that glorious occasion, the Semi-Centennial, looked on him, alas, for the last time.

He and Green journeyed homeward joyfully together, parting at Syracuse, not without hope of meeting perhaps often again ; and their experience in New York had inspired a desire to repeat such enjoyment as they were there made to feel. It was however apparent that Mr. Beach's health was seriously impaired. After arriving home, though complaining of a bad cold contracted on his journey, he seemed soon to recover. Expressing the hope that future meetings might be in more comfortable weather, he added, "You see I meditate the possibility of seeing something later on of $\Theta \Delta X$ ". His health however must have continued to decline, though he made no mention of it to friends. The end therefore came to them unexpectedly. He had a little time before reached the allotted limit, three score and ten. Of pure life, and Christian character, he rests in peace. Though we sorrow that he is gone, memory will often bring before us his familiar form, we will seem to hear his voice, and the thought of him will recall too the remembrance of those once his and our dear companions. Aye it does at this moment, and thinking on him and them, and how we walked and dwelt together "in unity", we find the poet's words in memory of *his* friendship, not inappropriate to *ours*, and reverently we say :

"My love involves the love before,

"My love is vaster passion now ;

"Though mixed with God and Nature thou,

"I seem to love thee more and more."

ANDREW H. GREEN,

Alpha '49.

[While, as Brother Green relates, the preliminary organization of $\Theta \Delta X$ took place in West College, the final organization of June 5, 1848, attested by the Alpha records as the anniversary date, took place at No. 15 or 17 Front street, the home formerly occupied by the family of Governor Yates, and was accomplished by the aid of six men in addition to the Founders—namely, Robert L. Dodge, Theodore J. Fonda, Jesse D. Fonda, Francis E. Martindale, Newton B. Sherman and Abram Walrath. See Memorial History, p. 80 b.—ED.]



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