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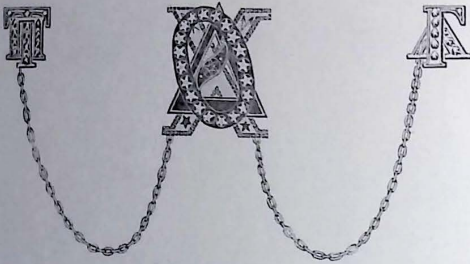
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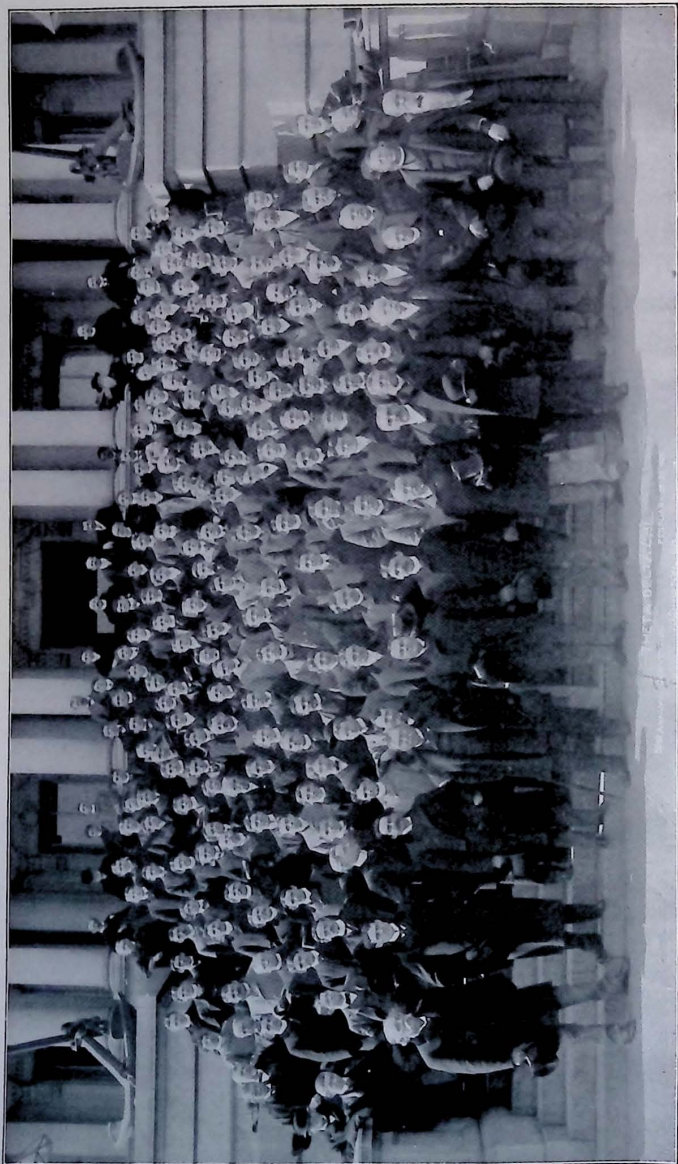
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The Fifty-second Convention of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity was held in the Hotel Raleigh, Washington, D. C., on the 22d and 23d of February, 1900.

In numbers, and in the full representation from the charges, the fifty-second convention is the record convention of our fraternity. Every charge sent its full quota of delegates, and the attendance at the sessions reached a maximum of two hundred and forty-five, which figure is about forty in advance of any previous mark. Particularly noticeable was the number of graduates who were in attendance. Brothers from the old Theta, Delta, Mu, Pi, Lambda Proteron, and Sigma, were present, besides an unequalled number of graduate brothers from the living charges. In the convention were three former presidents of the Grand Lodge, Brothers Cornell, Stewart, and Simons, and in addition the convention roster contained the names of a good number of the others through whose efforts our fraternity has been placed in its present high position.

The list was not quite complete, however, for there were some few whose familiar faces are always looked for at the annual gatherings, and whom we missed at this one. In this number was Brother William L. Stone, Zeta, '57. It was not through any wish of Brother Stone's, that he was not among the Theta Delts at Washington, and his letter to Brother Harstrom, a part of which is published among the convention regrets, is ample testimony to this fact.

For this record-breaking attendance, and for the exceptionally good arrangements at the hotel, too much praise cannot be accorded to the Southern Graduate Association, and particularly to Brother J. McBride Sterrett, through whose efforts especially, the unrivalled success was attained. And more than passing notice should be accorded to the Raleigh, for everything about the hotel, from the spacious lobby and the beautifully decorated convention room to the great flag of Theta Delta Chi floating over all, contributed to making the gathering an unequalled one.

The sessions opened at half past ten Thursday morning, with Brother Harstrom presiding, and the following delegates in attendance:

Beta—Seward A. Simons, '79; James B. Nolan, '00; Walter G. Massey, '00.

Gamma D.—M. Chas. Huggett, '99; J. W. Wood, '00; F. H. Lancashire, '01.

Epsilon D.—C. S. Robinson, '91; R. O. Clock, '01; J. M. Morgan, '02.

Zeta—R. S. Emerson, '97; W. H. Hull, '01; C. H. Gilmore, '01.

Eta—F. J. C. Little, '89; P. M. Palmer, '00; A. S. Rodrick, '02.

Iota—Gifford LeClair, '95; R. D. Crane, '00; C. S. White, '01.

Iota D.—R. D. Dunbar, '98; J. A. DeCamp, '00; R. C. Gibbs, '00.

Kappa—Elmer A. Capen, '60; John P. Clark, '00; L. S. Pierce, '01.

Lambda—James P. Shook, '00; Wm. E. Ennis, '01.

Mu D.—Harry A. Bullock, '99; E. T. Clark, '00; Will D. Ballentine, '01.

Nu D.—Frank J. Myers, '98; J. B. Freund, '01; S. R. Alder, '01.

Xi—H. B. Cone, '69; E. S. Warren, '02; Wm. C. Dorris, '03.

Omicron D.—Seth P. Smith, '82; N. H. Barrows, '00; C. W. Kimball, '01.

Pi D.—H. N. Holton, '99; F. S. Fisher, '00; O. J. A. Grasse, '00.

Rho D.—F. N. Dodd, '91; M. E. Rionda, '00; Edward Van Winkle, '00.

Sigma D.—F. H. Watson, '99; B. H. Bridge, '01; Geo P. Nelson, '01.

Tau D.—J. W. Erf, '93; R. F. McKesson, '01; J. W. Pike, '00.

Phi—Frank N. Stewart, '69; J. B. Stradling, '00; Frederick Sim, '01.

Chi—James B. Hamilton, '98; E. C. Rosser, '01; A. J. Kennedy, '01.

Chi D.—J. McBride Sterrett, '67; H. T. Dormer, '00; G. S. Chase, '00.

Psi—Carl S. Cunningham, '98; Frank M. Weston, '00; W. J. McLaughlin, '00.

After all present had been tested, and the meeting opened in due form, announcement was made of the appointment of Brother H. H. St. Clair, of Rho Deuteron, as convention stenographer, and of Brother Carl Tombo, as Assistant Secretary. The Committee on Credentials was next appointed, and while it was attending to the registration of the delegates, Brother Harstrom called upon some of the graduate members to address the convention. First came Brother George Coleman of the old Mu Charge, who was the author of "Come my Boys." After Brother Coleman, at different times during the sessions, Brothers Lockwood, Cornell, Mellen, Stewart, Simons, Gibson, Huffcut, Spahn, and Little spoke to the brothers in this same informal way. It is to be regretted that space will not allow the publishing of these informal talks, for every brother who has attended conventions of our fraternity, knows how much they contribute toward making the annual gathering mean what it does to every Theta Delt.

The reading of the President's report was next in order, and Brother Spahn was called to the chair. It is needless to comment on Brother Harstrom's report. The abstract which is included among the convention reports will show better than it is possible to tell in this account, the vast amount of work that Brother Harstrom has done for Theta Delta Chi in the past year, as in every other of the years that he has honored the first office of our fraternity. The thunderous applause that followed the reading of the report, as well as Brother Spahn's fitting tribute,

bespoke clearly enough the appreciation of the fraternity for Brother Harstrom's work, and told as well the warm place that is ever his in the heart of every member of Theta Delta Chi.

The oral reports from the charges followed the President's report, and it is hardly necessary to say that the condition of the fraternity, as shown by these reports, was at once gratifying and surprising, by reason of the unprecedented growth and prosperity of the charges. The afternoon session of Thursday was devoted to the discussion of questions pertaining to the internal policy of the fraternity. Thursday evening, the Chi Deuteron Charge kept open house, and the Cosmos Club, through the invitation of Brother Sterrett, extended its hospitality to the convention.

On Friday morning, the reports of the Committees on the President's Report, and upon the Report of the Secretary of the Grand Lodge were given, and Brother Huffcut reported for THE SHIELD. His report showed that THE SHIELD, as a fraternity magazine, was a great success. The list of graduate subscribers was gratifying in the extreme, and a comfortable balance was reported in the SHIELD treasury. And in addition to this, Brother Huffcut reported that three hundred graduate subscriptions had already been obtained for the ensuing year. The report of the Custodian of Archives was next read, and the abstract given under the head of convention reports, speaks for itself in regard to the efficiency of Brother Carter's work.

During the session, Brother J. McBride Sterrett introduced a design for a fraternity coat of arms. Brother Sterrett had for the inspection of the convention a drawing of the proposed arms, together with a circular explaining the device. The description of the Blazon is as follows :

The Escutcheon is quartered. In the First Quarter is a sphynx and pyramid in natural color, on a silver ground.

The Second Quarter is sable, with two five pointed stars at the top, and a silver altar at the bottom.

The Third Quarter is blue, with a red ruby on a cross of silver with indented edges. In the upper right hand corner there are fasces ; in the upper left hand corner, a skull and crossbones ; in the lower right hand corner, a lamp ; and in the lower left hand corner, clasped hands in silver.

The Fourth Quarter is silver, with two Roman swords at the top, and an open book at the bottom.

The Crest has a figure of the Minerva on a wreath of silver and black. She is holding in her right hand a shield, and in her left, a spear ; while beside her is an owl.

The drapery at the back of the shield is blue and silver, and the motto, the Greek words "Our Hearts Are United."

The Graduate Association of Central New York, at this session, extended an invitation to the fraternity, to hold the next convention in Buffalo, and the matter was reported favorably to the incoming Grand Lodge.

The election of officers occurred next, and amid such scenes of enthusiasm as usually characterize such a time. Brother Ernest W. Huffcut, of the Beta Charge, and Professor of Law at Cornell University, was unanimously elected President of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year. Brother Smith, of Rho Deuteron, and Brother Stevens, of Gamma Deuteron, received unanimous elections to the respective offices of Secretary and Treasurer of the Grand Lodge.

The Reception at the White House

It is doubtful if any one who did not have the good fortune to attend the reception given by President McKinley at the White House, on Friday noon, can appreciate the significance of that event in the history of the fraternity. It was not only an honor never before accorded to any similar body of men, but it was a sight never to be forgotten by a member of Theta Delta Chi, to see two brothers, as the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General of the United States, standing at the President's side to bid welcome with him to the convention of our fraternity, in behalf of the Government of the United States.

With the receiving party were Brother Henry R. Gibson, M.C., Xi, '62, and Brother Gonzales de Quesada, Rho Deuteron, '88. The delegates gathered in the parlors of the Raleigh a half-hour before the reception, and, going from there to the White House, were taken in hand by the master of ceremonies, and ushered into the President's apartment, where they were presented to the President and to the others of the receiving

party, by Brother Harstrom. A number of ladies were in the party, and the President extended to them a delightful courtesy, by presenting to each some red carnations, the fraternity flower. When the reception was over, all went to the State Department, where the convention picture was taken by Prince, of Washington.

The Concluding Session

At the afternoon session of the convention, the questions of the petitions from the University of California and the University of Chicago, were considered.

The discussion on the California matter was overwhelmingly in favor of the granting of the petition, and it was argued that the objection on the ground of distance was outweighed by the advantages offered by the University for the establishment of a charge. Particular emphasis was laid upon the assurance given by the Western Graduate Association that the charge, if established, would be kept up to the high standard of the fraternity. The petition was favorably reported to the incoming Grand Lodge. On the Chicago matter the sentiment was different. It seemed to the brothers that the University of Chicago, in view of its rather unusual arrangement of the college year, and of the additional fact that many of the members of the University were day students, did not offer a sufficiently favorable field for the establishment of a charge.

At the close of the session, the report of the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge was received ; and, with the usual impressive ceremony, the incoming Grand Lodge was installed. One of the most pleasing and gratifying incidents of the convention occurred at this session, when Brother George Williamson Smith, the President of Trinity College, addressed the convention ; and told the fraternity that he had been especially asked by Mrs. Smith to extend to Theta Delta Chi her thanks for the many services that its members had extended to her. Brother Smith said that, on several occasions, Mrs. Smith had received from members courteous treatment which she felt bound to acknowledge at this time, and that on two such occasions in particular, during her travels in Europe, she had received care and attention

when she had been in great personal danger. At a quarter past five, the Fifty-second Convention of Theta Delta Chi adjourned *sine die*.

Addenda

After the foregoing account was sent to THE SHIELD, the writer obtained from the official stenographer the following extracts from the convention minutes, which are deemed worthy of publication :

(1) At the Friday morning session it was moved by Brother J. McBride Sterrett that a committee of three, of which Brother Willis S. Paine should be chairman, be appointed to consider the question of a coat of arms and to report to the next convention. Motion carried.

(2) At the Friday morning session it was voted, on motion of Brother Stewart, that it was the sense of the convention that the incoming Grand Lodge be instructed to use all means toward the reëstablishment of the old Epsilon Charge at the College of William and Mary.

(3) At the Friday afternoon session it was voted that the appointment of Bros. Dodd, Paine, and Carl Tombo as trustees of SHIELD surplus be approved.

(4) At the Friday afternoon session, it was voted that the electrotypes of the Grand Lodge jewel be sent to the different charges.

(5) On motion of Brother Sterrett, at the same session, the thanks of the fraternity were extended to Brother Willis E. Paine for his work in regard to the coat of arms.

(6) *Resolved*, At suggestion of Brother Stradling, that the Sigma Charge at Dickinson College be reëstablished. (A petition from the students of Dickinson College, which had the endorsement of brothers of the old Sigma and one of the old Pi, was presented to the convention to be acted upon in the usual way.)

(7) On motion of Brother Nolan, of Beta, it was voted that the incoming Grand Lodge consider the advisability of decreasing the number of charge letters from one a month to three a year.

Report of Officers

(A) Report of the President.

Brother Harstrom reported that the Grand Lodge had held, during the past year, four regular meetings, which had been supplemented by correspondence and by personal conferences. Paragraph 2 deals with the instructions that had been received from the last convention in regard to :—

- (1) The appointment of Brother Huffcut as SHIELD Editor.
- (2) The petition from the University of California.
- (3), (4), and (5) In regard to matters of fraternity policy.
- (6) The President extended to Brother Willis S. Paine the thanks of the fraternity for the Grand Lodge jewel.

(7) and (8) Our Grand Lodge carried out the instruction of the previous convention in regard to the purchase by the charges of the memorial volume and the quiz-book.

(9) Report of the committee on the new song book, to the effect that the committee be continued for three years during which time all members of the fraternity are urged to aid in the preparation of the new book.

Paragraph 3 deals with petitions for new charges at the University of California and the University of Chicago, and with letters received concerning the granting of charters at two other institutions. Paragraph 4 dealt with a matter of fraternity policy.

Paragraph 5 is devoted to the rulings made by the Grand Lodge concerning the use of pledge buttons and other matters. Paragraph 6 related to the very extensive correspondence carried on by the Grand Lodge, especially with the charges. Paragraph 7 discusses various matters that have been before the Grand Lodge during the past year, and notes :

(1) That the Theta Charter is in the hands of the Grand Lodge.

(2) That the Delta oil painting symbolizing Theta Delta Chi has been placed temporarily in the hands of the Beta Charge.

(3) That the ritual for the burial of the dead has not been printed as yet, since the committee in charge of that matter is not yet satisfied with the work.

(4) That information was received concerning a document that purported to be the original constitution of the Epsilon Charge, and that Brother William S. Lamb, of Norfolk, had identified it as such.

(5) and (6) That the death of Brother Abel Beach had been properly noted in *THE SHIELD* and in the Archives. Mention is made of Brother Mellon's generosity to Brother Beach.

(7), (8), and (9) An account is given of the annual assessment, the reports of the last convention, and the arrangements for the present convention.

Paragraph 8 refers to the report of the Custodian of the Archives. Paragraph 9 relates to the graduate and undergraduate associations recognized by the Grand Lodge. Paragraph 10 reports the official visitations made to the charges, and discusses in detail the condition and needs of each. In general Brother Harstrom reports: "The discipline of the fraternity is good and the lodge rooms are constantly improving. The work of the charges, while not perfect, is steadily improving, and Theta Deltas everywhere are gentlemen."

The remarks with which Brother Harstrom concludes the report of the last of his five years of office cannot fail to be of interest to every member of Theta Delta Chi. He says: "In closing, I want publicly to thank my colleagues on the Grand Lodge for their never failing courtesy, their industry, and their devotion. Brothers Marble and Smith have done their work well, and they merit the absolute confidence of the fraternity. Were I to name all who have given me support and splendid service, the list would be large indeed. In justice to my feelings, however, I must not omit the names of Huffcut and Carter. We have all worked together in the utmost harmony, and for them both I have the deepest fraternal affection. To the fraternity at large I owe a debt of gratitude. You have done me extraordinary honor, and for it all I return my poor thanks. In retiring from the Presidency, I believe that I have the good will of you all,—and the thought of that is something that I shall cherish to the end of my days. May God grant that our beloved Theta Delta Chi may be perpetuated throughout all future generations."

(B) Report of the Secretary.

The Secretary of the Grand Lodge reported that on the tenth day of each month a consolidated report of the charge correspondence was issued, and that the graduates had shown during the year an increased interest in these reports. He stated that the corresponding secretaries of Beta, Iota, Kappa, Lambda, Xi, and Phi had sent out a full quota of letters, and commended further the work of the secretaries of the Zeta, Iota Deuteron, Chi, Chi Deuteron, and Psi charges. The Secretary had received 191 initiation blanks during the year, and had sent out 121 copies of the proceedings of the last convention.¹

(C) THE SHIELD Report.

Brother Huffcut reported that THE SHIELD had 349 graduate and 421 undergraduate subscribers for Vol. XV.; that the reduction of the subscription price and the requirement that subscriptions be paid in advance, had been justified by the experience of the year; and that the receipts from subscriptions and advertising had been more than sufficient to meet all the expenses, without drawing upon the funds of the Grand Lodge.

He stated that the average cost of obtaining graduate subscriptions had been seventeen cents on every dollar, and that a great saving would result to THE SHIELD if graduates would send in their subscriptions promptly. He approved the plan of entrusting to one man the control of both the editorial work and business management of the journal. The importance of a faithful performance of their duties by the charge editors was emphasized, and it was deemed wise to report delinquent editors to the convention; while in flagrant cases the Grand Lodge should be requested to secure the removal of incompetent editors. The charges were urged to appoint only upper classmen to this responsible position.

Brother Huffcut reported that Vol. XV. had contained 380 pages, and that, in general, a volume of 400 pages will be adequate to the needs of the publication. An edition of 1000 copies

¹The report of the Treasurer was not received by the writer in time to be included in this article.

had been printed during the past year, and 50 bound copies and 100 unbound are now on hand for distribution. It was recommended that these surplus copies should be put in the hands of some agent of the fraternity for future sale, that the cash surplus for the year should be turned over to the same hands, and that the entire proceeds of these funds should be used for other than current expenses of publication.

The retiring editor was able to turn over to his successor over 300 graduate subscriptions for Vol. XVI., and he urged that the charges should increase this number to 500. It was estimated that the entire cost of Vol. XVI. need not exceed \$800.

The detailed report of the financial condition of THE SHIELD was as follows :

CASH RECEIVED

Graduate subscriptions.....	\$349 00
Undergraduate subscriptions.....	396 00
Other receipts	118 35
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CASH EXPENDED

Printing	\$547 95
Illustrating	53 93
Mailing	40 50
Other expenses.....	154 22
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	\$796 60

ASSETS

Cash assets	
Cash balance	\$ 66 75
Due from charges	25 00
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	91 75
Bound copies	50 00
Unbound copies	100 00
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	\$150 00

This report was approved by the convention in all details, and it was voted that charge editors should, whenever possible, be selected from upper classmen. It was voted also that, in cases where THE SHIELD should be obliged to report persistent delinquency on the part of charge editors, the Grand Lodge should have authority to demand the removal of these officers. It was

voted that the surplus reported for Vol. XV. should be entrusted to a standing board of trustees, and expended as future conventions might direct. Finally it was resolved that "the hearty thanks of the fraternity" should be extended to Brother Huffcut "for his exemplary management of the work entrusted to him" during the past year.

(D) Report of the Custodian of the Archives.

Brother Carter's report opened with a tribute to our late Brother Abel Beach, and spoke of the place which should be accorded to Brother Beach in the history of the fraternity. The Custodian reported that his work for the past year had related largely to the classification of addresses for the catalogue; that 22 new addresses had been obtained and 80 personal items sent to THE SHIELD; and that 1105 official letters were written. He reported also that 121 copies of the proceedings of the last convention had been issued.

The property of the department of Archives had been placed in safe keeping in New York City. Newsletter No. 3 had brought in financial aid, and a balance of \$10.50 remained in the hands of the Custodian. Finally special acknowledgment was made of the aid which the department had received from Brother Frank N. Dodd.

The Banquet

The banquet of the Fifty-second Convention of Theta Delta Chi was held in the banquet hall of the Raleigh, on the evening of February 23, at eight P. M. A beautiful sight met the eyes of the brothers as they entered the hall. The room had been transformed from a convention hall to a veritable bower. The walls, panelled in blue and white, were draped with smilax and ferns; and over the balcony was hung the flag of the fraternity. On long tables, glimmering with silver and cut glass, were huge bouquets of roses and chrysanthemums, while at every plate a boutonniere of violets lay beside the menu card. The card itself was a souvenir that any one would prize, both for its intrinsic beauty, and as a memento of the banquet. It was simple in design, with the flag of the fraternity, and a red carnation, the fraternity flower, on the outer cover. Within an alcove at the

side of the hall, an orchestra was stationed, which furnished accompaniment for the frequent songs that do so much to make such a banquet a success. A party of Theta Delta wives, sisters, and sweethearts was in the balcony, and their presence throughout the banquet was not the least attractive feature of the occasion. These were: Mrs. Carl A. Harstrom, Mrs. Frank N. Dodd, Mrs. Duncan Campbell Lee, Mrs. Gonzales de Quesada, Miss Waddams, The Misses Sumner, Miss Senior, and Miss Young.

Two hundred and two loyal Theta Deltas gathered around the tables, making this the record banquet, with the Semi-Centennial a close second with one hundred and ninety-eight. The brothers were seated by charges, and as the feast progressed, they made the walls ring with their charge and college yells.

When Brother Griggs entered at quarter past ten, the scene beggars description. In an instant every one was on his feet, waving his napkin and yelling as if he were in college again, and some one had won the game by a home-run in the ninth inning. And the scene was repeated a few minutes later when Brother Hay came into the room and took his seat with Brother Griggs, beside the Toastmaster. Also at the head table were, Brother George Williamson Smith, the President of Trinity College, Brother Elmer A. Capen, the President of Tufts College, Brother Carl A. Harstrom, of the retiring Grand Lodge, Brother Ernest W. Huffcut, the incoming President, Brother Gonzales de Quesada, Brother James R. Mellon, Brother Daniel Lockwood, Brother W. H. Corbin, Brother Henry R. Gibson, Brother George Coleman, Brother D. C. Lee, Brother Seth P. Smith, Brother W. S. Raines, Brother Douglas H. Cornell, Brother H. S. McCandlish, Brother J. G. Shanklin, and Brother T. S. Rogers. The list of all those who were present at the banquet could not be obtained in time for insertion here.

It is needless to say that the banquet proper was of the best, and that at its conclusion, the brothers were in the right mood to hear, and to take home with them the speeches, full of love and loyalty to Theta Delta Chi, that followed.

At a quarter past eleven, Brother Griggs called the assembly to order, introducing Brother J. McBride Sterrett as toastmaster.

"I am unfortunate," said Brother Griggs, "to have been unable to keep track with the growth of the constitution and code of our fraternity, for I am in doubt as to whether I should address the ladies as brothers. I would like to do it, and unless there is some objection, I will do so, for what is the constitution between friends. So casting nicety of interpretation to the winds, I will address the ladies as 'Brothers in Theta Delta Chi'."

"I have been delegated to call to order this banquet of our fraternity, and I will do so. It is difficult to do this in view of the lateness of the hour, but I remember on one occasion, when some one proposed making a night of it, hearing Brother Sterrett say 'Amen,' and I am sure that he will agree with us in doing the same again to-night."

"As a local Theta Delt, it is my privilege to bid you welcome to Washington. I welcome you to the town, and if there is anything here that you want, from an office to the Washington Monument, just help yourselves to it."

"At the White House to-day, after the close of the President's reception, Mr. McKinley turned to me and remarked, 'Griggs, there is material in that body of men for about four hundred such cabinets as I have'." (Applause).

"But I am not here to make a speech, I am here to put the town at your service."

"I am, however, glad to see a feeling for expansion in the fraternity. I am glad, and proud, to belong to an administration which believes in expansion. I do not know much Greek, but I do not need to know much, for Theta Delta Chi is enough." (Applause.) "And through Theta Delta Chi, Theta Delts are gaining distinction in other countries. Cuba owes not a little to Theta Delta Chi;—we saw something of this in the war, and more than one Theta Delt sleeps under the stars in far-off Luzon."

"I remember," he continued, "a speech made in New York a few years ago by Brother Hay, when he said he looked for the time to come when a New Zealander should sit astride of the Brooklyn Bridge, and inscribe Theta Delta Chi on the parapets. Instead of this with the present campaign in the East, I shall, before many years, look for the establishment of a charge in the University of Manila." (Prolonged applause and laughter.)

"But I am here to keep silence, and we want lots of it,—we want a silence as deep as that which I remember occurred once in connection with Brother Sterrett." "He went out playing golf with Mr. Justice Harlan one day, (and I may remark in explanation, that Brother Sterrett thinks that what he does not know about golf, is not worth knowing), and prepared to drive." "He selected the brassie with great care, and addressed the ball with equal attention. After many preparatory waggles, he made one fierce swing at the ball, fully expecting to see it land at least within two yards of the hole. He missed it entirely!" (Laughter and applause, and an emphatic "No" from Brother Sterrett.) "Justice Harlan looked at him, but he said nothing. For fully three minutes he stood thus, gazing mournfully first at the ball, and then at his driver. At last Brother Sterrett raised his eyes to the Justice, who remarked, 'Sterrett, that was the most profane silence that I ever heard? And this is the kind of silence that I want when I present to you Brother Sterrett, who is to be toastmaster of the evening.'" (Prolonged applause.) Brother J. McBride Sterrett.

"Silence is golden and not profane. But to-night, as I look upon so many who are brimming over with good things to say to us, I feel that silence on my part would be the most profound eloquence." "If ever there was a time when brevity was the soul of wit, this is that time. To-night every heart is filled with the common sentiment of love and zeal for the fraternity."

"Brother Griggs began well; he struck the key-note when he said that to know Theta Delta Chi, and what that means, was enough. If we do know this well, we know more than if we were versed in all the Odyssey of Homer. I am going to violate the usual custom of toastmasters at banquets, for I shall let the others furnish the wit and eloquence. To-night the best toastmaster is a sacred silence."

"So I will not tell of all the achievements of Theta Delta Chi, for all these things are written in your hearts, and you can tell us of them better than I can. Whom shall I call on first?" (Cries of "Hay.") "We are all guests of honor to-night because we are all honorable men. But I shall make no mistake in calling first upon one whose name shines bright among diplomatists,

and whose songs are sung wherever Theta Delts are gathered." (Applause.) Brother John Hay, Secretary of State.

"MR. TOASTMASTER, AND BROTHERS IN THETA DELTA CHI:—There are many reasons why I should not speak to-night. I came here under the promise that I should not be asked ; and, what is more, Brother Griggs is admitted to be spellbinder of the administration." (Laughter and applause.) "He has appropriated for himself all of the eloquence in the cabinet, and I assure you that he is not pleased with infringements."

"Moreover, there is no more difficult task then for a man of my years to speak to men of yours. The greatest of the apostles once said, 'I speak to you young men because you are strong.' I differ from him, for I can *not* easily speak to you, for the same reason. Youth is strong ; it has everything ; and if it is young enough, it knows everything." (Laughter.)

"And so, in speaking to you to-night, I can only refer to the good times I have had in Theta Delta Chi, and tell how much I owe to her. My time has gone, yours is with you. And it is my hope that it may be always with you."

"I felt while Brother Griggs was speaking, that silence on my part was indeed golden, and in keeping such a silence I can vie with the best,—a silence so deep that, as Mark Twain says, 'you can hear the microbes gnaw'." (Applause.)

Brother Sterrett next introduced Brother George W. Smith, President of Trinity College, mentioning, in so doing, the Southern Graduate Association which, he said, was the reminder of Southern Theta Delts as they were before the war. "Everything was better in the South before the war," said Brother Sterrett, "and Brother Smith was one of the best that the South could give us." Brother George W. Smith, Xi, '57.

"I was in the South and in Washington before the war, and I can vouch for the Theta Delts that we had there then. This is the first banquet of our fraternity that I have attended in 42 years,—since 1858,—and in looking upon this scene, I have a feeling that none of you younger men can share with me. I can see the contrast between the fraternity as we knew it, in those days, and what it is to-day. Then, our conventions were held in the back room in some small hotel, and numbered perhaps fifteen

or twenty delegates. To-day we fill the assembly hall of this great hostelry, and our gathering is the object of comment throughout the capital city of our country."

"And so we old fellows see how time has gone since our college days, and we see how the hopes, and the ambitions, and the aspirations that we had for our fraternity in our younger days have been fulfilled. And in knowledge of this fulfillment, we have a feeling of satisfaction that is ample repayment for whatever efforts we may have made in her behalf."

Brother Smith recounted the names of some of the Theta Deltas that he had known in war times, mentioning among these Fitz James O'Brien, *Δ*, '57, at the same time a brilliant writer and gallant soldier, and Colonel Henry, who organized a company of New Jersey troops. He told the story of his parting with Henry, at the time that the troops left Washington, and said that he thought at this time that their parting might be the last, as the event proved.

"I loved Henry," said Brother Smith, "because he was a lovable man, and nothing illustrates this better than the story of his death. He fell on one of the early battlefields, and as he lay there mortally wounded, he noticed near him a rebel officer who wore the badge of our fraternity. A mutual recognition took place between the two dying men, and they gave each other the friendly hand clasp of Theta Delta Chi."

The speaker further recounted the name of "Bill" Merriam, telling of some of the good times they had had together, and also spoke of Clarence Bate, and of Randolph of the Xi Charge. In addition to these, Brother Smith mentioned many others whose memories live ever young in the hearts of those whose good fortune it was to know them.

"But there is one man," said Brother Smith in closing, "whom we must not forget. He entered the public service, as did all true Americans in these trying times, and rose to successive positions of increasing honor and trust." "But as student in college, as a member of the diplomatic corps, as the Minister to England, and as the Secretary of State, Brother John Hay has ever been, and is to-day, a true Theta Delt." (Applause.) The Toastmaster.

"I am now going to call on one who belongs to both generations of Theta Delta Chi, the old, and the new. He belongs to the old, because of his years, and he belongs to the new because he has a son among the younger generation, and has an energetic and loyal charge of our fraternity at his command." Brother Elmer A. Capen, President of Tufts College.

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS: "My reason for silence is fast becoming equally strong with that of the brothers who have preceded me. But, for another reason, I claim silence, because the Boston train leaves in about twenty minutes." (Give us nineteen" From Brother Hay.) "I like to speak of the old, because it is in this that we can trace the root and character of our fraternity. But in spite of this I am more and more impressed with the new Theta Delta Chi."

"We have been having in this place, during the past few days, another convention. And it may be that this other body numbers as many influential men as does our own gathering. But as I have gone in and out through these halls, and have seen and contrasted the two conventions, my thoughts have been in accord with the message just given you from the President, by Brother Griggs. And as I have attended our sessions, and have marked the dignity and intelligence of debate and the order that has characterized our proceedings, even in the midst of strenuous discussion, I have felt that I would just as soon trust the destinies of the republic with these young men, as with the others who have been gathering here. And as I look into the future, I have never felt such a hope for Theta Deita Chi and the republic, as at this time. These, and those whom they represent, are men in whose hands we may with safety trust the ship of state."

"I do not agree with the Secretary of State, that his time has past. I believe that he is only at the beginning of greater things, as our fraternity is on the threshold of a larger and even more brilliant future."

"But if my time were past, and the end were to come to-night, I should feel that the future of our country, of our fraternity, and of all, is safe, because I see in you young men, not only intelligence, but the sobriety and sterling virtue that we have ever cultivated." The Toastmaster.

"I hardly know how to call on Brother Dan Lockwood. He surely can not feel that he has reached the time when he can speak from the standpoint of one whose life has passed, and I am sure that he cannot speak on the subject of expansion. It is, indeed, so hard to determine just in what way I should introduce him, that I will make no further attempt; but will trust the man who nominated Grover Cleveland for Mayor, for Governor, and for President, to state his position for himself." Brother Lockwood, Alpha, '62.

"MR. TOASTMASTER, AND BROTHERS:—My condition since arriving here has been one of continual surprise. I came down with a man whose popularity was so great that I hoped through it to escape entirely from being called upon to speak. And tonight, as I heard Brother Cornell's name shouted again and again," (Brother Lockwood referred to the yell of the Beta Charge), "I thought that I surely was safe. And so I think that you are working the willing heart too much. I am glad, however, to be able to speak to you for the Association of Western New York. The Association is full of life, of health, of vigor, and of brotherly love. So we ask you to come to Buffalo for the next convention, and see for yourselves what the Association can do for you."

Brother Lockwood next spoke of the advantages of Buffalo as a convention city, and in reply to the Toastmaster's allusion in regard to expansion, said that he did not care so much for the structural prosperity of the Philippines as for the real welfare of the American people.

"I am always glad," he continued, "to come to a convention of $\Theta \Delta X$, and although I realize how little I have done, I am proud to belong to the charge that gave Theta Delta Chi to the world. I was at the Semi-Centennial Convention, and I saw there Brother Abel Beach and Brother Green. They were amazed at the scope of the work which they had begun. They hardly could realize the growth of the fraternity which they had founded, but they had the realization that in the founding of this fraternity, they had done something to lift the burdens from the shoulders of the young men who should be blessed by its membership, and that through these they had lightened the burdens

of all men. And so it is true that those men builded better than they knew, and the fair structure that they erected will endure as long as friendship lasts in the hearts of men. I have always believed that one of the most useful influences in college life is that of the secret fraternity. Education is not derived from books alone, but from all sources ; and there is no better way to put the broadest knowledge into the lives of young men than through friendship. And this work is done by the fraternities. A man is proud of his fraternity, and this is the beginning of pride in his country and in its leaders. I therefore believe that this is one of the greatest services performed not only by Theta Delta Chi, but by all fraternities." Brother Lockwood, in closing, paid a glowing tribute to Brother Harstrom. He told of Brother Harstrom's services to the fraternity during the five years of his official work, and said that it was impossible for anyone to pay an adequate tribute to Brother Harstrom, because he had erected his own monument through his wonderful work.

The Toastmaster next introduced Brother Ernest Huffcut, the incoming President of the Grand Lodge. Brother Huffcut.

"MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS :—I do not know how to speak to you to-night, for my theology is like that of the Attorney General.—I have set my thoughts on things above. Through the reluctance of Brother Harstrom to hold office forever you were obliged to look around for a successor as President of the Grand Lodge. And the result of a search after a man like him, and one fit to fill his place, is that you have found a man who is, I regret to say, very unlike him in those attributes which insure the successful conduct of such a position. But I am glad of the fact that, although Grand Lodges may come, and Grand Lodges may go, the fraternity goes on forever. Be the particular administration good or bad, the dominant force is permanent in the life of the fraternity. The fraternity is something that neither parties nor war can kill,—it has its root in eternal and primal love and friendship."

"We can find many examples which show this in our history, and I am reminded of one to-night. I remember, during the administration of President Cleveland, of a brother in our Charge, who, after graduating with high honors, and at the close of a

course of special study, came to me and asked me to help him in getting a government position. I told him that I personally could do nothing for him, as I had not even the acquaintance of any one in the administration, but I said that I knew the man who had nominated Mr. Cleveland for Mayor, for Governor, and for President, and that if that man could not help him, it was because the President was utterly lacking in gratitude. He went to Brother Dan Lockwood, and to-day Fritz Coville is Chief Botanist of the United States." In illustration of the same bond, Brother Huffcut told of the care that had been extended to Brother Abel Beach in his declining years by Brother James R. Mellon. He told of the monument that Brother Mellon had erected, with the inscription "By The Fraternity," and of the poem that was Brother Beach's last work, in which he had tried to express, in a measure, his gratitude to the man who had done so much for him, and through this man, to their common fraternity. "And," the speaker continued, "doesn't it mean something, when such incidents occur as these that I have mentioned? Doesn't it mean something, when these men of standing and of importance in the affairs of the world, come back and tell what Theta Delta Chi means to them?" "The clasp of the hand is but a mere symbol, the flag itself is but a symbol; but men have always fought for such symbols as these, that they should not perish from the face of the earth."

"And if there is one lesson that these symbols seem to teach, it is this,—that if these may mean so much, we must guard them and keep them precious in our youth, so that when old age comes, they may be as dear to us, as we have seen them to be to the brothers of the old Theta Delta Chi. Let us all bear this sacred sentiment in our hearts and lives: to ourselves, to our fraternity, to our country, to the world, to do our full duty, so that all may be well with us and with the larger humanity, of which we are one united family."

The Toastmaster, at the close of Brother Huffcut's speech, told the brothers of Brother William Lamb, who, although he had come to Washington especially for the convention, was confined at his hotel by a severe injury that he had received through a fall. A toast was drunk to Brother Lamb, and Brother Sterrett

next introduced Brother Seward A. Simons, of Beta, who responded to the toast, "A Theta Delt's Girl."

Brother Simons paid a beautiful tribute to the influence, in the life of a Theta Delt, of the woman he loves, and spoke of the colors of our flag as typical of the womanhood which we revere. The white, he said, stands for the purity of a woman's nature; the black, for the mystery, and the blue, for the constancy of womanhood. Brother Simons read a poem written in this strain by Brother Barker, of Beta, and also read the poem, "A Theta Delt's Wife."

Following Brother Simons, Brother Gonzales de Quesada gave a toast to our flag. Brother Quesada said in part: "I thought until to-night that American people believed in fair play, and I thought that Theta Delta Chi was actuated by the same motive. But I find that this is not the case, for to-night you, as Americans, and as Theta Delts, have asked me to respond to this toast, when but an hour since I have learned your tongue. The only words that I can pronounce are Theta Delta Chi, and the name of the country that gave liberty and life to my unfortunate people; and, with this, the names of Griggs, Hay, and of President McKinley, through whom the liberty came."

"So you do wrong in calling on me to-night, but it is perhaps fitting that I should respond to the toast to the flag of Theta Delta Chi, for the device of that flag was conceived in the brain of a Cuban. And the flag was first flung to the breeze by Americans and Cubans together. So it meant much to me when I was far off, for it told me of Theta Delta Chi, and of what Theta Delta Chi had done for my country. The flag gave me hope, because I knew that in America there were Theta Delts who were striving for my country. With it, and wrapped about it, so to speak, was the American flag; and in fighting for this flag, men were fighting for Theta Delta Chi and for her principles."

"And in these later days, the flag is triumphant, and the new and difficult problems are solved because there are Theta Delts behind the flag. Through that wonderful struggle of a hundred days, as I saw the flag of America sweep over our hills, I saw with it, and equally blood stained, the flag of Theta Delta Chi, in the Theta Delts who were fighting there. This flag is,

then, our love ; it is the symbol of our aspirations, and the object of our hopes ; and the day is not far off when, like the flag of the United States, it will wave from the Atlantic to the Pacific. And this flag of Theta Delta Chi, like that of your country, and and that of mine, will live forever. While there is blue in the sky, there will be blue in our flag, and while there is purity in womanhood, there will be white in our flag, and while there is darkness in the sky, there will be the black of mystery and secrecy in our flag." (Applause.)

The Toastmaster next introduced Brother Henry R. Gibson, M.C., of Xi, '62, who spoke of the wonderful growth that he had seen in the fraternity since his earlier knowledge of it, and told how he was led to join through the efforts of Brothers Wm. K. Knowlton and Geo. W. Smith of the Xi. And speaking of the reception by the President, Brother Gibson said that he looked for the time when instead of 250, 1250 Theta Delts would attend a convention in Washington, and a reception given by a Theta Delt President.

Brother Sterrett called upon Brother Spahn, who told, in his own inimitable way, some of the reminiscences that make the memories of the Theta Delta Chi of the old days dear to us all.

Following Brother Spahn was Brother Coleman of the old Mu Charge. Brother Coleman talked most delightfully of the old times, and of the old-time Theta Delts in the South ; and like all the others expressed his extreme surprise and gratification at the wonderful growth and development of the fraternity since he first knew it as an undergraduate.

After Brother Coleman, Brother Shanklin, Theta, '62, who was a member of the National Democratic Committee, and Brother Wm. Raines, Xi, '62, spoke.

The final toast of the evening was given by Brother Corbin, of Beta. Brother Corbin had for his subject, "A Theta Delt in Politics," and said that he thought that a political career was well worthy of the aspirations of every member of Theta Delta Chi. In closing, he spoke in tribute of the achievements of Brothers Griggs and Hay, and presented them as examples of what Theta Delts might become in political life.

At the conclusion of Brother Corbin's toast, "A Theta Delt Forever and For Aye" was sung; and as the brothers rose to drink the customary toast to the Omega Charge, the banquet of the Fifty-second Convention of Theta Delta Chi passed into history.

It is needless, and in fact well-nigh impossible, to add anything by way of comment to an account of that banquet. The brothers whose good fortune it was to be present, were unanimous in saying that it marked an epoch in the history of the fraternity; an epoch, not only in the fact that the Secretary of State and the Attorney General of the United States were present as brothers in Theta Delta Chi, but an epoch in the loyal, enthusiastic responses from the brothers who spoke, and in the hearty spirit of love and devotion to Theta Delta Chi, that permeated everyone present. It is not possible by mere words, to incarnate this spirit into the lives of those who were unable to attend the banquet; but if, through this rather meagre report, some vestige of it can be caught by the brothers who were not able to be present, they will in a measure appreciate what the banquet of the Fifty-second Convention stands for in the history of the fraternity.

Letters of Regret

The committee in charge of the convention received many letters of regret from brothers who were unable to attend, but space permits the publication of but a few of these. Among these letters were the following:

From Brother Lamberton, Captain of the Olympia:

"Please accept many thanks for your kind attention, and for the invitation to attend the Annual Convention of Theta Delta Chi. I regret that I must be absent from the city at that time, as I leave on the 14th for the Caroline Islands. With every wish for a very successful meeting, and a glorious time, I am

Sincerely yours,

B. P. LAMBERTON."

From Brother Gilbert, Bishop of Minnesota:

"I had hoped to be able to come East for the convention, but am called back to Minnesota, and must reluctantly send my regrets. This convention

is a significant and important one. I trust that the whole occasion will be full of enjoyment, and that Theta Delta Chi will shine resplendent at the capital.

With the best of wishes,

M. N. GILBERT."

From Brother W. L. Stone came the following message :

"Circumstances prevent my being present, much to my chagrin, on such an august occasion, and one which will never be forgotten in our annals. Kindly present my best wishes to all of my brothers."

From Brother Hackett came the following :

"Convey cordial greetings to all. Wish I were with you.

NORMAN HACKETT."

Springfield, Illinois, sent the following :

"The Springfield, Illinois, brothers send greetings and give a toast to Theta Delta Chi.

FRANCIS L. HATCH,
ROBERT C. LANPHIER."

The Central Graduate Association sent the following :

"Central Graduate Association sends hearty greetings. To all may the coming year be the best yet.

OSGOOD T. EASTMAN."

From Brother J. P. Houston the following was received :

"Sorry not to be with you. Wish you all a glorious time.

J. P. HOUSTON."

Brother Randolph sent the following :

"Kind thanks for the wish that I should attend the annual convention. It would be a sincere pleasure to me, but I shall be away from home on visitations during the days of the convention.

Faithfully,

A. M. RANDOLPH."

Brother Lewis Halsey sent this word :

"As I read your invitation, and recall the names of brothers in Theta Delta Chi whose heads are growing gray but whose hearts are ever young, past pleasures have a resurrection, and friends of youth seem to stand once more beside me. Were it possible, I should be with you.

Faithfully,

LEWIS HALSEY."

Convention Notes

During the sessions of the convention, copies of the poems of our late Brother Abel Beach, were, through the kindness of Brother Mellon, placed on the Secretary's table for distribution among the members, and many availed themselves of this opportunity to obtain a memorial of one to whom Theta Delta Chi owes her existence.

Never before, in the history of our fraternity, were there so many Theta Delta wives and girls in attendance at a convention. The list numbered Mrs. Carl A. Harstrom, Mrs. Frank N. Dodd, Mrs. Duncan Campbell Lee, Mrs. Gonzales de Quesada, Mrs. Van Iderstine, Mrs. H. S. Beers, Mrs. Stockbridge, Miss Wadams, the Misses Sumner, Miss Senior, and Miss Young.

The railroad certificate plan was a marked success. Nearly all of the brothers who came from a distance, availed themselves of it; and there were not a few to whom it meant a very large saving.

Seldom have we had a more tasteful menu card for the banquet. In design, it was simple, with merely the red carnation and the fraternity flag on the cover; but it is doubtful if an elaborately decorated menu would have been neater in appearance or more acceptable as a souvenir of the convention.

There is hardly a pleasanter feature of a banquet of Theta Delta Chi than the cheers and songs that are interspersed with the courses. The undergraduates surely enjoy them, and more than one of the old fellows was heard to express his pleasure at hearing the cheers that perhaps had not met his ears since his undergraduate days.

Nothing could stop Brother Mellon, or, at least, distance had no effect. He came from Florida to attend the convention, and his presence there was an equal pleasure to those who had known him in the old days of Theta Delta Chi, and to those of the younger generation, to whom he has become a dear and familiar figure at the annual conventions.

Gen. Winsor B. French, Kappa, '59, on account of the illness of his wife, was called from the banquet before the toastmaster could call upon him to respond to the toast, "The College

Boy in War." It was a cause of sincere regret to the brothers present that neither Col. Wm. S. Lamb nor Gen. French could be heard at the banquet.

And when it was all over, how reluctant everyone was to go away. There is, perhaps, no stronger proof of the hold that Theta Delta Chi has upon the hearts of those who are blessed with its membership, than this desire to prolong the fraternity gatherings and to put off the time of parting until the latest possible minute. And as one goes to the conventions, and sees there men who have left their business or their profession to attend, often at a considerable personal sacrifice, it is impossible not to realize the truth of the sentiment expressed by Brother Huffcut at the banquet, that Theta Delta Chi has for its members some real meaning and deep significance that time and the cares and interests of a busy life in the world, can not efface.

HARRY A. BULLOCK, Mu Deuteron, '99.

THE GRAND LODGE FOR 1900

OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Ernest Wilson Huffcut was born November 21, 1860, in the town of Kent, Litchfield county, Connecticut.¹ The greater part of his boyhood was passed at Afton, Chenango county, New York, where he prepared for college at the Afton Union School. The two years following the completion of his preparatory course were devoted to teaching; and then, in the autumn of 1880, he entered Cornell University, where he won the state scholarship of Chenango county. His course at the University was a series of successes, as his brilliant talents and growing power won the acknowledgment they deserved. In the Social Science and the Debating Clubs, in the Christian Association, and on the editorial board of the Cornell Era, Brother Huffcut made his influence felt in the life of the University. His unusual oratorical gifts and great ability as a ready debater were, perhaps, the qualities that most impressed his associates, even at this time; and these talents won for him a place in the Woodford oratorical contest. In June, 1884, he graduated from the University.

During the following year Brother Huffcut held the position of private secretary to President Andrew D. White; and in 1885, upon the resignation of Dr. White, he became an instructor in the English department of the University. One who has opportunities for knowing writes that Huffcut's work as a teacher of English "was carried on with interest and was strikingly successful." Out of his experience in this field grew his first publication: "English in the Preparatory Schools." This work was received with much favor; and the methods of instruction there advocated have proved to be in line with the best modern pedagogical thought. Meanwhile, Brother Huffcut had commenced the study of the law, first in the office of Newman and McLach-

¹The writer desires to acknowledge his great indebtedness to the life of Brother Huffcut, prepared by Brother Duncan C. Lee for Vol. IX. of THE SHIELD.



ERNEST W. HUFFCUT

President of the Grand Lodge

lan (James McLachlan, Psi, '78), and then in the newly established College of Law at Cornell University. In June, 1888, he graduated with the first class that left the new law school, and during the same year was admitted to the bar.

The scene of Brother Huffcut's labors now changes, since he removed to Minneapolis in the fall of 1888, and began the practice of his chosen profession, forming a partnership with Edward H. Crooker, Beta, '83. The presidential election of this year drew him into politics, and he stumped almost continuously throughout Minnesota, for the Republican ticket. His work on the stump brought him into such prominence that he was appointed Judge Advocate General, with rank of Brigadier General, on the staff of Governor Merriam, now Director of the Eleventh Census. In 1899 he was drafted into service on the stump in North Dakota, in the first political contest that was waged in the newly formed state. Since that time his reputation as a "spell-binder" has brought constant calls for his services in nearly every political campaign. This was especially the case in the election of 1896.

Our brother's stay in Minneapolis was brought to an end in 1890, when he was called to a professorship in the law department of the University of Indiana. Here he remained two years, when he accepted a similar position in the Northwestern University, and removed to Chicago. After one year of service at Northwestern, he was called to a chair in the Leland Stanford University, whose president, David Starr Jordan, had been at the head of Indiana University when Brother Huffcut had entered upon his term of service there. President Jordan had said that "he would not be satisfied until he had Huffcut with him at Stanford;" and his desires seemed about to be realized, for Brother Huffcut entered upon the preparation of plans for a law department at the Stanford University. At this juncture, however, a call came to a professorship in the Cornell College of Law; and Brother Huffcut secured a release from President Jordan, and returned to his *alma mater* in the fall of 1893.

In announcing Brother Huffcut's appointment to a professorship in the Cornell College of Law, the Dean of that department said: "He will bring to his work in the Law School a broad,

general culture, sound professional learning, and exceptional capacity as a teacher." A single year served to demonstrate that these high expectations were entirely justified, and Brother Huffcut's career at Cornell has been an unbroken record of success in all departments of professorial work. He has been most popular with students and alumni, and has enjoyed from the outset the respect and confidence of his colleagues. He has served on the most important committees of the University Faculty, and has been especially prominent in the direction of Cornell's athletic interests; while his services as an orator are in demand whenever Cornellians gather together. This coming June will mark the completion of his seventh year in the service of his *alma mater*, and it would now be difficult to find any member of the Cornell Faculty who is more thoroughly identified with all the interests of the University.

Brother Huffcut's growing power and reputation have brought to him many calls to other fields of usefulness. Several other law schools have tried to secure his services, and he has been offered two positions as dean of law faculties; but he seems to be firmly anchored at Ithaca, and it is certain that the University will never be willing to lose him. Surely our brother has never been without honor in his own University. An illustration of this is found in the fact that, when Andrew D. White was appointed Minister to Russia in 1892, he endeavored to secure the appointment of Brother Huffcut as Secretary of Legation at St. Petersburg. Theta Delts are justly proud of the high esteem in which Brother Huffcut is held by those who know him best.

His high professional reputation is due quite as much to ability as a writer as to skill as a teacher. The list of his published writings is a long one, and should be inserted here as a matter of record. It runs as follows:

- (1) English in the Preparatory Schools. (Boston, 1887.)
- (2) Legislative Tax Exemption Contracts. "American Law Review," May—June, 1890.
- (3) The Most-favored Nation Clause and Reciprocity. "The Nation," May 7, 1891.
- (4) International Liability for Mob Injuries. "Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science," July, 1891.

- (5) Jurisprudence in American Universities. "Annals," Jan., 1892.
- (6) The Literature of the Law. "Green Bag," Feb., 1892.
- (7) Selling New Shares at Less than Par. "American Law Review," Jan.—Feb., 1893.
- (8) Officialism in England. "Political Science Quarterly," March, 1893.
- (9) Malice in the Law of Tort. "Northwestern Law Review," March, 1893.
- (10) American Cases on Contract. (New York, 1894.) With E. H. Woodruff.
- (11) American Edition of Anson on Contract. (New York, 1895.)
- (12) Elements of the Law of Agency. (Boston, 1895.)
- (13) Liability for the Escape of Electricity. "New York Law Review," Feb., 1895.
- (14) The Relation of the Law School to the University. "Reports of American Bar Association," 1895.
- (15) Cases on Agency. (Boston, 1896.)
- (16) The Law of Negotiable Instruments. (New York, 1898.)
- (17) Interference with Contract Relations. "American Law Register," May, 1898.
- (18) Constitutional Aspects of the Government of Dependencies. Foreign Policy of the United States, pp. 19—45, (Philadelphia, 1899.) The views advanced in this paper are the same as have been recently expressed by the Committee on Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives.
- (19) Constitutional Aspects of the Federal Control of Corporations. "New York State Bar Association Reports", 1900. Also in Vol. I. of Report of Industrial Commission, pp. 1211—1219.

The text books here mentioned are widely used in American law schools, especially the Elements of the Law of Agency, of which a second edition is now in preparation. The entire list is a striking commentary on the ability and industry of the man whose services Theta Delta Chi has been fortunate enough to secure.

We have reserved for the last the story of Brother Huffcut's relations with our fraternity. When he entered Cornell he seems to have looked with disfavor upon the Greek letter societies ; but he gradually changed his views, and joined the Beta Charge in 1882. From that time to the present he has shown an unflinching devotion to the fraternity of his choice. While an undergraduate, he represented his charge in the annual conventions ; and Beta has frequently called upon him to act as its graduate delegate. He began the study of the law in the office of one Theta Delta, and commenced the practice of his profession by forming a partnership with another brother. One of Beta's graduates writes : "The ever glorious Huffcut is the father of the Beta Charge, taking up the patriarchate where Al Smith laid it down. He is equally the friend of our alumni or one of the boys in fun, or work, or sorrow. He is our pride, as he is the brilliant teacher on the Hill."

When Brother Huffcut returned to Cornell in 1893, he found that Brother Dreier and others had undertaken the labor of securing a new and a larger home for the Beta Charge. To this work he devoted himself with his customary energy and enthusiasm. "Duke" Lee was already on the ground, and "Swiss" Coville came before the work was completed. "Push" Dreier relaxed not in his exertions ; and Corbin, Mersereau, Simons, Hoyt, Morrison, and others became Huffcut's bank. With such support Brother Huffcut carried the work on to completion. Theta Deltas would have witnessed a scene of uncommon interest if they could have been present when the proper site for the new house was located. On one of the hottest mornings of an unusually hot summer, Brother Huffcut, immaculate in attire, with more than usual dignity, and with an air of high resolution, removed his coat and proceeded to sail into a tangle of rank weeds, wiry grass, and deadly brushwood, in which it was believed that a building lot had once been hidden away. The writer can not begin to do justice to the struggles that ensued in that jungle. Suffice it to say that hands were scratched, linen was wilted, clothes were grass-stained, and dignity was evaporated before our brother delighted the anxious onlookers by emerging in triumph from the wilderness in which they had seen him disappear. After that

experience, house-building possessed no further terrors for him, and by fall he had recovered his usual composure. The following winter witnessed the completion of the beautiful house now occupied by the charge, a building which stands as a monument to the loyalty of Beta's alumni, and especially to the devotion of Brother Huffcut. What Theta Delt can boast of a better monument?

Besides serving the general fraternity as a delegate at conventions, Brother Huffcut has been drafted into service on many other occasions. In 1893 he was convention orator, and delivered a masterly oration at the banquet held at the Hotel Marlborough. Only a few months ago he gave the address of welcome at the dinner in honor of Captain Lamberton. Those who desire a taste of Brother Huffcut's oratorical powers should read the speeches which he delivered upon these occasions.¹ In February, 1899, the Grand Lodge, in its search for an editor for *THE SHIELD*, persuaded Brother Huffcut to undertake new labors for the fraternity. Of the fidelity and success with which this last trust was executed, the ballots cast at the late convention are a memorial more significant than any words.

This recital of the simple facts concerning the life of Ernest Huffcut is sufficient to enable each reader to form a just estimate of the character of the man, and to forecast accurately the work which he will do as President of the Grand Lodge. Brother Huffcut's record speaks for itself so clearly that words of eulogy are wholly unnecessary. His professional success has long been the admiration of all Theta Delts, and our fraternity esteems it a rare good fortune to secure the services of such a leader. We know that Brother Harstrom's mantle has fallen upon a successor who is in all respects worthy of wearing it, and higher praise than this we are unable to bestow. Absolute fidelity and devotion to his friends, his college, and his fraternity are evidenced by the entire life of our new President, and we gladly entrust to his charge the welfare and the good name of our beloved Theta Delta Chi.

C. J. B.

¹See *THE SHIELD*, Vols. IX. pp. 285-291; XV. 269-271.

THE SHIELD

J. BOYCE SMITH, JR.

SECRETARY OF THE GRAND LODGE

The newly elected Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Bro. J. Boyce Smith, Jr., hardly needs an introduction in the pages of *THE SHIELD*, for he became well known to the active members of the fraternity during his term of office as Treasurer. Besides, a biography of Bro. Smith appeared in *THE SHIELD* for March, 1899.

It might seem unlikely, therefore, that anything more could be said at the present time. And yet it is a pleasure to record that our high expectations of Bro. Smith have been fully realized, and that in the college world, and charge and fraternity affairs, he has taken a prominent place.

Bro. Smith is now a junior at Columbia. At the close of the last college year he was elected Captain of the Track Team, and later, Managing Editor of the *Columbia Spectator* and Assistant Manager of the 'Varsity Show. He is now fulfilling these positions in addition to numerous other ones held previously. Moreover he is well up in his studies and has won high honors in this branch of college activity. All this, of course, requires considerable power of concentration and executive ability, both of which Bro. Smith fortunately possesses. More important still is his work as a member of the fraternity. Under his efficient and genial leadership the charge at Columbia will surely prosper and become stronger than it has ever been before.

Those who know Bro. Smith have great faith in him, and feel sure that he will perform the important duties of his new office in the same thorough and efficient manner that has marked all his actions in the past.

CARL TOMBO.

HERMAN CAMPBELL STEVENS

TREASURER OF THE GRAND LODGE

The subject of this sketch was born at Elkhart, Indiana, November 12, 1878. The family early removed to Elyria, Ohio, where they have resided since, Mr. Stevens having been until last year Superintendent of Motive Power of the Lake Shore and



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



H. C. STEVENS
Treasurer of the Grand Lodge

Michigan Southern Railroad. Brother Stevens's two older brothers were both college men : one at Adelbert, the other at the Case Scientific, in Cleveland. He himself prepared for college at the Elyria High School, where he became known as a thorough student, made something of a reputation as an athlete, and captained his school foot-ball team.

He entered college in the fall of '97 and elected a scientific course, preparatory to studying medicine. He was on the Banquet-Committee as a freshman, and was Managing-Editor of the *Oracle* in his sophomore year.

I think that to no one could that comprehensive epithet of "all-around man" be more truly applied than to Brother Stevens. A consistent and thorough, even an eager student, he has yet never neglected the other side. He has always been active in athletics, both on the field and on the side-lines ; and as right-end on his class team this fall, he made the winning touch-down in the hardest game of the class series. His work in the charge has been invaluable. We owe to him the perfection of a system of alumni correspondence, and he is at present at work upon a complete history of Gamma Deuteron from its inception to the present day. His fraternity spirit is of that sort which says little and does much, and is ever on the side of conservatism. We feel confident that Brother Stevens will fill with ability the office to which he has been elected.

CHAS. R. MOREY.

THE BANQUET OF THE BUFFALO GRADUATE ASSOCIATION

The Buffalo Association of Theta Delta Chi held its seventh annual dinner at the Hotel Iroquois on the evening of December 15, 1899.

As usual, there were no set speeches after dinner ; but all joined in relating college experiences, and many humorous stories

were told. Of these, the stories told by Brother Gaylord, a new addition to the Buffalo flock, were among the best ; and he, with Brother Cornell, carried off the honors of the evening.

Brother Daniel N. Lockwood, Alpha '65, was unanimously elected President of the Association for the ensuing year, to succeed Brother Cornell, whose administration was a very successful one.

Those present were S. Douglas Cornell, Xi, '60 ; John C. Graves, Alpha, '62 ; Sidney W. Petrie, Psi, '76 ; Clark H. Timmerman, Psi, '87 ; John O. Chace, Xi, '88 ; Lorenzo Burrows, Rho Deuteron, '89 ; H. R. Gaylord, Gamma Deuteron, '91 ; A. B. Gilfillan, Iota Deuteron, '93 ; R. P. Wright, Epsilon Deuteron, '96 ; Henry F. Russell, Nu Deuteron, '96 ; James F. Keeler, Chi, '98 ; Orson B. Hoyt, Beta, '99 ; Charles H. Larkin, Phi, '99 ; John D. Larkin, Phi, '00 ; F. Beaumont Griffith, Xi, '01 ; R. G. Wright, Epsilon Deuteron, '96.

HENRY F. RUSSELL,
Secretary.

THE BANQUET OF THE CENTRAL GRADUATE ASSOCIATION

The Central Graduate Association held its ninth annual banquet at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, on January 27, 1900. The meeting was a most successful one, and the Association had the good fortune of welcoming Brother Carl A. Harstrom as the guest of the evening. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year :

- President—Osgood T. Eastman, Mu Deuteron, '86.
- First Vice-Pres't—B. J. Wertheimer, Omicron Deuteron, '76.
- Second Vice-President—C. C. Roberts, Pi, '71.
- Secretary and Treasurer—P. M. Walter, Beta, '99.

THE SHIELD has received the menu of the banquet, from which it appears that Brother Louis Spahn, Chi, '79, acted as toastmaster. The list of toasts is as follows :

President's Address,	-	-	-	-	J. P. Houston
"Theta Delta Chi,"	-	-	-	-	Carl A. Harstrom
"The Stuff Grand Lodge Presidents are made of,"					J. M. Frost
"The Central Graduate Association,"	-	-	-	-	O. T. Eastman
"Westward Ho!"	-	-	-	-	C. C. Roberts
"Western Colleges,"	-	-	-	-	J. L. McNab
"Ohio Theta Delts,"	-	-	-	-	R. Newbegin
"A. D. 1900,"	-	-	-	-	H. F. Lewis

After the toasts were completed a discussion ensued concerning the advisability of establishing a charge at the University of Chicago. THE SHIELD has learned that the Chicago brothers are greatly disappointed in the action of the convention on this matter. The subject will probably receive further discussion in the columns of this journal.

OUR FRATERNITY COLORS

In the last issue of our periodical, a graduate brother asks what is the shade of blue that we should properly emblazon upon our insignia, and at the same time, mentions the occasion of the query as due to a desire for a correct result when interior decoration is attempted with our tri-color.

Now does it appear that we desire a "color scheme" which is applicable alike, not only to our pin, flag, and stationery (objects always movable), but to interior decoration as well, where changing lights and replaced furnishings may alter greatly the effect of a carefully designed motif? All this is to be covered by the answer to the question, "what is the $\Theta \Delta X$ shade of blue?"

First, it will be important to indicate what the blue is intended to symbolize, for there is no secrecy as to this.

The bluff, busy, hearty Thete will answer crisply, "because we are all true blue"—and in general—that is the prevailing impression. This is one answer, but we go deeper than this, for we refer to "those uninfluenced by the power of outward change,"

and—as a natural embodiment thereof, accept the blue of the changeless sky as our symbol, and the laws of nature show it forth. Let one descend into a deep pit and gazing upward to the sky, the stars reveal themselves in the sky of night though it be broad day.

The reader will understand that the object of this article is to harmonize correctness of historical tradition with the requirements of more modern material demands. Hence it is but just that a careful scrutiny be given to the matter now that mural decoration is sought, in order to carry Theta Delta Chi into the realm of art.

Science, in its relation to color, assumes as fundamental, that *black* is no color and *white* is all color. Every color in nature is modified by the surrounding objects, by the condition of atmosphere in cloud or sun, and in many other ways. So it is in mural decoration ; the color (in our case blue) is modified by the surroundings, the furnishings, the height of ceiling, and the amount of light.

Taking all this into consideration, the artist upon the completion of mural work will say, "Behold a sky, which is in truth sky blue," and yet, the shade may not be that of our movable objects mentioned above, while it is in conformity with our traditions, our essentials, our real tri-color.

The Fraternity need further but to recall those lines of Cameron Mann in his poem delivered at the banquet of the Twenty-seventh Convention, February 19, 1874 :

"The black of that dark secrecy
Whence all things take their rise,
The White of perfect purity,
The blue of changeless skies."

CUSTODIAN OF ARCHIVES.

 In Memoriam

ABNER CROSBY FISH

Kappa, '64

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite goodness to remove from our number our brother, Abner Crosby Fish ; and

WHEREAS, In his death we have lost a faithful friend and brother, it is eminently fitting that we should pay our best tribute of respect to his memory ; therefore,

Resolved, That while humbly submitting to the decree of Almighty God, we as a brotherhood deeply mourn his loss, and extend to his bereaved family and friends our warmest sympathies.

Resolved, That in the death of our brother, Kappa Charge has lost one of its valued members, and the fraternity one whose loyalty and upright character won the respect of all.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of our deceased brother, to the Grand Lodge, and to THE THETA DELTA CHI SHIELD for publication.

For the Charge,

J. OTIS BURRAGE, 1900,

WESLEY GOODRICH HUMES, 1901,

ROBERT EDWARD GOODELL, 1901.

 HORATIO McINTYRE

Kappa, '60

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased brother, Horatio McIntyre :

We, therefore, in the full appreciation of his love toward us and in accordance with the ties of fellowship which have bound us together, extend to his bereaved family the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the members of this Kappa Charge, Theta Delta Chi, of which Brother McIntyre was a charter member.

It is, moreover, the will of this Charge that a copy of this expression be sent to his family, to the Grand Lodge, and be published in THE SHIELD.

R. B. MANBERT,

G. R. KEMPTON,

C. P. BEARCE.

FREDERICK N. UPHAM

Lambda, '83

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to summon to the halls of Omega Charge our dearly beloved brother, Rev. Frederick N. Upham, of the class of '83; and

WHEREAS, The members of Lambda Charge desire to express their esteem for his sterling qualities, his nobility of character, and his able and honorable service in the Christian ministry; and

WHEREAS, He has left an example of fidelity and uprightness, which is an honor to the fraternity, be it

Resolved, That Lambda Charge extend to the relatives and friends of our brother its profound sympathy in their sorrow; and be it

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, to THE SHIELD for publication, to the Department of Archives for preservation, and that they be entered in the records of the Charge.

In behalf of Lambda Charge of Theta Delta Chi,

WILLIAM E. ENNIS, '01,
BERT L. JENNINGS, '00,
ROBERT A. COAN, '03.

Boston University, December 22, 1899.

AUGUSTUS K. VOIGHT

Phi, '94

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His Infinite Love and Wisdom to remove from this life to the life everlasting, our beloved brother, Augustus K. Voight, and

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

Resolved, That we, the members of the Phi Charge, while humbly bowing to the will of our Heavenly Father, deeply mourn the loss sustained in his death, and extend to his bereaved relatives and friends our profound sympathy, and be it furthermore

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

For the Charge,

W J. WILLIAMS,
HERBERT NORTHUP WARBASSE,
WILLIAM RUSH.

EDITORIAL

The action of the late convention necessitates a change in the management of THE SHIELD; and, with this issue, editorial direction of the magazine falls to new hands. The present editor, in the short time available for the preparation of this first number, has been able to find no time for the composition of a proper salutatory. He must, therefore, content himself with the simple statement that the Grand Lodge has asked him to conduct THE SHIELD for the ensuing year. Such a request, as all Theta Delts know, is a summons to duty, which cannot be disregarded for any ordinary reasons and calls for a willing and hearty compliance.

A first, and most pleasant, duty of the editorial pen is to chronicle the achievements of THE SHIELD management during the past year. When Brother Holmes felt obliged to lay down the burdens that he had carried so long and so faithfully, he vacated a chair which could not easily be filled. But the right man was found for the place, as the last SHIELD report demonstrates. During the past year THE SHIELD has not only kept up to the high standard of excellence established by Brother Holmes, but the accounts for the year show a small surplus of receipts over expenditures. For this satisfactory showing the thanks of the fraternity are due to Brother Huffcut and to those members of Beta Charge who coöperated with him.

In November, 1894, Carl A. Harstrom was called to the responsible position at the head of our Grand Lodge; and since that time four consecutive conventions have refused to consider the subject of naming his successor. Only within the last month has Brother Harstrom been permitted to obtain a release from the cares of office, after having served the fraternity for five terms covering a period of five years and three months. What these

words really mean can be understood only when one recalls certain historical facts. Our last catalogue showed that from 1868, when the Grand Lodge was established, down to 1894, fifteen different brothers had occupied the position of president. Of these, three resigned before their first terms had expired. An examination of the terms of service of the other presidents gives the following results: There have been two terms of one year, and one of about a year and a half. There have been six terms of two years, and two terms which have extended a few months beyond that period. Finally, one brother was elected president for three successive years, the longest term on record prior to 1894. Thus it appears that Brother Harstrom's five years of continuous service are entirely unprecedented in the history of the fraternity.

But when this has been said, only the smallest part of the story has been told. Each year of Brother Harstrom's administration has witnessed a decided advance in some one or more departments of fraternity work; so that the general prosperity of the fraternity has steadily increased, and seems never to have been so great as at the present moment. The cold facts that may be adduced from the reports submitted to the late convention bear evidence of the entire accuracy of this last statement. While it may not be possible to determine with perfect certainty the exact measure in which various causes have contributed to the present satisfactory condition of the fraternity, this much is certain, and no Theta Delt will gainsay it, that to Brother Harstrom's energy, devotion, and efficiency, the larger part of the credit is due. It is not too much to say that, at every stage of the progress of the last five years, our graduate and under-graduate members alike have received from the President of the Grand Lodge unfailing counsel, admonition, inspiration, and coöperation; so that his influence has been felt in every good work that has been undertaken for the welfare of the fraternity.

Time was when the Grand Lodge was a distant unreality, of whose existence the charges had little substantial evidence, and

when the business of the fraternity was conducted in a most unsystematic manner. Within fifteen years this has all been altered, and we now have perhaps the most efficient governing body of which any fraternity can boast. This change has been a gradual one, and the fraternity owes much to the administrations of Bartlett, Holmes, and Benedict, under which the needed work of reform was begun and advanced so successfully. Brother Harstrom was indeed fortunate in falling heir to the good work of his immediate predecessors; but he was not content to leave the society merely where he found it, and has devoted himself untiringly to perfecting all departments of fraternity life.

Some idea of the extent and scope of the duties which are now performed by the President of the Grand Lodge can be gained from a simple presentation of a few facts concerning the work done in the past year. During the last twelve months, Brother Harstrom has written more than 1,500 letters relating exclusively to fraternity business. He has visited each of our twenty-one charges, and in one case made a second visit. These journeyings required him to travel nearly 7,000 miles, and to spend 36 days away from home, including the time spent at the convention. Four meetings of the Grand Lodge have been held, and at least eight special fraternity functions, such as dinners, smokers, initiations, etc., have been attended. This constitutes a record of activity which is probably as unprecedented as the length of time which Brother Harstrom has served the fraternity.

As these words are written, the editor has before him a copy of *THE SHIELD* for March, 1895. It contains a brief sketch, probably by Brother Holmes, of the life of the man whom the fraternity has just called to the highest office within its gift. We can not refrain from quoting one passage from this article, in which Brother Holmes wrote concerning Carl Harstrom the following words: "He loved his fraternity when in college, and his devotion did not cease when he left the college halls. Theta Delta Chi has been a reality with Carl Harstrom all the years since, and it only need be said of him that nearly forty of his

former pupils now wear the shield of our fraternity, who were first led to its shrine by our faithful brother. Who, but a man who loved his fraternity, and whose pupils loved him, could accomplish such results? It is not to be wondered at that the last convention desired to place on record an evidence of lasting regard by bestowing on him the highest honor in its gift. History shall record for him a successful career as president of the fraternity, a fruitful life of good as a citizen and teacher, a happy life in his family relations, and his fraternity shall not cease to do him honor as one of those who have helped to give her the honored name she bears." Of a truth, Brother Holmes wrote as a prophet; for, in this case, fulfillment has not fallen short of prophecy. The editor has been glad to take refuge behind the words of another, for he desires to retain the friendship of Brother Harstrom, and knows that it will not do to dwell much longer upon this subject. But one further word *THE SHIELD*, as the responsible organ of the fraternity, must say; and to this, our retiring President must be compelled to listen: Carl Harstrom has earned and shall always enjoy the heartfelt gratitude of every member of our order; his administration has carried the fraternity forward to an era of the greatest prosperity it has ever known; this he has done at a sacrifice of personal interests which only a few persons have been allowed to appreciate; and in leaving the position which he has occupied with such distinction for so long a term of years, our brother carries with him the admiration and love of every Theta Delt.



If our fraternity has been fortunate in the administration of its affairs during the last ten or fifteen years, it is no less favored in the outlook for the future. The unanimity with which the late convention turned to Brother Huffcut, as the fit successor to our retiring President, is sufficient evidence of a general conviction that the right man has been found for this responsible position. It has fallen to the editor to prepare a suitable biographical sketch of the brother who now stands at the head of the Grand Lodge, and it is unnecessary to repeat in this place any of the things which have been said upon another page of

this number of *THE SHIELD*. But it is fitting that we should congratulate the fraternity upon the successful outcome of the quest for a new leader, and that *THE SHIELD* should pledge to Brother Huffcut the hearty support of all members of our brotherhood. To all whom these words may reach, the editor would say: Many new problems and responsibilities confront the fraternity; many tasks are yet to be accomplished; we have a leader who may well command our loyal and enthusiastic cooperation; then let us all turn in and support Brother Huffcut in everything that he may undertake for the promotion of the interests of Theta Delta Chi.

While we are urging all members of the fraternity to lend their hearty support to the new administration, we would remind our graduate brothers especially of the claim which *THE SHIELD* ought to have upon their interest. Last year this magazine managed to pay for itself, but this was due to the economies resulting from the coöperation which the members of Beta Charge gave to the editor rather than to any great increase in the financial support furnished by our graduates. Yet there has been, in our judgment, some growth of interest in the work of *THE SHIELD*; and we wish to invite, from any quarter, suggestions for the further development of this interest among our alumni.

The editor is to enjoy this year the assistance of the Iota Deuteron Charge in conducting *THE SHIELD*; indeed, without the assurance of such loyal support, he could not have undertaken the task. The other charges are to be asked to make a concerted effort to extend the circulation of the magazine among their alumni, and a special effort will be made to retain on our roll of subscribers every brother who shall henceforth graduate from any of our charges. At the close of this year the editor will endeavor to make a fitting acknowledgment of all the assistance that any brother or any charge may render.

To the class of 1900 *THE SHIELD* makes a special appeal. You have now had the benefits of association with the fraternity

for nearly four years ; and these privileges you may continue to enjoy for a lifetime, if only you have the will to do so. Theta Delta Chi means much to you now, but it will mean more to you with every passing year provided you make the effort to keep in touch with the life of the fraternity. This not a mere fancy of the editor ; every Theta Delt who has ever made this effort will tell you that it is the literal truth. THE SHIELD offers you one of the best methods of keeping your interest in the fraternity bright, and you cannot afford to neglect such "a means of grace." One brother who graduated from college a few years ago, in renewing his subscription for this year, endorsed his subscription card with this statement : "A good work. You can't lose me." Will not every member of the class of 1900 emulate the example of this loyal brother?

An examination of the files of THE SHIELD shows that in the past this journal has followed pretty consistently five lines of work, and the editor believes that experience has shown that these mark out the appropriate field for its activity. First of all, THE SHIELD must contain all the current news of the fraternity ; and, through its department of graduate personals, must record the achievements of our alumni. One of the duties of every Theta Delt should be to send to this office all items of news that may come to his notice. In the second place, THE SHIELD should be the medium through which questions of fraternity policy should be discussed, just so far as their nature may permit such public discussion. We propose this coming year to solicit from various brothers statements of their views upon two or three matters of present interest. In the third place, this journal should publish contributions to the history of the fraternity for the benefit of future historians. The editor will make an effort to secure articles on the history of the several charges, and will endeavor to obtain from prominent graduates reminiscences of their fraternity life. Fourthly, THE SHIELD should do something to encourage the writing of fraternity verse. While we should not aim to make this a literary magazine, such verse is always appropriate in its pages. And, finally, so far as space will permit, THE SHIELD should keep in

touch with fraternity journalism in general, and may profit greatly by observing how other fraternities deal with the same problems which Theta Delta Chi finds it necessary to solve.

The editor can remember the time when THE SHIELD led a precarious existence, and the semi-occasional numbers that reached the subscribers could do but little to bind together the members of the fraternity. Thanks to Brothers Holmes and Huffcut, things are different now; and THE SHIELD has become an important factor in fraternity affairs. But this fact, so fortunate for Theta Delta Chi, becomes a formidable one for a new editor who undertakes to carry on the work which his predecessors have bequeathed to him. THE SHIELD, under its new management, must crave the indulgence of its readers, and renew its appeals for an increased measure of support.

The editor desires to complete his file of THE SHIELD, and finds that he lacks the following numbers: Vols. I to III entire; Vol. IX, No. IV; Vol. X., No. II; and Vol. XI, No. III. We shall esteem it a great favor if any brother can supply any of these missing numbers. We find that we have on hand duplicate copies of two numbers of one of the earlier volumes of THE SHIELD, *viz.*, Nos. I and III, of Vol. V. These are at the disposal of any brother who is desirous of completing his file.

The obituary record of the last quarter is a long one, and it contains the names of men whom Theta Delts everywhere delighted to love and honor. Suitable notices of the lives of these brothers must be deferred until our next number, but THE SHIELD must express at this time the grief which hundreds of Theta Delts will feel at the loss of Brothers Elbert S. Carman and Bishop Gilbert. The former wrote, from what proved to be his death-bed, to Brother Harstrom to express his regret over his forced absence from the last convention. The latter had endeared

himself to every brother with whom he ever came in contact. One of the editor's most cherished fraternity recollections will be his memory of the grace, brilliancy, and geniality with which Bishop Gilbert presided over our semi-centennial banquet. His presence there was a benediction ; his words, a delight. Death could have taken from us no brother who would be more sadly missed or more lovingly remembered.

The thanks of *THE SHIELD* are due to Brother Harry A. Bullock for the very complete account of the convention, which we publish in this number ; and to Brother Thomas E. Rogers for the group picture of the convention, which forms our frontispiece.

CHARGE LETTERS

BETA.—Cornell University

We returned after the Christmas vacation with twenty-three men. Brother Ward Sterns, 1902, is taking special work in the Brooklyn Polytechnic this winter, but will return in the fall.

The interests of the first part of the term were centered around "Junior Week" which from our stand point was a great success. As usual, we had a house party, and entertained eight girls and their chaperons. Brother W. C. Dreier, '94, was here at the time and made us quite a lengthy visit which we enjoyed very much. It was through him that we started the decorations of the "alumni room." It is to be finished in panneling with places for group pictures of past and future years. We have long needed just such a loafing room as this will make, and are very much indebted to Brother Dreier for his suggestion. We have also decorated the music room and the third floor.

Brother Arbuckle, of Gamma Deuteron, made us a short visit the first part of the term.

Brother W. H. Baker, '01, is working hard on the "Cornellian," which will be published about the middle of next term. Brother H. C. Jones, '02, was elected to the assistant-managership of the Cross Country Team. This branch of athletics is rapidly becoming prominent at Cornell. Brother J. B. Nolan, '00, is one of the team which will debate with Columbia in New York next month.

At the convention, Beta was well represented. There were fifteen undergraduates and twelve graduates in Washington, which is the largest delegation we have ever had at convention.

Naturally we were all very much pleased with the election of Brother Huffcut to the presidency of the Grand Lodge, and returned to Ithaca with renewed interest and more proud than ever of being Theta Delts.

We are very much in hopes that the next convention will be held in Buffalo, as we feel that we can send even a larger delegation there than we did to Washington, and hope to meet as many "old grads" there next year.

C. C. ATWOOD.

GAMMA DEUTERON.—University of Michigan

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December 13, 1899, Gamma Deuteron entered upon the eleventh year of her existence, and on that evening celebrated her decennial by entertaining a large number of her alumni. All but two of our charter members were present, who entertained the more recent initiates by stories of our early history. After listening to our ten years' history as related by our alumni, we younger members of the charge look forward with vivid imagination to what the next ten years have in store for us.

The last week in January, we were favored by a visit from President Harstrom. It being the first time in four years that Gamma Deuteron has received a visit from the President, we were more than glad to see him, and it was an event not soon to be forgotten. During the twenty-four hours that he spent with us, our enthusiasm was greatly stimulated, as was that of the alumni who were here. Among those present, were Brother Arnold, Xi, '75, Brother Waters, Xi, '84, Brother Seymour, Psi, '84, and Brother Heames, Gamma Deuteron, '98.

Last month, at the close of the examinations, the annual junior hop was held in the Gymnasium, in which most of the brothers participated. As it is the great social event of the year, the preparations were elaborate and the affair met with unbounded success. The night following the hop, the annual home concert of the Glee, Mandolin, and Banjo Clubs was given, in which we took an especial interest as Brother Sutphen, '97, leader of the Glee Club was the prime mover. Brother Bidwell, '02, repre-

sented us in the Mandolin Club. After the concert, we gave an informal dance here in the house.

Since the Xmas vacation, Brothers Morey and Bushnell have instituted a new wrinkle in the line of sociability in giving a "room party," at which the brothers had such a good time that others have followed suit.

At the convention, we were represented by seven men—Brother Gaylord, '94, Brother Young, '96, Brother Huggett, '99, Brothers Wood, '00, Lancashire, '01, Stevens, '01, and Mason, '03. Brother Huggett represented us as graduate delegate, and Brothers Wood and Lancashire as undergraduates.

We were naturally very much pleased with the results of the election, as Brother Stevens, '01, was elected Treasurer, it being the first time that the western charges have been represented in the Grand Lodge.

FLOYD J. WOOD.

EPSILON DEUTERON.—Yale University

Since the last number of *THE SHIELD*, Epsilon Deuteron has had the misfortune of losing Bro. Morgan, '02. He is at present in Washington, D. C., and expects to return to us next September.

Our life has been especially dull this winter term, but has been broken into by a few pleasing events. Among these, and at the head, stands the visit of Brother Harstrom. He swooped down upon us one evening, and before he left us, we were quite a little wiser. We were very sorry to hear of his determination not to run for the presidency once more.

While we had a small representation at the convention and banquet, yet many of us now wish we had attended.

A few alumni have visited us since my last letter, among them Bros. Sprague, Dewell, Clark, Hopton, Hüpfel, Wright, and Hanson.

Bro. Clapp, '99, is at present athletic director at Y. M. C. A., of Keokuk, Iowa. Bros. Gregory and Lamb are studying medicine.

Their address is 123 West 90th Street, New York City. Bros. Jourdan, '99, and Davis are in Taunton, Mass. Bro. Gannon, '99, is in the employ of the Metropolitan Elevated Railway of New York City. Bro. Dillon, '99, is at present at North Platte, Nebraska, but contemplates returning to us in April.

GEORGE S. BRIGHAM.

ZETA.—Brown University

Zeta has been enjoying the swiftly passing winter months to the full extent of her ability. Almost any noon hour finds ten or a dozen of us enjoying a social chat, while the smoke, curling slowly to the ceiling, sheds a mysterious halo of good fellowship.

On January, 26, we held an old fashioned bean supper in our rooms "down street." It was biting cold without, but our hearts were warm, and kept beat with the lively Theta Delt songs. We were favored by the presence of a number of our alumni, and were also very glad to have with us Brother Eddy, Kappa, '80, and Brother Marvin, Kappa, '99. Zeta is always especially glad to welcome brothers of sister charges, and would urge them to make it a point to stop over and see us whenever possible.

The event of the term was the banquet of February 13, given by our alumni at the Providence Athletic Association. A very jolly crowd of about forty sat down to an excellent spread. Brother Spooner, Zeta, '60, and ex-member of Congress, presided in a very acceptable manner. He led our minds back to the good old days of yore, and then told us of the place which Theta Delta Chi still holds in his heart to-day. A round of very enthusiastic speeches followed, in the course of which, memory was again refreshed by remarks from Brother Martin, Zeta, '62, and Brother Mathewson, Zeta, '73.

I need not give an account of the widely known exhibition of physical training given by the University in Infantry Hall. Suffice it to say that Zeta was represented on both the senior and junior hand-polo teams, which struggled for the supremacy of the college in vain, and that Brother Gilmore, '01, scored a close second in the twenty-yard dash out of a field of four or five hundred starters.

Brothers Gilmore, Hull, McLeod, '01, and Brothers Lawey and Krause, '02, found it possible to represent Zeta at the convention. Including alumni, the number of Zeta men present was twelve. All brought back such glowing accounts of an excellent time that we all wish we could have been present "*en masse*."

"Exams." are now close at hand, and for the next week Zeta brothers will be lost in the oblivion of study, "grind," and "plug." We have not disappeared so far down into the depths as yet, however, but that we can rise and extend to our sister charges best wishes for a pleasant spring, and express anew our warm love for Theta Delta Chi.

J. LAWRENCE HOOD.

ETA.—Bowdoin College

Eta is pursuing the even tenor of her ways with now and then a ruffle of excitement to relieve the monotony of our lives. Of course the chief topic of interest just at present, is the success of the convention. Eta was represented by Brothers Palmer, '00, Rodick, '02, and Little, '89. Brother Smith was elected a junior delegate, but owing to circumstances over which he had no control, was obliged, much to his disappointment, to give up the trip. Our delegation returned to us with glowing accounts of their visit, and, from their official report of the proceedings of the convention, we received a great deal of help and much food for thought. Owing to the great distance many of us who would have enjoyed being present were not able to attend, although we were all there in spirit.

We had the pleasure recently of receiving a visit from Brother Harstrom. It is needless to say that we gained much valuable advice and help from his talks and earnestly hope that we may receive a like favor in the near future.

In the class elections recently Brother Sylvester, '00, was elected prophet for the class-day exercises, and Brother Palmer, '00, received the appointment of chairman of the picture committee. Brother Smith, '01, will represent us on one of the other committees, together with Brother Flint, '01. Brother Flint is also

Eta's representative on the junior *Annual*. Brother Giles, '02, serves as secretary and treasurer of his class, while Brother Rodick, '02, is the vice-president of the class. Brother Gibson, '02, in a recent mass-meeting, was elected scorer of the base-ball team.

Eta takes pleasure in presenting to the fraternity a newly made brother, Brother Maybury, '02, who entered Bowdoin this term from Brown. Following his initiation, the charge enjoyed a ride and shore dinner as guests of the freshman delegation—at "The Gurnet." Brother Shorey, '89, editor of the *Brunswick Telegraph*, and Brother Mitchell, '90, professor of rhetoric and English, were guests of the charge at the banquet.

In a recent minstrel show given for the benefit of the athletic association, Brother Gould, '00, as one of the end men and soloists, made quite a hit. Brother Walker, '03, was a member of the chorus. Brother Welch, '03, was conductor of the instrumental music.

We have received visits since my last writing from Brothers Baker, ex-'93, Woodbury, '95, Dana, '96, Bodge, '97,—now a member of the New York Law School,—Haskell, '99, Cleaves, '99, and Libby, '99.

Brother Sylvester, '00, this term has been serving as gymnasium instructor, having charge of the dumb-bell squad of the sophomore class. The chief event looked forward to at the present time is the annual athletic meet which takes place the 23d of this month. The various squads have not yet been picked, so that I cannot announce any honors in that line. Many of the brothers are trying for positions, and it is safe to say that we shall not be wanting in representatives. We were all very much pleased to hear of the selection of Brother Bullock as SHIELD editor. We wish him all success.

H. A. SHOREY.

IOTA.—Harvard University

Iota sends her heartiest wishes to our new Editor of THE SHIELD, and pledges her loyalty and support. That our publica-

tion will continue in its sphere of usefulness, we are assured, for we indeed believe that it is now, as always, in the best of hands.

Since my last letter, we have all passed through that "reign of terror," more conventionally known as the mid-year exams. And now with all the prospects of an early spring, we are looking forward with glowing hearts to outdoor sports and pastimes. But throughout the remainder of the year we will, nevertheless, be kept busy in promoting charge duties and interests, for, it being a Harvard custom not to take in freshmen early in the year, it will soon become necessary for us to gather into our fold some of the youthful and verdant raw material of that class. That we have been active during the past three months will be demonstrated by the excellent and loyal men whom we have "swung," and whom I now take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity—Nathaniel W. Faxon, '02, of Stoughton, Mass.; John G. Berry, '01, of Cambridge; E. R. Underwood, '01, of Newark, N. J.; Melville T. Nichols, '01, of Haverhill, Mass.; Robert A. Dean, '03, of Fall River, Mass., and George A. Sawin, '01, of Cambridge. Brother Nichols played on the lacrosse team last spring, and is a promising candidate for this year's team. Brother Sawin received the much prized varsity "H." last fall, having played left half back on the foot-ball team in both the Pennsylvania and the Yale games.

Brother Crane, '00, has been elected one of the two captains of the Senior Wranglers, the debating club of the senior class. Brother Whitney, who is one of the editors of the *Daily Crimson*, was chairman of the committee appointed from the senior class to arrange a plan of electing class day officers. Brother A. P. Stone, '93, is again coaching the Yale debaters. Brother Donham, '00, and Belcher, '02, were obliged to leave college on account of ill health. Brother Flint, '01, is trying for the cricket team.

We are in the midst of our annual pool tournament. This year it is being conducted on an entirely new plan which has aroused great enthusiasm, and as a result the table is in constant use.

The six Iota representatives, who were fortunate in being able to attend the convention, returned with enthusiastic accounts

of many delightful experiences. All of them declare that they have come back better fraternity men than they were before, and their enthusiasm has reacted upon the whole charge.

Iota's house at 20 Ware Street is always open to Theta Delts, and we only wish that more would come out to see us when in the neighborhood of Boston.

O. D. CRILLY.

IOTA DEUTERON.—Williams College

The last year of the century has already brought to Iota Deuteron a goodly number of honors and many pleasant events. Chief among the latter was a flying visit from Brother Harstrom, whom we had not seen in Williamstown for two years. It is with genuine regret that we see his retirement from the presidency of our fraternity, which has prospered, as never before, under his able management.

In December, we initiated Brother D. R. Little, '00, of Sheffield, Mass., who, we feel sure, will bring honor to Theta Delta Chi. Besides being one of the best long distance runners in college and maintaining a high scholarship, Brother Little has given much attention to the debating interests of the college and was recently elected manager of the debating teams, being the first to hold that position.

The house-party from February 16-19 was the most successful one we have ever given, a fact due in part to Brother Putney's careful planning. Vassar, Wesleyan, and Smith contributed largely to our pleasure; and between dancing and driving, cards, music, and eating, to say nothing of numberless tête-à-têtes on secluded divans, the three days passed only too quickly.

Close upon the house-party came the convention where we were represented by Brothers Dunbar, '98, DeCamp, '00, Gibbs, '00, and Davenport, '01. The new enthusiasm for our fraternity which the delegates brought back is spreading over the whole charge. Only one sentiment prevails here as to the election of Brother Huffcut, and we feel sure he will be an able and worthy successor of Brother Harstrom. The appointment of Brother Bullock as Editor of THE SHIELD assures us of the continued

prosperity of our magazine. Certainly whatever aid the charge can render Brother Bullock in his new work will repay us by increasing our zeal for the reputation and welfare of our whole fraternity.

Our literary star, Brother Dunbar, '00, has been especially occupied lately as joint-editor of a book entitled "Stories and Verse of Williams," to which he is also a contributor. During the winter Brother Osborn has been leader of the government in the 'Technian Society, and made a place in the Dartmouth preliminary debate.

Of course, all the senior delegation find no topic more interesting than the discussion of ways and means for next year. Brother DeCamp is particularly fortunate in regard to this, having been offered the place of principal in the Williamstown High School. He has already entered upon his duties there.

Athletics are beginning to occupy our attention once more. In track work, we are represented by Brother Shepherd, '00, in sprints; by Brother Putney, '00, in the sprints and hurdles, and by Brothers Little, '00, and B. Mears, '03, in the long distance runs. The two latter ran in their class relay teams at the winter meet. In the base-ball squad, Brothers Chandler, '01, and B. Mears, '03, are trying for battery positions, and Brothers Dolph, '01, and Bassett, '02, for field positions.

Iota Deuteron has secured more than her usual number of commencement honors this year. At the 1900 elections for class-day Brother Dunbar was chosen class poet; Brother DeCamp, chairman of the class-day committee; and Brother Gibbs, editor of the class book; while in the list of twenty-four commencement appointments were found five Theta Delts, Brothers Boyd, Gibbs, Huntington, Little, and Shepherd.

We have seen comparatively little of our alumni during the winter. Brother H. C. Taylor, '99, was with us during the house-party, and Brothers Dunham, '96, Hawkins, '97, and Goodrich, '97, have paid us brief calls. Just before the Christmas vacation, we had a visit from several Kappa brothers, who were with the Tufts glee club. We hope that the attractions of the spring term and commencement will bring back to us an unusually large number of graduate brothers.

GEORGE H. HUNTINGTON.

KAPPA.—Tufts College

The winter season, which we are glad to feel is nearly over, has not been especially dull for old Kappa. Although charge affairs have consisted in but two house dances, yet the fellows have come out so splendidly in the college activities that there is little to be wished for, and the interest is centered, for the brothers, quite as much as if they were charge matters solely.

We try to keep up the good name of Kappa in giving the best house dances on the Hill. On February 27th, we entertained in this fashion, and pleased the multitude. Another dance is to be given March 13, which we trust will be excellent in turn.

Perhaps the most interesting event that has occurred this winter was a play of early England, "The First Pageant of the Shepherd," given by the English department of the College. Brother K. Foster, '01, gave a surpassing rendition of the part "Pastor Primus," and reaped a double honor by having been business manager of the presentation. Brother Boutelle, '01, assisted materially in the musical portion of the play.

On February 28, Professor Charles E. Fay, Kappa, '68, gave an illustrated lecture on the Canadian Alps. Last summer, Brother Fay with H. C. Barker, of Columbia University, members of the Appalachian Club, ascended Mt. Dawson, a hitherto unclimbed peak of the Selkirks. Inasmuch as this peak is 10,800 ft. above the sea level, and regarded as harder to climb than the Swiss Matterhorn, no little credit comes to Professor Fay for his success. At the Boston Tufts Club dinner on March 2, President Capen, '60, and J. K. Kent, '99, maintained the honor of the charge and the fraternity with good speeches.

The new Gymnasium was formally opened on March 7 with an indoor meet. Brother Kent, '99, presided at the state dedication of the building, while "Prexy" Capen and Brother C. W. Groce, '91, gave us good "spiels." The fraternity pulled 35 points at the meet, and places were won by the following brothers:

Fence Vault—H. C. Turner, '01, 2nd; T. S. Knight, '03, 3rd.

Rope climb—H. C. Turner, '01, 1st.

Running high kick—C. L. Barker, '02, 2nd; R. E. Nason, '03, 3rd.

Potato race—R. E. Nason, '03, 2nd ; C. E. Moors, '02, 3rd.

Running high jump—R. E. Nason, '03, 2nd ; H. C. Turner, '01, 3rd.

Shot put—G. R. Kempton, '00, 1st. ; H. C. Turner, '01, 3rd.

Pole vault—R. E. Mason, '03, 2nd.

A very creditable showing for Kappa.

Brother Clark, '00, who is manager for the varsity baseball team, has already given evidence of a winning aggregation. Among the candidates from the charge, are Brothers S. S. Fiske, '02, K. Foster, '01, C. W. Moors, '02, G. R. Kempton, '00, F. T. Flagg, '03, J. A. Lamb, '03, T. S. Knight, '03, L. D. Pierce, '01, A. W. Coolidge, '03, R. E. Nason, '03. These brothers with several who are not in the squad will endeavor to make an interesting charge game with Iota this year.

R. B. MANBERT.

LAMBDA.—Boston University

Since the last charge letter our rooms have been undergoing a thorough renovation to the extent of several hundred dollars. We have added new chairs, carpets, pictures, and a piano ; so that we are feeling quite proud of our abode, and would be more than pleased to have brothers call upon us.

The brothers are now leading very quiet and retired lives as "exams.," with all their fury, are upon us. Thursday eve., March 1, a bean supper was enjoyed, at which about fifty were present including many older brothers and some from the surrounding institutions. The most enjoyable feature of the evening was a lecture on "Kipling" by Brother Foy Spencer Baldwin, '88.

A few weeks ago several Lambda men gave a dancing party at Trinity Court, at which Brother Sweetser, '92, and wife acted as chaperons. The affair was pronounced such a success by the young ladies that it will probably be repeated next term.

In the matter of offices in the University, we are still holding our own. At the election of the senior class day officers, Brother

Clapp was unanimously chosen class marshal, Brother Gage, class orator, and Brother Wheeler was made presentist. In the "University Beacon" election, Brother Bradlee, '02, was made literary editor and a prospective brother, Charles Henry Holbrook, '02, of Swampscott, whom we have just pledged and whom it gives me great pleasure to introduce to the brothers, was chosen local editor. Brother Coit is president of the senior class, Brother Ennis of the junior, and yours truly of the sophomore.

Our glee club, on which we have eight men, under the leadership of Brother Lacount, '00, has enjoyed the most successful year since its foundation. At our last meeting we enjoyed a fine account of the Washington convention, and join in congratulating the fraternity on its being such a grand success.

In the line of dramatics we have been kept quite busy. The Philomathean society, the dramatic organization of the College, has been giving a series of entertainments furnished by the different fraternities and classes. Brothers Davies, '00, Shook, '00, and Webber, '02, have charge of ours, which comes next term; and of course we are looking forward to carrying off the palms. Brother Bradlee, '02, and Shook, '00, have already loaned their services to the young ladies' fraternities and have won for themselves enviable reputations.

The Men's Club banquet comes off very soon. Brother Davies, '00, represents us on the committee of arrangements. Our election of officers occurred last Tuesday evening, and although our past year has borne much fruit we are looking into the future with great expectations.

J. ARTHUR BAKER.

MU DEUTERON.—Amherst College

The winter term at Amherst is never over-exciting. We tread the beaten path of duty with only occasional backslidings to break the monotony, and yet it has passed very pleasantly and, we trust, profitably. This is the term when we seek recreation by lounging in the parlors or in each other's rooms—that is those of us who are "broke;" the more fortunate brothers board the trolley

and seek the various solaces that "Hamp" affords, for the trolley line from Amherst to Northampton has at last arrived, but so lately that the newness has not yet worn off and many are the trips taken solely to see how it seems, spurred on by the additional zest of not knowing how we're going to get back ; for, alas, they run capriciously, to say the least. However, the walking is good and we have hopes.

The most important topic of interest has been the convention, and those of us whom distance prevented from attending, devoured eagerly the glowing account our representatives gave us of the proceedings, interspersed with some weird tales of attendant experiences ; and heartily wished we could have been present at both.

There are not many new honors attainable during the winter term, as the regular college work takes up most of our time, yet what was to be had we obtained. Brother Anderson, '02, has been acting as captain of the sophomore basket ball team, which won the class championship. Brother Greene, '03, was on the relay team, and did remarkably well. Brothers Clapp, '00, Anderson, '02, and Ellsworth, '03, represent us on the musical clubs, while Brothers Boggs and Pratt have leading parts in the senior dramatics.

Of the social events of the season, the "Junior Prom," which was held February 16, of course, easily ranks first ; and Brother Ballentine, '01, was on the committee—a position that is considered a high social honor here. Many of the brothers attended and gave an informal dance the next morning. We have had several informal dances so far ; and on March 10, we held our annual reception, which was a glorious success and fully equalled, if not excelled, the one of last year, which was considered the best of the season.

We have enjoyed short visits from several of our alumni, and brothers from other charges. Brothers Bullock, '99, Wright, '99, C. W. Walker, '99, and Atkinson, '99, have at different times dropped in on us ; and Brothers Barrows, '00, and Kimball, '01, of Omicron Deuteron, paid us a short visit on their way to Washington. On March 13, the last senior "gym" was held, and the seniors realized more fully than ever that the end was fast drawing near.

CHESTER MAYO PRATT.

 NU DEUTERON—Lehigh University

That monstrous octopus, known as the mid-year exams., has come and gone, and from last reports he has none of the Nu Deuteron brothers entangled in his tentacles, neither has he detracted from the prosperity of the charge.

But to turn to a more inviting subject, a few words relative to these the "palmiest days" of the charge will not be amiss. The beginning of the year 1900 finds our record for diligence in college work, social and athletic attainments an enviable one to say the least. Our dance given February the ninth at the Eagle Hotel was the social success of this winter at Lehigh. We sent five men to the convention, and all returned full of enthusiasm and impressed with the thought of working harder than ever to further the interests of the fraternity.

The base ball team has been out practicing for the last three weeks, and from all accounts it will be a winning one. Brothers Alder, Pomeroy, and Parsons of last year's varsity are sure of their old positions, while Brother Lewis is a likely candidate.

The musical talent of the charge is very much in evidence in the glee and mandolin clubs. We have on the former Brothers Alder, Murphy, Stull, Reigart, Hildreth, and Glancy; while Brother Higgins is the leader of the guitars in the mandolin club. Just after the holidays we were indeed sorry to lose, for the remainder of the year, Brother Griffith, who was obliged to leave college on account of ill health.

J. B. FREUND.

 XI.—Hobart College

There is little news to report from Xi this month. The mid-year exams. are just over, and we are again able to breathe freely after being kept so busy by them that we have had little time to devote to anything else. We have to report the initiation of one more brother, Henry Reuter, of Norwalk, Conn., who comes from Brother Harstrom's school at that place. This brings our number up to fifteen, and places the charge in very good condition.

It is needless to add that the best of good feeling exists through the charge.

Brother Harstrom paid us his annual visit on January 28, and expressed great satisfaction at the condition in which he found affairs. We gave an informal spread in the evening; besides Brother Harstrom there were with us Brothers Herendeen, Whitwell, and Bachman of our own alumni and Brother Kendall, of Iota, who is on the faculty. All assisted in making the evening a most enjoyable one. Brother Harstrom stayed with us until the next day, and left behind the usual trace of his visit in the form of a great increase in fraternity enthusiasm.

In our last letter we mentioned the fact that a graduate association was being formed among the alumni of Xi, but at that time only preliminary steps had been taken. We are now glad to be able to report that enough of our graduates responded to enable the promoters to go forward with their work, and the association has now been organized with the following officers: Brother S. Douglas Cornell, '60, of Buffalo, President; Brother F. H. Herendeen, '87, of Geneva, Secretary; and Brother E. J. Cook, '95, of Geneva, Treasurer. The membership is small yet, but as many of the alumni have not yet been heard from, the directors feel certain that many of them have failed to respond through carelessness, and that many new members will be obtained now that the success of the undertaking is so well assured. Brother Harstrom spoke very highly of this move on the part of Xi at his recent visit. The organization of this association will soon be reported to the Grand Lodge, and after that it will be recognized as one of the organizations of the fraternity.

A word as to the purpose of the association might not be out of place here. The primary object is to form a closer bond of union among the graduates of the charge, and to bring them into closer touch with the active members. In spite of the letter which is now sent out annually to the alumni by the charge, complaints are occasionally heard that the graduates never hear from the charge except when the latter is in want of money. It was to remove the grounds for any such complaint that it was decided to appoint a member of the charge annually whose duty it should be to send at least one letter to the graduates, which should

be made as interesting as possible for them and give an accurate account of the condition of affairs in the charge and in the college at large.

This second undertaking is a move in the same direction. Here the object is to be accomplished in two ways. In the first place the directors of the association are also to send out an annual letter to the graduates ; and in the second place, since it seemed to the promoters of the association that the best way to keep up interest among the graduates was to provide that they should all receive the fraternity paper regularly, it was provided that the directors should arrange, so far as the state of the finances would allow, that *THE SHIELD* be sent to every one of the alumni of the charge, whether he is a member of the association or not. Through the kindness of the publishers of *THE SHIELD*, they hope to be able to do this without embarrassing the association financially. This will at first, of course, be their greatest item of expense, but it is hoped that in the end the venture will pay for itself through the increased fraternity interest which the regular receipt of *THE SHIELD* should cause among those graduates who have found the cares of business life tending to lessen their interest in their college fraternity.

But to return to matters more directly included in college news ; at the recent election of the senior class Brother Graves was elected class poet, Brother Stettenbenz, chairman of the senior ball committee, and the writer, class prophet. This gives us good places in the class day exercises, and of the graduating honors there is little doubt that Xi will get her full share.

Several of the graduates have expressed their intention of being in Geneva at the next commencement and some have proposed a reunion at that time. The charge will, of course, be glad to see any or all of the graduates at that time, or indeed at any time ; and we might add here that we hope that any time any of our graduates or any other Theta Delts find themselves in this vicinity they will not fail to make us a visit. As to a reunion next June, of course we do not know what arrangements the directors of the graduate association may make for their first reunion, and we do not wish to interfere with their plans ; but if such a reunion can be arranged, we shall be only too glad to do

anything in our power to help the matter along. But reunion or no reunion, we shall be delighted to have as many as possible attend the next commencement.

We have not had the privilege of entertaining many brothers from out of town recently. Brother S. D. Cornell paid us a visit while in town to attend a meeting of the trustees of the college, and we also enjoyed a visit from Brother Persons, of Beta. The charge has recently received an invitation from Brother Fairley, of Canandaigua, to attend a party given in our honor at that place. Brother Fairley is a graduate of Mu Deuteron, and is principal of the Granger Place School for Girls. The party is to be given at the school, and it is needless to say that the brothers are looking forward to a very pleasant evening. Brother Fairley has been with us on a number of occasions, and never fails to impress one with his loyalty to Theta Delta Chi.

WM. W. ROBISON.

PI DEUTERON.—College of the City of New York.

So far, the college year has been replete with pleasant experiences for Pi Deuteron, and after the trying ordeal of the review examinations, we have among us the same brothers enrolled at the beginning of the year. We enjoy frequent visits from many loyal graduates, and see in them and their devotion to the charge the true significance of fraternal bonds. Many of the men whom we have been rushing have caught the spirit and have pledged themselves gladly and eagerly.

An improvement in the general tone of the students of the college is expected as a result of making the preparatory department cover a course of three years instead of one. The scheme is certainly a good one, and besides, the advantages it presents from an educational point of view, the percentage of students eligible to membership in the fraternities is bound to be greatly increased. At present this percentage is very small, and as a result we have been conservative in rushing during the year, having been unwilling to lower the standard of membership for the purpose of having a proportionate representation from each class. The quota

of pledged sub-freshman is unusually large and next year they can be relied upon to help maintain the prestige of the charge at college.

Brother V. P. Fuentes, Pi Deuteron, '89, has been appointed special instructor in the Spanish language and literature. The appointment came in the nature of a surprise to us, and after we had about finished congratulating both Brother Fuentes and ourselves, we learned that Brother Fuentes was soon to have a still greater cause for congratulation. On February 21, 1900, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Ward of New York City.

In athletics, we are still ahead of the other fraternities represented at C. C. N. Y. The relay team which is to compete against Columbia and New York University has three Theta Deltas on it,—Brothers Grassi, '00, Moran, '01, and Fisher, '02. The foot-ball team under the management of Brother Howe, '00, had an exceptionally good season, and proved pretty conclusively that the college is capable of turning out a first-class team. Brother Howe, '00, is manager and Brother Steele, '00, is captain of the golf-club. Brother Moran, '01, is president of the lacrosse ass'n. Brother Fisher, '00, is first lieutenant in a troop which has recently been formed at college. Our base-ball team is going to spring a surprise on some of the larger colleges, and its schedule of games is a most excellent one.

We have given frequent receptions to the pledged men at the homes of some of the brothers, and a grand reunion is in order for April 2, 1900, at the rooms, No. 2 Convent Avenue. Invitations have been sent to all the graduates, but we hope to have present those Theta Deltas whom we could not reach with invitations and who happen to read this issue of THE SHIELD.

Our annual, *The Microcosm*, will soon be ready, and we would like to exchange with some of the other colleges. Brother Schaefer is art editor, and the publication promises to be exceptionally good. The charge is in a flourishing condition, and we look to the future to detract nothing from the meaning which Theta Delta Chi now has for us.

GEORGE WM. STEELE.

RHO DEUTERON.—Columbia University

INITIATES

1902

Joseph Whittlesey Spencer, New York City.

1903

Frank Valentine Goodman, Lockport, N. Y.

Since our last SHIELD letter, we have initiated two new men, Brother Joseph W. Spencer, who is well known in Columbia College theatricals, and Brother Frank V. Goodman, a promising baseball player of the freshman class. Many Rho Deuteron men are now trying for the different athletic teams. Brothers Eastmond, '01, Halsey and Tombo, '02, and Steeres, '03, are working for honors on the track under the direction of Captain J. B. Smith, '01. Brothers Kebler, '00, Brown, '01, and Goodman, '03, are out for baseball. Brothers Eastmond, '01, and DeYoung, '02, Law School, are doing "stunts" on the gymnasium team, and helped to gather in points for Columbia in her late gymnastic contest with Yale. Brother Spencer, '02, is captain and star player of our water-polo team, and is also president of the newly organized swimming association. Brother Leandro Rionda, '02, broke his shoulder while working in the gymnasium last December, but is now recovering from the injury. The condition of his shoulder, however, will prevent him from taking any violent exercise for almost a year. This is particularly unfortunate as Brother Rionda had bright prospects as a gymnast.

In the absence of his family from the city, Brother St. Clair, '00, is occupying our house. Brother Carl Tombo, Pi Deuteron, '97, is now studying in the Columbia School of Applied Science. We hope for his affiliation in the near future.

Rho Deuteron was able to send twelve undergraduate members of the charge to the convention. Those who had attended the conventions before, agreed there was never a better one than the one this year. All felt imbued with a new Theta Delt spirit. Brother Harstrom paid us his official visit shortly before the convention met. We have also seen at our house, during the past month, Brothers Ehret, Pi Deuteron, '99, Cunningham, Psi, '99, Neidlinger, Pi Deuteron, '99, and Gregory, Pi Deuteron, '00.

HARRISON ROSS STEERES.

SIGMA DEUTERON.—University of Wisconsin

Since the last publication of THE SHIELD, Sigma Deuteron has initiated one new brother, Henry H. Otjen, 1903, of Milwaukee, Wis. We have now a roll of twenty-two active members, all but two of whom room in the charge house, which, for the first time in years, is completely filled. Nevertheless, we always have room for visiting Theta Delts, and we will try to give all brothers who may come our way a rousing old Theta Delt reception.

Our convention delegate returned to us with a glowing account of the meetings, and with the advice never to miss a Theta Delta Chi convention even if we have to go half way around the world to get there. The selection of Buffalo for next year's convention will probably enable more western members of the fraternity to be present, and we look forward eagerly to the time when Sigma Deuteron, as a charge, may be able to attend a Theta Delta Chi convention in Chicago.

The "Junior Prom," the greatest social event in the college year, came off February sixteenth, and was, by unanimous opinion, in every way the most successful "Prom." that has ever been given. This success was due in large degree to the efforts of Brother C. J. White who acted as chairman of the committee.

Since the last letter, we have enjoyed short visits from the following Bros. : W. W. Salmon, Sigma, '86, of Chicago ; W. B. Clarke, Chi, '01, Chicago ; J. R. Kent, Kappa, '99 ; G. B. Chandler, Eta, '90 ; Andrew Lees, Sigma Deuteron, '95 ; W. G. Hartwell, '95 ; F. L. Ford, ex-'01 ; Charles Seiler, ex-'01 ; J. P. Gregg, '99 ; C. L. Baldwin, '94.

Brother T. W. Brazeau is editor-in-chief of the "*Daily Cardinal*," and Brother Perry Carter is on the "*Cardinal*" staff. Brother W. F. Adams has been elected to the inter-collegiate debate between Wisconsin and Iowa, and Brother Brazeau is closer on the debate between the Wisconsin and Georgetown Law Schools, which will take place in Washington some time in April.

Brother Wicker, Beta, '90, and Mrs. Wicker chaperoned a very pleasant dancing party at the charge house, February tenth. An informal party was given by the charge February seventeenth.

It was a post "Prom." affair, many of the guests having come to Madison to attend the "Junior Prom." the night before.

On the senior committees, we are represented by Brother McNeel and Brother Adams. The college annual, "*The Badger*," which will soon be out, has on its board of editors, Brothers W. C. Burdick, C. J. White, and C. H. Watson.

The marriage of Brother John Alexander Pratt, Sigma Deuteron, '94, to Miss Susan Peirce Regan, took place at Madison, Wisconsin, December, twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine. Brother Pratt is principal of the High School at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.

GEORGE N. FERRIS.

TAU DEUTERON.—University of Minnesota

Since the last publication of *THE SHIELD*, there have been a few interesting changes which will be gratifying to our alumni. Brother Louis Weeks, '94, who never fails to give us a cheerful word and a steady hand when in need, has moved over to 1018 and is giving us the benefit of his steady manhood which we have needed in the house. Brother George Snoad, '97, is still living in the house with us.

A letter from Brother Francis Ramaley, who is at the head of the botanical department of the University of Colorado, assured us of his good success and prosperous condition. Brother H. Cool, '98, is located in Northfield, Minn., and is doing well behind the prescription counter. During the cold weather, we find his cough cure indispensable. Brother Phil R. Thomas, Gamma Deuteron, '99, had the good fortune to get into the dental parlors of Dr. Kramer of this city. His position is assured. We are very fortunate in having a large number of brothers from sister charges in the twin cities. Brother W. A. Deering, Eta, '75, is now located in Minneapolis.

Brother W. D. Hartman, '96, is an instructor in drawing in a normal school in Valley City, S. D. With a concluding clause I must say that we have recently lost one member, M. E. Harrison, '00, who left college in January to take a position with Fulton, Libby, & Co., in the lumber business. R. F. MCKISSON.

 PHI.—Lafayette College

We regret that Brother Huffcut has severed his connection with THE SHIELD which he has so ably edited. However, we feel confident that in the hands of Brother Bullock it will continue on its ride up "prosperity road."

Downright hard work, interrupted now and then by class banquets—marks Phi's diary for this term, through which we have lived quiet but happy days. The usual number of honors have come to us. Brother Rumbaugh, '02, was elected assistant foot-ball manager; Brother Williams, '02, to the Sock and Buskin Club and associate editor of the *Lafayette*.

Brother Bissell, '03, is prospective candidate for the base-ball team. Brother Larkin, '03, is again with us, after an absence on account of sickness. Brother Rice, '01, is one of the editors of this year's *Melange*, and will assume the position of editor-in-chief of the *Lafayette* next term. Brother Reuf, '01, recently became one of our number.

The convention as reported by Brothers Tim and Stradling has left "good old Theta Delt enthusiasm" with our charge. Our only regret is that there were not more of us at Washington. Our new men are already getting up momentum for the next one. Nothing pleases us more than the presence of the old brothers of the charge. We enjoy their visits. Brother Hovey, '95, of the Perry Signal Co., of Chicago, was considerate enough to spend a little time with us the early part of the term. Brothers Stewart and Jones, our town alumni, frequently drop in and show us the "only way."

JAMES GARRISON STRADLING.

 CHI.—University of Rochester

In entering on his new duty, the writer congratulates the newly appointed Editor of THE SHIELD. We all feel that he is fully capable of the undertaking, and that the high standard which has been set in the past will be maintained the coming year. The writer also feels that in succeeding such an able man

as Brother Salmon, he is unqualified for the task ; yet hopes by your indulgence to make a creditable showing for Chi Charge.

Though events of great importance have been scarce, love for Theta Delta Chi has not been wanting. During the Christmas vacation a card party was held in honor of our resident brothers now at other charges. About twenty-five couples were in attendance, and all had a most enjoyable time. Among those present were Brother Tower, of Gamma Deuteron, Brother Whitbeck, now at Cornell, Brother Keeler, now at Buffalo Law School, and Brothers Doris, '03, and Chapman, '03, both of Xi.

Since the last issue of *THE SHIELD*, Brother Salmon and Brother Gomp have been added to the mandolin club, and Brother Salmon represents us on the dramatic club which is now preparing to give a performance at the Lyceum Theater next month. At the sophomore election, Brother Salmon was elected vice-president, while Brother Watkeys will act as toastmaster for the juniors.

At the freshman banquet which was held January 24, the usual rivalry between the sophomores and freshies showed itself. While on their way to the banquet, Brothers Drake, Hincer, and Holbrook were waylaid and, with some other freshmen who had been captured, were forced to perform various feats, and then marched, with coats inside-out and draped in yellow, through the streets to the hotel when they were generously allowed to go to the banquet without further molestation.

The new gymnasium on the campus is being rapidly completed. Rochester has a very bright outlook in athletics this spring. Candidates are now hard at work. Chi has several promising men for the base-ball team. We recently had a large rush, as a result of which one good man was pledged and several others are on the road.

Chi has had frequent visits from Brother Craig, '99, and keeps in close touch with Brother Curtis, Beta, Brother Dater, Iota Deuteron, and Brother Ruggles, of Psi. We are now anticipating the pleasure of an Easter dance to which we cordially invite all Theta Deltas.

F. S. HOLBROOK.

CHI DEUTERON.—Columbian University

INITIATE

1901

Nathaniel Emmons Robinson, Brightwood, D. C.

The Fifty-Second Annual Convention has gone down into history, and we, of Chi Deuteron, are still discussing the happenings of those two days. It has inspired us with new zeal in fraternity work, and has made us realize that we are brothers among brothers.

The end of the year is in sight now, and everybody is buckling down to hard work, ready for the home stretch and final examinations. But the other departments of college activity are not slighted. A great deal is going on, and Theta Delta Chi is everywhere in evidence. The college annual, the *Columbiad*, is being whipped into shape for an early issue. Four of Chi Deuteron's men are on the editorial board, or rather were elected; one resigned, and Brothers W. W. Lindsey, '00, George G. Chase, '00, and Horace F. Ashford, '01, will carry on the work. At the election of class day officers, Brother W. L. Sterrett was chosen presenter and Brother Domer, poet.

Shortly after the last issue of THE SHIELD Chi Deuteron gave its annual dance at the Cairo hotel. Our charge has always taken a prominent part in the social functions of the city, but this event eclipsed all our former efforts. The gathering included representatives from eleven different colleges. We are now making ready for the celebration of the birthday of the charge. This is to take the form of a banquet given at the house, March 26. If any brother wants to come, he is at perfect liberty to do so, provided he brings his contribution. It is to be run on the basis of a pound party, though every one is expected to bring considerably more than a pound.

Graphophone concerts are frequently the order of the evening at our rooms, and we go through the whole repertoire, along with several songs of our own rendering.

In the last number of THE SHIELD we announced the formation of a "Married Men's Club," but it is now our painful duty to announce that this organization has met with rank disaster,—

only one of the members has had constancy enough to live up to the constitution. He will be married next fall. All the rest have even gone so far as to break their engagements.

The charge seems to think that there is considerable baseball talent in its ranks, and a fraternity team is among the possibilities for this spring. We have the catcher and second-baseman of last year's college team, and, with these as a nucleus, Chi Deuteron may get together a very formidable aggregation of ball-tossers. After the custom of previous years, a tennis club will probably be organized. A short time ago Chi Deuteron had a delightful progressive euchre party, just among ourselves. It was given in honor of Brother Lindsey's birthday—as to which one I might merely say that Brother Lindsey will vote for president next November.

We hear frequently from our representative in the Philippines, Lieut. H. J. McKenney, 33rd infantry. About a month ago, the 33rd captured Mrs. Aguinaldo and several members of the rebel general's household and cabinet. Brother McKenney, in command of a detachment of regular cavalry, took charge of the prisoners and escorted them three hundred miles overland by trail to Manila. At General Lawton's funeral here last month, participated in by all the regular troops in the East, Brother Victor L. Mason, Chi Deuteron, '97, was the personal representative of ex-Secretary of War Alger.

To give a list of our visitors' during the last three months would be impossible. They have been legion, and included nearly all the delegates and brothers attending the convention. We were very glad to receive the brothers at our rooms on the night of February 22nd, and sincerely hope that we may see them all again. We want every Theta Delta that comes to town to call on us. We will see that everything is made pleasant for him during his stay. Chi Deuteron is sorry that Brother Harstrom has found it necessary to retire from the presidency of the Grand Lodge—an office which he has filled so long and faithfully, with such great honor to himself and to Theta Delta Chi. But it is safe to say that Theta Delta Chi will be ably directed when Brother Huffcut holds the reins. He has shown his superior executive ability in the past year's management of THE SHIELD.

To Brother Bullock, who now undertakes THE SHIELD work, Chi Deuteron pledges her heartiest support and coöperation.

Before closing, I wish to take this opportunity of introducing to the fraternity at large, Brother Nathaniel Emmons Robinson, of the class of 1901. He has now been a Theta Delt for three months, and has shown that he is in every way worthy of the badge he wears.

HARRY T. DOMER.

PSI.—Hamilton College

The winter term, which is very apt to be dreary, is almost over; but this winter was a delightful exception. Time has passed so quickly that none can realize it is almost time for another set of examinations. Easter almost seems to be behind time, for, forgetting it was March, she called for more covering so that at the present writing we have a three foot blanket. Psi is having as prosperous a year as she anticipated.

For once, we have had more than the required number of delegates at the convention, and we feel safe in saying that at Buffalo next year, we shall have twelve undergraduates. Although this is the first year for basket ball at Hamilton, we had a very successful team. Psi had two representatives, one of whom was the captain. The college dramatic club has just finished its first week's tour. Brother Harper, '03, made a beautiful girl—so the report goes—but as *she* is a six-footer, all the company is forced to look up to her. All who attended the sophomore hop say it was a fine affair, but as it was the twenty-first of last month, a number of us were enjoying ourselves in another way. Houghton Seminary, which is run by Brother Benedict, Psi, '72, gave a very pretty reception to some of the college men, to which Psi went in a body.

Brother McLaughlin, '03, has laid himself open to censure because he got sick just when we needed him in our most important basket ball games. He was quite sick, but now the doctor says he will be all right in a few days. As we have all been exposed to the disease—measles—we all are expecting a measly time of it here in a few days. So if any brother is expecting to make us a visit this month he may come to a hospital.

WARREN J. McLAUGHLIN.

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.

H. M. Hanna, Alpha, '61, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, has given \$12,000 toward the chair of medical jurisprudence in the Medical College of Western Reserve University.

Asahel Norton Fitch, Beta, '71, and James M. Harris, Phi, '70, announce their copartnership for the practice of the law, as successors to the late firm of Walker & Fitch, which has been dissolved by retirement. Their address is Fidelity Trust Building, Tacoma, Washington.

William H. Corbin, Beta, '73, together with his brothers, has given to Oxford, N. Y., a free public library, in memory of their parents. The building and grounds are a great addition to the town, and are to be known as the Oxford Memorial Library.

James N. Wyckoff, Beta, '84, is with D. M. Osborne & Co., of Auburn. His address is 32½ Franklin Street, Auburn, N. Y.

Christian W. Feigenspan, Beta, '98, divided first honors with Captain Brewer at the shooting carnival on Morley's grounds at Lyndhurst, January 16. He defeated J. S. S. Remsen, of Brooklyn, on the grounds of the South Side Gun Club, at Newark, N. J., February 28, thereby winning the Brooklyn Eagle cup.

L. A. Kendall, Beta, '96, met with an accident which necessitated his giving up his fine position with the New York Central Railroad. He is now temporarily engaged in journalistic work on the *Buffalo Express*.

Willis H. DeWolfe, Beta, '96, has charge of the cash department of the P. and F. Corbin Company, at New Britain, Conn.

W. W. Hubbard, Beta, '98, is roadmaster on Wisconsin Central Railway, with head quarters at Abbotsford, Wis.

Orson Hoyt, Beta, '99, is in the law office of his brother, W. B. Hoyt, Beta, '81.

H. R. Gaylord, Gamma Deuteron, '93, is assistant to the well known Buffalo surgeon, Dr. Park.

Norman H. Hackett, Gamma Deuteron, '98. Brother Hackett seems, according to the following clipping from a Stockton, California, paper, to be covered with laurels by the fairest members of his audience :

"Norman H. Hackett, of the James-Kidder-Hanford Company, who played the part of Florizel in the production of 'The Winter's Tale,' made a

big hit here with the feminine portion of the audience. The young ladies have not yet ceased talking about Hackett's ardent method of love making. To more than one young miss he was the ideal lover. His passionate avowals of affection, his warm caresses and fine figure, handsome face and confident carriage made him the matinee girl's idol. Hackett has been with James for three years, and the three years previously with the late Mme. Rhea. Such is his stage history, but the future holds great promise for him. Some day he will try romantic drama and as Rudolf Rassendyll he will be 'simply grand'."

P. T. Haskell, Epsilon Deuteron, '91, is practicing medicine in Somerville, N. H.

Louis C. DuBois, Epsilon Deuteron, '89, is located at Central City, Colorado, as superintendent of the Crown Point and Virginia Mine.

John Hay, Zeta, '58. The February *Review of Reviews* contains a very interesting illustrated article on the life of Col. Hay, by Henry McFarland. In January *McClure's*, Mark Twain humorizes on Col. Hay's writings.

William L. Stone, Zeta, '57, is engaged upon a history of Washington County, N. Y., embracing all the Indian, Revolutionary, and later English wars. The book will be out in about three months. His list of publications, which have been instrumental in making him an honorary member of twenty historical societies, and connecting him with thirty or more charitable and scientific organizations are: "The Life and Times of Sir William Johnson, Bart.;" "Revolutionary Letters;" "Pausch's Journal;" "Burgoyne's Campaign and St. Leger's Expedition;" "Life and Military Journals of Maj. Gen. Riedesel;" "Letters and Journals of Mrs. Gen. Riedesel;" "History of New York City;" "Life and Writings of Col. William L. Stone;" "Reminiscences of Saratoga and Ballston;" "The Saratoga Battle Grounds;" "Ballads of the Burgoyne Campaign;" "Sir John Johnson's Orderly Book;" "Historical Guide-book to Saratoga Springs and Vicinity;" "History of the Centennial Celebration of Burgoyne's Surrender;" "Third Supplement to Dowling's History of Romanism;" "The Starin Genealogy;" "The Stone Genealogy," etc., etc., etc.

Elijah H. Austin, Zeta, '62, resides at Newburyport, Mass.

Henry C. Hill, Eta, '88, has recently formed a partnership for the practice of law, under the name of Hill, Gage, & Ranney, with offices in Suite 8, Whitney Opera House Building, Detroit, Mich.

Fred L. Fessenden, Eta, '95, is now located at Madisonville, Ohio.

L. L. Cleaves, Eta, '99, is assistant in the Portland High School.

R. S. Cleaves, Eta, '98, has entered the insurance business in Boston

C. Park Pressey, Iota Deuteron, '93, is manager of the Boston office of *The Educational Register*, with address, 50 Bromfield Street.

Paul M. Goodrich, Iota Deuteron, '94, who is in the regular army in the Philippines, has been recommended by Gen. Otis for appointment as a commissioned officer. The promotion has been previously delayed on account of age technicalities, which will have been overcome by June.

Geo. W. Hunter, Jr. Iota Deuteron, '95, who was last spring appointed instructor in biology at the Boys' High School in New York, has been obliged to give up his work on account of illness. After a long confinement with typhoid fever, Brother Hunter recovered sufficiently to go abroad. He sailed February 3, accompanied by his wife, for a six months trip through Southern Europe.

William H. Nutter, Iota Deuteron, '97, is in the office of Frederic R. Tibbetts, a stock broker, at 22 Ames Building, Boston.

Henry C. Taylor, Iota Deuteron, '99, has entered into partnership with his father, recently of the firm of Taylor & Beckman, tobacco dealers, under the name of H. G. Taylor & Son. His address is Westfield, Mass.

F. H. Ransom, Kappa, '67, has moved from Buffalo to Philadelphia.

Winthrop L. Marvin, Kappa, '84, has an article in the *March Review of Reviews*, entitled "The Merchant Marine."

I. R. Kent, Kappa, '99, is on the editorial staff of the *Youth's Companion*.

Harry L. Litchfield, Kappa, '99, is with the American Telegraph and Telephone Co., at Pittsburg, Pa. His address is 246 Lehigh Avenue, East End, Pittsburg.

Dr. Orrison Swett Marden, Lambda, '77. Brother Marden, in company with J. H. McGraw, has become the sole owner of the magazine *Success*. This weekly has a larger circulation than any other periodical published. Under the new management the policy of *Success* will be entirely changed. Its present weekly edition will be discontinued to be replaced by a more elaborate monthly one.

Rev. Pleasant Hunter, D.D., Lambda, '80, who has been for over seven years pastor of the Westminster Church, Minneapolis, handed in his resignation on January 14th. Of his work we clip the following:—"This action, long contemplated in mind by the Rev. Dr. Hunter, came as most sudden and unwelcome news to his great, loyal congregation." He has been a pastor "who satisfied entirely the widely diversified tastes of the congregation and city. He lays down this pastorate for a well-merited and much-needed period of rest abroad. To occupy the position of pastor to a membership of over 1,600 and at the same time meet the trying outside duties of the city pastor is killing work. While Dr. Hunter is in good health he feels that 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,' and looks to prolonging his effective work by resting at this time. A graduate of Boston University and Hartford Theological Seminary, the early years of his ministry were spent in New England. He was called from Newark, New Jersey, to Westminster, in 1892. He has been with the large church during

the most serious trials of its late history. After the burning of their beautiful building four years ago the church was buffeted from one place to another, depending upon the theaters and the hospitality of sister churches for accommodations. Yet through all this trying period the loyalty of the church was unabated, and its membership was increased at every communion season. Dr. Hunter will continue to occupy the pulpit until his successor has been found."

J. C. Ferguson, Lambda, '86, President of Nanyang College, Shanghai, China, writes to a brother the following account of his work in China :

"In 1897 I left the Mission College at Nanking, which was firmly established in good buildings and with a good attendance of students, to enter the government service of China, in establishing a college in Shanghai. The aim of this college is to educate young men of the literary class, and by giving them a liberal education especially in political and historical sciences, fit them for official service in their own country.

We have a liberal endowment and are now erecting large and commodious buildings, and expect to have in a short time a student body of five or six hundred young men. Within the last three months I have also taken the non-resident directorship of a new Provincial College at Nanking. My work involves the selecting of the foreign staff of the college and the planning of the general interests and aims of the enterprise.

In addition to my collegiate work I have much general government work of a diplomatic character to attend to. During the last three years I have also been the General Editor of the Educational Association of China, and also the chairman of the National Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association. I have also conducted the Educational Department in the *Chinese Recorder*, which is a monthly magazine in English. I am not now doing regular preaching work, but am preaching on such opportunities as are offered to me."

A. W. Hobson, Lambda, '89. Born, on January 18th, to Brother Hobson, a son and heir, named Austin Harris Hobson. Brother Hobson is wondering whether the youngster is a *fin de siècle* youth or a twentieth century boy.

Albert Candlin, Lambda, '91, is connected with the Willard School, Quincy, Mass.

Rev. W. B. Geoghegan, Lambda, '89. The following notice is taken from the San Francisco *Chronicle* of December 17th. Brother Geoghegan has been pastor of the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley for over two years, all of which time his labors have been most successful. His friends wish him like success in his new field. The clipping :

"Rev. W. B. Geoghegan of the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Independent Christ Church of Baltimore and is preparing to leave his California charge at once. He was in Baltimore for six weeks during the present autumn, and in October received an invitation to fill the vacant pulpit of that city's only Unitarian church.

Before giving an answer he returned to California to consult his trustees on the advisability of leaving the Berkeley church, and, on obtaining their consent, accepted the Eastern offer. Had his presence been necessary to the welfare of the church here, Geoghegan states, he would not have relinquished the Berkeley charge. His resignation is in the hands of the trustees, to take effect on December 31st, and it will be accepted. The church to which Rev. Mr. Geoghegan is called is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, of the regular Unitarian churches in America. It is, moreover, Geoghegan's home church. He is a native of Baltimore, was educated in the public schools, and was graduated from the Baltimore City College. He thus takes up his new pastorate among friends and in the home of his boyhood."

H. G. Butler, Lambda, '91, is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Shrewsbury, Mass.

Fred Winslow Adams, Lambda, '92, is pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Yalesville, Conn.

W. S. Hawkins, Lambda, '93, is engaged with the Travelers' Insurance Co. of Boston. His address is 64 Westland Avenue, Boston.

F. C. MacDuffie, Lambda, '94, is pastor of the M. E. Church in Hill City, South Dakota, where he has been for the past seven years.

Warren Francis Low, Lambda, '95. Brother Low is pastor of the Winthrop Congregational Church, of Holbrook, Mass.

Frank M. Marsh, Lambda, '98, is principal of the Westport, Mass., High School.

Joseph Graham, Mu, '57, is still actively engaged in the practice of medicine at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Arthur John Hopkins, Mu Deuteron, '85, is a professor in the chemistry department of Amherst College.

Nelson C. Haskell, Mu Deuteron, '87, is practicing medicine at Amherst, Mass.

George A. Mirick, Mu Deuteron, '87, is supervising principal of the Strong District, New Haven, Conn.

Rev. John J. Walker, Mu Deuteron, '89, has moved from Providence, R. I., to Yarmouth, Mass.

Robert R. White, Mu Deuteron, '89, is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Macon, Ga., with address 322 New Street, Macon.

Edward C. Camp, Mu Deuteron, '89, is pastor of the First Congregational Church of Whitman, Mass.

Robert W. Crowell, Mu Deuteron, '89, is located at 625 College Avenue, Lincoln, Ill.

Walter V. Gray, Mu Deuteron, '89, is preaching at Cromwell, Conn.

Daniel R. Knight, Mu Deuteron, '91, has moved from Wallingford, Mo., to 22 Kingsdale Street, Dorchester, Mass.

Charles H. Sibley, Mu Deuteron, '91, is practicing law at Worcester, Mass., with office rooms 813 and 814 State Mutual Building.

Arthur S. Cooley, Mu Deuteron, '91, is professor of Greek and German in Fairmont College, Wichita, Kansas.

Ernest W. Tooker, Mu Deuteron, '92, is a lawyer at Riverhead, N. Y. His office is in the Savings Bank Building.

N. C. Avery, Mu Deuteron, '91, practices law at 24 Dwight Street, Holyoke, Mass.

G. P. Hitchcock, Mu Deuteron, '92, is principal of the Fitchburg High School. His address is 312 Main Street.

A. L. Brainerd, Mu Deuteron, '92, has moved from Amherst to Passaic, N. J.

Samuel C. Fairley, Mu Deuteron, '92, is principal of the Granger Place School, of Canandaigua, N. Y.

Henry H. Baker, Jr., Mu Deuteron, '93, is an attorney at law at Hyannis, Mass.

Austin Rice, Mu Deuteron, '94, is preaching at Walla Walla, Wash. His address is 415 E. Sumac Street.

Clinton E. Bell, Mu Deuteron, '95, is with Eaton and Lewis, attorneys at law, 44 Broad Street, New York.

George H. Jewett, Mu Deuteron, '96, is engaged at the Montclair Military Academy, Montclair, N. J.

A. H. Merriam, Mu Deuteron, '97, is a member of the Hampden Publishing Co., of Springfield, Mass., at 137 and 139 State Street.

Edward H. Barnum, Mu Deuteron, '98, is reporting in Brooklyn for the *New York World*.

John Dillard Bellamy, Nu, '74. With best wishes for a favorable outcome of Brother Bellamy's contest for his seat, we clip the following paragraphs:

"I am apt to think that I have more college classmates in this Congress than any other man except Judge Quarles, of Staunton," was the remark of a gentleman who sits near Leader Richardson on the Democratic side of the House. The speaker was John Dillard Bellamy, of the Wilmington, N. C., district, a well preserved man of forty-five years, who is regarded by some good judges as the handsomest man in the House.

'Williams, of Mississippi, and Quarles and Rixey, of Virginia, were all in the same class as myself at the University of Virginia,' continued Mr. Bellamy. 'Mr. Bailey, of Texas, was at the university about the same time. I was a member of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity at the university, and I have found a number of gentlemen, prominent in public life here, who are my fraters.'

Mr. Bellamy's seat is contested by Oliver H. Dockery, a Populist, who claims that there was intimidation at the polls and other reasons why he should have the seat. 'The district has been Democratic for scores of years,' Mr. Bellamy said yesterday, 'and I see no valid reason why I should be displaced.'

'How have you started in as a new member here?' Mr. Bellamy was asked.

'I started in,' he answered, with a laugh, 'by voting against Mr. Roberts.'

Dr. Marius Blakey Allmond, Nu, '74. Brother Allmond, A. M., LL. D., Head-master, University School, Louisville, Ky.; Magazine Medal, University of Virginia; author of "Fairfax, My Lord," "Outlines of Latin Syntax," etc., is just issuing the fifth edition of "Estelle, an Idyl of Old Virginia." The volume is designed and gotten up as a gift book in three attractive styles. The book contains several beautiful illustrations of scenes described. Of it, the *Atlantic Monthly* says: "Of a kind to tempt one to believe there is a greater chance for honest sentiment at the South than at the North."

Irving A. Heikes, Nu Deuteron, '85, has removed from Plymouth, Penn. to 2945 Bainbridge Place, New York City.

F. W. McCall, Nu Deuteron, '90, is a clinical lecturer at the New Orleans College of Dentistry, located at the corner of Carondelet and Lafayette Streets.

Charles B. Cassidy, Nu Deuteron, '90. His address is 1820 Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

Gustavus A. Gessner, Jr., Nu Deuteron, '93, is assistant city engineer of Toledo, Ohio. His address is 2328 Detroit Avenue.

B. I. Drake, Nu Deuteron, '95, is manager of the Eynon-Evans Manufacturing Co., of 107 Liberty Street, New York City.

J. George Lehman, Nu Deuteron, '96, is proprietor of the Lehigh Valley Brass Works, of Bethlehem, Pa.

H. S. Johnson, Nu Deuteron, '97. His engagement is announced to Miss Ann Leonard of Troy, Pa.

I. W. Gannon, Nu Deuteron, '98, is connected with the Metropolitan Street Railway Co., of New York City. His address is 185 W. 135th Street.

Rev. Geo. G. Perrine, Xi, '61, is located at Guilford, New York.

Geo. E. Pritchett, Xi, '62, is still an attorney at law at Omaha, Nebraska. His address is 2124 Cass Street.

Lewis Halsey, D. D., Xi, '68. At the Centennial Commemorative Service in honor of the anniversary of the death of George Washington, by the Arizona Society of Sons of the American Revolution, Brother Halsey read a poem entitled, "The Three Eras." It was one of the brightest features of the celebration. Brother Halsey is the president of the New York Society of Arizona, and under his direction, the most successful gathering of its history was held on February 22, at Phoenix.

Henry C. Chace, Xi, '86, who has been travelling in California in search of health, is now in Florida. Reports of his condition are very favorable.

Chas. C. Hoff, Xi, '90, is head-master of mathematics and sciences at the Morristown School, Morristown, N. J. Brother Hoff has been at Morris-

town for the past two years, and is very enthusiastic over the school and its work.

J. Beaumont Griffiths, Xi, '01, is now studying law at the University of Buffalo. His residence is 1049 Elmwood Avenue.

Charles W. French, Omicron Deuteron, '79, principal of Hyde Park High School, of Chicago, is president of the American Federation of Teachers and Students. It is the plan of this organization to take a large party abroad the coming summer for the study of French. The French educators and students at Paris have become interested in the idea, and are working in conjunction with the Americans. The students propose to vacate their rooms for the use of the visitors, and to furnish members of the French faculties for guides and instructors. In this way it is thought more pure French can be learned in the forty days of proposed time than in a year's study. A steamship of some large line is to be chartered, so that the entire expense is expected to be reduced to two hundred dollars.

W. P. Kelley, Omicron Deuteron, '86, is now superintendent of the schools of Attleborough, Mass.

Ozora Stearns Davis, Omicron Deuteron, '89, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Central Congregational Church of Newtonville, Mass. He has been pastor of the First Congregational Church, of Springfield, Vt., since 1896. Below, we clip a sketch of his life:

"He was born in Wheelock, Vt., and was graduated from the St. Johnsbury Academy in 1885, and from Dartmouth College in 1889. While there he was a leader in literary life in the college, and was one of the editors of the *Dartmouth Literary Monthly*. He also published a volume of college verse entitled 'Dartmouth Lyrics.' He was for two years principal of the high school at White River Junction, Vt., and member of the Board of Education of Windsor County. In 1891 he entered Hartford Theological Seminary, winning the entrance prize for entrance examination. On graduation in 1894, he was awarded the Greek prize and the John S. Welles fellowship for two years of foreign study. In June, 1896, he was given the degree of A.M. and Ph.D., by the University of Leipsic. On returning to America he was called to the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Springfield, Vt."

James R. Mellon, Pi, '65, has received Abel Beach's Phi Beta Kappa pin. The pin will be given to the Custodian of Archives for preservation.

Joseph L. McNab, Sigma Deuteron, '96, is practising law in Chicago. His office is in the Chamber of Commerce Building, Nos. 715-17.

Charles Albertson, Phi, '93, is connected with The American Trading Company, at their Kobe, Japan, branch.

J. Conrad Heckman, Phi, '99, is taking a special course in chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His address is 110 Huntington

Avenue, Boston. He expects, in the fall, to engage in the soap business, in the prosperous Buffalo concern, the Larkin Soap Co.

Willis S. Paine, Chi, '68, is president of the Trust Company of New York, office at 60 Wall Street. The capital stock of the concern is \$1,000,000, with a surplus of \$1,000,000. The company takes full charge of real and personal estates, acts as trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, assignee, receiver, fiscal and transfer agents, etc.

Rev. William Hart Dexter, Chi, '78, is at the head of the New York Naval Academy, Nyack-on-the-Hudson. The aim of the school is to give similar methods of drill, discipline, and instruction as are given at Annapolis, under the softening influence of home life. The beauty of the scenery about the location, if nothing else, ought to be an inspiration to the boys. Brother Dexter taught for five years at the Buffalo Classical School and the New York Institution for the Blind. In 1885 he organized the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Mass., and in 1896, attended the Pan-Presbyterian Council in Glasgow, subsequently making a tour of the British Isles and France.

Brother Dexter has also held pastorates at Brewster, N. Y., and at Thompsonville, Conn. His *alma mater* bestowed upon him the degree of A. M. in 1881; and Ph.D. in 1897, after an extended course of study in history, philosophy, political economy, and sociology. He was graduated from the Auburn Theological Seminary and ordained by the Westchester Presbytery in 1886.

John F. Keeler, Chi, 1900, is studying law at the University of Buffalo.

Samuel F. Nixon, Psi, '81. Brother Nixon has again been elected Speaker of the New York Assembly, the office which he has once before so admirably filled. As a presiding officer, he can control his temper perfectly, he can quiet the most angry tumult with his powerful voice, and can be a tower of strength to his party. Brother Nixon is among the five men who, it is generally acknowledged, are the moulders of state legislation in New York for the coming year. Though he is the colossus of the assembly, he is becoming weary of this position through long service, and desires to be a member of the state senate.

Calvin N. Kendall, Psi, '82, who has been superintendent of the schools of New Haven, Connecticut, for the past few years, has been elected to and accepted the superintendency of the Indianapolis schools. He will be released from his New Haven duties at the close of the present year.

Notes

The Buffalo Graduate Association has decided to hold a series of beefsteak dinners once a month throughout the year. The first of the series was held at the Saturn Club, Wednesday, February 7, 1900. Eighteen brothers were present. Speeches are not allowed, but general conversation and college stories

serve as a substitute. These gatherings promise to do much in a social way for the thirty-seven graduate Theta Delts in Buffalo, and the seven others located nearby.

The hearts of all brother Theta Delts, together with a large circle of friends in the East, will go out to Brother Halsey in the great bereavement that has recently come to him in the death of his wife, Zada M. Barber, at Phoenix, Arizona, January 2, 1900. Mrs. Halsey was a noble, consecrated, Christian woman, whom to know was to love. It was in consideration of her health that Brother Halsey gave up his pastorate in the East, and accepted that of the First Baptist Church of Phoenix. We clip the following from an Oswego, N. Y., paper, where Dr. Halsey was formerly pastor of the West Baptist Church :

"Mrs. Halsey's health had been delicate for many years, and it was to seek for the relief afforded by a milder climate that Dr. Halsey resigned his pastorate in this city about three years ago and removed to Phoenix, Arizona. The change proved very beneficial to Mrs. Halsey, but could not fully restore the vigor of a broken constitution ; and when about two months ago she was attacked with pleurisy, that and the shock incident upon learning of the death of her father, Prof. Barber, at Oxford, N. Y., about a month ago, proved more than her enfeebled vitality had power to resist, and she sank beneath their inroads.

During Dr. Halsey's pastorate in Oswego of about five years, Mrs. Halsey endeared herself to a wide circle of friends both inside and outside of the particular church with which she was connected. All loved her for her sunny, unselfish disposition ; for her faithfulness to duty ; for the purity and nobility which so strikingly characterized her entire life. Unselfish devotion to others was the very keynote to her existence. Her own comfort and convenience, her own health even, were never considered, if a prospect presented itself of doing some kind and helpful deed. With such deeds was her life filled, and many will hold in loving and lasting remembrance Mrs. Halsey's tender ministrations.

Of gifted and cultured mind, of broad sympathies, and of a large heart filled with noble impulses, Mrs. Halsey's companionship was an inspiration to all with whom she came in contact.

There survive Mrs. Halsey, her husband, Rev. Lewis Halsey, D.D., four daughters, Stella, Mary, Hettie and Alice, and two sons, William and Henry.

Mrs. Halsey's girlhood home was in Oxford, Chenango County, but it is not known whether or not the remains will be brought East for interment."

Marriages

Lee Selover, Epsilon Deuteron, '93. Brother Selover was married to Miss Britton, of Cleveland, Ohio, last October. They are living in Cleveland, where he is engaged in the real estate business with his father, offices in the Cuyahoga Building.

N. W. Myrick, Zeta, '00. At Brother Myrick's marriage to Miss Helen Nina Fairchild, of Los Angeles, California, December 28th. B. F. Mansfield, Epsilon Deuteron, '96, acted as "best man." Other Theta Deltas present were, J. W. Ruthven and Frederic Carter, Epsilon Deuteron, '90, Edw. Y. Ware, Epsilon Deuteron, '91, and Frederic C. Nash, Gamma Deuteron, 1901.

John Herbert Maxwell, Eta, '88. Cards announce his marriage to Miss Della Listella Davis.

James Gilbert Riggs, Mu Deuteron, '88. The marriage of Brother Riggs to Miss Elizabeth S. Spicer occurred March 9th, at the home of the Misses Masters, at Dobbs Ferry-on-Hudson, N. Y. The best man was Dr. Willard G. Reynolds, Mu Deuteron, '90, of Brooklyn, and the bridesmaid, Miss Edith M. Ford of Whippany, N. J. Rev. T. M. Niven, D. D., performed the ceremony, at which there were present many friends from Plattsburg and New York City. Brother Riggs has withdrawn from public school work to become director of the Misses Masters' school for girls, at Dobbs Ferry-on-Hudson, where he and Mrs. Riggs will be "at home" to their friends.

Chas. H. Larkin, Phi, '99, was married on December 19th, at Whitinsville, Mass., to Miss Mary Alice Whitin, of Whitinsville. Mrs. Larkin is a very charming young woman, the daughter of Mrs. George Milnor Whitin. The wedding was attended by a number of Buffalo friends, among them Mr. and Mrs. John D. Larkin, parents of the groom, and his brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Morton Esty. Brother Larkin and his bride will reside at 118 Hodge Avenue, Buffalo.

Deaths

Elbert S. Carman, Zeta, '58, editor of the *Rural New Yorker*, died suddenly at his home, 5 W. 82d Street, New York, February 28, of pneumonia. The June SHELD will contain a further account of Brother Carman.

Frank E. Wing, Theta, '71. Brother Wing, of Charles T. Wing & Co., 18 Wall Street, died at South Wilton, Conn., December 12, 1899, with congestion of the brain. He was ill but a short time. Brother Wing was never married. He was active in the firm of which his brother Charles was the founder, and a pioneer in the investment bond business. He belonged to the Union League and Church societies of New York, to the Morrystown Club, and the Laurentian Club of Canada.

Rev. Frederick N. Upham, Lambda, '83, died December 10, 1899, at the home of his father, Rev. Dr. Samuel F. Upham in Madison N. J. Brother

Upham had recently assumed charge of the First Methodist Church at Westfield, Mass., and was spending a short vacation at home.

He was graduated from Boston University in '83, and from the Drew Theological Seminary in '86. His first pastorate was at West Medford, Mass., where he remained for two years. Since then he has been pastor of a church at Reading, Mass., and later of Bethany Church, Boston, and Baker Memorial Church, Dorchester. Last April he was called to Westfield where he soon became one of the leading preachers of the town, endearing himself to his parishoners and gaining the sympathy and respect of his fellow-clergymen. He was a tireless worker in his parish and as a preacher he was earnest and at times eloquent. Brother Upham was the New England correspondent of the *Epworth Herald*, the official organ of the Epworth League, and was editor of the League department of *Zion's Herald*. As a speaker he was very popular at all the conventions of the denomination, being regarded as one of the leading preachers of the conference.

The funeral of Brother Upham was held at the Methodist Church in Westfield, and was attended by fully 1,200 people. Rev. J. O. Knowles, the presiding elder of the district, was in charge of the service. Tributes were given by the pastors of the town to his sincerity and helpfulness, especially by Rev. J. H. Lockwood, of the First Congregational Church. Although he had been in Westfield only a few months he had come to be known and loved by all.

Rt. Rev. Mahlon N. Gilbert, Xi, '70, died at St. Paul, Minn., March 2, 1900. The June number of THE SHIELD will contain a sketch of his life, by Brother Cameron Mann.

EXCHANGE GLEANINGS

Our exchanges are requested to send *two* copies of each issue to C. J. BULLOCK, Williamstown, Mass., and *one* copy to E. W. HUFFCUT, Ithaca, N. Y.

The editor of THE SHIELD, upon examining the work of his exchange department, finds that his predecessor did not receive three copies of all the journals with which an exchange was effected. He finds, moreover, that last September THE SHIELD was compelled to announce that it would be obliged to insist upon a strict reciprocity in this matter, and would send to each exchange only as many copies as should be received. The present editor deems it wise to adhere strictly to this policy. He desires, moreover, to ask all exchanges to observe the change of address noted at the top of this page. Those journals which send THE SHIELD only one or two copies will please send them to the editor, at Williamstown, Mass.

The *Phi Gamma Delta*, for December, 1899, contains an account of the Fiji convention held last October at Dayton, Ohio. A table giving the comparative chapter enrollment of the fraternity for 1898 and 1899 shows that, in the former year, forty four chapters contained 558 members; while, in the latter, forty seven chapters had 638 members. The average chapter membership was $12\frac{3}{4}$ in 1898 and $13\frac{1}{2}$ in 1899.

The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta for November records the proceedings of the last convention of that fraternity, and dwells upon the advantages of the "carefully centralized policy" now in force. On this subject of centralization we quote the following:

"Those who had attended former Karneas were much impressed by the growing homogeneousness of the Fraternity membership. The delegates were more like one great chapter of congenial men than ever before. It is unquestionably true that our centralized policy is making itself felt, not only in the more business-like conduct of the Fraternity affairs, but also in the creating of a common standard and a common spirit."

The January *Rainbow* contains an excellent article on "The Purpose and Organization of Alumni Chapters." The writer says :

"The strength and vitality of a fraternity, like that of a college or university, are not to be found in the ultimate analysis, in the body of undergraduates, no matter how numerous or noisily enthusiastic they may be, nor in the perfection of its governmental machinery even though it be as elaborate as that devised for the University of Chicago. They should be sought rather in the body of alumni and former students who look back to it as a real *alma mater*, fostering in them the beginnings of what they are."

This certainly puts the case very strongly, and may be considered an extreme statement ; yet it is certain that no fraternity can prosper greatly unless it can retain its hold upon its graduate members. Speaking of the duty of members to support their fraternity, the writer has the following to say :

"Shall the principle be abandoned by the members of the fraternity when active membership ceases, when the full meaning of all the planning of the past is just being comprehended by its beneficiary? No member of Delta Tau Delta who has been born anew into that rich fellowship will for a moment imagine that his graduation freed him from all further obligation to the fraternity?"

Delta Tau Delta has six alumni associations, all of which contribute chapter letters to this number of the *Rainbow*.

The January *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi devotes considerable space to the subject of alumnae clubs. This number contains also a "Memoir" of the late Sarah M. Sterrett, a sister of our Brother J. MacBride Sterrett, Chi, '67. From this article we gather that loyalty to fraternity is a trait that runs in the Sterrett family.

The Sigma Chi *Quarterly* for December, 1899, records the doings of the recent biennial convention of the fraternity. The following editorial paragraph commands the unqualified approval of THE SHIELD :

"There is no more significant sign of the real merit of the college fraternity system as it exists to-day than the gentlemanly courtesy which characterizes inter-fraternity relations. The beneficent influence of chapter life must indeed be very efficacious, for it is noteworthy that the most unbending rivals in purely fraternity matters are often seen working in close co-

operation for the promotion of many of the vital interests of their common *alma mater*. The criticism of Greek letter fraternities has in the recent past grown quite insignificant, and the public comment on the fraternity system is now in a pronounced degree commendatory. This change in the public sentiment has resulted more largely, we believe, from the dignified courtesy which has come to mark the attitudes of the various fraternities toward each other, than from any other one cause. College fraternities are all striving for the same high ideals, and the inevitable consequence is that petty jealousies and the dwarfing bitterness which were born of a false loyalty, are superseded by that manly rivalry which asks no favors and seeks only such advantage as may be gained by true merit. There is no better evidence of strength in any organization than the courtesy with which rivals are treated."

In its report of a recent convention, the Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* has the following notice of a plea for the chapters located in small colleges. It says :

"Professor Brainerd Kellogg, of Brooklyn, who was attending the Convention, was invited to speak, and gave a talk on the small chapters, which, in the most eloquent language, set forth facts in their history which were unknown to many. Taking his own chapter, Alpha Alpha, as an example, he showed the wonderful results which that chapter, in a small and remote college, had achieved. While the number of its members at any one time was always small, the proportion of men of prominence it had produced, and the impress which they had made upon the national life, were astonishing. He enumerated some of the graduates from that chapter whose names have become almost household words, and told of many others whose great achievements were known only to those who make it their business to keep in touch with the leading thinkers of the nation. He urged the delegates to respect the small chapters and the small colleges, and not be led to believe that all the learning was centered in, and all the great men came from, those larger institutions, which, because of their large endowments and their great student body, were enabled to attract so much more attention from the public. He emphasized the fact that the true progress of the fraternity demands the encouragement to a healthy and symmetrical development of each chapter, and its earnest and hearty support in the small colleges as well as in the great universities. Professor Kellogg's remarks were listened to with the closest attention, and his eloquence carried conviction to all."

The letter from the chapter situated at Kenyon College contains a delightfully naïve account of a recent college election. It is stated that the wicked opponents of the chapter formed a coali-

tion, embracing three rival fraternities, to defeat the aspirations of the Kenyon "Dekes," who modestly desired nothing more than to elect two of their own men to the captaincy and manager-ship of the baseball team. Of course "our" men were the "most qualified" and the "only logical candidates," so that the opposition had to resort to "methods which were so unfair that we would not soil this page by mentioning them." The outcome of it all is told in the following lines :

"As a reward for all their underhanded scheming, the $A \Delta \Phi$, $\Delta T \Delta$ and $B\theta II$ baseball players will play under a Deke Captain this year, but their Captain, in deciding who shall and who shall not be members of the team, will forget the actions of that combination and decide the question only from the standpoint of baseball ability."

Thus was virtue rewarded and vice punished ; but the tale has a strangely familiar sound.

The editor of the *Quarterly* indulges in the following remarks about the policy of his fraternity :

"Delta Kappa Epsilon has always maintained a well-defined policy of conservatism, and the granting of a new charter this year, and two last year, is not indicative of any change of policy in this particular. It is simply a striking example of how a fraternity can keep out of ruts and avoid extremes either way.

There are fraternities to-day so bent upon presenting a large chapter roll and piling up their membership, that they are inclined to favor applications from all sorts of institutions, ranging all the way from mixed high schools to one-year universities ; members are rushed in indiscriminately ; they have large chapters and plenty of them ; all sections of the country are covered. But what is the result. Chapters are dying out almost as fast as they spring up ; the different chapters do not affiliate with each other ; there is little or no fraternal spirit, either in or out of college ; and there is entirely lacking that unanimity of thought and purpose, so essential to the development of the true fraternity idea.

Then again there are others, who, in their efforts to become the essence of exclusiveness, have developed their predilections so assiduously, that they find themselves to-day on the verge of extinction. With their rolls kept reduced to a few scattering chapters, and membership in these generally depleted, and but few alumni to call upon, they have a hard time to even exist. Theoretically, they live the ideal brotherhood ; practically, they are a miserable failure.

Delta Kappa Epsilon has carefully avoided both extremes. For forty years, outside of those southern chapters which gave up their charters during the war, but three charters have been withdrawn or surrendered, and

for twenty years but five new charters have been granted, including these three during the last two years. With a charter roll embracing thirty-eight representative colleges and universities, in each one of which a healthy, vigorous chapter is maintained, and with the largest numerical following, yet all working together in perfect harmony and with the one common aim of promoting and maintaining their brotherhood, Delta Kappa Epsilon is indeed happy in her prosperity."

These discreet utterances may be expected to promote peace and harmony in the world of Greek letter journalism.

With the December issue of the *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*, Editor Lakin lays down his pen, and introduces his successor, Dr. Edward Mellus, of Worcester, Mass. In a parting word to the chapters, the retiring editor gives the following good advice :

"Let your rivals be friendly rivals, and your fight for supremacy be fair and honest, and your success and influence for good will be assured. The Golden Rule is as true to-day as it ever was, and is as applicable to chapters as to individuals. This is not meant for a sermon : but is intended to propound a simple, well proved rule of practical policy."

A contributed article, "Concerning Methods of Initiation," is called out by the sad occurrence of last fall at Cornell University. The writer concedes that all "ceremonies that partake of the dangerous must be eliminated," but enters a plea in behalf of the "merry by-play" that has often characterized initiations in the past. But is it possible to check such "innocent and harmless frivolities" at the danger line, as the writer desires? We believe not. If the accident at Cornell last fall teaches anything, it demonstrates that "merry by-play" from which no one could foresee dangerous consequences, may lead at any time to the most deplorable results. In the sports and pastimes of college days it may be impossible to eliminate all elements of danger. But members of a fraternity must bear in mind that they have in their keeping the good name of their own order and of Greek letter societies in general, and that no fraternity can afford to encourage any practices which need to be restrained at a possible danger line.

The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi quotes with approval the remarks of Brother Huffcut in the last number of this journal on

the subject of initiation methods. The following extract from one of the editorials in this number of the *Shield* is worthy of reproduction :

"So far as the experience of the editor of THE SHIELD in the study of college fraternity life goes, the successful chapter in any college, other things being equal, is that one which holds in highest regard the traditions, the beliefs and the aspirations which former generations of its men have cherished, and handed down to those who have succeeded them. A chapter without such guidance is derelict, and the chapter which is swinging about through the aggressiveness of new men or the carelessness and inefficiency of older men, with its prow in a new direction, is not only pursuing a fatuous course, but one which generally ends in disaster."

Both the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi and the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta have published recently the same article upon "Yale Societies." This paper is a strikingly interesting one, the more so since it is written by "A Yale Alumnus Who is Familiar With Methods of Forty Other Colleges." The author emphatically condemns the system of class societies that prevails in the academic department at New Haven, and as strongly approves of the fraternity system as it exists elsewhere. He says :

"The system as arranged at Cornell, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia, Amherst, Wesleyan, Williams and Union gives a boy a home, makes him feel happy, surrounds him with right influences, brings the professors in touch with him, moulds his life and habits as cannot be done in any other way."

Concerning the fraternities in the Sheffield Scientific School, he writes :

"The life in the society house of the scientific department is far different from the academic. The men of the three classes live together and become attached to each other as in no other way. The graduates have a delightful place to return to, as none in the academic department do."

Concerning the junior societies in the academic department, the writer remarks :

"They have no fraternity life like other chapters of these fraternities situated at other colleges, and they do not care for the others or show any appreciable interest in the rest of the fraternity. The other chapters do not consider the Yale chapters of any strength to them. The governing bodies have for years desired to see these Yale junior chapters abolished. The

members who are candid after graduation say they do no good to the student, the fraternity or Yale. The men take little or no interest in these fraternities, either at Yale or elsewhere. "Their badge is but a slight mark of respectability in the junior year, an incident in their career, a stepping stone to senior society election, only."

But it is the senior societies that come in for the strongest criticism. After describing their peculiar methods of electing members, the article says :

"When this ceremony is over, and for hours and days after, the university talks about it, and this society is congratulated and that is condemned. That afternoon has left on the hearts of a score and more men as sharp and painful and deep wounds as perhaps they will ever suffer in all the battles of life. They have lost generally for reasons which they cannot tell, that which they most desired of all the honors their fellows could give them. Many strove from their freshman year for these senior society elections; their every speech and action was formed with that end in view. The members under all circumstances maintain absolute silence about their society. Out of 330 men, 45 is a small number. These forty-five become egotistical and narrow, and the impression of their greatness follows them ever after."

The *Scroll* continues its series of reviews of recent fraternity publications, praising especially the catalogue published in 1897 by Delta Tau Delta as a model catalogue. The *Scroll* advocates the frequent publication of "a condensed and inexpensive catalogue" that will serve as a reliable fraternity directory.

The February number of the *Trident*, published by the Delta Delta Delta fraternity, contains an excellent article, "As It Seems To Me." The writer pleads for a strict adherence "to the minutest details" of the laws of the fraternity, and says :

"If there is anything in the rules and regulations of Delta Delta Delta fraternity that we do not favor, let us vote to have it stricken out at our nationals,—but in the meantime let us do as we are bidden."

In the account of a recent convention we notice that "Kappa proposed a whistle which was adopted as Gamma province whistle." THE SHIELD wonders whether this regulation will be followed "in the minutest details."

We have received recently a new journal, the *Latch String*, published by the Beta Beta Chapter of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity. Our readers will remember that this is the chapter which has recently been involved in a controversy with the general officers of the fraternity, concerning which several notices have already appeared in THE SHIELD. The *Latch String* announces that its publication "is undertaken primarily to keep in touch with our own alumnæ and to afford a medium through which we can place before the general Kappa alumnæ the facts in relation to the attempt of the Grand Council to withdraw the charter from Beta Beta."

Since last fall there have been several new developments in this unfortunate controversy, of which the *Latch String* contains some account. The legal proceedings so far instituted have resulted in an injunction that binds only one of the general officials of the fraternity, who lives in the state of New York. Last fall the president of Kappa Kappa Gamma, who resides in Massachusetts, sent the following letter to each of the girls in the freshman class at St. Lawrence University and to the corresponding secretary of the local chapter of Delta Delta Delta :

"To whom it may concern:—

Be it known that Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity on Nov. 21, 1898, revoked the charter of her Beta Beta chapter at St. Lawrence University.

Although by this vote the relations of the members of Beta Beta to the fraternity at large were not changed, the right of such members to initiate into the fraternity or to pledge to such initiation was removed.

It should be noted that the injunction recently obtained in Canton affects but one individual, Mary J. Hull, Editor of the Key. She alone has been ordered to regard the vote of Nov. 21, 1898 as invalid. Every other member, every other officer of the fraternity has no choice but to abide by the vote of the fraternity whereby the charter of Beta Beta chapter was revoked.

Inasmuch as the members of Beta Beta have expressed in their "chapter letter" in the October, 1899, Key, p. 203 (published by order of the court) their intention to initiate into the fraternity this fall—be it known that such initiations are not and cannot be valid and that all pledges to such initiations are and are pronounced to be void.

20 Oct. 1899.

(Seal)

. BERTHA P. RICHMOND, Gr. Pres. of K. K. G.

45 Bowers Street, West Medford, Mass."

In spite of this action, however, the Beta Beta chapter proceeded to initiate three new members, all of whom seem to be the daughters of former graduates or trustees of the university; and thus a new complication arises in a situation that was already sufficiently difficult.

It is evident that nothing but the power of the courts will induce the general officers of the fraternity to modify their present determined course; and the *Latch String*, on the other hand, announces that "Beta Beta will not rest until the unjust and unlawful proceedings against her are withdrawn or declared void." It seems unlikely that, after what has happened, the general fraternity will refuse to sustain the general officers, who received more than a year ago the assent of two thirds of the chapters to the withdrawal of the charter. It would seem, furthermore, that, unless the general officers completely misrepresent the sentiments of the remaining chapters, no legal proceedings can avail to restore the relations that formerly existed between the Beta Beta Chapter and the fraternity. A fraternal organization can not be held together by decrees of the courts, because it rests, in the nature of the case, upon ties of a very different character. That the real bonds of union are already broken, two things may possibly indicate. The *Latch String*, on its title page, prints the original motto of the Browning Society out of which the Beta Beta Chapter grew; and the introductory article expresses the following sentiment:

"We value the good opinion of each member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, but the admiration and affection we have had for the fraternity have been well nigh smothered under the wrongs heaped upon us by those who should have been our protectors."

This occurrence suggests one important point concerning which the *New York Law Journal* makes the following editorial remarks:

"There is a humorous side to the question that suggests itself, though wholly irrelevant to the issue. It is the power vested in the trustees of private institutions not deriving aid from the State, whereby they can close up or squelch a Chapter, or expel its members at will, when the fraternity itself would find it difficult to do the same thing if its action were opposed by the chapter, as in the case under discussion. Thus is the existence of a

Fraternity subject to the caprices of college authorities, while it is legally restricted in its jurisdiction over its own affairs."

This suggestion is decidedly pertinent to the subject discussed in a later paragraph in this department.

The *Beta Theta Pi* for February contains an interesting article on the history of Miami University. This journal also reprints from the *Scroll* a long review of the new Beta Theta Pi catalogue, by a competent and friendly critic, Mr. W. B. Palmer of the *Scroll*. From this review we learn that, of the 11,812 names in the catalogue, about 1,500 are members of various societies absorbed by Beta Theta Pi. Presumably the greater part, if not all, of these members were never initiated into Beta Theta Pi, and were enrolled, *nolens volens*, in the new catalogue. We are unable to imagine what satisfaction the loyal Beta can obtain from the contemplation of these names. Mr. Palmer points out that Gen. John B. Gordon, Georgia, '52, and Justice David J. Brewer, Wesleyan, '55, were added to the membership of the fraternity when the Mystical Seven Society was absorbed in 1889. Fraternal relations thus acquired seem to be stretched to a point of extreme attenuation.

Several of our exchanges contain interesting articles devoted to the achievements of Greeks upon the gridiron during the past year. These open up an appropriate field for fraternity journalism, but we are not greatly impressed with such statements as the following: Brother Blank "has been honored by an election as substitute half-back on the Eastern All-American Football Team of 1899." In reading this, one is reminded of the old soldier who based his claim for a pension on the fact that he had sent a substitute to the battle of the cyclorama of Gettysburg.

The *Kappa Alpha Journal* has passed into the hands of a new editor who announces, in the January number, that in the future he will conduct a department devoted to the Greek press, thus returning to the former policy of the magazine. The *Journal* contains an interesting discussion of anti-fraternity legislation in

South Carolina. It appears that Kappa Alpha has lost five out of its six chapters in that state, through the warfare that has been waged against secret societies. The chapter at South Carolina College was killed a few years ago by the action of the legislature, which felt called upon to exert itself to change "dude factories" into "poor man's colleges." In the other institutions, the fraternities succumbed to the opposition of the college authorities. The writer attributes this movement partly to the mistakes of the fraternities in pursuing a narrowly exclusive policy, and partly to the ignorance of the state and college officials. He thinks, however, that the opposition to fraternities has nearly spent its force, and that a reaction may be expected before long.



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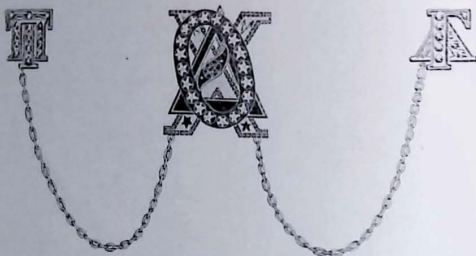
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On October 1, 1897, a notice signed by six graduate Theta Delts resident in San Francisco was sent to all Theta Delts who appeared in the catalogue as residing on the Pacific coast, asking them to attend a meeting on October 15 for the purpose of organizing a graduate association and selecting a date for the first banquet. On the day mentioned in the circular, the reception room of the Palace Hotel, S. F., was the scene of a reunion which more than made up with enthusiasm the scarcity in numbers. The following account is taken from the S. F. *Examiner* of October 17: "An enthusiastic meeting of college graduates was held in the reception room of the Palace Hotel last Friday afternoon and the Pacific Coast Graduate Association of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity was organized. Among those present were: N. L. F. Bachman, City Editor of the Fresno *Republican*; the Rev. W. B. Noble, of San Rafael; the Rev. F. H. Robinson, of West Berkeley; Geo. W. Haight, an attorney of this city; Major J. L. Rathbone, ex-Consul-General of the United States to Paris; the Rev. E. H. Jenks, of the First Presbyterian Church of this city; J. F. Echeverria, of Costa Rica; and J. C. Hallock, of this city.

The following were elected officers of the association: G. W. Haight, President; N. L. F. Bachman, Vice-President; J. C. Hallock, Secretary and Treasurer, with headquarters at the Palace Hotel. An executive committee was appointed, consist-

ing of the above officers, *ex-officio*, and in addition, W. B. Noble and E. H. Jenks.

It was decided to hold an annual meeting and banquet in this city, the date of the first banquet being fixed for Friday, November the 12th. This will be given as a farewell banquet to J. F. Echeverria, who leaves for Costa Rica about the 15th of the coming month.

Before the close of the meeting, memorial resolutions were adopted upon the death of E. P. Cole, who died suddenly in this city, October 1st, and who was one of the most popular members of the fraternity.

The object of this association is to hold an annual reunion of the hundred or more members of the fraternity, who are scattered along the coast from Vancouver to San Diego, and who have but little opportunity to attend the fraternity conventions held in the Eastern states. While Theta Delta Chi has active branches in twenty-one of the most prominent Eastern colleges, it has none west of the Mississippi, and therefore these reunions will be gladly welcomed by the Pacific Coast portion of the graduates as an opportunity to renew old friendships and spin tales, and anecdotes of college days in the presence of congenial comrades."

And concerning the banquet, the following is clipped from the *S. F. Chronicle* of November 13: "The members of the Pacific Coast Graduate Association of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity gathered at the Palace Hotel last evening to celebrate the first reunion and banquet of the organization. An elaborate repast had been prepared for the ex-collegians and for several hours those gathered around the board made merry with song, speech and reminiscences of their alma mater. The association has about seventy members on this coast. Those present at last night's reunion were Major J. L. Rathbone, Troy Polytechnic, '64; Major W. E. Norris, Brown, '57; Rev. W. B. Noble, Washington and Jefferson, '63; Rev. E. H. Jenks, Hamilton, '86; Dr. W. F. Southard, Tufts, '69; W. G. Smith, Cornell, '84; S. S. Holman, Cornell, '85; G. W. Haight, Rochester, '74; H. B. Quinan, Yale, '97; Arthur Hay, Columbia, '92; J. F.

Echeverria, Troy Polytechnic, '84; J. C. Hallock, Troy Polytechnic, '91."

Letters were read from many brothers who had found it impossible to be present, and a large number of letters "returned to writer" were mentioned as a reason for the slight attendance. But as a reunion, the evening was a splendid success, and from the general spirit of the speeches it was evident that the subject which had been so indefinitely spoken of at the first meeting, (the establishment of a charge in California), was gaining in the strength and number of its promoters.

But a short time after the banquet, while the Secretary was endeavoring to carry out his instructions in "discovering" the near-by Theta Deltas, he was surprised and pleased by having his attention called to a petition from eight students of the University of California. Investigation proved that they were all from the professional departments of the University, but as their idea was to initiate from the academic department after being established, the petition was forwarded to the Grand Lodge and presented to the Fifty-first Convention, accompanied by some twenty letters expressing the views of California Theta Deltas on the subject. Later on, it was decided by the Association that it would be taking too great a risk to allow the entire charter membership to be composed of students from the professional departments; and, upon request of the Association, the Grand Lodge permitted the withdrawal of this petition and the substitution of another, signed entirely by members of the academic department. This petition, being placed before the charges for action, was denied by a vote of 17 ayes, 4 noes. Again at the Fifty-second Convention, another petition was presented from ten students in the academic department. This was unanimously approved by the Convention, and submitted to the charges by the Grand Lodge on March 9, 1900. All the charges voted affirmatively, but one of them made it a condition, or rather requested, that the Grand Lodge satisfy itself upon certain points. To accomplish this, Bro. B. F. Mansfield, Epsilon Deuteron, '96, was deputized to visit San Francisco and Berkeley and report to the Grand Lodge upon several questions as to local conditions. His report being entirely satisfactory, the Grand Lodge granted the charter

under date of April 20, 1900. Thus ended the struggle for western extension, fought step by step across the continent, until, secure in each move, we have reached the boundary of our college world. The various arguments for and against have been so thoroughly debated, it seems as though every undergraduate must be thoroughly conversant, not only with all views of "extension" as a principle but as well with the conditions existing at our new home at the time of our entrance. More, then, for the information of our graduates and to serve as a reference in future years, some bare statistics concerning the University itself will be given. At the end of April, 1900, there were enrolled in under-graduate courses, 2454 students, of which number, 955 were in the academic departments, 583 in the professional schools, and 916 were "co-eds" scattered through the several departments. In the academic departments there were 15 fraternities and 4 sororities. Named in the order of their establishment, the fraternities were: Zeta Psi; Chi Phi; Delta Kappa Epsilon; Beta Theta Pi; Phi Delta Theta; Sigma Chi; Phi Gamma Delta; Sigma Nu; Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Chi Psi; Kappa Alpha; Delta Upsilon; Delta Tau Delta; Phi Kappa Psi; Alpha Tau Omega. And the sororities in the same order, were: Kappa Alpha Theta; Gamma Phi Beta; Kappa Kappa Gamma; Delta Delta Delta. Of the fraternities, the youngest, Alpha Tau Omega, sprang into existence less than a month before our appearance. There were, all told, 237 men distributed among the 15 fraternities, giving each chapter an average of about 16, the minimum being six, in Chi Psi, and the maximum, twenty-six, in Delta Upsilon. These same fraternities having 38 men scattered through the various professional schools would, counting these, average about 18.

All the fraternities have chapter houses, only four of which are owned by the fraternities themselves. The University itself might be said to be in an embryotic condition as far as its buildings are concerned, work not having been fairly started on the new plans as designed by M. Bernard of Paris. It is estimated that to complete the buildings, as per the accepted plans, will require about fifteen years and the expenditure of some eighty millions of dollars. Once completed, if the present designs are

adhered to, the University of California will be ranked second to none in the world. Situated as it is, in a distinctively college town, an hour's ride from San Francisco, its students enjoy exceptional privileges for the promotion of college spirit and more especially for the fostering of the best that is in fraternity life. Such in brief, were the conditions when Delta Deuteron was born, April 28, 1900.

After receiving telegraphic notice from the President of the Grand Lodge that the charter had been granted, the Association took steps to have the installation before the closing examinations; and in order to do this, only a very short notice could be given the graduates. Thus were disappointed many of the older Theta Deltas who found it impossible to cancel other engagements so abruptly.

On Saturday evening, April 28, 1900, in Liberty Hall of the Pythian Castle, San Francisco, there met the embassy, consisting of B. F. Mansfield, Epsilon Deuteron, '96; G. W. Haight, Chi, '74; and J. C. Hallock, Delta, '91; accompanied by Brothers W. E. Norris, Zeta, '57; Frank Morton, Omicron Deuteron, '80; F. H. Robinson, Psi, '74; and J. McQ. French, Omicron Deuteron, '99. Brothers W. F. Southard, Kappa, '69, and F. I. Wheat, Lambda, '87, were detained at the eleventh hour, and the others with only a few days notice, could not change their engagements in time to be present. With the usual draperies and accessories in their places, the meeting was opened at 8:30 P. M. with Brother Mansfield in the chair. In due form, and with the customary ceremonies, the following names were then added to Theta Delta Chi's roll as charter members of Delta Deuteron: Shirley Cyrus Walker, '02, 808 Octavia St., San Francisco, Cal.; Ernest White Arnold, '00, Corvallis, Oregon; David Monroe Barnwell, '01, Fresno, Cal.; St. John Edward McCormick, '01, 1831 Vallejo St., San Francisco; Robert Branks Macdonald, '02, 68 Haight St., San Francisco; McCullough Graydon, '02, Berkeley, Cal.; Lucien James White, '03, 1233 Eddy St., San Francisco; Joseph Jay Scott, '03, Fresno, Cal.; Charles Grant Bailey, '03, Berkeley, Cal.; Aaron Edward Jackson, '03, East Oakland, Cal.; Harry Deloss Porter, '03, Woodland, Cal.

After the final initiation, the presiding officer of the embassy, Bro. Mansfield, delivered the charter to the new Charge and declared Delta Deuteron duly installed. At a later meeting the same evening, the following officers were elected : Pres. : St J. E. McCormick ; Cor. Sec. : S. C. Walker ; Rec. Sec. : C. G. Bailey ; Treas. : D. M. Barnwell ; Guard : J. J. Scott ; Charge Ed. : R. B. Macdonald.

At a meeting called for the installation of the above officers, at the request of the Charge, the embassy conducted the first initiation for Delta Deuteron, and Wilfred Reginald Haughton Hodgkin, '00, Fresno, Cal., was added to the number. Speeches, congratulatory and reminiscent, occupied the remainder of the evening ; and shortly after midnight, "grad" and "undergrad", with linked arms, proceeded to "Zink's" where they toasted the fraternity and the Grand Lodge until the "wee small hours."

It was good not only for the newly made brothers but also for some of the younger graduates to see and hear Brother Norris who had not attended a charge meeting in nearly fifty years. It is such incidents that impress the younger brothers with the idea that there must be much more in the fraternity bonds than they have yet been able to realize.

And so, fully established and installed according to orthodox forms, Delta Deuteron is awaiting with great impatience her first opportunity to welcome not only the Grand Lodge but any Theta Delt who may chance in her neighborhood. The term closing two weeks after the installation, the charge house has not yet been secured, but it will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the fall term, about August 15.

JAMES C. HALLOCK, Delta, '91.

IN MEMORIAM

THE RT. REV. MAHLON N. GILBERT, D.D., LL.D., XI, '70¹

Had I been told thirty-three years ago that I would be called on to prepare for the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity a memorial notice of Mahlon Norris Gilbert I should not have been much surprised. At that time it seemed to his friends that he was not long for this world; and it was with but slight hope of a stoppage of the ravages of consumption that they bade him farewell when he went to seek refuge and healing in a different climate.

That he was soon to die was probable, and that if he died one of his classmates and brethren should place, in the archives of the fraternity he loved so well, some account of, and testimonial to, him was a matter of course.

Yes, it would have been with grief, but with no sense of shock, that I would have done then what I am doing a third of a century later. But now it is with surprise as well as sorrow that I undertake the task. The last time I saw him,—at St. Louis in October, 1899,—he was so bright and hearty and hopeful, so prompt and steady, so evidently joyous in his work, that when the news of his death confronted me in my daily newspaper, it staggered me. Gilbert dead! It seemed impossible.

And it is with a heavy heart that I attempt a brief outline of his life and a brief tribute to his character.

Mahlon Norris Gilbert was born in Laurens, near Morris, Otsego County, N. Y., on the twenty-third day of March, 1848. He came of fine stock. Several of his ancestors were soldiers of the Revolution. As a Churchman he had his position by inheritance. His grandparents were confirmed by Bishop Griswold. When he was six years old his parents moved to Morris, where

¹In the last catalogue and in the Memorial History no mention is made of Brother Gilbert's degree of LL.D. Brother Lewis Halsey, while a trustee of Hobart College, had the honor of nominating Brother Gilbert for this degree.

he came under the influence of Bishop Tuttle, then Rector of the Parish. It was thus that he was led to study for the ministry, and the friendship between the boy and the young priest grew stronger and stronger as the years went on.

Gilbert had his early education at Fairfield Academy. Thence he went to Hobart College, but did not complete the sophomore year. His health broke down. But a couple of winters in Florida and a later residence in Utah quite restored it. He felt keenly the thwarting of his plan of education. He mourned over the separation from his friends. He was back in Geneva on a visit at the Commencement when his class, the class of 1870, graduated, and it was with a pang that he saw them receive their degrees. I well remember how, only a year or so ago, he said to me: "I never came nearer crying in my life than when I saw all you fellows go up to take your diplomas, and knew there was none there for me."

But he set bravely to work to gain in other ways the education he could not gain in the usual college course. In 1872 he entered the Seabury Divinity School at Faribault, Minnesota. In June, 1875, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Whipple, and in October of the same year he was advanced to the Priesthood by Bishop Tuttle. He settled at Deer Lodge, Montana, where he built a stone church. He engaged in a large missionary work, visiting the mining camps in all that region and everywhere winning the highest respect and regard of the miners. In 1873 he became Rector of St. Peter's, Helena, Montana, where also he built a stone church. About this time he married Miss Fannie Carvell. The ceremony was performed in Philadelphia by a Theta Delta, the Rev. C. A. Poole. In 1881, he became Rector of Christ Church, St. Paul, Minnesota. After a prosperous and devoted service of five years in this parish he was elected Bishop-Coadjutor of Minnesota. This was a remarkable evidence of intellectual power and fine character. For the other candidate was a highly gifted and irreproachable man, and had been much longer a resident of the diocese.

From this time on his life was one of the ceaseless activities, the heavy responsibilities, the gnawing anxieties, the planning and founding and supporting of all sorts of enterprises and institutions,

which make up the work of a western Bishop. Though Bishop-Coadjutor in name, yet in fact,—owing to the age and infirmities of the venerable Bishop Whipple,—most of the burden, at least in recent years, came upon Gilbert. Gallantly he assumed it and splendidly he carried it. The wail which went up all over the diocese at his death is sufficient evidence of his fidelity and capacity and sweetness. In the House of Bishops he was becoming a prominent figure. That is a very conservative body, and the junior Bishops are not usually much regarded. But one of its members said to me a day or two ago that it was surprising to see what an influence Gilbert possessed there and what respect was paid to his opinions.

The largeness and many-sidedness of the man are shown by the number of organizations to which he belonged and causes which he championed. At his funeral the honorary pall bearers were Dr. George R. Metcalf, for the Minnesota Veteran's Association, to which the Bishop belonged; Henry P. Upham, for the Bishop's lodge, Ancient Landmark, No. 5, A. F. & A. M.; Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Seabury Hall, Rev. Mr. Peake, of St. Mary's hall, Rev. Dr. Dobbin, of Shattuck School, for the church institutions at Faribault; Reuben Warner and John Q. Adams, for the vestry of Christ Church; Rev. Dr. Tanner, for the Breck School at Wilder, Minn.; Judge Wilder of Redwing, Judge Atwater, of Minneapolis, two of the oldest laymen in the diocese; also a representative of the Minnesota Society Sons of the Revolution, of which the Bishop was president. The active bearers were of course chosen from the clergy of his diocese. His death took place March 2nd, 1900. He left a widow and two children.

It is not for me to reproduce here the host of tributes, memorials, and resolutions called forth from vestries, and lodges, and societies, and institutions, and newspapers, both secular and ecclesiastical,—from the "Brotherhood of St. Andrew" and the "Daughters of the King," from the Methodist ministers and the Chamber of Commerce, from the Minnesota Historical Society and the Assembly of Wageworkers. Some of these perhaps may be given elsewhere in *THE SHIELD*.

But I must mention one unique meeting in honor of the departed Bishop. It was held in St. Paul, March 20th. It was

arranged by a committee appointed as a result of a spontaneous movement on the part of many of the most prominent citizens of Minnesota. The Governor of the State presided, and addresses were made by the Rev. Drs. Andrews, Smith, and Edwards, Hon. Walter H. Sanborn, and the Rev. Ambrose McNulty. The latter spoke as the representative of Archbishop Ireland, who was prevented by illness from fulfilling the engagement he had made to deliver the principal address. Men and women of all creeds, and of none, joined in manifesting their esteem for the Bishop, as a friend, neighbor, and citizen. Such a meeting is, in the true sense of that much abused word, a "demonstration."

And so leaving his fame and eulogy as a Bishop, a citizen, and a leader of men, to these many and ready voices, let me speak a few words of Mahlon Norris Gilbert as a Theta Delta Chi.

When he came to Hobart College the Xi Charge was apparently at the last gasp. The only man who represented it the previous year, E. B. Dox, had dropped out on account of ill health. There was but one resident graduate in Geneva. But Dick Cornell came on from Buffalo for the sole purpose of building up the charge. For the course of instruction in the college he had no use; that he would ever graduate he did not expect. He was going into a business where Greek and Latin cut no figure, and he cared nothing for them on their own account. But he did care a great deal for the fraternity and the charge to which his older brother belonged, and he came to Hobart simply on that account. Mahlon Gilbert came to study, but he also came enthusiastic for Theta Delta Chi which his cousin, P. C. Gilbert, had taught him to love. So these two set about the work of rebuilding. They got Halsey of '68 and Cone of '69 to join. In their own class they took Raines and Scott and myself. It was Gilbert who gave me the invitation, and I well recollect the kindly manner in which he did it. And so the Xi Charge started out again.

Gilbert was a man of prominence in his class. He was one of the biggest and oldest. We surveyed his sturdy form with satisfaction when we were considering our battle with the sophs. And well did he justify our confidence, though his collar-bone was broken in the rush. His preparation had not been sufficient

to place him among our leading scholars, but that he would have won his place there in time I do not doubt. In all other departments of college life his was a prominent figure. He was vice-president of the class at its first organization. His thorough, candid manliness made him respected and deferred to by all.

But it was in fraternity life that he most shone. In that close intimacy, where all faults and littleness are so clearly seen and constantly felt, the solid excellence of Gilbert's character became most apparent. The college at large respected him; but the charge loved him, and it was melancholy news when we heard that he must leave us.

His interest, however, never slackened. Whether in Florida or Utah or Minnesota he kept himself informed on Theta Delta Chi. They who were present at the semi-centennial banquet where he presided will remember the devotion and knowledge which his speeches displayed. He cared for the brotherhood and he knew the brothers. Ah, what a pleasant time was that when we four of the class of '70, Gilbert, Scott, Raines, and I had a little reunion of our own. Little did we think then who first should pass to the Omega Charge. And now we begin

"To count our rosary by the beads we miss."

CAMERON MANN, Xi, '70.

Reminiscences' of Brother Gilbert

Just before Mahlon N. Gilbert entered college the Xi Charge of Theta Delta Chi saw its darkest days. Nearly all of its active members had enlisted either in the Northern or in the Southern army, with the injunction to the few who remained,—“Let the old charge die rather than admit as members any men unworthy to wear the shield!”

At last only one Theta Delt remained in college. At this crisis two loyal fraters of former days sent to save the Xi two students who were easily among the best men in college,—Mahlon N. Gilbert and Richard R. Cornell, the former a cousin of Porteus C. Gilbert of the famous class of '62, which had more

¹Brother Halsey was the room-mate of Bishop Gilbert, when in college; and has kindly consented to add these reminiscences to Brother Mann's sketch of the Bishop's life.

Theta Delt members than has had any other class before or since its day, the latter a brother of S. Douglass Cornell, of Buffalo, like Brother Gilbert afterward President of the Grand Lodge, and bearing to the Xi a similar relation to that sustained by Brother Willis S. Paine to the Chi.

This was the beginning of the renaissance of the Xi, which soon resumed and continued to hold its position in the fore-front among the charges of our fraternity.

Mablon N. Gilbert, though a freshman, and without extravagant tastes or means to gratify them, was at once recognized as a man. He was popular among his classmates and with the professors. Somewhat bashful and never obtrusive, he was always ready to do his part and to give his opinion, with the generous self-forgetfulness and kindly sympathy which ever win the hearts of men.

He came to college an unsophisticated country boy, ready to trust any effusive friend, and to think others as truthful as himself. Here his fraternity helped him, shielding him from unpleasant experience, instructing him in the ways of the college world. He was an apt scholar, yet happily retained his love for and sympathy with his fellow men which gave him such power and success in his ministry.

While in college, he roomed in old "Number Twenty," Geneva Hall, for years the headquarters of Theta Delta Chi, occupied in turn by many fraters, among them Cornell, Gibson, Viele, Tremain, Burns, and Raines.

He was no ascetic, but loved manly sports and genial companionship, yet was a man who knew no guile. He was pure in heart. I believe that during his college life he would have been willing for his mother to have heard his every word, and for his father to have seen his every act. I know of no severer test of a student's Christianity and self-control.

He was president of his class, secretary of the old Hermean Literary Society, and editor of the college journal.

He was emphatically "A man who loved his fellow men," living to minister to their needs, both spiritual and temporal, trusting them and being trusted by them. He loved his family, his college, his fraternity, his country, and was magnificently loyal to his friends, and to his beliefs.

His Alma Mater honored herself and her distinguished son, by bestowing upon him the degrees of A.M., S.T.D., and LL.D. Being unable to graduate from college on account of a disease of the lungs, he was one of the few men who have received these honorary degrees without having completed a college course.

When he was elected assistant Bishop of Minnesota, he was regarded as one of the most energetic workers and one of the most brilliant preachers in the diocese. His ability was recognized in the Episcopal Church throughout the United States, and he was often called upon to preach sermons on special and important occasions.

When the General Convention was held in Baltimore two of its members were designated to give addresses at a Young Men's Christian Association mass meeting, and the two selected were Bishops Phillips Brooks and Mahlon N. Gilbert.

LEWIS HALSEY, Xi, '68.

Tributes from the Press

From many loyal brothers THE SHIELD has received copies of both secular and religious papers containing notices of the death of Bishop Gilbert and warm tributes to his work and character. If it were possible, it would be well to reproduce all of these articles in these pages, for they would enable all the members of our brotherhood to realize what a loss the fraternity has sustained in the death of our lamented brother. But the editor cannot refrain from placing on record in THE SHIELD a few of these public tributes to Bishop Gilbert's worth, for they must touch the heart of every reader. Deeply as we deplore our loss, we can but rejoice in the memory of such a life.

From the *Minneapolis Tribune* the following extract is taken :

"Bishop Gilbert was an earnest, active, hard working man, ready of speech, warm of heart, and perfectly loyal to his friends. He was a moderate high churchman, whose career was one of unbroken progress. He leaves a name of honor and a record of service the diocese will remember and young men may well emulate."

The *St. Paul Globe* contained, among other things, the following account of the circumstances attending Brother Gilbert's election as Bishop :

"Soon the diocese asked for an assistant. Steps were taken, looking to securing one. A council was called and only two men were put in nomination for the office. This was in Gethsemane church, Minneapolis, when it was declared by the bishop, in grave serious tones, full of emotion: 'You have, brethren, by your votes, chosen the Rev. M. N. Gilbert to be your assistant bishop.'

A solemn silence for an instant fell upon the council, when it was broken by Rev. E. S. Thomas, who had a seat in the middle aisle, stepping into it, said: 'Let us sing the Te Deum,' which was done with solemnity and a depth of feeling no one present will ever forget. That is how an assistant bishop was chosen. And when Bishop Gilbert was consecrated at Chicago, Oct. 17, 1886, the sermon of the occasion was preached by Bishop Tuttle, who had taken the young Gilbert to Utah before his ordination, and had known him since boyhood. Since that day Bishop Whipple has often in public said: 'Bishop Gilbert has been ever since his election a constant joy to my heart.' The diocese is very large, the journeys which have to be taken are long, some of them, particularly those to visit the Indian missions. New work needs to be undertaken, and the care and service required of the bishops is very great. Into all this Bishop Gilbert entered with all his soul. The way in which the diocesan esteems his coadjutor is seen when it is understood that when it was proposed to divide the diocese he said: 'Yes, it is needful, ought to be done, but only on condition that Bishop Gilbert stays with me in my diocese. I cannot part with him'."

In the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* appeared the following paragraphs:

"The feeling of sorrow in his demise was universal, keenly and genuinely felt, nor was it wanting in expression in every circle, denominational or social. His long residence in St. Paul, his activity not only among the people of his own church, but in every good work, had given him a wide acquaintance and a warm place in the affections of his fellow citizens.

Although a high dignitary, Bishop Gilbert was one of the most democratic of men. His dignity was the dignity of character and not of circumstance. Genial, warm-hearted, easily approachable, possessing in a peculiar degree that indefinable quality of personal magnetism, he attracted the friendship of many men and the admiration of all with whom he came in contact. His daily life made his religion an attractive thing, and gave him more than ordinary power for good over the lives of his associates."

Many editorial notices of Bishop Gilbert have come to THE SHIELD, and two of these are especially noteworthy. The *Minneapolis Times* contained the following tribute:

"In the death of Mahlon N. Gilbert, bishop coadjutor of the diocese of Minnesota, the Episcopal church loses one of its most successful and beloved workers and this state a most respected citizen. Nor will this bereavement

be felt by Minnesota alone, but the entire Northwest, and especially Montana, where Bishop Gilbert labored so unselfishly in the missionary field and as rector during the earlier years of his ministry, will feel that a most devoted friend has been called away.

Christian graces and fortitude were his in largest measure. How cheerfully and how bravely he grappled with the problems that a frontier missionary encounters? How uncomplainingly he bore the privations, how tirelessly he performed the labors that fell to his lot years ago in Montana! Never very strong, the years of his ministry were often marked by physical suffering that would have disheartened one not blessed with a noble spirit and an indomitable will. Love of his sacred calling and devotion to humanity nerved him when nature commanded rest and with indomitable courage he "fought the good fight."

Peculiarly fitted for the duties to which he was called, Bishop Gilbert was eminently successful. Difficult problems he encountered but he solved them; appalling difficulties but he overcame them. To him the Episcopal church in the Northwest owes much and his name will ever be held in grateful remembrance by all—regardless of creed—who honor a life well and nobly spent."

And the *St. Paul Globe* printed a leading editorial from which the most significant extracts are given below:

"The late Bishop Gilbert was possessed of intellectual powers so grand that they are rarely to be found even among the most distinguished men in the great centers of the world's activity. And these splendid acquirements he gave with all the devotion of a true soldier of the cross to the redemption of the souls of men in regions so far removed from the civilized centers of his time that he might be said to have voluntarily suffered banishment from the face of his kind in the pursuit of his divine calling.

The entire Western continent has been reclaimed to civilization. The tremendous work has been done in little more than a century. It has been made possible only through the sacrifices of such glorious disciples of the Founder of Christianity himself as Bishop Gilbert and Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota. The very field of labor chosen by such men affords convincing proof of their greatness. From the humble and despised missionary, working at the outset among the savages and outcasts of society, the late Bishop Gilbert evolved into the eloquent and influential bishop of a powerful church, known and respected wherever men gathered to worship God under its protection. The evolution was a natural one. Such men as he must inevitably find their true level, and devotion such as his does not always pass away without receiving the recognition that it merits."

Believing that the many extended notices in the secular press are more significant than those found in the religious papers, where one would expect to find tributes to such a devoted servant

of the church, we have given greater prominence to the former ; but some extracts from the latter must be given in these pages. *The Churchman* contained a long article from which we take the following paragraphs :

"Whether priest or bishop, he was always a citizen because he was first a man. He made education, patriotism, public philanthropy, his intelligent concern, and the community where he lived was proud of his presence. We thought him the first citizen of St. Paul when he passed on.

His manhood found its crown in his work as bishop. To be bishop in a diocese where Bishop Whipple had planted the church, and still stood as its representative before the nation and the world, was no easy responsibility. Again, it was Bishop Gilbert's Christian manhood that won. He has been Bishop Whipple's true son in the faith ; has continued his policy with deference yet without servility, has fostered the institutions of his founding with wisdom and zeal. The details have largely fallen to his care, and he did not shrink from the heavy burden."

The *Church Record* devotes no less than eleven pages to various articles concerning Bishop Gilbert. We can reproduce only one editorial utterance and a beautiful poetical tribute to our departed brother. The editorial is as follows :

"At least it is not the province of *The Record* to break the news. The first shock has been received ; the sorrowful announcement has gone forth. There remains now, what is sure to follow, a constantly increasing realization that a great calamity has befallen this diocese. From everywhere signs of grief betoken the place Bishop Gilbert has won in the hearts of his people ; the expressions forced by their sense of overwhelming loss from institutions and orders, from vestries and societies, show how the diocesan work, in all its departments, has come to lean upon him for help. And upon city and commonwealth, as an inspiring and uplifting force, his winning and manly personality has entered into the very making of their character. All classes have been touched and bettered by his life among us. We do not forget that we have still the commanding presence of our revered diocesan. That is our present comfort. But in the death of the Bishop Coadjutor the Diocese of Minnesota is passing through its first great sorrow."

And, finally, we know that all Theta Delts will be glad to read the following lines :

"Requiescat

He sleeps. His work is finished and well done.
The glory of his life it was to make
The service of the Master, for himself,
And for his friends, an offering of love.

Sincere, devout, a loyal friend and true,
 A spirit bathed in sunshine, joyous, full
 Of hope, he breathed the inspiration of
 His radiant soul into the hearts of men,
 And bade them rise to greater deeds of faith.
 Official rank no false distinction marked
 'Twixt him and other men, nor served to keep
 From him the sorrows, or the joys that fill
 The common cup. For very love of Christ
 He magnified his office as God gave.
 Let us not weep for him. His Guerdon's won.
 Nay, rather, may we hope to share his crown!
 He cannot die. In loving hearts enshrined,
 The mem'ry of his name is fixed secure.
 On lips of prayer a eucharist will rise
 For such example as he gave of faith
 And hope and charity.
 The eager work of church and school and life
 Will be more bravely done—his influence felt,
 Inspiring, cheering and uplifting all."

 IN MEMORIAM

ELBERT S. CARMAN, ZETA, '58

The announcement of the death by pneumonia of Brother Elbert S. Carman on the 28th of last February in New York City, at his residence, 5 W. 82d St., should be received not only by the fraternity in general but also by the members of the Zeta Charge—of which he was an honored, and indeed, a revered member—with feelings of more than profound sorrow.¹ He was a college-mate of my own,—as well as of Hay, Pond, Burdge, Bate, Merriam, and Carr; and hence I may, perhaps, be allowed to speak, in *THE SHIELD*, of his personality.

As Hay and Noyes were called when at Brown the *par nobile fratrum*, (see my History of the First Twenty-five Years of the Fraternity), so were Douglas and Carman known by the same

¹For a portrait and an exhaustive sketch of Brother Carman's life, the reader is referred to Vol. VI. of *THE SHIELD*, page 159.

appellation. They both came at the same time to Brown from Brooklyn, N. Y. Regarding the first of them, Brother Burdge's description in my History is entirely correct. Regarding Carman, while not as elegant in form, nor as fastidious in dress as Douglas, yet, on becoming a member of the fraternity he at once took high rank as one of our best men. His genial manner, also—ever most charming, though, to a certain extent, reticent to those whom he did not fully know,—gained for him many friends both within and without the fraternity. He was, indeed, a most loyal brother, and always subordinated his personal interests to the weal of the fraternity. He was not a close student, in the common acceptation of that much abused term; but he probably benefited as much, if not more, from the curriculum of Brown, as those who achieved a more pretentious reputation in the line of class orations, and the like. Indeed, like a few—and only a few—he had come to college to study, and to prepare himself for the business of his life, which he had already marked out for himself even before entering Brown, viz., that of an editor, particularly in the line to which he afterward devoted himself—that of an agriculturist.

In pursuance of this preconceived plan, he let no occasion escape him to find out all that was to be discovered in this particular direction; and I distinctly remember—*à propos* of this—that one Saturday afternoon, when he and myself, accompanied by Brothers Burdge, Pond, and Clark, took a stroll in the country around Providence, much to my annoyance, Carman would insist, when passing some farm-house, on going in to interview the farmer about his crops, etc. ! This incident may at first appear trivial; but when viewed in relation to the reputation which Carman made in his after-life, it is by no means so. In fact, the old adage, which each of us had in his copy-books years ago, viz.: "Just as the twig is bent, the tree inclines," applies, it will be seen, particularly to our friend Carman.

After leaving college, I did not meet him for a long time. About three years previous to his death, however, I had occasion to call on him in his editorial sanctum of *The Rural New Yorker*. But he was the same old Carman ! Time had not changed him either in his mental or physical characteristics. He was, as a

matter of course, very glad to see me; and extended a most cordial invitation for me to go and spend a night with him at his farm in New Jersey. I was not able to accept his invitation, but my son, (Wm. L. Stone, Jr., a Theta Delt from Columbia, whom, by the way, through the courtesy of that Charge, I had the honor to initiate,) went in my place; and, while receiving a delightful welcome, he was greatly astonished at the method which Carman had introduced into his farming operations. Indeed, Carman—and in this lay the great hold that he had upon the subscribers to his paper, *The Rural New Yorker*,—was a *practical* agriculturist, uniting both theory and practice. In fact, before his assuming the editorship of that journal, it had always been the complaint that practical views were sacrificed or rather subordinated to ideals; but very soon his readers found, greatly to their delight, that theory and practice went hand in hand.

Carman, as I have before hinted, being naturally of a reticent and retiring nature, was considered by many of his fellow collegians as an "odd genius". Still, every one who had the privilege of knowing him intimately could not but feel that under this seeming reserve, lay great power.

In thus laying upon my friend's grave a chaplet of immortelles to his memory, I have, I trust, honored not only myself but the fraternity in general. Age shall not diminish the freshness of that wreath; Time shall not wither its leaves; for as long as there exist members of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity, the virtues of Elbert S. Carman will be cherished in their hearts, even as the ivy winds around that stone which affection will soon rear to his ashes. Green be the sod above his honored grave; and may the virtues of the father be illustrated and perpetuated in the character and career of the children!

WILLIAM L. STONE, Zeta, '57.

THE NEW ENGLAND BANQUET

The New England Association of Theta Delta Chi held its seventeenth annual banquet at Young's Hotel, in Boston, on the twenty-seventh of April. The gathering was the largest and most enthusiastic ever held under the auspices of the Association, and bore ample testimony to the character and loyalty of New England Theta Delt. One hundred and forty odd sat down at the tables, the numbers presaging the spirit of the banquet and the speeches that were to follow. From Iota alone, fifty were present; while Kappa and Eta sent delegations of twenty or more.

The toastmaster was brother Levi Turner of the Eta charge. Brother Turner came from Portland, Me., to preside, and his enthusiasm for the fraternity, together with his ready wit, gave proof that no mistake was made in his selection. The Eta charge had the arrangements in hand, and a great measure of the success was due to their excellent work and to that of Brother Palmer, the Secretary of the Association.

At six-thirty o'clock, President Arthur P. Stone called the Association to order for the business meeting, in the room used for the sessions of the Fifty-first Convention of Theta Delta Chi, a year ago.

More than a hundred gathered for this preliminary meeting. The nominating committee reported, for the ensuing year, the same list of officers as in the year 1899, and the election was made unanimous.

At seven o'clock the meeting adjourned, and all went to the banquet hall where one hundred and fifty plates were laid. There were but few vacant places when the banquet had begun, and the menu, as always at Young's, was excellent. As the evening wore away the brothers enlivened the occasion by giving the usual charge yells for the sister charges, and the spirit of good-fellowship, always noticeable in gatherings of Theta Delt, became more marked than ever. At about ten o'clock the tables

were cleared and President Stone introduced Brother Turner, the toastmaster of the evening. Brother Turner, in opening, expressed his chagrin and sorrow at the fact that he had not been able in the past to attend more often the gatherings of the fraternity, and promised that in future his attendance would be more regular.

Brother Turner said in part :—"I have only words of commendation and congratulation to offer in view of the tremendous strides that our fraternity has taken in the last two decades along all those lines that center at the common goal of noble manhood. We have not only grown in numbers, but in quality,—in intellectual fibre, in moral tone and strength. In high aspiration, and in lofty and dignified sentiment, we are to-day surpassed by none.

It is needless for me to say that it is a great pleasure for me to be with you to-night, and in the reciprocity of friendship to touch elbow to elbow and again relight the tapers of allegiance, fidelity, and steadfastness to the grand principles of our beloved fraternity.

Gatherings of this kind not only minister to our good individually as Theta Delts and to the prosperity of the society in general, but are invaluable for broadening our minds for our larger responsibilities socially and as citizens. The tendency of the times is toward a narrow, selfish, and self-founded egoism. There is also a broad desire for change,—for so-called improvement and reform that in many instances does not reform. The present is essentially an iconoclastic age in all realms of activity ; the cherished doctrines of the former generations are daily displaced by the products of modern thought. Ideal after ideal has been shattered by the reformer and the agitator. It is for us, my brothers, to see to it that in this age the cause of truth and justice suffers no wrong, and to make sure that much of the so-called modern progress and reform has not a negative value."

Brother Turner introduced Brother Seth P. Smith, of Omicron Deuteron, as the first speaker of the evening. Brother Smith's subject was "The New England Association of Theta Delta Chi." He told first of the founding of the New England Association, saying that it was not surprising, when Eta, Iota, Kappa, and Lambda combined in starting such a movement, that

the result should be most gratifying to all who were interested in it. In speaking of the achievements of the Association, Brother Smith mentioned the establishment of the Mu Deuteron, the Epsilon Deuteron, and the Iota Deuteron Charges, and the re-establishment of the Zeta Charge.

And, as a further proof of what New England and the charges in the Association have given to the fraternity, he told of the careers of President Capen, of Tufts College ; of Judge Hammond, first of the Superior, and now of the Supreme Bench of Massachusetts ; of Judge Arthur Lewis Brown, of the United States Circuit Court ; of Attorney-General Knowlton of Massachusetts ; and of Congressmen Nixon and Spooner of Rhode Island. In closing, Brother Smith alluded to the service performed by the Association by furnishing, in the annual banquets, an opportunity for those who cannot attend the national conventions to come together and receive the inspiration and loyalty for Theta Delta Chi, that such gatherings always furnish.

Brother Huffcut who was to respond to the toast, "The Grand Lodge," was, to the regret of everyone, unable to be present ; and the Toastmaster proposed that the brothers express by a rising vote, their confidence in Brother Huffcut in his exalted position. The vote was carried out, and three hearty cheers given for the President of the Grand Lodge.

Brother R. H. Carter of Iota was the next speaker. After Brother Carter, Brother Welch, of Eta, rendered two selections on the violin. More than a passing attention should be accorded Brother Welch's playing. He appeared a master of his art, and his work afforded a vast amount of pleasure to everyone present.

Brother Charles J. Bullock was also unable to be present to respond for THE SHIELD, and Brother Davies, of Lambda, gave this toast. The next speaker was Brother C. C. Williamson, of Eta. The subject was, "What the Fraternity does for its Members ;" Brother Williamson spoke of the value of the friendships that are formed in college, and particularly those made stronger through the ties of a fraternity like Theta Delta Chi, in forming the foundations of sterling manhood. Brother Alvin C. Dresser, of Eta, next spoke on the subject, "The Solace of Literature ;" and following Brother Dresser, was Brother Arthur P. Stone, of

Iota, the President of the Association, who responded to the toast, "The Earmarks of a True Theta Delt."

After a selection by Brother Welch, the Toastmaster read a letter from Brother F. S. Baldwin, of Boston University, which will well bear repeating. Brother Baldwin, after expressing his sorrow at not being able to attend, said: "Doubtless that chaste raconteur, Brother Seth P. Smith, will be there, full of anecdotal tabasco. I hope also that Brother Irving P. Fox may be present to tell you of his entertaining experience as a publisher of sacred literature. He is now engaged in the publishing of a paper which he calls *The Spatula*. A friend who met him on the street not long ago asked him how the circulation of the paper was coming on. 'Fine,' said Fox. 'It goes all over the United States, into Canada, and down into Mexico. It goes to Europe, to China, and to Japan. It goes to Patagonia and to Tasmania. It goes almost everywhere. In fact,' he added reflectively, 'we have our hands full to keep it from going to H——.'" Brother Baldwin, in closing, expressed his regrets in the lines of Kipling, in the poem, "Mulvaney's Regrets."

Brother R. B. Crane was the next speaker; and the last toast of the evening before that in closing to the Omega Charge, was given by Brother Harry A. Bullock, of Mu Deuteron, on the subject, "The Atmosphere of New England Congenial to Theta Delta Chi." Brother Welch played once more, and a vote of thanks was tendered to Brother Phil M. Palmer, of Eta, for his work in making the arrangements for the banquet. At eleven-thirty, the brothers rose, and drank in silence to Omega Charge.

HARRY A. BULLOCK.

GENERAL W. N. P. DARROW

Two years ago THE SHIELD presented its readers¹ with a biographical sketch of Brother W. N. P. Darrow, Pi Deuteron, '83. That article recorded the fact that, in 1897, the pressure of business interests had compelled Brother Darrow to retire from the Ohio National Guard. Word has now reached us that he has returned to his first love, and re-entered the military service of the State of Ohio. The facts are given in the following extract from the *Highland Democrat*, of Peekskill, N. Y. :

"Walter N. P. Darrow, son of Mr. Wallace Darrow, of Yorktown Heights, has recently been made a Brigadier General of the Ohio National Guard. General Darrow is a West Point graduate and was appointed to that famous military institution in 1882 by Congressman Waldo Hutchins. After receiving the coveted diploma he was assigned to the 4th Regiment, U. S. Artillery as a Second Lieutenant, and was later graduated from the United States Artillery School for Officers. Since leaving the regular service he has been connected with the Ohio National Guard and has served as a captain of a light battery, lieutenant-colonel of infantry, colonel of the 1st regiment of light artillery and was made chief of the corps of engineers by Governor Nash in January, which position he filled until the higher honor of Brigadier-General was conferred upon him during the week last past. Mr. Darrow, of Yorktown, is himself a veteran, having held the rank of First Lieutenant in the 42nd Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers during the war of the rebellion."

THE SHIELD hastens to extend its congratulations to General Darrow. It is unnecessary to repeat what was said in these pages two years ago concerning his earlier career, but we will remind our readers that Brother Darrow is a nephew of Brother Willis S. Paine, and was one of the petitioners for a charter for a charge of Theta Delta Chi at the College of the City of New York.

¹See THE SHIELD, XIV. 338-339.



GEN. W. N. P. DARROW

STATISTICS OF OUR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Through the kindness of Brother J. Boyce Smith, Secretary of the Grand Lodge, we are able to present our readers with the following statistics showing the active membership of Theta Delta Chi, as reported on May 1, 1900 :

CHARGE	MEMBERSHIP
Beta	21
Gamma Deuteron	19
Delta Deuteron	12
Epsilon Deuteron	15
Zeta	16
Eta	26
Iota	26
Iota Deuteron	24
Kappa	27
Lambda	31
Mu Deuteron	25
Nu Deuteron	16
Xi	15
Omicron Deuteron	40
Pi Deuteron	11
Rho Deuteron	18
Sigma Deuteron	20
Tau Deuteron	13
Phi	13
Chi	15
Chi Deuteron	12
Psi	11
Total membership	
Average membership	

The writer has heard that some graduates have stated that their connection with our fraternity was an incident of college life ; as such it should be classed with matters pertaining to one's *alma mater*, and that it interested them only to a limited degree in after life. It makes no difference how wealthy a man may be in this country, he may, by a series of unfortunate events, be reduced to poverty. In such a case he may find his connection with Theta Delta Chi of material benefit. An illustration of this is to be found in a happening that recently took place in the City of New York. A Theta Delta Chi who left college with brilliant prospects was last month found, almost by accident, by a brother Theta Delt in Stuart's hotel on Broadway, sick, alone and without friends. Had it not been for the brother who found him, and who called upon several members of the Graduate Club and stated the case, thereby raising sufficient funds, that brother might have died and been buried in the Potter's Field. As it was, because the sick man was a Theta Delta Chi, and for that reason only, his bills were paid, his wants were met and he was taken to his friends in an adjoining State where he is now slowly, but it is believed surely, recovering from his almost fatal illness. This is but one of several instances of a like character that have occurred to the personal knowledge of the writer, and he assures any brother who may read these lines that it does "pay" to maintain an active interest in our fraternity.

NESTOR.

N. Y. GRADUATE CLUB,
APRIL 14, 1900.

FOR THE CATALOGUE

The Custodian of Archives begs each SHIELD subscriber to ascertain if he can supply the address, or clue to address, of any of the following thirty-one members. Kindly send such items to Frederic Carter, 1424 Broadway, New York, for the proposed 1900 catalogue :

- Sidney E. Cooke, Delta, '64.
Williams A. Adams, Jr., Delta, '72.
George H. Hart, Epsilon, '54.
Louis Tulane, Zeta, '56.
James R. Patterson, Zeta, '58.
Joseph E. Finney, Zeta, '60.
William E. Hoyt, Zeta, '68.
John H. Moore, Eta, '58.
Frederic H. Spaulding, Eta, '88.
Charles H. Harriman, Eta, '89.
H. C. Hankins, Theta, '75.*
B. S. Skinner, Iota, '60.*
H. I. McDonald, Kappa, '69.
F. J. Littlefield, Kappa, '71.
Henry W. Cook, Kappa, '76.
Charles E. Bateman, Kappa, '88.*
Fred H. Carson, Lambda, '77.
N. W. Conlan, Lambda, '81.
Edward B. Lane, Lambda, '81.
Hiram Griffin, Lambda, '82.
F. J. Brockway, Lambda, '82.
James P. Johnson, Mu, '61.
Lumous W. Brigham, Omicron D., '93.*
John C. Miles, Tau, '66.
Frank S. Rice, Phi, '70.
Adam J. Clark, Phi, '74.
Edward R. Conant, Phi, '76.
Charles Macalester, Phi, '77.
J. G. Woods, Phi, '89.
John F. Oaks, Chi, '70.
Edwin A. McMath, Psi, '70.

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*Deceased. In such cases the last place of residence is desired.

CHARGE CORRESPONDENCE

At the Fifty-second Annual Convention a resolution was submitted to the incoming Grand Lodge recommending a reduction in the number of charge letters. It was proposed to give up the present system of writing one letter per month and to substitute a new system making it necessary to write but one letter to each charge every three months, *i. e.*, three letters per year. This matter was referred to the charges for their consideration, and it is now in the hands of the Grand Lodge for final decision.

It is the settled conviction of the writer that the proposed change is a dangerous one. It cannot do any good ; it may do a great deal of harm. Correspondence is to the fraternity what circulation is to the whole body. It is the source of life, vitality, and strength. Impede the circulation, and the body withers and dies. Our charge correspondence is one bond of unity. It makes us what we boast ourselves to be, a brotherhood in the literal sense, living one broad fraternity existence, not divided up into a score of distinct societies under one general name, but each living a life of its own. Theta Delta Chi is not such a conglomeration of disconnected bodies ; it is a living organism, each charge is a part of a harmonious whole, in touch with every other charge, knowing and profiting by what is going on throughout the fraternity. Our organization is compact, it is homogeneous, it is active, it is aggressive. What has given it this power and solidarity ? Charge correspondence and lots of it.

The ideal organization is one of daily personal contact. As the family unit has developed into the ethnic unit, so in Theta Delta Chi the development has followed similar lines. We originally had the Alpha Charge at Union College ; there was the daily personal contact, there was the family element. From it has grown the great fraternity which now includes thousands of miles in its circuit. The personal contact was broken, something was necessary to supply the deficiency. A substitute was

found in charge correspondence, and in order to make the substitute as efficient as possible, the correspondence was made regular and frequent. Its benefits we have all witnessed. But now comes the project of diminishing this correspondence, of sapping this vital element. And why? Simply because a few of the brothers complain that it takes too much work. Work indeed! Was there ever accomplished without work anything worth accomplishing? Is idleness a factor in prosperity of any sort? Are the makers of the world's history laggards? The charge secretaries have too much to do, forsooth! They are overworking themselves! Let's abolish their office and save their energies. Let us do away with the Grand Lodge, let's abolish THE SHIELD; there is too much work connected with them. Carry this out to its logical conclusion and we shall have no fraternity at all. There will be no Theta Delta Chi.

When a man is chosen to an office in the fraternity, he is not chosen to loll back in his chair, a cigar in his mouth, and pose under a fancy title. There is *work* to do and he is chosen to *do* it. The brother who is made corresponding secretary is most highly honored in being elected to such an important office. It shows what great confidence the other brothers have in him. It shows that they regard him as a man of energy and ability, and he should strive to live up to their expectations.

It is alleged, furthermore, that if the charge correspondence be diminished the letters will be better, the secretary will have more time, and can exercise more care in his writing. Now this is a mistaken idea. The man who cannot write a good charge letter once a month will not write any better one if given three months to do it in. If under the present system he waits until the last minute and then hustles off his letters in a jumble, he will pursue the same tactics under the proposed system. Nay, he will be the more liable to do so; having so much time ahead of him he won't give his correspondence a moment's thought till the three months are about to expire. Then the jumbling will begin again, and some one will say, "Let's give him more time. Let him write one letter every six months. We are working him to death, poor fellow." At the end of six months we see no improvement and search around in vain for some remedy. It is all

in the man. A good corresponding secretary will be good under all circumstances, a bad one will never be anything else.

If letters are written but once in three months, we shall have two officers performing practically the same duties, the charge editor being the other. The one writes his letters, the other has them printed. They cover exactly the same ground, discuss exactly the same things, only the SHIELD editor gets ahead of the corresponding secretary by writing one more letter than he does. We shall have here a superfluity of officers. One or the other must go. There is not work enough for both. Otherwise, when THE SHIELD appears every quarter with the letter of the charge editor, we shall receive at the same time the epistle of the corresponding secretary, containing in writing everything which we have already found in THE SHIELD. Such an absurdity would not long be tolerated. The two positions would be combined under one head, and there would cease to be any interchange correspondence worth the name. All would be done in the pages of THE SHIELD, and one of the most interesting features of the lodge meeting would be lost.

All in all, there is not a single redeeming feature to the proposition. There is nothing to compensate for the losses that would inevitably be inflicted. The present system, if faithfully carried out, is admirably adapted to our needs. It has placed us in the foremost ranks of college fraternities. To maintain our position our energies must be redoubled not lessened; the fraternity activity must be increased not diminished. So let us stick to the monthly charge letter, and do our best to make it interesting and helpful.

“1900.”

DECISION OF APPELLATE COURT IN KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA LITIGATION

The Kappa Kappa Gamma litigation referred to in Volume XV. of *THE SHIELD*, pages 108 and 200, was carried to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York and a decision favorable to the St. Lawrence chapter was handed down on May 2d. The judgment of the lower court granting an injunction against the withdrawal of the charter is affirmed. The opinion is written by Justice Walter Lloyd Smith and concurred in by Justices Herrick and Kellogg. Presiding Justice Parker and Justice Merwin dissent.

The prevailing opinion places the decision practically upon the ground that the charter is a contract between the fraternity and the chapter and that as the fraternity has not reserved in its constitution or by-laws any power to withdraw the charter except for the violation of the rules and usages of the fraternity, and as no such violation is shown, the withdrawal, or attempted withdrawal, of the charter is unauthorized and illegal. The "lack of proper material" is not one of the causes reserved in the constitution for the withdrawal of the charter. The disclosure of the constitution and the divulging of secrets of the fraternity are held by the court to have been justified by the necessity under which the chapter lay of protecting its legal rights. The substantial basis for equity jurisdiction by way of injunction is found in the loss by the alumnae of a home chapter of their fraternity. "It is the same wrong to extinguish one's club as to expel him from his club."

The decision is interesting and valuable as a part of the growing fraternity law. Its importance, however, in future cases will be diminished as fraternities incorporate in their constitutions a reserve power to withdraw a charter whenever in the judgment of the governing body the continuance of the chapter will be