

detrimental to the best interests of the fraternity. In short the decision is an extension of the doctrine of the Dartmouth College case to the fraternities. The charter is a franchise, as was suggested in our comments on the case in *THE SHIELD* for June, 1899, page 112,—a suggestion which was quoted in the brief of the counsel for the chapter and which seems to have been adopted by the court as indicating the true relation between the fraternity and the chapter. The Dartmouth College decision was rendered largely ineffective by enacting that whenever a charter was granted by a state legislature it should be subject to repeal or amendment by the legislature. A similar provision in the charters granted to chapters by a fraternity, or in the constitution under which they are granted, will render the decision in this litigation equally ineffective. The provision for repeal or withdrawal would then become a part of the contract between the fraternity and the chapter and the chapter would have no legal ground of complaint if the fraternity acted upon the provision. Probably many fraternities already have such a provision. Those that do not would do well to consider whether they desire to grant charters that are practically irrevocable.

The dissent of two judges in this case is indicative of a difference of view upon the reasoning of the prevailing opinion, but as no dissenting opinion is handed down the exact point of difference cannot be determined. On the whole the case is a pretty close one on the merits, and it is not strange to see differences of judicial opinion upon it. It is not yet known whether the fraternity expects to carry the case to the Court of Appeals.

It is understood that the Massachusetts Court dissolved the injunction granted in that State upon the same facts, but no official account of the proceedings has been received.

E. W. H.

 In Memoriam

JAMES Q. FROST

Kappa, '76

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite goodness to remove from our number our brother, James Q. Frost ; and

WHEREAS, In his death we have lost a faithful friend and brother, it is eminently fitting that we should pay our last 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. FRANCIS BERRY,
 ROBERT E. NASON,
 CLAIR L. BAKER.

 MAHLON N. GILBERT

Xi, '70

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite love and wisdom to call unto Himself our beloved brother, the Right Reverend Mahlon N. Gilbert, D.D., of the class of 1870, and

WHEREAS, In his death Xi charge of Theta Delta Chi realizes that she has lost one of her most esteemed members, one who amid the arduous duties of his calling retained a constant devotion to his fraternity, and has ever reflected honor and credit upon her name ; be it

Resolved, That we, while submitting humbly to the will of the Almighty, do deeply mourn the loss of our brother and extend to his bereaved friends and relatives our deepest sympathy ; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased brother, to the Grand Lodge, and to THE SHIELD for publication.

For the Xi charge,

ALBERT STETTENBENZ, '00,
FREDERICK D. GRAVES, '00,
WILLIAM W. ROBISON, '00.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His all wise providence has to-day taken from our mortal sphere the great, earnest spirit of our brother, Bishop M. N. Gilbert, whom we all honored in life, and whose memory we shall ever most highly cherish ; and,

WHEREAS, Brother Gilbert has rendered himself especially dear to this charge by his fidelity and his interest in our growth, officiating at the initiation banquet in this room, April 27, 1892 ; and

WHEREAS, His ennobling example will prove an inspiration to members of this charge throughout their lives ; therefore, be it

Resolved, By Tau Deuteron Charge of Theta Delta Chi and the Northwestern Alumni, in annual banquet assembled, that we mourn the loss of our dear brother, and extend to the members of his family our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to THE SHIELD for publication.

THE SHIELD

CONDUCTED BY CHARLES J. BULLOCK, CHARLES F. OSBORN, CHARLES M. DAVENPORT, AND ORVILLE R. HAGEN.

EDITORIAL

The editor has found it necessary to ask three brothers of the Iota Deuteron Charge to undertake the entire management of certain departments of SHIELD work, and it seems proper to announce that THE SHIELD is now conducted by a board of editors. Brother Charles F. Osborn edits the correspondence from the charges, Brother Charles M. Davenport conducts the department of graduate personals, and Brother Orville R. Hagen is entrusted with many of the details of the business management of this journal.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the establishment of the Delta Deuteron Charge in the University of California. The various stages of the movement by which this happy result has been accomplished are duly recounted in another place, but we wish to extend to our newly made brothers a most fraternal greeting. Theta Delta Chi has always been a closely united brotherhood, and every new charge is assured of a cordial reception into the family circle. The extension of our order to the Pacific coast was not accomplished until we were satisfied that such a step would not impair the harmony and union of the fraternity, and it is for Delta Deuteron to demonstrate that this was not a mistaken judgment. The true spirit of Theta Delta Chi was carried to California by those loyal graduates who longed to see a charge established there, and labored persistently to accomplish this result. With such preceptors, the new charge should not fail to realize the high expectations which the fraternity entertains in its behalf. It was peculiarly fitting that the infant should be christened Delta Deuteron, since a

graduate of the old Delta was so largely instrumental in calling it into existence. The old Delta had a strong hold upon the affections of Theta Delts ; and while we await the time when the race of Trojans may reappear at Rensselaer, we rejoice in the possession of a namesake of the charge that gave us a Stetson, a Henry, a Rathbone, a Kneisley, a Blandy, and a Hallock. In the next number of THE SHIELD we hope to present our readers with a group picture of the members of our Delta Deuteron. May her claim to our love and esteem never prove less strong than that of the old Delta.

From the last Grand Lodge letter we learn that "there is a very strong sentiment among Sigma graduates in favor of re-establishing that charge." It was with a keen regret that we saw the name of Sigma disappear from the roll of charges. THE SHIELD desires to express the earnest hope that it may prove practicable for the fraternity to re-enter Dickinson at no distant date.

Meanwhile final action on the petition from Chicago University has been postponed. So far as can be learned this is not due to any opposition among the eastern charges, but to the appearance of some differences of opinion in Chicago and its vicinity. Our method of settling such differences is candid and friendly discussion, and such discussion is now proceeding in Chicago. It is the desire of the Chicago graduates to compose their differences among themselves, and to come ultimately to a unanimous agreement. Such a desire is creditable alike to them and to the fraternity, and THE SHIELD will respect it by refraining from discussing the Chicago petition at this time. When our western graduates are ready to speak, THE SHIELD may properly give expression to its own views.

The Grand Lodge has announced its intention to press upon the attention of the fraternity the question of chapter houses, and is preparing a plan which, it is hoped, may lead to "immediate and vigorous" action. A letter from Brother Clay Holmes an-

nounces that the "Phi Charge expects to build a chapter house very soon." This charge has appointed an alumni committee, of which Brother Holmes is chairman ; and the fraternity knows what to expect when the Phi graduates get together under such leadership. Both of these announcements are calculated to bring satisfaction to all Theta Delts. In the exchange department of this issue we have called attention to what some other fraternities are doing, and we would urge our readers to notice the facts there presented. Our fraternity has made substantial progress in this direction during the past ten years, and about one third of our charges now own houses, while the majority of the others are living in rented homes. But hitherto we have had no concerted effort, and have not realized the importance of united endeavor. The fraternity of the future is going to house its chapters in habitations that will be owned, and not rented. Theta Delta Chi cannot afford to ignore this fact, and must put forth vigorous efforts if she is not to be outstripped by her rivals.

The editor has recently sent to the charges a request for information concerning the addresses to which all men who leave college this month desire to have *THE SHIELD* forwarded in the fall. We are anxious that all members of the class of 1900, and any others who do not return to college in the fall, shall not fail to receive the September and December numbers. If *THE SHIELD* can retain on its subscription list a fair proportion of the men who henceforth go out from the charges, its income will grow apace and our future graduates will retain a more active interest in fraternity matters. We trust that all the charges will coöperate with us in this important matter.

The executor of the estate of Abel Beach writes us that a few debts remain which cannot easily be paid without selling at a sacrifice the little piece of real estate which Brother Beach owned. The executor has in his hands about thirty copies of Brother Beach's "Western Airs," which will be sold for one dollar per volume. Brother Clay W. Holmes writes us that he also has about twenty-five of these poems, which contain Brother

Beach's portrait and autograph ; and he offers to sell these for the benefit of the estate at the price of one dollar. THE SHIELD is authorized to receive orders for any of these books, and will forward the money to its destination. We hope that many brothers will desire to obtain such mementos, and would suggest that a copy of the book ought to be in every charge library.

The editor is able to announce that THE SHIELD is to publish at no distant date a series of articles upon the history of different charges. Four such histories have been promised already, and the names of the writers are sufficient assurance that the work will be well done and will possess great value for our present readers and for the future historian. The articles are as follows :

History of the Beta Charge, by Brother E. W. Huffcut.

History of the Kappa Charge, by Brother E. A. Start.

History of the Xi Charge, by Brother Carl Harstrom.

History of the Chi Charge, by Brother Jacob Spahn.

There is no doubt that this list can be enlarged, and we propose to make every effort to secure histories of other charges. For our September number, Brother Norman Hackett promises a character sketch of "Fate" Bachman ; and we hope, before the end of the year, to publish something from the pen of Brother Clay W. Holmes. Articles are in preparation, also, upon our two Theta Delt Congressmen, Brothers Bellamy and Gibson, and upon a number of other distinguished graduates.

It will be seen that in order to obtain material, and that the best, for THE SHIELD, it is necessary only for the editor to make his wants known. No less than nine brothers have contributed articles for the present number, and to all of them the thanks of THE SHIELD and of its readers are due. No Theta Delt can read the touching tributes which Brothers Stone, Mann, and Halsey offer to the memory of their collegemates who have passed over to the Omega, without realizing what a wealth of friendship it is for which the fraternity stands. The editor desires, also, to acknowledge the many letters which he has received from brothers

who have written to assure him of their good will and continued support. That such support should be forthcoming he did not doubt ; but these letters have been, nevertheless, a source of deep gratification.

We desire to call special attention to the communication which we print from the Custodian of the Archives, who asks for information concerning a number of brothers whose addresses are wanted for the new catalogue. Brother Carter is generously devoting a large amount of time to the preparation of this work, and his efforts merit all the aid that any brother can render. The forthcoming catalogue should be as complete as possible, and the information which is asked for can be secured now more easily than at any subsequent time. THE SHIELD hopes that the request of the Custodian will receive prompt attention.

CHARGE LETTERS

BETA.—Cornell University

Since our last letter we have had the misfortune to lose Brother R. S. Persons, '00, who has completed his course. He is at present in the banking business at East Aurora, N. Y., but will return to take his degree at commencement. This is a season of activity at Beta. Brother Bennett Nolan, '00, spoke so well in the Columbia-Cornell Debate that we were enabled to win the first annual debate with our sister college. Brother Charles Stevens, '00, was chairman of the committee which conducted the affair, and brought great honor to Beta and to Cornell for the successful result of his endeavors. He also has completed a successful term as editor-in-chief of the *Sun*, and we are pleased to announce that Brother William K. Eckert, '02, has been elected to the board for the ensuing year. Brother William H. Baker, '01, contributed to the success of the "Cornellian" which has recently been published.

All of our Alumni will be glad to know that a boat club, to be known as the "Francis Boat Club," has just been formed. This will be a valuable feeder for the crews, and will enable many who do not care to undergo the hard training necessary for successful crew work to enjoy the benefits to be derived from rowing.

Brother Ernest W. Huffcut, '84, is one of the promoters of the new golf association, to be known as the "Ithaca Country Club." Under-graduates are eligible to associate membership, and several of our fellows have been elected. A nine hole course has been laid out on Cornell Heights and a club house is now in course of construction.

We give our annual dance June twenty-first, and we invite all who will be in this vicinity at that time to attend. This invitation is especially extended to all Beta men, as the classes of

'70, '75, '80, '85, '90, and '95 will hold reunions during commencement week. We have during this spring been favored with visits from Brother Norman Hackett, '98, and Stevens, '01, of Gamma Deuteron, and J. Boyce Smith, '00, of Rho Deuteron. Our door is always open to all Theta Delts and we invite you to visit us at any time.

WILLIAM H. BAKER.

GAMMA DEUTERON.—University of Michigan

AFFILIATED

Clifton H. Bushnell.

INITIATED

John A. Belford.

Since our last letter, affairs at Gamma Deuteron have been moving along very much the same as usual. It has been, perhaps, the most uneventful and the shortest three months of the college year. Now the term is drawing to a close while we seem to have only begun our semester's work.

The most important item to be mentioned pertaining to college work is the fellowship in Christian Archaeology, awarded to Brother Morey, '99. It is given by the American School for Classical Studies at Rome, and secures for the holder a year's stay in Rome, beginning September next.

Our representation on the *Wrinkle* board has been increased to three by the appointment of Brothers Simon, '02, and F. C. Crumpacker, '03. With so many aspirants to the staff of the college "funny" paper the atmosphere of the charge house is usually filled with jokes. Brother J. W. Wood, '00, was chosen as toastmaster at the annual engineers' banquet, given May 11. Brother Stevens, '01, was elected to the *Michiganensian* board and as a member of the Friars. Our representatives on the class baseball teams this spring are Brothers Wood, '00, Bidwell, '02, Belford, '03, and H. L. Crumpacker, '03. Brother Mason, '03, was a member of the freshman banquet committee and Brother F. C. Crumpacker, '03, responded to the toast "Michigan." We

have been favored by frequent visits from our alumni and Theta Delts from other charges. Brother C. Dow Clark, Kappa, '95, spent a few hours with us the night that his theatrical company appeared in Ann Arbor. Brother Hackett, '98, played here with the James, Kidder, Hanford company on April 27. While in town he stayed at the house. Some of the other visitors have been Brothers Dennen, '93; Warner, '91; F. T. Van Tuyl, '95; Heamer, '98; McPeck, '00; and Clark, Xi, '01.

June first we intend to give our last house party of the year. This will be but two weeks before college closes so the week following will commence the hard work before examinations.

FLOYD J. WOOD.

DELTA DEUTERON.—University of California

Delta Deuteron, the "baby," sends warmest greetings to her sister charges of Theta Delta Chi. The struggles of our birth have left their effect in the deep gratitude felt by the latest addition to this great family. Those same struggles have filled us with the determination to secure the sooner for our charge, a standing worthy the reputation that Theta Delta Chi holds elsewhere. As Brother Hallock has promised to send an account of the installation, it will not be necessary to enter into its details except to mention the lasting impression made on us by the ceremony as exemplified by the embassy.

The college term having closed soon after our initiation, we cannot begin our real work until the opening of the term next August. Before that time, however, the arrangements for a house will be completed, so that it will be ready for the boys on their return. Then we will be on a better footing to cope with our rivals in securing the elusive freshman. We are being guided in our plans by the mature counsel of Brother Haight, Chi, '74. Next year the management of the house will be in the hands of a board of trustees composed of graduates and undergraduates.

Already we have had the pleasure of giving the grip to a number of Theta Delts from other charges. May our list of vis-

itors be an ever increasing one. The absence of Brother Graydon on an eastern trip has delayed the taking of a group photograph, but, with the indulgence of Brother Bullock, the group will appear in the next issue of *THE SHIELD*. Brothers Hodgkin and Arnold are going to return for post-graduate work next term. So we will still have twelve enthusiastic workers at the opening of the rushing season. Dame Rumor says that Psi U has followed in our footsteps by adding the University of California to her chapter roll.

Realizing Brother Mansfield's well known ideas against expansion, we appreciate the more fully his support and counsel during our first steps towards organization. Brother Mansfield seems to us an ideal fraternity worker and we anticipate with pleasure the fulfillment of his desire to locate within easier reaching distance of us. Within the next few months of vacation there will be a scattering of Theta Deltas throughout the country. May we be fortunate enough to receive some within our gates and extend to them the welcoming grip of Theta Delta Chi.

R. B. MACDONALD.

EPSILON DEUTERON.—Yale University

The close of the college year finds Epsilon Deuteron in a far better condition than at the same period last year. Brother Finch, '02, played on the 'Varsity basket ball team, and captained his freshman team in the same branch of athletics.

Since the last issue of *THE SHIELD* we have initiated one new man, Thomas Fogarty, '02, of New Haven, Conn. Our charge roll now numbers fifteen men, all of whom will return as undergraduates next fall. With this number Epsilon Deuteron ought to and will boom as never before. I take this opportunity to request any brother who knows of a prospective Yale man to notify Epsilon Deuteron of the fact. We have decided to take new and more desirable quarters for the coming year, but I am unable to announce their exact location at this time as it is not fully determined upon.

Epsilon Deuteron was well pleased with the result of the California vote and feels sure that Delta Deuteron will make a brilliant showing. Since my last letter we have had the pleasure of witnessing the marriage of Brother Hopton to Miss Louise Fitch.

Epsilon Deuteron has been well supplied with visitors during the past term, among them were Brothers Bradley, Wright, Jackson, Dewell, Clark, Hess, Kremenz, Lamb, Wanning, and Wilmurt.

GEORGE S. BRIGHAM.

ZETA.—Brown University

The spring term, now drawing swiftly to a close, has been with Zeta one of unusual quietness, a sort of relaxation from the bustle of the winter months, yet we can truly say it has been one of true enjoyment, of pleasure which the world knows little about, yet of a nature which strengthens and develops the bonds which bind us together in fraternal love. Many an evening after supper finds us gathered about in Slater for a social chat, an impromptu party so to speak, and it is only the blink of the eyelids that reminds us that time flies and that there are other days to come. Canoeing trips on the ten mile river are also a constant source of enjoyment, that is unless one experiences the fortunes of Brother Lowry, who has a peculiar faculty for falling overboard.

The social event of the term was the junior promenade, which is yearly a social epoch in the history of Brown. Zeta was represented on the committee by Brothers Low and Gilmore, who will pardon me, I am sure, if I say that no small part of the success of the occasion was due to their efforts. Zeta found it possible to send but three brothers to the New England Convention, Brothers Low and Gilmore, '01, and Brother Hood, '00. Those three are unanimous that the convention, and especially the toasts, aside from the spread itself, proved a decided success; and the rest of the brothers are forced to relegate to the imagination the sad thought of "what might have been" could they have attended.

And now exam's are close at hand. As time flies we realize that the number of days we shall be together is limited, and that we must make the most of our opportunity. This year at last, on class day we shall give a reception in the afternoon in our rooms numbers three and four Slater Hall.

In spite of the fact that we must soon "break camp," the prospect for next year is very bright. Zeta will lose by graduation but two brothers, and there is no reason why she cannot look forward to a happy re-union in the fall and a successful year for 1901.

J. LAWRENCE HOOD.

ETA.—Bowdoin College

Eta greets the new editor of *THE SHIELD* and wishes him all prosperity in his undertaking. Eta also wishes through this medium to extend a hearty and friendly grasp to the newly made brothers of Delta Deuteron.

We have contributed our bit to the Theta Delta world within the month by arranging and carrying through successfully the annual banquet of the New England Association of Theta Delta Chi. The charge yields a lion's share of the credit for the banquet to Brother P. M. Palmer, '00, through whose devoted attention and earnest words the plan of the evening was so fortunately completed.

We have been keeping our eyes open for our next year's delegation and so far two men who are up to the Theta Delt standard have come within our vision. These men are both pledged.

We are now looking forward to commencement with mingled feelings of regret and anticipation. Regret, that our 1900 brothers are to leave, and anticipation of the gala time which every college man dreams of years in advance. For some of us the regret is the more keen in that through this commencement, we first fully realize that we have only one more year of college life. So the time flies ever.

Brother F. J. C. Little, Eta, '89, was with us for a few hours not long since, as was also Brother Morse, Eta, '97. Brother

Hull, Eta, '97, is spending some weeks in histological work in the medical department and is living with us. Eta wishes good luck and honorable prosperity to all the brothers, especially those whom the coming commencement takes out of active college life.

JOHN A. CORLISS.

IOTA.—Harvard University

It is with deep regret that I record the death of Brother A. B. Keeler, '94. Iota feels her loss keenly since our late brother was a very loyal Theta Delt.

Since the last letter of my able predecessor, a great deal has gone on here at Iota which may be interesting to tell. As the following list will indicate we have been very busy taking in a number of men whom it gives me great pleasure to introduce to the fraternity:—W. P. Everts, '00, of St. Paul, Minn.; R. W. Drown, '02, of Lynn, Mass.; H. G. Spencer, '03, of Honolulu, H. I.; M. L. B. Church, '02, of Taunton, Mass.; L. D. Somers, '03, of Brookline, Mass.; A. W. Cooper, '01, of Boston.

Brother Mansur, '97, was married on April 25. Among the ushers at the church ceremony were several Theta Delt.

Bruce Wyman, '96, who graduates from the Law School this year has been appointed instructor in Administrative Law. This course has never before been given in Harvard. Our handicap pool tournament, which ended March 1, was won by Brother 'Pete' White, and he is especially to be congratulated since he was a scratch man. He received as first prize, a cue. I myself was fortunate enough to capture second prize.

Under the good leadership of Brother Sawin, we have organized a baseball team. Almost every fine afternoon the most enthusiastic followers of the game have assembled on Norton's field for practice. Our big game will be with Kappa, and we hope to win as the men are doing some fine practice work.

Brother Otter, our Goebelite brother from Kentucky, is doing his best to organize a Theta Delt crew; but unless he hustles we're afraid the finals will interfere with his plans. We are now in the midst of a tennis tournament. There are only four men

left to compete for the finals, and as it looks now Brothers "Roy" Woods and "Teddy" Hilliard will have a hard struggle for first place. It would be impossible to predict who will win the consolation prize as there are several "dark horses" laying for it. We have also arranged a tournament with Kappa. It will be doubles and will take place in the near future.

On the evening of April 26, we had a graduates' night at the house, and we were more than glad to see so many of the old men among us. Although our spread was not so varied, yet it was very "filling" and we are sure that it was enjoyed. Our one wish is that we might see these men oftener—also any other brothers who can come. The following night came the banquet of the New England Association. It was held at Young's hotel, Boston, and was a very enjoyable occasion. At the business meeting held just before the banquet Brother Stone, '94, was re-elected president. Iota alone had a delegation of fifty present, and we want to speak of the good work which Brother "Gif" Le Clear did in getting so many graduate brothers to attend. Iota has given him a unanimous vote of thanks. The speaking after the dinner was very good. In fact, Brother Crane's oratory so pleased us that, immediately after the banquet, several brothers gave a dance in his honor further up town.

But this era of sport and pastime is over, and all are settling down to hard work for the finals. Our senior brothers are, of course, the busiest of all, and are seldom to be seen about the house. We other classmen know they are working hard. We pity them and offer them our best wishes for a "cum," and if they fail to get one this year they can make up by coming back next year to the Law School or various other graduate departments. We certainly hope they will.

J. G. BERRY.

IOTA DEUTERON.—Williams College

All the fellows have come back from their Easter vacation prepared to make the most of the last stretch of the college year. The seniors are busy talking over plans for commencement, and although they seem to put a good deal of enthusiasm into it, one

can see that it is hard for them to accustom themselves to the idea that it is their last term as active members of the charge.

Brothers Chandler, '01, and Dolph, '01, were our delegates at the annual banquet of the New England Association, and reported it as most successful. Of our alumni who attended, there were Brothers Partridge, '94, and Dunbar, '98.

Williams was in the lead at the track-meet of the New England Athletic Association held Saturday, May 19. Brothers W. B. Putney, '00, and D. R. Little, '00, were our representatives on the team. In a recent college meet, Brother Putney, '00, got second in the low hurdles; Brother Little, '00, second in the two-mile; and Brother Mears, '03, second in the half-mile.

Baseball is of course the all absorbing topic at present. Brother Basset, '02, is captain of his class team. Brother Chandler, '01, is doing more than his share of work as pitcher on his team, while Brothers B. Mears, '03, and H. Mears, '03, are holding down positions on the freshmen team. Brother Boyd, '00, is captain of the fraternity nine and has arranged several games to be played in the near future with other fraternities.

Brother Putney, '00, has been lately appointed a member of the senior prom. committee, of which Brother DeCamp, '00, is chairman. Brother Basset, '02, is a member of the sophomore prom. committee. Brother Osborn, '01, has represented the fraternity in the debating interests of the college, and it is only a just reward of his faithful work that he has been appointed on the Wesleyan preliminaries with a good chance of making the finals. Brother Osborn, '01, is also a member of the Dramatic Club and took parts in a play recently given by the club.

MARIAN F. DOLPH.

KAPPA.—Tufts College

The spring season brings and fulfills many promises for us. It brings many of the fellows to the realization of their own good work in its being recognized by the College at large, while the fulfilments of earnest promise on the part of the graduating seniors needs no comment. Brother Clark, who is manager of

the varsity, gave his word for an excellent ball team, and the promise has been fulfilled. Brother Fiske, '02, proved that he was of the right material and has played a splendid game behind the bat. Brother Flagg, '03, has also filled right field in a creditable manner.

We again have the captaincy of the second team. Brother L. D. Pierce, '01, playing third base and occupying that position much to his credit. Brothers Moors, '02, and Lamb, '03, play left field and second.

The topic of base-ball leads me to say that we expect to have an exciting game with Iota on Friday, May 25. A game will be gory with the blood of battle, for we shall not surrender our banner of '93-'95 with victory perched upon it without considerable demurring. For the sake of practice, the old football rivals, the Pills and the Pellets have again formed for contest and we expect to pull off the game next week. With what survives we shall play Iota.

The men who represented Tufts in the inter-collegiate tennis tournament were both Theta Deltas, Brother Humes, '01, winning from Bates and Trinity and losing to Brown, and Brother Knight, '03, winning from Bates and losing to Dartmouth.

The fraternity kept up to the standard set in the indoor meet, and again pulled 35 points at the annual track meet, May 12. Among other things, we won all three places in the shot put and in the hammer throw.

Brother Clark reports that our men were very cordially entertained by the Omicron Deuteron charge at Dartmouth on a recent visit of the ball team. We had the pleasure of meeting Brothers Kebler and Goodman, of Columbia, just a minute. We hope for a better acquaintance. We also had a short visit from Brother Dana, of the Bowdoin team, and trust we may have the pleasure of seeing him again.

On Tuesday night, May 8, the charge held its annual graduates' night. This is always a pleasant occasion, the most inspiring perhaps of the whole college year. Among the graduate brothers present were President E. H. Capen, '00; Professor S. M. Pitman, '69; B. F. Harmon, '72; Professor E. A. Start, '84; S. W. Mendum, '85; and C. L. Reed, '89.

On the evening of Friday, May 4, there was a theatre party to see Brother Charles Dow Clark, '95, who played in "The Telephone Girl." At the annual election of editors for the college publication, two brothers succeeded as representative of Kappa. Brother Arthur W. Coolidge, '03, on the *Weekly* and Brother R. B. Manbert, '02, on the *Tuftonian*.

Kappa Charge loses at Commencement from the undergraduate number Brothers John Putnam Clark, George Ruthven Kempton, and John Otis Burrage.

R. B. MANBERT.

LAMBDA.—Boston University

Our last meeting was held Thursday, May 17, and a rousing old meeting it was, too. Not only was every active member present, but many graduate brothers attended the farewell meeting to the brothers of the 1900 delgation. In their graduation, we lose as good and loyal Theta Deltas as ever wore the shield, but we all know that this is one of the many things that go to make up life. The graduates are : Brothers Albro, Allen, Clapp, Davies, Lacount, Look, Coit, Jennings, Dorchester, Shook, Gage, and Wheeler.

Since my last letter affairs have been going in a pretty breezy manner here in B. U., Lambda, as usual, getting her share of honors. April 20, however, may be picked out as a red letter day, inasmuch as on that day we presented a drama and gave a musicale and reception to our lady friends. The drama, "A Bachelor's Banquet," was given for the benefit of the dramatic organization of the college, the Philomathean Society. The results were quite satisfactory, since the play was considered one of the best presented during the year ; and since the female rôles were taken by the brothers, we feel quite flattered. The cast was as follows : Major Pomroy, a victim of fate, Brother Webber, '02 ; Dick Foster, engaged to Miss Mortimer, Brother Davies, '00 ; Nat Stillman, engaging to Miss Oldfield, Brother Shook, '00 ; Mrs. Mortimer, a presiding deity, Brother Baker, '02 ; Della Mortimer, daughter of Mrs. Mortimer, Brother Bradlee, '02 ; Constance Oldfield, niece of Major Pomroy, Brother Holbrook, '02. Before

the play Brothers Look, '00, and Lacount, '00, rendered a pleasing piano duet; Brother Davies sang one of his fine solos, and Lambda's musical talent was again brought out in the form of an octet, followed by a solo by Brother Chandler, '02.

In the evening, however, Lambda's lights may be said to have shone, for a reception and musicale was tendered to seventy-five friends. Never have the charge halls appeared to such advantage as they did that evening, and it is doubtful if the brothers ever forget that grand occasion. An interesting musical program was presented, interspersed with numerous readings. By all present the evening was pronounced a complete success.

The annual men's club banquet was held May 9. On the toast list, Lambda had her share of speakers. Brother Coan, '03, spoke for the "Freshman Class" in a most enthusiastic manner; Brother Hook, '02, the lately elected president of the Y. M. C. A., represented that body. Brother Webber, one of the business managers of the "Beacon," spoke in its behalf; Brother Hemenway, '03, gave a very spicy toast to the "Ladies," and Brother Holbrook, '02, had the honor of reading an original poem.

Among other honors received by Lambda men, Brother Gilbert, '01, has been made Librarian-Proctor and also been elected a member of the Philosophical Club, the highest honors open to undergraduate students. Brother Merritt, '03, has distinguished himself by being voted into the Historical Club. Brother Bradlee, '02, and Holbrook, '02, have given evidence of Lambda's literary ability by becoming president and secretary, respectively, of the Beacon Literary Club.

Brother Davies, '00, has secured the position of leading tenor at St. Paul's Episcopal church and is filling it with great satisfaction. He also, with Brother Sheldon, '99, rendered valuable service to Kappa Kappa Gamma in their presentation of "The Snowball", May 18.

Of course, now that we are about to lose thirteen valuable men, we are keeping our eyes open for good fellows to take their places.

J. ARTHUR BAKER.

MU DEUTERON.—Amherst College

At present, Mu Deuteron is enjoying a grand old rain, and the new SHIELD editor takes up his duties with feelings in full sympathy with the weather. Yet he will try to keep up the pace which has been set by his predecessors.

Of course there can not be many new honors to report for spring term, but in general we can say that the charge is more prosperous than ever before. We have a good representation on nearly every one of the college organizations. Among our most recent honors may be mentioned the election of Brother Baker, '01, as editor-in-chief of the *Student* and the selection of Brother Rhoerig, '03, as one of the five speakers chosen from the freshman class to compete for the Kellogg prize at commencement. All members of the class compete for this prize. It is also expected that Brother Rhoerig will make the *Student* board at an early date as he is well in the lead of all other competitors from the freshman class. Several of the brothers are away with the musical association and with the track team at Worcester. It is expected that Brother Dudley, '00, will win honor for himself and for the college in the bicycle race.

Socially there is not very much doing here spring term. Several of us attended the junior prom. at Smith where we had a very pleasant time. The charge has always been strong in the musical line. Recently we gave a musical to which the faculty and some of the town's people were invited. This was the third annual musical given by the charge and was enthusiastically voted a complete success by all present.

College interest is at present centered in a series of interfraternity baseball games. The games are not altogether errorless, but they are great fun. We were to have played our first game with Alpha Delta Phi yesterday, but the game had to be postponed on account of the rain. Golf is also claiming a large share of our attention. The Country Club has bought grounds that are declared by an expert to be the best in Massachusetts. They will soon be in condition, and the old links will be abandoned. The honor system of examinations has been dis-

cussed at some length by the college, but although favored by the majority it will not be adopted.

On March 29, Brother A. M. Walker, '99, was married to Miss Esther Cowles of Springfield. Brother Walker is in business in Springfield. We have had a number of short visits from our alumni, and from brothers from other charges. We enjoy these visits greatly and are always glad to welcome all who come. The charge government has now passed practically into the hands of the junior delegation. The years bring added responsibilities, like true Theta Deltas we shall try to be faithful to our trust.

FRANCIS G. BARNUM.

NU DEUTERON.—Lehigh University

These, the closing days of our college year, are truly most delightful. Only those who have gone before us can appreciate the spring-tide at Lehigh. With the verdant mountains as a back-ground, one can scarcely imagine a more picturesque spot. Undoubtedly the campus may be justly called the Eden of it all. There to wander and to loll amid the classic halls makes one now reverent, now forgetful of all, and lastly mindful of only nature in all her glories.

In just one month more our congenial crowd at "dear old 237" shall begin to scatter, some to spend their time accumulating energy at the shore and mountains for the next collegiate year, and others in the shops among toilers dispensing with that already accumulated.

At the annual concert of the combined glee and mandolin clubs given recently we were well represented. Brothers Higgs, Glancy, Hildreth, and Reigart took active parts.

On the baseball diamond Nu Deuteron's good reputation is being upheld by Brothers Pomeroy, at "short," Alder, at "first," and Parsons, at "third."

The university has lately suffered a severe loss in the destruction of the Physical Laboratory by fire. The building was the handsomest and most thoroughly equipped of any on the campus, and was valued at about two hundred thousand dollars.

The work of tearing down the ruins has already begun, and it is expected that by the next college term a new building, costlier and furnished with more modern apparatus than the former one, will be ready for occupants.

In closing, Nu Deuteron wishes all the brothers a pleasant and prosperous vacation.

JOS. B. FREUND.

XI.—Hobart College

Xi has been busy within herself since the spring vacation, repairing her house and making things as attractive as possible. Under this head comes the repapering of the whole ground floor and the furnishing of a den off the dining room. The work is now completed and we extend a hearty welcome to all who chance to come our way.

The elections have occurred since our alumni letter was sent out, and we are pleased to inform the brothers of the results of the elections of those officers whose names are most often brought before them. As president we have Brother Robert D. Waugh, '02; as corresponding secretary, Brother Mathew W. Bennett, '02, and as SHIELD editor, Brother Edwin V. Baker, '03.

The alumni letter contained the list of honors taken by the brothers of Xi both in scholarship and in athletics, so there is need of no further mention of these. But perhaps some of our alumni will be pleased to know that the old shells are again on the water and what bids fair to be a crew for Hobart is rapidly developing. Ground was broken about May 10 for the new Medbury dormitory and the work is rapidly progressing. This will be a new drawing card, and it is hoped that it will increase the number of freshmen this year.

The social wheel has just begun to turn at Hobart with the junior prom., which took place Friday evening, May 11. As we have no juniors, Xi did not take an active part in this affair; but as Brothers Albert Stettenbenz and Wm. W. Robison are on the senior ball committee, the former being chairman, we expect to make it quite a Theta Delta Chi affair. As usual the senior ball occurs on

the evening of commencement day, Wednesday, June 20. On Friday evening, June 15, Xi gives its annual ball in Collins' Hall, and cordially invites all the alumni to attend. This promises to be the event of the season and as we graduate three of our brothers, the following week will be a gay one.

We regret deeply that we are to lose the three members of the class of 1900, Brothers Albert Stettenbenz, William W. Robison, and Fred D. Graves. Brother Stettenbenz enters business in Buffalo in the fall, Brother Robison enters the study of law, and Brother Graves goes to Chicago to enter the Western Theological Seminary there. In conclusion we wish to say that as many of our alumni as possibly can will be with us at the reunion banquet at commencement time and help to make the one of 1900 the most glorious in the history of Xi Charge.

EDWIN V. BAKER.

OMICRON DEUTERON.—Dartmouth College

With the opening of the spring term, Hanover has broken away from the ice-bound monotony of the winter months, and the brothers are now largely occupied with out of door sports. However, the rooms are still a favorite lounging place, the clicking of the billiard balls and the harmonious notes of the piano are invariably heard every evening.

Omicron Deuteron still maintains her old position of prominence in college organizations. On the glee club, we are represented by Brother Rogers, '00, H. G. Parker, '02, and Cresswell, '03. In dramatics, Brothers Hill, '01, Whitcomb, '01, and H. F. Parker, '02, played their parts with great credit. The last named has recently been chosen by the sophomore class as one of the seven men, from whom three will be elected in June by the athletic council to the assistant managerships of the baseball, football, and the athletic associations. Brothers Craig and Newman were members of the '02 basketball team which won the New England inter-collegiate championship.

We were glad to welcome five Kappa brothers on the Tufts College ball nine, and to congratulate them on the game they

played, although victory was not to be expected with Brother Cook, '00, in the box for Dartmouth. We are always glad to receive such visits, as Hanover is somewhat isolated, and trust that before the season is completed we may greet more Theta Delt ball tossers on rival teams. On the "reserves," we are represented by Bros. O'Connor, '02, and Newman, '02, and expect much aid from them in winning the inter-fraternity baseball championship later in the spring.

May seventh to tenth was celebrated as "Brown week." On Monday evening, after the annual debate, we held our maiden dance in Newton Inn, Norwich, Vt. Twenty-five couples participated, aided by music furnished by the Pentucket Orchestra of Haverhill, Mass. The hall was tastefully decorated with draperies, banners, and flags; while plants and palms added to the brilliancy of the scene. Much to our disappointment, no Zeta brothers were in town, but Brother Faxon, Iota, '02, enjoyed our hospitality. The credit of this, our first undertaking, was due to the committee, Brothers Barrows, '00, H. F. Parker, '02, and W. H. Howard, Jr., '02. On Wednesday evening, in conjunction with Psi Upsilon, we gave an informal dance in Grand Army Hall.

Brothers Neal, '03, and Briggs, '02, are members of the college track team; and Brother Dorr, '02, has been chosen as our representative on the *Aegis* board. In closing let me say, that we want every Theta Delt who comes near Hanover to call on us. We will see that everything is made pleasant for him. If any brothers in other charges are acquainted with, or know of, desirable men who expect to enter Dartmouth next fall, they will confer a great favor upon us by writing about them, as, in the few weeks before "chinning season," many good men are necessarily passed over, who would make good Theta Deltas.

RALPH H. CARLETON.

PI DEUTERON.—College of the City of New York

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Rudolph Dulon, 1903.

Friday, May 18, 1900, marked the close of the term, and "exams." are about to begin. The charge will lose through graduation Brothers Fisher, Howe, Schaefer and Steele, but their places will be taken by four sub-freshmen who have hopes of being advanced with their class. We have held frequent reunions at the homes of various brothers throughout the year, which were attended by many loyal graduates. The affairs of the charge are in pretty good shape and next year promises to be one of general prosperity.

A bill recently signed by the Governor takes the control of the college out of the hands of the Board of Trustees, and gives the mayor power to appoint a separate governing body to be known as the Trustees of the College of the City of New York. The measure was vigorously opposed by the President and Faculty, all to no avail.

A new elective course is to be put in operation in the upper classes next fall. It is a sort of compromise, and is not very revolutionary in character. In the struggle between the study of the "humanities" and the study of the "moderns," neither seems to have gained the supremacy, so that the new course hardly attains the dignity of being a common ground which conserves the merits of both tendencies. Graduation exercises of the class of 1900, take place Thursday, June 21, 1900, at Carnegie Music Hall. The charge in all probability will be quite in evidence throughout the building, and will be on the outlook for any graduates who happen to come around.

GEORGE WM. STEELE.

RHO DEUTERON.—Columbia University

With the graduating class this year, we will lose a large part of our charge; only twelve brothers out of our present membership of twenty will be left to continue the work of the charge

in the fall. After the summer vacation we shall remove to new quarters in the near neighborhood of the University, as we have learned from recent experience that we can not appreciate the fullest advantages of our fraternity life unless we have the means of seeing one another frequently throughout the week. We left our former house in April, and since then we have been holding our meetings at the residences of the members of the charge. These meetings have been very pleasant, although not so well attended as those in the charge house. Brothers Steeves, Dickerson, Lindenmeyer, and Lawson have placed their houses at our disposal for these gatherings.

Rho Deuteron has been quite active in athletics during the past spring. We have been represented on the track team by Brothers J. Boyce Smith, '01; Chas. Eastmond, '01; and Chas. B. Halsey, '02. Brother John L. Kebler, '00, and Frank Goodman, '03, have been playing with the 'varsity baseball team. Brother Jos. Spencer, '02, and C. R. Neidlinger, Pi Deuteron, '99, have assisted our water-polo and relay swimming teams in winning the Intercollegiate championship. Brother Chas. Eastmond, '01, and De Young, '02, Law, have distinguished themselves in the intercollegiate, Yale-Columbia, and Columbia championship gymnastic meets. Brother Eastmond also has the honor of being the strongest man in the college.

We regret to announce that Brother Arthur Cherouney, '02, has been obliged to leave college in order to take up the business interests of his father, who was lately taken seriously ill. Brother Carl Tombo, '02, has been appointed to the editorial staff of our semi-weekly newspaper—the *Spectator*. Brother Rudolf Tombo, Pi Deuteron, '95, who is at present studying in Germany, will return to Columbia in the fall as instructor in the German language and literature. We are particularly glad of Brother Tombo's return and appointment as he has been since his affiliation, one of the most active and genial members of this charge.

In closing, Rho Deuteron wishes the best of prosperity to the other charges in the fall reunions, and extends her congratulations and heartiest good wishes to the newest charge of our roll.

HARRISON ROSS STEEVES.

SIGMA DEUTERON.—University of Wisconsin

June finds Sigma Deuteron, at the close of a most prosperous year, ready to enjoy the many pleasures and amusements of the season. Since the last letter a goodly share of College honors have come to the charge. In the final oratorical contest held on March 28, Brother W. F. Adams, '00, and your correspondent had the honor of participating. Brother Adams was one of the Wisconsin debaters in the Wisconsin-Iowa debate, held at Iowa City on May 11, and Brother Brazeau was closer on the team that debated Georgetown in Washington on May 19. The list of commencement orators has recently been issued by the faculty, and contains the names of Brothers Adams and Brazeau.

In athletic ways, we have also been doing our share. Brother A. F. Alexander, law, '01, is rowing bow on the crew, which we all hope and expect will lead Cornell and Pennsylvania across the finish line at Poughkeepsie in June. Brother Burdick is our best half mile runner this year, and bids fair to develop into a winner before the season is over. Brother White, '01, is assistant manager of the track team.

The charge gave a dancing party at Kehl's Hall on March 30, at which some twenty or more of the brothers passed a most enjoyable evening. The Gods of Prosperity seem to be smiling on our alumni, for since our last letter the engagement of two of the old brothers have been announced. The marriages of both Brother Gerhardt M. Dahl, law '96, of Waupaca, Wis., and Brother Isaac P. Witter, '96, of Grand Rapids, Wis., will occur in June.

May 15 being our fifth anniversary as a charge of Theta Delta Chi, we celebrated the occasion with a smoker at the charge house. A history of the beginnings of Sigma Deuteron compiled by Brother Guy S. Ford, '95, was read and old times talked over. Two old Kappa men, C. S. Clark, '95, and James H. Bradbury, '79, made us a very pleasant visit recently. They are in the theatrical business and are both doing finely.

WILLIAM JARVIS CARR.

TAU DEUTERON.—University of Minnesota

As the college year draws to a close Tau Deuteron can look back over a year which has been both happy and prosperous. The new men have grown into the spirit of the fraternity and all, both old and young, have been closely bound together by the bonds of sympathy and brotherly love.

The seniors feel themselves face to face with the broader life which exists beyond the college walls and realize, more fully than ever, the true meaning of our fraternity. We have already said goodbye to Brother Egleston who has finished his course in mining engineering and gone west where he will doubtless locate permanently. Brother Webber finishes his course in law, but may return for advanced work in the fall. Brother McDermott, '96, also finishes law this year, and will take up its practice in St. Paul. Brother Swenson, '99, receives his master's degree this spring.

On March 2, we held our eighth annual banquet at the West Hotel. About forty active and alumni Theta Delts were present, Brother Dawley, Psi, '75, acting as toastmaster. In addition to many of our own alumni, we were glad to have with us from sister charges Brother Horning, Psi, '73; Brother Gedney, Gamma Deuteron, '94; Brother Thomas, Gamma Deuteron, '99; Brother McGaughey, Gamma Deuterom, '96; Brother Hartwell, Sigma Deuteron, '95; Brother Crooker, Beta, '84; Brother Chinn, Beta, '99; Brother Brown, Omnicron Deuteron; Brother Leonard, Kappa, '76; Brother Cochrane, Nu Deuteron. The only sad feature of the banquet was the announcement of the death of Bishop Gilbert who had always shown himself a kind and helpful brother and a loyal Theta Delt. Appropriate resolutions were drawn by Brother Moffatt and Brother Gray, who were charter members of the charge and remembered the valuable service which he rendered at that time.

On April 16, we held a smoker and donation party at the house. Each active member brought a present for the house while the old boys sat about and did their duty by the cigars. Brother and Mrs. Crooker acted as chaperones at a dancing party given at the charge house on May 12.

Since the last SHIELD we have received visits from Brother Chandler, Eta, '90; Brother Kendall, Beta, '78; Brother Lay, Beta, '73; Brother Partridge, Xi, '85; Brother Bradbury, Kappa, '79; Brother Allen, Psi, '79; Brother White, alias "Spot," Sigma Deuteron, '01; and Brother Burdick, Sigma Deuteron, '01. We have also received visits from many of our own alumni who are always welcome at "1018."

Brother Pike, ex '00, who has been at the Mass. Inst. of Technology for two years, is back in the city staying at the house. We have his brother pledged for next year. Brother Clifford, '95, and Thomas, '99, are both in Lacrosse, Wis. Brother Clifford is telegraph editor on the *Chronicle* and Brother Thomas is attending to a large dental practice. Brother Geo. Gray, '98, has been appointed City Bacteriologist of Spokane, Washington. Brother Snoad, '97, who has nursed us through the winter, has taken charge of a business in Granite Falls. Brother Deering, Eta, '75, has a son in the University who will ride the Theta Delt goat early in the fall. Brother Savage, '97, has resigned his position as general sec'y of the Y. M. C. A., and has accepted a business position which will take him to Europe for the summer. Brother Tebbett, '02, is on the track team for the 220 and 440 yard dashes. Brother Pratt, '98, who is located in Peru, sends his regards and a generous subscription, both of which were duly appreciated. Brother J. B. Moffatt, '96, is to be married in June.

We were very pleased to hear of the installation of the Delta Deuteron Charge in the University of California and wish them all success.

C. F. LANE.

PHI.—Lafayette College

During the past three months, Phi has been rather quiet. Although several things of interest have happened which have varied the monotony to some extent. We have had two very pleasant visits during the term. Brother Jones, '98, who was leader of the celebrated '98 glee club stayed a week with us, and

Brother Larkin, '99, and his wife spent the day with us on their way back from New York to Buffalo, their home.

Most of our charge expect to be in better quarters next year, as the college is building two new dormitories and reconstructing two, making the accommodations much superior to those now existing, and most of the brothers are pulling for the new buildings.

Phi holds her annual banquet at the United States Hotel, Easton, on the evening of June 18, and invites the brothers of all the other charges, and especially wishes that if any brother should find himself in the vicinity of Easton at that time he will make it a point to be present.

Brother Williams, '02, has just been elected to the *Melange* board and also to the *Lafayette* board. Phi is fortunate this year in losing only two men by graduation. Brothers J. G. Stradling, E. E., and H. N. Warbasse, A.B., both of whom have been in college the full four years. The outlook for next year is exceedingly bright, and it will probably be another banner year for Phi.

J. G. STRADLING.

CHI.—University of Rochester

The editor pens this letter with feelings of mingled joy and sorrow. Of joy because it brings to mind the fact that it will be but a few weeks before the long wished for and much needed rest from college work will come; of sorrow for it brings at the same time the thought that the brothers must part, and that the pleasant associations will for a time be severed. But we are glad that it is only for a time, and we will welcome the opening of college in the fall with more eagerness than we now welcome vacation.

Though startling news has been scarce we have had some good times here. On Friday, March 20, the charge gave an alumni smoker. Brother Brown, Beta, '94, who was staying in the city, came out to us, as did also Brother Curtis, Beta, and Brother Ruggles, Psi. All had a good time looking through the clouds of smoke and recalling old times, talking over the convention, singing the fraternity songs, etc.

Rochester, this year, is making a better showing in baseball than she has done in some years, and we are proud of Brother Love who holds the permanent position behind the bat. Though this is his first year in that position, by hard and persistent work he has beaten out two other candidates for the same place. Brother Love has already had the pleasure of being entertained by Psi and Xi, and reports a royal good time at both places.

April 26, the University dramatic club gave its annual production at the Lyceum, which consisted of a burlesque of Uncle Tom's Cabin. Representing Chi, were Brother Hart on the negro quartette, Brother Drake as Emmeline, and Brother Salmon, as Mrs. St. Clair. This is not the first time Brother Salmon has appeared in some rôle of the fair sex.

This year being the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Rochester University, the commencement exercises are to be more elaborate than usual and a week earlier. This last mentioned fact does not cause much grumbling. The junior "prom." which usually occurs much earlier than this, is to take place June 8. It is put off to this late date that it may be the first event in the new gymnasium which is to be dedicated the following week. It is expected that many illustrious alumni will be back during commencement week, among them some of our Theta Deltas. On June 12, Governor Roosevelt is to be here and deliver an address, and Friday of the same week is "Otis Day." General Otis is an alumnus of the University, a fact which makes the day of much greater interest to college men.

We are anticipating a rousing good time at the annual Theta Delta Chi banquet, and it is fitting that we should thus close our college year.

F. S. HOLBROOK.

CHI DEUTERON.—Columbian University

As the end of the year draws near, we brothers of Chi Deuteron—and I suppose the same is true of the other charges—are filled with deep regret. True, the college duties of the year have been exacting, often irksome, yet the knowledge of tasks per-

formed and obstacles met and overcome lends a keen sort of satisfaction that causes us to forget our former trials. And above all shines the never-fading lustre of fraternity existence and enjoyment. It is this latter which we especially hate to leave. Theta Delta Chi has done so much for us, the hours spent within her sacred precincts have been so full of profit and pleasure, that it is no wonder our love for the shield we wear and for the folds of the black, white, and blue that floats above us is so deep and everlasting. Those of us who graduate this year are brought to a full realization of what an important factor Theta Delta Chi has been in our lives. We are made to feel how great is our affection for the fraternity now that we are about to give up active membership in it. But though we go out into the world, into the serious business of life, we are not leaving Theta Delta Chi behind us. She goes with us and will ever remain with us to the end of our days.

Chi Deuteron loses four men this year by graduation, Brothers Lindsey, Chase, W. D. Sterrett, and Domer. Their loss will be felt, but the brothers who remain are true blue Theta Delts, and by their energy and enthusiasm will soon bring next year's charge up to the proper strength.

Columbian has decided to give up the combined university commencement and this year the various departments will graduate separately. The College, Corcoran Scientific School, and Graduate School will hold their exercises on May 30, at the National Theatre. Commander Richard Wainwright, U. S. N., the hero of the Gloucester, will be the orator of the occasion, and, it is safe to say, will be given a rousing ovation. The class-day exercises of the college will take place on May 29, and Theta Delta Chi will come pretty near to monopolizing everything. Brother Lindsey, the class president, will make an address of welcome; Brother Chase is the presenter; Brother Domer will read the class history; and Brother H. F. Ashford will give the junior response to the pipe-oration. The annual reception will be held the evening after graduation.

The University has lost its able and popular President, Dr. B. L. Whitman having resigned to go into the active ministry. His departure is keenly regretted both by faculty and students,

for he was beloved and honored by all alike. The new president has not been chosen as yet, but in the meantime the Rev. Samuel H. Greene, D.D., L.L.D., is acting in that capacity. Another loss which the college will sustain is that of the venerable Dean. Dr. Huntington has been in very feeble health for some time, and will sever his connection with the University next October.

On March 26, the anniversary of the establishment of our charge; we celebrated the occasion in fitting style. The banquet was a great success from every point of view—the stomachic, forensic, and musical. The table groaned with good things, and so eventually did we. The speeches were the best ever heard in our rooms. Everybody had a toast assigned him, and all the responses were models of the after-dinner art.

Athletic sports are booming now and every brother who has any time to spare is taking a hand in them. The gloves, foils, and rackets are all going at a lively rate, and on the track Brother Norris is making a reputation for himself. Brother W. D. Sterrett is also doing good work. The devotees of the piscatorial art now take their boat and bait and a little "luck," and hie themselves to the river. One brother has resorted to scientific gardening for the benefit of his lady friends. Tulips are a favorite of his. His services as a cultivator are in great demand. None of the rest of us dare follow his example, however.

There is one thing that is immensely pleasing to Chi Deuteron, and we are sure that the whole fraternity rejoices at it as well, that is the installation of the Delta Deuteron charge in the University of California. To this new charge Chi Deuteron extends heartiest greetings, and, congratulates it most enthusiastically upon its admission into our beloved old Theta Delta Chi. The fraternity now stretches from ocean to ocean, and it should stretch from the Dominion to the Gulf. Expansion is the order of the day and Theta Delta Chi has never been known to lag. Expansion has just begun. There is more to come. We are on the right track. "Onward and upward," that is our watchword; and its principles shall be carried out. A new star in the west has been added to the Theta Delta Chi firmament, and its luster will in time rival the brightest of those already there. Three cheers and a good old brotherly slap on the back for the fellows

of Delta Deuteron. We know they are the right stuff. The western country is noted for its big things, and there are going to be some big Theta Delts cultivated there. Chi Deuteron extends her hand in fraternal grasp to Delta Deuteron, and resigns to her with pleasure the title of the "Baby Charge."

We had a distinguished visitor the other day. Brother Clay W. Holmes dropped in on us very unexpectedly. It was good to see Brother Holmes again, and we were much benefited by his words of advice and encouragement. We wish he could have stayed with us longer. Brother Graydon says that Brother Holmes also paid Delta Deuteron a very welcome visit just before the installation of the charge. Brother Holmes has certainly scoured the country during the past year.

Other callers who have dropped in on us recently are: Brothers Willis J. Egleston, Gamma Deuteron, '96, William L. Dickson, Chi, '77, and C. A. Scherer, Tau Deuteron, '03. Chi Deuteron wishes her sister charges a happy vacation and renewed energy for next year's rushing.

HARRY T. DOMER.

PSI.—Hamilton College

Spring this year has been unusually shy, and although it is the middle of May, overcoats are still the fashion. Although the weather has been a set-back to athletics, yet in our spring field day, some very credible records were made. Brother Blakely, '03, was fortunate enough to break the college record in the hammer throw. Psi had three men on the track team, and will have two men on the tennis team.

Expansion seems to be in the air and we have caught the fever. Psi, for several years, has been the smallest charge, but we intend, if possible, to make this year the last in that respect. We loose but one man by graduation this year, so that we shall have a good start next year. In the line of sub-freshmen, we have pledge buttons on two and several others are to make us a visit before commencement, on whom we expect to put the same. Our commencement is June 28, and if any brother is in our part of the state, we hope he can find time to make us a visit.

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 gain information concerning the members of our fraternity. The assistance of all is earnestly requested and full details are desired whenever they can be obtained.

Seward A. Simons, Beta, '79, has recently received the appointment of tax appraiser for the district of Erie County, N. Y. The office was created by the passage of a bill introduced into the legislature by Senator Elsberg, and signed by Governor Roosevelt. The purpose of the act is to reduce the present extravagant expense of appraising estates, under the inheritance tax law, as performed by direction of the surrogates, and to bring appraisers directly under the control of State Comptroller Morgan, who in announcing his selections said: "I gave careful attention to the recommendations, and have made these appointments. They are all men of ability and repute, and I know they are qualified to perform the duties of the office." Brother Simons, is a very successful lawyer of Buffalo, and his appointment was backed by the Republican organization of Erie County. The salary of the office is \$3,000.

George Ray Wicker, Beta, '90, has been elected instructor in political economy in Dartmouth College. Brother Wicker was a fellow at the University of Pennsylvania during the year 1898-99, and has held a similar position at the University of Wisconsin the past year. He will receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy this month, and is to be congratulated upon receiving his appointment at Dartmouth at the same time.

H. G. Field, Gamma D., '93, is engaged to be married to Miss Mary Wayne Fry of Detroit, on July 18th. Mr. and Mrs. Field will attend the Paris Exposition on their wedding trip; and on their return, will make their home in Detroit where Brother Field is a member of the firm of Field & Hincleman, Consulting Engineers. Brother Field is of one the most prominent men in the city in his profession.

Perry Wilson, Gamma D., '94, who for the past five years has been in the practice of law at Denver, Col., has taken up his permanent residence at Silver City, New Mexico, where most excellent opportunities have been offered him for corporation and mining practice. While in Denver, Brother Wilson was a prominent member of the University Club, and made many friends through his geniality and social qualities.

Norman H. Hackett, Gamma D., '98, has entered upon his summer engagement with the Star Theatre Stock Company at Buffalo. The engagement will last till the latter part of July. His present address is 71 Niagara Square, Buffalo, N. Y. The June *Munsey* contained a half-tone picture of Brother Hackett, accompanied by a short comment on his successful theatrical career.

A. H. Blaisdell, Delta, '70, is engaged with the Missouri River Commission, with his office at 1515 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo.

J. F. Echeverria, Delta, '84, who is located at San José, Costa Rica, will be present at the Philadelphia exhibition next October as a delegate of the Chamber of Commerce of San José, Costa Rica. Brother Echeverria aided Brother Hallock, Delta, '91, very materially in promoting and establishing the Pacific Graduate Association, two years ago.

William L. Stone, Zeta, '57, who is considered an authority on Revolutionary history, is awake to historical inaccuracies, as the following communication to the New York *Sun* shows :

AN HISTORICAL ERROR CORRECTED

To the editor of the Sun.—*Sir*: I am becoming so tired of correcting gross historical misstatements, that I thought I would not do so longer ; but, one in a late issue of your paper, in which you quote an article from the *Bangor Herald*, written by a Mrs. Frye, contains such a great blunder that I am, in the interest of historical truth, constrained to write.

The lady says, in enumerating the different personages that she thinks should be given a niche in the "Temple of Fame," that Mrs. Philip Schuyler should have a place in this temple, giving as a reason that she "showed her patriotism by burning her house at Saratoga on the approach of Burgoyne's army."

Now, on the contrary (see my *Burgoyne's Campaign*, in which authorities are cited), Gen. Schuyler's mansion was burned by Burgoyne himself for strategic reasons. (See Burgoyne's trial in Parliament published in 1780).

The only idea that Mrs. Frye may have had in mind was a very doubtful and mythical tradition that, on the approach of Burgoyne, she fired her wheat fields to save them from giving forage to the English Army. Still, as the wheat was then quite green, it is problematical if the firing did much good."

WILLIAM L. STONE.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., April 19.

W. W. Thomas, Eta, '60, is the distinguished subject of the following clipping, from the N. Y. *Tribune* of May 26, 1900 :—

"William W. Thomas,—Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Sweden and Norway, arrived last

night on the Hamburg-American liner Fuerst Bismarck and went at once to Washington. In the course of conversation with reporters Mr. Thomas said :

'My present visit to America is for a very pleasant purpose. In 1870 I led a little colony of Swedes over the ocean and with them founded the settlement of New-Sweden in the dense forests of the north of my native State of Maine. The colony numbered fifty-one souls all told—men, women and children. It has grown and prospered, and to-day has over two thousand happy, contented Swedish-American farmers. There is not to-day a more prosperous agricultural settlement in the United States than New-Sweden. On June 25 next the colonists celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the day when I led them into the Maine woods, and on invitation I have sailed from old Sweden to be with them, speak to them and rejoice with them on that day. I bear with me an autograph letter from King Oscar expressing his congratulations on the success of the colony and his best wishes for its future. I also bear with me a fine portrait of the King, signed "Oscar," with the King's own hand which he has charged me to present to the colony.'

Mr. Thomas came here alone, his wife, who is a daughter of a Swedish nobleman, and family remaining in Sweden, and he expects to return in about a month."

W. A. Deering, Eta, '75, is practising medicine in Minneapolis, Minn. His address is 425, 8th Ave., S. E., Minneapolis.

David M. McPherson, Eta, '75, is located in Portland, Maine. His address is 45 Smith Street.

Levi Turner, Eta, '86, whom all those privileged to be present at the New England banquet this spring will remember as the toastmaster on that occasion, was chairman of the Republican district convention held at Portland, Me., April 17, 1900. From the newspaper accounts, this convention might well serve as a model for some other sections of the country. There was no contest and the chairman kept things on the move, so that not a minute was wasted. The whole proceedings, including organization, the chairman's speech, the nominating speeches, and the adoption of the resolutions, occupied less than three-quarters of an hour. Brother Turner in occupying the chair spoke briefly of the history of the Republican party and of the problems now confronting it. He commended heartily the action taken on behalf of sound money, bespoke for President McKinley an "enthusiastic renomination by hearty acclamation," endorsed the policy being pursued by the administration in dealing with new possessions, and predicted a decisive Republican victory in the fall. The speech was heartily applauded throughout, and the references to President McKinley were especially well received.

R. H. McFarland, Theta, '74, is a lawyer at Zanesville, Ohio. His office is at 47 North 4th street.

Edward S. Griffing, Iota, '89, is a member of the law firm of Hamilton & Griffing, 120 Broadway, Manhattan, City of New York.

C. E. Montague, Iota D., '91, is practicing medicine at Wakefield, Mass.

W. O. Work, Iota D., '92, is pastor of the First Congregational Church at Saratoga Springs, New York.

John P. Huntington, Iota D., '94, was admitted, last January, to the Connecticut bar, and is now practicing law in the office of Nelsey & Briscoe at Norwich, Conn.

Lewis E. Lee, Iota D., '94, is preaching in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gavin H. Wright, Iota D., '94, is pastor of the People's Church at Greendale, Mass. He was a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference held in New York in April.

Herbert L. Towne, Iota D., '94, was graduated in April from the New York University Medical School.

Willard P. Millspaugh, Iota D., '95, graduated last May from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York. Dr. Millspaugh has received an appointment at Roosevelt hospital for the coming year.

Richard P. Ward, Iota D., '95, has changed his residence from Canon City to Denver, Col. His address is now 1840 Sherman Avenue.

Edmonds Putney, Iota D., '96, has become a member of the law firm of Putney, Twombly & Putney, 115 Broadway, New York.

S. Edgar Whitaker, Lambda, '90, has been elected superintendent and general manager of the Portland and Yarmouth Electric Railway Co., operating a line of thirteen miles. Brother Whitaker has resigned his position with the General Electric Company, where he was a member of the engineering staff. His present address is Portland, Me.

W. F. Gilman, Lambda, '92, is a member of the firm of Gilman & Son, manufactures of improved last-lathes, of Springfield, Vermont.

C. B. Tewksbury, Lambda, '92, has just been appointed manager of the Portland office of the Bradstreet Co., and has taken up his residence in Portland.

Charles W. Wilder, Jr., Lambda, '99, is connected with the Norwalk University School at Norwalk, Conn.

Robert A. Holmes, Mu D., '98, resides at 318 North Gray St., Elmira, N. Y.

Dr. Frederic W. McCall, Mu D., '90, was recently elected secretary of the Sixth District Dental Society of the State of New York. His office is at 36 Henry St., Binghamton, N. Y.

J. P. Houston, Omicron D., '84, has been elected professor of the diseases of children in the Chicago Polyclinic Institute, the oldest and best post-graduate medical school in the West. Last April he was elected to a position on the staff of the Maurice Porter Hospital, the only hospital in Chicago at which children exclusively are treated. Later he was tendered

the professorship of diseases of children in the Illinois Medical College, a position which he declined. It is a matter of especial gratification to Brother Houstons many friends that these appointments were made solely upon his merit. None of the offices were solicited, nor did he even know of the consideration of his name until elected.

Leslie P. Snow, Omicron D., '86, is practicing law at Rochester, New Hampshire. He is a member of the firm of Worcester, Gafney, & Snow, the senior member of which, Brother Worcester, Zeta, '54, has recently entered Omega Charge. Their offices are over the First National Bank of Rochester.

Rev. Dr. David Gregg, Pi, '65, has lately been considered to be conservative in theology because of his pronounced views on the Westminster Confession. After graduating from college he studied at the Alleghany Theological Seminary, and a school near Belfast, Ireland. Brother Gregg is now pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., where he has been eminently successful for the last ten years. He has also been a contributor to religious literature, the more prominent of his works being: "From Solomon to the Captivity," "Studies in John," and "Facts calling for Faith."

Geo. W. Kosmak, Pi D., '93, is a physician connected with the General Memorial Hospital, 106th Street and Central Park, West.

Rudolph Tombo Jr., Pi D., '95, who has been studying in Germany the past year, will be located at Leipzig until the middle of August, and urges all the brothers who come near him to look him up. Brother Tombo will sail for home the 18th of August, in time to assume his duties as instructor in German at Columbia University the coming fall. All Theta Deltas extend congratulations to one of their most loyal members for his merited success.

F. Secor Dickinson, Rho D., '99, is employed in the sales department of the American Tin Plate Company, 24 State Street, New York City.

Edward Van Winkle, Rho D., '00, has finished his course in electrical engineering, and is now with the Otis Elevator Company of New York. Brother Van Winkle has announced his engagement to Miss Laura LeRoy Batdorf, of New York City.

Geo. T. Carter, Phi, '84, intends to locate in Costa Rica, where he will engage in the coffee and banana business.

Rev. A. E. Keigwin, Phi, '91, was installed pastor of the Park Presbyterian Church of Newark, New Jersey, March 26th. His new charge is one of the leading Presbyterian churches of Newark and has a membership of between eight and nine hundred. The salary is \$4,000 a year. Brother Keigwin resigned the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of Millville to accept

his new position. The new pastor was installed in the presence of an immense assemblage, including a large delegation from his recent charge, a fact which bore strong testimony of the esteem in which he is held by his former parishioners. The services were peculiarly interesting and impressive. Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Tallmage, of Washington, D. C., preached the installation sermon. The charge to the new pastor was delivered by the pastor's father, Rev. Dr. Albert N. Keigwin, of Wilmington, Del., and the charge to the congregation was made by Rev. Dr. David R. Frazer, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Newark. The ushers were Circuit Court Judge Francis J. Swayze; Commissioner Van Duyne, of the Board of Works; Stephen J. Meeker, George W. Tompkins, John W. Denny, Edward N. Crane, and John J. Henry, who composed the Board of Trustees.

Barton W. Perry, Psi, '91, has been appointed a chaplain in the regular army. In relation to his appointment we clip the following from a Washington paper:

"President McKinley has nominated the Rev. Barton W. Perry, of Oakland, Cal., to fill the only vacancy in the list of chaplains in the Regular Army. With the nomination, was set a precedent for future selections. Mr. Perry has been subjected to a most rigid physical and mental examination, such as is required of a lieutenant in the army, and the mental examination embraced nearly everything of a trying character. The candidate, for instance, was required to know a great deal of the history and literature of Greece, Rome, Germany, France, England and America, including something of the feudal system. Secretary Root has decided that the examination for chaplains in the future shall amount to something, and that no more superannuated preachers shall be appointed for mere political services, to enlarge the retired list in a short time."

Duncan Campbell Lee, Psi, '91. The *Cornell Alumni News*, under date of March 21, 1900, prints an extended history of the Department of Oratory at that university, which contains much matter of interest to the Theta Delt. This department, "without which," President Schurman is quoted as saying, "no American university can be considered complete," was instituted in 1887, being founded on a similar department at Hamilton. In 1893, when Professor Lee was teaching in the Cascadilla School in Ithaca, the chair in this department became vacant, and Brother Lee's enviable record in English and Oratory made as an undergraduate at Hamilton stood him in good stead. As the *News* says: "At the departure of Professor Smith from Cornell, Mr. Lee was the only person recommended by him as his successor. Mr. Lee was then but twenty-four years old, but his success as a teacher led the trustees to offer him the chair. Upon his coming, the department was made independent of all others."

In commenting on the remarkable success of Brother Lee in his work the *News* says that his courses are eminently practical: "That spirit of continual striving for the original, the practical, and the development of

individuality,—Cornell's chief aim, we may call it,—is nowhere more evident than in the Department of Oratory. The department system followed by every student teaches that there can be no right speaking without thinking, and that right thinking can best be promoted by increasing the powers of reasoning and observation. Especially is stress laid on originality in the interpretation of thought and emotion. Imitation finds no place in the system, and 'elocutionary' theories are but little followed. The purpose of the department is to train not elocutionists, but public speakers—to train the intellectual rather than the physical—to give men the practical schooling which a speaker needs in order to satisfy the demands of public life."

This article on the Department of Oratory is followed in the same copy of the *News* by a detailed description of the debating system at Cornell from the pen of Brother Lee himself. Although our modest brother doesn't say so, it is largely through his untiring efforts that this model system has been built up, and that there has been aroused at Cornell an enthusiasm for public speaking and debating which gives that university, as President Wheeler of California says, "the best organized debating 'plant' in existence."

Marriages

Emery Moyers Wilson, Beta, '93, and Miss Mabel Lawton Sanborn were married at the First Congregational Church of Washington, D.C., on the evening of June 13.

Harvey H. Wicks, Beta, '97, and Miss Julia Arisba Westcott were married at Utica, N. Y., on April 16. They are at home at 42 Miller Street, after June 1.

Guy V. Williams, Gamma D., '96, was married on June the seventh to Miss Nannie M. Brown of Portsmouth, Ohio. Mrs. Williams is a charming and beautiful young woman of rare attainments; and the wedding was one of the largest society events of the season. Many handsome presents and many telegrams of congratulation were received. After taking a post-graduate course, Brother Williams spent a year abroad, and then began the practice of law at Portsmouth, Ohio, where he has met with gratifying success. He has a numerous Theta Delta acquaintance all of whom wish Mr. and Mrs. Williams unlimited happiness.

Fred Chaffee Nash, Gamma D., '01, was married on April 17th to Miss Eleanor Goodrich, at the Lincoln Avenue Methodist Church, Pasadena, California. The ceremony was followed by a large reception at the home of the bride, which was one of the social events of the season. Several Theta Deltas were present from Los Angeles. The happy couple left the same evening for a bridal tour to Baltimore, New York, and other eastern cities. On their return to Pasadena they will visit the Gamma Deuteron Charge, of which Brother Nash is one of the most popular and enthusiastic members.

Lemuel Robert Hopton, Epsilon D., '96, was married to Miss Louise Fitch of New Haven, on April 4th, 1900. The ceremony took place at the Church

of the Redeemer in New Haven. Brother Clifford Wilmurt, Pi Deuteron, '93, of New York, was best man, and Miss Elisa Sayer, of New York, maid of honor. Brother H. Jackson, Epsilon Deuteron, '96, was an usher. The Epsilon Deuteron Charge attended in a body and witnessed a most charming ceremony. Several of Brother Hopton's fellow members of the Theta Delta Chi Graduate Club of New York, gave him an impromptu dinner shortly before the wedding to show in a measure the high esteem in which they held him. Brother Hopton is connected with the Oxley & Enos Manufacturing Co., of New York and Orange, N. J., and with Mrs. Hopton will make his home in the latter town.

Gerhard M. Dahl, Sigma D., '96, was married to Miss Georgeana Cate, of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, Tuesday evening, June the fifth.

James Burch Moffett, Tau D., '95, was married on Thursday, May 31, 1900, to Miss Bessie Irene Bode, at Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Moffett will be at home on Wednesdays, after June 27, at 620 South Ninth Street, Minneapolis.

Deaths

Joseph H. Worcester, Zeta, '54, died very suddenly of heart failure and acute indigestion at his home in Rochester, N. H., April 11th. He was born in Milton, N. H., Dec, 31, 1830. He fitted for college at the Pembroke Academy, and entered Brown University in the class of 1854 where he became a charter member of Zeta Charge of Theta Delta Chi. On account of ill health he was forced to leave college in the middle of his senior year. He taught for several subsequent years, then took up the practice of law in 1864, at Rochester. In 1871, a partnership was formed with the late Judge Charles B. Gafney, and early in the nineties, Leslie P. Snow, Omicron D., '86, was added to the firm, which has had a practice second to none in Strafford County. In matters of law, Brother Worcester was looked up to as one of the best read lawyers in New Hampshire, and, notwithstanding his age, his advice was sought up to the very time of his death.

Besides being so successful and able a lawyer, Brother Worcester was a citizen who had a good deal of influence and whose opinions carried great weight. For ten years he was a member of the school board. He was judge of the police court from March, 1869, to May, 1875; was town clerk in 1865 and 1866; and was postmaster for some ten months from April, 1867. He had served as a director of the Rochester National Bank from the time of its organization in 1874 to the present. He was also one of the incorporators of the Rochester Savings Bank.

Judge Worcester had never cared to run for any political office but he was an ardent Republican in politics and took a great interest in all affairs pertaining to the welfare of the state and nation, as well as matters of municipal importance. His comments on public men and public affairs

were very striking and original and he possessed a keen insight into human nature and the trend of events. He was in all things a profound student and his strong mind and vigorous personality inspired the greatest respect. Perhaps no man of the older generation in the community could be more missed than he will be and probably there is not a member of the Strafford County bar whose loss would create so great a vacancy as has his death.

Dr. William E. Walmsley, Chi, '76, died on February 25th, 1900, at his home, 361 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. Brother Walmsley graduated from the University of Rochester in 1876, and went at once to Brooklyn, where he began at once the study of medicine at the Long Island College Hospital. He was graduated from the University Medical College of New York City in 1878. While at the latter institution, he took a special course under the late Dr. Alfred Loomis. Since his graduation he has practiced in Brooklyn. For four years he was connected with the Brooklyn Nursery, as visiting physician, and was especially successful in treating the diseases of children. Dr. Walmsley in 1882 married Jennie D. Fulton, daughter of the Rev. Justin D. Fulton. He was a man who had exhibited much kindness toward the poor and he had ready sympathy for those who suffered. One of his professional friends who called upon him in his last illness remarked of him: "Where most men are content to do a single kindness Dr. Walmsley has done a thousand." Brother Walmsley was a most active member of the fraternity, and was a member of the Graduate Club of New York City.

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 Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* for March, 1900, contains a plea for expansion, and urges that chapters be established in some or all of the "twenty or thirty good fraternity institutions" where the order is not represented at present,—a large program, certainly. The May number of the *Palm* announces the establishment of a chapter in the University of California.

The April number of the *Scroll* continues its series of reviews of fraternity publications. Nineteen pages are devoted to the catalogue published by Alpha Delta Phi in 1899; and attention is called especially to the fact that this fraternity which had established twenty-three chapters, some of them in the West and South, prior to 1860, has followed an ultra-conservative policy during the last forty years.

The editorial columns are occupied mainly with a vigorous discussion of the chapter house problem. Phi Delta Theta now owns ten houses and rents twenty-three, while thirty-one chapters are still homeless. The *Scroll* states that, during the last three years, five new houses have been built and twelve rented; and notice is served upon the homeless chapters that they must speedily fall into line. To the laggard chapters the following advice is given:

"Rent a house for next fall, a modest one at first if need be, but in a good neighborhood, as a chapter is often classed socially by the part of the town in which it lives. Have expenses and income calculated carefully and do not run in debt under any circumstances; leave nothing out of your estimate. Make a liberal allowance for coal. The furnace has blighted many a chapter treasury. Get some chapter with a home to send you its balance sheet. Pay more attention to your management the first year than you do

to the size or the outward appearance of your house. If houses are scarce, April is not too early to begin looking for one to occupy in September. Get the best house you can, but get one without fail. If possible, get some local capitalist to build one for you, but do not tie yourselves up with too long a lease. Five years should be the limit; better make it three."

Finally the *Scroll* gets out the "riot act," and reads the delinquents a brief lesson:

"Every chapter of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ not now in a home must come to Louisville to report success or a feasible plan for success at an early date. Delegates from unhoused chapters will have to spend convention week in making explanations, apologies and earnest promises."

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* for March contains a letter from Lieutenant Richmond P. Hobson, a member of Kappa Alpha. The chapter letter from Millsaps College begins as follows:

"What's the outlook? Anything in sight?"

'Well the measles is just two blocks off; the brakebone fever's comin' crost the street; the rheumatism is looking roun' for a location, an thar aint meat enough in the settlement to grease a handsaw.'

With the exception of the meat part, and the addition of mumps being in the next room and small-pox around the corner, the above would give a very good idea of the condition of things at Millsaps. The Sunny South, the land of poetry and of song, where the birds and breezes chant one eternal *le deum*, where the roses bloom and the perfume of the violet is wafted on the air, is a great country, and this part right around Millsaps is especially *great*. We have at least two seasons, winter and summer. In the summer we have yellow fever and quarantine, and in winter we have small-pox and vaccinated arms."

Some time ago the *Journal* announced that it would reestablish an exchange department, but the March number devotes no attention to the Greek press.

The April *Anchora* of Delta Gamma contains an illustrated article upon the University of Michigan. An article upon the inevitable subject of "rushing" advocates the postponement of the time of initiation until the sophomore year. From an article upon "Actives and Alumnae", we clip the following sentences:

"On the other hand, when a girl leaves college she enters into a new and very different life. On every hand she sees a multitude of men and

women, each going his own way, each bent on furthering his own ends. 'Everyone for himself and the devil take the hindmost' rings the *battle cry.*'

The italics are ours.

The April *Beta Theta Pi* devotes ten pages to the history of Amherst College; and discusses the secret society situation at Yale. Beta Theta Pi maintains a chapter in the academic department at New Haven, and claims to have developed a successful chapter without allowing it to degenerate into a class society. The editorial pages give prominence to the chapter house question, and a scheme is presented by which it is thought that undergraduates can, of their own efforts, acquire chapter houses. The scheme is described as follows:

"Supposing that a chapter is occupying a rented house and desires to become the owner of that house, we recommend that in the first instance, a fund be accumulated through the efforts of the undergraduates of the chapter. This may be done by subscribing say \$50 each for such a fund, agreeing to pay for the same at the rate of \$1 a month. In our chapters this will result in the accumulation in four years of between one thousand and two thousand dollars.

Have a committee among the alumni appointed to take charge of such a fund, as trustees. It has been found by experience, that unless the trustees who hold the legal title to the money, are alumni, the fund will receive no accessions from the outside. Boys are entirely too apt to expend such money for what they deem to be an emergency in the life of the chapter, to absorb the money in entertainments or in furnishing a new hall or something of this kind, from which there is no apparent return.

The money then having been accumulated, a corporation should be organized among the alumni, which will be authorized by the law to take title to real estate. Such a corporation can usually acquire the title to the property desired, using the accumulated amount to pay for the equity and arranging through some local building and loan association, gradually to pay the purchase price of the property in monthly installments, which will be found to be not much greater than the rent which has heretofore been paid for the use of the property.

After the installments have been paid in for five or six years, it will usually be found to be cheaper to withdraw the shares from the building and loan association and to apply the money so obtained in the extinguishment of a part of the obligation on the mortgage, the residue being represented by a mortgage for a smaller amount at a much lower rate of interest.

The payment by installment should be kept up, however, and the accumulation so made should be used to extinguish the mortgage on the property at the earliest possible moment.

It must not be forgotten that in a scheme of this kind, provision must be made for meeting the taxes and repairs upon the property and retaining it in good condition."

The *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma contains an account of the burning of the main building of Buchtel College last December. In the fire, the rooms of the local chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma were burned. The *Key* discusses editorially the plan, suggested in the December SHIELD, of deriving revenue from the issue of certificates of membership to new members; and favors the adoption of such a scheme by Kappa Kappa Gamma, provided that the purchase of the certificates be made voluntary.

The *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, in the March number, refers to the proposal of THE SHIELD concerning membership certificates, and states that "some of the chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon have for some time past been furnishing initiates with chapter shingles." The *Record* publishes a biographical sketch and portrait of Governor Beckham, of Kentucky, who is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The March number of the Sigma Chi *Quarterly* devotes its first article to Governor Longino and Lieutenant Governor Harrison, of Mississippi. This is "the first time that Sigma Chi has had the honor of a Governor," and the fraternity seems to have gone into the governor business on a large scale. Another article presents an account of the re-establishment of the chapter of Sigma Chi at Lafayette College.

The most important feature of this number of the *Quarterly* is an article upon "Alumni Dues." Some time ago Sigma Chi enacted the following legislation:

"(a) SECTION 1. Each active member of the Fraternity shall, on or before sixty days of the time when he expects to sever his membership with his chapter, by graduation or otherwise, forward to the Grand Quaestor, through the Chapter Quaestor, his two notes for five dollars each, payable during the first and second Januarys respectively, next succeeding said severance from his chapter by graduation or otherwise.

SEC. 2. Such notes shall be without interest ; shall bear the future address of the member making them ; and shall entitle him to all regular publications during the period of two years succeeding such graduation or leaving college. The proceeds of such notes shall be credited, at least one-half to endowment and one-half as provided by statute.

SEC. 3. Such note givers as shall subsequently become members of other chapters, shall be entitled to have the dates of their note payments postponed to the first and second Januarys respectively, next succeeding their severance from such latter chapter.

(b) Amendment to Statute III, as Section 2.—One-half the proceeds of note payments under Article XIX of the Constitution shall be used for the support of the Sigma Chi *Quarterly*.

Sigma Chi has had for some years an endowment fund scheme, by which two chapters have been assisted in acquiring houses. The results of the new plan will be awaited with interest.

The *Kappa Alpha Theta* for March has an excellent discussion of "College Spirit Versus Fraternity Spirit", in which it is well shown that "where there are not fraternities, cliques are inevitable", and that "the clique is the most selfish social unit that exists." An interesting article upon Albion College follows. From one of the chapter letters we learn that Cornell University is, henceforth, "to have two semesters *instead of three.*" Here, again, the italics are ours.

Delta Delta Delta has established a chapter at the University of California, and the May *Trident* recounts this event. We do not perceive the reason for including in a fraternity journal an article upon "The Comédie-Française," which, by the way, is illustrated with a number of views of the University of Wisconsin to which a subsequent article is devoted. In an article upon "The Unruly Member" we find the following : "It is said that women cannot keep a secret. We, of course, dispute this as a slander against our sex and a statement altogether too sweeping." If any cynical bachelor is inclined to doubt this, let him read the following extract from the letter contributed by the Chicago Alumnae :

"Cupid has been around and one of his golden arrows has touched a dear Delta's heart. But Cupid has laid his fingers on the lips and said: 'Be still, not yet, even to the fold, must the sweet secret be told.' "

The April number of the *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma contains excellent articles upon Indiana University and the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. An article entitled "Always Wear Your Badge" gains point from an account of the meeting of two Kappa Sigmas in the Virginia legislature.

The March *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta prints two of the best banquet speeches, "The Man Behind the Badge" and "The Heroes of the Every Day," that it has been our pleasure to read for a long time. From an editorial upon "Chapter and Alumnus" we reprint the following extract :

"Active alumni interest is necessary for a chapter if its policy is to be marked by any consistency and strength. New men are constantly taking up the burdens and responsibilities of the chapter; and unless the alumni are in close touch with the chapter life the misdirected and erratic enthusiasm of men new to the work is liable, by its vagrant driving, to send the Phoebus chariot of the chapter in dangerous proximity to the fierce flame of destruction."

For the benefit of any of our readers who may not have seen the *Independent* of October 5, 1899, we reproduce here some extracts from an article by Professor Goldwin Smith upon "University Fraternities :"

"A short time ago I had the pleasure of attending the convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, of the Cornell Chapter of which I am a member. The question naturally suggested itself as to the functions and usefulness of these fraternities, about which I have sometimes found myself at variance with good authorities in university matters, with one especially for whose opinion I have the highest respect. The fraternities are accused of fostering social cliquishness and exclusiveness, sometimes to an offensive extreme. I can imagine that there may be danger on that side, though not having been a student at an American University, I am unable to measure the extent. But I cannot see that such tendencies are at all the essence of the organization.

"At the university the fraternity has, it seems to me, an obvious social use, provided it avoids the dangers to which the critics point. The primary object of a university is study; but a secondary and not insignificant object is friendship. For this a body of two thousand or even of one thousand students is too large. Oxford and Cambridge, as federations of colleges, have circles of intimacy in the college. What the college does there the fraternity may do here.

To the country at large the fraternities may do a service by keeping up and propagating the university spirit, by which I am far from meaning anything pedantic or intellectually exclusive. I mean that loyalty to principle which high education ought to inspire; that freedom from devotion to gain, which, without weakening business aptitudes, intellectual culture rightly regulated ought to produce. Nothing in the present critical situation of the American Republic strikes an observer so much as the absence of leadership worthy of the political virtue and wisdom which abound in the country. Into the political causes of this it would be out of place here to inquire. But in the absence of commanding men, molding influences have special value. Nothing is more to be deprecated than a participation of the universities or their heads and professors in the political fray, by which their just influence could not fail to be fatally impaired. But the prevalence of the university spirit in public and social life is not the less to be desired; and as channels for the diffusion of that spirit the fraternities may play a useful part."

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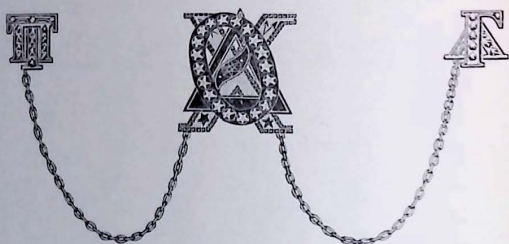
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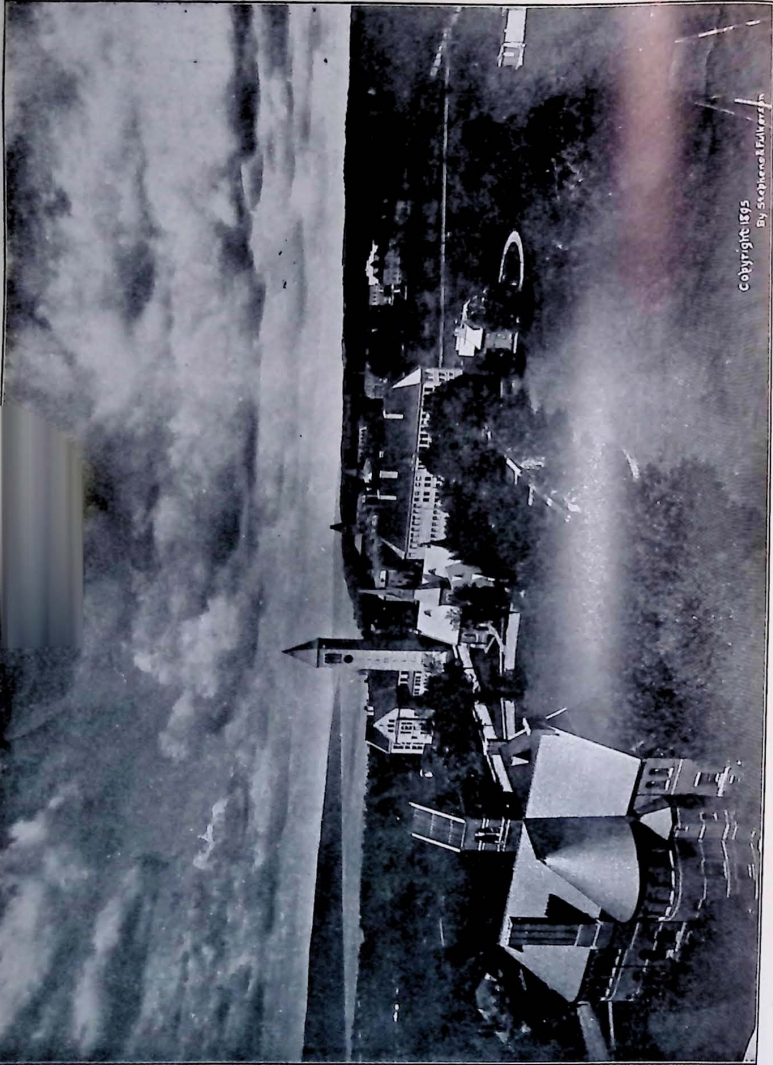
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HISTORY OF BETA CHARGE

I. The Founding of Beta Charge

Cornell University opened its doors for students for the first time on October 7, 1868. During the first year 412 students were enrolled. Within three months two Greek letter fraternities were established, Zeta Psi and Chi Phi, and before the close of the year Kappa Alpha, Alpha Delta Phi, Chi Psi and Phi Kappa Psi had been added, and also the then self-styled "anti-secret society," Delta Upsilon. The total fraternity membership for the year, including Delta Upsilon, was 91.

It is curious and interesting to read, after the lapse of thirty years and in the presence of the great fraternity system which now exists at Cornell, the heated discussion which took place during that first year over the establishment of secret societies at the University. Hardly was it known that a Greek letter fraternity had been installed before there was a call for the organization of the "opponents of secret societies," and by February we find the organization complete with constitution, by-laws and officers, and an address or manifesto published to the college world. The college paper bristles with communications from the members of the "Order of Independents" who see in the secret society system the direst enemy to the broad and liberal principles upon which Cornell was founded. The editors of the paper, who are evidently in sympathy with the fraternities, do not take the matter seriously nor do the fraternity men answer the communications. There are semi-humorous editorial comments upon the anti-fraternity articles and burlesque accounts of the meetings of the "Independents," but no bitterness is manifested and no serious notice is taken of the movement beyond printing whatever the promoters chose to offer. The result is that by

May, 1869, we find the editors asking "what has become of the Independents?" and answering their own inquiry by the statement that the "order" has died for want of opposition and "their strong men, one by one, have gone over to the enemy." In a later editorial, the only one which shows heat or ill-temper, it is announced that the chief irreconcilables have established the Delta Upsilon anti-secret society.

While this ferment is going on two men are quietly working for the establishment of a charge of Theta Delta Chi. Among the 412 students who entered Cornell in the fall of '68 were A. B. C. Dickinson and A. Norton Fitch, who, having spent a year at Hamilton, passed into the sophomore class at Cornell. They were old friends. They had both been reared in the vicinity of Ithaca, had prepared together at the Ithaca Academy, had entered Hamilton together, and had there been of the eighteen charter members of the Psi Charge of Theta Delta Chi. When they decided to enter Cornell they also decided to found there a charge of their fraternity. To this end they set about the selection of men whom they deemed worthy to aid in the work they had undertaken. Their first choice fell upon their old friend and schoolmate, Fox Holden, who had entered Cornell at the same time as themselves but in the freshman class. W. H. Tallmadge, also a neighbor and a former student at the Ithaca Academy and who, like Fitch and Dickinson, had entered in 1868 in the sophomore class, was next added to the number. Besides these four there was another, a freshman, who afterwards left Cornell for another university and there, after much debate and distress of mind, joined another fraternity. One of the founders writes of him: "He at first absolutely refused to sever his allegiance to Beta, and he was in a deplorable state of mind, as his letters to me indicated, for some months; but such pressure was brought to bear upon him there and upon the part of his parents at home that he finally yielded, and I, personally, under all the circumstances, approved of his doing so. I think all the other brothers approved his course."

At least four of these men were probably thus bound together by the end of the first year, and some effort was made to secure a charter. Fitch writes: "We were met at once by the deter-

mined and strenuous opposition of Delta. As I now recall the situation, I believe I never knew the ground of such opposition. I am inclined to think, however, that it was the result of a notion which seemed to be somewhat prevalent in those days among the older institutions, that Cornell University was destined to be simply a high grade district school. At all events, the members of Delta acted up to their best lights as obstructionists. But they had not sufficiently calculated upon the anomaly of the birth of Psi, the prototype of which I believe is only found in Minerva's advent into the world. Though youthful, Psi was indeed fully grown and fully armed, and Psi was the force that made the establishment of Beta possible at that time." The first year passed to its close and the hopes of Fitch and Dickinson were unrealized.

In the fall of '69 the founders undaunted continued their work. From the men who entered that fall they selected two freshmen, W. H. Corbin and F. E. Wadhams. "The seven," says Fitch, "came to be a very united family, and were much together. Some of these were sought by other fraternities, and I have always considered it one mark of the high character of the men that under such circumstances they should have been true to their tentative pledge to an uncertainty."

After the close of the first term of 1869-70 with the opposition to the granting of a charter still unabated, it was determined to proceed to the initiation of the men who had been pledged. To this end the good offices of the Xi Charge were invited, and a delegation was sent over from Geneva to Ithaca to conduct the initiation.

Founder's Day at Cornell, the birthday of Ezra Cornell, falls on January 11th. On the evening of that day in 1870, Lewis Halsey, Xi '68, Clinton D. Eastman, Xi '68, and Robert C. Scott, Xi, '70, the last named being the President of the Xi Charge, came to Ithaca, where they were joined by Kirk P. Crandall, Psi '69, and, with the aid of Dickinson and Fitch, they initiated in a room on the third floor of the Clinton House, Holden, Tallmadge, Corbin, Wadhams and one other. Holden writes: "The day was rather stormy and the Hobart boys drove over in a carriage, or possibly a cutter, from Trumansburg. I was over

at the Van Voorhees house (26 Farm street) when they drove up,—they came in from Tioga street way and had the constitution wrapped either in a lap robe or blanket. Fitch received it on the curb and took it up to his room." That evening they all went to the Clinton House where the initiations took place, a parlor serving as a lodge room and one of the bedrooms of the suite as an ante-room. Halsey, who kept a diary, made this entry for Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1870: "Clint. Eastman and Rob't C. Scott came and took me to Ithaca. We stopped at the Clinton House. Norton Fitch, A. B. C. Dickinson and Kirk P. Crandall there. We initiated Will Corbin, Fox Holden, W. H. Tallmadge, ———, F. E. Wadhams. Good men. Had lemonade and cigars—nothing stronger. A jolly good time—a genial, pleasant time. I had my song book, and we sang Theta Delta songs. Wadhams and Tallmadge are good singers. After the initiation I gave the only toast drank: 'Here's to the girl that each loves best, and Theta Delta Chi!'" Fitch, who first secured this invaluable contemporary record from Halsey's diary, adds: "From the foregoing quotation it will appear that from the beginning things were done decently and in order. No Bacchanalian revelry attended the founding of the Beta Charge, and while 'lemonade and cigars' may look rather tame to the majority of fraternity men in these days, as it did to the majority of them in those days, yet I am pleased to find the words in Bro. Halsey's record."

To the members of to-day it may seem that this proceeding was irregular and almost revolutionary, but in those days it appears to have been common. It will be remembered that something of the same sort occurred previous to the founding of Psi, when Green, Jacks and Knox went to Geneva and were initiated by Xi before the Psi charter was granted. So also a Xi delegation, on which were Halsey and Eastman, went to Rochester and initiated three men previous to the granting of the Chi charter. Nor is evidence lacking that the Ithaca initiation had the express approval of the Grand Lodge. Through the kindness of Dickinson's sister, Miss Kate Dickinson, some of the letters left by Dickinson have come into my possession, and among these is a letter from P. C. Gilbert, the President of the Grand Lodge, dated August 21, 1869, in which he says: "I do not anticipate

the least difficulty about getting the initiation done at Geneva and would advise you to write Brother R. C. Scott, Geneva, N. Y., relative to the same. I will also write him and request that they will perform the ceremony." In the same correspondence are two letters, written in September and November respectively, from R. C. Scott in which, as President of the Xi Charge, he consents to initiate two men (probably Holden and Tallmadge) at the request of Dickinson. In the second of these, dated November 4, 1869, he says: "If next week is pleasant I shall be at Ithaca next Saturday and if in the meantime you answer favorably, I will bring the constitution with me and initiate the men." Evidently the matter was postponed beyond that date, probably in order that additional men might be selected. It therefore appears that the Clinton House initiation was not then deemed an irregular proceeding and that Dickinson and Fitch secured the approval of the President of the Grand Lodge before arranging for it.

These young Theta Delts, thus united in the mystic bonds, decided to secure the coveted charter for a Cornell charge and to secure it at once. Psi, Xi, and probably Chi, were all favorable. Delta and Zeta were apparently strongly opposed. The attitude of the others is uncertain. Probably most were skeptical of the success of Cornell, as it was then the common feeling among the older colleges that the young institution was destined to be a sort of manual training school for boys and a practical place for farmers' lads, and nothing else. There were then nominally twelve charges active, Delta, Zeta, Kappa, Xi, Omicron Deuteron, Pi, Rho, Sigma, Upsilon, Phi, Chi and Psi. Some, however, were near their end. Delta surrendered her charter within the year and Pi, Rho and Upsilon soon followed. Some were yet young in fraternity experience. Omicron Deuteron had been established the preceding year and Phi, Chi and Psi were but two or three years old. Delta, Kappa and Xi dated from the 50's and Sigma from '61.

The annual convention of the fraternity was approaching and it was determined to present before it the claims of the Cornell Theta Delts. Dickinson was chosen to appear and plead the cause of the petitioners. The convention met on February

17-18, 1870, at the Astor House in New York City, then under the management of Charles A. Stetson, Delta, '58. Porteus C. Gilbert presided as President of the Grand Lodge. Ten charges were represented and at times the attendance of delegates and visitors at the sessions numbered upwards of two hundred. The convention dinner was attended by over two hundred and was the most elaborate and successful which the fraternity had yet held. This convention marked the renaissance of fraternity interest after the terrible disruption caused by the civil war and from it is to be dated the modern history of Theta Delta Chi.

It was before this convention, the largest and most representative yet held, that Dickinson made his celebrated plea. The story has been graphically told by N. L. F. Bachman, Psi '72, in an address delivered before the Psi Charge in 1878 :

"There were about a hundred present, most of them 'old' members ; much opposition was manifested and it seemed that the Charge was lost, when 'old Dick' arose and announced that he was a Cornellian and desired to appeal in its behalf. He was young, beardless, slender, with eyes dim almost to blindness ; he spoke in a hesitant manner, evidently embarrassed ; a delegate from an antagonistic charge, amid approving glances, objected to hearing him unless he was a $\Theta \Delta X$. How the fire glowed in dear 'old Dick's' face as he rose with the spirit of the occasion and said : 'I am a charter member of the *best* charge in this fraternity, I mean the Psi of Hamilton, as is Brother Fitch who joins me in this petition. I do not come here to intrude upon strangers, nor to ask favors at your hands. I come to tell this convention why I believe it our best interest to establish a charge at Cornell, and if, after you have heard me you should think it not advisable, I shall submit—no not *submit*, I shall join in your judgment, return to Cornell, and with a heart full of fraternal love say to that little band of expectant ones that we, *we* did not think it best?' Then followed a plea that at its close brought three cheers that made Statesman's Hall ring, and hale Charlie Stetson, with brimming eyes, cried out, 'My God, boys, give *that* man a charter !' The delegates crowded around our modest brother who stood trembling at thought of his own boldness. Then there came a call for a vote on the question, and when the

negative was called there was a hushed, *unbroken* silence. Poor 'Dick'! That was his last convention. He helped organize the Cornell Charge, but when the next convention came, he lay listlessly amid the rosy everglades of Florida, and by him, all unseen, stood the grim Warden, Death, mingling with poison the perfumed air, and ere long he had exchanged the black robes of the Psi for the white of Omega, while we wore crape over hearts sadder than which none ever chanted 'Dust to Dust, Ashes to Ashes'!

Dickinson returned with the good news that the charter was granted and it now hangs on the walls of the Beta lodge room signed by P. C. Gilbert, J. W. Church and A. P. Little, the then members of the Grand Lodge. Under date of February 28, 1870, P. C. Gilbert writes to Dickinson: "I send you by express to-day a copy of the constitution. The charter is finished and I send it to Brothers Church and Little to sign and request the last named to forward it to you. You need not wait for the charter before organizing as it will be along in due time." Under date of March 25, 1870, appear in the Beta treasurer's accounts the items of expenditure for the charter and constitution. The badges, as appears by the records, were obtained of L. G. Burgess & Son, of Albany.

The name first officially given to the Charge was Alpha Delta and this it continued to bear down to the spring of 1873, or for a period of three years. The convention of February 19-20, 1873, voted "that charges at present represented by double letters be assigned by the Grand Lodge some one of the letters, Beta, Pi, Rho and Upsilon." It was soon after that the change was made and the Alpha Delta became the Beta. The letters *A Δ* are yet to be plainly seen underneath the *B* upon the parchment of the charter like the ancient characters of a palimpsest.

It was not until 1878 that the practice of using "Deuteron" began. Had it then been in vogue the Charge would have been the Beta Deuteron since the short-lived Ballston charge of 1849 had been named Beta and is now, in order to distinguish it, spoken of as Beta Proteron. In virtue of the action of the 1873 convention the Alpha Beta Charge at Washington and Lee be-

came the Rho Charge and the original Rho at the University of South Carolina is now referred to as Rho Proteron. By getting itself named under this transient system the Beta secured the first place among active charges in the alphabetical roll. It was in fact the twenty-sixth charge established (counting the old Graduate Lambda), and fourteen have since been chartered, and nine reestablished. Of the twelve charges active when Beta was founded but seven survive to-day and of these but four have had an uninterrupted history. Of the fourteen since chartered two have succumbed, and of the nine reestablished four have again surrendered their charters. Of the twenty-two existing charges Beta is the tenth in point of age and the fifth in point of continuous activity.

For the rest of that college year the new Charge had no lodge room and initiated no new members. The meetings were held in the rooms of Dickinson and Fitch. These rooms at the time of the January initiation were at 26 Farm street, in a house on the north side of that street then one door west of Aurora street; Corbin and Wadhams also roomed in the same house. Soon after, Dickinson and Fitch moved to a house on Sears street occupied by a widow of Fitch's uncle, and it was here that the organization of the Charge took place after the granting of the charter. Holden writes: "The organization of the Charge took place at Mrs. Fitch's on Sears street in the evening. Dickinson presided and sat at a table. It became a question who should administer the official oath. Wadhams led in the suggestion that it be Fitch. Fitch insisted that he should have a seat at the table and Dickinson was required to stand before him, Fitch borrowing a pair of eye glasses from some one as he remarked, 'to add dignity to the occasion.' After the Charge was organized we had no initiation until we went into the lodge room in the Hawkins and Finch block." It appears, however, from the treasurer's records that the members' paraphernalia was obtained in May of that year.

It was in Dickinson's room that the historic monogram was carved which has just come into the possession of the Charge through the kindness of Wadhams, who preserved it for thirty years. As Dickinson's eyesight failed he took to carving this



This Monogram was Carved in 1870
by

ASA B. C. DICKINSON

And the other Charter Members of the Beta

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monogram and had each of the charter members do some portion of the work. "He used to wear a heavy green shade over his eyes," says Corbin, "and he whittled a good deal during that time. My recollection is that he whittled out the monogram between January and May, 1870, and I think every charter member of the old Charge did some work on it at his request." This historic monogram is now suitably mounted and inscribed and hangs upon the wall of the Beta "alumni room." A variant of it is cut upon Dickinson's monument in the little cemetery a few miles north of Ithaca where this beloved founder has slept for well nigh thirty years.

Every surviving charter member speaks in the strongest terms of the remarkable friendship which existed among the founders, and Holden, Corbin and Wadhams are unsparing in their praise of the watchfulness and devotion of Fitch and Dickinson. One of them says: "The seven were like brothers from the day of initiation. Fitch and Dickinson watched and warded the younger men with daily care. Their living places, their health, their progress in class, their standing, their associates and their amusements, were subjects of the solicitude of their elder brothers. So closely were the little band knit together and so jealous of the good name of their fraternity that during the first year they rejected every candidate proposed for admission to the circle. Probably they were at that time too careful." Another writes: "The most important fact which occurs to me after a lapse of nearly thirty years since I left Cornell, is the sincere and earnest devotion to Beta and to Theta Delta Chi which all the charter members manifested during the early days at Cornell. No boy could be, or ever was, more devoted to his sweetheart, or more loyal to her interests. It was our good fortune to have the benefit of the wise counsel of the sincere, warm-hearted Fitch, and the presence, and loving and encouraging words, of the saintly Dickinson. To these belong all the credit of establishing for Beta the reputation in the early days, of which we, in looking back to her position and standing among the other fraternities, can rightly feel proud."

Before proceeding further with the history of Beta, it is fitting that we should give an outline of the lives of these men who

laid so deep and strong the foundations of the Charge, two of whom, Dickinson and Fitch, have the unparalleled record of having been charter members of two different charges,—Psi and Beta.

II. The Founders of Beta Charge

Asa Bowles Clark Dickinson was born at Ulysses, N. Y. (near Ithaca) April 8, 1847. He prepared at the Ithaca Academy and entered Hamilton in the fall of 1867. While there he and A. Norton Fitch, who came from Groton, near Ithaca, and had long been intimate with Dickinson, were two of the eighteen charter members of the Psi Charge. When Cornell opened in 1868 Dickinson and Fitch, both of whom had been reared in the immediate vicinity of Ithaca, decided to cast in their lot with the new University. They accordingly entered Cornell in the sophomore class at the opening in the fall of 1868. Both became at once marked men. Fitch was the first president of his class. Dickinson was one of the organizers and officers of the "Irving Literary Society" and a frequent participant in its proceedings. At its first annual public exercises he read with fine effect an extract from Washington Irving's *Diedrick Knickerbocker's History of New York*. He was also a member of the "Young Men's Christian Association" and one of its early presidents. In the spring of 1869 he was elected an editor of the "Era," then the only college paper at Cornell. When he returned in the fall of 1869 he assumed his duties as editor but after three issues had appeared it was announced that "Mr. Dickinson having been obliged to resign his position on account of somewhat impaired vision, Mr. A. N. Fitch was elected to fill his place for the remainder of the year." Dickinson went to New York to consult Dr. Agnew concerning his eyes, and did not resume his work in the University for some weeks. Even at this time his health was delicate and he was in consequence excused from military drill, then and since compulsory at Cornell. In the Spring of this college year he was elected president of the Young Men's Christian Association and delegate to the national convention at Indianapolis.

But Dickinson never returned to the University after the close of the year 1869-70. In the fall of 1870 the "Era" (of

which Fox Holden was then an editor) announced that, "We regret to notice the absence of A. B. C. Dickinson, '71. He goes to Florida, we understand, to recruit." The next issue noted his resignation of the presidency of the Y. M. C. A. Fitch writes :

"The year following the establishment of Beta we suffered our first great sorrow in the death of Brother Dickinson. When we returned to the University in the fall of 1870, after the long vacation, it was evident to us all that Brother Dickinson, who long before showed signs of failing health, was declining rapidly. With that hopefulness that is so characteristic of consumption he seemed at first to feel that he would be able to go on with his senior year work. To me, who had known him so long and so intimately, his condition was a sad revelation. I urged him to go at once to one of the physicians in the town for examination and advice, and accompanied him myself to the physician's office. He was there advised that he could not think of going on with his work in the University, and was further told that he would better go to the Mississippi River at the most convenient point and continue thence by steamer to New Orleans. I always felt that the physician consulted did wrong in giving such advice, for he afterward himself told me he knew at the time that Brother Dickinson's case was absolutely hopeless and that he could live but a very short time, but added that he did not like to tell him the fact. Acting upon the advice, however, Dickinson started upon the journey, which was a very trying one, particularly upon the return portion. Before he left the steamer at New Orleans a physician came on board, and either Brother Dickinson asked his advice or he tendered it voluntarily on account of the apparently feeble condition of the patient ; at all events, he told him that if he ever expected to reach home alive he must return immediately. He did so, and went to the home of his mother, near Jacksonville¹ (a few miles from Ithaca) where he lingered until February 25, 1871, when he died and was laid to rest in the

¹It was doubtless this name and the fact that Dickinson went south in search of health that led the eloquent "Fate" Bachman into the error of referring to Dickinson's death and burial as in Florida.

little cemetery between his home and Ithaca, members of Beta acting as the pall-bearers."

In personal appearance Dickinson was over six feet in height with an erect but spare figure, square shoulders surmounted by a noble head with a fine forehead, dark hair and kindly gray eyes. His face was rather sombre when in repose but lighted up wonderfully when he smiled, which was often, for he was full of fun and gaiety and appreciative of humor in others. By his fraternity brothers he was always called "Ace," though at Hamilton he seems to have been known as "Dick." Afflicted with defective vision and failing health, he was nevertheless a brilliant student and kept to the last a cheerfulness of disposition and an interest in his work and his fellows that were the outward expression of a sane and strong intellect and a pure and unselfish spirit.

All available testimony bears witness to the purity, sweetness and nobility of Dickinson's character. "No finer or nobler man," writes Fitch, "ever lived, and I trust his memory has been cherished by those who came after, as it deserves." In like tone are the tributes of his other contemporaries, Holden, Corbin and Wadhams, who, after the lapse of thirty years yet cherish his brief friendship and his unsullied virtues as among their most precious college memories. In an article in the "Cornell Era" of March 3, 1871, evidently by Fitch or Holden, it is said: "We have known Dickinson in relations other than editor of the "Era" or member of Cornell University. His acquaintance was made long years ago. Before a single stone or foundation of any of our University buildings was laid, we had wandered together many an afternoon over this very campus. We have met him often also in the school-room, and many a time on the hard contested arena of schoolboy honors, and have as often been impressed with his frank and manly bearing, and have shared the general feeling that it was no disgrace to yield the palm to Dickinson. We have met him also in other relations, of which it is unnecessary here to speak. We have met him in the secret chambers of his fraternity, and we remember him as a brother, patriotic in his devotion to the best interests of his fraternity, and one ever striving to make society friendship what it ought to be, in the best and only sense of the word. We remember him as a

friend, as a schoolmate, as a college companion, as a Christian— in each and every capacity we remember him with pleasure and regret."

Nor do we need to turn to his fraternity friends for tributes to his character. His classmates after voting to attend his funeral in a body and to wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, spread on their records a minute from which these portions may well be quoted here :

"It is with no ordinary feeling of regret that we write the words which tell of the death of our classmate. The bonds that united him to us have not been lightly broken, and knowing that our words at best will be but a feeble tribute to his memory, our task is indeed a sad one ; sad, because we mourn the loss of one so highly gifted and whose future was so full of promise ; yet even in our grief there is a pleasure in speaking of the many noble qualities of mind and heart of him who has gone from the midst of us. . . . In whatever society he took part he was always a leading member. . . . His character was in no respect a negative one. On the contrary, he had a positive vital force,—a force of intellect and a clearness of perception that predicted for him a most brilliant future. Professors and students will not soon forget the sharp, clear voice that startled with its nervous intensity, as he sought the truth with instinctive keenness and direction. To such rare powers of mind he joined a kindness and generosity of heart, and a cheerfulness of disposition, that endeared him to his fellow students. Though the badge of mourning be soon laid aside, his genial worth will not soon be forgotten. Friends and associates will cherish his memory and remember the example presented by his active, Christian life and virtues."

To these contemporary tributes nothing need be added. Dickinson died in his twenty-fourth year, but after having left an impress on the records of his university, his fraternity, and the hearts of his friends, that time cannot efface.

Asahel Norton Fitch was born at Groton, N. Y., August 28, 1847. He prepared at the Ithaca Academy and entered Hamilton in the fall of 1867, where, with Dickinson, he became one of the

charter members of Psi. He himself has told the history of that important episode, in this wise :

"Dickinson and I, being already at that time warm friends entered Hamilton College in the fall of '67 as members of the freshman class of '71. Very shortly thereafter we joined the old Alpha Phi Society, which had for years contained the cream of the scholarship of the college. This was a very old organization, but it was a non-secret literary society, and many of the members had at that time grown dissatisfied with it. About the beginning of the second year a committee was appointed, of which Brother J. H. Ecob, D.D., now of Denver, was the working member, to prepare a constitution and take the necessary steps for the founding of a new secret fraternity. This project was carried to completion, and a few weeks thereafter all the members of Alpha Phi, with the exception, I think, of two, appeared one morning decorated with very handsome badges fantastically wrought out of the Greek letters Zeta Phi. A few months later, through the efforts of Brothers Rufus S. Green and John T. Knox, who graduated from Hamilton in the class of '67, as members of Alpha Phi and subsequently had joined Theta Delta Chi,¹ the entire Zeta Phi fraternity concluded to abandon their project of founding a new fraternity, and become, as we subsequently did, with one sweep, the Psi Charge of Theta Delta Chi. This second transition called forth the question from one witty Greek to his friends in crime, 'Have you seen the spring style of badge this morning?' Toward the end of the last term of freshman year, Dickinson and I decided not to return to Hamilton, but to enter Cornell as sophomores. From time to time before our final departure at the close of the term various other members of Psi remarked that we would undoubtedly be establishing a charge of the Theta Delta Chi at Cornell, and this, in fact, even at that time, we purposed at least to make an effort to do."

At Cornell Fitch was a prominent and influential undergraduate. He was the first president of his class, an editor of the "Era," then the only college paper, a member and officer of the

¹At the Xi charge. See Memorial History, p. 158, where Brother Green's account appears.

"Irving Literary Society," senior class poet, and after graduation was alumni poet in 1874.

After graduation he taught at the Leicester (Mass.) Academy (1871-73), and the Groton Union School (1873-74). He then studied law and graduated in 1877 from the Albany Law School with the degree of LL.B. He practiced law very successfully at Rochester from 1877 until 1888, when he removed to Tacoma, Wash., and became president of the 'Traders' Bank. This position he held down to 1894 when he resumed the practice of law in Tacoma where he is now located in the Fidelity Building. Fitch was married January 2, 1895, to Helen W. Hooker, of Rochester, N. Y. He is the author of "A Treatise on Commercial Law" which first appeared in 1887 and was revised and reissued in 1893, a book widely used in high schools and business colleges. He is also joint author with his sister, Cora L. Fitch, of a text book on "The Civil Government of the United States," published in 1888.

Fitch, like Dickinson, secured and has retained the unqualified affection and respect of all his college associates. Corbin, Wadhams and Holden, the other surviving founders, never weary of relating the story of the loyalty, enthusiasm and sterling qualities of these two brothers to whose almost unaided efforts is due the founding of the Beta Charge.

Fitch is described by one of his college contemporaries as a man about five feet, ten inches in height, with strong, well-knit frame, dark complexion and light brown hair. He was endowed with exceptionally fine sensibilities, retiring in disposition, of a serious temperament, studious and thoughtful, but in manner and conversation "every inch a man." Like Dickinson he was most appreciative of everything humorous, and rarely a day passed when one or both did not contribute some nonsense to the jollity of the little household. He was always known familiarly as "Nort." It is the common testimony that he was absolutely unselfish and was devoted in all things to the interests of his friends, and ever thoughtful of their comfort and happiness. "Everybody loved Fitch," writes one of the founders. Indeed, all unite in saying that his character and influence were the most potent forces in the young Charge during its first two years.

Fox Holden was born at North Lansing, N. Y., August 17, 1849. He prepared for college at the Ithaca Academy, and entered Cornell at its opening in the fall of 1868 in the freshman class of '72, graduating in June, 1872, with the degree of A.B. Like Fitch and Dickinson he was prominent in undergraduate affairs. He was a class officer in his sophomore year, an "Era" editor in his junior year and class day orator in his senior year. He was also a commencement speaker at graduation. He was an excellent classical scholar, was a member and officer of the "Classical Society," and upon the organization of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Cornell some years after his graduation was elected a member of it. He received the degree of A.M. from Syracuse University in 1883 *in absentia*.

After graduation he engaged in teaching. He was principal of the Trumansburg, N. Y. Academy (1872-3), of the Addison Union School (1873-4), of the Ithaca High School (1875-80). He attended the Albany Law School 1880-81 and graduated with the degree of LL.B. He was then Superintendent of Schools at Plattsburg, N. Y., (1882-90); Principal of the State Normal School at Plattsburg, (1890-92); and since 1892 has been Superintendent of Schools at Olean, N. Y. He was married in April, 1873, to Miss Helen Colegrove.

When Fitch and Dickinson began their efforts looking to the establishment of a charge at Cornell they turned first to Holden, who had been the neighbor and friend of both of them before their college days and whom, therefore, they knew thoroughly. All three of these men had been born and reared in the immediate vicinity of Ithaca. They constituted, therefore, a trio of tried and true friends who knew each other intimately and could work together with the confidence and zeal of old time companions. No nobler or worthier trio ever set about the work of establishing an institution on firm and lasting foundations of friendship and virtue.

Holden is described by a contemporary as about medium height, with light brown hair and full gray eyes. He was of a happy disposition, clever in emergencies and sound and reliable in counsel. He was familiarly known as Fox, and it seems, was often teased in those days about his devotion to the lady who

afterward became his wife. His good humor was, however, imperturbable and he contributed greatly to the jollity of the little band of brothers.

Holden remained in college longer than any of the other founders and bore much of the labor and anxiety of the first three years. He returned to Ithaca in 1875 and as a graduate aided for five years thereafter in building up the Charge. Beta owes a large debt of gratitude for his long and faithful labors in her behalf both as an active member and as a resident graduate.

William Henry Tallmadge had also prepared for college at the Ithaca Academy and entered Cornell in 1868 in the sophomore class of '71. He was therefore a schoolmate of Dickinson, Fitch and Holden who speedily selected him as worthy to join in the work they had at heart. Like Dickinson he was studying for the ministry and like him he took an active part in the Cornell Y. M. C. A. He was spared to enter upon his life work but died at an early age at Elk Grove, California, February 24, 1880, one day before the ninth anniversary of Dickinson's death.

Tallmadge was born at Pultney, N. Y., June 15, 1845. Later his family moved to Enfield, near Ithaca, and he attended the Ithaca Academy. Although he had not been at any other college his preparation was so excellent that he was enabled to enter the sophomore class at Cornell in the fall of 1868, and graduated in June, 1871, with the degree of A.B. After graduation he entered at once upon the study of theology. He was one year (1872-3) at the Auburn Theological Seminary, one year at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City and a third year (1874-5) at San Francisco. After his ordination as a Presbyterian clergyman he settled in a pastorate at Woodbridge, California, where he remained until his death, uniting with it for a portion of the time the pastorate at Elk Grove. His ministry was very successful. At Elk Grove he built a church, and in both the churches over which he presided he was greatly admired and loved.

Like Dickinson, Tallmadge had gone forth from his early home in search of health. A life-long friend has told me that he broke down his health in his eager and unremitting efforts to secure an education, and that even before he entered upon his

life work his health was hopelessly shattered. California probably prolonged, but it could not save, his life. Before he was thirty-five he passed the portals of the Omega Charge and was laid at rest at Woodbridge where his active ministry had been spent. He was married April 26, 1876, to Miss Alice E. Grant, who, with a daughter of twenty-three and a son of twenty-one, still survives him.

Tallmadge was a man of whom his surviving friends speak with unreserved admiration and affection. Endowed with unusual ability, he united with a keen and active mind a pure heart, a noble and generous disposition, and an attractive personality. He is described by one of the charter members: "Tallmadge was a quiet fellow, who said but little, but was of a most cheerful, friendly and affectionate disposition. He was of medium height, with dark hair, large brown eyes and a most pleasant expression. Dickinson dubbed him "Herr," a nickname by which we all called him. He was exceedingly conscientious, faithful to every duty, to the college as well as to other matters, and particularly in religious matters. I think he was most deeply attached to every member of the Charge and would have spared nothing to do us a kindness,—in other words he was wholly unselfish. He was a close and careful student. He was as well qualified to lead a man into the Kingdom of Heaven as any one I ever knew, unless it be Dickinson."

William Horace Corbin entered Cornell in the fall of 1869 with the class of '73. He remained but a single year. During that time, however, he attracted the attention of Dickinson and Fitch and their earlier associates who were on the watch for congenial and promising men. He was an active undergraduate Theta Delt only from January to June, 1870, and yet so strong a hold did the fraternity idea take of him, and so lasting were the ties of friendship and loyalty then formed, that the Beta Charge has not counted on her rolls a more consistently devoted and helpful brother. No one who was present will ever forget the joy and solemnity of the scene when he placed his Theta Delta Chi badge on his eldest son in the Beta lodge room in the fall of 1899. It was the first time he had attended an initiation

since his own in January, 1870. It was the first time he had ever entered a regularly appointed Theta Delta Chi lodge room, for his own initiation and the subsequent meetings up to June, 1870, had been in rooms improvised into lodge room purposes. But there was no more loyal or well-informed Theta Delt present on that occasion and certainly no happier or prouder one.

Corbin was born at McDonough, N. Y., July 12, 1851, and entered Cornell from Oxford, N. Y., where he then resided, and where he had been prepared for college in the Oxford Academy in which Lewis Halsey, Xi '68, was then a teacher. In Halsey's diary under date of October 20, 1869, is this entry: "Tea with Dickinson and Fitch. Pledged Will Corbin for $\Theta \Delta X$." Corbin was an officer of his class and would undoubtedly have taken a prominent part in undergraduate affairs and high rank as a student, had he remained throughout his course. He was a sturdy youth, with a noble head, a firm mouth, strong chin, kindly eyes, and an air of reserve strength that prophesied the successful man. He was a lover of wholesome fun and could tell a story with remarkable dramatic effect. Although the youngest of the founders his judgment and sagacity went far beyond his years and made him a strong factor among this little band of fraternity workers.

Corbin left college in order to enter the Columbia Law School where he remained two years, graduating in 1872 with the degree of LL.B. He was admitted to the bar at Binghamton, N. Y., in September of the same year. He settled however at once in Jersey City where he served the prescribed clerkship and was admitted as an attorney at Trenton in 1874 and as a counsellor in 1877. He was also admitted in 1876 as a counsellor in the U. S. Circuit and District Courts. He has continued the practice of law at Jersey City with conspicuous success and is now easily among the leaders of the New Jersey bar. While giving close attention to his law practice he has found time to take part in public affairs. He was a member of the Board of Education of Elizabeth, where he resides, from 1876 to 1882; a member of the New Jersey legislature (House) in 1885, 1886 and 1887; a member of the Elizabeth City Council from 1890 to 1895; Commissioner of the State of New Jersey on the Gettysburg Battle Field Memorials, 1886-92;

and has been a Commissioner to revise the Statutes of New Jersey since 1895. He published a book on the New Jersey Corporation Laws in 1881 which has gone through twelve editions. He also published in 1882 "Corbin's Forms" a book of New Jersey precedents.

Corbin's portrayal of the first year of the Charge existence is most vivid. Perhaps it stands out in clearer colors to him than to any of the other survivors because for him the whole active fraternity experience was compressed into a few months. "There were but seven of us," he writes. "We had no lodge room, no forms, little or no paraphernalia.—nothing but a most close and abiding friendship for, and faith in, each other, which still endures. We were daily together, the older ones most helpful to the younger and full of solicitude for their standing and reputation in college. I can think of nothing that would have caused greater consternation and distress among us than a dishonorable or equivocal act by any of our number. The disgrace of any one would have humiliated us all to the dust. No such misfortune came. I have never in my life had any experience like that year of association with the charter members of the Beta Charge. We were intently loyal to the Fraternity though we knew little of it by experience. We were desirous to get more men, but so exacting that we got none, rejecting every one of the numerous men we considered. I now think we were too scrupulous. But we were determined that no stain should come upon the fraternity through any carelessness of ours. If the Charge has been to the other members what it was to me, it has been a blessing indeed."

Corbin was married June 12, 1878, to Miss Clementine Kellogg, of Elizabeth, N. J., and has two sons, Clement K. and Horace K., the former of whom is now an active member of the Beta Charge.

Fred Eugene Wadhams was born at Wadham's Mills, Essex County, N. Y., September 27, 1848, and entered Cornell from that place in the fall of '69 with the class of '73. He remained a little short of two years, leaving college in March, 1871. He was selected by Fitch and Dickinson as one of the two freshmen who were to make up the first Theta Delt delegation. Although like

his classmate, Corbin, he remained but a short time with the active Charge, he also became so thoroughly imbued with the spirit of fraternity and loyalty that he remains today as enthusiastic as in the days of his college life. I venture to quote a character sketch sent me by one of his contemporaries :

"Freddy, as Fitch promptly named him, was the most active, alert, freckle-faced, red-headed little rascal in the class of '73. He sang tenor in the glee club. He danced whenever there was a fiddler. He knew more members of the faculty than all of us put together. He passed every examination with a whirl and after the most intense cramming. He knew all the girls and called on them often. He dressed in a nobby fashion and embellished his slender and erect person with interesting Chinese jewels and foreign 'precious minerals' brought from his Pacific Ocean voyage. He was 'in it' in University, society and church circles. He would play but one game of cards—Rounce—but he would play that 'till morning. He was a good chess-player and after beating all the Theta Delts would go gunning for Kaps and Alpha Delts. His face was generally wreathed in smiles and when he and Fitch and Dickinson began a seance of nonsense in Fitch's room there was soon fun enough to make even the faculty laugh if they had been there."

Wadhams was one of the founders of the "Philharmonic Quartette" one of the first musical clubs organized at Cornell, and from which has developed the modern "glee club." He was treasurer of the Charge during the period from February to June, 1870, and his memorandum of accounts which has just through his kindness come into the possession of the Charge, throws an interesting light upon the finances of the early days. Writing recently he says : "The financial resources of all of the members were painfully limited, and extravagance and display out of the question." During 1870-71 he was corresponding secretary. A letter written by him in this capacity and dated Dec. 3, 1870, has recently been discovered. These extracts are interesting : "We have taken this year two men from '73 and two from '74. Our officers for the current year are as follows,—A. N. Fitch, President, W. B. Mersereau, Recording Secretary, F. E. Wadhams, Corresponding Secretary, M. M. Shoemaker, guard, W. H.

Tallmadge, Treasurer. We expect soon to occupy our lodge room which is rapidly approaching completion.¹ . . . We believe in frequent correspondence with the various charges and shall aim in the future at promptness in that direction."

After leaving college Wadhams was employed in the office of the Corning Iron Works at Albany until August, 1875, when he was appointed to a position as clerk in the office of the Secretary of State at Albany and did most excellent work there in the compilation of the State census of 1875. It is an interesting fact that a scholarship at Cornell and this position at Albany were secured for him through the influence of Hon. Frank Tobey, then State Senator from Wadhams's home district, whose two sons, Waldo F. Tobey and Harry R. Tobey, became many years later members of the Beta Charge. While occupying this position Wadhams was permitted to attend lectures at the Albany Law School from which he graduated in 1876 and was immediately admitted to the bar. In 1878 he entered upon the practice of his profession in Albany and has ever since continued to practice in that city. He is secretary of the New York State Bar Association and one of its most active and influential members. He was married October 9, 1878, to Miss Emma L. Jones and has one daughter.

III. The Struggle for Existence. 1870-1885

For ten or fifteen years after its founding the Beta Charge may justly be said to have been engaged in a struggle for existence, sometimes desperate, sometimes mild, but withal earnest and successful. The necessity for a long continued struggle grew out of conditions partly internal and partly external. First, there was a marked decline in the attendance at the University which affected all fraternities alike; second, matriculates at the University remained on the average but a short time, a very large number but a single year; third, Theta Delta Chi remained for several years the youngest of the Cornell fraternities; fourth, there was among the members of the Charge a scrupulous and exacting attitude toward candidates which frequently prevented the Charge

¹ This letter would indicate that some initiations took place in the fall of 1870 before the lodge room was occupied. Mersereau writes that he believes he was initiated at the Clinton House.

MEMBERSHIP OF EACH CORNELL

Also total university attend

	68-9	69-70	70-1	71-2	72-3	73-4	74-5	75-6	76-7
Zeta Psi	16	23	21	17	12	17	19	15	11
Chi Phi	14	23	27	28	18	22	15	19	15
Kappa Alpha	6	14	18	19	18	20	17	20	18
Alpha Delta Phi	16	27	18	19	17	15	18	21	23
Phi Kappa Psi	12	11	17	16	13	10	10		
Chi Psi	13	15							
Delta Upsilon ¹	14	25	25	[20]	[20]	[20]	23	[16]	9
Delta Kappa Epsilon		13	17	21	14	15	14	19	21
Theta Delta Chi ²		7	11	11	10	8	12	19	18
Phi Delta Theta					11	15	16		
Alpha Sigma Chi								17	16
Beta Theta Pi									
Delta Beta Phi									26
Psi Upsilon									
Alpha Tau Omega									
Phi Gamma Delta									
Phi Delta Phi									
Phi Sigma Kappa									
Delta Tau Delta									
Sigma Phi									
Sigma Chi									
Delta Chi									
Sigma Alpha Epsilon									
Delta Phi									
Kappa Sigma									
Totals	91	158	154	151	133	142	144	146	157
University Students	412	563	609	597	539	509	532	542	561
University Men	412	563	609	597	521	480	492	495	498
Undergraduate Men	412	563	609	595	516	469	479	484	480
Freshmen	185	280	225	186	157	172	168	179	202

¹ Estimated in some years when not given in Cornellian.² Cornellian figures corrected by fraternity records.

FRATERNITY FROM 1868 TO 1900 AS GIVEN IN THE CORNELLIAN

ence; total university men; total undergraduate men; and total of freshmen

7-8	78-9	79-80	80-1	81-2	82-3	83-4	84-5	85-6	86-7	87-8	88-9	89-90	90-1	91-2	92-3	93-4	94-5	95-6	96-7	97-8	98-9	99-00
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19	16	14	16	14	12	21	17	16	20	22	23	17	30	27	23	27	26	28	28	26	24	34
19	16	19	18	17	16	17	16	16	17	19	17	15	17	20	19	22	20	20	22	25	22	25
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³ These figures include women; it has not been possible to get figures for men alone in the Freshman class after 1884-5.

⁴ The figures for 1898-9 and 1899-1900 do not include students in the Medical College in New York City which opened 1898-9. Including these the totals are for 1898-9, 2101; for 1899-1900, 2299.

from having a large enough membership to meet the losses occasioned by the departure of those who by graduation or otherwise ceased to be active.

The period from 1870 to 1885 was one full of trouble and peril to all fraternities. The number of students in the University steadily declined. In 1870-71 there were 609 all of whom were men. In 1880-81 there were 399 of whom 57 were women; omitting all women and the graduate men, there were but 333 undergraduate men in attendance that year. The next year the number of undergraduate men was but 309; the number of freshmen was 108 of whom 17 were women, leaving but 91 men entering the freshman class. This was the lowest point reached, and the attendance began thereafter to increase rapidly. By 1884-85 the total attendance was 575, the number of undergraduate men 489, and the number of men in the freshman class 214. By 1889-90 the total had risen to 1329, with 1122 undergraduate men.

There were times during the period from 1870 to 1880 when it seemed to the authorities that they might be forced to close the University, or to close some of its departments or colleges, for want of funds, and this calamity was averted only by the generosity of a few steadfast friends. It was the storm and stress period of Cornell and of all connected with it.

That Theta Delta Chi weathered the storm and came out triumphant is a testimonial to its inherent strength and the loyalty and pluck of the Beta membership. Several other fraternities were forced during these years to suspend activities. Chi Psi succumbed as early as 1871, Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Delta Theta in 1876, Chi Psi in 1880 and Delta Beta Phi in 1882. Alpha Sigma Chi was merged in 1879 into Beta Theta Pi. Between 1868 and 1885 fourteen fraternities had established chapters at Cornell of which but eight were still living in the latter year. The only fraternities established at the University during its first ten years that have had a continuous existence are (in the order of their establishment) Zeta Psi, Kappa Alpha, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi, and Psi Upsilon, and several of these were on the verge of dissolution at some time during the first ten or fifteen years of their lives.

About 1885 everything changed for the better. The sale at favorable prices of the western lands which the University had pluckily held on to as its sole salvation even in its most desperate straits, eased the finances and enabled it to expand. Students increased rapidly until in 1888 the number was over one thousand. Chi Psi, Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Delta Theta all came back in 1885-86, Chi Phi in 1887-88. Alpha Tau Omega was established in the same year, and Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Phi (law), Phi Sigma Kappa, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Phi, Sigma Chi, and Delta Chi (law) were all established before the close of 1890, at which time there were over eleven hundred undergraduate men in the University. In 1899-1900 there were twenty-three fraternities and over fifteen hundred undergraduate men.

Theta Delta Chi was the ninth fraternity established at Cornell and for five years after its founding not another was chartered, while for over fifteen years but four more were chartered of which two had a very brief career. Coming as it did when the field was pretty fully occupied and when the number of students began soon to decrease rapidly, it encountered difficulties which would have discouraged hearts less bold than those of the founders and their successors. Even with their undaunted efforts the charge membership remained for years at the danger point and at times it seemed as if the fight would be a losing one. The record discloses that for fifteen years the number returning in the fall never rose above ten or twelve, while in some years it was as low as four. The number initiated each year was as large as now—frequently larger—but in those days the Cornell student tarried but a brief time and by the next fall the Charge would be again at a low ebb. Of the more than 200 freshmen who entered in 1870-1 but 50 graduated; of the 186 that entered the next year but 62 graduated, and so it goes for succeeding years during the 70's. The first freshman class that graduated fifty percent of its members was the class entering in 1878-9 and graduating in 1883.

It is the common testimony of the founders that they were scrupulous—some of them now think over-scrupulous—in the choice of candidates. In October, 1871, one of the absent members writes to another that he has information that some

active members are so cautious that there is fear that no new men may be elected. In the same month and year an active member writes to one who has left college: "We are in existence yet, though few in number, and being so few in number with a heavy rent for lodge room we are financially in need. . . . Some of the many fraternities in Cornell must at no very late day go down. Let us labor for the interests of $\Theta \Delta X$ and let her not be numbered with one of them." Other contemporary correspondence discloses that grave fears are entertained, especially during the year 1871-2, that the Charge may be compelled to surrender its charter. To add to the troubles of the infant Charge, the old antagonism that had postponed the granting of the charter cropped out again at the convention held at the Astor House in February, 1872. Corbin, then residing at Elizabeth, N. J., was the only delegate, the Charge being in too straitened financial condition to send any one from Ithaca. It appears that a delegate from Zeta objected to admitting Corbin as a delegate from Alpha Delta, as the Beta was then called, on the ground that the Cornell Charge had lost its charter and constitution, revealed secrets, etc. The convention seated Corbin who immediately telegraphed Holden to come on from Ithaca. The next day Corbin brought the matter before the convention when the delegate who had made the objectionable statements withdrew them, having confided privately to Corbin that the sole ground for his extraordinary charges was the fact that some Cornell fraternity man had reported that some society at Cornell had lost its constitution and believed it was $\Theta \Delta X$. It is on record that Corbin "talked" to the young brother "privately and apart" and although the delegate protested that he must get away at once, "insisted on his staying" until the matter was cleared up before the whole convention. This is about the last we hear of the antagonism to Beta within the fraternity.

In order to exhibit without wearisome repetition the membership conditions during this period, the accompanying tables have been prepared. In each year are shown in italics the names of the members who returned to the University and in Roman type the names of the initiates for that year. The degrees placed after names indicate that the member graduated that year with the

degree appended. The Beta minutes down to about 1876 are apparently lost and therefore some errors may be found in the tables for that period. Every name is believed to be entered but in some cases where the initiation occurs in (say) 1872, it is impossible to determine accurately whether it took place in the last part of the academic year 1871-2 or the first part of the academic year 1872-3. This doubt exists in the case of Palmer, Ewell, Sutherland and Pierce, and possibly one or two others. With this slight margin of error the tables are believed to be otherwise accurate.

FIRST FIVE YEAR PERIOD. 1870-75

The first five year period, 1870 to 1875, was one of peculiar trials. In the fall of 1870 only four of the charter members returned—Fitch, Tallmadge, Holden and Wadhams—and of these Wadhams left before the year was finished. Corbin had gone to the Columbia Law School and Dickinson had been obliged to leave on account of his breaking health. The next fall but four men returned—Holden, Leach, Shoemaker and Palmer—and of these Shoemaker and Palmer left college before the year was half done. In October a member writes that there are but five men; in January that there are again but five as Sweet and Palmer have left; in February that there are but six and that Shoemaker has left. In the fall of 1872 but five men returned, and of these all had been initiated the preceding year, and only two of them returned the following year. Thus during these three years there is the constant discouragement of decreasing and shifting numbers. During the whole five year period only five members were in the Charge during some part of three academic years, and eight of them never returned after the year in which they were initiated. Yet of the whole thirty-four initiated during the five years, sixteen eventually took degrees, a percentage far in excess of the average of the University for the same period. The fact is a considerable number of the men were initiated in their junior year and a large number in their sophomore year. During the first three years but five men were initiated while freshmen, or only one quarter of the whole.

		Munson Sibley Leonard		Matteson
1880-81	1881-2	1882-3	1883-4	1884-5
<i>H. Webster, M. S.</i> <i>W. B. Hoyt, Ph.B.</i> <i>Collman, B.S.</i> <i>Rappleye</i> <i>Kent</i> <i>Oatley</i> <i>Crooker</i> <i>Kelly</i> <i>J. A. Dix</i> <i>Thayer</i> <i>Jacobs</i> <i>J. N. Wyckoff</i> <i>Carter</i> <i>Patchin</i> <i>Freeman</i> <i>Longwell</i> <i>Thorp</i>	<i>Rappleye, B.S.</i> <i>Kent, B.S.</i> <i>Crooker</i> <i>J. A. Dix</i> <i>Thayer</i> <i>J. N. Wyckoff</i> <i>Carter</i> <i>Freeman</i> <i>Longwell</i> <i>Thorp</i> <i>W. H. Waterman</i> <i>W. G. Smith</i> <i>W. R. Lay</i> <i>A. H. Smith</i> <i>Coles</i> <i>Beidler</i> <i>Hettinger</i>	<i>Crooker, B.Lit.</i> <i>Thayer, B.S.</i> <i>J. N. Wyckoff</i> <i>Freeman</i> <i>Longwell, B. M. E.</i> <i>Thorp</i> <i>W. R. Lay</i> <i>Coles</i> <i>Beidler</i> <i>Hettinger</i> <i>Huffcut</i> <i>L. E. Hyatt</i> <i>de Lima</i> <i>Grotecloss</i> <i>L. Coville</i> <i>Holman</i>	<i>J. N. Wyckoff</i> <i>Thorp, Ph.B.</i> <i>Coles, B.S.</i> <i>Hettinger, B.S.</i> <i>Huffcut, B.S.</i> <i>L. E. Hyatt</i> <i>de Lima</i> <i>Grotecloss, B.S.</i> <i>L. Coville</i> <i>Holman</i> <i>H. G. Simpson</i> <i>Warner</i> <i>F. W. Thomson</i> <i>Curtis</i> <i>Colnon</i> <i>J. F. Thomson</i>	<i>L. E. Hyatt</i> <i>de Lima</i> <i>L. Coville</i> <i>Holman</i> <i>H. G. Simpson</i> <i>F. W. Thomson</i> <i>Curtis</i> <i>Colnon</i> <i>J. F. Thomson</i> <i>J. S. Hyatt</i> <i>P. B. Roberts</i> <i>Stockbridge</i> <i>H. C. Roess</i> <i>Vedder</i> <i>Howes</i> <i>W. H. Stratton</i>

Membership Roll. 1870-1885

1870	1870-71	1871-2	1872-3	1873-4	1874-5
Dickinson Fitch Tallmadge Holden Corbin Wadhams	<i>Fitch, Ph.B.</i> <i>Tallmadge, A.B.</i> <i>Holden</i> <i>Wadhams</i> Mersereau Eastman Shoemaker Case Leach L. F. Baker Palmer	<i>Holden, A.B.</i> <i>Leach, B.S.</i> <i>Shoemaker</i> <i>Palmer</i> Sweet Kridler Rice House F. H. Lay Herrick Ewell	<i>Rice</i> <i>House</i> <i>F. H. Lay</i> <i>Herrick</i> <i>Ewell, B.S.</i> Durkee Berry Gillett Bills Thacher	<i>House, A.B.</i> <i>Rice, B. Arch.</i> <i>Gillett, B.S.</i> <i>Berry</i> <i>Thacher</i> Grove Haviland J. S. Waterman	<i>Rice, (P.G.)</i> <i>Berry</i> <i>Thacher</i> <i>Grove</i> <i>Haviland</i> <i>J. S. Waterman</i> A. W. Smith Hawkins E. D. Smith Coon Watts Sutherland
1875-6	1876-7	1877-8	1878-9	1879-80	
<i>Berry, A.B.</i> <i>Thacher</i> <i>Grove</i> <i>Haviland</i> <i>J. S. Waterman</i> <i>A. W. Smith</i> <i>E. D. Smith</i> <i>Coon, A.B.</i> <i>Watts</i> <i>Sutherland</i> Cook H. Preston F. M. Kendall Stevenson Borden Simons Morse E. M. Wyckoff Hadley	<i>Grove, A.B.</i> <i>Haviland, B.S.</i> <i>J. S. Waterman</i> <i>B.M.E.</i> <i>A. W. Smith</i> <i>Stevenson Ph.B.</i> <i>F. M. Kendall</i> <i>Cook</i> <i>Simons</i> <i>Morse</i> <i>E. M. Wyckoff</i> H. P. Sheldon E. L. Preston Kueffner C. S. Sheldon H. Webster H. Marx C. D. Marx Pierce	<i>Thacher, B.C.E.</i> <i>A. W. Smith,</i> <i>B.M.E.</i> <i>F. M. Kendall, B.S.</i> <i>Cook</i> <i>Simons</i> <i>Morse</i> <i>E. L. Preston,</i> <i>B.C.E.</i> <i>C. S. Sheldon</i> <i>H. Webster</i> <i>H. Marx</i> <i>C. D. Marx, B.C.E.</i> <i>Pierce</i> W. B. Hoyt B. F. McConnell Shippin Collman Munson Sibley Leonard	<i>Cook</i> <i>Simons, A.B.</i> <i>Morse, B.S.</i> <i>C. S. Sheldon</i> <i>H. Webster</i> <i>H. Marx, B.M.E.</i> <i>Pierce</i> <i>W. B. Hoyt</i> <i>B. F. McConnell</i> <i>Collman</i> <i>Munson</i> <i>Sibley</i> <i>Hatch</i> <i>Rappleye</i> <i>Pitcher</i>	<i>C. S. Sheldon</i> <i>H. Webster, B.S.</i> <i>Pierce, B.S.</i> <i>W. B. Hoyt</i> <i>Collman</i> <i>Sibley, A.B.</i> <i>Hatch</i> <i>Rappleye</i> <i>Pitcher</i> Kelly Jacobs Crooker Thayer J. N. Wyckoff J. A. Dix Kent Starr, <i>A.B.</i> Oatley Matteson	
1880-81	1881-2	1882-3	1883-4	1884-5	
<i>H. Webster, M. S.</i> <i>W. B. Hoyt, Ph.B.</i> <i>Collman, B.S.</i> <i>Rappleye</i> <i>Kent</i> <i>Oatley</i> <i>Crooker</i> <i>Kelly</i> <i>J. A. Dix</i> <i>Thayer</i>	<i>Rappleye, B.S.</i> <i>Kent, B.S.</i> <i>Crooker</i> <i>J. A. Dix</i> <i>Thayer</i> <i>J. N. Wyckoff</i> <i>Carter</i> <i>Freeman</i> <i>Longwell</i> <i>Thorp</i>	<i>Crooker, B.Lit.</i> <i>Thayer, B.S.</i> <i>J. N. Wyckoff</i> <i>Freeman</i> <i>Longwell, B. M. E.</i> <i>Thorp</i> <i>W. R. Lay</i> <i>Coles</i> <i>Beidler</i> <i>Hettinger</i>	<i>J. N. Wyckoff</i> <i>Thorp, Ph.B.</i> <i>Coles, B.S.</i> <i>Hettinger, B.S.</i> <i>Huffcut, B.S.</i> <i>L. E. Hyatt</i> <i>de Lima</i> <i>Groedeloss, B.S.</i> <i>L. Coville</i> <i>Holman</i> <i>H. G. Simpson</i>	<i>L. E. Hyatt</i> <i>de Lima</i> <i>L. Coville</i> <i>Holman</i> <i>H. G. Simpson</i> <i>F. W. Thomson</i> <i>Curtis</i> <i>Colnon</i> <i>J. F. Thomson</i> <i>J. S. Hyatt</i> <i>P. R. Roberts</i>	

In 1873-4 affairs began to be more settled and regular. Every man on the rolls that year eventually graduates. The three initiates are all freshmen and all three add decided strength to the fraternity. Waterman, indeed, becomes the most popular athlete of his day besides taking the first prize for excellence of work in mechanic arts. Haviland becomes "Era" editor, a director of the navy, and a member of his class crew. He has but recently been President of the Cornell Club of New York City. It is of this year, however, that Grove, now a successful physician and oculist in Buffalo, writes: "Beta was at low water tide. Billy Berry '76, rushed me. House, Rice and Gillett were to leave in 1874, so Berry and myself hustled. Haviland '77, threw in his lot with us and finally Waterman '77."

The next year, 1874-5, a good delegation in size and quality was added. A. W. Smith was one of the first initiates. His work for Beta while in college and since has been of the very greatest value. Like Waterman he was a famous oarsman and a most excellent student, while his popularity is attested by the fact that he was president of his class in both his junior and senior years. He it was who later secured for Beta her first charge house. In this year, too, Coon was initiated, though then a junior. He was prominent in scholarship and in Cornell activities. He was editor of the "Review", class essayist in the Junior exhibition, class historian on class day, was awarded the President's Prize for essay work, the prize of the Shakespeare Society of London and won the second essay prize at the Intercollegiate Literary Contest held at the Academy of Music in New York.

Of the initiates of this period several have achieved distinction. Shoemaker is a well known author of books of travel and investigation in the far east. Baker is one of the most prominent clergymen in the Episcopal church in Pennsylvania. House is a prominent clergyman in the Baptist church and has been called to leading churches in several western cities. Rice is an artist; Coon is a journalist; Berry has also been in journalism; Palmer and Thacher have engaged in educational work, and A. W. Smith is a professor at Stanford University; Grove is a physician; Leach, Sweet, Gillett, Haviland and Watts are lawyers; Mersereau,

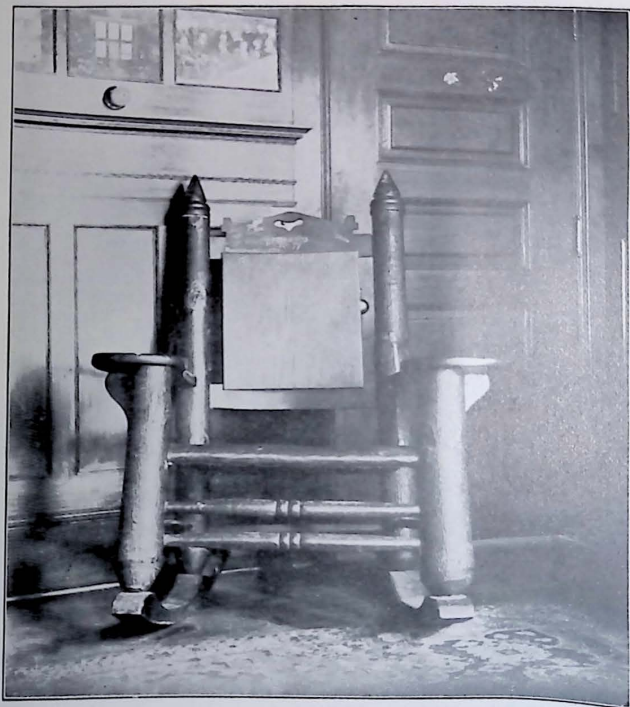
Case, Kridler, Lay, Herrick, Durkee, Bills and E. D. Smith have engaged in business pursuits. Eastman and Sutherland died young. Ewell died after a very successful ministry in the Baptist church. Hawkins died after ten years of successful practice as a physician. John Waterman died in 1891, loved and mourned by all who knew him.

During this period and until 1877 the Charge had its lodge room in the Hawkins and Finch block on State street. Here also some of the members had their living rooms, among them Waterman and A. W. Smith.

It was in Waterman's room in the Hawkins and Finch block that the famous old Beta chair first made its appearance, probably about 1875. Waterman saw the chair in a grocery store whose proprietor had secured it for a resting place in the intervals of his business, and taking a fancy to it struck a bargain with the owner and carried it in triumph to his room. Its broad arms became at once and have ever since remained the fraternity autograph record. When Waterman graduated in 1877 and the Charge moved the next fall to the Sprague block, the old chair was donated by him to the fraternity. It is now the most precious relic of the early days and indeed of all the days of the Charge. It is a massive structure of young hickory posts to which the bark yet clings as tenaciously as when Waterman first saw it. A broad seat and back, broad arms after the fashion of writing arms, and broad rockers, are mortised into the solid hickory. Every square inch of the broad arms is carved with the nicknames or initials of the members of Beta. Last year it was found necessary in order to provide further space to replace the wicker back with a board upon which the increasing membership might carve their autographs. No Beta man ever returns without sitting in the old chair and studying out the carvings of his period.

SECOND FIVE YEAR PERIOD. 1875-80

The second five year period opened auspiciously. Fox Holden returned to Ithaca as Principal of the High School bringing with him the spirit of the early days, the days of Fitch and Dickinson and the other founders. John Waterman, after grad-



THE OLD BETA CHAIR

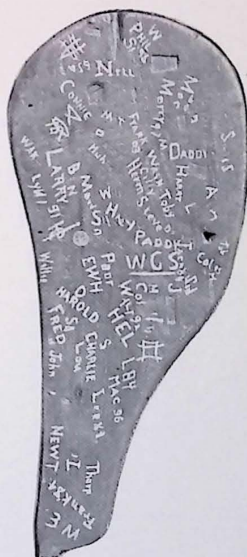
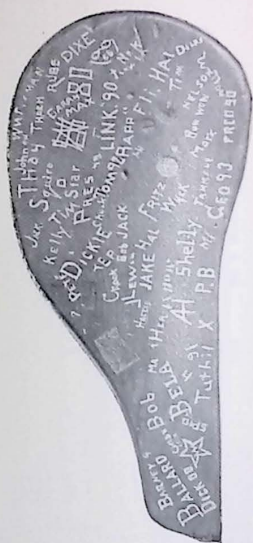
uation in 1877, settled in Ithaca where he remained several years, the constant friend and adviser of all the Beta men. In the fall of '75 ten old men came back, the largest delegation by far that had yet opened Beta's fall campaign. That they were workers the nine initiates attest. Among the latter is another oarsman, Borden, who, however, remains but two years and in 1878 passes into the Omega. Here also is Harold Preston who remained but one year and who has since sprung into merited prominence at the bar in the State of Washington and is a State senator. Here too is F. M. Kendall, who as master of the chimes compiled a book of chime music which is still used at the University and who is now general manager in the west of a large publishing house. It is Kendall who writes: "If I were gifted with the ability to characterize the boys of those days I would try to describe some of them. No one could ever forget Spencer H. Coon, with his eye-glasses and his scholarly manner, nor Albert W. Smith, whom we all loved, nor Billy Hoyt, our serious boy, nor dear John Waterman, nor the lively 'Sukie' Simons, nor 'Jo' Marx with his inexhaustible fund of good humor. They and the others were 'true-blue'." Here too was Morse who says: "Small membership but mighty good fellows," and whose description of the meetings and spreads appears later. And here as a freshman, was Simons, the youngest man in his class, a fine student, a track athlete and a lover of all out-door sports, and subsequently President of the Grand Lodge. To this day no man is more welcome in an undergraduate meeting than the lively and eloquent Simons.

In the later years come H. Webster, who remained for five years and was one of the first of the Beta men to bring the Charge into social activities; "Jo" Marx, who then and afterward was long an active worker; W. B. Hoyt, the busiest man in college and one of the most successful; Sibley, whose literary activity then and since has won renown; Collman an athlete and general favorite; Thayer, a natural leader and a hard worker; J. A. Dix, the very pattern of the ideal gentleman; Kent, beloved of all and heartily devoted to the fraternity; and numerous others, like McConnell, Rappleye, Crooker and Wyckoff, whose interest and good works have been always at the service of Beta.

The whole of this five year period is an era of exceptional interest. The two Marx cousins, the two Sheldon cousins, the two Preston brothers and the two Wyckoff brothers begin the Beta relationship record, while Hosea Webster, W. B. Hoyt, and John Dix all have brothers in Beta later, as did E. D. Smith, initiated in 1874-5. The names that appear on the Beta rolls during this period are notable in the history of the Charge and of the University. Many have since become well known in wider spheres of action. Indeed, it may be doubted whether any other five-year period, or perhaps all the other years combined, include so many men whose university career was conspicuous and whose subsequent career has been notably successful.

Yet it is remarkable that nearly every member of the period bears witness to the extraordinary difficulties and discouragements under which the Charge struggled. Even at the very end of the period we find the same testimony. Crooker, who was initiated in the fall of 1879, writes :

"I soon discovered that some of the members were quite discouraged over the outlook—or rather had been. However, under the leadership of Hoyt they buckled down to work and during that year initiated ten men, not losing a single man that they went after. I have always considered that the Charge was in a very critical condition in the fall of '79—more so than ever before or since—as the membership was low, the debt large, and attendance at Cornell had been steadily decreasing ; and have always believed, and now think, that Hoyt has never received the credit that was due him for the work that was done during that year. . . . The attendance at the University was not large enough to support all the fraternities established there and some of them had to go temporarily. As it was we remained and took rank with the best before the end of the year. We had been rooming at all sorts of scattered places, and eating at different places, meeting only by chance on the campus or street, or at the rooms in the Sprague block. But before the end of the year the movement for concentration had begun and before the end of the next year we had taken up our quarters in the block and were enjoying our own private dining room."



ARMS OF THE OLD BETA CHAIR

It is an interesting piece of general fraternity history connected with this period to note that the Beta records show that on April 12, 1878, Beta voted in favor of the establishment of a Charge at the University of California and that on April 20, 1878, a communication from the Grand Lodge was read stating that the vote on the California charter stood nine for and one against the proposition. So near did we come to anticipating by twenty-two years the founding of Delta Deuteron!

In 1877 the Charge moved into the Sprague block where it remained until 1890. Down to 1877 it had had a lodge room in the Hawkins & Finch block. The fuller history of the Beta Charge homes appears hereafter.

THIRD FIVE YEAR PERIOD. 1880-85

The third five year period is coincident with the low water mark of Cornell student attendance and the beginnings of the rising tide of prosperity. The year 1881-2 was a year of peculiar difficulties for fraternities and it was not until two years later that conditions began sensibly to improve. Yet on the whole Beta prospered. She now had ten years of history behind her and a body of able and loyal alumni. While there were fewer students in attendance at the University they remained longer and the Charge was not depleted by the disappearance of one-year and two-year men to as great an extent as formerly. Under the efficient presidency of Hoyt, Rappleye and Thayer, Charge affairs were successfully managed and the number and character of initiates kept above the safety point. There was never during any of this period any serious danger of the dissolution of the Charge.

We have some interesting external evidence as to the conditions. In 1880-81 we find Beta agitating the establishment of a fraternity periodical, a work which three years later was successfully taken up by Kappa. In 1882-3 President Bachman after his official visit, reported that Beta was a "model Charge." In the first volume of *THE SHIELD* (July, 1884, p. 167), the editor, replying to a statement in another Greek letter periodical that "Theta Delta Chi seems to be in a very bad condition,

with the exception of the chapters at Dartmouth and Hamilton," says: "Surely the claim of weakness cannot be urged against Beta, the strong, vigorous branch of the parent tree; Beta, keeping year after year the even tenor of its way, with its unvarying membership of from fourteen to seventeen loyal Theta Deltas. Whatever others may think, we know that here is a strong point for which we need have no fear."

Many notable additions were made to the fraternity during the period, and most of the men played a conspicuous part in college affairs. Thorp, Carter, W. G. Smith, Coles, Huffcut, L. E. Hyatt, de Lima, Grotecloss, L. Coville, Simpson, F. W. Thomson, Curtis, Colnon, and Vedder were all editors on the college papers and some of them on two or more. Huffcut, de Lima, F. W. Thomson and L. E. Hyatt all held senior class offices, and the first three were commencement speakers, and also Woodford prize competitors, de Lima being successful in the competition. L. E. Hyatt was manager of the glee club and for two years of the Cornell navy, then and now a much coveted distinction. Grotecloss, Hyatt and F. W. Thomson were on the junior promenade committee, places upon which are eagerly sought. Altogether the initiates of this period were active and progressive and have retained their interest in the fraternity in a remarkable degree. The Hyatt brothers and the Thomson brothers continue the relationship record, and W. H. Waterman is a brother of J. S. Waterman, '77, A. H. Smith of E. D. Smith, '78, L. Coville of F. V. Coville, P. B. Roberts of R. D. Roberts, H. C. Roess of L. J. Roess and W. H. Stratton of M. G. Stratton.

During this period the members lived largely together in the Sprague block where they occupied two whole floors. Here they met every day and here on one evening in the week there was a gathering that was frequently prolonged well into the night. Walter G. Smith, who after a year in the University had settled down to editorial work in Ithaca, was a frequent visitor whose wide reading, conversational powers, and keen wit, made him the center of an admiring circle whenever he appeared. Harry Longwell's drollery and ready wit, Rappleye's fine singing, Charlie Curtis' and Harold Simpson's exquisite violin playing, Billy Lay's inexhaustible store of fun and frolic, and the various

"specialties" of other members, all combined to make the meetings in the block periods of rich enjoyment. Some of those occasions have left an indelible impression.

No one who was present will ever forget the night when "Fate" Bachman made his official visit as President of the Grand Lodge and we all sat till near daylight listening to the fascinating flow of anecdote, wit and wisdom that fell from his lips. I believe nothing connected with my early membership in the fraternity ever impressed me so much as that memorable night and that magnetic personality. We were moved alternately to tears and laughter and we thrilled with a new sensation of pride and loyalty as he spoke with simple eloquence of the notable events and notable persons of our fraternity. We had then no periodical, no printed history or records, or at least none available to us. Here was the ancient minstrel reciting in noble and sustained strains the glories of the past to which we listened for the first time. It was to me Homeric in its simplicity and its grandeur. I believe Bachman was the first to widen my vision beyond the Beta Charge to the greater brotherhood of Theta Delta Chi.

The invaluable "Beta Book" owes its origin to this period. This book is a record book in which each initiate has his page with printed headings and there enters his full name, date and place of birth, parentage, preparatory school, date of entering college, and date of initiation. From time to time during his course additional items of his college and fraternity history are entered under appropriate headings, as honors or prizes taken, societies joined, offices and college and fraternity positions held, etc. At graduation or when he leaves college the undergraduate record is completed with date and degree. From time to time thereafter new items are added, as marriage, occupation, public office, publications, and changes in address. This book was begun in 1883 and at that time blanks were sent out to all previous graduates and their record entered so far as then obtainable. The book therefore contains the name of every Beta initiate and, except in a few instances previous to 1883, a pretty complete outline history of the important events of his life. It is an object of

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The era of prosperity began, indeed, earlier than 1885. It may be said to have begun as early as 1875, when such men as Grove, Haviland, Waterman, A. W. Smith, Simons and their associates appear upon the Charge rolls. But contemporary testimony still comes in that during all that period, when, as we now look back at the notable and brilliant men who made up the Beta membership, it seems impossible that failure was in sight, there was nevertheless a constant anxiety lest misfortune should overtake the Charge. This fear was probably heightened by two circumstances,—first the withdrawal of chapter after chapter of other fraternities and second, the marked decline in attendance at the University. Even as late as 1884 the number of undergraduate men was less than four hundred and it was still uncertain whether Cornell was to become a great institution. So while there was much prosperity during the first fifteen years it could not justly be called an era of prosperity. It was rather an era of struggle, of hope, of expectation, of some confidence and much success.

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FOURTH FIVE YEAR PERIOD. 1885-1890

It is probable that no year of the Charge history is so conspicuous for the prominence of its members in undergraduate affairs as the year 1885-86. We find F. W. Thomson and L. E. Hyatt upon the "Era," the latter as business manager, L. Coville on the "Sun," de Lima on the "Review," Colnon and Curtis on the "Cornellian." Holman is on the crew and Hyatt is commodore of the navy and manager of the glee club; F. W. Thomson is on the junior ball committee; P. B. Roberts is president of the Athletic Association; Stockbridge, Curtis, Vedder and F. W. Thomson are first-lieutenants in the cadet corps; Hyatt and de Lima are members of the senior club and Colnon, Roberts, F. W. Thomson and J. F. Thomson of the junior club. In the same year de Lima wins the Woodford Prize in oratory, is class orator, and speaker on the commencement stage. Surely here is a galaxy of brilliancy and merit that illuminates the pages of the Charge history.

So it goes in succeeding years. Five of the fourteen members of the senior club the next year are Theta Delts. F. W. Thomson is a Woodford orator, ivy orator and commencement speaker, Stranahan and Fielder are on the crew and Stranahan on the football eleven. Vedder is an editor of the "Sun." F. V. Coville graduates holding the record as the best all round athlete in the University and with a standing as a student so high that he is awarded both $\Phi B K$ and $\Sigma \Xi$, an honor unprecedented in the history of Cornell scholarship.

The initiates of 1885-6, though but four in number, were also picked men. Parker became one of the most active Cornellians of his day; Fielder was what is always a title to fame at Cornell, a successful oarsman; Murphy was a most active and efficient fraternity worker and no one had a greater influence for good upon the Charge; F. V. Coville was then and has since remained a most brilliant student and a loyal brother and friend. In the succeeding years we find such workers as Stranahan, "Billy" Morrison, "Rube" Webster, "Larry" Mac Laren,

"Johnnie" Manierre, "Tommy" Van Dorn, Connard, "Ep" Wilson, "Frankie" Barker, and others whose names are on the honor roll of Beta. If any criticism is to be passed on this array of loyal brothers it is that they were not, as a whole, especially active in college affairs. Aside from Parker, Fielder, Coville, Stranahan and Stern few of them engaged in the student activities which go to make up so large, and on the whole so valuable, a part of college life. Indeed there is a period from about 1887 to 1895 when most of the Beta men seem to have fallen into an attitude of indifference with reference to what we may term undergraduate class and 'varsity duties. But in loyalty and devotion to the interests of the Charge they are most of them deserving of grateful remembrance.

During this five year period but thirty men were initiated,—the fewest in any of the five year periods.

In 1884 "Jo" Marx had returned to the University as Professor of Civil Engineering and in 1886 "Al" Smith returned first as the holder of a fellowship and later as Professor of Mechanical Engineering. After his graduation in 1884 Huffcut remained as Instructor in English until 1888. After his graduation in 1887 Vedder was for four years Instructor in Civil Engineering. During 1887-8 F. V. Coville was Instructor in Botany. In 1889 Rappleye came as Instructor in Mathematics and remained until 1894.

No one can begin to estimate the influence exerted for good by Marx and Smith during this five year period. They came from the olden days. They instantly secured the unbounded affection and confidence of the undergraduates. They are both physically far above the average in size and Smith had been in his day a notable athlete. Yet both unite with great strength of mind and body a singularly gentle and attractive personality. Both possess a quick sense of humor and Smith has published humorous verse that places him among the masters of that genial art. Both have uncommon common sense. Both know the world and know men and, what is more difficult, know and understand boys. Both took a deep interest in the Charge. Every man who was in it during their stay at the University will bear witness how much it

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Huffcut, Vedder and Coville were too young and two recently graduated to exercise any such influence as Marx and Smith, yet their interest was keen and their experience in fraternity affairs of value to the younger men. When Rappleye returned in 1889 his age and experience, his genial nature and his loyal interest, all contributed to give him a strong hold upon the active members. When Marx left in 1890 and Smith and Vedder in 1891, "Rapp" remained the only Beta graduate in Ithaca and during the next two or three years was the chief adviser of the undergraduate members.

An active member of those days writes: "The four men in the faculty did wonders in holding the crowd together that year (1889-90), especially Smith and Marx. Hardly a Saturday night but they visited the block. My earliest and best recollections of the fraternity are of those graduates sitting around and talking Beta and Cornell lore, and of "Rapp" singing "We've Drank from the Same Canteen." The influence of these men continued. Marx left in June, 1890, and Smith and Vedder a year later. I know nothing that helped us more later than the long visits Herm Vedder used to make us during his long winter vacation. He kept alive that old feeling for the Beta traditions and Beta graduates which I believe is Beta's strongest point."

This period closed the Charge life in the Sprague block. The movement toward the hill had left Beta almost the last fraternity in the valley and during the latter part of the period had increased the difficulties of "rushing" until considerable discouragement began to be felt.

FIFTH FIVE YEAR PERIOD. 1890-95

The period of 1890-95 opens in the new Charge House at 120 E. Buffalo street, secured mainly through the activity of "Al" Smith. Of the five initiates in 1890-91 four were from Chicago and this was the beginning of a succession of Chicago initiates which has given the Charge a singularly strong membership from that city.

Three men during this period left a deep impress upon the Charge. Connard, or "Connie" as he is affectionately known, served first as manager and afterwards as president. In his first capacity he succeeded in placing the business affairs of the Charge upon a sound basis and in establishing a reputation for promptness and fidelity in all financial affairs which the Charge has ever since maintained. In his second capacity, and even before he assumed the presidency, he exerted his influence to harmonize certain difficulties which had arisen in the internal affairs of the Charge and which threatened at one time to disrupt it. There is common testimony to the effect that "Connie" was the savior of the Charge at a very critical moment in its history. Barker it was who laid the foundations of the Beta library. He built the artistic shelving which still remains in the old Charge house and gave a great many of the books. He conceived and carried out various plans for interior house improvements, including the paneling and wall seats in the cozy smoking room, and, assisted by Tunis Hubbard and Collins, actually did the cabinet work himself. W. C. Dreier was raised up as the preserver of the memorabilia of the Charge and was an able ally of Barker in all the plans for the library and interior decorations. It is to Dreier that the Charge owes the unique collection of photographs of members and of annual groups.

The Beta album deserves special mention. In 1894-5 Dreier conceived the idea of mounting the photographs of members on large sheets in such a way that they could not be lost. He wrote to the older men, ransacked the local photograph galleries, and by dint of energy and perseverance, continued long after he left college and down to the present time, collected the photographs of all the members of the Charge except a very few and he has not yet given up his quest of these. Most of the photographs are of the men as they were while in college. All of these he mounted in a large album, carefully removing each photograph from its original mount, and this collection he is now having reproduced by photography, somewhat reduced in size, in order that each Beta members may possess it if he desires. To this work he added the collection of the annual group photographs and has succeeded in securing nearly all of these. The groups

1899-1900

R. D. Roberts

1898-9

Walter, I. L. B.

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are preserved by being set under glass in the paneling of the "alumni room" in the new Charge House. The Charge is indebted to Dreier, more than to any other person, or all other persons, for the preservation, not only of these photographs, but of other interesting memorabilia. He it was also who first took up the work of securing among undergraduates subscriptions for the Charge House fund.

The good work begun by Connard was carried on by Collins who first as house manager and afterward as president, left a deep impress upon the Charge for good. An active member of those days says: "He was 'Connie's' residuary legatee. God send us such another and send him often." To this period also belongs Waldo Tobey whose sane judgment and unswerving loyalty have been a sure reliance in many trying situations, and Tunis Hubbard who as house manager preserved the best traditions of the days of Connard and whose influence was always potent for good.

Of the freshmen taken in 1892-3, nine in number, not one remained to graduate and of the eleven men eventually taken from the class of '96, but one (Goll) graduated. This is paralleled only by the class of '73 which had nine members and not a single graduate. Yet '96 will not soon be forgotten at Beta for rarely has a class been made up of more likable or jolly fellows.

In 1893-4 the Charge secured nine new men and one, I. A. Kendall, was affiliated from Nu Deuteron. It is the largest addition in any single year of the Charge history. Of the ten, six graduated. W. W. Hubbard, W. F. Tobey, H. R. Tobey, Goll and Dyett all contributed very largely to the success of the Charge during their period of activity. The next year eight men were initiated, among them Briggs the most famous Cornell oarsman of recent years and perhaps the most remarkable stroke oar in all the history of American boating.

In 1891 "Duke" Lee, Psi '91, settled in Ithaca as a teacher in the Cascadilla Preparatory School, and in 1893 he became Professor of Elocution and Oratory in the University. His influence upon the Beta Charge has been very great. An active member of the early 90's says: "I think Beta owes it to 'Duke' Lee that we awoke to a realization of the fact that we were a part

of a great fraternity. We began learning something about the fraternity at large. Night after night he would drop into the house and the boys would sit listening while he talked of the fraternity. Those evenings I think made a strong impression on the members of Beta. He was an invaluable influence." It was due to this interest aroused by Lee that Beta presented a candidate for Secretary of the Grand Lodge in 1892 and secured the election of "Ep" Wilson, who, in turn, helped to keep alive Beta's enthusiasm for general fraternity work. Endowed with unusual ability and with unbounded enthusiasm, Wilson has often been an inspiration to the Charge not only during his active connection with it but whenever occasion offered since. And for much of his interest and enthusiasm Wilson is indebted to Lee, whose thought and efforts are ever at the service of Beta to this day and whose moral enthusiasm and steadiness of purpose have been of incalculable benefit during the last decade.

In 1893 Huffcut returned to the University as a professor in the law school and immediately resumed an active interest in Charge affairs. He took up at once the work of securing funds for the new Charge House and in 1899 edited the "Shield" with the assistance of the Charge. He has been honored with the confidence and unfailing support of the undergraduate brothers in all efforts for the welfare of Beta.

This period shows thirty-nine new members of whom fifteen eventually took degrees. It is the largest addition in any of the five-year periods but shows rather less than the average percentage of graduates.

SIXTH FIVE YEAR PERIOD. 1895-1900

The period from 1895 to 1900 is still fresh in memory and is rich in the realization of long cherished dreams. The Charge roll has been a long one each year and the days of easy prosperity seem fairly to have dawned. In 1896 the plan for a new Charge House materialized. In June of that year the little house at 120 E. Buffalo was vacated and for the first two terms of 1896-7 the Charge headquarters were at No. 30 (now 206) Stewart avenue pending the completion of the new house. Here many of the

members roomed and here were initiated Reynolds, Nolan, R. S. Persons, Stevens and Pendleton. It was the first time since 1870 that Beta had been without a lodge room. In March, 1897, just twenty-seven years after it was first chartered, the Charge moved into its new, and probably permanent, home.

Lee, Huffcut, "Swiss" Coville and C. J. Bullock (Lambda '89) have been the graduates on guard during the period. Bullock was Instructor in Political Economy from 1895 to 1899 and a frequent visitor at the Beta house. His deep interest in the fraternity, his singleness of purpose, and his quiet helpfulness to individual members whenever opportunity offered, made him a constant influence for good. Like Lee he helped to widen the horizon of the Beta men and to enlarge their interest in general fraternity work. This was emphasized when in '1898-99 the Charge undertook to assist in the editing and publishing of *THE SHIELD*, and during the year that the editorial office was at Ithaca remained faithful in the discharge of all requirements. It was further emphasized by the fact that "Ned" Smith was a member of the Grand Lodge for two years, and it was fostered by the constant watchfulness and helpful visits of Carl A. Harstrom, the President of the Grand Lodge. In 1896 Dr. Luzerne Coville settled in Ithaca and immediately came into the closest touch with Beta's affairs. His long experience in fraternity matters, his instinct for tradition and his intimate knowledge of fraternity history, his sympathy with youth and his love and loyalty for Beta, have enabled him to be of the highest service to the Charge. Nothing of importance is ever done without consulting "Swiss." 1897-8 Ray Wicker was again at the University as a graduate student and renewed his interest in all that pertained to Beta's welfare.

Among the undergraduates it is difficult to name those most influential for there has been a remarkable harmony of action. For two years Waldo Tobey remained after graduation as a student in the law school and the Charge profited greatly from his maturity, experience and devotion. In like manner Harry Tobey returned to the law school for one year after graduation and during the first full year in the new house aided greatly in shaping the policy and fixing the customs of the house. In

1898-99 Phil Walter returned in the same way. During the last year E. S. Smith has been at the University as an assistant in chemistry and has been able to aid the Charge by his long experience in it and on the Grand Lodge. Goll, Dyett, Feigenspan, E. S. Smith, R. S. Persons and Massey have been the presidents of the Charge and W. W. Hubbard, Walter, E. S. Smith, Persons, Massey and Jones have been house managers. Others, like Ansley, Beckwith, Grimshaw, Stevens, Atwood and Baker, have been influential and valuable advisers and workers. In fact it is only just to say that the whole membership has been imbued with a fine spirit of loyalty and activity.

The undergraduates have again begun to take an active part in college affairs. Briggs, Simpson, Walter, Oddie, Grimshaw and A. B. Morrison have been active in athletics. Stevens, J. M. Wilson, Baker and Eckert have been on the college periodicals. Waldo Tobey, Harry Tobey, J. M. Wilson, and Nolan have competed in oratorical and debate competitions and Nolan has been twice the representative of Cornell in intercollegiate debate. Others have been members of senior or junior ball committees and leader or assistant leader of the sophomore cotillion, or have held other class offices. Altogether it may be said that Beta is now exhibiting most excellent college spirit which is usually the accompaniment of good fraternity spirit.

So the second half of Beta's history closes with the Charge firmly established, with a large and active membership, an efficient and harmonious administration, and with the Charge housed in a manner befitting its position and adapted to its needs. Thirty years of consistent work have produced an organization and a spirit, material accessories, and a bountiful promise of future growth, far beyond the fondest dreams of the founders.

V. The Beta Charge House

After the founding in January, 1870, the Charge met for the rest of that year and the first part of the succeeding year, in the rooms of the members, usually in those occupied by Fitch and Dickinson. In the meantime it was looking about for a permanent home. This it finally found in a new block just finished

on the north side of State street, between Tioga and Cayuga streets, and known as the Hawkins and Finch block (now No. 120 East State street). A back room on the fourth floor of this block was secured as a lodge room and first occupied in January, 1871. The treasurer's books show items expended about that time for rent, carpets, chairs, coal, etc. Fitch writes: "I am not sure whether it was for lack of funds or to prevent the sacred precincts from being profaned by ordinary workmen—though in the cold light of memory, I am bound to believe it was the former—we actually laid our own carpets. The only reason I remember the fact at all is that while engaged in that laudable work I suffered very serious and trying rents in my garments."

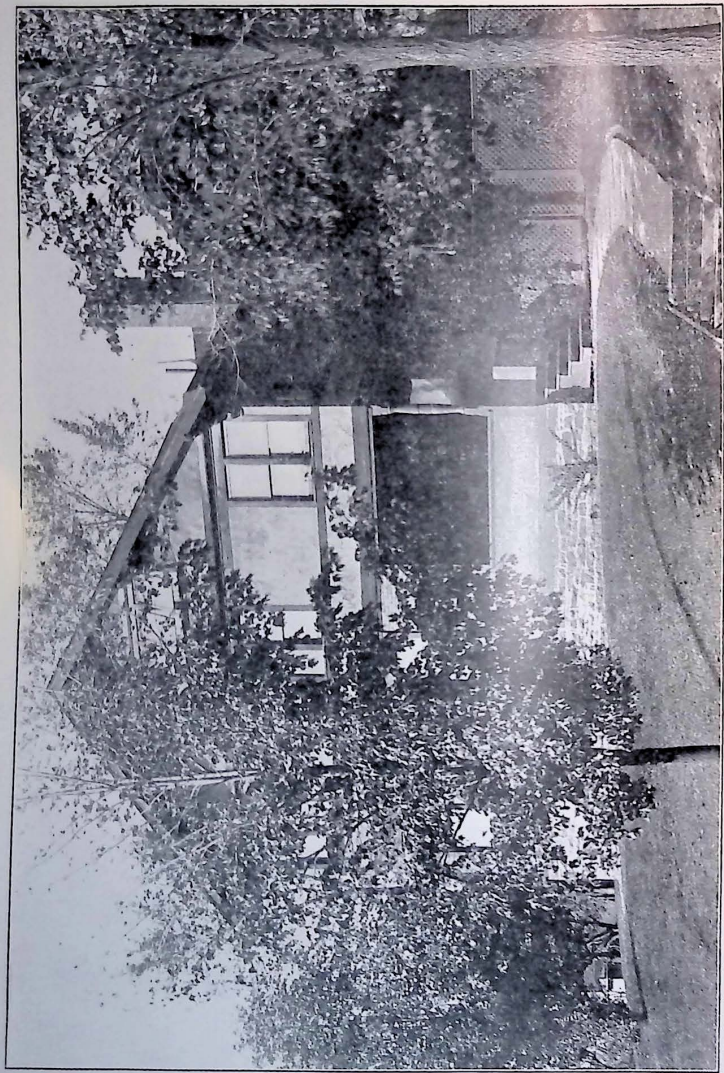
This lodge room the Charge occupied for six years, or until the fall of '77. At various times members of the Charge had their private rooms in the same block and, in the absence of any common parlor or club room, these became the meeting place of the brothers. F. M. Kendall says: "Albert Smith and John Waterman roomed together and we made their room our rendezvous. Only men of broad and tolerant natures could have endured having fifteen or twenty young men take complete possession of their quarters as we did." "Although we were hard up," says E. R. Morse, "we derived much pleasure from our meetings. Our spreads, most simple affairs, were always held after each initiation in a restaurant in the same building." It was, indeed, the uniform custom down till about 1890 for the Charge to have a spread at some restaurant or hotel after each initiation, and frequently with printed menus and toast list. Latterly the spread has been at the House and the speeches have been omitted. The older men will doubt whether the omission is a wise one when they remember the fun and wisdom that were freely poured out on such occasions, and the songs and stories that filled in all the intervals.

In the fall of 1877 the lodge room was moved from the Hawkins block to the Sprague block, on the south side of State street, (now No. 149 East State street). A large and well-arranged lodge room was secured on the fourth floor, connecting through an ante-room with a commodious front parlor. This was the first time that the Charge had boasted a parlor or club room, since in

the Hawkins block there was only the lodge room. Several brothers of those days have described the notable event of the removal to the new quarters. E. L. Preston, '78, says: "I came back two week early in order to arrange for furnishing a new hall. On account of some trouble in the ——— fraternity, they placed all their furniture, carpets, etc., on sale, and their lodge room was given up. I succeeded in renting the hall and secured some of the furniture and carpets, and gave the Beta boys a surprise on their return to college." F. M. Kendall, '78, says: "At midnight we moved our lodge room furniture across the street to the Sprague block. That was a great event and it was with the utmost secrecy and mystery that we transferred our effects to our new quarters. Our new lodge room was commodious and convenient and we enjoyed it very much. The front room was public and large enough to enable us all to use it without crowding." Another says: "We had the luxury of a general parlor where Simons, Sheldon and some of the other fellows spent most of their time playing whist." Who that knows Simons' passion for whist can doubt the veracity of this statement!

This home the Charge occupied for thirteen years and probably more Beta men have been initiated in that fourth story of the Sprague block than in any other of the four lodge rooms occupied by the Charge. About 1879 or 1880 two whole floors of the block, the third and fourth, were rented and six suites of apartments were tenanted by the members. Here for ten years was Beta's first "Chapter House," and they were years of keenest pleasure and continued progress. The more intimate life that came from living in such close association drew the brothers together and did much to cultivate the spirit of fraternity. The impetus given by the work of Hoyt and his fellows in 1879 and 1880 carried the fraternity well on into the '80's and was augmented by the efforts of such men as Kent, Thayer, Dix, Thorp, de Lima, Thomson, Coville, Stratton, Murphy, and a goodly company of others.

Down to about 1885 it had been the fashion to live in the town. To the modern Cornellian who enjoys the beauties of the hill this seems unaccountable. With no street cars and with a mile of steep ascent between him and the University, the student



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of the first fifteen or twenty years of Cornell history trudged laboriously to his work, and after it was done slid blithely down to his home in the valley. Almost every fraternity was housed in business blocks on State street. Only one owned a chapter house and that, first occupied in 1879, was not more than half way up the hill, and was considered to be somewhat out of the popular life. But in the 80's there began a movement toward the hill. One fraternity after another rented houses nearer the campus. Finally two built houses on the campus under favorable leases from the University. It began to be seen that ultimately all leading fraternities must move to the hill or cease to be leading.

At an annual dinner and reunion held at the Ithaca Hotel on June 15, 1887, a movement was begun toward securing a fund for a Beta Charge House. At that meeting about \$2000 was subscribed in small annual sums to be paid during a period of from three to five years. The following summer the Charge was incorporated with Seward A. Simons, William B. Hoyt, Albert W. Smith, Charles D. Marx, W. G. Smith, Ernest W. Huffcut and James McLachlan, Jr. (Psi) as trustees. At that time all of the trustees except Simons and Hoyt resided in Ithaca and the prospects were fair for a united and successful movement. Before three years had elapsed all except Albert W. Smith had moved elsewhere, and most went within the year after the plan was formulated. This left "Al" Smith to shoulder the burden practically unaided. But he was equal to the task. By the summer of 1890 he had succeeded in raising enough money to purchase a house at 120 (now 514) Buffalo street, three-quarters of the way up the hill, and in the fall the Charge moved from the Sprague block to its new home, now in reality its own. The cost of the house was \$6000 of which \$2850 was paid in and the balance secured by mortgage.

The house, though small, is an exquisite specimen of architecture after the style of a Swiss chalet. There were three small rooms on the first floor available for library, parlor and smoking room, and these some of the boys under the leadership of Barker fitted up in admirable style doing most of the cabinet work with their own hands. One room on this floor and four rooms on the second floor were all that were available for members, but by an

ingenious system of "double-deck" beds every inch of space was utilized. The third floor served admirably for lodge room purposes, though in hot weather the proximity to the roof was a decided incentive to brief sessions. Some of the fondest recollections of the men of this period center in this house, which one of the brothers describes as "one of the cunningest little houses on Buffalo street where by accident or otherwise there was a horizontal strip of Ithaca." It is a gratification to all these brothers to know that when the Charge left it for more commodious quarters it passed into the hands of that loyal brother, "Swiss" Coville, who with his charming wife continues to make it a welcome rendezvous for Theta Delts.

And here the Charge prospered for a time. Connard, than whom no Theta Delt ever worked more loyally or intelligently for the welfare of his fraternity, brought the Charge to a high degree of efficiency with the hearty cooperation of loyal fraters. Collins, the two Hubbard brothers, the two Tobey brothers Goll, Dyett, and many others, carried on the work. In all financial matters, especially, the Charge was admirably managed, and its credit was always at the highest point for every obligation was promptly and fully met.

It was soon seen, however, that the Buffalo street house could be regarded only as a temporary stopping place in the transit from the town to the hill. By 1893 a renewed movement was afoot for securing a fund for the erection of a Charge House that should at once meet the actual needs of fraternity life and compare favorably with other similar houses at Cornell. This movement was represented mainly among the graduates by Huffcut '84, who had returned to the University after an absence of five years, and among the undergraduates by Dreier '94. After nearly two years of work something like two thousand dollars had been subscribed and it was reckoned that the equity in the Buffalo street house represented about three thousand more. On June 19, 1895, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Charge was celebrated by a re-union and dinner at which the project was fully discussed and approved and further subscriptions secured. It was not until March, 1896, however, that enough money was pledged to warrant definite action. On the 16th of that month

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W. W. Hubbard

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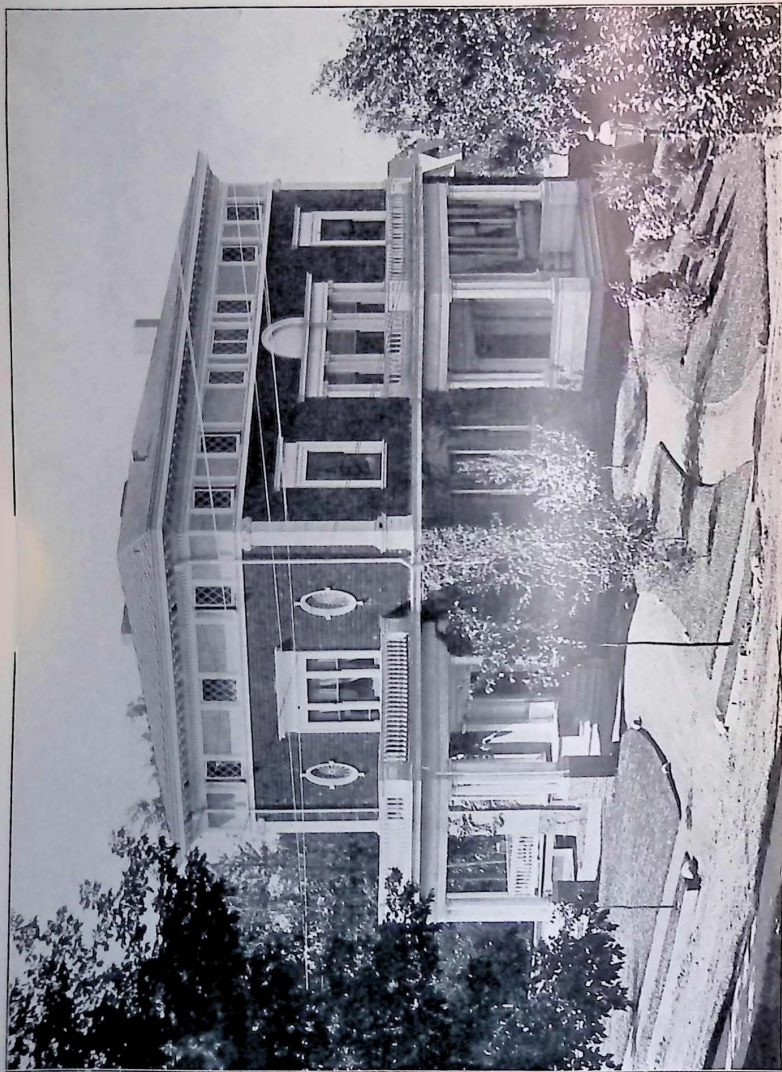
W. W. Hubbard

1898-9

Walter, L.L.B.

1899-1900

R. D. Roberts



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five of the trustees, Simons, Hoyt, Rappleye, Lee (Psi) and Huffcut met in Buffalo and voted to purchase a lot at the corner of South avenue and West avenue, adjoining the campus. Prior to this it had been decided to build eventually upon the campus and a lot at the south end of West avenue on the bank of Cascadilla gorge had actually been granted by the University trustees. But further consideration led to the belief that it was more desirable for the Charge to own its own lot and this prominent corner was selected. A little later the Buffalo street house was sold to Coville, '86, and the trustees were ready to proceed with the erection of the new Charge House.

Brother Bullock has described in the March, 1900, SHIELD, (p. 38) the scene in July, 1896, when the stakes were set for the new structure. By March, 1897, it was practically completed and the boys, who had been living that year in boarding houses, moved in during the spring vacation. On June 17, it was formally opened with a ball which has since annually been repeated at Commencement. The house and grounds have cost over twenty thousand dollars, and plans are now being considered for an addition for a dining room, kitchen and servants' quarters.

The house is built in the colonial style with a suggestion of the Renaissance. The foundations are of rock-faced brick, the first story of buff pressed brick, the second story of dark shingles, and the third story of plaster panel work with rows of latticed windows. Upon the front there is a colonial porch supported by massive columns, the doorway being flanked with fluted columns bearing carved capitals. Upon the east is a port-cochere; upon the south a verandah 60 by 14 feet, with heavy columns. On the first floor are a large hall from which open the salon, a fine room extending along the whole west of the house and finished in ivory white and green with Doric columns, a library, music room, cloak room, and the "alumni room." The last, a memorial by the classes of 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903, is a paneled room with heavy wall-seats, over which are panels containing the group pictures of the Charge from the earliest days. One of the interesting items connected with the fitting up of this room was the use of a broad plank seat which had been a part of the smoking room seats in the Buffalo street house. All of this floor, and in-

deed of the whole house except the salon, is finished in polished chestnut. Ascending the stairs, a landing midway extends above the main entrance and just under the three large front windows. On this landing is a loge with a seat from which one may view the whole of the hall and a large part of the library and salon. On the second floor are eight studies, and on the third, eight bedrooms, a trunk room, and a finely appointed bath room with a marble shower bath. It is a common verdict that the Theta Deltis have the most beautiful and distinctively individual house at Cornell. Certainly it is very beautiful and use only confirms the opinion that it is admirably suited to its purpose.

The list of contributors to the fund that went into the Buffalo street house, and subsequently by the sale of that into the present house, and of those to the additional fund necessary to build the present house, is a long one. Without giving it in detail here it is only just to say that the largest amounts, without which the plan could not have been successfully carried out, were contributed by Corbin, B. F. McConnell, H. Webster, Simons, W. B. Hoyt, de Lima, A. W. Smith, Longwell and Huffcut; while the largest loans on bonds were taken by Mrs. Caroline Smith, mother of A. W. Smith, de Lima, W. B. Hoyt, Feigenspan, Corbin (who afterward made a gift of the bond) and Connard. Nearly one hundred members have contributed to the fund. Of these, three have given four hundred dollars or more each, six have given two hundred dollars and upwards each, and ten have given upwards of one hundred dollars each. The other contributions have been in sums less than one hundred dollars, but in the aggregate have made up nearly one half the entire amount.

The Beta relics and memorabilia collected in the Charge House have already been referred to. They consist of the Dickinson monogram, the Founders' group, the old Beta chair, the "Beta Book," the Beta scrap-book, the Beta album, and the "alumni room" with its unique collection of group photographs. The loge in the upper hall is the memorial of the class of '97, and the alumni room is a joint memorial from the classes of 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903. The carved panel with the shield and open motto over the library mantel is the gift of D. C. Lee, Psi '91. Several fine decorative wall pieces have recently been presented

by Willis S. Paine, Chi '69. The beautiful set of brass andirons in the salon is the gift of Phil Walter's mother. The fine oak library table is the gift of de Lima, and various other articles of furniture were donated by members or friends of the Charge.

VI. Beta Men in College Activities

It is some indication of the standing and characteristics of college men to note to what extent they interest themselves in the various student activities of their undergraduate days. While it would give an erroneous impression to place too much weight upon such matters, they are, nevertheless, a part of the college history of an individual or a group. For this reason, the following brief outline has been prepared from the records preserved in the college annual and, subject to the caution expressed above, may prove of interest as a part of the history of Beta.

Senior class offices have been held by Fitch, Holden, House, Berry, Coon, A. W. Smith, Sibley, Kent, Thayer, Huffcut, de Lima, L. E. Hyatt, F. W. Thomson, W. H. Morrison, Wicker, Manierre, H. R. Tobey and Nolan. Of these Berry and A. W. Smith were senior class presidents. Fitch was poet, and most of the others were class, ivy or memorial orators.

Junior class offices have been held by Coon, A. W. Smith, H. Webster, W. B. Hoyt, L. E. Hyatt, Colnon, P. B. Roberts, C. B. Dix, Stranahan, Werner and J. F. Barker. Of these A. W. Smith, H. Webster and Stranahan were presidents of their classes in junior year. Since the junior promenade was instituted as a social feature of the University in 1882, Thayer, Grotecloss, L. E. Hyatt, F. W. Thomson, Stern, Manierre, Newton, Walter, Oddie, Persons and Atwood have served on the committee having that social function in charge.

Sophomore class offices have been held by Holden, L. F. Baker, House, Berry, W. B. Hoyt, Colnon, Stern and Bassette. Of these Baker, Stern and Bassette were presidents of their classes in sophomore year. Since the sophomore cotillion was instituted, DeWolfe and Stevens have been leaders of it and Hamilton assistant leader and Merrell a member of the committee in charge.

Freshman class offices have been held by Corbin, W. B.

Hoyt, Thayer, Freeman, H. C. Roess, W. H. Morrison, Bassette, Beckwith and Stevens.

Down to 1894 seniors were appointed to places on the commencement program and Holden, C. D. Marx, Thacher, H. Marx, Sibley, W. B. Hoyt, Kent, Thayer, Longwell, Huffcut, de Lima and F. W. Thomson received such appointments.

The Woodford Prize in oratory, open only to seniors, has been competed for on the Woodford stage by Stevenson, W. B. Hoyt, Thayer, Huffcut, de Lima and F. W. Thomson, of whom de Lima alone was successful, winning the prize in 1886.

The '86 Memorial Prize in declamation, open only to juniors, has been competed for by H. C. Roess, E. M. Wilson, W. F. Tobey, H. R. Tobey, J. H. Wilson and Nolan.

Nolan also competed, and successfully, for the '94 Memorial Prize in debate, and for two successive years represented Cornell in intercollegiate debate with Pennsylvania and Columbia.

On the oldest of the college papers, the "Era," Dickinson, Fitch, Holden, Haviland, Stevenson, Simons, W. B. Hoyt, Thayer, Thorp, Huffcut, F. W. Thomson and L. E. Hyatt have all served as editors. Of the "Sun," the college daily which W. B. Hoyt was largely instrumental in founding, Hoyt, Kent, Huffcut, Carter, Crooker, Simpson, L. Coville, Vedder, Parker and Stevens have been editors at various times and for periods varying from one to three years each. Eckert is an editor of it for 1900-1. The "Review," a monthly periodical now defunct, has counted Coon, Sibley, Kent, W. B. Hoyt, Rappleye, Grotecloss and de Lima among its editors. J. H. Wilson has been for three years an editor of the "Widow," a humorous periodical which has just completed its sixth volume. The "Cornellian," the college annual, was edited by the fraternities down to 1882, and during this time Fitch, Leach, Ewell, Gillett, Waterman, Stevenson, Rappleye and Dix were representatives from Theta Delta Chi. Since 1882 it has been conducted by editors elected by the junior class, and Grotecloss, Coles, de Lima, Colnon, Curtis, Parker, MacLaren, Stevens and Baker have been editors by election. On the engineering journal, first known as the "Crank," but now called the "Sibley Journal," W. R. Webster, Werner and Louer have served as editors. Werner was also

founder and editor of the short-lived "New York Law Review" published at Cornell.

In athletics the members of Beta have been conspicuous in Cornell's favorite sport, boating, but have made but a slight showing in other branches. In football Grotecloss, Stranahan, Grimshaw and A. B. Morrison have been on 'varsity teams. In track athletics Collman, Grotecloss, F. V. Coville, P. B. Roberts, E. D. McConnell, Walter, and perhaps some others, have been on the team and some of them have done distinguished work. In boating J. S. Waterman, A. W. Smith, Borden, Holman, Fielder, Stranahan, Collins, Briggs and Oddie have been on the Cornell crews. Waterman was bow oar of the '75 'varsity crew that won over twelve competitors, including Harvard and Yale, at Saratoga on July 14, 1875, and Smith was on the freshman crew that won over three other crews, including Harvard, in the same year. Both Waterman and Smith were in the '76 'varsity crew that won over five other crews, including Harvard, at Saratoga in that year. In 1875-6 there was a Theta Delta Chi crew composed of Smith, Haviland, Sutherland, Morse, Borden and Waterman. Briggs was stroke of his freshman crew (1895) and stroke of three successive 'varsity crews which won over Harvard and three other crews in '96, and over both Harvard and Yale in '97 and '98. He is regarded as one of the most phenomenal stroke oars that ever sat in a boat.

The following graduates of Beta have been appointed to positions upon the Cornell faculty or teaching corps: C. D. Marx, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering (1884-1880); A. W. Smith, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering (1887-91); E. W. Huffcut, Instructor in English (1885-1888), Professor of Law (1893—); F. V. Coville, Instructor in Botany (1887-88); H. K. Vedder, Instructor in Civil Engineering (1887-1891); W. G. Rappleye, Instructor in Mathematics (1889-1894); L. Coville, Lecturer and Demonstrator in Anatomy (1898—); E. S. Smith, Assistant in Chemistry (1899-1900).

Fellowships in the University have been held by A. W. Smith, H. K. Vedder and E. M. Wilson. W. B. Hoyt has been a trustee of the University by election by alumni.

VII. Beta Men in World Activities

Of the living members of Beta thirty-two are lawyers, two are ministers, seven are physicians, five are journalists, thirty are engineers, two are in the public service, two are architects, fifteen are teachers, one is an artist, one an author, and the rest are engaged in business enterprises of various sorts, or are yet students at the University or elsewhere. It will not be necessary here to go into the further life record of the Beta members since the Beta roll which is to accompany the separate publication of this sketch will give the more important facts in the life of each member so far as these can be ascertained. It is enough here to note that the graduates of Beta are bearing their part in the larger world well and worthily, and that a considerable number have won distinction in their professions or in public life.

VIII. The Beta-Omega Roll

Of the two hundred and six names which appear upon the Beta roll sixteen appear also upon the roll of the Omega Charge. Dickinson, Tallmadge, Eastman, Ewell, J. S. Waterman, Sutherland, Hawkins, Borden, Hadley, Shippen, Pitcher, Oatley, A. H. Smith, Howes, Sheble, and Dodson have all passed into the great Charge whose portals open to welcome the departed brothers.

Dickinson died before his college course was completed and was the first member whom Beta gave to the Omega. An account of his short but fruitful life appears in the preceding sketch of the founders.

Tallmadge was spared for a brief time after he began his life work, but soon went to join his early friend and brother. An account of his life and work also appears in the preceding sketch of the founders.

Frank Dagget Eastman was one of the earliest initiates. His name stands second on the Beta initiation roll after those of the founders being preceded only by that of Mersereau. He was born on April 26, 1851, entered Cornell in the fall of 1869, remained but two years, and died at Lodi, N. Y., September, 16, 1875. One of his classmates and brothers writes of him: "He



A. B. O'Brien '81



W. B. Callahan '81



F. C. Anderson '83



John Lewis '83



J. H. Coleman '83



W. B. Anderson '83



W. B. Anderson '83



John Anderson '83

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was a handsome, red-cheeked boy, the picture of health, and modest and bashful as a girl. He was a good scholar and as pure and wholesome a lad as ever trod the campus. I was greatly shocked to hear of his death. Any one of us seemed nearer death than he. He was reticent, but pleasant and companionable and of a sunny disposition."

Jirah Blackmer Ewell was born March 29, 1853, at Pavilion, N. Y., where his father had been pastor of the Baptist Church for over forty years. He entered Cornell in the fall of '69 and graduated in 1873, after a full term of four years. He was initiated into Theta Delta Chi in 1872, probably in the spring term of 1871-2. After leaving Cornell he graduated from the Rochester Theological Seminary in 1877 and was ordained as a minister in the same year. He settled in a pastorate at Warsaw, N. Y., where he remained until 1880 when he accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of Zanesville, O. This pastorate he resigned in 1885 on account of failing health and moved to Udall, Kansas, where he died July 8, 1887, and was buried at Pavilion, N. Y. He was married in March, 1878, to Miss M. Florine Mallory, of Pavilion, and at his death left two children surviving, a son and a daughter. *THE SHIELD* for November, 1888, says of him: "So long as strength was given him he labored unceasingly for the good of mankind. When strength failed, he waited with a patient courage for the inevitable end. One cannot but recall the pathetic lines of Marc Cook, who, like this brother, was so patiently awaiting the end,—

'Never again to stand
In the thick of the battle ground—
In the God-led battle of life, the goodliest battle of all,
Where noble it were in the strife, manfully fighting, to fall;
Never in action's rank to answer the bugle call.'

But like thousands of heroic souls before him, Brother Ewell had learned the lesson voiced by the blind Milton:

'They also serve who only stand and wait.'

And so this noble soul and loyal member of our sacred brotherhood passed into the membership of the great Omega Charge, leaving an example of fidelity and courage for all who shall come after him."

John Sayles Waterman was born at Manville, R. I., May 1, 1854. He was prepared at Mowry and Goff's Preparatory School at Providence and entered Cornell in 1873 and graduated in 1877 with the degree of B.M.E. In college Waterman was a leading student and a leading athlete. His is one of the great names in Cornell oarsmanship. He was a member of the winning crews of '75 and '76 that began a series of astonishing victories for the carnelian and white. After graduation he settled in Ithaca where he married Miss Jennie M. Treman, October 6, 1881. About 1886 he removed to Rhode Island. His health, however, was already precarious and rapidly failed. He died at Pittsford, Vt., March 10, 1891, and was buried at Cumberland Hill, R. I. Waterman was a man of strong and noble character, loyal and true to every duty, and dearly beloved by all his friends and associates. As a resident graduate in Ithaca he did much for the Beta Charge and counted a long list of devoted friends and brothers. His memory is still cherished at Beta where his virtues and achievements are the frequent topic of conversation and appreciation. His brother, W. H. Waterman, is also a member of Beta.

William Howard Sutherland was born August 1, 1854 and entered Cornell in the fall of 1873 remaining three years. He joined the fraternity in 1874-5 while a sophomore. He left college in 1876 on account of failing health and died of consumption at La Porte, Indiana, January 2, 1879. The writer has been unable to secure any further information concerning this brother.

William Beardsley Hawkins was born at Macedon, N. Y., December 13, 1855. He prepared at the Fairport Classical and Union School and entered Cornell in the fall of 1874 in the class of '78. He remained at Cornell but a single year joining the fraternity in the fall at the same time as A. W. Smith. After leaving Cornell he entered at once upon the study of medicine and graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York in 1881. He was then interne at the Presbyterian and Colored Hospital in New York for two years, after which he settled in Buffalo. In 1887 he married Miss Stella Van Alstyne of Brooklyn and on account of her failing health he removed to Idaho Springs, Colorado. Her death followed soon after and he

returned east and in 1890 settled in Rochester where he was enjoying a successful practice when he was stricken with Bright's disease and died May 21, 1892. Though Brother Hawkins wanderings had cut him off from his fraternity friends for many years, he was always recalled with affectionate regard and his untimely death was sincerely mourned by all who knew him.

John Borden, Jr., was born April 12, 1858, and entered Cornell from Chicago in the fall of 1874 with the class of '78. He joined the fraternity in his sophomore year but left college shortly afterward. He was a substitute on the freshman crew in '75 that made the first intercollegiate record for Cornell. He seems, however, to have been stricken soon after with an obscure and wasting disease which compelled him to leave college before the close of his sophomore year and with little or no hope of recovery. He lingered for two years and died at Chicago, April 22, 1878, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in that city. Like Dickinson, Eastman and Sutherland, he died before his life work could begin.

Floyd Joseph Hadley was born at Westfield, N. Y., June 26, 1852. He prepared at the Malvin High School and Fort Edward Collegiate Institute and entered Cornell in the fall of 1874 with the class of '78. He remained but a year and a half leaving in the winter term of his sophomore year, shortly after joining the fraternity. He was married in 1881. He became a successful hop grower and stock raiser and was for several terms supervisor of the town of Westfield. He also served several terms in the New York legislature as assemblyman from his district. After retiring from public life he became an employee of the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York in whose service he was promoted to be superintendent of the accident department. This position he held at the time of his death which followed a brief illness in 1896. He was one of the trustees of the Northern New York Institute for Deaf Mutes and was interested in all useful and philanthropic enterprises. One of his friends says of him: "His mind was of the judicial cast; he weighed well every question before forming an opinion. His temperament was patient, contemplative, conscientious. There was no kindness which he would not render for a friend, in

whose behalf he was ready to enlist his utmost energies and influence. His integrity was pronounced and his promotion was won by diligence, ability and rectitude."

Henry Shippen, son of Rev. Rush R. Shippen, of Jamaica Plains, Mass., was born December 22, 1859. He entered Cornell in the fall of 1877 with the class of 1881, but left at the close of his freshman year to enter Harvard where he remained one year, or until the time of his death. While spending his vacation with some friends at Martha's Vineyard he contracted a fever which proved fatal, and he died at his home at Jamaica Plains, July 28, 1879. The "Cornell Era" for Sept. 19, 1879, says: "Although Mr. Shippen was in the University but one year, by his manliness and good nature he made himself a large circle of warm friends. He is mourned by them as a high example of purity, conscientiousness and honor."

Charles Daniel Pitcher was born at Owego, N. Y., October 30, 1861, from which place he entered Cornell in the fall of 1878 with the class of '82. He was initiated in April, 1879. He remained but two years, when he left college to engage in business. In 1883 he removed to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he died May 9, 1890, and was buried at Owego, N. Y. He was married to Miss Cora Kennard at Lincoln, March 23, 1887. At Lincoln he was engaged in the wholesale and retail furniture business and was largely interested in real estate. He laid out one of the principal suburbs of Lincoln, known as University Place. Pitcher was a genial, attractive, whole-hearted man, of high principles and warm attachments. His early death was mourned by all the Beta men who knew him and his memory is still fondly cherished by them.

Eugene Lyman Oatley was born at Utica, N. Y., October 13, 1859. He entered Cornell in the fall of 1879, taking the two-year medical preparatory course then given at the University. He was initiated into the fraternity in January, 1880. After finishing his medical course at the Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia he served for a time as a professor in that institution. Later he entered upon the practice of his profession at Utica, N. Y., where he died November 1, 1891. Oatley was an enthusiastic Theta Delt and loyal in all things. His untimely



F. Bradley '18 †



B. Higgins '81 †



E. D. Miller '82 †



C. L. Colby '81 †



A. B. Smith '85 †



F. Shelle '81



J. Evans '86 †



J. H. Adams '85 †

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death lost to his fraternity a devoted member and to his profession an able and successful practitioner.

Albert Hale Smith was born at Franklin, Pa., April 28, 1862. He prepared at the Franklin High School and entered Cornell in the fall of 1881 with the class of '85. He was initiated into the fraternity soon after entering the University. He remained but one year when he left to engage in the oil refining business. He was later in charge of the Standard Oil refinery plant in the City of Mexico, and while in the employ of that company he discovered the secret of combining crude oils into a valuable lubricator. He died at Franklin, Pa., some time ago but the date of his death has not been ascertained. He was a brother of E. D. Smith, Beta, '78.

James Thomas Howes was born at Utica, N. Y., September, 18, 1866. He prepared at the Utica Academy and entered Cornell in the fall of 1884 with the class of '88. He remained but a single term, but during that time he won the affection and respect of all his brothers. He was married October 7, 1884, to Miss Mary T. Kingsley. After leaving college he engaged in business with the Niagara Insurance Company in New York and Utica. After nine years of service with this company he became assistant manager of the Caledonia Insurance Company of Edinburg with headquarters at Utica. A few years before his death his health began to fail, and tuberculosis developing he went to Saranac Lake where he resided for several years and where he became an influential citizen of the little Adirondack village. Here he died October 4, 1899, and was buried at Utica. He is survived by his wife and one son. Brother Howes was of a peculiarly fine organization, gentle, attractive, and as trusty as steel. He was greatly beloved by all his fraternity brethren who knew him and kept to the last a helpful interest in the Beta Charge and its members.

Franklin Sheble was born at Philadelphia, Pa., April 10, 1866. He prepared for college at the Central High School and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1887. In the fall of 1887 he entered Cornell as a graduate student in Mechanical Engineering, receiving the degree of M.E. in 1888 and M.S. in 1889. He joined Theta Delta Chi in November, 1887. At

Cornell also he met his future wife Miss Lena Edwards, to whom he was married April 2, 1891. For five years after graduation he was on the staff of the Thomson-Houston Co. (afterwards the General Electric Co.) He later organized the firm of Sheble & Patton, as electrical engineers and manufacturers, and was consulting engineer for the Stanley Manufacturing Co. He died of appendicitis at Philadelphia, April 20, 1899. Brother Sheble was a man of much talent, thorough professional training, and the very highest character. His interest in his fraternity never flagged and all the brothers who knew him recall with mingled pleasure and regret the delightful associations of the days when he was with them.

John Mark Dodson was born at Shipman, Ill., November 19, 1869. He prepared at the Ithaca High School and entered Cornell in the fall of 1891 with the class of '95. He was initiated into the fraternity in October but left college the following June. A year later, June 14, 1893, he was married to Miss Francis Willson, of Ithaca. Less than two years from that time, April 6, 1895, he died of consumption at Phoenix, Arizona, and was buried in Chicago. "Doddy," as he is still affectionately termed, was a genial, companionable character, loyal to his friends and loved by all. Like Dickinson, Eastman, Sutherland, Borden, and Shippen he died before he had fairly entered upon his career, but not too soon to have called about him a circle of devoted and loyal friends. It is interesting to recall that after his marriage and while he was living in Chicago his home was the gathering place of the Beta men who assembled there almost every Sunday evening to revive the memories of college and fraternity days.

In accordance with the beautiful custom of the fraternity we close the historical sketch of Beta with this memorial reference to the Omega Charge.

ERNEST W. HUFFCUT, Beta, '84.



HON. FREDERICK C. STEVENS

TWO THETA DELT CONGRESSMEN

It is with pardonable pride that a member of any fraternity points to this or that great man, this or that leader of affairs, and says, "He is one of our men." And the satisfaction is infinitely greater when it can be truthfully said that he was, so to speak, "born and bred" a Theta Delt, a Sigma Chi, a Psi U, a Beta Thete, etc., according to whatever fraternity he may happen to claim. That is always the case in Theta Delta Chi, no such thing as honorary membership exists therein. The man who wears the shield now has worn it all his lifetime since he was a boy at college. Our big men like Hay, Griggs, Lamberton, Paine, Capen, Smith, Lockwood, have been big Theta Delt since they began to read Greek—even if they have forgotten it all by this time, as the Attorney General said at the last convention banquet, except the magic words "Theta Delta Chi." They were Theta Delt long before they ever became cabinet ministers, naval commanders, financiers, presidents of colleges, etc. And so it is with the subjects of the following sketches. They were *Brothers* Stevens and Bellamy long before they became *Congressmen* so and so. And their own words attest that they were every bit as active in the sacred precincts of Theta Delta Chi as they now are in the halls of Congress.¹

The life of a public man with all its varied phases, its multifarious activities, and its manifold nature to be treated as it deserves would fill a volume. An article of a page or two affords but a glimpse, fleeting and imperfect, of the man who has risen to such eminence in national affairs. It is under these difficulties

(1) It was the original purpose of this article to include sketches of all three of the brothers who now represent Theta Delta Chi in the halls of Congress, but it proved impossible to secure in time for this issue the necessary material concerning Brother Henry R. Gibson, XI, '62, Representative from Tennessee. Our readers may find, however, a sketch of Brother Gibson in *THE SHIELD*, Vol. XXII, 252-254; see also Vols. V, 63; VII, 273; VIII, 28; and XI, 157.

that the writer of the following biographical sketches has been compelled to labor. His recital can be hardly more than a mere catalogue of events.

Frederick Clement Stevens

Frederick Clement Stevens, Representative in Congress from the Fourth District of Minnesota, is of New England birth. He was born on New Year's day, 1861, in Boston, and when very young removed with his parents to Rockland, Maine. Here he passed through all the grades of the common schools and eventually entered the Rockland High School, from which institution he was graduated in 1877 with the highest honors, being chosen valedictorian of his class. The same year Bro. Stevens (not yet a brother, however) entered Bowdoin College, and all the fraternities made a rush for him. The Eta boys generally get the man they are after, and it wasn't long before the Rockland freshman was initiated into the mysteries of Theta Delta Chi. From the very outset Bro. Stevens became one of Eta's most active and enthusiastic workers, and the flame then lighted has never ceased to glow with love for the shield and the folds of the Black, White, and Blue. Bro. Stevens received his degree from Bowdoin in 1881, and again high honors were conferred upon him. On commencement day he delivered an oration, his subject being "American Unwritten Law." The paper was an able one, and gained for the writer an enviable reputation in his special field of research.

During the winter of '81 Bro. Stevens was engaged in teaching school at Veazie, Maine, and in the following year was chosen Principal of the High School at Searsport, in the Pine Tree state. In the midst of his pedagogical duties he yet found time for reading law, having entered the office of Hon. A. W. Paine, of Bangor. He remained there until 1883, when the desire to go West became strong. Horace Greeley's famous watchword, "Go West, young man, and grow up with the country," kept ringing in his ears; and in the fall of the year, at the age of twenty-two, he left his old home in search of fame and fortune. Iowa was his destination, and while en route Bro. Stevens stopped off for a day or two in the city of Washington. In relating the incident

of his visit to the capital, Bro. Stevens says that he expected at the time that it would be his last as well as his first trip to Washington. Little did he dream that just fourteen years afterwards he would return to the nation's capital as the representative in Congress of a district of the state of Minnesota !

After a course at the law school of the State University of Iowa, where he graduated as valedictorian of his class in 1884, Bro. Stevens went to St. Paul, the capital city of Minnesota. He was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced the practice of law with a Theta Delt for his partner, Captain Edward Simonton, Eta, '61.

Bro. Stevens as a boy and young man had identified himself with the sturdy Republicanism of the state of Maine, and upon his removal to St. Paul he at once took an active part in the affairs of his party in that state. He was soon called upon to serve in various capacities, as Chairman, Secretary, member of executive committees of the city and county organizations, and from 1891 to 1895 as Secretary of the State League of Republican Clubs.

In the November election of 1888 Bro. Stevens was elected to the House of Representatives, Legislature of Minnesota, from the twenty-sixth legislative district ; and in 1891 he was not only reëlected but his immense popularity was shown by the fact that his was the most unusual distinction of being the nominee of both the Republican and Democratic parties. In the legislature Bro. Stevens was a leader. He was instrumental largely in framing and in securing the passage of statutes providing for the Australian ballot, and for laws relating to primary elections and corrupt politics at the polls. He was also conspicuously identified in the enactment of a law concerning municipal reform and a new charter for the government of St. Paul. The bill which submitted the constitutional amendment prohibiting special legislation was drafted by him, and it was largely through his earnest and forceful advocacy of the measure that it became a law. A third re-nomination for the legislature was urged upon Bro. Stevens but he declined to accept, and for four years devoted himself to his profession, always, however, taking an active interest in politics and party organization.

Such a man as Bro. Stevens could not long be permitted to remain in retirement. He was next called upon to serve his party in the broader field of national activity. In 1896 he was nominated for Congress from the Fourth Congressional District, and defeated his Fusion opponent by more than ten thousand majority. During his first term he was appointed a member of the committees on public lands and pensions, and was a hard worker on each committee. Bro. Stevens was reelected in 1898, and during his second term is serving on the committees on military affairs and on merchant marine and fisheries. On the latter committee Bro. Stevens has become recognized as one of the leading western members. He is also a strong member of the military affairs committee, and is much interested in legislation concerning the reorganization of the army which, he confidently asserts, must come next session.

Bro. Stevens has always been a great fraternity man. He never misses a reunion, banquet, or social gathering if he is anywhere within reach of it; and is always ready with a good speech and an amusing story. While at college he represented his charge in many debates, declamations, and contests; and at the dedication of the Eta fraternity hall in 1881 was the orator of the occasion. He was also a member of one of the class crews in the races on the Androscoggin.

Bro. Stevens is a man of fine appearance, dignified and erect in bearing, with a manner most cordial and engaging. He delights to meet his brothers of the Theta Delta Chi and welcomes them with a sincerity and heartiness and a manly grip that attract you towards him and make you immediately feel at your ease in his presence. Bro. Stevens, though a man who would attract attention anywhere, is most unassuming. An instance of this fell under the writer's observation at the banquet of the Fifty-second Annual Convention held at the Raleigh, Washington, last February. Bro. Stevens entered the banquet hall shortly after the brothers had been seated. Dr. Sterrett, the toastmaster, caught sight of him and beckoned him to a place at the head table. Bro. Stevens stood for a moment and looked around over the assemblage, then spying a vacant seat among the Eta boys, with a shake of the head at the Doctor, ensconced himself



HON. JOHN D. BELLAMY