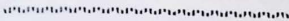


Roche, Leonard Kebler, Rudolph Tombo, Jr." Such remembrance bears evidence of kindly thought, which I appreciate in a manner only equalled by the great pleasure it gave me.

New York Graduate Club, May 5. The season is over and I announce more at the Graduate Club. This ends my diary. In looking over its pages many happy times are recalled. I have travelled nearly twenty thousand miles, from ocean to ocean, and the most impressive thought that I derive from it is this: that in all that great distance I have found brothers, not one of whom failed to extend me the glad hand of fraternal friendship, which proves that the beloved bond is genuine and sincere in all sections of this broad land.

NORMAN HACKETT.


WILLIAM D. BLOXHAM

EPSILON, '55

The worthy brother whose photograph is presented to SHIELD readers this month, is one of those strong, sterling, positive men that made up the membership of our Southern charges before the war. And it is only because his services as governor of Florida kept him South that we have failed to meet and know him. Now that his civic duties are so greatly lessened, Bro. Bloxham is soon to come North and partake of good cheer in our fraternity reunions. That all may know the wideness of his public services, we present in advance of his northern visit a sketch of the life of our distinguished brother.

William D. Bloxham was born in Leon County, Florida, July 9, 1835. Upon reaching the period of college days, he elected to attend the college of William and Mary, at Williamsburg, Va. He joined our fraternity early in his college course, being associated with William Lamb, M. D. Ball and others, in the institution of the Epsilon.

Upon graduation in 1855, his first year was notable for the single capitulation of his life, for his marriage to Miss Mary Davis, of Lynchburg, Va., occurred in 1856.

His political record has been so remarkable that a brief summary of its leading features will be of interest to all Theta Delts. Bro. Bloxham was elected to the legislature from his native county of Leon in 1860. After the Civil War he stood in earnest opposition to the reconstruction acts of Congress, and was a member of the Democratic conference, or convention, that met in Quincy in 1867, and nominated Col. George W. Scott for Governor against Harrison Reed, the Republican candidate. He canvassed in many of the counties in that first contest after the war, urging the Democrats to organize for the good of the State.

In 1868 he was a member of the convention that met in Tallahassee to nominate a Congressman, and was made a Presidential Elector. After the convention the Republican Legislature became frightened, and passed an act depriving the people of an opportunity of selecting their Electors, and authorized the Legislature to appoint said Electors. Notwithstanding this, Bro. Bloxham joined Gen. W. D. Barnes, the Democratic candidate for Congress, and canvassed the State with him.

In 1870 the Democratic convention met in Tallahassee and nominated Bro. Bloxham to fill a vacancy then existing in the position of Lieutenant-Governor—an office under the Constitution then in force. Brother Bloxham gave his entire time from the convention to the election to canvassing the State. The canvass was thorough, and greatly to the surprise of all, the Democratic ticket was elected.

It was the first Democratic victory after the great Civil War, and put heart and hope into the rank and file of the party.

In 1872 Brother Bloxham was nominated for governor by the convention that met in Jacksonville that year. General Robert Bullock was nominated for Lieutenant-Governor, and Hon. C. W. Jones of Escambia for Congress. These three gentlemen, assisted, of course, by other well-known speakers, gave the State a thorough canvass, and the prospects of a victory seemed bright. A furious storm, however, raged over the entire peninsular portion of the State on election day, and prevented a full vote from

that Democratic section. The Republican law then allowed only one precinct in the county, and the voters had to travel many miles to the court houses on election day to deposit their ballots. Where voters had to travel from ten to forty miles through a terrible rain storm, it is no wonder that many failed to reach the court houses, and the ticket was defeated by a small majority. The canvass, however, gave the Democracy new courage and hope.

In 1876 Brother Bloxham was a delegate to the Democratic State convention that met in Quincy, and seconded the nomination of Hon. Geo. F. Drew for Governor. He prepared the platform, which was adopted by the committee on platform and the convention. He was appointed a member of the State executive committee for the conduct of the canvass, the other two members being Hon. S. Pasco, chairman, and Hon. Geo. P. Raney. This small but most efficient committee established headquarters in Tallahassee, and conducted a most energetic and successful canvass. The ticket was elected and for the first time since the Civil War the entire State government was in the hands of the Democratic party. In January, 1877, Governor Drew was inaugurated, and Brother Bloxham was appointed Secretary of State.

Governor Bloxham's friends have often remarked that the best political work of his life was done from the State convention in 1867 to 1877. During those ten years of dark days he was found going at all times, rallying and encouraging the Democrats to organize and do their duty in reclaiming the State. He was young, active, a good speaker, and fortunately inherited a fine and remunerative plantation that gave him the means to take a most active part in the political strifes of the day. His zealous work in the days that tried the true metal of Democrats, when large numbers were disfranchised and others discouraged by the results of the war, the Republicans in power, with a Constitution that gave their Executive all the patronage of the State—was one of the causes that always gave him a strong support with the Democratic people of Florida.

In 1880 the Democratic convention assembled in Gainesville, and Bro. Bloxham was again nominated for Governor, Hon. L. W. Bethel of Key West receiving the nomination for Lieutenant-

Governor. He resigned his position of Secretary of State, and made a thorough canvass of the State from Key West to Pensacola accompanied and assisted by the leading Democratic orators of the State. A canvass in those days, when there were only about five hundred miles of railroad in the State and months had to be spent in private conveyances, was a herculean work. He was elected and was inaugurated as Governor for four years in January, 1881.

In 1885, after the expiration of his first term as Governor, he was appointed by President Cleveland Minister to Bolivia, which he declined, and afterwards accepted the position of United States Surveyor-General under Mr. Cleveland's first Administration.

In 1887, Bro. Bloxham, then United States Surveyor-General, and Gen. E. A. Perry, then Governor of Florida, were candidates before the Legislature for the position of United States Senator. The contest was zealous, heated, and protracted, lasting until a few days to the time fixed by the Constitution for the Legislature to adjourn. Neither candidate being able to secure a two-thirds vote of the Democratic caucus, both withdrew, and Hon. S. Pasco received the nomination and election.

In 1890 President Harrison appointed his successor in the Surveyor-General's office, and General Barnes having resigned the position of Comptroller to accept the Judgeship of the First Judicial circuit, Governor Fleming appointed Governor Bloxham to the vacancy. He was twice afterwards nominated and elected to the position of Comptroller of the State.

In 1896, while serving as Comptroller, he was again nominated for Governor by the Democratic State convention that met in Ocala in June of that year. He was inaugurated in January, 1897, and his second term expired on the 8th of January, 1901, when he was succeeded by Hon. W. S. Jennings.

This was the first time in the history of the state that a citizen of Florida has ever been elected to the office of Chief Executive for a second term. From January, 1860, to January, 1901, is a long time for any citizen in political life to have held the support, confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

On the morning of January 8th, two hours before the reins

of government were turned over to his successor, Brother Bloxham was presented by the members of his Cabinet with a gold and silver loving cup, beautifully designed by Tiffany of New York, and resolutions were adopted thanking the retiring Executive for his "unfailing courtesy and generous kindness to each and all of his associates" in the administration of State affairs. It was a magnificent occasion, memorable for its sincerity, and the honored statesman, who had been kept ignorant of the purpose of the meeting to which he had been invited, was so overcome with emotion that he could scarcely give voice to his appreciation.

The members of Governor Bloxham's Cabinet assembled in the office of Comptroller Reynolds and immediately filed to the office of the Secretary of the State. Governor Bloxham was sent for on "important business." He did not know the nature of the meeting, but attended.

The following resolution was then read by Treasurer Whitfield :

Resolved, That we do hereby acknowledge, with gratitude, our obligations to the Hon. William D. Bloxham for his unfailing courtesy and generous kindness to each and all of us during a term of most pleasant official association. We shall ever be mindful of the great assistance he has rendered us in our official duties by his wise and kindly counsel. In common with all the people of Florida, we wish for him every honor his high character and distinguished services so justly entitle him to receive at the hands of the people of the State among whom his entire life has been spent in devotion and usefulness to their best interest."

This resolution was neatly inscribed and signed by all the members of the Cabinet.

Immediately after this reading, Attorney-General Lamar delivered the presentation speech, in which he said :

"Governor Bloxham : The official relations between you and the administrative officers of the executive department will soon cease by limitation of law.

"But, by the highest of laws, personal regard for you, our grateful appreciation of all you have done for each of us, our personal relations will endure forever. We do not say good-by, nor even au revoir. We will meet from day to day in this city of your residence, where you have long been loved, and continue

those friendly relations. We have had the pleasure at times of a Cabinet meeting at your home. We do not forget its hospitality, dispensed by Mrs. Bloxham. In your long, successful and brilliant career she, too, has ever been in the hearts of the people of Florida.

"To-day we witness a rising sun, without the spectacle of a setting one. Your two administrations were successful, and redound greatly to the benefit of the people of Florida. Your career, Governor, is full-orbed and resplendent.

"Your administrative officers present to you this goblet, in token of their great regard and esteem for you."

Governor Bloxham, taken completely by surprise, stood speechless, tears filling his eyes, and in a faltering voice he attempted to speak, and, after turning from his Cabinet for a brief time, he said :

"Gentlemen of the Cabinet and Associates in my labors: It seems that I cannot express to you my feelings, so deeply do I feel this expression of your esteem, and as I retire from official and political life to have this testimonial from your hands touches my heart. All I can say, is from the depths of my heart, I thank you, and may God bless you all."

Is it necessary to add a single word to convince a Thete that a loyal spirit of Theta Delta Chi dwells always with this brother? None is called for. Yet the writer cannot fail to add to this brief sketch just one spark that shows the fires are still aglow, for in a letter to him Bro. Bloxham writes, in speaking of our meeting this summer: "I want to bring my original badge on when I come and have the front renewed."

Yes, our pin of Theta Delta Chi has been through many wars and battles—been carried to foreign lands, to distant shores, by hundreds of loyal brethren. And this brother who has just concluded thirty years of civic duty, to the complete satisfaction of his commonwealth, shows tersely where he kept his pin nearly fifty years. Loyal Thetes await him to conduct him to the jeweler who will "have the front renewed," and then to our Graduate Club where the waiting ones will convince Brother Bloxham that in Theta Delta Chi he will find no material renewal, but rather an expansion of the bonds that join us all, and keep us ever one.

CUSTODIAN.

GRAND LODGE

OFFICIAL CONVENTION NOTICE

The Fifty-third Annual Convention of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity will be held in the City of Buffalo, N. Y., on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 2 and 3, 1901, in the rooms of the Historical Society in the Library Building, corner of Washington Street and Broadway. Headquarters will be at the Hotel Iroquois.

There will be two business sessions daily, the first session beginning promptly at 10 o'clock, Tuesday morning. The banquet will be held at the Iroquois on Wednesday evening.

Members desiring to reserve lodgings can do so by addressing S. W. Petrie, D.S. Morgan Building, Buffalo, N. Y., who, as chairman of a committee of the Buffalo Graduate Association, will gladly arrange accommodations so far as possible.

Fuller information has been sent to all members of the Fraternity whose addresses are known.

For the Grand Lodge,

ERNEST W. HUFFCUT,

President.

THE JOINT BANQUET OF THE SOUTHERN GRADUATE ASSOCIATION AND CHI DEUTERON CHARGE

The sixth annual banquet of the Southern Graduate Association and Chi Deuteron Charge was held at the Ebbitt House on the 19th of April, 1901. No local banquet was given last year as we had the Annual Convention in Washington, but that event seems to have given an impulse to fraternity enthusiasm which could be distinctly noted at the interval of more than one year. Several faces dear to the Theta Delts of Washington were missing. All felt the absence of genial Bro. Rudolph King and longed for the wit and humor of Bro. W. H. Coleman of Mu. While there were places thus vacant which could not escape notice, yet it was the general opinion that this was one of the most successful and enthusiastic banquets ever held in Washington.

Mr. H. C. Burch of the Ebbitt House proved himself an excellent host. The banquet room was daintily decorated with the fraternity flags, while the rich colors of the spring flowers gave an air of mirth and good cheer. After enjoying an especially delightful menu of the choicest of the season, Bro. J. MacBride Sterrett introduced Bro. Emory Wilson as the toastmaster of the evening. Solidities were then forgotten in the more pleasant enjoyment of Theta Delt spirit.

We were especially fortunate in being able to have with us Bro. E. W. Huffcut, of the Grand Lodge, and to renew with him the acquaintance of last year, the remembrance of which was a most delightful one to all. Every new opportunity of meeting and communing with our lately chosen President only serves to confirm the wisdom of the convention of 1901 in selecting him as the successor of Bro. Carl A. Harstrom. Bro. Huffcut in his lucid and logical style told us of the admirable condition in which every department of the work of the Grand Lodge had been conveyed to him. He eulogized the great work of organization that had been successfully completed under Bro. Harstrom's adminis-

tration by the use of a beautiful figure in which he compared the fraternity organization to a perfectly designed locomotive, to the throttle of which it was only necessary for him to apply his hand, when immediately every individual part of the intricate machinery started into harmonious action. The prosperity in every department of fraternity work was the occasion of long and hearty applause. When Bro. Huffcut finally led up to the paramount topic of fraternity extension, every one was with him and a rousing cheer demonstrated the fact that the proposed movement had the sanction of all there gathered.

Brother Huffcut's words struck the keynote for the evening, and he was followed by a number of brothers who seemed to be overflowing with the jollity of the occasion. Brother B. P. Lamberton, who commanded the Olympia at the Battle of Manila, endeared himself to all by his jovial good nature and frank congeniality. Brothers E. O. Graves and LeGrand Powers gave some very interesting stories of Theta Delta Chi in the war period of the sixties, while Brother H. R. Gibson, Xi, '62, Representative from Tennessee, was long and loudly applauded for his charming presentation of the early days at college. To give an adequate idea of a Theta Delt speech without presenting the speaker is impossible, and I can but say that if you wish to appreciate somewhat the charm of the occasion, just try to recall the most enjoyable Theta Delt Banquet you have ever attended, and then you will have it. Chi Deuteron was well represented among the speakers by Brothers Horace Ashford, 1901, and Homer Deis, 1904, both of whom by their earnest and well delivered remarks brought much credit upon themselves and the charge.

One of the most enjoyable features of the evening was the receipt of a present of two boxes of Havanas from Mr. James L. Norris of Phi Kappa Psi, accompanied by a poem written by Rev. Dr. Sunderland, *Δ K E*. The poem was excellently delivered by Brother J. L. Tanner, of Sigma; and all joined in a hearty response to the toast of "Our friends in the Phi Kappa Psi and the *Δ K E*." A copy of this poem was sent to all the

charges and we present it here, as a sign of the interest taken in Chi Deuteron by one of her most loyal friends.¹

The evening was finally closed with the traditional rendering of the song "Wherever found we'll firmly stand at Theta Delta's Side," and a solemn toast to the Omega Charge.

M. W. LINDSEY.

To the Chi Deuteron Charge and Southern Graduate Association of Theta Delta Chi :

GREETING :

Now hail to the sons of the The' Delta Chi,
 Noble and brave and true as a die,
 Scions of learning, heroes in strife,
 Proud be their stand in the glory of life,
 Coming to banquet from far and from near,
 We welcome our brothers who visit us here.
 The Chi Deuteron Charge of our Capital Town
 Has a hand and a heart for our common renown,
 And gladly it shares in the honor revealed
 In the brilliant array of our chapters a-field.
 To those who are present we offer this feast,
 And greeting to him from Cornell not the least,
 Who joins us to-night, at the voice of our call,
 And in classic complaisance presides over all.
 But brothers, behold ! mid the marvels that rise
 To chain your attention and gladden your eyes,
 A thoughtful Old-Timer of Phi Kappa Psi
 Sends fragrant Havanas to The' Delta Chi.
 It has taken him back to the old College Halls,
 As the days of his boyhood this token recalls.
 Though the son of an Order right foreign from ours,
 'Tis his pleasure to show us a proof of the powers
 Which, laughing and leaping o'er glum bolts and bars,
 Are enshrined in a generous box of cigars.
 And giving his counsel would kindly suggest
 For a proper, convenient, and competent test,
 Each cigar should first in the balance be laid,
 And strictly and freely and promptly be weighed,
 Before it is lighted and sent on its way
 To aid in digestion and act in the Play,
 And, when it is ended, again let the stump,
 Or what with the ashes makes up the dump,
 Be laid in the balance with laughter and joke
 To show what proportion has gone up in smoke.

¹An old Phi Kappa Psi "Campaigner" sent to the Chi Deuteron Charge and the Southern Graduate Association of Theta Delta Chi during their banquet at the Ebbitt House, Washington, D. C., April 19, 1901, the following poem accompanied by the fragrant Havanas referred to therein.

STATISTICS OF OUR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

The active membership of Theta Delta Chi, according to the reports from the charges on May 6, 1901, shows a total of 416, distributed as follows :—

NAME OF CHARGE.	NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS
Beta	22
Gamma Deuteron	18
Delta Deuteron	9
Zeta	18
Eta	26
Iota	31
Iota Deuteron	24
Kappa	26
Lambda	27
Mu Deuteron	23
Nu Deuteron	15
Xi	12
Omicron Deuteron	42
Pi Deuteron	11
Rho Deuteron	18
Sigma Deuteron	15
Tau Deuteron	18
Phi	14
Chi	20
Chi Deuteron	14
Psi	13
Total	416

J. BOYCE SMITH, JR.,

Secretary of Grand Lodge.

BANQUET OF THE CENTRAL GRADUATE ASSOCIATION

The Central Graduate Association held its tenth annual banquet at the Victoria Hotel, Chicago, on April 6th. About fifty brothers were present and by their enthusiasm showed that the differences of last year had been forgotten in the spirit of reunion. Bro. Huffcut was in Chicago on his way to visit the Wisconsin and Minnesota charges, so we had the honor of his presence at our gathering.

After a substantial menu had been disposed of, which put everybody in good humor, Bro. H. F. Lewis, Iota, '85, our toastmaster, read a number of letters and telegrams of regret, from Bros. Bullock, Harstrom, Holmes, and a number of others. He then reminded us that ours was a reunion of brothers, and that, at such a time, all family jars which might have occurred, must be forgotten, and we must remember the words of the old song, "We meet to-night strong in the love of Theta Delta Chi."

Bro. Huffcut was the first speaker. His subject, "The Fraternity." He briefly told us of the general good condition of the fraternity, as he had observed it. This, he asserted, was due to the untiring efforts of Bro. Harstrom, during his term of office as President of the Grand Lodge. Referring to the matter of the Chicago petition, which is still a live question among us, he said that we should not be discouraged. When the time came to establish a charge at Chicago and the petitioners were worthy, it would be established. He cited the well known fact that we were conservative, and that during the last fifteen years, not one of the charges established had secured its charter without some years of hard work and many rebuffs.

Bro. Huffcut was followed by Bro. G. B. Chandler, Eta, '90, a recent addition to our membership. He spoke on "Theta Delta Chi in the Nation." He said that his wanderings had taken him

to all parts of our country. The growth of the Western colleges had impressed him and he hoped that Theta Delta Chi would get in on the ground floor at those colleges.

Bro. O. T. Eastman, Mu Deuteron, '86, our President, followed with a talk on "Theta Delta Chi in Chicago." In his opinion the Central Graduate Association is strong, but should be made stronger by more frequent meetings which would lead to a closer acquaintance among the brothers. He suggested that the Grand Lodge loan us a copy of the constitution, to be read and studied by the brothers. This, he thought, would cement us more closely.

Brother Louis Spahn, Chi, '79, had an irrelevant subject, "Dem Goo Goo Eyes," for which Bro. Lewis was responsible, but he was equal to the emergency. In his serio-comic manner he took us back to ancient Greece for the origin of the phrase, and wound up with a droll but hardly scientific discussion of the eye.

Bro. Martin T. Baldwin, Mu Deuteron, '93, discussed "The Trust Question's bearing on Theta Delta Chi." He said that we wanted a monopoly of the good men and should make a systematic attempt to corner the market.

A song or two followed, lead by Brother Spahn. After a few informal toasts, the banquet ended with a silent toast to the Omega Charge.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, O. T. Eastman; Vice-Presidents, B. J. Wertheimer, C. C. Roberts; Secretary and Treasurer, P. M. Walter; Executive Committee, G. B. Chandler, J. L. McNab, Malcolm Cox.

P. M. WALTER.

COMMUNICATIONS

YORKTOWN, N. Y., APRIL 25, 1901.

MR. EDITOR :

Should not swords be substituted for daggers as the weapons protecting the Constitution? The well executed picture in the last SHIELD which appears opposite to page fifteen and which was received by us this day suggests the propriety of this change. Short swords would be much more appropriate. Swords are classical. They are the weapons of warriors. Daggers were not known until the middle ages. They are the weapons of cowardly assassins. The use by a Greek society of emblems wholly unfamiliar to the ancient Greeks is improper.

SUUM CUIQUE.

BALDWINSVILLE, N. Y., MAY 3, 1901.

EDITOR OF THE SHIELD :

I note in the article upon Rob't W. Douglass and the finding of his badge, that the inscription on the back seems to be inexplicable and is attributed to the "careless manner in which such details were managed in the olden time."

It seems strange to me that any doubt should exist as to the meaning of the date. Every brother of this "olden time," and I will include them down to my day, at least, ought to know just what it signifies. It means that he was initiated into the fraternity in 1854 at Brown, which would be the freshman year of the class of 1858.

My own badge tells the same story. It reads Hobart, 1867. This seems more puzzling than Douglass's for the reason that I entered college in 1866, in the class of 1870. There is no suggestion of the reason for the date 1867 to any one who did not know the practice. I do not know the manner of doing this now, but it seems to me that it was an excellent custom in the "olden time" and not at all careless. The badge showed when the owner was initiated. This is a fixed event, whereas a man might change his class or college.

Yours Fraternaly,

R. C. SCOTT, Hobart, '70.

FITCHBURG, MASS., MAY 14, 1901.

EDITOR OF THE SHIELD :

In regard to the date, (Brown, 1854), on the badge found on Block Island, owned by R. W. Douglass, class of '58, I would like to make the following remarks : If Brother Douglass entered Brown in the freshman year of his class, he was probably initiated in the fall of 1854, and that date was engraved on the back of his badge with the other insignia. I know that was the custom at Bowdoin in my time, for I entered Bowdoin, class of '81, in the fall of 1877 ; and the date on the back of my badge is "Bowdoin, '77," which date, I believe, is intended to show the time I was initiated into the bonds of Theta Delta Chi, and not the class in college of which I was a member. If this was the intention of the date on the badge in my time, might it not have been the same at Brown ?

Fraternally yours,

NATHANIEL R. WEBSTER.

BUFFALO, N. Y., MAY 17, 1901.

EDITOR OF THE SHIELD :

MY DEAR BROTHER :—In the notice of Brother Douglass in the March SHIELD, you express your inability to explain the date "1854" on the back of his badge. In those days the date on the back of the badge was that of initiation not of graduation. I was in the class of 1860, but my badge is dated 1857 when I was made a Theta Delta Chi. This seems to be the proper way, as the *badge* refers to the fraternity, while the *class* is of the college and has nothing to do with the fraternity. It would almost seem as if the "carelessness" belonged to the present time.

Very truly yours,

S. DOUGLAS CORNELL.

In Memoriam

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to summon to the halls of Omega Charge our dearly beloved Brother, Arthur L. Bartlett, of the class of 1884, and

WHEREAS, In his death Lambda Charge has lost a loyal son, and Theta Delta Chi an honored member, whose manly character and brotherly spirit are held in loving memory, be it.

Resolved, That Lambda Charge extend its deep sympathy to the sorrowing relatives and friends of our Brother, and be it

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to his family, to the Grand Lodge, and to THE SHIELD.

For the Lambda Charge,

GEORGE H. GILBERT,
H. WILLIAM HOOK,
GEORGE L. BRADLEE.

THE SHIELD

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AND LEIGH SANFORD.
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EDITORIAL

We repeat in this issue the notice of the Fifty-third Annual Convention, which is to be held at Buffalo upon the second and third days of July. The President of the Grand Lodge announces that a committee of the Buffalo Graduate Association (Brother S. W. Petrie, D.S., Morgan Building, chairman) offered their services in securing accommodations for visitors; and that any brother who plans to attend our Convention may feel free to write to this address. It is needless for THE SHIELD to renew its advice to all Theta Deltas to go to Buffalo if such a thing can possibly be arranged. Doubtless, the coming Convention will prove one of the most successful in our history.

THE SHIELD desires to acknowledge the receipt, during the last quarter, of a number of publications by various brothers. "The Distribution of the Estates of Deceased Persons who leave no Will" is the title of a pamphlet by Brother Willis S. Paine, President of the Trust Company of New York. Our worthy Custodian of the Archives has issued a fourth newsletter which presents a full account of the present work and needs of his important department. Brother Lawrence T. Cole, Warden of St. Stephen's College, has forwarded the very interesting catalogue of that institution, which bears evidence of the progress that is being made under the new administration. Finally, we have re-

ceived a most attractive "List of Members of Theta Delta Chi in Boston and Vicinity," compiled by Brother Frank W. Kimball, of Lambda, and published by the Spatula Publishing Company, of which Bro. I. P. Fox, of the same charge, is President and Treasurer. The work of both the compiler and the publisher has been admirably done; and the pamphlet is the best thing of the sort that has come to our attention. By the way, attention should be called to Bro. Fox's advertisement, which appears in this number and should be read by all Theta Delts who have printing to be done.

We are glad to learn of the formation of a Northwestern Graduate Association, at Minneapolis, Minn., and of the incorporation of the Association of Theta Delta Chi, in New York City. It is the purpose of the former to foster fraternity spirit in the Northwest, while the latter has "among its objects the accumulation of a permanent endowment fund for the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity." The trustees of the latter association are Frederic Carter, F. N. Dodd, D. S. Dougherty, E. S. Griffing, C. Le C. Howe, F. C. McLaughlin, Chas. S. White, Clifford Wilmurt, and W. B. Wright. Brother Carl A. Harstrom has been elected President, and F. N. Dodd and Frederick Carter occupy respectively the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

A letter from one of our oldest and most beloved members suggests a text for a few remarks which may prove timely. It has happened all too frequently that our active charges have disappointed and even grieved some of the alumni by carelessness in respect to small details of fraternity work and welfare. This has been due, of course, to mere thoughtlessness; but it has seemed to indicate sometimes a lack of attention to matters that are, after all, extremely important to the highest welfare of every charge. Not so many years ago the editor learned of three cases in which graduates had sent money or made some valuable gift to charges which had not taken the trouble to make any acknowledgment of such generosity; and, more recently, two cases have occurred in which no reply was made to letters recommending

men whom alumni considered desirable candidates for membership. During the past year *THE SHIELD* has had very little reason for complaint on this score, since the charges have usually responded with the greatest willingness to the many requests that the editor has been obliged to make. But the letter to which we have already referred makes it evident that a word of friendly advice may not be superfluous even at the present time, and the editor desires to urge most strongly the necessity for carefulness in all the details of charge management. A dozen years of observation have convinced him that those charges are the most prosperous in which the greatest attention is paid to what are often called "the little things," which are so easy to neglect.

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When work began upon the present number of *THE SHIELD*, the editor had no idea that his connection with the journal would have to be terminated with this issue. But he has recently received an invitation to spend the first half of the next college year at Harvard, where he is to conduct courses for a professor who is to be abroad during that time; and Williams College has granted a leave of absence for this purpose. The result is that it becomes absolutely impossible to retain the editorship of *THE SHIELD*. For some years the editor has probably been burning the candle at both ends; and, if he were to undertake to conduct *THE SHIELD* while lecturing at Cambridge and then doing double work at Williams, it would be necessary to notch the candle at the middle and light the wick at a third place. For this reason, he has felt obliged to ask Brother Huffcut to accept his resignation; and his successor will probably be appointed by the time that the convention meets. He cannot do less than express at this time his gratitude to all who have aided him in his editorial work. It will always be a pleasure to remember the hearty coöperation received from the Grand Lodge, the various charge editors, the many contributors, and the good brothers of Iota Deuteron who have lent such willing aid. To each and all of these brothers the thanks of the editor are due, and he is certain that his successor can not wish for more constant and willing assistance than has fallen to his own lot.

CHARGE LETTERS

BETA—Cornell University

Ithaca is again under the influence of the enervating spring weather, and the university work is suffering in consequence of the many inter-fraternity baseball games that are being played daily on the campus. Beta has been rather unsuccessful thus far but we hope to be at the top of the list later on, as we have the necessary material but lack practice.

The Cornell students are very fortunate in having such a beautiful campus, and the Beta boys will be especially fortunate in having such a pretty estate after the improvements are finished. The old tennis court will be made into a terraced lawn and the new court will be on a plot of ground behind the house which Mr. Cornell has kindly allowed us to use. The most striking feature of Beta's new addition is the dining room. This is paneled in very dark chestnut throughout, the ceiling having the effect of heavy beams across it. The chairs and tables will be of the same material. The room will be an ideal place to have Beta reunion-banquets, and we hope to have many such in the future. We have been helped very generously in the furnishing of the addition by Mrs. Corbin, the mother of Brother Corbin, '03, who gave us our silverware, and by Brother DeWolfe, Beta, '96, who gave us all the hardware used in the house.

Beta has just secured another good man for Theta Delta Chi. He is Brother Ralph Bourne, '04, who is a fine fellow and whom we are always glad to have with us. Brother Greenwood, '04, is a strong candidate for coxswain of the freshman crew, he being one of the two survivors after the "Old Man's" weeding out.

Brother Collins, Beta, '95, arrived in Ithaca April 19, with his brand new wife. Like a true Theta Delt his first visit was to the charge where he spent four years. They received a hearty

welcome from all of us. We gave a dance in honor of the new Theta Delt wife at which the president of the university was present. Brother Collins stroked his freshman crew, rowed two years on the varsity, and made Sigma Xi in his senior year. With such a record back of him he has a good start into the future.

Beta graduates five men this spring: Brothers Massey, Atwood, Roberts, Morrison and Baker.

HAROLD C. JONES.

GAMMA DEUTERON—University of Michigan

The beautiful Ann Arbor weather is here at last and, now that outdoor life is so inviting, books are no longer very attractive companions. Canoeing, baseball, and track sports are the topic of the hour.

We enjoyed our visit from Brother Huffcut very much, and found ourselves more enthusiastic Theta Delts after he left. Brother Crooker, Beta, '83, called upon us one Sunday afternoon in March, on his way home to Minneapolis from New York. He thinks a great deal of the Tau Deuteron boys and is a good worker for the fraternity. Brother Row, Kappa, '01, spent a night at the house during spring vacation with the boys who did not go home; he is in Mrs. Fiske's company, which is playing "Becky Sharp." Brother Leach, Tau Deuteron, '04, spent last Saturday and Sunday with us; he is catching on the Minnesota baseball team, and although he is an infant in the fraternity he is a genuine Theta Delt. Two weeks ago Brother Norman Hackett, '98, was playing in Detroit, and a number of the boys went in to see him. Last night we were favored with an unexpected visit from Brother Lawrence T. Cole, '91; and Brothers Butler and Rebec, of the same class, came in also. Brothers Hill, Eta, '88, Heames, '98, F. F. Van Tuyl, '95, H. H. Van Tuyl, '95, and Winchester, '01, have visited us several times since my last letter, and we are always glad to see them.

Brother Sexton, Zeta, '93, is coaching the Michigan baseball team. He is an ideal coach, and will probably make champions of the team as he did before when he was here in '95. We have

three fine men pledged for next year, one from Charlotte, one from Toledo, and one from Chicago, so our work during the rushing season next fall will not be very heavy. Brother Wood, '02, was compelled to leave college in April to have an operation performed. He is getting along very nicely and expects to visit us before college closes for the summer. We miss him very much.

STEPHEN C. MASON, JR.

DELTA DEUTERON—University of California

INITIATES

1903

William Albert Brinck, Winters, Cal.

Herbert Roy Brinck, Winters, Cal.

1904

Olin Wellborn, Jr., Los Angeles, Cal.

As will be seen, Delta Deuteron keeps on the "rush." Our extreme youth makes this a necessity, and, although we appear to labor both in and out of season, we feel sure that Theta Delta Chi will always approve our policy of, be sure your man will make a proper Theta Delt, then go ahead regardless of time.

Despite the fact that we are more or less prepared to expect changes, the loss of Brother Barnwell, '01, our pater familias, and Brother Hodgkin, '00, our "grad," will be felt keenly. Their courage and hopefulness throughout this first year have proved of incalculable value, and Delta Deuteron is thrilled with mingled emotions of joy and pain, as she wishes these loyal Theta Delts God speed for their future walk through life.

The "exes" are over at last, and in the brief breathing spell before the return home we find time to rejoice with those of our brethren who have received honors for the coming year. Brother Graydon, '02, has been appointed Captain and Regimental Commissary in the cadet corps. Brother Walker, '02, is to be a first lieutenant. The writer has been elected business manager of

next year's *Blue and Gold*, the annual, and a member of the inter-collegiate debating committee. Brother Roy Brinck, '03, was a very successful end-man in the Sophomore Minstrels. Brother Wellborn, '04, has been chosen as freshman representative in the Students' Co-operative Store, an office requiring tact and ability.

At our Commencement exercises held yesterday, Brother John Hay, who came as President McKinley's chief representative, delivered the main address, and acquitted himself in delightful style. It was a source of mingled pleasure and pride for the brothers to give him the clasp of Theta Delta Chi at the close of the exercises.

Delta Deuteron held her first annual banquet at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, on the evening of April 20. Never will the assembled brothers forget the inspiring jovial warmth of that fraternal meeting. Twenty-five graduate and undergraduate brothers gathered around the festal board. Too much praise cannot be given Brothers J. C. Hallock, Delta, '91, and H. K. Harkness, Theta, '94, for their efforts in carrying through all arrangements in such perfection and taste. "Jimmie" Hallock acted as toastmaster in a manner which brought bright and interesting responses from all. Besides undergraduates the following "grads" made especially happy replies: W. E. Norris, Zeta, '57, G. W. Haight, Chi, '74, S. S. Holman, Beta, '85, H. K. Harkness, Theta, '94, H. N. Carter, Sigma Deuteron, '99, H. J. McKenney, Chi Deuteron, '00, J. O. Burrage, Kappa, '00, and St. John E. McCormick, Delta Deuteron, '01.

In closing Delta Deuteron from her vantage point of vacation period sends her hearty good luck to all undergraduate brothers of other charges who may be laboring in the insidious grasp of exams.

CHAS. G. BAILEY.

ZETA—Brown University

The "change of air" incident to the spring vacation apparently played sad havoc in Zeta's ranks, for when we began the third term we were several men short. Hardly had the vacation

invalids returned to college when Brother Lawry, '02, was compelled to leave for home and nurse an attack of the mumps; and Brother Fish, '02, was overtaken by pneumonia. Brother Lawry is again with us, but Brother Fish is still unable to resume college duties. He is, however, the only absentee. The rest of us are enjoying campus life to the full: some for the last time, while the handful of freshmen are only beginning to see what the spring of the year was made for.

The diversity of tastes among the brothers is responsible for a variety of occupations. Almost daily Brother Fish, '03, gets a few of the fellows together and sails his little boat in Narragansett Bay. The canoe and Rhode Island's pretty steamer offer "the greatest happiness for the greatest number," while Brother Low, '01, finds more solace and excitement in a golf-course than in the longest pipe or the highest "stein." Every evening Brother McLeod, '01, rounds up the tuneful to send up bursts of song to Alma Mater's good things. The freshmen spend their days in scouring the country for botanical specimens; the seniors are busy scratching their class day invitation lists. Brother Penley, '04, is doing great work both in the field and at the bat on the varsity ball team. Brother Jutton, '04, is helping to manage his class team.

Zeta will lose six men by graduation in June. This is a larger number than she has sent out for some years, and will cut the charge down considerably. All of the undergraduates intend, however, to return in the fall; and with several men already as good as pledged and more in view there is no reason why she won't begin next year stronger than ever.

I must not forget to mention the new pool table that by the kindness of our alumni was placed in the rooms a month ago. It is of superior design, finish, and attractiveness, and adds greatly to the appearance of our apartment and the enjoyment of all brothers.

ALLEN KRAMER KRAUSE.

ETA—Bowdoin College

INITIATE

1904

Merton Asa McRae, Machias, Me.

Eta begs to introduce to the Theta Delt world Brother McRae, 1904. We have found in Brother McRae that true spirit of congeniality and friendship which makes for the lasting continuance of Theta Delta Chi. The charge has never had such a promising outlook for the future as she holds this term. Already we have several men on the string for next year's delegation, and the brothers to whom the welfare of the charge was committed by the recent election are strong, earnest, and loyal in their purpose to give Eta the best standing among fraternities at Bowdoin.

It is with sincerest regret and deepest sense of loss that I have to record the death of Brother Alvin Cram Dresser, Eta, '88. Brother Dresser was one of our best loved and most active younger alumni, and in his death Eta realizes too well that one of her most loyal supporters has passed to the Omega Charge.

Our alumni body under the leadership of Brothers Little, '89, Turner, '86, and Mitchell, '90, are about to incorporate for the purpose of raising funds to erect a chapter house. The work is progressing finely, and within two years we may expect to live in our own house.

In the recent musical club elections Brother McCann was re-elected as leader of the mandolin club, and Brother Gibson as manager of both clubs. Brother Carter, '02, has made the Deutscher Verein, the senior honor course in German.

We are glad to have with us for the entire term Brother Hull, '97, who is coaching the college ball team. Brother Bodge, '97, was also here a few days ago to help in the coaching. Brother Bodge is practicing law in Portland, Me.

Brother Boyd, Omicron Deuteron, '97, has made us a very pleasant visit. We wish that more of the brothers from other charges would drop in on us when they happen to be going through Brunswick.

JOHN ARTHUR CORLISS.

IOTA—Harvard University

We are still chiefly concerned with getting into our new house. Our "house-warming"—on May 25, will be over by the time this letter is printed, and we should be comfortably settled by the first week in June. Already three meetings have taken place in the new quarters, but under considerable inconvenience. In fact none of our weekly meetings since we left the old house have been under the easiest circumstances, for we have not felt fully at home meeting in various members' rooms.

Nevertheless, during this time we have been very active in securing new men, and have now, at the middle of May, thirty-four members. That is, I believe, the largest membership list in the history of the charge, and we may not unjustly feel pleased with it, as we started the college year with only sixteen men.

Our new officers were installed at the last meeting and include Brother Boothby, '02, as president, Brother Somers, '03, as treasurer, Brother Otter, '02, as recording secretary, and Brother Drown, '02, as corresponding secretary.

At the recent football kicking contests, Brother Sawin won places in all three events—punting, drop, and place kicking, taking first place in punting.

An Iota baseball nine entered the series of games for the Leiter Cups. Although the team bore up manfully under the name of "Hooli-Poolis," which is said to be corrupt Kanaka for Brother Church's surname, and although Brother Porter distinguished himself by his pitching, as yet none of the cups have been forced upon us.

It is always a pleasure to repeat that any Theta Delta Chi men who chance to come into this vicinity will be very welcome at our headquarters on Dunster Street.

E. L. PEARSON.

IOTA DEUTERON—Williams College

INITIATE

1904

John Bridgewater, Jr., Melrose, Mass.

As we do not consider spring term too late for rushing, we have been doing a little work in that line with the result that one new name has been added to our charge enrollment. I take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Brother John Bridgewater, Jr., '04.

At present baseball attracts most of our attention. Iota Deuteron is represented on the varsity squad by Brother Dolph, '01, while Brothers Chandler, '01, Bassett, '02, H. D. Mears, '03, Bacon, '04, and Bridgewater, '04, play on their respective class teams.

On Saturday, May 18, comes the Intercollegiate Athletic Meet at Worcester. Although Williams lost a number of good men by graduation, yet we have a good team and hope to repeat our victory of last year. Brother B. Mears, '03, is the best long-distance runner on the team.

Brother Brooks, '01, has not returned since the Easter vacation because of some trouble which he is experiencing with one of his eyes. He is not confined to the house but in all probability will not resume his studies this year.

We are all looking forward to the sophomore Prom., which comes on May 30, and is the gala event of the spring term. Some of the more far-sighted are looking even farther along to the final exams., which come two weeks later.

Since the last letter we have received a brief visit from Brother W. B. Putney, Jr. '00, and Brother DeCamp, '00, occasionally drops in to take dinner with us.

LEIGH SANFORD.

KAPPA—Tufts College

INITIATES

1904

Harold Fay, Tufts College, Mass.

Harry Marlon Greene, Haverhill, Mass.

Once more the college year nears an end. The fellows have made their annual trip to Medford to celebrate the advent of new

men into office and only the last words of the members of the class of 1901 remain to be said. We lose a large and splendid delegation at this commencement, men who have made good records in college and who have served old Kappa loyally and well. Those who leave us at graduation are Brothers H. C. Turner, L. D. Pierce, J. F. Berry, K. Foster, J. Butler, A. M. Boutelle, and R. E. Goodale.

It is always a most inspiring event in the life of the undergraduates to meet their elder brothers on Grad. night, and that event this year seemed especially pleasant and stimulating. "Our Prexy" Capen with Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Davis, and a countless number of the "old boys" gave talks which made the event a rare evening of blessed recollection. The "old woman" is as tenderly cared for in these days, we trust, as in the times gone by and those making pilgrimages to her shrine may be sure of a hearty welcome.

We have had several dances during the spring season, the last of which was a sort of shirt-waist or come-as-you-like affair, the weather being much too warm for formalities. Kappa's dances are always as much fraternal as charge *soirees* and we trust no brother who finds himself within traveling distance will fail to come if he feels in a dancing mood.

Baseball has not absorbed the attention of the college so much as it did last year, while track athletics are coming more to the front. Recent circumstances have shown us that a winning track team can be developed here, and doubtless this, with the fact that such an activity is comparatively recent at Tufts, will account for the change of attitude. Brother Butler has made a most efficient manager of the track team and his support has been all that could be hoped for. In the recent meet with Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Tufts won with a margin of twenty points. Brothers R. E. Nason, '02, and H. C. Turner, '01, being among the winners. Brother S. S. Fiske, '02, has made his usual excellent record behind the bat with the varsity baseball team, and Brother Flagg, '03, has held his regular position in the right field through the season. Brother Charles E. Moors, '02, has captained the second team for a successful spring and has won much credit for his conscientious work behind the bat.

Kappa's worth has been recognized as possessing men of literary ability. At a meeting of the board, Brother Richard B. Coolidge, '01, was appointed editor-in-chief of the *Trifonian*, succeeding Brother Arthur M. Boutelle, '01, and in the recent competition for the college *Weekly*, Brothers Clair L. Baker, '02, and Arthur W. Coolidge, '03, both won places.

The presentation of Comus, John Milton's Maske, which is being produced under the direction of Brother Thomas Whittemore, '94, of the English Department is awaited with much interest. Many of the brothers have had an active interest in the production, so much so that at times it has seemed as much a charge affair as one wholly of the college. It is the intention of Professor Whittemore to make the Maske as near a reproduction of the original performance given at Ludlow Castle as possible, and there is little doubt of its being a credit to the college and those of the charge taking part in it.

I take pleasure in introducing as my successor Brother Thomas S. Knight, '03.

R. B. MANBERT.

LAMBDA—Boston University

INITIATES

1903

John Evarts Rice, Hopkinton, Mass.

Arthur Hastings Delano, Dorchester, Mass.

College life at Lambda is now at its height. The last term of the year is always the busiest and the liveliest at B. U., and this year it is particularly so on account of the many belated social events, dramatic and athletic affairs. The charge, as usual, is having its full share in the successes of the season.

The election of the new staff of the college paper, which occurred in the last of March, was perhaps our greatest triumph. Out of the four offices to be filled by men we easily captured the first three, and are now represented on the editorial staff of the *Beacon* by Brother Bradlee, '02, editor-in-chief, and Brothers

Holbrook, '02, and Turner, '03, literary and local editors respectively. The management election has not yet come off, but we hold the control this year and expect to hold it again. Another college honor was the election of Brother Webber, '02, to the presidency of the Philomathean Society, and of Brother Chandler, '02, as president of the Literary Club. In the appointments to proctorship for the coming year, the greatest individual honors at the disposal of the faculty, Brother Webber, '02, and Coan, '03, have won for us two out of a possible three.

In athletics we are represented by Brothers Merritt, '03 (manager), and Baker, '02, on the varsity baseball nine. Before this letter appears in *THE SHIELD*, Lambda expects to have met and defeated her rival, Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi, in a baseball game, for which our men are now practising.

Friday, May 10, was decidedly a Theta Delt day at B. U. In the afternoon the charge presented before the college, under the auspices of the Philomathean Society, a little drama, the principal and attractive feature of which was the assumption of the five female characters by the brothers. Our masculine attempts at coy femininity were well appreciated by our co-ëd friends who attended in large numbers. The affair was both dramatically and financially a credit to the charge. In the evening we gave our annual spring reception to our lady friends. It is needless to say that we enjoyed ourselves to the utmost, and, we hope, so did our guests.

During the term we have had several "bean suppers," truly Bostonian and enjoyable affairs, to which we have been very fortunate in attracting many of the graduate brothers. Among those whom the prospect of a good plate of beans enticed back to Lambda's halls for an evening are, Brothers Seth P. Smith, '82; Shields, and Liveru H. Dorchester, '86; Currier and Moore, '99; and Shook and Jennings, '00. Other brothers who have paid Lambda visits are, Brothers Fall, '83, Taft, '84, and Davies and Lacount, '00.

With the closing of the college year we are thinking of the prospects and laying plans for next year. The principal topic of interest is the problem of better charge housing. Situated as we are in the heart of Boston, owning a charge house is impractica-

ble both on the ground of expense and inconvenience of location, but if all goes well we shall do the next best thing,—rent a house for the charge, where all the brothers now rooming about college can live, and where we can own the whole ranch and do as we please.

We are fortunate this year in losing by graduation only four brothers—Brothers Hemenway, Gilbert, Crawford, and Woodward, so that we are looking forward to entering the fall campaign with our full fighting force, and coming out of the rushing season with a more glorious victory than ever.

Last, but by no means least, Lambda wishes to introduce to the fraternity two new brothers of the true old Theta Delt stamp, Brothers Rice and Delano, '03.

C. HENRY HOLBROOK.

MU DEUTERON—Amherst College

Little has happened during the last few months to startle Amherst out of her accustomed calm. We have had few visitors except the rain and that has been "sticking closer than a brother." Our annual musical took place on May 11 and was voted a great success. For several years this has taken the place of a reception to the faculty and townspeople. We have always had considerable musical talent in the charge and we are endeavoring to make it a permanent institution. The musical is much more satisfactory than the customary reception, and people show their appreciation by attending largely. The parlors were prettily decorated, and, after the entertainment, refreshments were served. Brother Bullock, '99, came down from New Haven to attend. His sister, Miss Bullock, was good enough to come all the way from Haverhill to take part, and her solos were greatly appreciated. Brother Barber, '02, who is college organist, had charge, and accompanied the singers on the piano.

On April 23, some of our alumni met with the senior delegation to discuss the advisability of organizing an alumni association of Mu Deuteron, the purpose of which would be—1st, to

keep alive the interest of our alumni in the charge ; 2nd, to establish a fund for permanent improvements in the charge property. A temporary organization was effected. Dr. A. J. Hopkins, '85, was elected president, and Brother H. W. Kidder, '97, was elected resident secretary-treasurer. It is hoped that this organization will be made permanent at commencement time.

Of the few honors which can be made during spring term we have had our full share. The senior delegation of five men has a representation of four on the honor roll in oratory and debates. Brother Anderson, '02, distinguished himself on the varsity basket ball team which has never been beaten. Brother Varnum, '03, took first place in the strength test with a total of 1641.94. He was sixth in the Intercollegiate Fifty. By the way Mu Deuteron has made quite a record for herself in this line. Brother Lane, '95, still holds the college record, and three of the brothers who are still here have enjoyed the honor of leading Amherst's Fifty at different times. Brother Green, '03, has made the *Lit.* and the track team. Brother Whitney, '03, is our representative on the *Olio*. Four of our six freshmen (Brothers Lowe, Smith, Thompson, and Townsend) made the Walker Honor Division in mathematics. Brother Thompson is the fastest short-distance man in college, and at the dual meet with Syracuse he did some great work for Amherst.

In general the charge is in excellent condition. We are represented on nearly all of the college organizations. Our freshmen have started in with the right spirit and we have great hopes for the future. Spring term at Amherst is a glorious season. Some of the most beautiful walks and drives in New England are to be had among these mountains. We seniors are beginning to realize very keenly that college life is almost over for us forever and we are trying to make the best of our time.

We have had occasional visits from Brothers Bullock, Walker, and Atkinson, '99, and from a number of representatives of sister charges. Mu Deuteron is always glad to welcome the brothers from other colleges and she takes this opportunity of extending a hearty invitation to every Theta Delt who may happen this way to drop in on us.

FRANCIS G. BARNUM.

NU DEUTERON—Lehigh University

Since the last edition of THE SHIELD Nu Deuteron has been plodding along the last lap of the college year endeavoring to keep up the same zeal which has characterized her during the months past. Owing to the nearness of the June exams. the lamps are beginning to throw their rays into the wee hours of the morning, hoping that they may bring to light the things which have been left undone during the winter months, and thereby keep the number of busts at a minimum, for "what is coming, who can say."

With this activity in the study line, the all-consuming topic of athletics, in the shape of baseball, has not escaped our notice. Brother P. W. Parsons, '02, who captains the team has been playing his usual steady game at third base, while Brother S. R. Alder, '01, in left field leaves no spot of the ground in his territory uncovered, in gathering in all that comes his way. Brother E. G. Taylor, '04, while comparatively new at the business, has proved to be the varsity's most reliable pitcher. Early this spring Brother C. C. Carr, '04, who coached our baseball men for some weeks, left college for this year to join the Toronto, Eastern League, club, where he plays first base and captains the team.

Side by side with athletics come college activities. The Lehigh dramatic association, known as "The Mustard and Cheese," gave their annual performance this year by presenting "Dandy Dick." In this Brother J. B. Freund, '01, took the leading part, with Brother J. W. Underwood, '04, also in the caste.

Brother Huffcut visited us on May 10. We were also fortunate in having a short visit from Brother J. W. H. Pollard, Omicron Deuteron, '97, who has been appointed physical director of the university. Brother Pollard returns to resume his duties early in September, when he takes charge of the football team, with Brother Okeson as his assistant. It is needless to say that Brother Pollard will receive the hearty co-operation of Nu Deuteron in all his work.

In closing we beg to wish all our brothers success in their completion of this year and bid an adieu until we are all "put off at Buffalo."

GEORGE R. STULL.

XI—Hobart College

It is not a long time ago that the wits began to say "spring has come," and since that time all the evidences of the season multiplied. First and most blessed of all things, our college work is easing up; everyone is bracing himself for the last pull that will bring him to commencement and the summer beyond. Although we have no seniors we are nevertheless well represented in the commencement exercises. Brother Warner, '02, has been chosen to deliver the paddle oration, the highest honor within the gift of the junior class. One of the announcements to be made is that concerning Brother Waugh's success in a recent competition in the classics; Brother Waugh, '02, received the highest mark awarded for a number of years. And we are also confident of being represented among the winners of the various prize contests that close the college year.

We are considerably interested in athletics this year. Brother Reuter, '03, is playing a steady, brilliant game on the baseball team. Brothers Bennett, '02, and Warner, '02, have resumed their old positions on the lacrosse team. Brother Whitney, '04, has also succeeded in making the team. Brother Warner has been honored not only with an election as captain of track for the current year, but also by a unanimous election to the captaincy of next year's football team. The charge is represented as well in other departments of college activity. Brother Waugh, '02, has a place on both college papers, being one of the editors of the *Herald* and occupying the business managership of the *Echo*. Brothers Warner, '02, and Bennett, '02, are also on the *Echo* staff. At the recent banquets of the junior and the freshman classes Brothers Bennett, '02, and Heussler, '04, presided over the toasts. At the latter function Brothers Whitney and Covill responded to two of the six toasts of the evening.

Having no seniors we lose no men this year by graduation. How the final examinations and the "cruel Facultee" will affect our numbers is as yet painfully uncertain; but it is probable that next September will see the charge nearly intact. That we will be in good trim for the fall rushing is sure. We are nevertheless

working hard to pledge men this spring; and if activity and enthusiasm accomplish anything, next year will be a banner year for the charge.

ARTHUR F. HEUSSLER.

OMICRON DEUTERON—Dartmouth College

As the year is drawing to a close, Omicron Deuteron can look back and say, it has been one of prosperity and success. Unfortunately we lost two men in the first semester examinations, but in considering the progress made, the new material secured, and the spirit manifested by the brothers, we can congratulate ourselves on the advances made.

With the advent of spring, the chief interest is in athletics. In baseball the outlook for Dartmouth is bright, as nearly all the old men are back, or have their positions satisfactorily filled. Brother Rollins, '04, shows great promise as a pitcher, and will undoubtedly prove a worthy successor to Brother Cook, '00. Brother Uniac, '04, at second base, and Scales, '04, in right field, are our other representatives on the team, of which Brother Raphael, '01, is manager. We have already met Brother Dana, of Eta, and Brother Penley, of Zeta, this spring, and hope to see other visiting brothers before the end of the season.

Brother Young, '04, has been elected captain of the freshman team, and Brother Foster, '04, is playing center field. One of the pleasant features of this term is the inter-fraternity baseball series. Varsity men are excluded, so the games often cause more fun than admiration. Under the leadership of Captain O'Connor we expect, however, to land the pennant, as many of the brothers have shown ability in ball tossing.

We won the annual track meet with Brown University by a decisive margin, and Brothers Neal, '03, and Jackson, '04, both earned their D's, the former in the hurdles and the latter in the dashes. After this unexpected victory, our chances at Worcester seem materially better.

May 15-18 will be celebrated as "Prom" week. Our success of last year has encouraged us to hold another dance which will

take place in the gymnasium, under the direction of Brothers Howard, '02, Parker, '02, and Kellner, '03. Brother O'Connor, '02, is a member of the committee on the annual junior "Prom."

Brother Wentworth has been chosen our representative on the *Aegis* board for 1903. As commencement approaches, we regret we are so soon to lose our "naughty-one" delegation, but 'tis an ill wind that blows no one good, and we congratulate Brothers Mason, Whitcomb, Vanderhoef, Redman, and Raphael on receiving commencement appointments, and being elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In conclusion we wish all brothers a pleasant vacation, and may they return in the fall, inspired by the Buffalo convention, to see Theta Delta Chi resume her rapid advance to the highest plane of perfection.

RALPH H. CARLETON.

PI DEUTERON—College of the City of New York

INITIATE

1904

Louis Ferdinand Schuyler

Pi Deuteron is now up against the June examinations, but, with the aid of Providence, expects to pull through. We lose only one brother by graduation this year, H. P. Moran, 1901; and should take up the work next fall with a strong charge.

Brother Huffcut has just paid us his yearly visitation and, from his great store of fraternal knowledge, left us a few things to digest. We were very glad to inform him that Pi Deuteron had added one more "yea" to the McGill petition.

The charge has endeavored this year to keep up our old record in athletics. Brother Fisher, 1902, managed the varsity baseball team before he went south to engage in mining. Brother Murphy, 1903, is holding down left garden and lining out two sackers—while at Lafayette he was given a good send-off by the Phi Charge.

In track athletics, Brothers Trubenbach, 1902, Shulze, 1903, and Moran, 1901, were at their class relays; and Brothers Truben-

bach and Shulze both scored in the high jump and four-forty. The varsity lacrosse team was captained by Brother Moran, 1901, at outside-home and Brother Trubenbach played 3d defense.

We have recently added to our number Brother L. F. Shulze, 1904, whom Pi Deuteron is now glad to present to the fraternity. Brother Shulze expects to enter West Point Military Academy next year and is now taking boxing lessons in preparation.

Brother Harry E. Crampton, '93, who has been instructor in biology at Columbia for some time, has just been made assistant professor in that department.

If all goes well Pi Deuteron expects to have a full delegation at the convention. Brother Charles P. Schmid, '97, has been elected delegate with Brothers Holton, '99, and Grassi, '99, as alternates.

HAROLD P. MORAN.

RHO DEUTERON—Columbia University

INITIATE

1903

Thomas Shepherd Stevens, Brooklyn, N. Y.

AFFILIATED

1901

Charles Edward Morrison, New York City.

Rho Deuteron has the pleasure of introducing to the sister charges one more new brother, Thomas Shepherd Stevens, '03. Our number has also been increased by the affiliation of Brother Charles Edward Morrison, formerly of the Pi Deuteron Charge.

The charge held its eighteenth annual banquet at the Arena on the night of May 4th. It was, as usual, the occasion of a stirring graduate reunion. In addition to the graduates and active members of our charge, we were favored by the presence of many other brothers from other charges.

During the past year, we have been more than usually well represented in the different athletic interests of the college.

Brother Smith, '01, and Steeves, '03, have won points in the dual track meet this spring. Brother La Roche, '02, is rowing with the varsity crew. Brother Goodman, '03, represents us on the baseball team. Brothers Spencer, '02, and Camp, '04, distinguished themselves in our recent dual swimming meet with Yale. Brother Eastmond, '01, won the all-around college gymnastic championship. Brother Kebler, '04, is one of the stars of our victorious freshman baseball nine, and Brother Sargent, '04, and Benjamin, '04, both play on the freshman lacrosse team.

In the recent elections to positions of college trust, we have been greatly honored. For the coming year we have a majority of the officers of the Deutscher Verein, the manager of the gymnasium team, the captain of the swimming and water polo team, an officer in the King's Crown Society, and the president of the Athletic Union.

We had a very enjoyable official visit from President Huffcut on the afternoon of May 10. At the convention in July we expect to have a large representation both of graduates and undergraduates.

HARRISON ROSS STEEVES.

SIGMA DEUTERON—University of Wisconsin

INITIATE

1901

Ashbel V. Smith, Waukegan, Ill.

Sigma Deuteron looks back upon the year just drawing to a close as one of the pleasantest in its history. The crowd has been most congenial and the year's work very successful. Most of the brothers are now prepared to ease up in their work somewhat and enjoy the many advantages of a Madison spring. Our sailboat, which has just been thoroughly overhauled, affords us a constant source of enjoyment as there is excellent sailing on Lake Mendota.

After talking the matter over among ourselves and with our alumni we have decided to board in the house next year if possi-

ble. This will be a change which will draw the brothers even more closely together, and as such seems very desirable.

In the various college activities Sigma Deuteron has not been idle. Brother Smith, '01, closed the inter-collegiate debate with Iowa University on May 10, and acquitted himself most creditably. Your correspondent as president presided over the annual contest of the Northern Oratorical League at Iowa City on May 3. Brother Otjen, '03, was one of the successful sophomores at the recent *Badger* board election, being chosen one of the board. In athletics Brothers Burdick, '01, and Borrison, '04, are at the track team training table, and Brothers Sawyer, '03, and Caskey, '04, are on the crew squad.

WILLIAM JARVIS CARR.

PHI—Lafayette College

INITIATE

1903

John Charles Skuse, Duluth, Minn.

After living through the days of April and early May, happily rather than laboriously, we now roll up our sleeves for the coming "exams," but are distracted now and then by the thoughts of commencement time, Phi's Annual Banquet, and the Buffalo Convention, all of which make a happy ending to the year just gone by.

Since our last letter we have initiated Brother Skuse, of Duluth, Minn. Brother Row, of Kappa, made us a short visit while here with the "Becky Sharpe" Company. Brother Norman Hackett also paid us a most pleasant visit, after the close of his season's engagement. Brothers Honness, '94, Jones, '98, and Stradling, '00, have paid us short visits. We lose by graduation this year Brothers Rice, Reuf, and Tim.

In college honors we are well represented. Brother Rice is editor-in-chief of the college weekly; the junior annual is edited by another one of the brothers; Brother Rush was elected to

the Sock and Buskin ; Brother Tim just closed a successful season as manager of the musical association, while Brother Bradley represents us in an athletic way.

Phi is always looking for the brothers of the other charges to come to see us, and we sincerely hope that any Theta Delt who happens anywhere near Easton will not pass us by.

WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS.

CHI—University of Rochester

As the year draws towards its close, it is natural for us to review the progress that has been made. Chi has every reason to be satisfied with herself. It may confidently be said that we never were in a better general condition as to numbers, finances, college honors, and future prospect. Our local alumni have frequently enlivened us with their presence, and we want them to keep it up increasingly.

Brother Charles Dow Clark, Kappa, '95, who will play comedy parts with the Lyceum Theatre Stock company during the summer, will help make life endurable for the fellows who have to stay in town through the hot weather. He is a fine fellow and a first rate story teller.

Four men will graduate next month leaving a gap that will be hard to fill. However, we have four excellent sub-freshmen pledged, and are considering two or three others. They are men who, it is needless to say, will be a credit to the fraternity.

After a very spirited contest Brother W. F. Love, '03, was elected one of the junior members of the university council, running ahead of the ticket by a good many votes. This is one of the most important offices within the gift of the student body, as the council has financial supervision and control of all athletic, musical and other organizations. Brother Love is also captain of the varsity baseball team, playing catcher. Brother Hogan, '04, is playing baseball in most acceptable style. To these brothers is due most of the credit for the good work that the team has done.

Brothers Love and Hogan are also captains of the sophomore and freshman teams, respectively. Several other brothers are playing on the scrub and class teams.

Brother Schumacher, '03, will be assistant manager of the *Campus* next year, and Brother Hart, '02, who is secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will retain his connection with the glee club and the *Campus*. It is too early to say what other plums will fall to our share.

The college has been progressing very uneventfully, the class banquets being held without any loss of life or honor.

FREDERIC C. DEPERRY.

CHI DEUTERON—Columbian University

INITIATE

1904

Llewellyn Powell, Alexandria, Virginia.

Every day in the college year is the acceptable time with Chi Deuteron for rushing and initiating new men. As our latest acquisition I wish to introduce Brother Llewellyn Powell, 1904, who is pursuing the course in the Medical School. Brother Powell is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute and brings into the charge an exuberance of muscular strength and vitality combined with an earnest and attractive personality which promise soon to make him one of our strongest men.

It is just a few days now since Brother Huffcut left us and we are still full of the enthusiasm with which he inspires all that meet him. Before his arrival we were busy instructing the freshmen in the principles of the fraternity and having succeeded in working a good deal of information into the fibre of the charge we felt very proud of ourselves when arrayed before Brother Huffcut. Chi Deuteron was indeed highly gratified at this first official visit of our new President, for in Brother Huffcut we see a continuance at the head of Theta Delta Chi of that ideal of

Theta Delt manhood to which every charge may look for its individual standard.

On the evening of the seventh of April, the Pan-Fraternity Dance was held at Rauscher's Hall. Chi Deuteron was represented upon the committee by Brother Homer Deis, 1904. The evening proved a success from every standpoint, and those present were most enthusiastic in their praise of the felicity of the occasion. Inter-fraternity association has never been very close here, and any occasion that tends to bring the different fraternities into more intimate relation is welcomed as an event worthy of the support of all.

During the past quarter we have had the pleasure of the company at several intervals of some of our formerly active men who have been in the city for their spring vacation. Brother Halsey Dunwoody, 1903, who has been preparing as an alternate for West Point, returned and spent a few days here, after failing to secure his appointment owing to the fact that the regular appointee was successful in passing the examination. Brother Dunwoody has not given up hope, however, and is now located at Philadelphia, being connected with the Weather Bureau service at that point. Brother Hatch Sterrett, of the General Theological Seminary, and Brothers W. D. Sterrett and A. B. Parson of Iota, accompanied by Brothers Church and McCall, spent their spring intermission with us and were present at the banquet. Brothers Fauntleroy Barnes and Elliott J. Dent completed their courses at West Point this spring and were graduated with high honors, Brother Dent entering the Engineer Corps and Brother Barnes the Artillery. After having spent a short while in Washington they were ordered to Fortress Monroe, where they are now awaiting orders for active service.

Chi Deuteron has always been a military charge and we are delighted to chronicle the return from the Philippines of Brother H. J. McKenney, to be followed in the near future by that of Brother Robert Sterrett. Both of these brothers have now been in the active service for about two years. Both were appointed with the rank of second lieutenant, and both have been promoted to that of first lieutenant; while Brother Sterrett served for a while as captain. Both are now trying hard for entrance into

the regular army under the army reorganization appointments. Brother Sterrett has already received his appointment and Brother McKenney has very good prospects of success. The rude life in the Philippines has but served to endear to them the associations in the fraternity and we soon hope to have the voice of Brother Sterrett joining in to lend some tinge of likelihood to the marvellous tales that Brother McKenney has been weaving for us.

Besides these of our own charge we have been favored with very pleasant visits from Brother Geo. A. Pratt, who is on quite an extended wedding tour, and Brother Schultz, Pi Deuteron.

The closing days of the college year are now rapidly approaching, and May 29 will conclude the record for another session. Many of us have already passed through the horrors of the final exams., while others are yet trembling at the approach of the spectre. In conclusion let me extend the best wishes of Chi Deuteron to all the charges for a happy ending of the year's work, and an earnest invitation to all brothers homeward bound throughout this section to spend a few days among us.

MELVILLE W. LINDSEY.

PSI—Hamilton College

With the term in which quiescence is greatly desired, comes increased activity to some. Among those who are able to bring honor to their alma mater and themselves Psi has her usual quota, and while this may not seem large yet it is quality not quantity which is considered.

The second base finds Brother T. McLaughlin, '03, equal to the responsibility and self-control that is essential; and his work at the bat is recognized as indispensable. The spring field day brought with it new laurels for Psi's men. Brother Blakely, '03, took hold of the hammer the way he plays foot-ball, and with little effort cast the sixteen pounder one hundred and six feet ten inches, thus establishing a college record. Brother Warren McLaughlin, '01, equaled the running broad jump record when he

broke the dirt at twenty-one feet two inches. In the high-jump another record breaker appeared when Brother T. McLaughlin, '03, cleared the rod five feet five and one-eighth inches from the ground. This obliterated a record which had stood for four years.

It is interesting to note that out of the thirteen annual events six records are held by Theta Deltas. In addition to the three above mentioned Brother D. C. Lee, '91, is on the list for the 100 yards dash, and Brother F. H. Cunningham, '99, for both shot-put and pole-vault.

An athletic exhibition, the purpose of which was to liquidate the baseball debt, found Brothers F. McLaughlin, '03, Blakely, '03, Edgerton, '04, and Bristol, '04, conspicuous. "Uncle John" Crossley, our gymnasium instructor and track trainer who traveled with Barnum sixteen years, had taught Bristol, '04, the art of tumbling so that throughout the evening their acrobatic skill was much enjoyed and appreciated by all. Brother Blakely's staunch shoulders assisted in forming a firm foundation upon which to build a series of human pyramids five men high with Brother Bristol on top.

At this exhibition Brother Edgerton, '04, established the indoor record in the high kick, and Brother T. McLaughlin, '03, the records in high dive, high jump, and high flip. Here again we pride ourselves in having secured first place in four out of seven events.

In selecting the Y. M. C. A. president not only morals but scholarship and congeniality are requisites. Since Brother Campbell, '02, possesses all, he was easily the popular choice. This is not adequate to appease his ambition, however, and he has accepted an appointment to the New York State Oratorical contest held under the auspices of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association of the United States, at Syracuse, on the 23d of May.

Enjoyable and instructive was the visit we received recently from Brother J. Ellery Bristol, ex-'98, of Syracuse, N. Y., who had just returned from a winter's health trip in southern New Mexico. The enjoyment and instruction came from the relation of his experiences. Although a tender foot, he had lived

throughout the winter the active life of a western cowboy ; had ridden all day in the saddle ; had slept all night under a stone-anchored blanket ; had witnessed the blood-curdling scenes of a Mexican bull fight ; and had braved the dangers of the wild beast in mountain fastnesses. We have been writing new Arabian Nights ever since his departure.

Upon the expiration of the year's work at Auburn Seminary, Brother Humiston, Psi, '99, accepted an invitation to occupy a pulpit in our vicinity during the summer and we expect him to make his residence with us until commencement.

Since the last letter Brother Henry Reuter, Xi, '03, and Brothers Love, '03, and Hogan, '04, both of Chi, have dropped in on us. We anticipate a visit from Brother Huffcut in the near future because the Grand Lodge President always brings glad tidings and leaves us inspired with greater loyalty for Theta Delta Chi.

CHARLES WILLIAM LEWIS.

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.

John A. Dix, Beta, '88, is rebuilding his home, located on a historic site on the Hudson. The house is situated on the grounds used during the Revolutionary War by General Burgoyne as a camping ground. The site is about one and a half miles north of the old Saratoga made famous during the war.

F. G. Grimshaw, Beta, '00, is now with the Cooke Locomotive and Machine Company, and writes the editor that he is "getting some good practical experience." By the same token Brother Grimshaw's friends know that the Cooke Locomotive Company is getting some good practical service.

E. W. Huffcut, Beta, '84, has just published a "Historical Sketch of Cornell University" in the circular of the Bureau of Education at Washington, upon "Higher Education in the State of New York." Brother Huffcut has recently declined the Deanship of the State University of Ohio Law School.

E. A. deLima, Beta, '86, is one of the plaintiffs in the famous "Insular Cases just decided by the Supreme Court of the United States. He is a member of a large importing and exporting firm in New York City, which sued the collector of the port of New York for the return of duties paid under protest upon imports from Porto Rico. This was the case decided in favor of the plaintiffs as the duties were collected before the passage of the Foraker Act.

E. B. Sanger, Epsilon D., '91, now practising medicine at Bangor, Maine, has been commissioned Surgeon General in the national guard of that state. Brother Sanger's office is at 57 Park Street, Bangor, and his residence is at 184 French Street.

George R. D. MacGregor, Zeta, '91, has made an enviable record in the Philippines as lieutenant in 26th infantry. The *Evening Bulletin* of Providence, R. I., gives the following interesting account of one of his exploits in the service.

"At last Col. Rice's aid, Lieut. G. R. D. MacGregor, 26th Infantry, whom the District Commander had put in charge of civil affairs last April,

cut the Gordian knot. Through acting as counsel before a Military Commission in defence of some newspaper publishers who were charged with publishing seditious articles, he won the friendship and esteem of the most clever and influential clique of the Island of Panay. These were men of wealth, education and travel, and called themselves 'neutrals' so far as the war was concerned. After the trial the Lieutenant had kept in touch with them, and had brought much influence to bear on them to make them pro-Americans. But on Nov. 22 last, Apollonio de Desma, one of the clique, decided to take the oath. He said he had thoroughly canvassed Jaro and asked that all the people of that district might be given an opportunity to take the oath on the day following. Le Desma and Villalobos were then duly sworn, and on the following day hundreds of Jaro citizens of all classes surged about post headquarters endeavoring to swear allegiance. Two days later Molo followed suit, and the oaths quickly ran into the thousands. Col. Rice telegraphed all over the island, announcing that the ice had been broken, and that Jaro and Molo had fallen into line.

Frederick Knight, Zeta, '94, is playing one of the leading parts in the "Princess Chic." This opera with Miss Marguerite Sylva, a new star, in the leading rôle, has met with great success this season. Brother Knight is the principal tenor and has received many complimentary press notices.

E. R. Woodbury, Eta, '95, is principal of Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden, New Hampshire.

E. S. Griffing, Iota, '89, and F. C. McLaughlin, Iota, '93, are partners in the law firm of Hamilton, Griffing, and McLaughlin, with offices at 120 Broadway, New York City.

Edwin Whitney Bishop, Iota D., '92, has been installed pastor of the South Congregational Church of Concord, N. H. He succeeds the Rev. Harry P. Dewey who is now pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Brooklyn.

Ernest Wilcox, Iota D., '93, is practicing medicine at Pleasantville, N. Y. His practice is one of the largest in this section of the country. He has one child, Ernest, Jr., now a year old.

Paul Goodrich, Iota D., '94, is serving as lieutenant in the Philippines.

S. M. Babcock, Kappa, '66. From a recent number of *Science* we quote the following: "Professor S. M. Babcock, of the University of Wisconsin, inventor of the Babcock milk test, was, on March 28th, presented with a medal voted him by the State for giving his inventions free to the world. Exercises were held in the Assembly Chamber of the Capitol in the presence of both houses of the legislature, the university faculty, supreme court, university regents, and many prominent citizens of the State. Governor Lafollete presided and addresses were made by him, by ex-Governor W. D. Hoard, and others.

Hosea M. Knowlton, Kappa, '67. The *Springfield Republican* of recent date has the following article on Brother Knowlton :

Attorney-General Knowlton remarked incidentally in his powerful closing argument in the Eastman case yesterday, that "this is my 18th, and perhaps my last capital case." Here is a remarkable record, unequaled by any man living in Massachusetts to-day. This covers, of course, Mr. Knowlton's long service as district attorney as well as attorney-general. During the trial of Miss Lizzie Borden, which attracted national attention, the newspaper men from outside the state were greatly impressed by Mr. Knowlton's power and resource as a prosecutor, and the veteran Joe Howard, who has seen plenty of lawyers in action during his long newspaper career, has more than once referred to the strong impression which Hosea M. Knowlton made upon him. It is much to have such a man at the head of the state's law department, and in the field of his profession the attorney-general is much more experienced and able than the lieutenant-governor. This will be conceded, but when it comes to politics John L. Bates is more agile and potent. He has got his start toward the governorship. Some of the forcefulness which makes Mr. Knowlton strong in the court-room probably operates as a handicap in politics, but he can well be proud of his professional record as a prosecutor.

M. H. Bowman, Lambda, '81, is Superintendent of Schools at Barre, Mass.

C. B. Tewksbury, Lambda, '92, of Westboro, Mass., is now sales manager of the Automobile and Cycle Co., of Cleveland, Ohio.

George A. Sweetser, Lambda, '94, is practicing law at 53 State Street, Boston. His residence is at Wellesley Hills, Mass.

W. E. Moran, Pi D., '98, who designed the menu for the Lamberton dinner, has completed the design for the convention banquet. Brother Moran is practising architecture with McKim, Mead, and White, 160 5th Avenue, N. Y.

O. J. A. Grassi, Pi D., '99, is now with Gandulfi and Grassi, wine importers, at 427 West Broadway, New York City.

J. Boyce Smith, Rho D., '01, made a notable performance, in a recent Columbia track meet, by breaking the record for Columbia in the pole vault.

E. W. Byrn, Sigma, '70. The *Saturday Review*, of the *New York Times*, announces that Brother Byrn's "Progress of Invention in the Nineteenth Century" has gained a place on the list of the best 50 books of the year 1900, as determined by a vote of the librarians of the State of New York.

John W. Griggs, Phi, '68, since his retirement from President McKinley's cabinet is associated with the law firm of Dill and Baldwin. When Brother Griggs took leave of his associates in the Department of Justice,

they presented him with a solid silver claret pitcher. On one panel of the pitcher was the following inscription :

PRESENTED TO

JOHN WILLIAM GRIGGS,

On His Retirement from the Office of Attorney General of the United States,
March 29, 1901.

Qui pro Domino Justitia Sequitur.

On the other panel was a monogram of the letters, "J. W. G."

Chas. Albertson, Phi, '93, is manager of the engineering department of the American Trading Co., Kobe, Japan. The following is an extract from a recent letter to the editor

"To one so far from home the sight of a 'long green' dollar is good for the eyes, as only Japanese money is in circulation here. If the sight of an ordinary American greenback is so pleasurable, how very much more then is appreciated THE SHIELD, which comes regularly over the seas to me. It is always full of friendship, and the sight of it does my soul good. It is needless to add that it is read through from cover to cover. My pride in Theta Delta Chi grows with my years. Perhaps some of the brothers may care to know where I am, and I enclose my card. If, at any time, any of them come this way and do not let me know, and I should hear of it afterward, they will find themselves in trouble."

A. E. Keigwin, Phi, '91, has met with unusual success the last year as pastor of the Park Presbyterian Church at Newark, N. J. On a recent Sunday, \$25,000 was raised and a debt standing for twenty-five years was cleared away. During the year over 140 new members have been received.

Harry T. Domer, Chi D., '00, who has for several months past been connected with the Locomobile Company of America, 11 Broadway, New York City, has recently been promoted to the Cashiership of the Boston office of the same company, 332-334 Boylston Street. Brother Domer assumed his new duties about the fifteenth of March.

C. N. Kendall, Psi, '82, has been re-elected Superintendent of the Indianapolis, Ind., schools for four years more. He went to Indianapolis a year ago from New Haven, with the understanding that he was to serve a year on trial, and if satisfactory would be elected for four years more. Under the contract made with Brother Kendall, he will receive a salary of \$4,800 a year.

Notes

"At the annual alumni meeting of R. P. I. in Philadelphia, Feb. 13, 1901, there were a number of Delta men present—Clark Fisher, Scott, Strawbridge, Reynders, Earle and myself, and we didn't fail to give the good old grip all around."

W. C. HAWLEY, '86.

Marriages

Frank W. Kimball, Lambda, '94, was married April 2, 1901, to Miss Edith H. Paige of Hardwick, Mass. The bridegroom, after several years of teaching, recently entered business in Boston. The bride is daughter of Representative Timothy Paige of Hardwick, and a member, ex-1902, of Delta Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball are residing at 136 Cedar Street, East Dedham, Mass.

Deaths

F. J. Brockway, Lambda, '82, died April 21, in a sanitarium at Brattleboro, Vt. where he was treated some time for brain trouble. He leaves a widow and two children. At the close of freshman year he left B. U., going to Yale where he graduated in 1882; subsequently he graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Albert H. Gale, Omicron D., '75, died March 18, at Thomasville, Ga. The following is taken from the *Sherbrook Examiner*, Sherbrook, Canada, where the deceased lived.

"Adelbert H. Gale, son of the late George Gale and of his wife, who was widow of S. W. Mack, nee Dorothy Davis, was born in Stanstead, near Smith's Mills, April 30th, 1854.

At the age of seventeen, in company with his younger brother, Frank G. Gale, who survives him, he entered Dartmouth College. In his second year at college he was taken ill, so seriously as to compel him to leave college. His lungs being affected, he went to Colorado. Here he rapidly improved and taught school. After varied experiences on Western plains, he returned home, built up in health and strength.

Mr. A. H. Gale was twice married. His first wife died about 14 years ago, leaving him a little daughter, Mary, who survives her father. On January 3rd, 1890, he married Miss Katherine M. Dobson, of Bowmanville, Ont. Their son, Warren D., who survives the father, was born October 15th, 1890."

The fraternity sympathizes with Brother Frank Pardee, Phi, '79, in the loss of his wife Kate Schuyler Pardee. Sharing in the grief of the afflicted husband remain five children, Dorothy, Katherine, Gladys, Schuyler, and Frank.

Clinton D. Eastman, Xi, '68, died April 14, 1901, at his home near Seneca Falls, N. Y.

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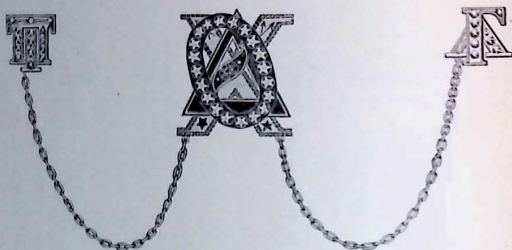
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THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The fifty-third annual convention of the fraternity was held at the rooms of the Buffalo Historical Society in the Library Building, Buffalo, N. Y., on the 2d and 3d of July, 1901. It is interesting to note that the first convention held by the fraternity convened in the same month (1849) at Schenectady.

Owing to the fact that it was vacation, or for some other good reason not yet discovered, the brothers had one and all come to Buffalo with the idea of having an exceptionally good time even for a convention, and as will be seen a little later, they certainly had it. It must not be supposed, however, that this convention, which will go down into history as one of the jolliest and most enthusiastic ever held, was at all lax in the performance of its official duties. The usual routine business was transacted with all possible despatch and good will. In addition, several important recommendations were passed by the convention, which it is hoped will tend to preserve the high standing and increase the stability and prestige of the fraternity.

The Buffalo Graduate Association had taken charge of the local arrangements for the convention, and the hearty thanks of all the brothers are due to its president, General Graves, to its secretary, Brother Griffith, and to its executive committee, Brothers Cornell, Lockwood and Chace, as well as to other individual members, especially to Brother Petrie, chairman of the committee for securing accommodations for delegates and visitors, and to Brother Russell, who did his level best to make each individual brother feel at home.

The convention register showed that there were about 200 delegates and visiting brothers present at the sessions and at the banquet. The complete list is inserted here as a matter of record. Among the names we notice those of four former presidents of the fraternity, Brothers Cornell, Simons, Holmes and Harstrom, as well as those of a large number of loyal and distinguished graduates.

Complete List of Brothers who signed the Convention Register *

- ALPHA. T. E. Ralston, '64; D. N. Lockwood, '65.
- BETA. J. H. Durkee, '74; B. H. Grove, '77; S. A. Simons, '79; W. B. Hoyt, '81; E. W. Huffcut, '84; L. Coville, '86; P. T. Du Bois, '95; F. A. Bassett, L. A. Kendall, '96; O. C. Hoyt, '99; C. C. Atwood, G. A. Austin, W. H. Baker, W. S. Massey, A. B. Morrison, Jr., 1901; J. W. Cook, H. C. Jones, J. Richmond, 1902; A. E. Ashcraft, E. D. Brady, 1903; R. H. Bourne, J. A. Brinker, E. H. Greenwood, N. S. Lawrence, C. M. Watt, 1904.
- GAMMA DEUTERON. W. H. Butler, '91; Norman Hackett, '98; F. J. Arbuckle, '99; R. H. Sutphen, 1900; C. H. Bushnell, H. C. Stevens, A. R. Tower, B. H. Winchester, 1901; F. J. Wood, 1902.
- DELTA. W. G. Preston, '88; C. J. McDonough, '97.
- DELTA DEUTERON. St. J. E. McCormick, 1901.
- EPSILON DEUTERON. Frederic Carter, '90.
- ZETA. N. W. Myrick, 1900; H. C. Low, A. K. Krause, 1901; L. W. Jutten, E. S. Macomber, 1904.
- ETA. N. R. Webster, '81; F. J. C. Little, '89; Robert Newbegin, '96; C. V. Woodbury, '99; H. D. Gibson, 1902; G. B. Farnsworth, 1903.
- THETA. L. E. Durr, '92.
- THETA DEUTERON. C. E. Whitney, '91.
- IOTA. F. B. Hill, '95; H. L. Carter, R. B. Carter, '98; O. D. Crilly, 1900; M. T. Nichols, 1901; W. M. Boothby, N. W. Faxon, 1902; T. Mellon, Jr., Law.
- IOTA DEUTERON. A. B. Gilfillan, '93; P. H. Dater, '96; R. C. Gibbs, E. I. Shepherd, 1900; G. C. Forrey, Jr., J. R. Royall, E. E. Shepherd, G. L. Taylor, W. E. Woodworth, 1903.

*This list does not pretend to be complete, but is the most perfect that could be procured.

- KAPPA. J. C. Graves, '62; A. W. Peirce, '82; G. H. Braley, '86; R. T. Needham, '91; A. B. Start, '97; J. R. Kent, '99; H. C. Turner, L. D. Pierce, R. E. Goodell, J. F. Berry, J. Butler, 1901; R. B. Coolidge, R. B. Mambert, 1902.
- LAMBDA. G. B. Currier, '99; W. A. Chandler, 1902.
- MU DEUTERON. F. L. Palmer, '85; J. A. Rawson, Jr., '95; F. S. Crawford, '97; S. D. Barber, W. T. Bryant, 1902; C. H. Brown, Jr., 1904.
- NU DEUTERON. W. L. Neill, '88; J. G. Hearne, '92; H. C. Quigley, '95; H. F. Russell, '96; E. Higgins, Jr., W. L. Heim, 1902.
- XI. S. D. Cornell, '60; H. B. Cone, '69; D. P. Mann, '83; W. H. Chace, '84; H. C. Chace, C. A. Harstrom, '86; E. J. Cook, C. W. New, '95; J. B. Covert, '98; W. W. Robinson, A. Stettenbenz, 1900; E. S. Warner, R. B. Waugh, 1902; W. C. Dooris, T. S. Holbrook, H. Reuter, 1903; A. F. Heussler, J. E. Mount, J. B. Whitney, 1904.
- OMICRON DEUTERON. J. W. Putnam, '74; J. Raphael, 1901; R. B. Clark, 1902.
- PI. J. R. Mellon, '65.
- PI DEUTERON. D. S. Dougherty, '82; S. C. Haight, '92; L. C. Shattuck, '98; E. E. Schmid, W. G. Wood, '99; O. J. A. Grassi, E. J. Schaefer, F. M. Steeves, 1900; H. P. Moran, 1901; C. Trubenbach, 1902; H. E. Nagle, 1904.
- RHO DEUTERON. C. M. Burrows, '88; L. Burrows, Jr., '89; F. N. Dodd, '91; E. H. Jewett, '93; R. Tombo, Jr., '98; E. Van Winkle, 1900; C. Eastmond, J. B. Smith, Jr., 1901; A. E. Cherouny, W. W. Lawson, J. W. Spencer, C. Tombo, 1902; H. R. Steeves, 1903.
- SIGMA DEUTERON. C. J. White, 1901; B. H. Bridge, Stephen Gardner, 1902; J. F. Sawyer, 1903; L. W. Crehore, 1904.
- TAU DEUTERON. J. W. Erf, '93; H. S. Swensen, '98; S. E. Hayes, F. Edmonds, 1904.
- PHI. Clay W. Holmes, '69; A. H. Sherrerd, '70; W. G. Chambers, '94; J. C. Heckman, C. H. Larkin, '99; J. D. Larkin, Jr., 1900; W. J. Williams, 1902; F. K. Day, 1903.
- CHI. Jacob Spahn, '70; H. D. Brookins, '80; N. T. Barrett, '92; J. F. Galligan, '94; J. A. Hamilton, '98; W. J. Craig, F. E. McNall, '99; J. F. Keeler, 1900; F. B. Griffith, Jr., E. C. Roeser, C. W. Watkeys, 1901; J. A. Gosnell, J. S. Vail, 1902; T. S. Holbrook, 1903.
- CHI DEUTERON. G. G. Chase, C. J. Twinn, 1900; M. Ashford, R. R. Norris, 1903.
- PSI. S. W. Petrie, '76; E. S. Petrie, '80; C. H. Timerman, '87; W. J. McLaughlin, 1901; Irving S. Wood, 1902; F. L. Putnam, 1903; L. J. Ehret, 1904.

It will be seen from the above list that in addition to the 21 active charges, 6 extinct charges were represented, making 27 in all. In point of attendance Beta ranks first with 25, Xi second with 19, Chi third with 14, and Kappa and Rho Deuteron divide fourth honors with 13 each.

The first session of the convention was duly opened by Brother Bryant, Mu Deuteron, on Tuesday morning, July 2d, with Brother Huffcut, President of the Grand Lodge, in the chair. The large hall of the Buffalo Historical Society was well filled by the delegates and visiting brothers, over one hundred of whom signed the register during the opening session.

The chair appointed the usual committees on credentials and order of business. Brother Higgins, Nu Deuteron, 1901, was appointed official stenographer and Brother Carl Tombo, Rho Deuteron, assistant secretary of the convention. While waiting for the reports of the committees, Brother Huffcut introduced a number of the older graduates and called on them for a few remarks. Among these were Brothers Graves, Xi, Webster, Eta, Mellon, Pi, Hearne, Nu Deuteron, Durr, Theta, Hackett, Gamma Deuteron, Carter, Epsilon Deuteron, Brookins, Chi, and Simons, Beta. The long and hearty applause which greeted each of the speakers, was the first evidence that this was to be a convention unprecedented for boundless and irrepressible enthusiasm.

The Credential Committee then reported the following list of regularly accredited delegates :

GRAND LODGE—Ernest W. Huffcut, President ; J. Boyce Smith, Jr., Secretary ; Herman C. Stevens, Treasurer.

BETA—Luzerne Coville, '86 ; William H. Baker, 1901 ; Harold C. Jones, 1902.

GAMMA DEUTERON—R. H. Sutphen, 1900 ; C. H. Bushnell, 1901 ; F. J. Wood, 1902.

DELTA DEUTERON—St. John E. McCormick, 1901.

ZETA—Nathaniel W. Myrick, 1900 ; Herbert C. Low, 1901 ; Llewellyn W. Jutten, 1904.

ETA—Fremont J. C. Little, '89 ; G. B. Farnsworth, 1903 ; H. D. Gibson, 1902.

IOTA—Richard B. Carter, '98 ; Nath. W. Faxon, 1902 ; Melville T. Nichols, 1901.

IOTA DEUTERON—Russell C. Gibbs, 1900; G. C. Forrey, Jr., 1903; Geo. L. Taylor, 1903.

KAPPA—I. R. Kent, '99; Harry C. Turner, 1901; Richard B. Coolidge, 1902.

LAMBDA—George B. Currier, '99; Webster A. Chandler, 1902.

MU DEUTERON—F. Stuart Crawford, '97; Walter T. Bryant, 1902; C. H. Brown, Jr., 1904.

NU DEUTERON—W. L. Neill, '88; E. Higgins, Jr., 1902; Wm. L. Heim, 1902.

XI—Edward J. Cook, '95; Robert B. Waugh, 1902; Earle S. Warner, 1902.

OMICRON DEUTERON—J. W. Putnam, '74; Joseph Raphael, 1901; Robert B. Clark, 1902.

PI DEUTERON—Leslie C. Shattuck, '98; H. P. Moran, 1901; C. Trubebach, 1902.

RHO DEUTERON—Rudolf Tombo, Jr., '98; Wm. W. Lawson, 1902; Carl Tombo, 1902.

SIGMA DEUTERON—Clarence J. White, 1901; B. H. Bridge, 1902; Stephen Gardner, 1902.

TAU DEUTERON—J. W. Erf, '93; S. E. Hayes, 1904; Frank Edmonds, 1904.

PHI—Alex. H. Sherrerd, '70; Clay W. Holmes, (Alt.) '69; William J. Williams, 1902; Franklin K. Day, 1903.

CHI—Jas. Fahy Galligan, '94; E. C. Roeser, 1901; E. S. Holbrook, 1903; Chas. W. Watkeys, (Alt.) 1901.

CHI DEUTERON—George G. Chase, 1900; Mahlon Ashford, 1903; R. R. Norris, 1903.

PSI—Clark H. Timerman, '87; W. J. McLaughlin, 1901; Irving S. Wood, 1902.

The next order of business being the report of the President of the Grand Lodge, Brother Graves, Kappa, took the chair during the reading of the report by Brother Huffcut. The conclusion of the reading was the sign for a demonstration which must have been heard miles away. The report*, a wonderful document of 67 pages, shows most eloquently the amount and importance of the work now carried on by the Grand Lodge, and it proved to the satisfaction of the hundred enthusiastic brothers that the affairs of the fraternity during the past year and a half have been in the hands of a most wise and loyal administrator. The report

*For a short abstract of the President's Report, cf. p. 209.

having been referred to the proper committee, the meeting adjourned until 2.30 in the afternoon.

Brother Turner, Kappa, opened the second session at 3.45 p. m. The oral reports from the charges constituted the first business of the afternoon, each charge being heard from in order. Nothing but progress and success all along the line could be gleaned from these reports. About this time Brother Clay W. Holmes, Phi, was discovered by some one in the back of the room and was immediately called on for a few remarks. Here was another chance for a demonstration, which was taken advantage of with right good will.

After Brother Huffcut had appointed numerous standing committees, Brother Carter, Custodian of Archives, was called upon to submit his report. The report* was referred to its proper committee, amidst the applause of the "assembled multitude." Brother Dodd, Rho Deuteron, reported for the Trustees of the Shield Surplus Fund, and Brother J. B. Smith, Jr., Rho Deuteron, in the absence of Brother Bullock, read the report of THE SHIELD†, which called forth further demonstrations from the gallery. Brother Smith then read his report as Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and after the last hoarse cheer had been given and the reports referred to their proper committees, the meeting adjourned until the next morning.

The third session of the convention was opened by Brother Lawson, Rho Deuteron, on Wednesday morning, July 3d. After the roll-call by the secretary, Brother Huffcut introduced Brothers Spahn, Chi, Petrie, Psi, Dougherty, Pi Deuteron, and Durkee, Beta, who were all well received by the brothers. The remainder of the morning was spent in discussing various reports of committees.

Brother McCormick, Delta Deuteron, reported for the committee on Custodian's Report. It recommended to the convention among other things the acquisition by the fraternity of the old Alpha Chair. The hearty thanks of the convention were un-animously voted to Brother Frederic Carter for his faithful,

*For abstract cf. p. 211

†For abstract cf. p. 210

efficient and unceasing labors in the interests of the department of archives and of the fraternity at large.

Brother Myrick, Zeta, reported for the committee on Shield Surplus Trustees' Report. It included the recommendation, that the trustees be continued for another year, and that the balance from volume XVI be turned over to said trustees.

Brother Kent, Kappa, reported for the committee on SHIELD Report. The committee recommended, that the charges be instructed to secure the subscription of the brothers as they graduate. It was furthermore recommended, that the convention give expression to its profound regret at Brother Bullock's retirement, and that it vote him its heartiest thanks for his generous and always effective labors, which was done.

Brother Shattuck, Pi Deuteron, reported for the committee on Secretary's Report. The committee found that the report was complete and satisfactory. Brother Smith deserves the gratitude of the entire fraternity for the careful and conscientious work which he has performed while in office.

There were other reports of committees of a secret nature, which on one occasion, required the meeting of a committee of the whole. Brother "Jake" Spahn, Chi, although not a delegate, was by unanimous consent of the convention called upon to preside, which he did to the huge satisfaction of the committee.

After a short recess, the fourth and last session was duly opened by Brother Trubenbach, Pi Deuteron, at 2.00 p. m. After some preliminary matters, the convention turned its attention to the report of the committee on President's Report. The numerous recommendations of this committee were adopted seriatim. With few exceptions, they were identical with the suggestions and recommendations made by the president in his report. Among those "fit to print" are the following :

The committee concurred in the recommendation that six letters a year be written by the charge secretaries, instead of nine or ten.

The action of the Grand Lodge in so carefully restricting the distribution of convention minutes was heartily endorsed.

The committee felt that it voiced the sentiments not only of the convention but of the entire fraternity, in believing that the establishment of the Delta Deuteron Charge has proved one of the most important and most highly successful acts of the administration. . . . In regard to the

establishment of the Zeta Deuteron Charge at McGill, the committee say: "We believe that no step taken by Theta Delta Chi in recent years could be more momentous in its bearing upon the general character of the fraternity, than the planting of our banner in a country to which we are bound by such strong and numerous ties."

The various rulings promulgated by the Grand Lodge during its term of administration were endorsed by the committee and the convention.

The suggestion that a personal visit be made by the president of the Grand Lodge to *each* charge once in two years, and that other visitations be made by deputy, was endorsed.

The committee was not inclined to endorse the suggestion, that regularly organized graduate associations having a membership of at least 25 and meeting at stated intervals, be given constitutional representation at conventions.

It recommended that proper steps be taken by the incoming Grand Lodge, which shall lead to the coöperation of the fraternity as a whole with the Rho Deuteron charge in securing a suitable home for the fraternity in New York City.

The incoming Grand Lodge was empowered to appoint a committee to investigate the nature and aims of the Association of Theta Delta Chi and to report results with recommendations and suggestions to the next convention.

In conclusion the committee say: "We feel assured that the present strength of the fraternity is in no small measure due to Brother Huffcut's untiring activity, and we express the fond hope that this convention may see fit to keep in office a brother who has shown himself so eminently worthy of the highest honor that this fraternity can bestow." (Hearty applause and cheers.)

Brother Stevens, Gamma Deuteron, read the report of the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge. This report showed that the fraternity finances are in a sound condition and reflects great credit upon the work of Brother Stevens.

At about this time it became necessary to elect a new Grand Lodge. Brother Huffcut in calling for nominations for president was immediately greeted by a storm of applause that broke all previous records in the history of the fraternity. It was like the roar of Niagara, a little more hilarious perhaps, but equal to it in volume and majesty. After order had been restored, some one moved that the secretary cast one ballot for Brother Ernest W. Huffcut, as President of the next Grand Lodge, which was done. Brother Stevens was unanimously elected secretary and Brother Bryant, Mu Deuteron, was elected treasurer of the new Grand Lodge. The ceremony of the installation of the presi-

dent was performed in an impressive manner by Brother Frederic Carter, with the assistance of Brothers Myrick and Baker.

Upon motion of Brother Holmes, it was unanimously carried that the president be instructed to convey to Brother John Hay the heartfelt sympathy of the convention with his recent affliction in the loss of his son Adelbert S. Hay. The following reply was received by the president in response to his message :

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, July 9, 1901.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—I have received your kind letter of the 8th of July, and thank you very sincerely for your expressions of friendship and sympathy. I wish every brother of the convention could also be made aware of my gratitude, but, as that is impossible, I thank you in their name.

Yours very sincerely,

JOHN HAY.

The usual votes of thanks were passed and after recommending to the Grand Lodge that the next convention be held in New York City some time in February, the 53d Convention adjourned *sine die*.

President's Report

Some of the matters contained in the President's Report have already been referred to. A great many more are of a secret nature and can not be printed here. The following items, however, will prove to be of interest.

The report covers the period from February 24, 1900, to July 1, 1901. There have been three regular meetings of the Grand Lodge, and a steady stream of correspondence has been kept up.

The following tribute to the work of Brother Harstrom should not be omitted here: "But most important of all was the fact that the five years of devoted work on the part of Brother Carl Harstrom as President of the Grand Lodge had resulted in an organization which in general plan and in perfection of detail left nothing to be desired. It is but just here and now to put on record our recognition and appreciation of services which in extent, in efficiency, and in single-hearted loyalty have never been surpassed in the history of our fraternity."

In regard to the establishment of a charge at McGill, Brother Huffcut writes: "On April 4, 1901, after considerable preliminary correspondence, the Grand Lodge received a beautifully illuminated petition from thirteen students of McGill University at Montreal, Canada, asking that a charter

be granted them for a charge at that university. Accompanying the petition was a printed memorial, a copy of which is herewith submitted. . . On April 13 and 14, 1901, I visited the petitioners personally at Montreal and made a careful investigation into the conditions surrounding fraternity affairs at McGill University. On April 20 the Grand Lodge submitted the question to the charges in a letter which is made a part of Exhibit F. Every one of the 21 existing charges voted favorably. The Grand Lodge thereupon notified the petitioners that the charter would be granted. Owing, however, to the late day at which the matter was decided, it was impracticable to install the charge before fall. September 20th has been fixed as the date of installation. It was found that every extinct charge has a namesake, and it was therefore decided to name the charge for the oldest living charge, and it is christened Zeta Deuteron."

Correspondence : The President has sent sixteen official communications to the charges since the last convention. These have also been sent to about 70 graduates. The President has written 800 personal letters upon matters connected with fraternity interests.

Visitations : The President of the Grand Lodge has personally visited twenty-one charges and one body of petitioners. One charge only was visited by deputy. The general plan and scope of the visitations is explained at length and a report made of the condition of each active charge. The President further attended dinners given by the Central Graduate Association at Chicago, the Southern Graduate Association at Washington and the Buffalo Graduate Association at Buffalo. A complete and detailed report of each graduate association is also given.

General Conditions : We now have twenty-one charges and the twenty-second will be installed next September. The active membership numbers more than 400. Six of these charges own their charge houses and nine rent them. A movement is under way at several colleges to secure charge houses and is deserving of earnest encouragement.

Conclusion. "Theta Delta Chi stands to-day the peer of any college fraternity in the land. Its proud position has been won by hard work, by faithful and devoted service, by fidelity to its high ideals. Its future must rest upon the same basis. We and our successors have committed to us a great and sacred trust for the benefit of the young men who may be chosen from year to year as its beneficiaries. Let this be administered in a spirit of wisdom, of charity, and of affectionate fraternal regard, and we may be assured that our beloved fraternity will be perpetuated forever."

From the report of Brother Bullock, we abstract the following.

Shield Report

During the period from March 1, 1900, to July 1, 1901, covered by the report, volume XVI has been completed and the first two numbers of

volume XVII have appeared. The amount of matter published has been about the same as usual, and there has been no change in the policy of the magazine, except at one point.

The financial results of volume XVI were very satisfactory. A detailed statement can be found in the printed convention minutes.

In conclusion Brother Bullock says: "I would refer briefly to a matter of editorial policy that seems to be of considerable importance. An examination of our own and other fraternity journals shows that it is becoming customary to print nearly everything that a fraternity does or contemplates doing. So marked has this tendency become that it seems probable that, unless some change of policy is made, fraternity secrecy will become little more than nominal. For this reason THE SHIELD announced last March that less publicity would be given to certain matters that had formerly been discussed with the greatest freedom in its pages."

The following gleanings from Brother Carter's report will be of interest:

Report of the Custodian of Archives

"The fourth annual report of the Custodian of Archives shall be but a brief portrayal of the character and scope of the work accomplished. The custodian did not return from California until December, 1900, and for the period March to December of the same year, by and with the consent of the Grand Lodge an efficient and faithful deputy custodian was appointed in the person of Brother Frank N. Dodd, Rho Deuteron, '91.

"On March 7, 1901, the custodian began an involved work, to-wit: 1. The preparation of a new catalogue of the fraternity by authority of the fifty-second convention. 2. The effort to obtain further additions of memorabilia for the archives. 3. The preparation of the card index of our fraternity membership, in order that, upon the end of the work of issuing the catalogue, the work necessary to produce a catalogue need never be duplicated, but that the revision of card index alone, need precede the issue of the following catalogues While the catalogue is not yet ready for press, the data are well in hand, the balance of the preparation is chiefly clerical, and the date of issue depends upon the ability to finish transcription of records on hand in a rush without a sacrifice of accuracy. . . .

"During April, Newsletter No. 4 was issued together with the request for data for the new catalogue, as well as a circular detailing some of the deficiencies of archives. A set of these documents was mailed to every living member of the fraternity.

"The official record shows 5989 communications during the fiscal year. . . ."

"It is not a matter to report all the little things of the year, of the brethren brought together, of old friends meeting through efforts gladly

given ; of European travelers, who seeking, have found those also far from home, of the care taken to keep in touch with those in China, Turkey, Germany, Italy and Hawaii, of the success in making widespread the dates of various fraternity celebrations to the end of securing larger attendance, of the keen pleasure in gaining items for archives so rare as to surprise even our oldest members, of the steady increase of requests for information and for service. These are the little things, but in their doing, and in helping as Tutor in this, our great University of the Heart, the Custodian has found reward for a year of labor."

C. T.

The Convention Banquet

The brothers assembled for the banquet Wednesday evening, July 3, in the lobby of the Iroquois Hotel, and upon the stroke of eight proceeded in a body to the place of feasting and festivity on the parlor floor. Places were designated at the head table for about twenty of the more prominent members of the brotherhood, but the mass of feasters drifted to their positions indifferently, and ranging themselves naturally by charge groups, stood upon no ceremony but started the sound waves rolling with vociferous cheering for everything in sight, beginning with the "handsomest man in the fraternity," the president reëlect.

President Ernest W. Huffcut, Beta, occupied the center chair at the table of honor, with the Hon. Daniel N. Lockwood, Alpha, the toastmaster of the occasion on his right and ex-president Carl A. Harstrom, Xi, familiarly known as "Prexy" on his left. Seated on either side were Brothers James R. Mellon, Pi, J. H. Durkee, Beta, Jacob Spahn, Chi, W. B. Hoyt, Beta, Seward A. Simons, Beta, Frederic Carter, Epsilon Deuteron, J. F. Galligan, Chi, S. W. Petrie, Psi, General John C. Graves, Kappa, T. E. Ralston, Alpha, Col. S. Douglass Cornell, Xi, J. G. Hearne, Nu Deuteron, N. R. Webster, Eta, F. J. C. Little, Eta, and Dr. D. S. Dougherty, Pi Deuteron.

Boutonnieres of sweet peas rested beside every menu ; the design for the cover of the latter came from the pen of Brother E. W. Moran, Rho Deuteron. The blameless service and the marked excellence of the viands deserve mention, as they contributed much towards the upqualified joyfulness of the evening. The words of the more familiar fraternity anthems had been

struck off and distributed, and the volume of song was much improved by this means.

A count found one hundred and thirty-nine brothers in the banquet hall, representing twenty-one active, and many more defunct charges. This number is by no means unprecedented, as it was exceeded in fact at the banquets of several past conventions, but while not record-breaking in attendance, the banquet of the fifty-third convention will take its place in our history as unequaled in other particulars. During the first few minutes the spirits of those present reached a level of hilarity which knew no restraint or any lapsing into even a momentary lull. The succession of songs and cheers with their accompanying bursts of merriment was unbroken, and pure enthusiasm and fraternal loyalty expressed itself with great freedom and zest. The unseemly was nowhere in evidence. The climax came after the temptations of the menu had been made to yield all they held in store and President Huffcut rose to present the toastmaster in the opening speech. The entire assemblage rose with him and put the full power of their throats into the prolonged roar of greeting.

PRESIDENT HUFFCUT :

BROTHERS IN THETA DELTA CHI—The time has come for us to enjoy the best part of this evening. It will afford me great pleasure to give way in a moment to a man to whom we all owe great honor, as one who has himself reflected great honor upon our beloved fraternity. But before doing so, I wish to acknowledge a debt that we owe to the Buffalo Graduate Association for the very admirable and generous way in which it has relieved the Grand Lodge of the burden of providing for this convention and for this dinner. A debt of gratitude is due from every one of us to the members of this Buffalo Association and especially to its distinguished President, General Graves, and to that noble old Roman, whom we all know only to love, dear old "Doug" Cornell, and to the distinguished statesman whom you have familiarly called here to-night in your college yells "Dan" Lockwood, and to Brother Petrie, who has not talked much but has worked a lot, and to Brothers Griffith and Russell, the youngest but not the least of them all, and to Harry Chace, and to John Chace, the only living exponent at Buffalo of the Ice Trust. It was on his ice that this delicious innocuous liquid was cooled. And I want to tell you that this trust is a trust with a heart, for the ice was furnished free of charge, and this, brothers, is the only instance on record where a trust ever furnished anything for nothing. But

I have only begun the enumeration of the loyal brothers who have worked so diligently to make this convention a success. If you want to see the names of the remainder, just glance at to-day's *Buffalo Commercial*, from which I have a little clipping here.

The speaker then read extracts from the account of how the Theta Delt ran the Midway the evening before, (see p. 231) and referred in a vein of pleasantry to the part played in that escapade by the toastmaster, Brother Lockwood, who, he alleged, had led the rush upon the Egyptian theater and escaped arrest only because every policeman there owed his appointment to Brother Lockwood's influence. This portion of Brother Huffcut's speech was tuned to the spirit of the occasion; it was full of the spice of fun and the audience let no sentence fall upon their ears without an appreciative return of boisterous applause.

The president now called Toastmaster Lockwood to his feet to enter upon the exercise of his function.

THE TOASTMASTER:

MR. PRESIDENT, BROTHERS OF THE THETA DELTA CHI—I assure you, brothers, that while this occasion is to the Theta Delta Chi one of rare pleasure, it is one that we members of the Buffalo Association enjoy particularly, for it has afforded us an opportunity to prove our loyalty to the dear old fraternity. A little over a year ago, Brother Cornell and myself appeared before you at Washington and asked you to come to Buffalo for your next convention. In fact, Brother Cornell confessed to me afterwards, that he took me to Washington for the sole purpose of getting me to urge upon the convention the wisdom of coming to Buffalo this year. I found upon my arrival, that as far as being called upon to talk, I was as popular as any one could desire, but when it came to the cheering, Cornell received the cheers every time. It didn't seem to make much difference what was said, but that great old Roman received the cheers upon every occasion. Now at that time we promised you, if you would come to Buffalo we would do all in our power to entertain you, and I trust our feeble efforts will meet your approbation. We members of the Buffalo Association of our fraternity feel very happy to think that you have enjoyed yourselves thus far, and I hope that you will continue to enjoy yourselves during the remainder of your stay.

The toastmaster then took up the gauntlet thrown down by the previous speaker, and some brilliant exchanges of merry quip and pointed jest ensued between the Buffalo Thete and the brother from Ithaca.

And now I shall introduce to you a brother whom you all have known for years, a brother whose work in your fraternity has added to its praise and its glory and its greatness from one length of this land to the other, a brother who has put his hand to the wheel and has brought forth the excellent organization of which we are so proud. I take extreme pleasure in presenting to you our friend and brother, Carl A. Harstrom, ex-president of the Grand Lodge, whom I shall ask to respond to the toast, "The Grand Lodge."

BROTHER CARL A. HARSTROM, XI, '86 :

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS—I thank you for this most cordial greeting. I confess I should have been willing to travel further and longer to receive it. An engagement of long standing and of importance kept me from being with you yesterday. Last evening, as I was on the point of setting out, so as to be here this morning, the tornado struck us in Connecticut. Much damage was done and traffic was paralyzed sufficiently to make it impossible for me to get out until this morning. But I got here in time for the feast, and I am glad to be here. That is the text of my speech, and the text is the speech itself. Parenthetically I should have enjoyed being on the Midway to see my friend Huffcut "flying the goose."

There is something rejuvenating about Theta Delta Chi. It is much like that relaxation of which Cicero speaks. It belongs to all times, to all ages, and to all places. It nourishes our youth, it delights old age, it adorns prosperity ; it offers a refuge and solace in adversity ; it delights us at home and abroad,—it is a source of constant joy. When one has become thoroughly imbued with the spirit of our fraternity, it is a possession that lasts a life-time ; and if I live to be 137, as our president this evening has been good enough to wish, I shall strive to be a better Theta Delt during the last 100 years than I have been during that part of the first 37 that I have worn the shield.

I rejoice with you that President Huffcut has accepted a reëlection. It means much when a man in his position and with his varied interests will take the necessary time and devote it to the work of the fraternity. It speaks well not only for the president who, in my judgment, has given us a faithful, energetic and highly successful administration, but it speaks well for the fraternity. We are all the time passing to higher and better things. Every big event eclipses its predecessors,—and with Huffcut to guide, the rest of us doing his bidding, Theta Delta Chi will continue, as she stands to-day, easily the peer of any college fraternity in the land.

Brother Tombo, Rho Deuteron, '98, was then called upon to respond for THE SHIELD, and after a speech by Brother James R. Mellon, Pi, '65, who won the hearts of the brothers by a few modest words of fraternal love, the following letters of regret

were read by the Custodian of Archives, Brother Frederic Carter, Epsilon Deuteron, '90.

NEW YORK, June 26, 1901.

DEAR BROTHER HUFFCUT :

I'm sorry I cannot go to Buffalo and take dinner with the Grand Lodge and the delegates. It is too far and I am too busy,—but I wish for you all a happy and successful convention.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. GRIGGS, (Phi, '69).

SYRACUSE, N. Y., July 3, 1901.

DEAR BROTHER HUFFCUT :

Your kind invitation to be present at the 53d Annual Convention of Theta Delta Chi is gratefully acknowledged. The wish to enjoy myself, as I certainly should very much, and the desire to witness again the proofs the occasion will afford of the growth and greatness of our fraternity as well as to meet my brethren there assembled, make it difficult to resist your call. Unfortunately for me, however, the early days of July involve some pressing duties which I can neither neglect, nor depute to another. I must therefore express only my regret that I am obliged to forego the pleasure of attendance, and feebly endeavor to express my sincere sympathy with such a meeting as this must be. May Theta Delta Chi ever be a benign and happy influence in American college life! May its future membership, as its past and present, be a cause for just pride to all who may be privileged to enter its portals!

I must resist an inclination to dwell upon the dear associations which your invitation tends to recall, mingled, too, sometimes with a sacred sadness. At the semi-centennial of the fraternity I had the honor to sit between our revered and late right reverend friend, the then chairman, and my dear Brother Abel Beach. Alas, how short a time elapsed before they left us bereaved and mourning their untimely demise. We justly treasure their memories for their shining excellences, and for the honor which their lives shed upon the brotherhood. May we not boast such lives as truly types of the general life of the fraternity? I am sure we may.

I close this hasty note with cordial greeting, and earnest, to all brethren present at the Convention, and to Theta Deltas everywhere.

With special regard for yourself, my dear brother, I subscribe myself,

Faithfully yours in $\Theta \Delta \chi$,

ANDREW H. GREEN, (Alpha, '49).

TUFTS COLLEGE, MASS., June 26, 1901.

DEAR BROTHER HUFFCUT :

I am booked to sail for Europe on July third. So it will be impossible for me to attend the great gathering of the brethren that will assemble in Buffalo on that and the preceding day. But my heart will be with the convention in the hope that it may be the greatest and best that has ever been held in the history of our fraternity. I give to all my hearty salutations in the firm conviction that Theta Delta Chi will live and flourish more and more abundantly through all the years to come.

In the bonds of friendship and brotherhood,

E. H. CAPEN, (Kappa, '60).

SWEETWATER, TENN., JUNE 15, 1901.

DEAR BROTHER HUFFCUT :

I received an invitation to attend the Theta Delta Chi Convention at Buffalo. I write you a line expressing my sincere regrets. My many pressing duties forbid. I am a charter member of Psi Charge, Hamilton College. I graduated in 1870. The years have had nimble feet, and yet in their rapid flight my boyish fervor remains for the order,—I love the very name. We have quite a number of Thetes in the South and I have been hoping we could have a reunion South. Please have the old boys recall the Old Rebel of 1866, six feet tall, 175 lbs. and all for Psi. I have since settled down for years as the President of Sweetwater Military College and Pastor of the Presbyterian Church here. I have one son, also a Theta Delt, in Atlanta, Georgia. Should you or any of the clan ever drift this way, I will be delighted to see them.

Fraternally,

J. LYNN BACHMAN, (Psi, '70).

PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION OF
THETA DELTA CHI.
OFFICE OF SECRETARY.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23, 1901.

DEAR BROTHER HUFFCUT :

Unexpectedly compelled at the last moment to send regrets instead of acceptance to the invitation to attend the Fifty-Third Annual Convention, I can truthfully say that no regrets were ever more heartfelt than these same. I had long counted on being present at what will undoubtedly be one of the largest and most successful conventions the fraternity has ever held, and to be compelled to forego such pleasure is cause for deep mourning on my part. It is some years since I have been able to participate in the joys and good-fellowship of a convention, but I can assure you that I have been present at every one of them in that mysterious form so often mentioned in regrets—in thought and spirit.

I can only wish you all the best of good times, extend to each and every one a hearty grip and promise that on the night of the banquet, three thousand miles away, there will be at least one who will drink a bumper to "long life to Theta Delta Chi and success to each and all of her sons." That I may be with you next time is the earnest wish of

Yours in the bonds,

J. C. HALLOCK, (Delta, '91).

Telegram from NEW YORK, July 3, 1901.

Greatly disappointed not to be with you all. Business I can not neglect or put off keeps me here. Heartiest greetings and best wishes to all of you.

EDWARD S. GRIFFING, (Iota, '89).

NORFOLK, VA., June 27, 1901.

DEAR BROTHER HUFFCUT :

I had intended visiting Buffalo to attend the convention, as I have now thrown aside my crutch and am in good health, but the fearful calamity which has overtaken our mining region keeps me imperatively at home, for no one can take my place at the present time.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM LAMB, (Epsilon, '53).

TREASURY DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
Office of the Treasurer, WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR BROTHER HUFFCUT :

Much to my regret there is now no prospect of my being able to attend the 53d Convention. I know I would enjoy the good fellowship and inspiration of the occasion as I did so much the 52d.

As time rolls on, the beneficent fruits of Theta Delta Chi will be better known and better appreciated by all of us. I wish to be kindly remembered with fraternal greetings to all.

Sincerely,

THOS. E. ROGERS, (Sigma, '66).

COSMOS CLUB, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29, 1901.

DEAR BROTHER HUFFCUT :

I am very sorry indeed that I shall not be able to be with the brethren at the convention. Mrs. Sterrett and myself have just returned from a ten days trip to Harvard to see William graduate. Give much love to all the brethren from all of us. Our hearts will be with you.

Fraternally yours,

J. MACBRIDE STERRET, (Chi, '69).

TACOMA, WASH., June 5, 1901.

DEAR BROTHER HUFFCUT :

It would be useless for me to try to express to you the pleasure I should have in attending the 53d Annual Convention of Theta Delta Chi, since your own affection for the fraternity will supply that by intuition.

I have been balancing for several weeks on the agate edge of uncertainty regarding a trip to the East. Unfortunately the uncertainty is so great that I cannot make an engagement or arrange for accommodations in advance. I can therefore only hope that I may be present, and at the last moment find an empty seat at the convention and a vacant place at the banquet board.

Fraternally yours,

A. N. FIRCH, (Beta, '71).

Brother Carter also read letters from President Geo. William Smith of Trinity College, and others, which lack of space will not permit us to print.

The next called upon was Brother W. B. Hoyt, Beta, '81, whose words breathed goodwill towards the welfare of the brotherhood.

THE TOASTMASTER : I feel now as though I should like to hear from a young brother who has always been imbued with special enthusiasm and love for each individual member of the fraternity, one who has wandered over the face of the earth for the benefit of the people of the earth, who has gone from one city to another for the purpose of leading the dwellers to a higher and a better and a more artistic life, one whose sole object in life is the elevation and enlightenment of mankind. He has become known throughout the fraternity as a sort of unofficial visitor, one who calls upon all and who brings inspiration to all upon whom he calls. I now have the pleasure to ask that brother to respond to the toast "The Unofficial Fraternity Visitor," Brother Norman Hackett.

When the name of the speaker was announced, enthusiasm ran high and Brother Hackett rose to a flattering reception. The 'Wandering Thespian' gracefully bowed to the storm and returned its heat in a speech of electric eloquence.

BROTHER NORMAN HACKETT, Gamma Deuteron, '98 :

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS OF THETA DELTA CHI—Applause is part of my business. I am very familiar with the sound as we hear it in the theater, but I must say I have never heard nor do I ever hope to hear such

inspiring applause as you have honored me with to-night and on the floor of the convention hall yesterday morning. Through the generous impulse of our esteemed and beloved friend, Brother Lockwood, I enjoy the honor and privilege of speaking to you to-night. Whenever I fall into the hands of one of these despots called toastmasters, I feel like the old darky down in Arkansas who had lost four wives. After he had lost the fourth his partner called upon him and asked how he felt, to which he replied, "Well, Brother Johnson, I feel as though I was in the hands of an all wise and unscrupulous providence." I am asked to tell you something about the Theta Delt abroad. This is indeed the age of instantaneous photography. I appear before you to-night commissioned to kodak, develop and finish a picture of the fraternity as I have seen it in my extensive travels throughout these United States. I can not hope to do that, for I have seen so much true fraternity spirit in all parts of the country and have been the recipient of such munificent Theta Delt hospitality, that it would take volumes of time and space to tell you about it all. I only want to create in your minds some sort of an idea of what it means to a man who leads a nomadic life to be a Theta Delt, and to bear witness before this magnificent gathering of brothers, that I have realized in the practical side of Theta Delta Chi my fondest hopes of the fraternity, and the obligations of brother to brother.

This is the first convention it has been my privilege to attend, and while I have a full sense of what I have missed in being absent from previous ones, I feel amply repaid for the great opportunity I have been afforded to know the fraternity so extensively and intimately. I have been in every state in the Union but Maine. I have traveled to the Pacific Coast four times, and from the north to the south. I have been all through Canada and into Mexico, and it gives me the greatest possible pleasure to be able to testify at our banquet table to-night that in all that territory I have found Theta Deltas, each one of whom has given me the glorious grip of Theta Delta Chi in a cordial manner and demonstrated in some way a spirit of friendship that has been at all times convincing and true. In short, I have tested the bonds in a way that possibly no other brother has ever done, and I unreservedly and truthfully proclaim to you that they have never failed me yet. My Theta Delt badge is a passport that I esteem above all other possessions. Wherever I go it assures me recognition, hospitality, kindness, social position, assistance and above all, it assures me friends. It is impossible for me to tell you of all the brothers I have met, but I cannot refrain from mentioning a few. First of all is our beloved Andrew H. Green of Syracuse, the last link of the immortal chain of founders, to whom it always gives an inexpressible pleasure to greet a Theta Delt. Then I have met Colonel Lamb at Norfolk, Va.—he whose heroism at Fort Fisher and loyalty to the fraternity will ever claim our admiration and love,—and Governor Bloxham of Florida, who greeted me in a manner that only a Theta Delt can appreciate. At San Francisco, I have met Brother James Hallock, whose admirable efforts in behalf of the Delta Deuteron charge and the Pacific Graduate Association are too well known to need further expatiation by me. Brother

Hallock is doing a grand work for the fraternity out there—indeed we could not have a better representative on the Pacific Coast. A truer Theta Delt never lived and I can only say, "God bless him." At Fresno, Cal., I have several times seen old "Fate" Bachman, the brother who wrote :

"Our stars shall tint with light
Through the sullen clouds of night,"

and whose life devotion to the fraternity will ever be a monument to his loyalty and exemplary fraternal spirit. I have met at Tacoma, Wash., A. N. Fitch, the father of Beta and the embodiment of genuine Theta Delt spirit and friendliness. We have all been impressed by the enthusiasm of his illustrious sons to-night, and I am sure their patriotic demonstrations bear fitting evidence to the loyal seeds he planted in behalf of the Beta charge. I have met many other brethren whom I should like to eulogize here, to say nothing of all the charges I visit each year.

Is it any wonder then that I glory in bearing witness to the magnificent works of friendship in the fraternity that are going on silently and continually in all parts of the country? I am sorry that the poor words at my command have not been adequate to do justice to my theme, "The Unofficial Fraternity Visitor," but though glorious have been my experiences with the brothers in my extensive travels, I am supremely proud to be one of the guests this evening of a society celebrated for its brilliant fellowship, its broad enlightenment, its large and gracious hospitalities. I see around me here those who worthily reflect by their learning, their social, civil, literary, and artistic achievements the best intellect that can be found. I cannot hope to give adequate utterance to the gratitude of respect, the deep amity, the ardent goodwill with which my heart is laden to all Thetes and to my lucky star for being a Thete. In the old Italian story the nobleman turned out of the hot street crowded with eager faces into the coolness and silence of his own palace. As he looks at the pictures of the long line of ancestors, he hears a voice or his own heart beating, which says to him—*noblesse oblige*. I am not a nobleman, but I have been ennobled by this convention and banquet, and as I look into your faces and then recall the portraits of the many brothers I have met in the halls of Theta Delta Chi, I can only say with the Italian—*noblesse oblige*.

The toastmaster next introduced Brother Webster, who spoke for "Theta Delta Chi in New England" as follows.

BROTHER N. R. WEBSTER, Eta, '81 :

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS OF OUR FRATERNITY—The privilege of responding to the toast of Theta Delta Chi in New England, is one which I shall cherish for many years to come. The fraternity, as represented by the charges in New England, has done a good work in the past.

When you consider the old Zeta charge at Brown, the Eta at Bowdoin, which college I claim as my *alma mater*, the Omicron Deuteron at Dartmouth, as well as the Iota, the Iota Deuteron, the Lambda, the Mu Deuteron, and last but not least the Kappa of Tufts, the charge that has had the longest continuous existence of any charge in our fraternity, I say, brothers, when you consider the loyalty and steadfastness, the achievement of these charges, you must confess that the fraternity owes them a large volume of thanks. These charges kept alive our fraternity, when that crisis, the Civil War, was upon us. Owing to their situation there were men left in most of them to carry on the business of the fraternity and to keep her altar fires burning, which could not be done by the old Southern charges, where we had such glorious men in the ante bellum days.

Brothers, this occasion will long be remembered by me as one of the pleasantest of my life. I would need the rhetoric of Brother Huffcut and the eloquence of Brother Hackett to do full justice to this toast, but in the unadorned language at my command, I should like to express my feelings of love for the New England charges of Theta Delta Chi. They all of them have splendid men, none better than those of my own charge, the Eta of Bowdoin, down in the wilds of Maine. They have always been loyal to the fraternity and to themselves. It is the custom of the New England charges to hold an annual banquet in the spring of every year at Boston, and whenever I am unable to attend a convention, I always try to be present at the New England Association's banquet. There I see men who have been out of college from twenty to thirty years, brothers whom I know to be workers for the best interests of the fraternity.

Brothers, it is with some diffidence that I have arisen here this evening to try to do honor to such a noble theme, for I much prefer to listen to the eloquence of my brothers, more especially when their talk pertains to the prosperity of our fraternity. Of course I like to hear primarily about the prosperity of my own charge, but at the same time I take the deepest interest in all her sister charges, be they situated in New England, in New York, in Michigan, in Pennsylvania, or in California. Whenever I fail to get THE SHIELD within two days from the time it ought to be due, I write to the editor, for it is from THE SHIELD that I learn what the charges are doing, and it is THE SHIELD above all else that keeps me in close touch with the fraternity. The affairs of the fraternity interest me as much now as they did twenty years ago, indeed, I may safely say that they interest me even more now, because then I did not know what Theta Delta Chi meant as I do at this day. I want to say here to-night that the knowledge that I have been and still am a wearer of the Theta Delta Chi badge is the source from which I derive the greatest satisfaction. Whenever in the past darkness threatened to surround me, I did not succumb, because I felt that if I would wear the shield in honor, I must act honorably.

But to return to the subject, Theta Delta Chi in New England: It is a theme worthy of a better man. Theta Delta Chi in New England was the

backbone of our fraternity in the dark days of the war, and you will all confess that the reason Theta Delta Chi has held her own and occupies the proud position she holds to-day, is to be sought largely in the noble efforts of the New England Charges.

The following speaker was Brother J. G. Hearne, Nu Deuteron, '92, who spoke with genuine feeling of the fraternity in the South and with prophetic vision of the time when it should be reëstablished there. The toastmaster then called upon Brother Mann, who had come from Tennessee to attend the convention, to respond for the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity in his family and in his home.

BROTHER DONALD P. MANN, XI, '83.

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS—I cannot claim that I am totally unprepared, because two minutes ago Brother Harstrom gave me a wink and I knew what was coming. The toastmaster has referred to my family, my brothers Cameron and Alexander both being Theta Delts. Cameron has written some songs for the fraternity, but I am ashamed to confess that I can not even sing the songs he wrote. I have come some distance to join you on this occasion. I had hoped to be here at the business session, but missed connections. I have one claim of recognition at the hands of the brethren of this fraternity: I was a sophomore at Hobart College when Brother Harstrom was a freshman. We roomed together and I looked after some of the minor details of his education, which I hope he remembers as pleasantly as I do.

I should like to say one word with regard to the section of the country that is now my adopted home. I have been living in the South, in Memphis, Tenn., for some years. One hears a great deal these days about the renewed brotherhood of North and South, and I had an opportunity to see this for myself at a recent reunion of Confederate Veterans at Memphis. They carried the flag of the country and the flag of their mistaken cause side by side, and those men are just as loyal now as the men from the North. I have heard here to-night that we have established a charge out in California and that another one is about to be established in Canada, and I should like to suggest to the brethren of this fraternity, that our next move be southward. There was a time when we had fine charges in the South and besides a great many Southern men came to Northern colleges and joined the fraternity there. There were many such in my charge long before my time. And so I should like to recommend for the consideration of you all the feasibility of establishing some time in the near future one or two charges in the best of the Southern universities. It would make us Theta Delts who are living in the South feel very much more at home.

By this time the efforts of young America in the adjacent streets to usher in the anniversary day of the nation's independence with befitting reverberations supplemented the cheers of the feasters with ill-timed explosions and made the task of the orators more difficult.

THE TOASTMASTER : BRETHREN—The welfare of this great country depends in no small measure upon that wonderful city of the Empire State, which practically controls the commerce of the world. We have in that great city a brother who has devoted much time and much attention to the welfare of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity. I have no doubt that his ambition is—and I am sure it will be realized—to make Theta Delta Chi the strongest fraternity in the Metropolis. I call upon Dr. Dougherty to respond to the toast of "Theta Delta Chi in New York."

Brother D. S. Dougherty, Pi Deuteron, '82, rose superior to the din and focused the attention of his audience upon the thought-inspiring theme of the value of the fraternity in the education of the heart.

A pleasing touch of humanity made itself felt when handsome big 'Nat' Myrick, Zeta, 1900, straightened his frame to tell with fatherly pride of a future 'Theta Delt' at home in California, whose first lisping accents were to be made to pronounce the name of our beloved fraternity.

Brother Myrick was followed by Brother J. F. Galligan, Chi, '94, who responded for the Chi Charge. It was long after midnight when Brother Lockwood rose to introduce the last speaker.

THE TOASTMASTER : I desire to thank you, brothers, for the kind attention which you have given me and the ease with which you have accepted my introductions of the official speeches. I now have the extreme pleasure, which I have reserved until the last, of presenting to you an old acquaintance, one who has spoken at one time or another upon almost every toast, one whose voice it is a pleasure to listen to, one who can speak of the beautiful, the intellectual, the ethereal. I ask you at the conclusion of this banquet to listen to a Buffalo Theta Delt, whose interest is always centered in the fraternity. I ask Brother Seward Simons to respond to the toast, "The Theta Delta Chi Fraternity at Home and Abroad."

BROTHER SEWARD A. SIMONS, Beta, '79.

MY DEAR BROTHERS—I do not understand why Brother Lockwood for the credit of Buffalo did not warn me of this honor and not wait until the last moments of his eloquent introduction, which I do not at all deserve.

. . . After the inspired eloquence of all the speakers that have charmed you this evening, it remains at last for my feeble voice and my enfeebled intellect to say at the close of this splendid occasion how much I have enjoyed it and how much of inspiration and of pleasure we must all carry away with us. I wish to call to your attention the beautiful design of Brother Moran on the menu, as most appropriate to this occasion. I see upon the left the seal of the city of Buffalo, and indeed, my friends, it is well that you chose the Pan-American Exposition and this patriotic night for the convention of our fraternity, because it is my hope and belief that no other college fraternity so much typifies in itself the broad patriotism, the progress and hope of the day, as the black, white and blue of our beloved order. We stretched out years ago into the Pine State of the North-East, into the ice-bound barriers of Maine, but only last year did we sweep across the continent into the gold-washed shores of California to greet Delta Deuteron. As we look down into the Southern Seas, we see in Cuba patriotic Theta Delts, the hope, the life of a new republic of the South. And in September we shall add to our constellation the beautiful North Star of McGill, making, brothers, truly a fraternity that is Pan-American in every sense of the word.

On the right stand entwined the two figures of North and South America in the graceful shape of woman, and in the tenderness and the love and the devotion of the mothers, and daughters and sisters of Theta Delta Chi, there has been the power and strength that has upheld the heart and the animus and the life of every brother at this table. It has been my pleasure upon other occasions to say what woman has meant to us. Deep in the heart of every man, not in the form of a statue of justice or of Minerva, typifying wisdom, there has been a miniature of some sweet and lovely character whose name he breathes only to himself; 'tis perhaps the mother that has borne him, the wife that cheers him, the daughter that greets him, 'tis the lovely ornament of womanhood, a proper foundation upon which our shield can rest.

Crowning the two emblems of which I have spoken, as well it may, I see the shield of our beloved order.

In eighteen hundred and forty-seven,
An angel bright came down from heaven,
And brought the charter from on high
Of dear old Theta Delta Chi.

Upon his breast he wore a shield,
Which to the human eye revealed
The stars and arrows raised above
The golden symbols of our love.

That is the birth of Theta Delta Chi.

My dear friends, at the close of all this happy time, after the business of the day, after the bursts of eloquence of the evening, what shall we say

except that now, within the last few moments, we have come into the birthday of our nation. I know no sentiment in the human breast superior to the spirit of patriotism. For when a man loses the love of his country, when he becomes diffident to the call of the nation and to its aspirations and its hopes, then indeed may we fear for him. A year ago we assembled at the great capital of this nation. Upon either hand of the presiding officer sat the distinguished representatives of state, two members of the cabinet, upholding the hands of a great and true president in the weighty affairs, in the momentous times of our nation. To-night we meet in the great Pan-American city, in a convention teeming with the spirit of brotherhood, satisfied that the United States of America mean more to us than they ever meant before, satisfied that our country means hope to strange people, that it means education to the hopeless, that it means prosperity to the poor, that it means uplifting to the degenerate, and that high upon the rolls of civilization shall stand from now on leading all the nations of the earth the name of the United States of America. And building up this roll there shall nowhere be stronger influences at work than prevail in this beloved order of 21 united enthusiastic charges that represent the intellect, the achievement, the hope and the promise of the country, standing here at the gateway of a new century. With all these happy times, with all this love and affection for one another in our hearts, let us clasp hands and swear upon our honor that we shall henceforth be truer to one another, truer to our beloved ones, more faithful to our nation, and thus set up—high above all the banners of the earth—the Black, the White, and the Blue of Theta Delta Chi.

The last rounds of applause gradually faded away, whereupon the toast to the City of the Dead, to the Omega Charge, was drunk in reverent silence. After the hoarse but still forceful rendering of several familiar anthems, the diners passed out. It was nearly two hours later, however, before the final disbandment came. A merry crowd gathered down-stairs to keep alive the spirit of pleasure, as though unwilling that it should fade away, and good fellowship reigned stronger than ever until finally this faithful remnant also, following like a slow-dying echo in the wake of the fifty-third convention banquet, parted its pleasant company, and like the Arabs slowly folding their tents, passed out into the COLD night.

J. BOYCE SMITH, JR.,

Rho Deuteron, 1901.

SEEN AND HEARD AT CONVENTION

The New York boys considered that the convention began at 7.40 on Saturday, June 29, at which time five members of the Graduate Club started for convention. They first stopped at Easton and lunched at the Pomfret Club with their old friend Stewart, Phi, '69, President of the Grand Lodge in 1873 and 1874, and W. A. Jones, '92, one of the charter members of the reëstablished Phi. After visiting the campus, they left on an afternoon train, being joined by a Zeta brother of agricultural nomenclature, and set out six strong for Bethlehem. The name of the Zeta brother recalls the tale of a school boy, who was balked by the word "cumberer" in copying a famous couplet and produced this effusion :

"Oh why do I linger
A cucumber here."

Four undergraduate members of Nu Deuteron welcomed them, as also Archibald Johnson, Nu Deuteron, '89, and they had a glorious evening, partly vaudeville at Rittersville, followed by a few hours at the Northampton Club, adjourning in time to catch the 11.30 sleeper for Ithaca. Having taken the precaution to telegraph ahead for breakfast, the boys landed in Ithaca in hungry mien at 6.08 and proceeded to the restaurant. As they drew nigh, they heard in stentorian tones : "Here they come, now," and rushed in only to be requested to wait 24 minutes, "when, gentlemen, you shall have strawberries and cream." This discouraged the boys a trifle, but they sneaked around the corner and for 24 minutes stretched themselves on the turf under the eaves of the Episcopal Church on this bright sabbath morning until the bell rang. After breakfast they went over to the Cornell campus and spent the day at the Beta house. The dinner was presided over by President Huffcut and Swiss Coville, together with the Beta men in town. In the afternoon, all adjourned to Renwick Park on the shores of Lake Cayuga to enjoy the first breezes of the trip, for it had been a singularly

hot trip, as well as a warm time. Some amusement was caused by the custodian, who ordered—much against his wont—ginger-ale for the crowd. Asking the price, he was told 5 cents per glass, when immediately another waiter spoke up; "Oh no, it is 10 cents a glass." But Carter in a fit of utter abandon, rose to the occasion and said, "Bring them anyhow." So they brought the ginger-ale and when it was placed on the table, the waitress said, "Ginger-ale is only 5 cents to-day," and Carter paid amidst the howls of the aggregation.

But the boys were up and away at 5.30 and proceeded on their pilgrimage to the Xi charge at Hobart. Here they were welcomed by E. J. Cook, '95, and J. B. Covert, '98, who opened the house and administered that which was requisite for the inner needs. Brother Cook proved to be as fine a host as ever pilgrim met. A great deal of fun occurred here. It was 8 o'clock before the boys were ready for dinner, and the only thing open in town was a dog-wagon, and in they waltzed, horse, foot and dragoons, and cleaned out that dog-wagon till it looked like the proverbial three dimes. Alarm-clocks were set for 5.30 and after breakfast at the Nester House, the trip was resumed to Rochester and to Chi. Here a large representation of graduates was in waiting, and after visiting the university and viewing the other fraternity houses, the boys sat down to lunch with the Chi alumni, among whom were seen Jake Spahn, Jim Hamilton, W. J. Craig and Fahy Galligan. It was a wrench to break away, and without even a decent expression of their good time, the boys chased down the street after a car to take them to the train. At Rochester Junction the train from Ithaca steamed in, bearing the President, Swiss Coville, and a coterie from the Beta. A great cheer went up as the fraternity flag waved and the boys took the platform by storm sixteen strong. Rumor saith that Dr. Coville had charge of the commissary department at the front end of the baggage-car. At any rate, the President himself sat just as close to the engine as the car would permit, and did not change his seat until they put him off at Buffalo. And then they scattered. The New York delegation went directly to the Thorndyke, which is owned by Brother B. H. Grove, Beta, '77, and took the whole upper two floors. Here they were joined by

a number of Pi Deuteron and Rho Deuteron brothers, and Johnny McCormick, the California delegate, whose presence at convention was so gladly welcomed.

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Will anybody who was present at this convention forget the sizzling heat which prevailed at the opening hour? If any are inclined that way, the recollection of the sensation which was sprung on the convention when President Huffcut introduced Nat Webster will make it impossible. He was stripped nearly to the waist. As that tall Maine pine-tree elevated himself to the perpendicular, a shirt-waist man with palm-leaf fan, with a deliberate expression on his features that the heat would never knock *him* out, the boys rose up and cheered him to the echo, and everybody immediately followed suit and thereupon determined to make this convention hum, heat or no heat. The thoughtful Buffalo graduates had provided three bushels of palm-leaf fans; they were quickly passed around and became the emblem of the convention.

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The oldest graduate in our opinion was General John C. Graves, Kappa, '62, whose sketch will be noted on another page of this number. But we could not fail to give expression to the joy it gave us all to have him attend each session of the convention, to take the deepest interest in all its proceedings and to graciously beam upon the banquet at its close, helping to prove that we are all boys at heart in Theta Delta Chi.

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A wonderful thing occurred on the afternoon of the first day. A brother came into the convention hall and quietly took his seat near the door behind some of the boys who were standing at the rear. He had been there nearly an hour, he afterwards said with ghoulish glee, before any of the old members who knew him well spotted him. But three seconds after he had been spied, the President yanked Clay W. Holmes, Phi, '69, before the convention and he gave a renewed evidence of his interest in all that appertains to our history and progress.

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A great many of the boys will vote that the dinner at *All Nürnberg* was the most successful of the convention features. Announcement was made at convention, that all who wished would dine on Tuesday evening at this place, and over seventy of the brethren put in appearance. At the head of the table sat President Huffcut, at his left Dan Lockwood and T. Elder Ralston of the Alpha. It was an inspiring sight to stand at the head of the table and look down the row and see over thirty men on each side, representing nearly all the charges that were at the convention. It was a jolly feast, and it just so happened that at the end, just as the *café noir* and *café au lait* was served the news came in of the Poughkeepsie races, and in his inimitable calm, impassive, deliberate and reprehensible manner President Huffcut rose and said: "Boys, the news . . . of the races . . . at Poughkeepsie . . . has just . . . arrived . . . and . . . it is my pleasure . . . to tell you all . . . that the race . . . was won . . . by a crew . . . well known to you all They worked hard, . . . they fought their way inch by inch up the long course . . . and at last . . . the . . . the . . . the Cornell crew won the race." Instant pandemonium. Above the din, however, rose the sharp, snappy, brisk and piercing slogan of the Cornell cry, which pierced the air and repierced it. When the Cornell boys had stopped for lack of breath, up rose the Columbia boys in all their might and cheered and recheered the Cornell crew with a vim and energy that honest critics say outdid the original cry of the Cornellians. O, this was a love feast, you bet. It is very pleasant to recall, that many of the old men knew how earnestly Columbia had worked to lead that procession at Poughkeepsie, and how they had really more than half expected to win out. But despite the disappointment that was in their hearts when this announcement was made, in the very chivalry of Theta Delta Chi not a sigh escaped, not a face set itself in sadness, but they tried to show to those Cornellians their appreciation of that pure athletic spirit which leads the conquered to cheer the conqueror and at this, our fraternity feast, few will ever forget that evidence of such chivalry.

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But we can not run on forever with this feast. We will only give herewith as an account of that evening this clipping from the *Buffalo Commercial* of Tuesday, July 3, which, in heavy type bore the characteristic heading :

HAD A MERRY TIME

THETA DELTA CHI FRATERNITY RAN THE MIDWAY FOR SOME HOURS

The Theta Delta Chi fraternity, now in convention in this city, visited the Pan-American Exposition Tuesday night with the sole idea of "flying the goose" after the manner enjoyed exclusively by college-trained men. The party was about 70 strong. It attacked the midway early in the evening, and the midway was its concession, to have and to hold, until the lights went out.

At the first college yell the bally-hoos dropped their noise manipulators. The bandsmen put away their music and instruments and leaned over the balconies in anticipation of fun. There was a Donnybrook atmosphere.

The fraternity had the right-of-way of the midway until it confronted a Jap-clad Irishman between the shafts of a jinrikisha. The Irishman had a millionaire for freight and more than a dollar tip in sight. He thought he owned the earth, and so did the fraternity. A quick measure of advantage was taken, and then the Irishman, the jinrikisha and the millionaire commenced the crab movement in a hurried way. But only for a moment or two. The Irishman's hands left the shafts, became fists, and the fun was on.

The fraternity did not want a fight. They were out for fun, and it would not do for them to be mixed up in a vulgar brawl. The man the Irishman wanted to whip made a dash from the crowd and drew the Irishman after him. This stopped a fight, and gave the fraternity an opportunity to capture the Irishman and wheedle him into a feeling of love for anything and everything on the midway.

Freed from this obstruction the fraternity moved on to the Streets of Cairo. At the entrance was the sign, "Admission 15 cents." This sign was viewed with disdain, and in went the fraternity, making the ticket-taker feel like a dry leaf in a wind storm. The crowds on the outside felt isolated, heard the college yells inside, and then poured their money into the box-office so that they might follow in. This was doing more business than the bally-hoo could bring, and the fraternity was invited to come again later on.

A short visit was made the Streets of Cairo, the intention being to accept the invitation to return, and Alt Nürnberg was the next place to find favor in the eyes of the fraternity men. They went in and ordered a banquet. Professor Huffcut of Cornell was placed at the head of the table. The banquet

was being enjoyed quietly, until news of the boat races was brought to the table. The news had been telephoned to the grounds. Then the few hundreds of people in the German village were startled with the extraordinary sounds that make up the several college cries. The Cornell cry was the most prominent. The German girls at the booths were very much distressed. They thought that the Indians were running amuck and killing the people on the grounds. With the subsidence of the yells the German girls recovered their smiles, but they had a bad quarter of an hour.

With renewed spirit the fraternity left Alt Nürnberg and drifted on to the Scenic Railway. They all went for a ride on this popular route, and gave the college yells in the tunnels and on the mountains in a way to discount anything heard from some of the hysterical sopranos who venture on that madcap trip.

Around the World was the next attraction visited. There Mlle. Dodo, the French singer and dancer, became the favorite. She pirouetted in response to the cyclone of applause, and then winked at the orchestra. The orchestra winked back and struck up the air of a college song. Mlle. Dodo and the fraternity commenced together to sing the song, and the song went with a dash and roar that would make bally-hoos weep with envy.

A visit to Darkness and Dawn wound up the fun. None of the fraternity fainted, but some were pale when they got out of that nerve-trying institution. . . .

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When convention opened on Wednesday, the third, all were visibly elated to know that there was a little breeze, sufficient at least to float away the tobacco-smoke which had been so annoying on Tuesday. The convention settled right down to business, and was digging away in great shape, until it became necessary to have a committee of the whole. No one was satisfied unless Jake Spahn was installed in that chair, and as chairman he presided over an hour of great deliberative moment, and when he left the chair, worn out with the exertions of the duty, a salvo of artillery of applause greeted him, that must have shown to him how deep-seated is the fraternity affection.

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During the forenoon of the second day, just after adjournment of the morning-session, the official photograph was taken. The photographer was no quicker than others of his vocation and we interspersed the waiting moments by many cheers and songs. Perhaps the most enjoyable verse that was sprung that noon was the following, which we trust all the charges will have

learned ere the next convention comes around. It is sung to the famous music of "The Goo-Goo Eyes" :

Just because our frat to us is dear,
Just because it hasn't got a peer,
Just because we love it,
And there's none to rank above it,
We'll live and die for Theta Delta Chi.

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In the afternoon the installation of President Huffcut for the second term was preceded by a wave of wild applause, which proved clearly how thoroughly his good-work for our interests is appreciated by the fraternity. Waving their palm-leaves in the air, the delegates rose to their feet and to the occasion, and the room reverberated to an enthusiastic demonstration, showing that in Brother Huffcut we have a leader who commands a great following throughout our entire membership.

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Did everybody notice as did the editor, how toward the end of convention there was a manifest reluctance to have the adjourning motion put? Item after item of the usual resolutions of respect and reward for endeavor was passed, but when the inevitable motion to adjourn was made, though everybody was ready to vote in favor, yet the wrench was perfectly visible in having to close a convention which had been so thoroughly entered into by all those who attended it.

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The account of the banquet will be read elsewhere, but it is only fair to let those brothers who did not attend know how its enthusiasm started. It was about seven o'clock, possibly a little later, that a group of boys down in the corridor of the Iroquois, most of them members of the New York gang who had been living together for several days, gathered into their circle Johnny McCormick of the Delta Deuteron. A minute later his stentorian cry went up: "Hoskey-wow-wow, Whiskey-wee-wee, Oley Berkeley-ei, Theta Delta Chi, Californi-ei, Wow!!!!!" This was like a spark from the flint. Everybody came running from all directions to get into the swing. A moment or two later,

dear old 'Prexy' Harstrom was seen, and then immediately came the cry :

"Hip-Hobart, Hip-Hobart,
Hip-Ho, Hip-Ho, Hip-Hobart : Prexy."

Well, after the initial yell and this dedication by and through 'Prexy' Harstrom, there was no use trying and of course no one did to keep the boys quiet for the rest of the banquet, and no one who has attended previous banquets could recall the time when cheering was so incessant from start to finish. To be sure, the noise was augmented, by many giant fire-crackers, which continually exploded in front of the hotel in honor of the glorious fourth on whose eve the banquet was held. But we did not need the outside influence to set us going, for whenever Cornell rose, why Hobart rose, and when Harvard rose, Tufts rose, each to cheer until the rafters rang and rang again.

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What is it that makes all our old men so young at heart at banquets? As we looked around the hall that night, it seemed hard to believe that Brother Ralston of the Alpha was not the youngest man in the room. Keen happiness was depicted on every lineament of his features and it was truly a benediction to have him grace the hour by his attendance. By the way, did you notice the decorations of the banquet table? These were planned in advance by the Buffalo graduates, and while we will give no space to a detailed description, we must set forth that the *ensemble* was very aesthetic. The ladies were very limited in number, and for further information in this regard we shall have to refer you to Brother "Rip" Van Winkle of Rho Deuteron and to Brother "Jag" Grassi of Pi Deuteron. While we are not certain of the premises, a little bird saith, that they were in hiding behind the screens in the corner during the greater part of the evening.

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One of the brothers at the head of the table noticing the ambulatory motions of the Custodian of Archives remarked *sotto voce* : "It strikes me, that that fellow had better be elected Custodian of Lung-Power." Possibly Carter's voice may have been

lost in the general shuffle, but wherever the artillery set forth its shrillest note, there stood "Fritz Longshanks," ready to plant his black, white and blue battle-flag triumphantly on the top of the demonstration. It did everybody good and carried its beloved owner to victory in the hearts of all.

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The banquet was supposed to close and did—officially—about half past twelve, but the aftermath which occurred in the corridors was attended by a greater porportion of the older members than is usually the case. And what a delightful aftermath it was! Little "Bucky" Sawyer, coxswain of the Wisconsin crew, came in for his well earned share of applause. It was a pleasing sight to see the evident reluctance with which one by one the elder ones crept away, but the Buffalo small-boy was up and doing for a considerable interval before the banqueters were down and inactive.

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The banquet did not end convention by any means. Early on the fourth the boys gathered at the Genesee Hotel and showed that for them there was no waning. This was impressive enough to incite a Deke acquaintance of one of the boys to say: "Why, I thought your convention was all over; what's going on?" The reply was: "Yes, our convention ended yesterday, but a few of us" (there were only about thirty) "thought we would go out to the exposition and see it together." Quoth the Deke with enthusiasm: "I like to see the way you fellows stick together. It's great." When the boys reached the grounds, they viewed the exposition according to individual preference, meeting, however, for luncheon at noon and for dinner at six. In the afternoon fraternal enthusiasm outran the Pan-American education; the boys gathered at the stadium to see the finish of the Marathon race and the championship lacrosse game between the Crescents of Brooklyn and the Capitals of Ottawa. During the game, the boys whooped her up for the Crescents, until the crowd of Americans gathered around the noble nucleus and gave the Crescents their meed of cheering and applause. While the boys were cheering themselves hoarse for the Crescents, the victory of the Canadian team gave rise to the thought that it will be but a short

time before some or many of us will gather on Canadian athletic fields to help cheer McGill teams to victory. When the blue-lipped, lung-tired braves turned up at supper, there were twenty-four in all and they ordered iced tea and other allaying potions, in voices which by this time had sunk to sepulchral whispers.

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Friday was ushered in by a clearing thunder-shower. About ten o'clock the boys, who by this time had begun to call themselves "de gang," turned themselves Niagaraward. It was a gruesome-looking lot that met at noon at the New York Central station, but they were all ready for the fray. Through the kindness of H. S. Johnson, Nu Deuteron, '96, the boys were taken through the Niagara Falls Power Company Plant. Brother Johnson was especially painstaking in trying to give the party clear and concise ideas of the value of the plant, its efficiency and the great commercial needs that it fills in the electrical sphere of the day. Those who were fortunate enough to be of that party will never forget this little educational side-trip of the 53d Convention. "On to the falls, but not over them," was the cry, as the gang rushed to the brink of the great cataract. Looking into the sky, they beheld the moo-ooo-o-ooo-oon. Then they separated; some went around the falls, a few under the falls, others eloped with the maid of the mist.

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Late the same evening occurred another impressive, albeit jolly episode. When the hour came for Nathaniel W. Myrick, Zeta, 1900, to take his train for California, many who were loath to see him go accompanied him to the depot, and entering the New York Central station headed by Brother Cornell, three hearty cheers were given him as he passed through the gate, to be seen again, we are assured, upon the falling of convention gavel at the opening session next February. Later in the evening similar sallies to the depot were made when the Wisconsin delegation headed by the redoubtable "Bucky" Sawyer left for the West, and when the Iota delegation started on its Eastern trip. The closing hours are always sweetest, and the old guard who clustered around the ever youthful Doug Cornell that night will ne'er forget the reminiscences of the early days of

Bill Merriam, of Jack Adams Johnson, our first president, and of many of our historic men. These anecdotes, we hope, will after a time be presented to our readers in proper form as befits the keen interest which they have incited.

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"I thought I understood the meaning of fraternity enthusiasm, but I must confess the convention has far exceeded my most extravagant conception of the word. It has been a positive inspiration and I am sure every man here feels ten times better for it. When such a body of men will cheer themselves hoarse repeatedly from the loyal, unselfish impulse of their hearts, the reason speaks volumes. I have had the best time of my life and earnestly hope I may be able to join with the boys at many future conventions."

NORMAN HACKETT.

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The Buffalo Alumni Association couldn't have planned a better welcome for the visiting brothers than floating the fraternity flag from the top of the Hotel Iroquois. Fortunately a perfect breeze favored the occasion. It made your heart swell with pride and everyone seemed to agree that it was the prettiest sight in Buffalo.

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What a magnificent tribute to old "Fate" Bachman at the banquet, when the entire body rose and gave him three rousing cheers after they had sung his popular song: "Our stars shall tint with light." He was three thousand miles away, but if sincerity counted, those cheers went every inch of the distance.

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It was a happy thought on the part of the committee who decorated the banquet hall to drape the American and British flags at the head of the room, typifying as they did the extension of Theta Delta Chi to Canada, and that a hearty welcome awaits our new Zeta Deuteron brothers at McGill University, Montreal.

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The Beta boys did themselves proud both in point of numbers and enthusiasm. Their yells were a decided feature—no wonder, Brother Baker led them.

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A happy innovation was introduced by Brother James Mellon. It was in the form of personal cards with a handsomely engraved shield in the corner. An equally pleasing impression was created by Brother Mellon in his speech at the banquet, when he told of the Theta Delt window-pane he had placed in his cottage up in the Adirondacks, to which he bade all brothers a cordial welcome.

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Everybody in town knew we had been put off at Buffalo. Perpetual happiness seemed to be the keynote and it found delightful expression in the continual desire of everyone to sing and give college yells.

Now at the conclusion of these rambling impressions we have but one suggestion to offer to every brother whose eyes chance to fall upon these pages. And this is the moral that adorns the tale: Brother, if you wish to be made to feel that life is worth living after all, be on hand early at the next convention. Come and

SEE AND HEAR

for yourself. HO, enough said.

INSTALLATION OF ZETA DEUTERON

On Friday evening, September 20, at Montreal, will occur the installation of the Zeta Deuteron Charge at McGill University. Headquarters will be at the Windsor Hotel. All members of the fraternity are cordially invited to be present and participate in the installation ceremonies.

For the Grand Lodge,

E. W. HUFFCUT, President.



JOHN CARD GRAVES

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KAPPA '62

Brother John Card Graves* was born in Herkimer, N. Y., on November 18, 1839, and was prepared for college at Fairfield, N. Y., Academy. He entered Tufts College with the class of '62 and was initiated into the Kappa Charge of Theta Delta Chi in the fall of 1858. He remained at Tufts but one year, and the following September he went to Union, where he affiliated with the old Alpha Charge. His stay at Union was also short, and the following fall he entered Hamilton College, where he completed his course, receiving the degree of A.M. in June, 1862. He was admitted to the bar in the following December and until 1867 practiced law in Herkimer with his father, the Hon. Ezra Graves, for many years County Judge and Surrogate of Herkimer County.

On January 20, 1864, Brother Graves married Augusta C. Moore of Buffalo, and three years later he gave up the practice of law and moved with his wife to Buffalo, where he has resided ever since. He was actively engaged in commercial pursuits until 1874, when he was appointed Clerk of the District Court, which position he filled satisfactorily until he was forced by pressure of business to resign in 1886. He then turned his entire attention to business, having many mercantile interests. He was one of the organizers of the Frontier Elevator Co., and was president of that company from 1886 to 1894. He has also served as president of the Merchants' Exchange and of the Young Men's Republican Club of Buffalo. He was a member of the Board of Park Commissioners, which controls the thousand acres of Buffalo Parks, for fifteen years, and has been Superintendent of Parks for the past three years.

Brother Graves was associated with the National Guard of New York State for twenty-five years and obtained his title from being General commanding the 8th Brigade. He was at one time Colonel of the 65th Regiment, in which position he worked unceasingly to place the regiment in the high position which it now holds. When a vacancy occurred as Commander of the 8th Brigade (which consists of the 65th and 74th Regiments and several separate companies in Western New York), his past work

*Cf. THE SHIELD, Vol. 5, p. 59, Vol. 6, p. 52.

made him the first choice and he served in this position until the demands of business made necessary his retirement.

Brother Graves is actively interested in the Universalist Church, and has been a trustee of the Church of the Messiah and of the general convention of the Universalists of the United States. He has always been very active in Masonic circles and is a mason of high degree, having been master of Herkimer Lodge and of Washington Lodge, No. 240, of Buffalo, and High Priest of the Keystone Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons. He is a member of Hugh de Payens Commandery, Knights Templars, and has been invested with all of the degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry up to and including the thirty-second. In this connection the following anecdote furnished by the Custodian of Archives is of interest. At one time Fate Bachman met Albert Pike, the head of the 33d Degree Masons, Southern jurisdiction, and assisted him in some degree work—in chapter and commandery degrees—to Pike's satisfaction. Pike offered Fate the thirty-third degree, but it was declined, Fate saying that he was not properly vouched for. At this point General Graves stepped up, who was with Pike, and pointing to Fate's pin, said: "The man who wears that badge never lies!" "Did you ever see this man before?" "Never." Said Pike: "Your endorsement is sufficient."

Personally Brother Graves is a charming man, kind, thoughtful and courteous, possessing all of the necessary qualifications of a good citizen. His municipal career has been faultless and as president of the Citizens' Association he has for years stood the brunt of the battle in their struggle for a revised charter and reformed municipal government, and it has been due more to his personal effort than to anything else that the park system has successfully been kept out of politics. He has a most interesting and highly cultivated family and occupies a beautiful residence adjoining the entrance to the park, which as Park Commissioner he did so much towards beautifying.

Brother Graves was one of the founders of the Buffalo Graduate Association. He is now its president and has attended every gathering since the formation of the association. He has always been a very faithful and loyal Theta Delt and the Buffalo Association is justly proud of its popular president.

F. BEAUMONT GRIFFITH, JR.,
Xi, 1901.

THE BUFFALO GRADUATE ASSOCIATION

The first gathering of the Theta Delts of Western New York of which anything is known was about ten years ago, when, through the efforts of Brothers S. Douglass Cornell, Xi, '60, Seward A. Simons, Beta, '79, Daniel N. Lockwood, Alpha, '65, William B. Hoyt, Beta, '81, T. Guilford Smith, Delta, '61, Henry C. Chace, Xi, '86, and John C. Graves, Kappa, '62, all of the brothers in and near the city of Buffalo whose addresses were then known were notified that there would be a supper at the Hotel Niagara. During the evening the advisability of future reunions was discussed, but no definite arrangements were made concerning them. On Decoration Day, 1895, Brother V.M. Pierce, Iota, '88, entertained the brothers with a yacht-ride down the river, after which they all assembled at the Hotel Iroquois for the second annual supper.

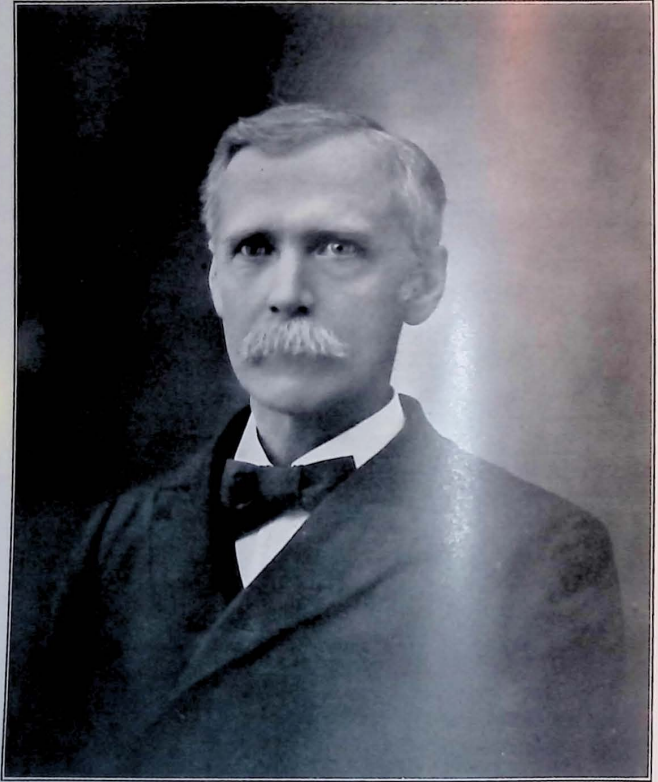
Several suppers were held during the next few years, but there is no record of the dates and it was not until April 21, 1897, that any organization was attempted, the previous suppers having been arranged and managed by a few of the brothers who were willing to assume the work and responsibility. At the annual dinner which was held at the University Club on the above date, it was proposed that an association be formed to include all of the members of Theta Delta Chi in Western New York, but nothing was done beyond the appointment of Brothers Cornell and Russell as a committee to arrange the next dinner, at which time the subject was to be taken up more fully.

On April 16, 1898, the sixth annual banquet was held at the Hotel Iroquois, at which banquet there were present Brothers J. C. Beecher, Xi, '73, Daniel N. Lockwood, S. Douglass Cornell, F. H. Ransome, Alpha, '67, John C. Graves, Lorenzo Burrows, Rho Deuteron, '89, F. E. Bachman, Phi, '80, H. S. Johnson, Nu Deuteron, '97, L. A. Kendall, Beta, '96, H. F. Russell, Nu Deuteron, '96, A. B. Gilfillan, Psi, '93, F. A. Herendeen, Xi, '86, Nelson T. Barrett, Chi, '92, Henry C. Chace, Xi, '86, J. O.

Chace, Xi, '88, S. W. Petrie, Psi, '76, Seward A. Simons, C. H. Timerman, Psi, '87, and E. S. Smith, Beta, '99. The subject of permanent organization was then taken up, and Brother S. Douglass Cornell was unanimously elected the first president. He accepted the office with the understanding that no president should be allowed to succeed himself, and out of consideration for his past good work in the interest of the organization of the association, Brother Henry F. Russell was elected secretary. The President was instructed to associate himself with three brothers as an executive committee and Brother Cornell selected for this committee, Brothers Lorenzo Burrows, Sidney W. Petrie and Henry C. Chace. Later, owing to the illness of Brother Chace, his place was filled by the appointment of Brother F. Beaumont Griffith, Jr., Chi, 1901.

On January 11, 1899, twelve of the brothers got together at the University Club for a beefsteak supper. This proved to be a pleasant change from the annual banquet and it was then decided to have at least six of these suppers during the year, but for one reason or another no meeting was held until December 15, 1899, when the seventh annual dinner was held at the Hotel Iroquois. About fifteen of the brothers attended and a very enjoyable evening was spent. After the supper was over, Brother Daniel N. Lockwood was elected president and F. Beaumont Griffith, Jr., was elected to succeed Brother Russell. Brother Lockwood appointed Brothers Petrie, Burrows, and Ralph Wright, Epsilon Deuteron, '95, as members of the executive committee.

During the following year about eight beefsteak suppers were held at the Saturn Club. At one of these the association had the pleasure of entertaining Brother Norman Hackett, after having attended the performance at the Star Theatre in a body. The eighth annual dinner was held at the Genesee Hotel in January of this year and was attended by eighteen of the brothers. At the election which followed, Brother Graves was elected president, Brother Petrie vice-president, Brother Griffith, secretary, and Brothers Cornell, Lockwood, and Henry Chace were appointed on the executive committee. Later the president appointed Brother Petrie chairman of the committee of arrangements and accommodations for the coming convention. After the



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annual dinner but one supper was held, which was at the University Club in April and which was given in honor of the President of the Grand Lodge, Brother Huffcut.

What has happened since then is well known to all of the brothers who attended the convention, and those who did not, can get a better idea from the proceedings of the convention which appear elsewhere in this number.

F. BEAUMONT GRIFFITH, JR.,

Xi, 1901.

WILLIAM LAMB

EPSILON '53

In 1899 St. Lawrence University in Canton, N. Y., conferred upon Colonel William Lamb the degree of LL.D., and in *The Laurentian* for May, 1901, there appeared a biography of our beloved brother, which we take pleasure in reprinting in full, well knowing that every reader of THE SHIELD will read with interest the story of the life of a brother who has endeared himself to us all by his warm-hearted loyalty and his genial whole-souled spirit. Theta Delta Chi has just reason to be proud of her noble brother, who has shown upon more occasions than one that the fraternal fires in his heart have never been allowed to smolder. The story of his life should be received in the nature of an inspiration by the younger brothers, for no member of our fraternity is worthier of emulation.

Colonel William Lamb was born in Norfolk, Virginia, where he now resides, September 7, 1835. At the age of fourteen he went to the Rappahannock Military Academy where he was taught mathematics and military tactics by William Mahone, afterwards a distinguished Confederate General and United States Senator. He spent a year at the Rev. Henry M. Jones's Cottage

School in Bridgeport, Conn. He graduated from William and Mary College with the highest honors in 1855, having taken the law course after finishing in the Academic Department. While at college Brother Lamb was instrumental in the foundation of the Epsilon charge, which was started on its short but brilliant career in 1853. Being too young to enter the bar, he entered the field of journalism as editor of the Daily Southern Argus, then the leading Democratic organ of Eastern Virginia and North Carolina, and continued in that vocation until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he entered the Confederate army in command of the Woodis' Rifles, a fine military organization raised several years previously through his efforts.

He quickly achieved a reputation as a cultured and forceful writer, his defence of Douglas from the attacks of its Southern contemporaries giving his journal a national prominence. He soon became a political power in the state, was sent to the National Democratic Convention of 1856, and was appointed District Canvasser. The following year, when barely eligible on account of his youth, he was the Democratic candidate for Mayor, and came very near being elected over a popular opponent in an old Whig stronghold.

He had been deeply impressed with the advantages of the public school system of Connecticut while at Bridgeport and made it the principal issue in his municipal canvass; and although defeated himself, he secured the election of councils which established that system in the city in 1857. From that time he has been the indefatigable champion of popular education, and warmly advocated the education of the colored race after the readmission of Virginia into the Union. He is Vice-President of the Norfolk Academy, has been a Visitor of William and Mary College since 1867, and is now Rector of the Board. He was for several years a most efficient Visitor at the University of Virginia, Acting Rector for one session, and was instrumental in establishing the chair of English and in securing free tuition for Virginia youth in the Academic Department.

In 1860 he was placed at the head of the Democratic electoral ticket, and in the subsequent division of the party chose the Breckinridge wing and was the only elector on that ticket who

was elected. In that exciting canvass he won a reputation as a brilliant and formidable stump speaker ; and it was his two famous questions through his paper, put to his former favorite Douglas on the eve of his speaking as a presidential candidate in Norfolk City, which caused the "Little Giant" to make those memorable replies which destroyed his prospects in the South, but which now add to his renown as a fearless and patriotic statesman.

Brought up in the state rights school, Brother Lamb was one of the first to tender his service and that of his company to the Governor of Virginia for active duty ; and he continued to fight for the cause he believed to be just until the fall of Fort Fisher, January 15, 1865, when he was so desperately wounded that his life was for many months despaired of, and nothing but the tender care of his captors restored him to life. He was on crutches for seven years. He took charge of the defences at New Inlet on Cape Fear, July 4, 1862, and built Fort Fisher and the adjoining works, which were pronounced the Malakoff of the South. He defeated Butler and Porter after the failure of the powder-ship to blow up the works, but was afterwards captured with his fort, after a desperate struggle of three days and two nights, by Terry and Porter. No such bombardments have ever been witnessed elsewhere. General Lee had sent word to Lamb that if Fort Fisher were captured, he could not feed his army, and the heroism of the defence elicited the admiration of his captors and won for him the title of the "Hero of Fort Fisher" among the people of the South. The following account of Brother Lamb's engineering feat was kindly furnished to THE SHIELD by his friend, Col. J. R. Waddy of Norfolk.

"Although Colonel Lamb entered the Confederate service as Captain of a Rifle Company, two parrot-guns were assigned him and he was sent to Sewall's Point, situated on Hampton Roads, below Norfolk, to help protect the batteries which were being constructed there. The afternoon he arrived at Sewall's Point, his company, with details from other companies, had an engagement with the gun boat "Monticello" which had been sent there to interrupt the work on the batteries. After an hour's fighting his parrot-guns drove the "Monticello" away. It was here that Colonel Lamb conceived the idea of commencing the study of military engineering, and from that time until the end of the war, he was an indefatigable student, getting

all the text books available, especially through the blockade after he took command of Fort Fisher. He found in Charleston, while on the staff of General Anderson at Wilmington, a complete history of the Crimean War, with full plans of the works and defense of Sebastopol. He took the fortifications around Sebastopol as his model, and adapted them to the defense of New Inlet with many modifications and improvements, and when the fort was captured, although far from being finished, it was the largest fortification in the Confederacy and was called the Malakoff of the South. The land face extended from the Cape Fear River to the ocean, and the sea-face protecting the Inlet, was a series of batteries connected by a heavy curtain, ending with a mound 60 feet high, which had a plunging fire on the channel. These two sides of the work, which were all that had been completed, were nearly a mile and three quarters in length, but had only 44 guns, 2 mortars and 4 pieces of light artillery to defend them, an armament smaller than several of the frigates in the attacking fleet. Although 40,000 shot and shell were expended against these works, not a magazine of bomb-proof was injured, and not a gun on the sea-face dismounted by the Federals. On the land-face in the first bombardment when Butler and Porter were defeated, only one gun was injured. It was in the first fight that an unsuccessful attempt was made to destroy the work by the explosion of a powder-ship with 250 tons of powder. In the second bombardment the land-face guns, 20 in number, were taken in detail and after a terrific, direct and enfilading fire for three days and two nights, 19 of these guns were rendered unserviceable, although the work proper was only slightly injured. The work, which was built of timber, sand and turf, was constructed for sea-coast defence only against ships, the shifting sands rendering a moat impossible without masonry, which was not obtainable, and the palisade-line in front of the land-face was thrown up merely to prevent surprise from a sudden landing from a fleet when the garrison was reduced to less than 600. Colonel Lamb had no engineer detailed to assist him in the work, but his plans were approved by Beaugard, Longstreet, French, Whiting, and Raines.

"After the Civil War this fort was adopted as the model at West Point for instructing the cadets in sea-coast fortification, the plan of Sebastopol having been previously used, and was continued until the modern plan of a fort constructed of sand, concrete and turf was adopted, and which plan carries out many of the improvements of the previous plan which had been made by Colonel Lamb in the construction of Fort Fisher. Had the work been completed as designed by Colonel Lamb, it is believed by most eminent engineers, that a small force could have held the work against all comers, notwithstanding the coöperation of the fleet. The capture of Fort Fisher was a new departure in the reduction of forts. The immense fleet did the work in a few days, that a regular land siege would have taken months to do in the way of disarming the fort, and while the garrison were under a terrific fire for three days and two nights, rendering repairs impossible, the besiegers were resting quietly and were able to approach within 100 yards of the work in comparative safety. The garrison numbered not over 1900

men, while the troops that landed from the transports were 8,500 and were reinforced by 2000 sailors and marines. After the fort was entered, the struggle lasted from 3.30 until 9 p. m. Most of the time the fleet coöperated with the army after they entered the work, by means of signaling, and while necessarily some few of the federals were killed by this fire from the fleet, it was more destructive to the Confederates than the fire of the assailants in the fort and prevented the garrison from dislodging the army after the sailors and marines had been repulsed. At the capture of Fort Fisher the bombardment was not only the greatest that ever occurred in history in weight of metal, but it was the longest hand to hand fight during the Civil War. The Federal loss in killed and wounded was nearly as many as there were soldiers in the garrison.

"Since the war Colonel Lamb has given the harbor of Norfolk the benefit of the knowledge he acquired as an engineer in tidal currents, having had one island in his command with two guns swept away and his mound threatened, requiring him to use every expedient for the protection of his works against the shifting currents of the river and sea. He has also, in the work of Whiting upon the Cape Fear River an object lesson in the value of jetties in preserving channel ways, which he practically applied to the Elizabeth River, with the advice and approval of General John Newton, Chief of Engineers, when the coal trestle of the Norfolk & Western Railway was run out to Lambert's Point Light House on a solid bulkhead, the channel, both north and south of the river, having been greatly improved by the structure."

On his return home he avoided public life, although repeatedly offered nominations which were equivalent to election, and determined to devote his energies and resources to developing the material interests of his city and state. He has identified himself, with few exceptions, with every public enterprise started in Norfolk, spending a considerable fortune in his effort to inaugurate direct trade with Europe, and thus laying the foundation of the present flourishing foreign business of his native city. Besides a large shipping business, he manages the shipments from the piers at Lambert's Point of the famous Pocahontas Steam Coal, developed through the enterprise of the Norfolk and Western Railroad,—a business which has increased with unexampled rapidity and made Norfolk the great coaling station of the Atlantic Coast. He was the first to formulate and use a through bill of lading from interior cities to Europe via Norfolk, thus enabling Western capital and enterprise to contribute directly to making Norfolk a seaport for the great cities of the interior. He has

been repeatedly elected President of the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce.

In 1876 he reëntered public life. He was sent to the St. Louis Convention which nominated Tilden, and took the stump as a State Canvasser in behalf of reform in national politics. His effective services were recognized, and the following year he was chosen chairman of the Conservative State Convention, as a debt-payer, and he defeated the nomination of Mahone for Governor. In 1879 he returned from Europe during the campaign, and having become convinced of the insincerity of the professions of his late associates on the debt question, took sides with the Readjusters in opposition to the McCullough bill and carried his city and section for the party led by Mahone.

He was elected over the democratic and republican candidates for Mayor in 1880, as a reform candidate, having a handsome majority over their combined vote; and he held the office for three successive terms of two years each, after which he declined a renomination at the hands of the Republicans, by whom he had been elected for his third term. This position had been repeatedly held by his father and grandfather, the latter having been Mayor during the War of 1812, and the former during the Civil War, until the capture of the city by the Federals.

He was an elector for Hancock in 1880, and supported Cameron who ran for Governor and was elected by the Readjusters in 1881. After carefully studying the situation, he decided what were the requirements of his state on national issues, and in 1882 made his first republican speech at Surry Court House, advocating a protective tariff and national aid for public education. He was the first to make the protective tariff an issue on the hustings in Virginia since the war. He has been an ardent advocate of the improvement of rivers and harbors by the general government, and his services in obtaining appropriations for his city and state have been invaluable.

Colonel Lamb is an able parliamentarian and has presided at more State Conventions than any other public man in Virginia. He was both temporary and permanent chairman of three successive republican State Conventions, and his ability and impartiality were unquestioned. He headed the electoral ticket for

Harrison and Morton in 1888, and claimed that the 1,539 majority given his opponents was unfair and illegal. In 1889 he was the choice of Mahone and the State Committee for Governor, and was requested by the National Committee to accept the nomination and promised the support of the powerful railroad interests of the state; but he declined to allow General Mahone to nominate him, and insisted upon nominating that distinguished leader. His speech in the Norfolk Convention nominating his choice was pronounced one of the grandest specimens of eloquence ever heard in this land of orators, and upon its completion General Mahone received the nomination by acclamation. This sacrifice of his ambition was because of his great love for his invalid wife and his unwillingness to break up her beautiful home.

He continued to give his active and efficient services to his party, not only in Virginia but in West Virginia. He succeeded Mahone in 1895 as chairman of the party in Virginia and as national committeeman, and was sent as delegate-at-large to St. Louis. In 1897 he differed with his committee upon the policy of having a gubernatorial campaign, claiming that notwithstanding the unjust and unfair election law there should be a campaign of education. He called a convention which was an unqualified success, presided over by the Hon. Jacob Yost, representative of the Tenth Virginia District in Congress; and candidates for Governor, Lieut. Governor, and Attorney General were put in the field and received a creditable vote, notwithstanding the frauds and the division in the party. Colonel Lamb refused to continue as chairman, so Colonel Wickham was chosen to fill his place and a new State Committee elected. The old committee, however, reorganized, electing the Collector of Internal Revenue for the Western District as Chairman and the Collector of Internal Revenue for the Eastern District as Treasurer; and soon nearly the whole committee was composed of Federal office holders, and the only election they have apparently taken any interest in was for delegates to the last National Convention. As a natural consequence the party has no representative from Virginia in Congress, and only four members in the State Legislature out of one hundred and forty.

In the midst of his busy life Colonel Lamb has found time for the promotion of charities. For thirty-three years he has been annually reelected President of the Seamen's Friend Society, representing all the Evangelical denominations in the city, and the oldest institution of the kind in the state. He has been for years one of the managers of the Jackson Orphan Asylum, and his devotion to the old Colonial Church, St. Paul's (Protestant Episcopal), where his forefathers have worshipped since its erection in 1739, is unbounded. He has always been liberal to his less fortunate comrades of the Confederacy, and has given since the Civil War ended not less than \$50,000 for their support and comfort. He has always held it to be the duty of the state to provide for disabled Confederates and their widows and orphans. Nor has he confined his benefactions to those who wore the gray, as many an unfortunate ex-Federal soldier can testify; and to his free and intelligent assistance a number of the widows and orphans of killed or disabled colored soldiers have been able to obtain their pensions.

One of the most conspicuous and beautiful illustrations of the returning fraternal relations between the two sections of our country is the sincere friendship existing between Colonel Lamb and General N. M. Curtis of New York. General Curtis fearlessly led the successful assaulting column at Fort Fisher and was desperately wounded, and but for his indomitable courage the assailants would have been driven from the works after the Confederates had so disastrously repulsed the sailors and marines. No more chivalrous tribute was ever paid by a soldier to a former foe than that by Colonel Lamb to General Curtis in a letter to President McKinley, in 1897; and few scenes were more calculated to kindle the patriotic ardor of an American audience than the public welcome accorded Colonel Lamb in the summer of 1899 at Ogdensburg, N. Y., by the friends and neighbors of General Curtis.

Colonel Lamb is President of the Military Association of the City of Norfolk, composed of veterans of both the Confederate and Union armies and navies; and during the Spanish War at his suggestion this association took care of the families of volunteers who needed assistance.

Colonel Lamb's literary attainments are of a very high order, and if he had devoted the time he has given to current politics to such pursuits, he would, without doubt, have won a high position in the field of American literature. His addresses upon literary, biographical, historical and commercial subjects have all been most scholarly and attractive productions. He has refused tempting offers to go upon the lecture platform, his large business interests making this impossible. His occasional lectures, however, have been enjoyed and appreciated by cultivated audiences, not only in the South but in the North. His address on the defense of Fort Fisher before the Military Historical Society of Massachusetts is said to have been one of the most impartial and graphic accounts of those thrilling experiences ever delivered; and his address before the literary societies of William and Mary College, in July, 1889, on President Monroe, an alumnus of that institution, was pronounced by competent judges a literary and historical effort equal to any ever delivered in Virginia. He is an influential member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, which was founded at William and Mary in 1776, and has been a Senator of its United Chapters for the past six years. His generous support of the claims of St. Lawrence University in this connection are well understood and deeply appreciated.

He has been President of the Norfolk Public Library since its establishment, in which he was the leading spirit. Mr. Andrew Carnegie has recently offered this institution \$50,000 for a building. Since 1875 he has represented the German Empire and the Kingdom of Sweden and Norway at Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., and in 1899 King Oscar II. conferred upon him for distinguished services the Knighthood of Wasa.

In 1857 he married Sarah Chaffee, of Providence, R. I., a beautiful Puritan maiden, who shared with him the dangers of the camp, winning the love and gratitude of all by her tender solicitude for the sick and wounded soldiers and sailors, and filling her home with happiness until in 1892, when she left her loved ones for Paradise. It gives us great pleasure to be able to append to the interesting biography the following vivid personal reminiscence, furnished by Brother Lamb, which seems to bring us into close touch with the Theta Delta Chi of fifty years ago.

"While I was an exile from Norfolk in 1855, I was stopping at Newark, N. J., temporarily. Finding time hanging rather heavily on my hands, I thought I would pay a visit to my Theta Delta friends in Providence or Schenectady. I knew none of either charge, but had heard through McCandlish and others what a glorious set of fellows they were. I finally decided to go to Providence. Just before leaving the hotel, my father happened to remark to a gentleman, whose acquaintance he had made and between whom a friendship had sprung up, that I was going to Providence, and he said that he had a sister living in Providence and he would be pleased if I would take a letter of introduction to her. Of course I accepted the letter with thanks. I went to Providence by the Stonington Route and on arriving there, went to the "City" Hotel which at that time was the leading hotel in the city. As it was a stormy day, I did not get up to the college until the afternoon, where I met a gentleman who turned out to be a professor or tutor, but on account of his youthful looks I took him for a student, and commenced speaking of secret societies. He seemed much amused at my having made a trip to Providence to see brothers whom I had never met, and said that while he was not a member of the Theta Delta Chi, he would carry me to a room where I would meet a number. I went with him upstairs and he introduced me to several brothers. As well as I remember, they were Clarence Bate, Franklin Burdge, John Hay and William L. Stone. Between the latter and myself a friendship immediately sprang up, as it seems he had heard of me through other Theta Deltas, and he introduced me to Daniel B. Pond and B. Lincoln Ray and others. They carried me to the famous "What Cheer" Restaurant to dinner and thence to the theater, and I attended a meeting of the Zeta charge, at which I was called on and responded with a short speech. If we did not paint the town red, they at least gave it a roseate hue for me.

"In the midst of my fraternal enjoyment, I forgot all about the letter, and not long before the dinner that I was to take with them at the City Hotel, I called at the house of Mr. Chaffee with my letter of introduction, and was rather gratified that the family were excused before my letter was carried in; but while enjoying the dinner, a card was sent in to me, and on going out to the office, I was informed by a grave-looking gentleman that the waiter had made a mistake and that I must certainly call and become acquainted with the family. I told him that I had to leave that afternoon, but he insisted upon my remaining over, which I did. When I returned to the table I informed the boys that we would have another lark before I left. The result of my visit to Mr. Chaffee, was my meeting a beautiful young girl with whom I fell in love at first sight. The next day being Sunday, I attended Grace Church with her and had to pass in review of my brother Theta Deltas. Two years afterwards I married this Puritan maiden, who for thirty-five years made my home an earthly paradise; and for this I have never ceased to be thankful that while at college I joined the Theta Delta Chi fraternity."



IOTA DEUTERON, WILLIAMS COLLEGE, 1901

IOTA DEUTERON'S DECENNIAL

On June 22, 1901, just ten years and ten days after the eventful visit of President Holmes and his assistants to the vicinity of Williams College, the Iota Deuteron charge held its decennial banquet at The Greylock, Williamstown. The occasion had been looked forward to with a great deal of anticipation, and the marking of this tenth mile-stone will long remain a pleasant memory to the forty-odd undergraduates and alumni there assembled. Although the banquet was the formal observance of the anniversary, the celebration was not confined to the banquet nor to Saturday evening alone, but continued more or less informally for four or five days, all through commencement week. Several of the alumni who were unable to be back for the banquet got around before the week was over, and were able at least to meet the undergraduates and to see with their own eyes the splendid condition of the charge.

At nine o'clock the company began to wade through the menu ; and when at length the nuts and coffee had been disposed of and the fragrant incense of two score Peter Schuylers was beginning to rise heavenward, Brother Fletcher M. Durbin, 1904, presented the toastmaster of the evening, Brother John H. Peck, '95.

THE TOASTMASTER : I am reminded this evening of the preacher who, discoursing on the final judgment and the separation of the sheep from the goats, warned his congregation that each man must choose which he would be, and then paused dramatically. Whereupon he was interrupted by a listener on the rear seat, who consented to be a goat in order that the game might go on. So as we had to have a toastmaster this evening, I have consented to be the goat in order that the game may go on. I am happy to introduce Brother John A. DeCamp, 1900, who, as a *frater in urbe*, will bid you welcome.

BROTHER DECAMP : To welcome formally a Williams alumnus back to Williamstown is the height of the absurd ; and even to welcome a visiting brother is certainly superfluous, as the shield itself assures its owner of a royal greeting on an occasion of this nature. So, though my words are few,

the spirit that prompts them is none the less hearty and sincere. We are very glad to have Professor Bullock and Professor Ferry with us, for it gives an undergraduate great pleasure to meet the faculty sometimes on an even footing. We are very glad that Brother Tombo is with us to-night. Iota Deuteron has come to feel a sort of proprietary interest in THE SHIELD, and if the editorial office is to leave Williamstown, we are glad to meet the man who is to take up the work. It is needless to say that we are especially glad to see such a gathering of alumni here to-night. Some of you we have met before, some we meet now for the first time. We bid you all welcome and hope that henceforth we may see you oftener.

THE TOASTMASTER: It is commonly believed, at least among my fellow-members of the Bar, that a woman, like necessity, knows no law. However, I find a toast to "The Ladies and the Law" on the list, and Brother Olcott O. Partridge, '94, is to respond to it.

BROTHER PARTRIDGE: *Whereas*, the makers of the toast-list have ordained that there shall be a toast to "The Ladies"; and *Whereas*, I have been assigned to respond to such toast, *Now therefore*, humbly bowing to the inscrutable wisdom of the powers that be, and assuring you that I did not seek the honor, I take Hobson's choice, and address you.

The men of the law have some of their most amusing experiences with the ladies. The woman on the witness stand is proverbial, and then there is the woman who wants to compromise—her idea of a compromise being that her opponent yield to her contentions. (Some men, however, are in no danger of lawsuits at the hands of the ladies. It is a peculiar fact that from Achilles to Don Juan, from Leicester to Lehr, the greatest lady-killer of ancient and modern times is one of the most modest men that ever drew breath. I refer, of course, to our Whitechapel friend, Jack the Ripper). To get back to my subject, there is the woman who is excessively modest; for instance the Boston woman who always speaks of the limbs of a piano, and who has been objecting recently to a Y. M. C. A. reception in the Museum of Fine Arts. Then there is the woman in the historical novel—you know the formula, and the woman to whom men, even lawyers, write verses.

But I am wandering far from my text, which refers, I suppose, to those ladies in whose cases "the strong arm of the law steps in," as a colleague of mine would say. The real occasion for this toast is the recent litigation on account of the Beta Beta chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. (Here Brother Partridge rehearsed briefly this interesting case, which he reported so exhaustively in the March, 1901, SHIELD). Instead of giving you the ordinary toast to "The Ladies," I wish to propose to-night a slightly different one. One of the brothers whose hand we have pressed to-night will take unto himself a better half next Wednesday night, and I wish to propose to-night long life and the greatest happiness to her who is to become the bride of Brother Dunham, '96. I give you the future Mrs. Dunham.

I cannot let this occasion pass without reminiscing a little, and without expressing the satisfaction of the alumni with the present members and condition of the charge. We are all glad to get back, and you have given us a right royal welcome that we shall not soon forget. In closing, I would emphasize two points on which I think we all agree: First, that Iota Deuteron should be ever a fraternity chapter and not a club; and second, that we should aim to secure men of diverse talents. The twenty-two original members were men from all walks of college life, and I think this model which has been followed with such success so far should never be allowed to pass out of sight. May we have such difference of inclination and unity of spirit always in this charge. Long may Iota Deuteron prosper; may she ever be true to the best traditions of Theta Delta Chi and of Williams College; may her members be ambitious, energetic and successful; and may she never want for gentlemen and scholars.

The next toast was responded to by the editor of *THE SHIELD*, who spoke in glowing terms of his recent visit to Mu Deuteron and congratulated the Iota Deuteron charge upon its marked progress.

THE TOASTMASTER: We are now to turn the clock back for a time, and look at ourselves as we used to be. We shall do this under the guidance of Brother Frederic C. Ferry, '91, who, I may add, has achieved the distinction of being elected most popular professor by the last two freshman classes of this college.

BROTHER FERRY: It is interesting, in view of the peculiar relations existing between Amherst and Williams, that the founding of this charge should be due in such large measure to an Amherst man, though he was not a Theta Delt. In the spring of his sophomore year, DeWolf, '92, went to a ball game at Amherst, and while there had a talk with an Amherst man about starting a new fraternity chapter at Williams. This Amherst man was a member of another fraternity, and the plan was, of course, to get a charter from that fraternity. One man after another was taken into the scheme, and an officer of the fraternity in question came to Williamstown and looked us over. We used to hold our meetings then in the secret recesses of old Jackson Hall, or out in the fields away from the college. While their action was favorable to us, there was some delay in granting the charter. Meanwhile we had got hold of some Theta Delta Chi literature, and some one had got into communication with President Holmes. Then the tide began to turn strongly in the direction of Theta Delta Chi, and President Holmes got us a charter by a telegraph vote, making a record for quick work which we believe still stands and is likely to continue to stand for some time. Then came the historic ride to Hoosick Falls, and the

initiation in the hastily draped dining-room of the little hotel there, and the return to college as fraternity men, just ten days before commencement.

Those charter members were, as Brother Partridge has said, men from all walks of college life. We had most of the conspicuous scholars in the college, many of the strongest athletes and popular fellows. The other fraternities sent most cordial expressions of friendly feeling, and even the members of the faculty, almost without exception, approved the movement. One of the professors who at the time was inclined to be opposed to it, has changed his mind, and recently expressed to me the opinion that Theta Delta Chi is one of the best societies in the college. It has interested me greatly to hear comments on the fraternities by other members of the faculty, and I have been especially gratified at what they say about us. Recently an instructor said in my hearing that there was little need to worry about a man who joined Theta Delta Chi, and if by any chance such a man was doing poor work, a word to one of the seniors was all that was necessary to produce the desired brace.

The beginnings of Iota Deuteron were modest, almost extremely so. But the glorious charge that has grown out of them could not have been, save for the wisdom of the charter members. I wish every man of that twenty-two could have been here to-night.

The toastmaster, feeling that the lawyers and teachers had had things all their own way, here called upon the Rev. G. H. Wright, '94. Brother Wright expressed his pleasure at being able to visit the charge as he had, and hoped that he might get back oftener. He said that a visit to Williamstown is always an inspiration to him, enabling him to write yards and yards of sermons, which he afterward cut with shears into the proper lengths. A few moments later he excused himself, saying that he had another speech to make at his church in Worcester at 10.30 the same (Sunday) morning, and must catch his train, much as he hated to tear himself away.

THE TOASTMASTER: We have been considering the past; we are soon to talk about the future; just now Brother Charles M. Davenport, 1901, will respond for "Iota Deuteron at Present."

BROTHER DAVENPORT: When I think what must have been the unselfish struggles of those charter members, and of what they accomplished against great odds, I can but feel that the present is nothing to brag of, satisfactory as it may seem. Besides, the annual letter, which has been for some time in your hands, tells all there is to tell of our doings and our achievements, and I don't care even to paraphrase that. There are, however, a few thoughts to which I would give expression. First, we would

acknowledge the debt of gratitude we owe to those alumni who were back through the rushing season. Their very presence at such a time is efficient service,—it keeps confidence and heart in the undergraduates. It is due to these men, no longer undergraduates, that the charge is a fit subject for a toast to-night.

Eight seniors took their degrees last year, and Brother Royall, the only man who ever got into Hi Walden,—renting a desk from him and at the close of the year selling it back to him for a good price—decided to enter Columbia Law School. During this year we have taken in nine men. They are here to-night, and you can judge for yourselves whether the quality is as satisfactory as the quantity. We have not lost a man, and the year has been passed in good will and harmony, conditions that foster growth and happiness. As to finances, you know how much we have fixed up the house. Farther than that, it is necessary only to say that we shall send our mite to Connecticut to go into the coffers of the House Fund. We must have a house,—all agree on that; we have taken a modest step toward the object. "A thing begun is half done" has been sounding in our ears for a long time.

In closing, I wish to appeal to the alumni for something more precious than money,—we wish to get into closer touch with you. We want to see you or hear from you oftener; we want to be informed about men coming to college. It is important that you let us know about them, it saves time and helps in other ways, men often going elsewhere just because this kindly office is neglected. Such things are discouraging, and though they are rare, should never be allowed to happen. I close with thanks for the past, apologies for the present, and fond hopes and best wishes for the future.

The toastmaster then called on Brother E. R. Sibley, ex 1900, of Rochester, N. Y. Brother Sibley spoke of the astonishing change in the charge in the two or three years he had been away from it. He spoke briefly of the pleasure Theta Delta Chi had been to him, of the need of a new home for Iota Deuteron, and of the duties of every man to be of use to his fraternity as well as to get good from it.

Brother Peck then told a story of a negro preacher, discoursing on the spirit of God, who had planned to have a dove let down from the ceiling at an appropriate place. During the early part of the sermon, a cat got in and devoured the dove; and when the time came for the spirit to descend, the sexton in a stage whisper explained the state of affairs and inquired: "Shall I let down the cat?" In the absence of Brother John P. Huntington, '94, Brother R. C. Gibbs, 1900, will respond to "The House."

Brother Gibbs expressed his willingness to serve as the cat, and read the toast, written by Brother Huntington :

I have been asked to respond to the sentiment of "The House,"—not the house of our sojourning, attractive as that is, and as great an improvement as it is over that in which we passed our early days as a charge; but the house that is to be, the house that has been dreamed of by the members of Iota Deuteron ever since we set out from Hoosick Falls for Williamstown in the dark of that memorable morning ten years ago.

Just why a person of my imaginative temperament was designated to talk upon so fanciful and chimerical a subject is a mystery, unless it was to aid in giving the house material existence. The trustees of the house fund take a liberal view of their duties, and consider it their mission to augment the fund by any legitimate means, and I give you fair warning that we are after your money.

Yes, brothers, this is the time on the evening program for the collection to be taken up, and our standard is not modest. I should like even to exceed that which surprised Senator Hoar one day in the State Department at Washington. As you perhaps know, he stepped into the elevator that leads to the offices where consular and diplomatic appointments are made, and was astonished to find it filled with aspirants for posts abroad. Whereupon the Senator remarked: "Well, that is the largest collection I ever saw taken up for foreign missions."

The steps leading to the establishment of a trust fund in the care of a board of trustees were outlined in the circular sent with the charge letter last month. While we did not expect to be able to become landed proprietors immediately, we were very sure that unless a beginning were made, the charge would never be under its own roof-tree. It is also obvious that, with the growing scarcity of desirable sites in Williamstown, the possibility of securing one depends much on somebody being on the alert to seize any opportunity that may present itself. It is not merely a question of choosing one of the many good architects always to be found or of securing building material from permanent stocks, but of taking advantage of a chance situation that cannot be foreseen and that might change before organization could be effected. It is, of course, anticipating to discuss locations now, with the limited amount of funds that have as yet been accumulated; but it is not too early to discuss possibilities and to give direction to plans looking toward the accomplishment of our object.

What is even more to the point at the present time is the accumulation of the wherewithal. For the acquirement of this it is greatly to be desired that all of our alumni will see their way clear to making some contributions *regularly*. The amount, I feel, is of secondary importance. As our secretary so well puts it, "The hearty interest of a brother is of infinitely more importance than dollars and cents." It not merely encourages the committee to feel that their plans are approved, and indicates to them what further steps may be safely taken, but it stimulates others to give,—it is the

small pebble that starts the landslide,—and most of all, it is the method that will procure the largest amount with the least individual sacrifice. We do not wish anybody to make a burden of it, but we do hope that every one will do something.

So, brethren, I have gone over to the mendicant order of our fraternity, and would close by reminding you that my address is Norwich, Conn., and hope that after this importunity you will at least credit me with preserving the distinction which the small boy made between the church deacon and the tramp, in that "the former passes the sasser, while the latter sasses the passer."

The toastmaster next called on Brother C. Park Pressey, '94, who responded briefly with a number of witty stories, and who voiced once more the pleasure of the alumni at their ability to get back, especially on an occasion so joyous as this one.

Brother Peck then introduced as the last speaker of the evening Brother Charles J. Bullock, Lambda, '89, the retiring editor of *THE SHIELD*, to respond to "The Fraternity." Brother Bullock spoke somewhat briefly of the prosperous condition of the fraternity, of the character of its new members, and of the efficiency of our Grand Lodge organization. Then addressing himself more particularly to the alumni, Brother Bullock praised in high terms the undergraduate members of Iota Deuteron with whom he had become so well acquainted during the past two years, and assured the alumni that they were worthy of anything that could be done for them. He expressed his complete satisfaction with the progress the charge had made during its first ten years, but pointed out in no uncertain terms that a corresponding gain in the decade to come would not be possible unless the charge could be housed in a manner more in keeping with its rivals. So he made a special appeal for thought on this question, and hoped that some way might soon be found to put Theta Delta Chi in its proper surroundings at Williams.

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Sunday evening there was a very informal smoker at the house, at which pipes and cigars were mingled with discussions of the work of the charge during the past year, and of the prospects that the steps taken toward securing a house would soon result as was desired; with singing all the old Theta Delt and Williams songs, and with listening to instrumental music by a number of the undergraduates.

Every meal at the house for the rest of the week saw a jolly lot of boys,—old and young—welcoming the new arrivals, wishing the departing brothers God-speed, recalling all the old jokes and springing new ones, until by the end of the week the crowd had thinned out, many going back to work, or to their vacations, a number to Buffalo for the convention, and the gloomy seniors were left to pack their household goods in peace and quiet.

The graduate brothers at the banquet were the old and new editors of THE SHIELD, Brothers Bullock and Tombo, and the following members of Iota Deuteron : Ferry, '91 ; Pressey, '93 ; Wright and Partridge, '94 ; Peck and Zoller, '95 ; Dater, Russell, Dunham and Putney, '96, Goodrich, '97 ; Dunbar, '98 ; Kellogg, '99 ; De Camp, Dunbar, Gibbs, Little, Shepard and Sibley, 1900 ; and Royall, ex 1903. Brothers Montague, '91, and Davis, '98, also drifted in before commencement. The Boston Iota Deuteron Club, whose existence was made known in THE SHIELD of last March, was represented by eight of its dozen "members."

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For those alumni who were unable to be present, or for those who are not very familiar with Iota Deuteron, a few general remarks may be in order.

The growth of the Iota Deuteron charge has been healthy and comparatively rapid. It has been comparatively, rather than positively rapid because of the atmosphere of Williams College, which, as is well known, is almost ultra-conservative. Everywhere,—in the actions of the board of trustees, the faculty and the student body alike,—one sees an inclination to frown upon new things and to hold fast to ancient standards and time-honored customs.

Perhaps nowhere among the undergraduates is the conservative spirit more clearly shown than in the fraternity system. Williams usually numbers something less than four hundred students, of whom a little more than half are members of the ten fraternity chapters in the college. Of these ten societies, five had honorable records at Williams before Theta Delta Chi was founded at Union, and eight have been in the college at least forty-six years. Kappa Alpha (Northern) was founded in 1833, Sigma Phi and Delta Upsilon in 1834, Chi Psi in 1842, Zeta Psi

in 1847, Alpha Delta Phi in 1851, Delta Psi in 1853, and Delta Kappa Epsilon in 1855. The ninth, Phi Delta Theta, is thirty years younger than D. K. E. and six years older than Iota Deuteron of Theta Delta Chi. Iota Deuteron is ten years old, but is still emphatically the baby chapter at Williams. The reader will doubtless now understand why we speak of the growth of this charge as comparatively, rather than positively rapid.

But the growth can be called healthy without any qualification. Founded on a very modest basis by men of foremost standing in college, both with the college authorities and with their fellows, Iota Deuteron has gone steadily forward, securing strong men, accepting every opportunity for improvement, and above all, paying as it went and refusing steadfastly to run into debt.

The charge has had three houses, and at present is very comfortably settled in a modest rented house. Any brother who has been in Williamstown, or who has been told that at Cornell alone of all the American colleges does the combined value of fraternity property equal that of the ten societies at Williams, will readily understand that unless Iota Deuteron is able to secure a home of her own very soon (and a home worthy to stand with the other chapter houses at Williams), her growth in the next decade must be, as Brother Bullock said, slower and less satisfactory. A fund has been started, however, and the trustees are hoping to do something before long. The men in charge are strong and active. During the last two years six of them have been on 'Varsity athletic teams, and others have won three Phi Beta Kappa keys and over \$1300 in cash from the college treasury for good work in the class room. Iota Deuteron has aimed, as Brother Partridge says in his toast—and has succeeded, we should say, in its aim—to gather together men of divers talents, but men who are delightfully congenial in Theta Delta Chi. Iota Deuteron has every year a few men who are good at athletics, a few who can write, or win college prizes, or sing, or act, or debate, and a few who are just downright good fellows with big hearts and sharp wits. Take all these together, and you have a nearly ideal college brotherhood.

RUSSELL C. GIBBS,

Iota Deuteron, 1900.

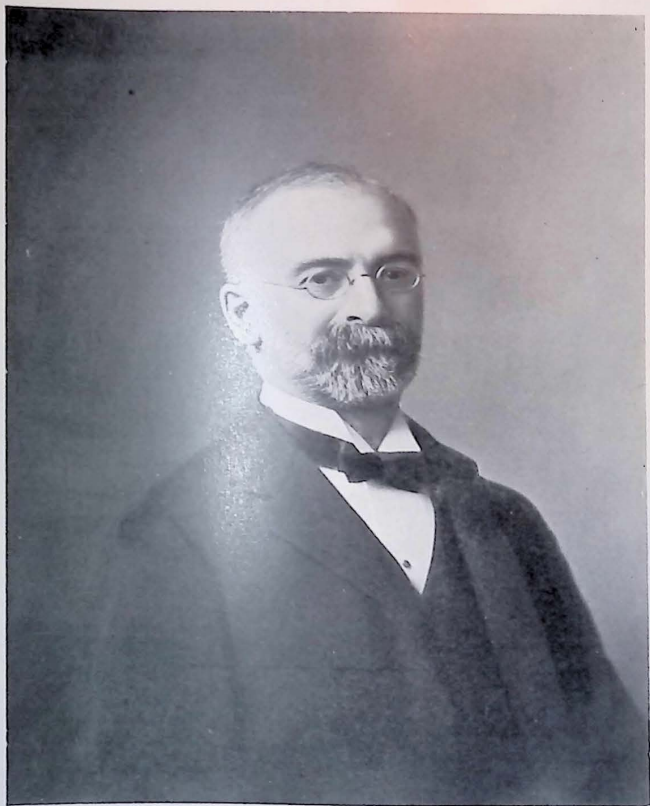
THE BABCOCK MEDAL

Self-forgetful, productive scholarship is too seldom found among us. Grateful recognition of such talent and sacrifice is perhaps still rarer. All this makes more remarkable an event of peculiar interest to members of Theta Delta Chi.

On March 27, 1901, occurred a most notable gathering in the Capitol building at Madison, Wis. In the presence of the governor, members of the supreme court, both houses of the legislature, the university faculty and prominent citizens of the State of Wisconsin, Professor Stephen Moulton Babcock, Kappa, '66, was presented with a magnificent bronze medal—a state's testimonial to the services of a scholar.

Bulletin No. 24 of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station, July, 1890, contained the description of a mechanical and chemical process by which dairymen and cheese-makers could test the richness in butter-fat of any sample of milk. The invention was the work of Professor Babcock of the State University. The value of the process there made public has been estimated as worth one million dollars yearly to the state of Wisconsin alone. To the nation it has meant almost the creation—certainly the revolution of all butter and cheese-making, industries which annually bring millions of dollars to the farmers of the United States. From an invention in its field of usefulness comparable only to the invention of the iron-plow, the self-binder or the threshing-machine, Professor Babcock has received no financial returns. With fabulous wealth within his grasp had he covered his invention with a patent, the quiet, high-minded scholar simply sat down and wrote an article for an agricultural bulletin and by that act made the people his heirs.

All this was in 1890. The decade since has seen the Babcock milk-test put into operation everywhere from Denmark to New Zealand. Its beneficial effects have been officially recognized by several foreign countries. It was then but fitting that the state where Professor Babcock made his home should suitably recognize the value of this invention. Last winter a committee of the state



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legislature was appointed to select a design for a commemorative medal and from the designs submitted the one by Spink & Sons, London, was selected, and on March 27, in the presence of a distinguished assemblage, Professor Babcock was presented with the testimonial. Addresses laudatory of invention and inventor were given by Governor La Follette, Ex-Governor Hoard, Professor Henry, Ogden H. Fethers, Assemblyman Gilman and Senator Hatton. Letters from distinguished scientists in foreign lands told their regard for the scholarship of the Wisconsin professor. All, layman and scientist, statesman and farmer, paid tribute to the high sense of duty that had led Brother Babcock to make his invention the property of the people in whose service he considered his university chair placed him. In this pushing age, when success is too often measured in dollars and cents, it is a hopeful thing when a state pauses to pay tribute to the man who put his scholar's conscience above the world's millions.

“The scholar and the world! The endless strife,
The discord in the harmonies of life!
The love of learning, the sequestered nooks,
And all the sweet serenity of books;
The market-place, the eager love of gain,
Whose aim is vanity, and whose end is pain!”

Brother Stephen Moulton Babcock, chemist to the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station, was born at Binghamton, New York, in 1843. He was graduated from the Clinton Liberal Institution and from Tufts College. At the latter seat of learning Brother Babcock was one of seven members of the class of '66 who joined Theta Delta Chi.

Choosing teaching as a profession, Brother Babcock went to Cornell, where he was an instructor in chemistry from 1872 to 1875. At the same time he was pursuing advanced work in his chosen field. In 1879 he received the degree of Ph.D. at Göttingen. In 1881-1882 he was again instructor at Cornell, and in the latter year was appointed chemist to the Experiment Station at Geneva, N. Y. He remained there until his call to Wisconsin in 1888, where he has been ever since. Brother Babcock was married to May Cornelia Crandall, of East Winfield, Wis., in October, 1896.

THE SHIELD, as the magazine of his fraternity, is glad to pay its tribute to the worth and work of Brother Babcock. Kappa, the charge initiating him, and Sigma Deuteron in the university where Professor Babcock now teaches, may well find reason for especial gratification in this new honor bestowed on a member of Theta Delta Chi.

THE NEW IOTA HOUSE

During the past year one of the ambitions of Iota has been realized. On May 25 the charge opened its new home at the corner of Dunster and Winthrop streets, Cambridge.

The building fund had been growing slowly for several years. Just at the time when the position of Iota at Harvard required her to own a new and larger house, Dr. Alonzo Boothby, father of W. M. Boothby, Iota, 1902, generously advanced the additional funds needed.

The house is centrally located near Harvard Square, on the way to the athletic grounds. It is built of brick, three stories high, in colonial style. The main entrance opens directly into a lounging hall, fifty feet wide, paneled in Flemish oak, with a large open fireplace at each end. Leading from the lounging-room is a square hall, from which opens the writing-room. Beyond, is a large billiard-room with Dutch tiled fireplace, and a card-room. Between the card-room and the writing-room is a lavatory. From the hall one passes downstairs to the ante-room and charge-room, which together take up the whole front of the building. These rooms are finished entirely in black and have been carefully designed, furnished and equipped with special lighting effects to meet the requirements of the fraternity customs and traditions. The rest of the basement is occupied by the steward's quarters, kitchen, boiler and trunk-rooms. The second and third floors, which may be reached from the lounging hall or from a separate outside entrance, contain accommodations for sixteen men. Each suite consists of a private hall, corner study and two bed-rooms.



IOTA CHARGE HOUSE



In each hall is a concealed set bowl with hot and cold water. On each of these upper floors is a large toilet-room with shower-bath, set tub, etc. The house is lighted throughout with electricity and heated with hot water. It has been handsomely furnished by undergraduate subscription.

The "fraternity house" is a new departure at Harvard and the experiment is being watched with interest by both the student body and the college authorities. Owing to the number of applications, the rooms were assigned by lot and there is still a waiting list.

The housewarming took place on May 25 and was a most jovial occasion. The house was thrown open for inspection and Iota had the pleasure of welcoming many visiting brothers. Every Theta Delt present was asked to sign a parchment sheet prepared for the occasion. This sheet, on which appear about two hundred names, representing nearly every charge in the fraternity, has been framed and makes an interesting adornment for the walls of the lounging hall.

The house is kept open winter and summer, and will not fulfil the hopes and expectations of Iota, unless visiting brothers avail themselves at every opportunity of the hearty welcome always waiting for them.

The modesty of the Iota brother who gave the foregoing facts is well known to all of the charge of which he is a leading member, and whose interest in the house has been so great as to promote its advancement for years through his efforts. We can not refrain from adding the following, furnished by a brother whose college traditions render him, at athletic sports, a foe to Harvard, but who has been for years a strong advocate of Iota and her staunch friend. In his opinion the *raison d'être* for the Iota house has been the fact, not alone that the older house at 20 Ware Street had long since been outgrown, but also that the well-known house could not adequately express home to its denizens. It was too cut up, for one thing; too far removed from modern conceptions of a fraternity home. Its billiard-hall was its one rallying spot, and often, perhaps, the lower classmen would not feel free to monopolize it, or to even fill the room to possible annoyance of the older men.

It was the story so ordinary in private life: First a little family; then a larger one; a glimmer of the need of something else just insidiously asserting itself; then the dawn; then the bright light of unanimous recognition; the committee on ways and means; the bold step, and at last—fruition: a new home—the same family,¹ but all in comfort and all in happiness and unity, each with *his* corner at the hearth and *his* greater participation in the entire menage. Home is a comprehensive term, it is the dream of all, the best in life, and Theta Delta Chi at Harvard had lived down the club idea so largely, that 20 Ware Street had become in truth a home and then a home outgrown. And so the new house was built in a spirit which led the undergraduates and the graduates alike to express the spirit of a fraternal home even in midst of elegance and massiveness.

For it is a massive house. Illustration and description do not measure the largeness of it, yet so carefully did Dr. Boothby plan, so assiduously did he apply the fruits of his experience gained in other and greater building operations, that the onlooker—for once differing from Dominic Sampson with his “predigious”—can not fail to be impressed first of all with the perfect proportions of everything. The four columns that, two and two, divide the large room into proportionate dimension, simply from the boldness of their proportions, are without doubt the finest bit of architectural woodwork in Cambridge to-day. And so everywhere. With all this to admire and to thrill in the sense of proprietorship, the very day the house was done the boys brought out the pictures of Dr. Sterrett, President Capen, Colonel Hay, Governor Bloxham, Prexy Harstrom and many others, so that the fraternal touch was unmistakable, and that pride of home, alluded to before, was evident in this working of the spirit. In this connection we must not forget to mention the two sets of punch pitchers and glasses engraved with “Theta Delta Chi—Iota,” the gift of that ever loyal brother, James R. Mellon.

And when the day of dedication came, bringing all those who signed the aforesaid parchment, which will ever be a glory to him who devised its perpetuation, there was a scene the which no pen is adequate to describe. The gathering in the forenoon, the reception in the afternoon, at which the fair sex openly voiced



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enthusiastic acclaim, the great rally in the evening were all joyous, inspiring and, yes, mellifluous. But when the Iota delivered to Dr. Boothby the loving-cup that so partially conveyed their heartfelt gratitude for all the benefits it were possible for him to give, a volume of sound arose like that which greets the ear of a hero upon return, an ovation 'twas impossible to quell, ceasing only when human voice reached its limitations. This was the scene of the evening and will never fade in the memory of those who were so fortunate as to see and hear.

The little invitation to come to Iota and see the boys is one that should not escape observation and acceptance. The Iota men are entertainers to the core, and for Theta Delts to pass by this home without entrance—for a trip to Boston minus a journey to Iota is the same thing—would be a sad commentary on our gregarious spirit.

NEW YORK GRADUATE CLUB

ANNUAL MEETING AND ANNIVERSARY SMOKER

The fifth annual meeting of the Graduate Club of Theta Delta Chi in New York City, was held at the club rooms in Browne's Chop House, 1424 Broadway, on Monday evening, April 1, 1901. Brother Edward Stetson Griffing, Iota, '89, who has served the club so faithfully during his term of office, was unanimously reelected president, and Brother Frank N. Dodd, Rho Deuteron, '91, and C. LeClaire Howe, Pi Deuteron, '88, were reelected to the offices of secretary and treasurer respectively, both also with one accord. The new vice-presidents are Willis S. Paine, Chi, '68, Franklin Burdge, Zeta, '58, Dr. Daniel S. Dougherty, Pi Deuteron, '82, Clifford Wilmurt, Pi Deuteron, '93, and Arthur L. Livermore, Omicron Deuteron, '88. Brother Frederic Carter, Epsilon Deuteron, '90, was reap-

pointed chairman of the House Committee. The following named brothers were elected to the Board of Governors, their term expiring in 1904: William H. Wettlaufer, Pi Deuteron, '90, James Hess, Epsilon Deuteron, '98, Clifford Wilmurt, F. C. McLaughlin, Iota, '93, Charles S. White, Iota, 1900, and R. Tombo, Jr., Rho Deuteron, '98. The other twelve members constituting the board, are Willis S. Paine, E. S. Griffing, M. E. Haviland, Beta, '77, A. L. Livermore, E. C. Chamberlin, Phi, '93, F. N. Dodd, J. A. Hamilton, Chi, '98, B. Beinecke, Jr., Epsilon Deuteron, '98, H. D. Brookins, Chi, '80, D. S. Dougherty, C. LeC. Howe and Franklin Burdge.

The following report was submitted by the president and we reprint it in the hope that it will call renewed attention to the good work that is being done by the Graduate Club in the metropolis:

TO THE BROTHERS ASSEMBLED AT THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE GRADUATE CLUB OF THETA DELTA CHI:

It is with great pleasure that I, whom you have honored by appointing your presiding and chief executive officer, make my annual report to you. The club has enjoyed a prosperous year, and I and the other officers, in turning over to our successors the affairs of the club, feel a sense of satisfaction, that they are in such a flourishing condition, and that there is such a flattering outlook for the future. The business of the club has been conducted on business principles, with all due formalities. Minutes of all the meetings of the Executive Committee, and of the Board of Governors, have been regularly kept, making complete minutes for the last three years, and I hope that before long memorandums of earlier meetings, those of the first year, will be obtained, and the minutes of those meetings written up. As soon as this is done, we shall have a complete record of our proceedings from the inception of the club. Our secretary has already arranged for these old minutes, and the matter will shortly be completed. During the year, frequent meetings, not only of the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors, but also several social gatherings, have been held, and in general, great interest has been shown by the members in club affairs. The club register shows that the attendance during the past year at the club rooms has been greater than ever before, and is still growing.

While our club rooms are very pleasant, we have reached the point where they are too small, but it is not yet feasible to enlarge our present quarters, or take new rooms, because from a business standpoint our annual budget is not yet large enough to pay any great increase of expense. As

the club is growing, however, it is my hope that the Board of Governors will soon be called upon to act upon the question of larger quarters.

Strenuous efforts have been made by your Executive Committee, and also by individual members, to increase the membership of the club. Some 2,000 circulars, describing the club, have been sent out to graduates. A list of the members of the club was also sent out, not only to all members of the club, but to a large number of graduates. As yet the responses have been few, but I confidently expect that in the next few months there will be many responses to these circulars, and that our membership will not only be increased, but that the members of the fraternity in general will thus become acquainted with the club and know what it is, what its aims are, and what it represents.

During the past year regular letters have been sent by the club to THE SHIELD. The letters have been interesting and beneficial to the interests of the club. Such regular correspondence shows to the fraternity at large that the Graduate Club is a live organization, in which much of interest to its members is always going on, and it also shows that the Graduate Club is a live component part of the fraternity of Theta Delta Chi.

During the year the club rooms have been refurnished by voluntary individual subscription. The refurnishing was in the charge of the secretary of the club, who was aided by several of the brothers. The work, as is evident, was very well done, and I know that all the members of the club appreciate the trouble taken by the brothers. There was a small balance left after refurnishing the rooms, which was devoted to subscriptions for magazines, and to the reframing of pictures which are now on the walls of the club rooms. Your Executive Committee and the House Committee have taken such care of the furniture and property, that it is in excellent condition. I hope that these committees will be aided in the future by all the members, so that the same care may continue.

During the year Brother Van Iderstine presented to the archives a copy of THE SHIELD of 1869. This gift was coupled with the privilege to the Custodian of Archives to exhibit this SHIELD in the rooms of the Graduate Club. This copy is very valuable. It is old and rare, being the first number issued. So far as I know, there are only four others extant. As the club rooms at present are more or less easy of access to strangers, I do not think it is advisable as yet to exhibit this SHIELD in the rooms. I think that a little later, in these or some other quarters, that it could be done. I strongly recommend that the Board pass a suitable resolution thanking Brother Van Iderstine for his courtesy and generosity, and that a copy of this resolution be transcribed in a formal manner, and sent to Brother Van Iderstine. I would also recommend that the Board leave this copy of the SHIELD with the Custodian of Archives at present, and make no request to the Custodian that it be exhibited in the club rooms. Your Executive Committee having taken such action during the year, no action by the Board is now necessary.

Our library, which, because of its peculiar character, is not only a very interesting, but a particularly valuable collection of fraternity publications, has been augmented by gifts from various charges and brothers, and we have received a number of pictures which decorate the walls of the club rooms. We greatly appreciate such gifts, and are always very glad to receive them.

Your Executive Committee has referred the question of the honorary membership of Brothers Mapes, Marvin and Paine to the annual meeting of the club for action. Our investigations show that these brothers had been duly elected honorary members because of large pecuniary subscriptions in behalf of the Theta Delta Chi Club. The minutes of the meeting at which this occurred have heretofore been inaccessible, but there is no doubt that these brothers were duly elected as honorary members, and should have been. I earnestly recommend that this meeting endorse this former action.

The club subscribed to two very interesting volumes of the history and photographs of Beta Charge, and have received the new catalogue of Alpha Delta Phi, to which fraternity we will send a copy of our new catalogue as soon as it is issued. I think that the club should subscribe from time to time to all charge publications, and should exchange any general fraternity publications with every fraternity so far as it seems proper. The Executive Committee seems to have the power to do this without any special authorization, so I do not recommend that any particular action be taken.

Your Executive Committee has completed an arrangement for the purchase of the piano, whereby a part of the sum already paid as rent will be allowed on the purchase price. This matter will be laid before the Board at this meeting, and, as I do not believe that so good a piano as this can be bought for \$275.00, which is the price we must now pay, I recommend that we complete the purchase.

One of the best smokers ever held by the club, and, so far as my long experience in fraternity affairs goes, one of the most delightful small informal gatherings ever held by any of the fraternal institutions, was held at the club rooms on February 1, 1901, at which from 50 to 75 brothers were present. The genial chairman of the Entertainment Committee had furnished a very attractive programme, and everybody had a good time until a late hour. I recommend to the Board that smokers be held more frequently in the future, as those present not only have a most enjoyable time, but such reunions afford most delightful chances for brothers to become better and better acquainted.

On March 8, 1901, the club extended the privilege of its club rooms to the Rho Deuteron graduates and undergraduates for the purpose of holding a meeting in regard to building a new charge house. This courtesy was fully appreciated by the members of the Rho Deuteron Charge. It is an excellent idea to have the charges use the Graduate Club for like purposes, and I think that we all hope that the various charges will allow us to extend to them such courtesy from time to time.

On March 15, 1901, a beefsteak dinner was held at Gaston's. The affair was more than informal, but a number of speeches were called for to which various brothers bravely responded. It was a good time from start to finish, and one of those good times that can only be had when brother Theta Deltas in good spirits come together for a reunion.

As the reports of the treasurer and the secretary will be presented to this meeting, and as they will contain all the details of the affairs of the club and its progress, I will go into no further details of the condition of the club.

A new component part of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, called the Association of Theta Delta Chi, was recently organized in this city. This is a general graduate association for the purpose of accumulating a fund, the income of which shall be devoted to advancing the interests of any department of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity. Its scope is so broad, that I can not describe it in detail within the limits of this address. A prospectus of the association, which shows the great benefit it will be to the fraternity in general, and to all its departments, is being prepared; this will be sent out to every graduate and to all the charges, and I earnestly desire to have every club member become a member of the association. I feel sure that in future years the association will become a very important organization, and of the greatest benefit to the fraternity.

I understand that the idea seems to prevail that the Graduate Club is to a large extent a local organization. I want to urge every member of the club to contradict this impression, so far as he can. The club is a local organization only in the sense that a member living in or near New York will receive the most benefit from belonging to it. Our desire is to promote a general fraternity interest and welfare. If each member of the club will strive to create this impression abroad, I feel certain that it will be very advantageous to the interests of the club, and I feel certain that an increased prosperity of the club will increase generally the interests of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

The annual convention of the fraternity will be held in Buffalo on July 2d and 3d, 1901. I want to urge each brother to be present, if not during the whole convention, certainly at the banquet, not only for the good time he will have, but also that our club of which we are all so fond and proud, and in which we take so great an interest, may have as large a representation there as possible, in order that all members of the fraternity at large may see and feel that we are a component part of the fraternity, and a live organization.

We turn over the club affairs to our successors in office with a very comfortable surplus, and all bills which are due have been paid to date. Some members are in arrears, but the proportion is not large enough to be of a serious nature.

In concluding I wish to urge every member of the club to make individual and strenuous efforts to obtain new members. In the first place we want every Theta Delt living in and around New York to become a member

of our club, and in the second place it is only by an increased membership that we can enlarge our present quarters, which seems to be so essential to the ultimate success of the club, and the comfort of its members.

It has been suggested, and I recommend that this address, together with a copy of the reports of the treasurer and secretary, be printed and sent to each member of the club, and to a large number of the graduates, in the hope of interesting them in the affairs of the club so that they may become members.

I thank the Board, the other members of the Executive Committee, the members of the various standing committees, and indeed all of the members of the club, for the unfailing aid and support which they have given me in administering the affairs of the club, and I want to tell you all collectively and individually, that I have enjoyed every moment of the administration of my official affairs.

I wish the club increased prosperity, and the ultimate great success which I know is in the future.

EDWARD STETSON GRIFFING, President.

New York City, N. Y., April 1, 1901.

The Graduate Club deserves the cordial support of every brother, and it is our sincere hope that the president's report will tend to bring many new members into the organization.

On the evening of June 5, 1901, a smoker was held at the club rooms to celebrate the 53d anniversary of the founding of the fraternity. A letter was exhibited by the Custodian of Archives written in May, 1851, by an undergraduate of the Alpha charge to Andrew H. Green, Alpha, '49, asking his coöperation in the celebration of the anniversary of June 5, 1851. We have no evidence to the contrary, and so believe that the fraternity anniversary was celebrated for the first time in fifty years.

The programme contained comical stories by a monologist, a shake-down by newsboys, songs from Mr. Whithead of the Florodora sextette, and a trio of banjos and guitars. Refreshments were served throughout the evening. Speeches were omitted, the entertainment provided lasting until a late hour.

Enthusiasm was aroused by splendid letters from President Huffcut and ex-President Harstrom.

Brother E. H. Crooker, Beta, '83, of Minneapolis, Minn., came in town just a few days prior to the smoker, and was a welcome guest.

COMMUNICATIONS

DEAR BROTHER TOMBO :

FITCHBURG, MASS., JULY 14, 1901.

Here I am back again in Fitchburg, after the dissipation of the convention at Buffalo and the pleasures of the midway. I had a very good time, and enjoyed seeing the old Theta Deltas that I have met at so many previous conventions. I hope I shall meet them all and many others at the convention in New York next year.

And this reminds me of the very pleasant time I had at commencement at Bowdoin last month. I knew there would be a good many Eta boys back, because there was something afoot of great interest to all the old Eta men, namely the charge house question. This question has been before the graduates for some years, and it has now become of primal importance. The Dekes and Alpha Deltas have houses of their own, and we, in order to hold our own, felt the need of a charge house as soon as possible. For a number of years past, the active members of Eta have been adding to a sinking fund started for this very purpose, and fortunately so. For we were able to purchase the very finest lot in Brunswick for a fraternity house, just because we had that fund ready to pay down on it. Having procured the lot, the next move was to organize and raise the funds necessary for the house. As a result, the Eta Association of Theta Delta Chi was incorporated under the laws of Maine. Professor Mitchell, I believe, is the treasurer, and at the annual reunion banquet of Eta, held on Wednesday evening, June 26, at the charge hall, a subscription list was started for the shares in the Association, the par value of the shares being twenty-five dollars. Quite a sum was raised that evening, and we felt quite satisfied with such a good start. As the management of the affair is in such good hands, I have no doubt that we shall raise the amount desired in a short time. I believe there were about thirty of the old Eta boys at that reunion, and they were all very enthusiastic on the charge house question. I don't remember the names of all present, but I was especially delighted to meet my old chum, Fred C. Stevens, '81, whom I had not met since his graduation. There were also Wing and Edwards of '80, and Sargent of '78, Clark, '76, Phil Dana, '96, P. C. Newbegin, '91, Levi Turner, '86, F. J. C. Little, '89, Barton, '84, and a host of others whose names I don't recall just now. They were all strongly in favor of the charge house, and I believe all present took more or less shares in the corporation. The plans of the house were passed around and seemed to meet with the approval of all. I believe the building committee intend to have circulars in book form prepared, containing plans of the house, and sent to all graduates who cannot be reached personally. The outlook for a charge house at Bowdoin in the near future is brilliant, and I shall look forward with anticipations of pleasure to the day when the Eta charge will dedicate its home.

I seem to have written nothing in this letter, except about our prospective house, but I know you will be interested to know of our good prospects. Give my regards to all the Theta Deltas you meet who happen to remember me, and if you ever get up this way, I hope you will let me know.

Yours very fraternally, NATHANIEL R. WEBSTER, Eta, '81.

In Memoriam

MELVILLE WILMER LINDSEY

Chi Deuteron, Columbian University, 1900

WHEREAS, In His infinite wisdom, God has seen fit to remove from this life our beloved brother, MELVILLE WILMER LINDSEY, of the class of 1900, and

WHEREAS, While humbly submitting to the will of an all-wise Providence, we realize that in his lamented death we have lost a faithful friend and loyal brother, and this charge of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity a true and earnest worker, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of this charge, bear this slight but heartfelt testimony of our love and affection, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, published in *The Washington Post*, THE THETA DELTA CHI SHIELD, and be entered on the records of this charge. And that in token of our grief our badges be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days.

For the Chi Deuteron Charge,

MAHLON ASHFORD, 1903.

GEORGE G. CHASE, 1900.

RASTUS R. NORRIS, 1903.

TILL ALL THOSE ALTARS BLAZE AGAIN

Words by a Member of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity: Music by his Friend

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand. The vocal line has a melodic contour that rises and falls with the lyrics. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a corresponding line of music. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system begins with a repeat sign. The final system ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

Some fires that once in splen - dor burned, With
 Now gone the cheer that cir - cled round, The
 We vowed those fires should ev - er glow, Those
 O bro - thers dear, those lights o'er-thrown, Those
 Then wake a - gain, O ear - ly zeal: Make

lift - ed, eag - er fa - ces turned To catch their warm and
 charm in man - ly friendship found, The brother's grasp, warm,
 bands of brothers great - er grow, In love their joys and
 hopes un - fill'd, and pleasures flown! From out our life, how
 us that first keen im - pulse feel, - That dauntless love of

pleas - ing light, Have quench their rays in last - ing night.
 ear - nest, true, That once those blazing al - tars knew.
 sor - rows blend, En - rich - ing life till time should end.
 much is gone, That should have still liv'd no - bly on!
 knight - ly men, - Till all those al - tars blaze a - gain.

HEARD AT CONVENTION

Air : "Just Because She Made Them Goo-Goo Eyes."

I

We're a jolly lot of brothers of Theta Delta Chi,
When we're gathered here together to care we say good-bye,
 We're sure to find—
 Fun of some kind.

There is no other frat for us, our hearts are always true,
Whate'er betide, we'll still stand by the black, the white and blue.
 This is our cry—
 Theta Delta Chi.

CHORUS :

Just because our frat to us is dear,
Just because it hasn't got a peer,
Just because we love it and there's none to rank above it,
We'll live and die for Theta Delta Chi.

II

Whene'er you meet a Theta Delt, he'll always be the same,
He'll grasp your hand with a hearty grip when you speak that
 mystic name.

 He's sure to be
 A friend indeed.

Where'er you go, you'll never meet true brothers more sincere,
We're bound by ties to the best of frats, which each one holds
 so dear.

 This is our cry—
 Theta Delta Chi.

CHORUS :

THE SHIELD

RUDOLF TOMBO, JR.

EDITOR

Columbia University, New York.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

By reason of Brother Bullock's unfortunate retirement from the management of THE SHIELD, it became incumbent upon the Grand Lodge to look about for a successor to complete the current volume, and for some mysterious reason the eagle eyes of President Huffcut alighted on the present editor, whose willingness to serve the fraternity seems but vain compensation for a woeful absence of experience. The Grand Lodge would have done better to appoint an older brother, but the mischief has been done and is beyond repair. While the burden of proof in establishing the wisdom of the selection rests upon the editor, the ultimate responsibility was assumed by the Grand Lodge in the rôle of sponsor, and formal notice is hereby served upon that august body that it alone will be called to account for all shortcomings. However, the doubts and misgivings that assailed the editor in undertaking his new duties have been in large measure dissipated by a number of brothers, who, by their cheerful eagerness to render assistance, have furnished evidence of an active loyalty that transcends the power of words. If there be anything in this number worthy of recognition, your gratitude is due to the brothers that made the issue possible—to the various contributors, and particularly to the jovial Custodian of Archives, Brother Carter, who has evinced the most lively interest in this number and has worked like a veritable Trojan to make it a success. To all of our helpers we

extend our sincerest thanks, as also to Brother Bullock, whose untiring efforts to maintain THE SHIELD as a fitting reflection of the fraternity's progress will never cease to evoke our unstinted praise. It shall be our honest endeavor to continue the work so well begun to the best of our ability. We extend our hand in friendly greeting, kind reader, and hope that your judgment in criticizing this first feeble essay be tempered by that charity which constitutes the quintessence of Theta Delta Chi.

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To depart in any vital respect from the broad policy of THE SHIELD as established and continued for a number of years would be presumptuous, and to change its general character in the middle of a volume the height of folly. Therefore, **Policy** great as is the temptation to introduce an improvement in the quality of paper and in several minor typographical details, we have sacrificed our personal wishes and taste in order to preserve uniformity. We are deeply impressed with the importance of proper pictorial illustration, and shall attempt in this and the following number to do full justice to this feature of THE SHIELD. We believe there has been manifested in recent years a tendency to depart from old traditions, inasmuch as a certain questionable laxity has been shown in regard to withholding from the columns of THE SHIELD matters of a more or less secret nature, and we share Brother Bullock's opinion that greater discrimination should be exercised in this direction. It is in accordance with this policy that we have confined the account of the convention proceedings to mere generalities. Printed copies of the complete minutes will be ready for distribution in the fall and can be procured from the Custodian of Archives; they must, however, be returned to him within a specified time.

As regards our programme for the December number, we expect to furnish a history of the Mu Deuteron charge, which is being prepared by Brother Harry Bullock, and an account of the installation of Zeta Deuteron at McGill University, Montreal. The present number should reach the undergraduate brothers before their return to college, and we trust they will find in it inspiration for their labors in behalf of the fraternity during the

coming year. Whether the December number will also appear on time, we dare not predict. If the various charge editors do not succumb to the demon of procrastination, punctuality is promised. Charge letters should be in the hands of the editor by November 1 at the latest. Make your communication long, and above all interesting. According to the definition in the Century Dictionary, a list of new initiates is not a letter. Telegraphic despatches will wander to the waste-basket with greater speed than that characteristic of the proverbial messenger-boy. Let your charge letters be a matter of pride, not of policy.

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Will any brother who attended the fifty-third convention ever forget those days of perfect happiness and boundless enthusiasm? Every visitor must have been impressed by the ardor and animation with which everybody—old and

Enthusiasm

young alike—entered into the spirit of the occasion, whether in a mad stampede through the gates of the Streets of Cairo or in the boisterous greeting extended to some beloved brother. The enthusiasm was contagious, "and nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm;" there was no escaping its beneficial influence. It was not the superficial enthusiasm of a moment, vanishing in thin air almost as soon as conceived; nay, it was rather the outward visible manifestation of that spirit of mutual love and affection and good fellowship which is eternally rooted deep down in the heart of every loyal brother, and which an occasion like the late convention only serves to accentuate and draw to the surface. Truly, if friendship be inspired from above, enthusiasm—in-God-ism—must ever be one of its most essential attributes. We cannot err grievously, so long as our hearts and minds are unsophisticated enough to take a childlike delight in an enthusiasm based upon a purity of motives such as constitute the moral code of Theta Delta Chi. "Let us," therefore, in the words of Bishop Brooks, "beware of losing our enthusiasm. Let us ever glory in something, and strive to retain our admiration for all that would ennoble, and our interest in all that would enrich and beautify our life." When all else has failed, go to a convention and experience the uplifting tendency of Theta Delta Chi.

Nor is enthusiasm synonymous with loss of dignity, as certain pessimists apparently imagine. Fortunately this dismal individual is a *rara avis* in the Theta Delta Chi flock, for the terms pessimist and Theta Delta Chi are incompatible

Optimism with each other. If there be any one thing more than another possessed of an inherent faculty to breed loyalty and devotion to ideals and to promote that spirit of Christian friendship of which our shield is so emblematical, a friendship ever solicitous to overlook the mistakes of a comrade, it is the application of a cheerful buoyant optimism to our fraternal relations. It is the positive conviction of hope for the future that induces us to lend a helping hand to a brother in distress, and indeed, it were criminal to see no ray of light ahead and withdraw our aid at the first token of error. We should not forget, that error is the never-absent companion of earnest striving, and, in the philosophy of *Faust*, it is this perennial striving that alone leads to eternal salvation. Who can conceive of zealous striving that is not nourished by faith in ultimate reward? And is not a sound ambition the peculiar prerogative of youth? Optimism certainly is its most natural accompaniment, one that every brother should claim for his own, since in Theta Delta Chi we learn to quaff of the fountain of perpetual youth. Morbid pessimism is a disease, which can be checked in its early stages by an injection of the fraternity bacillus; allowed to spread, it gradually develops into affectation and becomes detrimental to fraternal fidelity. Pessimism is the shibboleth of the calamity-howler, a species that is capable of rendering as much mischief in the charge organization as in the body politic of the nation, and one that in consequence we should shun religiously. Optimism is the watchword of the WORKERS, of those who sow their seed not by the wayside, nor upon stony places nor among thorns, but in good ground, where it will bring forth fruit a hundredfold.

Over a hundred brothers graduated from college and university last spring, thereby severing, in most instances, their active connection with their charge. The cordial wishes of the fraternity accompany them one and all upon their several pathways. May the future hold joy and prosperity in her hand for all of our