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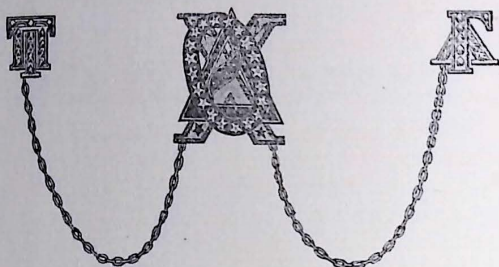
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## THE FIFTY-FOURTH CONVENTION

The fifty-fourth Annual Convention of Theta Delta Chi was held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, on Thursday and Friday, February 29 and March 1, 1968. New York having been recommended to the General Assembly by the Seattle Convention as the next place of meeting. Most of the arrangements for the Convention had been made in the New York province, with Brother Carter of that province doing his usual share of the work. Chiefly in view of the festive atmosphere and the success which characterized the convention and the banquet, the hearty congratulations of the provinces are due.

The festive evening, about one hundred and fifty enthusiastic Theta Deltas, all well dressed, gathered in the large banquet hall of the Waldorf-Astoria, exchanging warm greetings with old friends and meeting new ones, while the various committees were working on the various work of the day. Promptly at 7:00 o'clock, Brother Bruce W. Malton, President of the Grand Lodge, called the convention to order. Brother Carl Frank, who formerly was the appointed assistant secretary, acted as the emcee, and Brother Carter as chairman, very helpfully and in a friendly tone of cheerful welcome to the delegates. The night meeting, in particular the "all boys," with the Organization on Conventions had proceeded very far in discussing the names of the delegates. Brother Carter was seen standing towards the front of the hall with a greatly number of young and old boys in tow. These he safely and successfully moved to a position which left the assembly an attentive



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The Fifty-Fourth Annual Convention of Theta Delta Chi was held at the Manhattan Hotel, New York, on Thursday and Friday, February 20 and 21, 1902, New York having been recommended to the Grand Lodge by the Buffalo Convention as the next place of meeting. Practically all the arrangements for the Convention had been made by the New York graduates, with Brother Carter at their head and doing his usual lion's share of the work. Chiefly to him, who labored unceasingly for the success which characterized every detail of the convention and the banquet, the hearty thanks of the Fraternity are due.

On Thursday morning, about one hundred and fifty enthusiastic Theta Delts, old and young, gathered in the large banquet hall of the Manhattan, exchanging warm greetings with old friends, and meeting new ones, while the various committees were arranging for the routine work of the day. Promptly at 10:30 o'clock, Brother Ernest W. Huffcut, President of the Grand Lodge, called the first session to order. Brother Carl Tombo, Rho Deuteron, '02, was appointed assistant secretary, and a reception committee, with Brother Carter as chairman, was instructed to extend the right hand of cheerful welcome to the brothers as they might wander in, particularly the "old boys." Before the Committee on Credentials had proceeded very far in deciphering the names of the delegates, Brother Carter was seen to be moving towards the front of the hall with a goodly number of the aforesaid old boys in tow. These he safely and successively piloted to a position which left the occupant no alternative

but to make a speech. Bros. Jacob Spahn, Chi, '70, Edwin D. Ingersoll, Alpha, '56, Jas. R. Mellon, Pi, '65, Carl A. Harstrom, Xi, '86, and Charles Darwin Adams, Omicron Deuteron, '77, responded to the dictum of the President. These impromptu talks have long been recognized as one of the most delightful institutions of our conventions, and the hearty plaudits of the boys showed that the popularity of the institution and of the "dramatis personae" is anything but on the wane. Brother Carter's warm words of welcome on behalf of the local Thetes met with a deservedly like appreciation.

The report of the Committee on Credentials showed that every charge was represented by its duly accredited delegates as follows :

- BETA. H. Webster, 1880 ; W. P. Foote, 1902 and E. Osgood, 1903.  
 GAMMA DEUTERON. B. H. Winchester, 1901 ; F. H. Lancashire, 1902 ; J. A. Bedford, 1903.  
 DELTA DEUTERON. E. W. Arnold, 1900.  
 ZETA. E. C. Stiness, 1890 ; W. R. Bullock, 1902 ; R. S. Litchfield, 1903.  
 ZETA DEUTERON. Frederic Carter, E Δ, 1890 ; C. E. Fortin, 1903.  
 ETA. R. S. Cleaves, 1898 ; H. K. McCann, 1902 ; L. V. Walker, 1903.  
 IOTA. H. L. Carter, 1898 ; R. W. Drown, 1902 ; M. R. Jouett, Jr., 1903.  
 IOTA DEUTERON. O. R. Hagen, (grad.) ; G. C. Forney, 1903 ; F. M. Durbin, 1904.  
 KAPPA. Thomas Whittemore, 1894 ; R. B. Coolidge, 1902, R. E. Nason, 1903.  
 LAMBDA. R. G. Clapp, 1900 ; J. A. Baker, 1902 ; R. A. Coan, 1903.  
 MU DEUTERON. H. A. Bullock, 1899 ; W. J. Burke, 1902 ; G. C. Smith, 1904.  
 NU DEUTERON. J. G. Lehman, 1896 ; F. W. Parsons, 1902 ; W. M. Lalor, 1902.  
 XI. Carl A. Harstrom, 1886 ; R. B. Waugh, 1902 ; W. M. Covill, 1904.  
 OMICRON DEUTERON. Charles D. Adams, 1877 ; J. F. Drake, 1902 ; C. G. Howes, 1903.  
 PI DEUTERON. D. S. Dougherty, 1882 ; C. Trubenbach, 1902 ; R. W. Maloney, 1903.  
 RHO DEUTERON. F. N. Dodd, 1891 ; Carl Tombo, 1902 ; H. R. Steeves, 1903.  
 SIGMA DEUTERON. L. W. Crehore, 1904.  
 TAU DEUTERON. M. J. Egleston, 1902 ; H. Ward, 1902.  
 PHI. L. C. Chamberlain, 1892 ; W. J. Williams, 1902 ; C. J. Rumbaugh, 1903.  
 CHI. Jacob Spahn, 1870 ; E. E. Lawton, 1902 ; R. H. Hart, 1902.  
 CHI DEUTERON. W. W. Gillis, 1900 ; P. Sperry, 1902 ; J. E. Lamb, 1904.  
 PSI. F. H. Cunningham, 1899 ; C. W. Lewis, 1902 ; P. T. Harper, 1903.

Brother Harstrom then took the chair while Brother Huffcut read his report as President of the Grand Lodge. This was a

very voluminous document covering thirty closely written pages and giving in detail the work of the Grand Lodge since the last convention. The close of the reading was the signal for hearty and prolonged applause, ending with three rousing cheers for Brother Huffcut as chief executive and leading spirit of this most active, enthusiastic and efficient Grand Lodge.

The report was referred to its proper committee and next in order were the oral reports from the charges. It would have been a very difficult matter to decide which of the charges enjoy the greatest prosperity. This much can be said however, that at no time in the previous history of the Fraternity have *all* the charges collectively been in as prosperous a condition as at present. The convention adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

The afternoon session was occupied chiefly with the reports of officers and committees. Brother Stevens reported as Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Brother Carter as Custodian of Archives, Brother Rudolf Tombo, Jr., as Editor of *THE SHIELD* and Brother Dodd for *THE SHIELD* Surplus Trustees.

The report of the Committee on an "Order for the Burial of the Dead" was read by Brother Carter, and the ritual adopted by the Convention. The incoming Grand Lodge was also instructed to prepare copies of this Order for the Charges. After the reading of several announcements, and the transaction of several items of business of a minor nature the convention adjourned for the day. Most of the brothers spent the evening at the smoker tendered by the New York Graduate Club to the delegates and visiting Theta Delts, an account of which will be found on another page.

The first matter of importance at the Friday morning session was the report of the Committee on the President's report, by Brother Harstrom. The Committee congratulated the Grand Lodge on the successful installation of the Zeta Deuteron Charge. It recommended to the incoming Grand Lodge a continuation of the system of local deputies providing for the supervision of distant charges. A recommendation was adopted that the Grand Lodge be authorized to appropriate at its discretion from its treasury, such sums as may seem to it necessary for the use of the Department of Archives. The Committee further recommended

the appointment of a special committee to devise a plan of equalizing or proportioning expenses incurred by the charges in sending delegates to represent them at the annual conventions. Various other matters of a more or less secret nature were also discussed, and may be found in the official convention minutes.

The Committee on THE SHIELD report recommended the adoption of Brother Tombo's report as editor, including the following recommendations in regard to the management of THE SHIELD: 1. Charge editors are expected to contribute in addition to the letter, as large a list as possible of personal notices concerning members of their own charge, and to make every effort to increase the subscription list among their alumni. 2. The editor is also granted power to appoint a business manager who shall keep the books of THE SHIELD, solicit subscriptions, make advertising contracts, etc.

The committee on the Report of the Custodian of Archives, in thanking Brother Carter for the thorough and painstaking work he has done and expressing its appreciation of the great personal sacrifices he has made to the interests of Theta Delta Chi, recommended that financial aid be extended to the department. This matter had already been acted upon under the report of the committee on the President's report.

The committee reporting on THE SHIELD Surplus Trustees recommended that charges which lack complete sets of THE SHIELD complete their files by purchase from the stock in the possession of the Trustees. The committee further recommended that the Trustees be continued with the same power as in the past.

The election of the new Grand Lodge was made a special order of business for 3.30 p. m. and the convention adjourned until 3.00.

In the afternoon the committee appointed to report the status of the "Association of Theta Delta Chi" reported through the secretary. The recommendation of the committee that the incoming Grand Lodge be empowered to designate an officer of the Fraternity to have joint control with the officers of the Association over its "Permanent Fund" was adopted.

It would seem that by common consent, we Theta Delts will have nothing but a unanimous election when the chief executive officer of our Fraternity is annually chosen. Once again this principle was exemplified, Brother Harry Bullock in his nomination of Brother Rudolf Tombo, Jr., Pi Deuteron, '95, Rho Deuteron P. G., dwelling on this point with convincing emphasis. Brother Frank N. Dodd, Rho Deuteron, '91, duly seconded both the nomination and Brother Bullock's views, and there being no further nominations, the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for Brother Tombo, who was thereupon declared elected to the Presidency.

Brother Walter Bryant, Mu Deuteron, '02, received the unanimous vote of the convention for Secretary, and Brother Harry P. Brown, Iota, '03, was elected Treasurer of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year. After a short recess the new officers were duly installed by Brother Huffcut with the usual impressive ceremonies.

During the course of the afternoon Brother Raines had made his appearance. When this frater's presence becomes known to any body of Thetes, he cannot escape their demands for a speech. And so on this occasion too, we were treated to a specimen of that oratory for which Brother Raines is justly famed among us. To a wonderful delivery, he adds the charm of beautifully figurative and picturesque language, and he held his audience literally spell-bound during his highly enjoyable address.

Finally there was nothing left to be transacted but the recommendation of the convention as to the next place of meeting. Boston is the lucky town which was selected for the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge. A vote of thanks to the retiring Grand Lodge, and particularly to President Huffcut for his inspiring efficiency was tumultuously carried, and chaos reigned while the boys were endeavoring to do justice to their feelings.

"Our stars shall tint with light" was finally sung and the Fifty-Fourth Convention adjourned *sine die*.

## SEEN AND HEARD AT CONVENTION

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We New York Theta Delts, who since the passing of the comparative freedom of undergraduate days, have been limited to participation in fewer conventions than then, were in a state of expectant and constantly increasing excitement as the time of convention drew nearer. Two days of convention would be all too little, after an abstinence that was measured in some cases by the time that has elapsed since the Semi-Centennial passed into history. And so it was planned to have a "Convention Week," the several events of which are briefly chronicled below.

" Oh ! here we are—oh ! here we are  
Gathered together once more  
We'll sing and dance and cheer and prance  
As we did in the days of yore  
We'll raise our voices in chorus high  
And make the welkin ring  
With a boola-boo, for the grand old blue  
And to dear old Yale we sing ".

Singing these words to the tuneful music of the Yale "Boola" about a score of the sons of Epsilon Deuteron did "gather together once more" at the Marlborough Hotel, Saturday evening, February 15th to partake of the good things provided and placed before them by "mine host" and to renew once again the social joys of Auld Lang Syne.

It was an occasion that will be long remembered by every brother present, for among those seated around the long snowy white table decorated with the blue of Yale and the tricolor of Theta Delta Chi were some with whom Epsilon Deuteron began her short life, and those with whom she died, and all had come together again, to resurrect for an evening the mother who had given Theta Delta Chi to them.

The happy hours were given over to mirth and melody such as was had when we all were 'neath the shade of the dear old

elms, and as the loving cup of the old charge, inscribed with the names of those whom Epsilon Deuteron has presented to our fraternity, was passed around, we were back again midst the scenes of those happy golden bygone days.

Perhaps, as we sang the old songs over and over again, a suggestion of sadness might have been detected in our voices—and yet we were happy. For this night Epsilon Deuteron truly lived again and was mighty in her new life, giving fond evidence of that spirit which once instilled seems never to leave us, though all else may fall away and die.

Toast followed toast, song followed song, and naught but joy and happiness were at our feast. But when the songs were at an end and we silently went out into the dark night, our hearts were heavy, for as the darkness closed around us and we clasped hands in reluctant parting, the touch was cold, the silent and deserted streets were a sad awakening from a happy dream and we realized only too well what might have been, and that we had resurrected her whom once we had so revered and honored, to bury her again with even more bitter sorrow at the end of one short day.

In accordance with the doctrine of "Convention Week," duly accepted as orthodox by the local Thetes, the ever-busy Fred Carter had arranged what he termed,—for the sake of the alliteration, rather than because of its literal accuracy, we suspect,—a "Symphony Symposium." This consisted of a pilgrimage on Sunday afternoon, to a Symphony Concert at Carnegie Hall. Here an abbreviated dozen of the brethren pompously occupied an equivalent number of seats first row *balcony*. Being all up in music they didn't mind the high location, Ned. Griffing declaring that harmony should be observed on such occasions. The concert was duly enjoyed by the brethren, each of whom wore the "musical mien" so prevalent in the balcony, and which indicates to a certainty that the frantic gymnastics of the conductor have the approval of connoisseurs.

Then an adjournment was taken to the "Bierstube" at Terrace Garden. An extemporaneous disquisition by Fred Carter on the peculiar virtues of oyster cocktails on the day next following

an Epsilon Deuteron dinner was voted a worthy effort, and the experiment, forthwith made, proved a great success. Thence the party adjourned to the home of one of the brothers, whence they "presently" melted out into the night.

"Hello, Fred, give me ticket number one or I'll"—"Sure, Nat, sure," interrupted Fred Carter, anxious to avoid trouble, in response to the urgent demand of Brother "Nat" Webster, Eta, '80. This faithful old frater,—and we use "old" advisedly as a term of affection, not of years,—was preeminently, the first and the last among our visitors to New York. On Tuesday evening, February 18th, he struck town, and it was not until Sunday evening, March 2, that he reluctantly broke camp and wandered back to New England, leaving a void in the Graduate Club circles that will not be filled until he comes back again. And that his return may be speedy is the wish of all those to whom "Nat" endeared himself during his sojourn with us.

On Tuesday evening there was a conclave at the Graduate Club, of those who comprise the *creme de la creme* of the Thirst Assuagers. The business of the gathering was stated to be the brewing of the *Essence of Punch* for Thursday's smoker. There was trouble at once, even though hypothetical legal points had been barred, medical terms deported, life insurance banned, Archives forgotten, and banking confined exclusively to the result. The debate waxed warm and long over the quantities and proportions of the several brands of alleged lemon juice which should be added. The differences of opinion were profound and fundamental, one party contending that the mixture would grow musty through standing, the other remarking as noteworthy that the former formulated this opinion only after the brew was well under way. Each accused the other of being there to test and not to brew.

But finally the last adjustment of ingredients had been effected to the satisfaction of the Assuagers, although several had to test repeatedly before they could conscientiously return a favorable verdict.

Then and there were loud calls for "Nat." He, perched upon his throne, received the cup-bearers, and placing the beaker to his beak pronounced his encomium: "It's all there, ain't it?"

Of course everybody has "birthdays," but we can't all manage to have them in Convention Week,—nor do we perhaps acknowledge them as cheerfully and as graciously as did Brother "Dan" Dougherty, Pi Deuteron, '82, on Wednesday. In his case, it served as an excellent pretext for an invitation extended by him to a dinner which formed part of the Convention Week festivities. The President of the Fraternity, Brother Huffcut, "Prexie" Harstrom, the New York Graduate Club Committee on the Smoker, Brothers Fred Carter, Frank Dodd, "Ned" Griffing, "Clarie" Howe, "Jim" Hamilton, Frank Jones, "Cliff" Wilmurt and ye scribe were the co-celebrants. Unfortunately, however, Brother Huffcut's train brought him into New York too late to be of the party.

Needless to say, a most enjoyable evening was passed, and after everything had been cleaned up or otherwise properly disposed of, after toasts had been drunk to "Dan's" health and happiness with a frequency and fervor that left no doubt as to the quality of the spirit which prompted them,—or the other spirit for that matter,—the brethren journeyed to the "Grad. Club" for the aftermath. Here the scribe left the party early convention morning,—so early in fact that convention had not yet been officially opened.

The Smoker at the New York Graduate Club was the attraction on the evening of the first day of the convention. The fond hopes of the members of the Club, that the occasion might be fully enjoyed by the visitors were more than realized, and yet the realization differed from the expectation, though more in kind than in degree. With the Semi-Centennial Smoker in mind, the committee had planned to plant the boys in chairs, pass eating, drinking and smoking materials, and entertain them with the many various and usually sufficient attractions which are always deemed essential to these affairs. But they would not be entertained. The really meritorious efforts of the vocalists were lis-

tened to but by few sympathetic ears,—and then with great difficulty,—the heroic efforts of the instrumentalists seemed to result chiefly in their own entertainment, and the prestidigitateur, well, it must be said that his dexterity met with hilarious appreciation.

Perhaps you who were not there will wonder why the smoker must needs be thus reported. Then let it be said that the atmosphere was surcharged with Theta Delta Chi, to the exclusion of all else. From the festive freshman to the gray-haired graduate, each was too busy with his own particular demonstration of Theta Delta Chiism, to be lured therefrom by anything that was not Theta Delt to the core. And so the smoker resolved itself into a large-sized reunion of nearly two hundred Thetes. The "old boys" got together in quiet (quasi) corners and lived over again the old days, to the tune of the old songs sung by many a lusty lung. The younger fraters spent the time profitably in devious ways, each calculated to provide the greatest possible enjoyment per foot pound of energy expended, and of energy there was assuredly no dearth.

Among the older visiting brothers whose presence lent dignity to an affair remarkable for other characteristics besides dignity, were : Jas. R. Mellon, Pi '65, Stephen M. Pitman, Kappa '68, Jacob Spahn, Chi '70, Dale Wilson, Upsilon '70, Theophilus Sproull, Chi '72, Frank Billmeyer, Phi '73, Wm. H. Dexter, Chi '78, Hosea Webster, Beta '80, Nathaniel R. Webster, Eta '81, F. Valdes, Pi Deuteron '86, and William G. Preston, Delta '88. In addition the entire New York contingent was present,—they seldom fail.

It were futile to attempt to report the proceedings, or rather such of the proceedings as might come within the observation of one pair of eyes. It shall not be attempted here.

It must suffice that the evening be briefly chronicled as a distinct success. The committee which arranged it, which selected "the talent," and which *brewed the punch*, was repaid for its labors by the enjoyment which its efforts made possible for the large and enthusiastic crowd which reported for duty.

Nor would it be fitting to close without speaking of the hospitality of the New York Graduate Club during all Convention Week. Its rooms, and every convenience which its members

enjoy, were placed at the disposal of the visitors, and it is gratifying to note by the Club register, how freely they availed themselves of the privileges extended. It would augur well for the future of the Club, that so many undergraduates have had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the peculiar advantages which the Club offers, as the Mecca of New York Theta Delt.

Believing that our conventions—the gathering together of the brothers from every charge of our Fraternity, from every part of the world whither Theta Delt have gone, the meeting together for the consideration of the beautiful principles upon which our order rests, the cementing of friendships that last until life's end—are among the greatest sources of inspiration, both for graduate and undergraduate brothers, Mu Deuteron this year made a special effort to gather her sons together for the Fifty-Fourth Convention. Several graduates made it their business to secure a large delegation of active members of the charge and to arrange for a goodly representation of the alumni. A Mu Deuteron luncheon where the “youngsters” should be able to meet the alumni and receive encouragement and counsel, and the “grads” could greet the active brothers and gain fresh inspiration and renewed interest in the Fraternity and the charge, was one of the features of the plan.

The idea was eminently successful. Twelve men came down from Amherst—one-half the membership of the charge. This number includes the entire senior delegation. Thirteen of the alumni were present at the convention at one time or another. Thus Mu Deuteron was represented by twenty-four brothers, a delegation larger than that of any other charge except the local charges in Columbia and C. C. N. Y.

On Friday, between the morning and afternoon sessions, the Mu Deuteron men sat down to a delightful luncheon that had been spread in a private room in the Hotel Marlborough. There was not the slightest formality, but good fellowship and Theta Delt spirit were allowed to take their course,—and they ran riot. A piano gave impetus to song that needed no impetus. Between the courses, yes, in the middle of them, good old Theta Delt and

college songs rang out until the entire lower floor of the hotel resounded with their melody. There were no speeches, but there were many discussions around the table of the old days, the present days and the future days. It was a family party, and the good genius of Theta Delta Chi presided at the board. Those who gathered there were :

*Graduates*—'86, the Rev. James Young, Garfield, N. J.; '90, Dr. Walter G. Reynolds, 107 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn; '92, E. Dana Pierce, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn; '93, Dr. Walter H. Ross, 185 Hewes Street, Brooklyn; '95, Jonathan A. Rawson, Jr., 8 Remsen Street, Brooklyn; '97, Arthur H. Merriam, Hanover Square Building, New York, and F. Stuart Crawford, 8 Remsen Street, Brooklyn; '99, Harry A. Bullock, Springfield, Mass.; 1900, Frank A. Morris, New York.

*Undergraduates*—1902, Charles W. Anderson, Silas D. Barber, Walter T. Bryant, Warren J. Burke and S. G. Hamlin; 1903, Edgar D. Hardy and John H. Stevens; 1904, Charles H. Brown, Jr., John F. Kane and Gordon C. Smith; 1905, Fraray Hale, Jr., and Roger N. Squire.

Others, who missed the luncheon but were present at some time during the convention were: '88, James G. Riggs, Dobbs Ferry; '93, Frederick W. Cole, 45 William Street, New York, and F. D. Edgell, 1246 Pacific Street, Brooklyn; 1900, Frank C. Dudley, 27 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn.

George Ferguson of Pi Deuteron has an uncle in the New York Central Railroad offices. At the end of one of the morning sessions of convention, George went to pay his respects to his avuncular relative, having incidentally decided that an invitation to lunch would be given due consideration. That is not the point of the tale, however, so let us proceed to a conversation which George overheard: "What do you suppose that funny-looking flag means on the Manhattan?" "Give it up, I'm sure; it may be in honor of Prince Henry, though. That first figure looks a lot like a pretzel." Wouldn't Henry be flattered if he could know what we know about that "pretzel!"

After a recent banquet in New York, the poet of the evening adjourned with several others (not poets) to the Graduate Club. An object of his solicitous care was a rose which he had brought with him from the banquet board. The poet was in mellow mood and the rose which he regarded with an inspired affection, seemed to possess unusual charms for him. Said he to the waiter who presently appeared in response to an urgent summons: "Peter, you can't smell this rose." No reply. "Peter, do you know why you can't smell this rose?" Peter's thoughts are not of record, for he vouchsafed never a guess. Finally with a triumphant air which indicated plainly that he considered the rose fully vindicated, the poet said: "Peter, because it's a Theta Delta Chi rose."

This is truly a subtle and essentially poetic differentiation between the roses which Peter can, and those which he cannot smell,—a conception as poetic as that of the ancients, of the "music of the spheres." But the roses which the boys gathered after the banquet from the beautifully decorated tables,—were they not gathered because they were Theta Delta Chi roses?

## THE CONVENTION BANQUET

Can any pen do justice to the banquet? Ours is set to paper with this object in view as seen through the wrong end of a telescope. The inspiration, the enthusiasm of the evening still burn within us, but we feel dubious on the question of their burning their way out in the lines that follow.

Eight-thirty on the evening of February twenty-first found some two hundred Theta Delts congregated at Sherry's, primed for the festivities in which the Fifty-Fourth Convention were about to culminate. Evidently President Huffcut had overlooked the appointment of a Committee on the Weather, and by what natorial feats the brethren managed to make the haven is a recollection which each must cherish for himself.

To the strains of the inspiring "El Capitan," we passed into the beautiful dining hall, where the various charges soon found the places assigned to them. Brother Everett M. Waterhouse, Iota '97, offered grace: "For the bounties of which by Thy mercy we are permitted to partake, and especially for the spirit of Theta Delta Chi, we give our thanks to Thee. Amen."

Brother F. E. Wadhams, Beta, '73, had arranged for a flash-light photograph, which was taken in the twinkling of an eye and the blinking of several more. Unfortunately the adverse conditions under which a picture of this kind is necessarily made, renders its reproduction here impracticable, owing to the great reduction in size which would be involved.

The customary program was gone through with respect to the well-served dinner which was presently translated from menu French into savory reality. Brother Fred Carter, in whose sole charge the arrangements for the dinner had been placed by President Huffcut, had provided for music by Van Baar's orchestra, which rendered the following program, as presented in the menu:

Fifty-Fourth  
CONVENTION



1902



## Melody

El Capitan	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sousa
Cavatina	-	-	-	-	-	-	Raff
Spring Song	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mendelssohn
Miserere,—Il Trovatore	-	-	-	-	-	-	Verdi
Little Duchess,—airs	-	-	-	-	-	-	De Koven
Semiramide Overture	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rossini
Romance—La Paloma	-	-	-	-	-	-	Garcia
Abendstern—Tannhauser	-	-	-	-	-	-	Wagner
William Tell Overture	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rossini

Those who were present will not soon forget, and those who were not, can readily imagine the representatives of each charge vieing with one another in an effort to vocally imitate the roar of heavy artillery and the crackle of small arms. Imagine the skill of the leader of the orchestra, who, ever watchful, ever sparring for an opening, managed to pilot his way through his program without a mishap. It must be granted in fairness to both the orchestra and their audience, however, that once fairly started, the really excellent music was fully appreciated. It was only over the question as to "who had the floor," that there seemed at times to be momentary doubts.

When, however, Brother Carter announced that Brother Waterhouse would sing "Sigismund's Liebeslied" from "Die Walkuere," it was at once evident that he had the advantage of the orchestra, having no occasion to spar for an opening after his hearty ovation had spent itself. And when he had finished that beautiful song, so beautifully rendered, methinks even the orchestra must have been content with second place. After his encore, Brother Waterhouse received the benefit of all the energy that had been stored up during the rendition of his songs, and he was deservedly cheered till the rafters rang.

The table at which sat the powers whose one hand conjured the multitude into silence while the other beckoned the successive speakers into activity, had been wisely arranged in a position of strategic prominence. It was a miniature Spion Kop, held by the brothers whose names follow. Beginning at the left, Doctor Daniel S. Dougherty, Pi Deuteron, '82; Col. Willis S. Paine, Chi, '68; James R. Mellon, Pi, '65; Edward S. Griffing, Iota, '89;

Frank N. Dodd, Rho Deuteron, '91, Toastmaster; Professor Ernest W. Huffcut, Beta, '84; President Rudolf Tombo, Jr., Pi Deuteron, '95, Rho Deuteron P. G.; Professor Charles J. Bullock, Lambda, '89; Major Jacob Spahn, Chi, '70; Dale Wilson, Upsilon, '69.

Brother Huffcut arose to say the opening word. Action, enthusiasm, and energy had up to that moment certainly characterized the proceedings of the evening, and he referred to these as necessary elements in the success for which we all strive. In Theta Delta Chi Brother Huffcut said he had observed that wise admixture of conservatism and radicalism, of deliberation and of action, which is the best assurance of permanent success. As illustrating the value of working and striving all the time, even though the chances be against us, he cited an amusing tale of two frogs that met one August day in a creamery. Each chose his pan of milk for a cooling bath. As they sank beneath the rising cream one began to cry "Help! Help! Help!" while the other began to struggle and cry "Hustle! Hustle! Hustle!" In the morning when the milkman arrived he found one frog lying dead in his pan, but the other was found in his, safely ensconced upon a valuable pot of butter feebly working his legs and still hoarsely crying "Hustle! Hustle! Hustle!"

Then followed a brilliant oration on which comment would be gratuitous, since we are fortunately enabled to present it herewith:

**BROTHER HUFFCUT:**

For those of us who approach or have passed the meridian of life, these occasions serve to revive the memories of our glorified youth. With what a tender and golden light they illumine the vanished years! Let us welcome it as from heaven, this light of fraternal love. Through its mellow radiance pass in review the friends and brothers who first gave us the fraternal handclasp, and those whom we, in our turn, first welcomed into the goodly company of the elect. It heightens the color and beauty of youth, reveals the strength and nobility of manhood, softens and smoothes the wrinkles of age, and touches with the benediction of peace the graves of those our brothers who were but are not. Divine effulgence of a divine ideal! Straight from the central fires of celestial love fell the spark that lighted the inextinguishable flame upon the altar of Theta Delta Chi. For more than fifty years the chosen youth of the land have watched and tended

that flame and warmed themselves at its genial glow. Of those who built the first altar but one remains, stricken in years but forever young in fraternal spirit. But had ever patriarch such an unending line of descendants! They are as the leaves of the forest or the sands of the sea for number. Four thousand strong they raise the shekinah of their faith from the land of the rock and the storm, to the land of our lady of the snow, and over the vast prairies to the land of our lady of perpetual summer.

Who among the six that built the first altar and witnessed the first miracle of the heaven-descended fire, could have dreamed of this wide extension of their faith and works? Yet why should they not have foreseen and foretold all that we now see and enjoy? For it is the ideal that lives and gives to institutions their vitality and perpetuity. And our Founders set before themselves an ideal so noble, so immutable, yet so certain to wake a response in the breasts of those who rightly apprehend its sublime import, that so long as that ideal remains the central and dominating note and purpose of this Fraternity the Theta Delta Chi may well be reckoned among the permanent institutions of mankind.

Youth, middle age and old age gather around this board in a common spirit to do honor and reverence to this sublime ideal first implanted by the Founders of our Fraternity. In that spirit we welcome you here to this hospitable board. In that spirit we ask you to attune yourselves to the ceremonies of this night. As the brothers shall speak to you and as the songs shall leap from their hearts and from their lips, we ask you to remember that back of it all is the ideal of true and lasting friendship that marks and makes our Theta Delta Chi.

Brothers, we have come to the better part of our evening's entertainment. You are to have the pleasure of seeing and hearing some of the older men of the Fraternity who wrought for it in the early days when it was but a feeble institution and its future might have seemed to them of uncertain promise. But with the indomitable zeal and the loyal spirit that characterized them and should characterize us they wrought on, heedless of results so long as they felt themselves influenced by the spirit of fraternal friendship that is after all the one inextinguishable and precious possession of mankind. All our earthly possessions may take to themselves wings and fly away. All that we have hoped for or longed for may prove but a vain illusion. We may see the end of life approaching with our ambitions unrealized and our hopes destroyed, but if through the long journey and at the end we are still capable of giving and receiving the exchanges of friendship, if we can still feel the warm and generous handclasp and the response of heart to heart within the mystic bonds of our brotherhood, we have indeed a recompense that will carry us with serenity and peace to the end, satisfied that we have not lived in vain, satisfied that whatever may be the illusions of life, there is at least one lasting immutable reality—fraternal friendship and fraternal regard. Many are they who have wrought in this spirit and their works are now known as the great works that have builded up our

magnificent organization into what we see it to-day. Honor and glory and eternal remembrance to those men.

We to-night are here to give that reverence and to bestow that honor. Most of you are but setting out on the long journey over which some of us have passed full half and more of the way. Let me tell you that we older men can assure you that what you ought to strive for and to hold and possess at all hazards is the confidence, the friendship of your fellow members of this fraternity. If you have that you have indeed a precious jewel, a priceless possession. I beg you then, my brothers, to respond to-night to the spirit of this occasion. Let joy be unbounded, let enthusiasm know no limit, let us rise to the full measure of our possession of this splendid fraternity, dominated as it is by the imperishable ideal of our friendship that outlasts time and chance and circumstance. Let us gather within the golden radiance of that constant and tender light that shines from the altar kindled first by the six Founders more than half a century ago, that we to-night may again dedicate ourselves, our hearts, our enthusiasms and our purposes to the attainment of an even more gratifying success than any we have yet known. We have a great opportunity. We can make what we will in the way of a fraternity, if we but give ourselves and our efforts to the upbuilding of the organization of which we are so justly proud and which reflects upon us, because we are members of it, one of the chief glories and honors of our lives. My young friends, just starting upon this noble work, be here and now re-enforced in your determination to do your all for glorious Theta Delta Chi. And as you go on with the work which we of the older days must more and more commit to your care and keeping, be assured that our hearts and hopes go with you in all that you may undertake for the honor and glory of our beloved brotherhood.

Brother Huffcut's closing words were the signal for a demonstration which proved conclusively how heartily his audience was in sympathy with him and with his subject, and how equally determined to show its appreciation of his masterful effort.

He next introduced Brother Frank N. Dodd, Rho Deuteron '91, as the Toastmaster of the evening, "the dispenser of high justice, low justice, middle justice, and every other kind of justice,—and injustice." Brother Dodd's popularity was amply attested by the rousing reception that followed.

When presently he was given an opportunity, he presented as the first speaker under his regime of "justice," Brother Rudolf Tombo, Jr., President of Grand Lodge. Another demonstration followed, which interrupted the proceedings several minutes, and which bore eloquent testimony to the esteem in which our new President is held. With admirable patience, he

awaited a lull in the din, and was soon fairly started on his contribution to the evening's oratory :

PRESIDENT RUDOLF TOMBO, JR.:

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

In Washington recently (laughter) I took occasion to remark to Dr. Sterrett that strange grouping was observed with respect to the sculpture in the Congressional Library : it seemed odd to me that St. Paul and Robert Fulton should be placed together. The Doctor ventured to suggest that they were both accustomed to blowing off steam. Without attempting to blow off any steam on this warm evening, I do feel, however, like blowing off a little enthusiasm.

I would first endeavor to express to the brothers my profound gratitude for the confidence which they have shown in me, by electing me to the highest office which is open to me. Since I am of German birth, the Presidency of the United States is closed and any wild ambitions in that direction, which might at any time have possessed me, can never be realized. But surely my ambitions had not looked forward to even that great honor which you have bestowed. I feel too young, and feel that my life here in the metropolis is too much of the sort called "strenuous," to do the same honor to the office, which have my predecessors. But I accept the honor in the spirit in which it has been bestowed, with a warm appreciation and a strong determination to prove worthy. I fully realize that a broad hiatus, a wide gap, separates me from those two incomparable presidents who have preceded me, and while never hoping to bridge it, I shall at least make an honest effort to do the utmost within the scope of my ability. If you, brothers, will but hold up my hands, I'll fight with you for our Theta Delta Chi till the last breath.

In his address last spring before the Phi Beta Kappa Society at Vassar, President Butler predicated among other thing, *refined manners and efficiency*, the power to do, as requisites of a perfect education. The former are obtained and found in Theta Delta Chi. In this democratic country, we recognize no aristocracy of blood, but as college men we pride ourselves on being aristocrats of the intellect, and as Theta Deltas we become true aristocrats of the heart, as outwardly evidenced by a veneer of refined manners. In Theta Delta Chi we are also taught to do things, not only each man for himself, but also for the good of a common cause. Theta Delta Chi is a grand school of action, as evidenced by the recent successes of the Columbia swimming relay and water-polo teams, which won 12 cups and 4 medals at the Chicago Sportsman's Show. And why? Simply because the three Theta Deltas on the relay of four possessed the requisite efficiency ; they had been taught to do things. The water-polo team had never defeated Yale, but possessed of the dogged determination so characteristic of Theta Delta Chi

wherever we find it, they never for a moment lost heart and were finally rewarded by winning from Yale last week under the captaincy of a Theta Delt to the tune of 3 to 0. Moral: Keeping everlastingly at it brings success.

At twelve fifty p. m. one cold, icy day, I saw a horse that had fallen, making no effort to rise, in spite of the strenuous appeals of the driver, emphasized by lashings of the whip. Two workmen who passed, suggested to the driver that he wait until the one o'clock whistle should blow, when the beast would probably get up of its own accord. However they neglected to take into account that it might be frozen stiff in the meantime. The moral which this tale is intended to convey is this: Don't wait until the whistle blows to do your work.

And do not moreover harbor the false impression that only those in high office have duties and responsibilities. Let every brother, however humble he may imagine his position in the fraternity world to be, feel that there is a place for him to fill, that he also has a task to perform, a problem to solve, and a duty to live up to, not only occasionally but all the time. Let him realize that while his duties and responsibilities may not be intrinsically so important as those with which others are charged, yet they are relatively of equal importance. Perfection in great things is attained only through perfection in the lesser. With every individual brother doing his bounden duty, and yielding the efficiency which is one of the characteristics of a perfect education, the problems which confront the new administration will be happily solved, and we may well hope that the uninterrupted march of progress will continue to be the pace of Theta Delta Chi in the fraternity world.

The Toastmaster next announced the reading by Brother Carter, of the messages received from some of the brothers who had been prevented from attending. Among these was Brother Moses Lyman, Zeta, '58, who was represented by—

“Lines written for the Banquet at the 54th annual Convention of Theta Delta Chi Fraternity, New York, February 21, 1902.”

The banquet hall was garnished fair, its lights blazed wide and high,  
With viands choice the board was spread for Theta Delta Chi;  
And gathered there from many a Charge 'mid toast and wit and wine,  
Each brother flung dull care aside to breathe a draught divine.

Bright youths assembled, many a score, and Manhood in its pride  
While scattered sparsely here and there were brothers old with silvered  
hair,—

The many, flushed with youth and hope, climbing Life's great divide,—  
The few, descending with the sun, wearied with toil and care.

I sought the men of Zeta Charge with hair of silvery sheen—  
 Those schooled by WAYLAND stern and grim, or SEARS of courtly mien ;  
 Some who knew HOLLEY in his pride or fellowshipped with HAY  
 Whose works and words the world around will honor many a day,—  
 Two brilliant stars in Zeta's crown—their Alma Mater ancient Brown,  
 One, all too early lost to Earth,—one winning more renown.

I found them not, Time's cruel hand, Toil and relentless Fate  
 Had snatched them all and written there, "Hic jacet,—'58."  
 I turned away, exclaiming sad, pierced by a shaft of pain—  
 "Brothers in name alone are ye ! sad memories fill my brain ;  
 Where are the friends of youthful years ? I seek but look in vain !"

"Will ye not drink one quiet toast,—the last, devoid of noise  
 In memory of the absent ones,—the white-haired good old boys ?  
 Then with the SHIELD upon each breast, as in the days gone by  
 March forth to honor every field for Theta Delta Chi."

MOSSES LYMAN,  
 Zeta, '58.

Lakeville, Conn., February, 1902.

The following, too, were read :

SYRACUSE, FEBRUARY 14, 1902.

MY DEAR BROTHER CARTER :

Your kind letter reminding me of the Convention and its attendant banquet finds me still disabled by my broken knee, which is recovering slowly. I can now get across my room with the aid of crutches, but I would woefully fail if I should attempt to emulate Goldsmith's veteran who

"Shouldered his crutch and showed how fields were won."

I would much enjoy being at the Convention, and if by some magic I could be safely set down at the banquet, I think I might be found equal to the *substantial* duties of the occasion. As things are I can only heartily wish to the brethren there every pleasure and happiness. I sometimes fear I may become too garrulous on fraternity matters, and if now I prove so, be it remembered, dear brother, that you led me into the temptation.

If the youthful founders of our Fraternity could have looked ahead a half century or so, and have foreseen that one of their number, and he not more worthy than the rest, might as the sole survivor "magnify his office" at banquets, conventions, installations, and other great events, perhaps they would have deemed it prudent to prescribe due forms for letters and speeches by him thereat, so that harm might not happen to the fraternity or himself through his undue loquacity, or the unfortunate loss of his wit, without discovery of the fact. As they did not however, it may remain for some remedy to be devised by whatever competent authority.

May I now try to say something more sober and emphasize the fact that the success of our Theta Delta Chi depends in much the largest part upon the character and efforts of the undergraduate membership. The pleasing structure in which we all have pride, is still being built up, year by year, and the work of the workmen in any one is not less important than that of any that preceded it.

That the present builders may be active, wise and successful is the fervent wish and hope of

Faithfully yours in  $\Theta \Delta X$ ,

A. H. GREEN,  
Alpha, '49.

At the conclusion of the reading, it was decided by a rising vote to send a telegram to Brother Green. Brother Mellon in his enthusiasm, occasioned a shout of laughter by his suggestion to Fred Carter: "Make it long; I'll pay for it." The telegram:

ANDREW H. GREEN, Fayette Street, Syracuse, N. Y.:

The Fifty-Fourth Convention at Banquet assembled, sends earnest assurance of affection with hopes of your early complete restoration to health and that you may meet with us next year.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 7, 1902.

DEAR BROTHER:

I have received your kind invitation to attend the Fifty-Fourth Annual Convention of Theta Delta Chi in New York on the 20th and 21st of February, and very much regret that it will not be possible for me to be present.

With many thanks, I am,

Yours very fraternally,

JOHN HAY.

ERNEST W. HUFFCUT, Esq.,  
President, Ithaca, N. Y.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA, FEBRUARY 11, 1902.

BROTHERS IN THETA DELTA CHI:

One of the old boys sends cordial and fraternal greetings to all—especially to the representatives of the Baby Charge.

Long live Zeta Deuteron!

"While love shall live, blest be the tie  
That binds in Theta Delta Chi!"

Fraternally yours,

LEWIS HALSEY,  
Xi, '68.

HOTEL BUTLER,  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 14, 1902.

DEAR BROTHER HUFFCUT :

Scarcely have the echoes of the Buffalo Convention died away when I am again summoned to join with the brothers for another delightful time in New York. After once experiencing the pleasures of a Convention, it is indeed hard to forego the enjoyment, but such are the exigencies of fate to one who leads a nomadic life. Unfortunately our itinerary for the 21st and 22d takes me to Montana, which is about as far away as I could be, so there is no hope of getting there. I can find consolation only in the fact that there is no distance great enough to prevent us from being with the brothers in spirit on these happy occasions, if not in the material and I beg you to convey to all my dear friends in the  $\Theta \Delta X$  present, my warmest fraternal greetings and assurance that I will be with them in thought and in every cheer for the Black, the White and Blue.

May you have a glorious time, and may the enthusiastic expressions of loyalty and allegiance to the dear old bonds, engender new ties of friendship and spread their good influences far and near, to stimulate fidelity—and constancy to  $\Theta \Delta X$ .

—"I drink to the general joy of the whole table."

Fraternally yours,

NORMAN HACKETT,  
Gamma Deuteron, '98.

Only one man has the vocal equipment to fittingly render Zeta Deuteron's telegram. Fred Carter is that man, and this is the way he read it :

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MONTREAL, QUEBEC, FEB'Y 21, 1902.

"Whoop it up there, we're whooping it up here."

ZETA DEUTERON.

Letters had been received also from Brothers James V. Long, Phi, '70; R. C. Scott, Xi, '70; L. G. Powers, Kappa, '72; Daniel H. Felsch, Eta, '80; F. W. Hamilton, Kappa, '80; A. E. Pederson, Kappa, '92; Alexander Meiklejohn, Zeta, '93; H. H. Van Tuy, Gamma Deuteron, '96; "Jimmy" Hallock, Beta, '96, and The Pacific Coast Graduate Association.

Telegrams were read from Brothers Seward A. Simons, Beta, '79 and "Nat" Myrick, Zeta, '00, as also from the Iota Deuteron Club of Boston, and the Central Graduate Association of Chicago.

Brother Dodd introduced as the next speaker, Brother James R. Mellon, Pi, '65. At each place at the tables was a small aluminum ash tray stamped to commemorate the occasion, and surmounted by a cigar of unusual, and to many, puzzling contour. The Toastmaster disclosed the fact that these had been provided by Brother Mellon, "who is constantly seeking an opportunity to do something for Theta Delta Chi, and who moreover, does it so quietly that we don't catch him at it more than one time in ten." With his characteristic modesty, our bountiful brother endeavored to belittle the significance of his gift: The trays he said, were intended to advertise the aluminum business in which he is engaged. The laughter and applause with which this declaration was greeted, indicated that his hearers were not prepared to credit Brother Mellon with having uprightly stated his motives. The cigars furthermore, were the famous "Pittsburg stogies" from the "Smoky City," whence he had come to attend the convention. Evidently the boys know the calibre of Brother Mellon's loyalty to Theta Delta Chi, for they sang repeatedly and vigorously:

For he's a jolly good fellow,  
For he's a jolly good fellow,  
Yes, he's a jolly good fellow,  
In Theta Delta Chi, etc.

After many frantic efforts which produced momentary discords such as are heard nowhere outside of a Chinese theatre, the orchestra finally found the key, and all proceeded smoothly to a finish. Suddenly, however, "Ned" Griffing became possessed of what must have been an inspiration, resulting in a fresh start:

And he's a member of Pi,  
And he's a member of Pi,  
For he's a jolly good fellow, etc.,  
In Theta Delta Chi.

Then Brother Charles J. Bullock, Lambda, '89, was introduced by the Toastmaster, and the ovation with which the ex-

editor of *THE SHIELD* was greeted, was in heartiest accordance with Brother Dodd's laudatory introduction. The speaker's efforts to respond to the Toastmaster's call reminded one of the orchestra leader's efforts earlier in the evening, with the advantage in favor of the latter. After several vain attempts, Brother Bullock finally managed to secure the floor.

BROTHER BULLOCK :

You see my speech is already opened in the form of a responsive service and I shall not need to add much by way of introduction. It occurred to me while I was trying to collect my thoughts, that it is after all perhaps fortunate that I have not had occasion to live with more than five or six of our various charges. I have had, brothers, the exceedingly good fortune during the dozen or more years that I have been an itinerant pedagogue, to be associated constantly with one, and sometimes more of our various charges. I have lived with Theta Delts in the East, in New York State, and in what back in 1893 we used to call the West, but what has now become merely the centre of population, and I can say that wherever I have lived I have always found the true Theta Delt spirit to be the same. I have found in Boston or in Ithaca, in Cambridge or in Williamstown, in Wisconsin or in Minnesota, that Theta Delts are the same this broad land over, and that our fraternity spirit knows no bounds of state or section.

When I asked Brother Huffcut a moment ago what I should talk about, he told me to talk about one minute. I have already exceeded my allotted time. But I shall take a moment to tell a story of which I have been reminded during the enthusiastic performances of the strong lunged brothers from the various colleges. It is the story of the performance of a well known comedian in a play, which I happened to see some dozen years ago. In the course of the play the comedian in question performed the most remarkable physical contortions that his audience had ever witnessed. He tied himself up into more than a dozen bow knots and then he untied himself with lightning rapidity, and each time in a different way. After he had concluded one of the other actors said to him, "Why, what was that?" and he said "That, sir, was the college yell of a deaf and dumb asylum." I have been trying to picture as I sat here, the contortions that the comedian would have had to go through had he attempted to act in the language of the deaf and dumb people, the various yells that we have heard here this evening.

I thank you, brothers, for the cordiality of your reception, and assure you that it gives me great pleasure to have partaken of this evening's festivities.

Brother Willis S. Paine, Chi, '68, was next presented as a man who spends the greater part of his days in sunny Wall

Street, but who also finds time to wander occasionally into that part of the metropolis called by contrast shady—the Bowery. Vouchsafing no further information as to the nature of the toast, Brother Dodd left his audience in a state of high expectancy ; it seemed as if there must be a mistake somewhere.

But no, for presently Brother Paine explained that just because his business and social life take him into parts of the city that have nothing in common with the slums, he makes it a point occasionally to walk along the Bowery, even as the Toastmaster had charged ; and that he furthermore avails himself of the opportunity to ascertain whether any fraternity pins are to be found in the pawn-shops indigenous to that thoroughfare. In all his experience he said, and among the many badges which find their way to these places, he had found but two of ours, both satisfactorily accounted for as having been lost by their owners,—one long since by a brother well-known to the Fraternity, who had been but recently elected to a high position in ecclesiastical circles. That badge Brother Paine held up to view, and said that on the morrow it would be speeding back to its owner. The other had been returned to its owner, who was seated not far from the speaker. This, a new field of Theta Delt activity, met with the hilarious approval of the boys, and Brother Paine's novel address was heartily applauded.

Next came Brother Daniel S. Dougherty, Pi Deuteron, '82, who opened by remarking that it seemed most natural and proper "after the Paine to have the Doctor." Brother Dougherty took as the text of his talk a remark which a Thete had made to him, that the good which it is possible for us to get out of the Fraternity is in proportion to the work which we do for it. The Doctor expanded on this in his usual felicitous language, adjuring his hearers to strive for the welfare of Theta Delta Chi, "so that when we, too, shall have joined those who have gone before us to the Omega, some sweet essence of memory may still cling to the reminiscent sound of our names."

If ever a baby charge was popular, then is Zeta Deuteron preeminently that fortunate baby. For every effect there is a cause, and while it is not the purpose of the scribe to enter into an abstract discussion of the causes which contribute to Zeta Deuter-

on's popularity, still the fact necessarily remains that these causes exist. One of them, however abstract the others may be, is certainly a very concrete one, and that is the personality of Brother Fortin, Zeta Deuteron's delegate. All the enthusiasm which all the boys feel for Zeta Deuteron was focused on that one lone undergraduate representative,—Fortin. All the enthusiasm which all the Zeta Deuteron boys feel for Theta Delta Chi had likewise to be radiated by him. And so it came to pass that when he was finally called upon by the Toastmaster to speak for "The Baby Charge," he was not "too full for utterance" as the classic phrase runs,—but so full that something must surely have happened had not the floor been his to have and to hold while he emptied his heart, and spoke for Zeta Deuteron to Theta Delta Chi.

Brother Carl Tombo, to whose facile pen we are indebted for the speeches herein reported, met his Waterloo in Fortin's speech. "Tommy" said afterwards that he became so absorbed in listening that he forgot to write. Besides, it were useless to attempt to give Brother Fortin's speech in cold type. One might as well try to convey an idea of the song of the thrush by writing the notes on paper. The spontaneity, the warmth, the deep sincerity of that speech,—made under the influence of an enthusiasm which our northern brother said would have made a wooden Indian talk,—will ever linger in the memories of those who heard it, as the product of that spirit which makes Theta Delta Chi what it is to each of us.

When Brother Huffcut had resumed his seat after his opening address, he undoubtedly thought,—if he gave a thought to the matter at all,—that his active participation had ended there. But Brother Fortin had electrified us all, and before the applause had even begun to wane, Brother Huffcut was on his feet again, and then we knew that there was another treat in store for us. Verily it was a night of rare enjoyment for us who can at least listen as well as our orators can speak !

BROTHER HUFFCUT :

I am sure it would not be fitting that the eloquent words of the brother from our youngest charge should pass without response. Brother Paine has referred obliquely to-night to a son of mine. *That is my son.*

The one offspring of my administration of the affairs of this fraternity is the Zeta Deuteron charge. Needless to say I am proud of it. I may say that I went with apprehension to visit the petitioners. When they first wrote me concerning their desire to secure a charter from this fraternity I am sure that my reply to them must have seemed a discouragement. At the bottom of my heart I did not at first believe that the fraternity would ever consent to establish a charge in Canada. I knew the sentiment of conservatism that rules our fraternity. I knew with what pain and what travail had been born those magnificent charges of the Northwest, and with what doubt and fear we had assented to the establishment of a charge on the Pacific Coast, and I never thought that every existing charge of our fraternity would consent to the establishment of a charge upon foreign soil. I told the boys that it was easier for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven than for a charge to be born into the fellowship of Theta Delta Chi. But still I went, at their earnest solicitation. I was impressed, as every man must have been impressed, with the efficiency, with the pluck, and with the determination of those petitioners. They said, "We realize the difficulty, we know our unworthiness, we fear the result, but yet, notwithstanding all that, we have set our hearts upon being members of Theta Delta Chi, and if there is any remotest possibility of it we want to grasp that possibility. We beg you to come and to examine us and to report to your fellow members, and if you and they decide that we are unworthy we will abide the decision, and if you decide that we are worthy we shall regard it as the greatest honor of our lives." In that spirit I went. The boys met me. They told me what they hoped, what they had done, what they planned. I saw them. From the first I loved them. I felt that they had there the material fit to make a worthy charge of this fraternity. You have seen a splendid sample here to-night. Brother Fortin is one of more than a dozen similar men who constitute the Zeta Deuteron charge of Theta Delta Chi. Can you wonder that when I had seen them, when I had subjected them to an examination which I am sure was worse than a third degree in a New York detective department, I came back and reported to the charges that in my judgment they measured up to the full standard of the charges now existing in this fraternity? And I received a letter from one of the charges in the East asking me, as I thought in a somewhat critical spirit, why I recommended so strongly the granting of a charter to the petitioners from McGill. And I replied that I recommended it because after an impartial examination, after an examination undertaken in a spirit of doubt, I had come to the conclusion that if ever there was a worthy body of petitioners seeking admission into the mystic and glorified fellowship of this fraternity it was the men who had sent us that irresistible petition from McGill in a foreign land. The charges I am glad to say, I am proud to say,—for I regard it to some extent as a mark of personal confidence in me,—the charges all finally voted "aye." One first voted "no." I reveal that secret to you now. And what did I do? I sent to a brother whose influence I knew to be great

and I said to this brother in whose judgment the whole fraternity has great confidence, go down to that charge and explain to them that this body of petitioners will constitute, if this charter be granted, as fine a charge as now stands upon the roll of Theta Delta Chi. I said to Charles J. Bullock, go and tell that charge that if it wants to do a fine thing for Theta Delta Chi, vote "aye" upon this petition. And he went and the "aye" came back, and that Zeta Deuteron is to-day one of the charges of our fraternity is due ultimately to the efforts and influence of Brother Bullock.

Brother Fortin has spoken in words of eloquence and conviction of the permanent and indissoluble bond that unites all members of the English speaking race. I echo his every word and his every sentiment, and I say to him and all our brothers across the political line that no man in our day or our generation or in all the history of our Republic has done more to strengthen those common bonds of language, of religion, of race and of blood and to remove causes of misunderstanding and distrust, than that loyal Theta Delt, John Hay, Secretary of State. And if there was ever a fitting time for the establishment of a charge of Theta Delta Chi upon English soil it was during the time that John Hay was Secretary of State and John Griggs was Attorney General. While there were those who would have sown the seeds of discord between the two political divisions of this great race, while there were those who were content to make political capital out of grievances based upon circumstances that time had eliminated and upon history that had become ancient, there were at least two men in the cabinet of President McKinley who were determined, if it was in their power, to unite in the common purposes of civilization and humanity this great and conquering race that speaks the language of Milton and Shakespeare and honors the work of Washington and Lincoln. These two men are members of our fraternity and only two years ago in the City of Washington they sat at the board of our common celebration on an occasion like this, and spoke words of fraternal love and zeal to the young brothers who gathered upon that occasion. Do you wonder, then, that inspired by their spirit, that moved by the impulse they had set in motion, it became our purpose so far as lay in our power, to contribute something towards the union of hearts among the Anglo-Saxon race? And although it was a humble part, and although in the history of nations Theta Delta Chi may not even be mentioned, yet at our celebration upon this occasion I think I may say in all modesty and humility that, unimportant as we are in the great progress of nations, this step which we have taken has contributed something toward that union of hearts and of purpose and of ideals that in the ultimate and in the aggregate will make the Anglo-Saxon race the dominant and the controlling influence in the history of the world. Brother Fortin has brought us the message of brotherhood from English soil. Standing on American soil and beneath the Aegis of the Stars and Stripes let us reciprocate the sentiment. Let us assure our brothers across the border that whatever nations and politics may have to say, we have this to say,—We are brothers, and we will conduct ourselves and our relations as befits the great brotherhood of Theta Delta Chi.

The orthodox demonstration followed. We spare words because of their inadequate descriptive power.

At this point the Toastmaster called for three cheers for Fred Carter, to show our appreciation of the success which had crowned his efforts. He had made all the arrangements for the dinner, had provided the unique song folder bearing the Fraternity flower on the cover, and the menu, the cover design of which is reproduced on another page. Fred could have three times three cheers any time they might be called for, without having lifted a finger for them, and the atmosphere was in a state of violent vibratory agitation when the boys rose to do him honor on this occasion.

Brother Harstrom had unfortunately not felt well, and obtained from the Toastmaster, though with the greatest difficulty, a promise that he would not be called upon. The Dispenser of Justice kept his pledge, but he could not keep the boys from vociferously calling for "Prexie" Harstrom, and a loud shout was set up which was intended to convey a request for the speech from him without which the evening would not be complete. Unfortunately Brother Harstrom had found it necessary to quietly retire early, and the disappointment which was manifest at this discovery proved how deeply he is ensconced in the affection of Theta Delts.

The Toastmaster, regaining control: "There has been a fine display of enthusiasm this evening and much deep feeling has been shown. I am now going to ask for a few words in a lighter vein from Brother Jacob Spahn, Chi, '70."

Whenever and wherever Brother Spahn appeared at an assemblage of Thetes, his address, always felicitous and distinctive,—"Spahnnesque" we are tempted to say,—has been awaited with impatience, heard with intense satisfaction, and applauded as only an appreciative audience of Theta Delts can applaud a brother so dear to them as "Jake." And surely he was never more himself than on this evening.

BROTHER SPAHN :

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS: I was almost overwhelmed by the torrent, the veritable Niagara of eloquence from my Anglo-Saxon English friend with the French name,—Fortin. And then I caught on to a couple

of German brands before my American friend Huffcut and I observed in that combination the working of that international effect which so inspired our northern brother. I saw an intermingling of the German hop with the Anglo-Saxon French exuberance and the American Yankee eloquence in the words of Brother Huffcut, and I made up my mind that there would be very little that I might be able to accomplish of a degree either high cut or low cut that would equal Huffcut.

I am particularly gratified upon this occasion to talk for a nationality that is many miles away and that sends a messenger of peace from the great war lord, for the purpose of making us feel good natured. For the first time in the history of our Fraternity a native of Germany is at the forefront of affairs as the President of the Grand Lodge. My enthusiastic and hustling friend, Rudolf Tombo, is now at the head of this big Fraternity. I, too, have the misfortune to be a native of Germany. Hence the many stops and hesitations that characterize me as a public orator. If I had been lucky enough to have been born upon your American soil I would have been able to talk your tongue with fluency and dispatch and hit a point every time.

I pass over to a serious consideration. I cannot blame Huffcut for getting enthusiastic over the fundamental principles of our Fraternity. When I became a member of this Fraternity largely through the instrumentality of my clerical friend over here (who isn't a clergyman at all)—Brother Sproull, I think there were not more than five hundred or six hundred names on the roster. I understand from Brother Carter that there are today from thirty-five to thirty-six hundred names. We have never in this Fraternity made an effort to muster up an enormous roster. We have been careful to be select, to constitute the *creme de la creme*, and we are that. I won't permit any man, though I am good natured with reference to the claims for superiority of others, to dispute the assertion which I always make with the lungs of a stentor, that we are the first and best fraternity in all this land.

And right here I would take exception to my friend Fortin who spoke so eloquently of the Northern Star. He erred when he passed from this consideration to that of the top-notch which he hopes Zeta Deuteron may some day reach. There is no top-notch in Theta Delta Chi. For when we reach the pinnacle of the seeming top-notch we use it but as a resting-place from which we reach up to carve out another top-notch. And so we keep on.

But I must stop now, for in the presence of so many handsome youthful faces, I feel that I am growing old and fossilized. I am abashed at standing face to face with such a noble assemblage of broad and intelligent brows, and especially such a collection of expansive white shirt-bosoms with here and there a glistening diamond. I hope these latter were earned by the honest sweat of your brows as was the one in my own bosom, which I received for securing the acquittal of a burglar.

How the boys cheered his flight beyond the top-notch, and how they applauded that very last delicious bit of typical Spahn

humor! Only "Jake" of all the two hundred could have made that speech, and every one of the other one hundred and ninety-nine knew it.

Then came that last toast, the silent toast to the Omega, that one charge whose immortal roster grows ever longer and suffers no depletion. The old song was sung in closing :

We meet to-night strong in the love  
Of Theta Delta Chi,  
But sad to tell, we meet to speak  
The parting word, good-bye.

Then, boys, we now must say farewell  
And breathe the parting sigh ;  
To Theta Delt and all its joys,  
We bid a fond good-bye.

The banquet was over.

Yet many lingered. It was hard to say good-bye, for the good-bye spoken after an evening rich as that just ended, in the wealth and warmth of fraternal love, is not so easily said as the good-byes of our hurrying daily life.

To those we love with love that knows no bounds,  
E'en to the ear that hears no earthly sounds  
We breathe that same last word,—in deepest sorrow,—  
That one would say if 'twere but till the morrow :

" Good-bye."

But finally we dispersed. Attracted by a lurid glare to the southward, indicating a great conflagration, several of the brothers faced the sleet and the storm to view the spectacle. It was the burning of the Seventy-first Regiment Armory which they witnessed,—a terrible yet magnificent demonstration of the devastating fury of the flames. Having seen, and rejoicing in the belief that no loss of human life had been involved, the tired banqueters turned their backs upon the scene, and sought their rest with minds care-free and in a spirit of complete content.

## A THETA DELTA CHI FUNERAL FOR JACOB SPAHN

The blizzard of February 21st had on the morning of the 22d turned into a blinding, penetrating sleet of snow and rain, and with it, the joy of one of the most enthusiastic and annual-making of Theta Delta Chi functions was turned into the gloom and blackness of mourning.

Shortly after several brothers had partaken of a breakfast at the Graduate Club, in which jest and reminiscence had been lightly blended, the writer was called to the telephone, and received the shocking intelligence that the devastating fire of the night before had included the Park Avenue Hotel in which Brother Jacob Spahn was a guest, and that Brother Spahn's name was included among the list of the dead. The shock then was overwhelming and even at this hour the sense of pain and the quickenings of affection serve to obscure a complete chronology of what followed. What we do know is that Brother Spahn, after one of those signal triumphs that always attended his unique oratory, retired to his hotel at one-thirty o'clock. With him was Theophilus Sproull, a charge brother and an old college comrade, whom he had met at convention for probably the first time in thirty years, and who left him at about that hour to retire to his own hotel. Soon after came the fatal fire. At four o'clock, Bellevue Hospital received our injured brother into its care. Brother Spahn asked the physician in charge whether he had any chance to live, and the doctor noting the calm, courageous bearing, which we knew as typical of Jake, replied that he would examine a little more closely before answering. Then the serious condition of the patient being clear, the doctor told him that his hours were numbered. With a calm and reconciled spirit, our brother bore with fortitude the warning that the glories of human life, which he had not yet exhausted, were to be for him no more. A period of quietude ensued, and then at half-past six the soul of Jacob Spahn passed to that bourne from which no traveler returns.

The pathetic lines of Marc Cook, Psi, '74, come instructively to mind,

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

Throughout the entire day as the intelligence became more widely circulated, the club was the scene of the arrival of many a brother who had hastened to obtain the news, fearing the worst, yet hoping against hope that there might have been some mistake. As the brothers gathered throughout the day, the desire to do, to show some fitting tribute, was constantly voiced, and so was created the movement which led the Fraternity to proffer all the aid that friendly hands and hearts could give to the bereaved family in their dire affliction. By nightfall the remains of Jacob Spahn had passed into the care of Theta Delta Chi. Late in the evening Mrs. Spahn arrived from Rochester and the Fraternity made ready if desired, to retire from service so as not to obtrude itself upon the family. But its ministrations were not allowed to cease. The evident tenderness and thoughtfulness which characterized the brothers led the sorrowing wife to request that if agreeable to the Fraternity, it should continue in charge of the last sad offices.

On Sunday evening the remains were taken to Rochester under the care of the Fraternity. The Grand Lodge appointed a special representative to act on its behalf and for the Fraternity and the Custodian of Archives was designated as such representative.

The train which left New York at eight on Sunday evening arrived in Rochester at six-thirty Monday morning, February 24th. It was met at the station by James A. Gosnell, David G. Meyer, Charles L. Hinchey, and W. H. Salmon, of the Chi Charge. This escort conducted the arriving party to Brother Spahn's home.

At nine o'clock the Chi Charge established a Guard of Honor which was maintained continuously throughout the slowly waning days, and the silent hours that followed upon the setting of the sun, until reluctantly the fraternal care must needs

be ended. This guard of honor was composed of the following brethren : James A. Gosnell, Ray H. Hart, W. H. Salmon, E. E. Lawton, W. F. Love, Joseph P. Hogan, H. S. Schumacher, C. L. Hinchey, F. E. Gladwin, W. F. Croston, W. H. H. Inter-  
mann, G. H. Rounds, C. H. Spiehler, and C. P. Jackman. Two of the guard were constantly on duty. The guard was changed at intervals of four hours, although occasionally during the night, a six hour watch was sought and taken by those on duty.

By noon of Monday a constant stream of callers was giving proof of the loyalty of Brother Spahn's friends. The brothers on duty took the names of these callers, including many of the most distinguished citizens of Rochester, and by Wednesday evening the names had filled a score or more of pages.

I wish to bear personal testimony to the devotion of the boys of Chi, who, by a decade or a full score of years, had fallen short of intimate contact with Jacob Spahn. But one year or two had brought them to a realization that he stood for and exemplified the vital principles of Theta Delta Chi. Their constancy was proved by the tender care with which they attended Mrs. Spahn, by countless acts of thoughtfulness, and by their ever constant wish to do more than they had done to show their devotion to their departed friend and brother.

Ah, if all the Fraternity could feel the power of the tie that binds us, that strained to tension almost unbearable, as that handful of precious dust was guarded in love and faith, by the devotees of our sacred Friendship !

On Tuesday morning Louis Spahn, Chi, '79, brother of Jacob, and a brother in the Fraternity, arrived from Chicago. He told those in charge that during Saturday, while he was trying to get some definite news as to what had occurred, the comforting thought had come to him that since our brother had passed away in our arms, as it were, the Fraternity was doubtless doing all that could be done for the bereaved family and for the dead. Sustained by this thought and belief he had come to Rochester and found that the Fraternity had made every arrangement. He gave ready acquiescence to all that had been done,—in fact as he said to Mrs. Spahn, who had been the first to recognize the intense feeling that actuated us, it were indeed unkind to lift a fin-

ger lest it mar some point in the traditions of the Fraternity in its loving care of his and our brother. Prior to this time Mrs. Spahn had been asked if she would grant us the tender privilege of mounting a Guard of Honor. Her terse reply was, "Do as you will, if it is for Jake."

On Wednesday at half after twelve a memorial service was held at the Chi house, 96 Park Avenue. All the active men of the Charge as well as many of the out of town members attended. As the invocation was sung and as the full meaning of the lines

"Alpha, thou morning ray,  
Omega, close of day."

was borne in upon us we realized the import of the sad duty of the hour. After the invocation Brother Frederic Carter gave a brief portrayal of the events which preceded Brother Spahn's death. Brother E. W. Huffcut, the retiring President of the Grand Lodge, spoke in simple phrase of Brother Spahn's relations to the Fraternity and of his deep interest in all that pertained to its welfare. Brother Louis Spahn attended this gathering. At the close of the memorial service, the brothers entered waiting carriages and were driven to the residence, 34 Concord Street.

The services at the house were held at half past two under the direction of the Fraternity. Committees of Odd Fellows and of the Bar Association were in attendance, and the municipality was represented by Hon. A. J. Rodenbeck, Mayor of the city. About one hundred and twenty persons were present, testing to the full the capacity of the house.

The casket rested in a parlor in the front of the house, in a bower of flowers. At the head of the casket rested the symbol of the Omega, the tribute of the Grand Lodge, made of black immortelles bordered with white carnations. Upon the right of the casket were placed the emblems of the Beta and Rho Deuteron charges. The Beta emblem had the Greek letter in red carnations upon a field of the same flower in white. Rho Deuteron showed the blue and white of Columbia by placing the Greek letters in English violets upon a field of white carnations. At the right of the casket, within an arm's length, in a position that might be termed the centre of the floral ensemble, was placed the Theta Delta Chi Shield; this had for its background, English

violets upon which the letters were represented in white hyacinths and the stars and arrows in spirea, while around the floral field the white pearls were represented by snowy azealeas. The casket was draped with the flag of the Fraternity, sent by the Graduate Club. On the folds of the flag in the middle of the casket was placed a floral design of the flag sent by the same organization; the fields were made of black immortelles, white carnations and violets, and the little detail of a flag pole was daintily expressed by the use of yellow genestas. Placed just below the flag was a floral Chi, the emblem of Brother Spahn's own Charge, composed of yellow daffodils in the shade of color so well known by all the sons of the University of Rochester. Nor were these all of the loving tributes, for near his feet were placed two more emblems, the Greek letter of the Xi in violets upon a field of orange azealeas, and that of Pi Deuteron with the chief symbol in violets and a superimposed Delta (Deuteron) in black immortelles. Thus were the colors of the Fraternity, of its flag, the black of mystery and the lighter hues of the various colleges, brought as a last tribute of a united Fraternity to honor Jacob Spahn.

As one entered the room where rested the casket, to take a last farewell of all that was mortal of our departed brother, he found the shades lowered and the gas burning softly. The form of dear old Jake as he lay there peacefully at rest, tragic as had been his death, appeared

"As one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him  
And lies down to pleasant dreams."

He was in evening dress as we last saw him at our banquet. The right arm lay placidly across his breast. On the pillow rested the strong and massive head, peacefully as in sleep. In the lapel of his coat was a yellow daffodil, the color of his University, which had been taken from the Chi emblem.

It occupied nearly three-quarters of an hour for the long file of friends to take their farewell. More than two hundred persons outside were unable to enter. Three officers were there to preserve order. No duty had they, for actuated by a common impulse, all stood in reverent attention that no word of the impressive service might be lost.

The services were opened with the following prayer offered by the Rev. F. F. Fry, Pastor of the Church of the Reformation :

Oh, God the Father in Heaven, who hast fashioned us in Thine own likeness, as a father pities his children, so do Thou pity us this day. Oh, God the Son, our eldest brother, who didst willingly come from Heaven to this sin-stricken earth, we ask for Thy mercy, we ask for Thy pardon and Thy peace. Oh, God the Holy Spirit, grant us Thy peace, we pray.

Out of the depths of our sorrow we lift up our hearts to Thy throne of grace. Thou didst give Thine own dear Son to be our Savior ; for His sake have mercy upon us now that we are cast in so deep gloom. Oh, the depths of the riches of God ! Oh, the depth of the knowledge and wisdom of God !

We pray Thee, dear Father, pity this stricken and sad family. Humbly do we ask Thy mercy upon her upon whom most heavily falls this awful sorrow. We ask Thee to be her companion as long as she lives. Let her find in Thee her all in all. May Thy pity also rest upon this daughter, now left fatherless ; may she find in Thee light for her soul. We pray Thee for the brother and the relatives of the beloved dead.

Oh, Lord, our God, have mercy upon us. Do Thou prepare every heart for the final summons so that when we are called away we may rest in Thy name.

The Rev. Carl N. Conrad, Pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church, and a friend of long standing, delivered the sermon. He spoke, in part, as follows :

TEXT : "To die in Christ Jesus is everlasting gain."

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To-day when our Brother Carter said, "Why do we instinctively turn at such a time to these symbols that surround him as he lies among us here," I replied : "Because they express to each of his brothers that which each brother wishes he might express in words."

The services were opened with the following prayer offered by the Rev. F. F. Fry, Pastor of the Church of the Reformation :

Oh, God the Father in Heaven, who hast fashioned us in Thine own likeness, as a father pities his children, so do Thou pity us this day. Oh, God the Son, our eldest brother, who didst willingly come from Heaven to this sin-stricken earth, we ask for Thy mercy, we ask for Thy pardon and Thy peace. Oh, God the Holy Spirit, grant us Thy peace, we pray.

Out of the depths of our sorrow we lift up our hearts to Thy throne of grace. Thou didst give Thine own dear Son to be our Savior ; for His sake have mercy upon us now that we are cast in so deep gloom. Oh, the depths of the riches of God ! Oh, the depth of the knowledge and wisdom of God !

We pray Thee, dear Father, pity this stricken and sad family. Humbly do we ask Thy mercy upon her upon whom most heavily falls this awful sorrow. We ask Thee to be her companion as long as she lives. Let her find in Thee her all in all. May Thy pity also rest upon this daughter, now left fatherless ; may she find in Thee light for her soul. We pray Thee for the brother and the relatives of the beloved dead.

Oh, Lord, our God, have mercy upon us. Do Thou prepare every heart for the final summons so that when we are called away we may rest in Thy name.

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At his right hand standing where he might see its flower-starred field could he open those closed eyes and look, is the Shield which he wore for more than a generation proudly upon his breast and which ever he honored by the wearing of it. Almost within touch of his folded hands is the flag which he loved and revered. At his feet his Charge, the Chi Charge of the University of Rochester, has laid its distinctive symbol as its tribute of grief and remembrance. About him are the symbols of other charges of the Fraternity at various colleges and universities, sent here by the young men, now members of his Fraternity in these institutions of learning, who, brief as has been their experience in our brotherhood, have learned to love Jacob Spahn.

I must not forget that the symbols of another Order have been laid here also to testify to the respect and regard of those who have been associated with him in his later years.

But most of all I must mention the symbol in immortelles that stands now at the head of his casket, the Greek Omega. It is to us the expression of all that we would wish to say—but cannot—of those departed from our number. For into the Omega Charge we commit all of those our brothers who were, but are not, and into this great Charge, where he will find many a brother who went before him, this dear brother of ours has now entered.

During all the time that he has been a member of our Fraternity he has testified to his interest in it and his love for it by constant work and words. There has been scarcely a convention of our Fraternity within my memory which he has not attended. There has never been one which he attended where he was not welcomed with a tumultuous applause characteristic of the hearty good will and love of college boys, for although many years have passed him by and each one left its mark upon him, his heart, his great, generous heart was always young. There was never a boy who had just entered college and the Fraternity but felt in Jacob Spahn when he received from him the fraternal hand-clasp, a companionship that the difference in their years might have seemed to make impossible. But a good heart, my friends, a good heart never grows old; and Jacob Spahn had a good heart, a brave, loyal heart, a heart that responded to every worthy appeal and every worthy sentiment, and springing from it a generosity that was all-embracing, and a love and a charity that covered as with a mantle the shortcomings and faults of his friends and his brothers.

Never during all the twenty years that I have known him in his fraternity relations have I heard him speak one bitter, resentful word against a human being. Always have I heard him put the emphasis upon the noble, the good, the commendable qualities that exist in all men, and it was characteristic of him as a man, as well as a brother in this Fraternity, that he saw, as large generous natures ever see, the good magnified and the evil minimized.

I know not how to express to his bereaved family the sympathy which his brothers in this Fraternity feel for them. His only blood-brother is also a brother in this Fraternity. His wife and daughter have known for many

years his warm and ardent friends in the Fraternity, and have felt attached to it, in some degree, as himself. But they know that poor and broken as our words are here to-day, that we wish to testify by our presence, by these mystic symbols and by these poor words, to a deep and heartfelt sympathy that they, like us, should lose the benediction of the continued presence in the flesh of so large and generous and wholesome a nature as Jacob Spahn.

Tragic indeed for us who gather here about his remains was his end. At one o'clock on Saturday morning he spoke to us at our annual banquet in New York. As ever, his words were felicitous, humorous, intimate, fraternal, sincere. For if there was one note more than any other that he struck and that attracted and held him to his numerous friends and brothers it was the note of sincerity. This note he struck on that occasion, and we received him with an enthusiasm that I know must have warmed his heart because large, generous natures that give freely are glad to feel that others respond in kind. And respond we did.

Two hours later he met his tragic end. Hardly had he parted with us, after we had risen, in accordance with the beautiful custom of our Fraternity, to toast in silence our Omega Charge, before he too was added to its immortal roll.

We as his brothers come, then, to-day to pay this last tribute to his worth as a brother and a man, and we wish to bear witness in the presence of his family and of his friends to the fact that this man, for more than a generation, held to himself in the indissoluble bonds of a fraternal friendship a great multitude of loyal brothers. Scarcely a member of our Fraternity had more personal friends within the brotherhood than Jacob Spahn, and all loved him for his genuine worth, his joyous, loyal and sincere nature.

As we bear him to-day to that tent whose curtain never outward swings and commit him forever to the Omega Charge, we think he knows in even fuller measure than he could know here how much we loved him.

Strikingly conspicuous among the auditors was an old lady who as a late comer had been forced by the press of people to stand in the hall. Stolidly she listened to the prayer and the sermon. She was pressed so tightly in the crowd that filled the hall, that she was almost within an arm's length of Brother Huffcut as he spoke. As he gave his tribute, her surprise was manifest; but as he gave testimony to the Fraternity's regard, she nodded her head in approval at each telling point, and before he finished she was weeping like a child. It seemed as if the Fraternity, in voicing its expressions of love, was voicing the feelings of every individual who was present.

At the conclusion of the services, the symbols were distributed among the delegates of the Charges from which they had

been sent. Then the body was committed to the care of Theta Delta Chi. In his capacity as Representative of the Grand Lodge, Brother Frederic Carter closed forever the casket that held the mortal body of our loyal brother. The lines of bearers extended on either side of the walk that led from the house to the street. The active bearers passed through the lines of brethren with their precious burden. The cortege was made up as follows : seven carriages of bearers ; the clergy ; the hearse ; the family and relatives. Due notice had been given in the daily papers that the funeral was to be private, to which fact alone was due the absence of a long line of friends in the cortege.

At the head of the honorary bearers was Frederic Carter, Epsilon Deuteron, '90, acting in the capacity of Special Representative of the Grand Lodge, who bore before him the floral Shield symbolic of the fraternal character of the rites. Following him were, of the Chi, David Gordon Meyer, '94, Frederic Clarence DuPuy, '02, Ray Henry Hart, '02, William Henry Salmon, '02, William Francis Love, '03, Charles Lane Hinchey, '03, Hiram Sibley Schumacher, '03, Fred Elmer Gladwin, '04, William Francis Croston, '04, William John Richter, '04, William Henry Intermann, '04, George Hayden Rounds, '04, Frank Edward Winter, '04, Clarence Herbert Spiehler, '05, Fred Warner Drake, '05, Charles Palmer Jackman, '05, Carl Paul, '05. From other Charges were Harold Colbert Jones, Beta, '02, Ralph Edward Espy, Xi, '05, Robert Walter Maloney, Pi D., '03, Harrison Ross Steeves, Rho D., '03, Emory Wood Ruggles, Psi, '85.

The active bearers were : Ernest Wilson Huffcut, Beta, '84, retiring President of the Grand Lodge, Asa Gardiner Benedict, Psi, '72, President 26th and 27th Grand Lodges, James Albert Gosnell, Chi, '02, Ellis Earl Lawton, Chi, '02, Frederick Gustav Erbe, Chi, '05, Edwin Valentine Baker, Xi, '03.

Under the bright sun of the wintry day, the cortege slowly wended its way to Mt. Hope cemetery. Winding through the snowy aisles, it halted in front of a tent which had been erected over the place chosen for our brother's last resting place. Thither the bearers carried their sacred burden. Soft carpets concealed the snowy ground. In the center, the grave lined with ever-green awaited the committal of the earthly tenement of Jacob

Spahn. The hands of brothers gently lowered him to his rest. Rev. F. F. Fry offered a prayer, and dropping the petals of a rose into the open grave, spoke those oft repeated final words of the service "Ashes to ashes and dust to dust."

As a fitting close to this, our simple outpouring of fraternal love, our Order for the Burial of the Dead was read by Brother Huffcut. At its conclusion, the floral shield was passed along the line of brethren and placed at the foot of the grave. In like manner, the OMEGA symbol was passed, and placed at the head of the grave. The delegates then stepped forward and reverently laid their emblems on either side, thus completely surrounding the grave with the mystic symbols; Brother Erbe placed the Chi, Brother Maloney the Pi Deuteron, Brother Steeves the Rho Deuteron, Brother Espy the Xi, and Brother Jones the Beta.

With hearts filled with the solemnity of this final parting, with deep pain that no further tender services could be given, the witnesses to this last earthly tribute to Brother Jacob Spahn, silently left him to his everlasting rest.

FREDERIC CARTER.

Brother Carter's account of the participation of the Fraternity in the obsequies of Brother Spahn is a faithful portrayal in all but one particular,—he fails to mention except incidentally his own part in those solemn rites. Nor can I hope, without offense, to do more than to put his services into some proper perspective in the record of this unprecedented event. Yet in the interests of historic truth I must say something upon this point. From the first Brother Carter was entrusted as by common consent with the performance of the very delicate mission which it seemed to the Fraternity fitting that it should perform, and yet which called for so much of refinement of feeling, for so much of tact and restraint, that it might easily have transgressed the bounds of propriety and good taste. His formal appointment by the Grand Lodge was but an official recognition of the universal sentiment that to him ought to be committed the performance of our common purpose. His journey with the bereaved wife as she bore to her desolated home the body of her husband, his constant at-

tention to her thereafter, the tact and resource displayed by him in shielding her from the full force of the blow, the rare taste and simplicity with which he arranged the services and our part in them, and after all was over the continued attention for several days to our brother's family and to their interests,—all these things and many more that it would be profanation to mention, make up a record of single-heartedness and genuineness, of tact and refinement, that saved our participation in the sad affair from any semblance of obtrusiveness or impropriety. I know how deeply the family appreciated it all and how completely they leaned upon Brother Carter at so trying a time. I feel that all brothers who read of this tragic event ought also to know the full measure of his fraternal service.

E. W. H.

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### JACOB SPAHN

“Did you notice Jake's speech? How many brilliant points he made,” said Brother Brookins to the writer, as we were parting after the Convention dinner. The speech was the last of those witty, bright and remarkably original addresses which we have been accustomed to hear from him at the Theta Delta Chi feasts of reason.

Perhaps no other member of our Brotherhood has known the Major so long as the subscriber. The Newtonian Debating Club was wont to meet every Tuesday night in the Supervisor's room of the Monroe County Court House and there our friend's intolerance of all forms of power not founded on brains but on birth, found a responsive echo. After adjournments some of us who were law students would go to the office where he was a student and discuss the question for the coming debate. A friendship thus begun lasted for more than a third of a century.

Before a biographical sketch is attempted, the Major's character may be briefly epitomized. As a lawyer he never betrayed a trust. He scorned anything that savored of indirection. He was invariably true to his client. The widow and the fatherless found in him an advocate who served in many cases without the assur-

ance of any pay except the thanks of the friendless. The pathway to his heart was paved with golden sympathy. He never made a frivolous point but was always earnest and direct in his argument. No opponent ever dared to accuse him of violating a stipulation nor of unseemly action in his practice. He was a man of deep thought who trusted largely to the results of his own cogitations. He used decisions as aids rather than as controlling his own judgment when that judgment was the result of matured views. He despised parade and show and was anxious to bring forth the merits of a controversy. He was unusually successful as an advocate because he brushed aside technicalities (which appear so prominent to some members of his profession) as cobwebs which obstruct the view. He desired to set forth not the technics but the facts, and the legitimate conclusions to be deduced from the same. Another trait of character was his entire absence of assumption and his apparent unconsciousness of superiority over the most retiring of his fellow men. He was one of nature's noblemen, a friend of every good man, and as such he will be missed in every walk of life. He leaves to his Brotherhood and his family a legacy of character which has a value that no political honors or wealth, however great, can equal. He had that well balanced combination of faculties which for want of a better name we call common sense. It will be a source of constant sorrow never again to see his striking personality at our gatherings.

Our Brother was born at Wurzburg, Germany, February 24, 1849. His father was prominently identified with the Revolution of 1848 and with several of the members of the best Teutonic families came to the city of New York the following year.

In the year 1862 the family moved to Rochester, N. Y., where his father went into business with the late Ex-alderman Joseph Schulte. In 1865 Brother Spahn entered the High School and became a member of the class of 1870 of the Rochester University two years later. In the last named year he graduated with honors, receiving the first Davis gold medal for the best oration of his year on commencement day. At the beginning of the junior year he was initiated as a member of the Chi Charge. The convention of 1873 was held under the auspices of that Charge at the Metropolitan Hotel at which time Brother Spahn delivered an

oration entitled "Reminiscences of College Life,"\* which was the ablest address of its character to which the writer has ever listened. He also was the orator before the convention of 1881. In 1879 he was appointed to deliver the alumni poem before his alma mater.

In 1873 he was given the degree of A. M. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1871. He was a favorite student of the late Francis A. Macomber, afterwards Judge of the Supreme Court. Shortly after his admission, he became one of the editorial staff of the Union and Advertiser and subsequently was the city editor of the Rochester Chronicle. When the Democrat and Chronicle were consolidated, he left journalism and began the active practice of his profession. In the year 1877 he was appointed by Brigadier-General Briggs, engineer with the rank of major upon the brigade staff of Governor Robinson in the State National Guard; he held also the office of Judge Advocate. Like many persons of German descent he was a Boer sympathizer and delivered several remarkably able addresses in their behalf. His last public address in Rochester was delivered just before he came to New York to attend our convention. Fitzhugh Hall which is the largest in Rochester, was crowded to its doors at the time. The conclusion of his speech on that occasion was received with so great applause that it might be termed an ovation.

Brother Spahn was one of our most enthusiastic members and was proud of the fact that since his graduation from college he had missed only two of the annual conventions.

In conclusion no words of mine can adequately set forth the lesson of his life so suddenly ended in the fulness of his powers. The shield is draped, the light has died out upon the altar, the star has ceased to shine, the arrow has taken its last flight, the hands are unclasped, and before us stands the emblem of the eternal Omega.

WILLIS S. PAINE.

\*This oration was afterwards published by Brother Franklin Burdge. The concluding portion may be found in the Memorial History of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity, p. 192.

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## In Memoriam

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WHEREAS, We are called to mourn the loss of a beloved brother of our charge, and

WHEREAS, Brother Jacob Spahn was for more than thirty years, exceptionally loyal, devoted and true to his charge and to his Fraternity, and in his fraternal relations displayed such kindness, love and charity as to endear himself to all who knew him and,

WHEREAS, The Chi Charge of Theta Delta Chi has in his sad and sudden death lost one who was a firm and steadfast friend in prosperity and in adversity, and whose earnest and devoted life is worthy of our emulation, be it

*Resolved*, That while we bow in submission to the Divine will and deeply mourn our loss, we as a brotherhood extend our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of our deceased brother, and be it

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother, to THE SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi and that they be entered upon the records of the Chi Charge.

For the Charge,

JAMES A. GOSNELL,  
RAY H. HART,  
WM. F. LOVE.

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WHEREAS, The portals of the great Omega Charge have opened to receive our beloved brother,

JACOB SPAHN,

Class of 1870, University of Rochester, whose tragic death followed closely upon a reunion of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity, to which he was zealously loyal and devoted, and

WHEREAS, In his death we are stricken with grief and a deep sense of personal loss, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the members of the Graduate Club of Theta Delta Chi, bear this slight but heartfelt testimony of our affection and esteem, and

*Resolved*, That we extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved widow and daughter of our brother; that a suitable copy of these resolutions be sent to them; and that these resolutions be published in *THE SHIELD* of Theta Delta Chi and spread upon the minutes of the Club.

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## TRIBUTES

From among the many tributes to Brother Spahn which had their origin in his untimely end, a few are herewith given, as representative of what all express :

NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 22, 1902.

TO THE BROTHERS OF THE CHI CHARGE :

This afternoon I heard of the sad death of poor dear old Jake under such distressing circumstances. I learn that everything has been faithfully attended to by Brothers Paine, Sproull, Wadhams and other New York brothers, so that there is really nothing left for the Grand Lodge to do. We met this afternoon and sent a message of sympathy to his family, but I want also to tender to your charge for the Fraternity, the deepest and most heartfelt condolences. I cannot tell you how it has affected me personally, and shall not soon forget the shadow cast upon the very threshold of my administration. When I unwrapped the flag that had been waving over the hotel yesterday, a chill came over me, and the tears come to my eyes as I think of it now, for all that was left of the flag were the black and the white fields—the storm had torn away the blue and with it the X. Truly the voice of God hath spoken in the wind and left the flag to utter a silent and yet how eloquent appeal of sympathy. May it make us one and all feel the truth and foundation of our motto more strongly than we ever did before.

Brother Spahn left a record behind him as a Theta Delt of which we are all proud and you, brothers of the Chi, have particular reasons to follow in the footsteps of loyalty and devotion to our beloved Fraternity so splendidly pronounced in Brother Spahn's march through life. May this sad bereavement bind each single member of the Chi more closely to our beloved brotherhood and may you all perpetually strive to be worthy of occupying a place in the great Omega Charge beside the dear, lovable big brother whose devotion to Theta Delta Chi knew no bounds.

Words fail me absolutely to express my grief, but my heart is with you, boys, in your great sorrow. Were it not for the fact that imperative engagements in connection with Prince Henry's visit keep me tied down at the University, I should most certainly have spared no effort to be with you at the last sacred rites to pay tribute to the sterling fraternal qualities of our beloved brother. Let me extend my cordial sympathy to you, collectively and individually, and rest assured of my warmest thoughts for you in this sad hour.

Most faithfully yours,

RUDOLF TOMBO, JR.,  
*President G. L.*

AMHERST, FEBRUARY 24, 1902.

TO THE CHI CHARGE :

As a member of the Grand Lodge I want to express to Chi my sympathy in the loss she has sustained through the death of Brother Jacob Spahn. It seems almost impossible to those of us who attended the banquet and heard his jolly toast, that he could have been so soon taken from us. Yet nothing would have pleased him more, had he had a choice, than to spend his last hours as he did. For he was loyal and true, a Theta Delt to the core.

Fraternally,

W. T. BRYANT, Secretary, G. L.

By the Custodian of Archives :

In 1888, at the Forty-second Convention, I first met Jacob Spahn ; at every convention since which I have attended, always has he been there to extend his cheery greeting. The knot that those years have tied is one of unusual strength to me, for Jake was ever the ready counselor in troublous times, and the enthusiast in hours of joy.

He held in his heart both the old and the young ; he never differentiated in his estimate of us because of our ages. Young at heart, he held those close who recognized and reciprocated the depth of his fraternal spirit ; and as we grew older, he still remained just the same to us. He would, in times of stress, drop in on Beta or Xi or Psi, and pour oil on the waters of their troubles ; he would always stop at Delta if Troy was on his route, and inspire them in their devotion to the Fraternity, as they have often told me. Subtly, and yet with what grace, would he gain the allegiance of the individual members as well. All the classes from '70 to that of '05 contain witnesses to this power, and when we think of the meaning of unwavering adherence to our principles for thirty-three years,—and always accompanied by the showing of faith in works,—we cannot but pay reverence to such spirit.

But reverence he would never let us express. He knew we loved him—but how much, never. He insisted on being young to the last, in temperament, by disposition, and in speech, so that our feelings had to be always expressed in joyous and happy phrase ; and in joy's delights he was unaware that his hand was playing on the strings of a lute that had no rift, and that the cadences were those that spring from deep affection.

During the last few months he would sometimes write of my work and give a note of encouragement born of his interest. On the day he reached New York in February he came to my room and devoted two hours in his friendliness, which we filled with just Theta Delta Chi, and naught else. In my experience, a visit from a Thete with over thirty years in the Fraternity to his credit is a none too frequent occurrence. The more was I impressed with the steadfast loyalty of this man,—the self-same Jake that he was in '88, who left me finally as would one of my college chums.

In Rochester, my duty brought me in contact with the superintendent of the imposing building where Brother Spahn had his office for many years. This man said to me: "I cannot help but feel his death like that of a member of my family. I shall always miss him; he was the life of this whole building." In our close companionship, albeit we saw him but rarely, as future conventions come, we know we shall always miss him.

As the citizens of Rochester passed in hundreds by his casket, and as the feelings of even the strongest men were undisguisedly moved, I felt a new quickening of affection as I realized that during all these years he had given his best to us, midst the many faithful friendships of his home. Fortunately in being chosen to assist in the last hours, I received the lesson which far outweighed any dear duty done.

After those last tender offices given us to perform, where brothers' hands laid him to his rest, I can truly feel even in losing dear old Jake,

"What though in lonely grief I sigh  
For friends beloved, no longer nigh,  
Submissive still would I reply—  
'Thy will be done.'"

From Brother Harstrom :

The news of Brother Spahn's death shocked me beyond the power of expression. I knew him from the year of my initiation into the Fraternity, meeting him first at one of the old-time banquets of the Central New York Association in Syracuse, where, as I recollect, he always officiated either as toastmaster, orator or poet. He never missed a reunion of Theta Delta Chi when it was possible for him to come. Indeed, he never failed his Fraternity in any emergency, even though it often entailed much personal sacrifice. I loved him for his wit, his genial personality, his undying affection for Theta Delta Chi; and I feel that in his death we have lost as true and faithful a brother as ever wore the shield.

He was just finishing his speech as I left the banquet hall and the last thing I heard him say was "and now, my brethren, I pass over to a serious consideration." Alas, poor Jake! It was very serious.

CARL AXEL HARSTROM.

In place of formal resolutions as sent by most of the charges, Nu Deuteron sent the following to Mrs. Spahn :

BETHLEHEM, PA.

We of the Nu Deuteron Charge held our first meeting since the convention a day or so ago. The unanimity of expression of sorrow at the loss that Theta Delta Chi has suffered needed no formal action to make it evident. But formal action of our charge is the rule, before in its name we can ad-

dress our friends. This formal action taken, we of the Nu Deuteron Charge desire in sincerity, and in affection to make clear to you our pain in the blow we suffer in having one of our most stalwart friends taken from the sphere of usefulness he occupied toward us. We loved him, we shall ever love him. Thus we feel how inadequate our expressions are, to one who was with him constantly and who occupied the first place forever in his heart.

Yet his place with us was so singularly unique, his ability to retain the affection of all our charge that ever met him was so clearly manifest, that we believe Nu Deuteron will ever hold him as dear as we do this day.

May time deal kindly with us all to mitigate the present pain and prepare us for the glorious reunion in Omega.

For the Charge,

W. M. LALOR.

ED. HIGGINS, JR.

Twenty-one charges sent their tributes of sympathy to Chi. Of the warmth and sincerity of all, the three following are fairly representative :

GENEVA, N. Y., FEBRUARY 26, 1902.

TO THE CHI CHARGE :

We are sending up to-day Brothers Baker and Covill whom we wish to represent us in our grief over the loss of Brother Spahn. We feel the loss which the Fraternity has sustained and sympathize with you, the greatest losers, for in losing Brother Spahn, we know from personal experience that you have lost one of the most ardent, loyal and enthusiastic of your alumni. It is also a severe blow for the Fraternity at large to lose such a man, one who for so many years has stood by her whether she was prosperous, or when Fortune smiled less kindly.

With best wishes for the continued prosperity of Chi and hoping that your other alumni will prove themselves as Brother Spahn has done, we are

Faithfully yours,

XI CHARGE.

NEW YORK CITY, FEBRUARY, 22, 1902.

TO THE BROTHERS OF THE CHI :

Pi Deuteron sincerely sympathizes with Chi in her dire affliction. This is, however, not merely a charge loss, it is a Fraternity loss, a loss to all Theta Deltas. Though Chi grieves, Pi Deuteron grieves no less.

The tragic death of our beloved brother struck deep into every Theta Delt heart as the sad tidings passed from lip to lip that our brother had departed for the Omega charge.

The Chi charge and the Fraternity have sustained an irretrievable loss, most keenly felt and one which can hardly be replaced.

The Pi Deuteron charge condoles not simply with the relatives of our deceased brother, not only with the Chi charge but with all the Theta Delta Chi.

PI DEUTERON.

EASTON, PENN., FEBRUARY 26, 1902.

TO CHI CHARGE :

We of Phi mourn with you the great loss which you and Theta Delta Chi have just sustained. You have lost a friend and counselor, we one of our noblest brothers. And yet he is not wholly lost. Our Fraternity is more than a temporary social convenience to be cast aside at the final crisis of human life. The memory of his noble life, of his zeal and devotion to Theta Delta Chi will lead us to firmer manhood and a truer realization of the worth of that friendship, of which he was essentially the exponent.

Faithfully yours,

PHI CHARGE.

## RUDOLF TOMBO, JR.

It is not a career which the following pages unfold, but the foundations of one. A little more than twenty-six years ago, on the seventeenth day of October, 1875, a son was added to the home of Rudolf Tombo, and Marie Stehr, his *Frau*, in Barmen, Rhine Province, Germany. The child received the Christian name of his father, who was then engaged in educational pursuits at the place mentioned. Rudolf Tombo, Jr.'s more remote ancestors were French Huguenots,—the Tombeaux—who crossed into Germany and adopted the present more Teutonic termination to their surname. Both his father and grandfather were teachers, and his maternal grandparent was a scientist of note, an intimate of Alexander von Humboldt, and a person of prominence in Berlin Masonic circles.

Brother Tombo's childhood was spent in the fatherland. After three years in the *Vorschule* of the *Gymnasium* and a year in the *Real-Schule*, he emigrated to America with his parents in 1885. He entered the New York City public schools and upon graduation therefrom in 1890 delivered the valedictory address. The next fall found him enrolled as a sub-freshman in the College of the City of New York. Students at C. C. N. Y. are not eligible to fraternity membership until their second or freshman year. At this stage, traces of his trans-Atlantic origin still clung to the sturdy under-classman, if we are to give credit to his own accounts; and he confesses to an unusual degree of gratitude and even wonder at the charity of Pi Deuteron Theta Delts, who did not take into unfavorable notice the white-clad legs disappearing into ridiculous little German boots, and similar eccentricities in attire and speech imported from across the seas. His previous experience had been that such charity was not common to the growing generation.

Pi Deuteron's judgment was justified. The young foreigner proved adaptable and moreover began straightway to win prestige which reflected on the brotherhood, by maintaining a position at



RUDOLF TOMBO, JR.



the head of all his classes throughout the year. He was pursuing the regular scientific course, which ended in a B.S. degree, honorable mention at Commencement, and a Phi Beta Kappa key, in the spring of 1895. During his undergraduate life the many-sidedness of the man and his propensity to rise began to show themselves. Apart from his studies he found time to indulge his athletic tastes, and proved a vigorous and successful athlete. For three years he was a fixture on the Varsity Lacrosse Team, and at the annual track meets he twice carried off premier honors in the running broad jump. His name appears as holder of the college record for the latter event from 1895 to 1898. The offices of President of the Lacrosse Association and Manager of the Team fell to his care, and he was the unanimous choice of the entire student body for the presidency of the College Athletic Association, the most marked distinction in the gift of the undergraduates. Pi Deuteron retained its hold upon this office for three successive years, Brothers Walter Strobel and Charles Morrison occupying it in turn. Brother Tombo served as delegate to the I. C. A. A. A. A., filled several offices in his class organization and on Class Day was the official historian. He was a member of the Glee Club and corresponding secretary of the literary society of  $\Phi K$ . In his Sophomore year he captured the Belden Medal for excellence in mathematics. From 1893 to 1898 synchronously with all this outside activity he was engaged in teaching English to foreigners in the New York evening schools.

For two years after graduation Brother Tombo was employed as correspondent and translator by a German chemical syndicate in New York City. This was but a temporary move, however, for he felt that his nature would be satisfied only through contact with college men and sojourn in the atmosphere of a great and modern university. In the fall of 1897 he heeded the inner call and renounced his business position for a scholarship in German at Columbia. All this time the affairs of his fraternity were things of uppermost concern to him. He was a guiding influence in his original charge and was among the founders of the new Graduate Club of New York, although disqualified by age from becoming one of the incorporators. It is noteworthy in several instances that his merit is of the order that lifts at a leap to

eminences which most men attain, if at all, only by laborious progress and after the lapse of years. The truth of this is brought home when we reflect upon his recent elevation to the proudest position in our brotherhood. The new Graduate Club elected Brother Tombo to the position of treasurer and he subsequently served on the board of governors.

Soon after having taken up his Germanic studies at Columbia, Rho Deuteron charge was fortunate in securing his affiliation, and his presence and directive force must be accounted one of the foremost factors in the recent rise of Theta Delta Chi at Columbia. Entering upon his second year of residence, Brother Tombo received the appointment of the trustees to the University Fellowship in Germanic Languages and Literatures. In passing we might note that the fellowship is still held by a Theta Delta, Brother Thayer of Eta. At Columbia Brother Tombo took an active share in things of student interest. He was enrolled with the University Chorus, and felt all the thrills and pangs over athletic victory or defeat coming to his foster *alma mater*. A movement to organize a *Deutscher Verein*, initiated by the Germanic Department, found him at its head and he was elected first executive officer. The *Verein* immediately assumed a place of importance in the eyes of the undergraduates and in the regard of the cultured German-American element in the city. Many persons of note have had cause to acknowledge its hospitality, and on one occasion it devolved upon Brother Tombo to escort Baron von Holleben, Ambassador of the German Empire to the United States, to the banquet board which the *Verein* had spread in his honor.

Serious work was not neglected. In 1898 the degree of M.A. from Columbia University was conferred upon our brother and in 1899 that of M.S. from the College of the City of New York. The essay written for the former was a commentary on the *Urfaust*; that presented for the latter treated of the literary value of the *Heliand*. He was far from being buried from his friends, however, and it was with regret that they saw him depart for Europe in the spring of 1899, for the purpose of advancing his researches into the subject of his dissertation, in the libraries of England and the Continent.

While a student at the University of Leipzig, Brother Tombo instigated action which resulted in the formation of an American Club there and became its President. Independence Day, 1900, was the occasion of a most patriotic banquet under the auspices of the Club, supported by the entire contingent of American students at the University. The jubilation committee concluded that the presence of an official representative of the home government would add dignity to the occasion, and the organizer of American-Germans at Leipzig, who was soon to introduce the German Ambassador to assembled German-Americans in New York, was delegated to secure Ambassador White,—which he did. A further unusual and signal honor which befell Brother Tombo during his sojourn abroad, and while a member of the Royal Old Norse Proseminar at the University of Leipzig, was that of being dubbed *Islandsvinur*, friend of Iceland, during the celebration of the nine hundredth anniversary of the introduction of Christianity into Iceland.

In the autumn of 1900 the wanderer returned home to undergo his examinations for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and immediately assumed the position and duties of tutor in the Germanic Department at Columbia. He has been a member of the faculty in the same capacity since that time, and has had repeated evidence of the esteem and confidence in which he is held by those above him. It seems safe to presage his speedy advancement. His popularity with his students also is warm and outspoken.

Under the title "Ossian in Germany," his doctor's dissertation has been published as Vol. I, No. 2, of the Columbia University Germanic Studies. The work combines exhaustive, scholarly research with vivid and entertaining presentation, and includes in the scope of one hundred and fifty-seven pages a complete bibliography of the subject, a general survey, and a broad and intelligent exposition of Ossian's influence upon Klopstock and the Bards. This work is considered by the author in the light of a preliminary study only, and later publications will discuss the influence Ossian exerted upon Herder, Goethe and Schiller, as also upon the poets of the Storm and Stress, of the *Göt-*

*tinger Hain* and of the Romantic School. The dedication "Meinen lieben Eltern" is characteristic of the humanity of the author.

Other noteworthy labors of an academic nature are the translation of a treatise by Gustav Ruemelin,— "Politics and the Moral Law," published by the Macmillans with notes and introduction by Frederick W. Holls, American delegate to the Peace Conference at The Hague; the preparation of a Goethe Bibliography, American-English, for the *Goethe Jahrbuch*; the publication of a number of translations in the *International Monthly*; and the delivery of public lectures in the series offered by the German Department of Columbia and under other auspices. A further labor is that which is incidental to the office of Secretary of the Columbia University Quarterly, which Brother Tombo has held for the past two years as appointee of the trustees of the University Press. At Commencement last June he was prominent as faculty marshal, and had Prince Henry's threatened visit to Columbia eventuated, our new president would have had the honor of being his official escort on the tour of inspection.

But under the stress of all these scholarly occupations, the human side of the man has in no wise suffered atrophy. Brother Tombo is possessed of a large love of life. Through his enthusiastic advocacy of the scheme, a Class Day baseball game between the graduating seniors and the younger members of the faculty was instituted last June, and bids fair to take its place among the yearly customs. Captain Tombo's sluggers were defeated by one run in the last inning.

Until separated by miles of ocean waste, Brother Tombo never missed a convention from his first year of connection with the fraternity. Five times he discharged the duties of official reporter of its proceedings, and he has been five times a delegate. Recently he resigned the editorship of THE SHIELD, and the Grand Lodge Embassy which installed Zeta Deuteron at McGill University last November had him as a member.

Not the least important event of the life whose skeleton we have given was the union in wedlock of our president with Miss Adelaide Cooper of New York City on December 18th last. Those who know him best feel, in the contemplation of the domestic felicity in which he now has his being, an instinctive desire to "go and

do likewise." But perhaps our longing is vain, as Brother Tombo is strongly suspected of harboring the belief that his pearl of fair women has no counterpart. The newly married couple has taken up residence at 619 West 138th Street, a situation on the slope of the mighty Hudson. The assurance that a ready welcome awaits each and every Theta Delt who might chance to stray so far is of course a truism, but one upon which Brother Tombo hopes many will act.

To dwell further upon the worthy qualities of the man whom the fraternity has chosen to honor and upon the type of hopeful, vigorous manhood he represents would be a pleasant task, but a purposeless. His acquaintance throughout the brotherhood is an extensive one, and personal contact makes adulatory phrases superfluous. Moreover, we are not engaged in unearthing a recluse. The active principle present in all men in some degree has a complete mastery over him. A man of action is best described by what he has done. "What you get out of a thing depends on what you put into it," is a thought Brother Tombo often voices with approval. It is his own habit to put his whole soul into his enterprise, whatever that may be. The administration of the affairs of our brotherhood rests in capable hands, and we may look forward with the fullest confidence to the maintenance of the high standards which have been established.

J. BOYCE SMITH, JR.

## WILLIAM MICHAEL LEDWITH

ZETA, '60

General William Michael Ledwith was born in Micanopy, Florida, the 12th day of September, 1832. He was the only son of Thomas Ledwith and Lucinda Ledwith, his father of Irish ancestry and his mother a Floridian by birth.

At the age of sixteen he left the city of Jacksonville where he had been reared and visited Essex, Conn., where he prepared himself for college, and at the age of eighteen entered Brown University, where he joined the Zeta Charge and from which he was graduated four years later, standing third in a class of sixty-seven. Leaving college, he taught Greek, Latin and English one year in the city of Providence. From there he went to Europe, and for two years taught English literature and mathematics and traveled through Italy, Germany and France, and was on the way to Egypt when the Civil War came on. Returning to Jacksonville, he entered the Confederate service, and was made aide-de-camp to General Rutledge Fininger, seeing four years' active service in Virginia and Tennessee. Being mustered out of service at Appomattox Courthouse, he returned to Jacksonville, and soon thereafter was married to Miss Sarah Jeffreys, of Lake City, Fla. Soon after his marriage Brother Ledwith located in Jacksonville, and since that time, excepting trips to different parts of the Union and one to Europe with his family, continued to reside in that city.

There were five children born of his marriage, four of whom survive, as also Mrs. Ledwith, who with her children, excepting Mrs. Hart, were at his side when he breathed his last. The children are Thomas A. Ledwith, of Jacksonville, Mrs. H. O. Hart, of Peoria, Ill., Mrs. R. H. Paul and William Ledwith, Jr., of Watertown, Fla.

General Ledwith held many positions of trust during his life in Jacksonville. He was named by former Governor Harrison Reed as brigadier-general of the Florida State troops, from which



GENERAL WILLIAM M. LEDWITH



he derived his title of General. He was at one time Sheriff of the county, also Assessor, and several times City Councilman. Under President Arthur he was made Postmaster, and as such introduced the carrier system for mail in his city. Some of his appointees as post office employees yet retain their positions. Brother Ledwith was appointed by Governor Fleming as Superintendent of Public Instruction, and while holding that office gave much of his time to the Duval County schools. Many of the present teachers were named by General Ledwith to their positions. In the political campaign following Reed's expiration of office, General Ledwith ran for Lieutenant-Governor on the Simon B. Conover ticket, opposed by Perry and Bethel.

Brother Ledwith was a writer of much culture, and in a romantic form, under the name of 'The Monk's Scheme, or a Tale of Three Loves, brought out a literary production of much interest to those interested in the early history of Florida.

The portrait of Brother Ledwith which is presented herewith is taken from the only photograph of him which is known to be in existence. Imperfect as it is, no better copy could be secured from this sole remaining picture in the possession of his family.

Many of our older Theta Deltas can testify to his zeal for Theta Delta Chi and how in his early days, he did much for the advancement of the Fraternity. Even in recent times he talked freely with a younger Thete of his experiences, and said he had spent some of his best days with the Zeta boys at Brown, and made plain that the good times were an everlasting recollection. At his home, he dispensed a liberal gracious hospitality. His door was always open to his friends and their friends. Cultured, refined and courteous as was the General,—his friends mourn him who entered into Omega, October thirteenth, 1901.

CUSTODIAN.

## UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES

### II

#### DID CLARICE GET HER ROSES?

It all happened in the Sophomore year of Marc Cook, Psi, '74.

Marc Cook had promised a young lady at one of the schools, that in the event of her appointment to take part in a certain public exhibition that was to follow, he would send her a bouquet.

She obtained the coveted honor and in a dainty note reminded Marc of his promise.

Now—like countless generations of Sophomores before him,—and at least a few that have succeeded him,—he found that at the end of the term, his purse was not plethoric but deucedly attenuated. He must be a cool youth and a clever, who can emerge from so hopeless a situation with colors flying. And such was Marc. He had a weapon with which to fight his battles that was all powerful.

Mighty as is *Ex-Calibur*, Marc knew the pen to be mightier than the sword. Had not his pen gained him renown? Was not one of his poems to be chosen by Dana to grace the famous "Household Book of Poetry" of that generation? And so donning the mantle of his *nom de plume*, "Vandyke Brown" went forth to do battle with inimical Fate.

The eventful day arrived on schedule time. The token promised by Marc Cook was despatched to the waiting fair one. As the maiden looked for her bouquet, a little packet was brought to her. Wonderingly she opened it. Her heart was thrilled and the room seemed a bower of bloom, and filled with fragrance, as she read these lines, from the gallant heart of Marcellus Eugene Cook:

You have asked me, Lady Clarice, my lady none so fair,  
If I would send a rosebud to twine amid your hair.

But ah ! my lady Clarice, I think you will agree,  
That never favor puzzled man as this has puzzled me.

For I cannot, Lady Clarice, I cannot send to you  
The rose that ope's in spring time, the rose of crimson hue.

For when the red rose saw thee in all thy careless grace,  
'Twould pale before the richer glow that mantles thy fair face.

Nor yet, my lady Clarice, I cannot send to you  
The rose that blows in autumn, the rose of snow white hue.

For when the white rose saw thee, ah ! then it would, I trow,  
Blush scarlet at the purer white upon my lady's brow.

And so, my lady Clarice, you see I'm puzzled quite ;  
I cannot send the crimson rose, I cannot send the white.

And either you, my lady, must grow, I ween, more plain,  
Or otherwise Dame Nature make the roses o'er again.

Did Clarice get her roses ?

F. C.

## CORRESPONDENCE

What a delightful end to the history of the wanderings of the badge which Brother Willis S. Paine rescued and of which he spoke at the convention banquet, is told in the following letter from Brother Cameron Mann to Brother Paine :

BISHOP'S HOUSE.  
FARGO,  
NORTH DAKOTA.

MARCH 14, 1902.

MY DEAR BROTHER PAINE :

Your letter just received, is a delightful surprise ; first, to hear from you at all ; second, to hear that you have found my dear old badge.

The first tells me that you are alive and well, and still as ever, an enthusiastic Thete. The second is both strange and pleasant. I lost that badge in New York City over ten years ago. Of course I bought another, but no other could ever be to me what that one was,—the badge I wore in college, at my first convention when I gave my first convention poem, and so on.

And now you have found it and are giving it back to me? Thanks, and thanks! . . . . .

With fraternal greeting,

Yours,

CAMERON MANN.

We submit the following letter from Brother Crawford, as containing an idea on which we have commented editorially.

Everyone knows that a brother who once attends a convention never misses another, if he can possibly help it. For this reason it is essential to get a Theta Delt to a convention in his freshman or sophomore year. He will need little urging to attend the others throughout his college course. Too prevalent has been the idea that only upper classmen should go to conventions. A man attends only in his senior year, and the following year is probably kept away by business (and financial) reasons.

Mu Deuteron had three sophomores and two freshmen at the 54th convention. She expects these men to attend the next, and the next, and the one after that, and in fact to have the convention habit through life, like our dear Brother Spahn ; and to them will fall the task of creating a tradition that Mu Deuteron each year must send to convention every man who can possibly go. Such a tradition observed will do more than anything else to keep the good red heart blood of Theta Delta Chi bounding through the arteries of a charge. It will be Mu Deuteron's endeavor to see that her undergraduate representation at future conventions shall never fall below her record of twelve, made in 1902. Equally strong efforts will be made to secure a large attendance of alumni, and for that purpose an alumni convention committee will probably be appointed each year.

F. S. CRAWFORD.

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## In Memoriam

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HERBERT KLINE

Lambda, 1904

WHEREAS, Our brother, Herbert Kline, has by the will of God passed to the Omega Charge, and

WHEREAS, In him we lose a loyal and devoted brother Theta Delt, whom all loved and respected, be it

*Resolved*, That we express our grief and deepest sympathy to all his friends and relatives and especially to his bereaved parents; and

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be sent to his family and to the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD for publication.

For the Lambda Charge,

C. HENRY HOLBROOK, '02,  
WEBSTER A. CHANDLER, '02,  
WALTER H. MERRITT, '03.

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## In Memoriam

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HORACE FROST ASHFORD

Chi Deuteron, 1901

The members and graduates of Chi Deuteron Charge of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity deeply mourn the death of their beloved brother, Horace Frost Ashford. He was a man of sterling qualities, noble mind and unselfish friendship. As a Fraternity brother he was generous, loving, and sincere. As a charge president energetic, diligent and faithful. He has left behind him many enduring memorials of a manly Christian and of a faithful friend. His course in life was so shaped that he left a name beloved and honored by all who knew him. Be it

*Resolved*, That we extend to his bereaved relatives and friends our heartfelt sympathy, and that although submitting to the decree of Almighty God, feel that we have lost a true friend and the Fraternity a loyal brother. Be it further

*Resolved*, That as a mark of respect to his memory the badges of the members of Chi Deuteron Charge be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE SHIELD of the Fraternity and to the Grand Lodge.

R. R. NORRIS,  
NATHANIEL E. ROBINSON,  
DOUGLAS B. STERRETT,  
*For the Charge.*

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# THE SHIELD

CHAS. P. SCHMID, JR., - - EDITOR

CRESSKILL, NEW JERSEY.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

Presumably the time-honored editorial bow is first in order, so let's have it over and done with. It is quite gratuitous to say that we were flattered at our selection by the Grand Lodge that was, to edit the March number and at the request

**Our Bow** of the new Grand Lodge that we continue the work.

Gratuitous indeed, and yet more intensely true than the mere words convey. Against this action, we who ought, and still believe that we do know best, offered our earnest advice. Over-ruled, however, we are possessed of a strong desire to prove that the Grand Lodge was right, and we wrong.

Our hand, it is true, is but ill adapted to hold the pen which Holmes, and Huffcut, and Bullock, and Tombo in turn have so ably wielded for Theta Delta Chi. But as all Theta Deltas have been inspired by their work, so we too derive a certain confidence from the knowledge that our equipment consists in largest part of the examples which our predecessors have left. And if our efforts shall meet with any measure of success, we ask but that the credit be assigned to those who shall have made that success possible, and in whose footsteps we shall endeavor to humbly and worthily follow.

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Imitation is said to be the sincerest flattery. Consider for our present purposes, the word "flattery" metamorphosed into "compliment,"—grant it to be free of any residual insincerity

which even the immediately preceding superlative

**Policy** adjective may have failed to remove, and then we are prepared to pay our tribute to our predecessor by announcing the continuation of his policy.

THE SHIELD shall continue to be what our Custodian, with consistent inconsistency calls "our daily newspaper,"—chatty, personal, intimate and yet dignified in tone. As to illustrations,

we agree with our predecessor that these should be as numerous as possible, so that we hope in this respect to emulate the "Sunday newspaper." Regarding the quality of our illustrations, it may be apropos to mention that we consider this feature as highly important as quantity, and that none but the best specimens of the photo-engraver's art will be permitted to appear in our pages. The improvement in paper which was contemplated, has been inaugurated in this number. We would take this opportunity of emphatically announcing it as our intention to continue to rigidly exclude from THE SHIELD all matters of a secret nature. Our Exchanges have been revived as promised, and in our next issue we shall introduce again a department of College Notes giving in brief, items of news which we believe will be of sufficient interest to justify their presentation. With his characteristic energy, Brother Tombo had THE SHIELD ready for mailing promptly on the first of the month. Here again he leaves us no alternative but imitation. For the lateness of the present issue we have no apology to offer,—the contents mutely tell the tale.

So there is our policy. And if imitation, or let us say emulation, implies anything further than the compliment we would express, it is a confession of the perpetrator's inability to improve upon that which he uses as a model. Our only fear is that we may not succeed in deceiving even the unwary.

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To write an editorial that shall add anything more to the tributes which the preceding pages hold, is a task confessedly beyond our powers. And yet there is a thought that we would fain voice,—a thought which though but latent before, took definite form as the story of the boundless love of all Theta Delta Chi for our departed brother unfolded itself in the days following his entrance into the Omega. That thought concerns us, not yet of the Omega, and if in our feeble attempt to impart it to our readers, we shall succeed in bringing home to them the lesson which we have taken to heart from Brother Spahn's great example, let them feel that they owe yet one more debt of gratitude to the memory of that noble Thete who lived, and literally died for Theta Delta Chi.

The principles, the ideals, and the motto of our Fraternity stand for that to which every good man must be drawn because no worthier principles, no loftier ideals, no nobler motto can be imagined. Whatever the differences in our personal equations, we are agreed as to the reality of Theta Delta Chi as an ennobling influence by which our lives and our ideals are in varying degrees moulded. And while the impress of this influence will survive the years, it unquestionably survives them more pronouncedly in some of us than in others. That life in the busy world is a potent factor in diverting our active interest in the Fraternity, is as true as that a lack of active participation does not of itself indicate a lack of interest. It is also but too true that many of us have no choice but that which practically prohibits active participation. The better, however, are we able to appreciate those who surmount the obstacles which we ourselves are ready to accept as having been made unsurmountable by unkind Fate,—the more fully can we appreciate the significance of the unqualifiable loyalty of the brother whose record is writ in the life of Jacob Spahn,—he who once again proved that beautiful saying of ours: "Once a Theta Delt, always a Theta Delt."

"It is good to be a Theta Delt," is a thought which requires development in none of us. "It is good to die a Theta Delt" is a thought to which we have perhaps,—and very naturally,—given less consideration. And this is the thought to which we referred above as having been developed from the latent to the active form by Brother Spahn's death. To be deserving of the fraternal love which Theta Delta Chi had for him, is made the more easily possible for each of us by the lesson of his life.

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During five years Carl Axel Harstrom was our President. What sacrifices those five years of the most intense devotion to Theta Delta Chi entailed, will never be written,—nor told. But because we knew that we *needed* Carl Harstrom during those years, and because he in his loyalty and fidelity was willing to sacrifice other not unimportant interests to the work into which he had put the whole of his remarkable ability and his inexhaustible energy, he was our President,—our unanimous and our only choice during

that period in our history which more than any other, has served to firmly and forever establish Theta Delta Chi in the position which she to-day holds in the fraternity world. When Brother Harstrom felt that he might consistently lay down the work, and when the necessity was forced upon us of reluctantly choosing a successor, our choice had necessarily to fall upon one whose qualifications were of the highest order, so that the lofty standards which had been established might be fittingly maintained and their possibilities further developed.

Ernest Wilson Huffcut was preeminently that man, and with the confidence born of our faith in him, we selected him to lead us onward. He has not exceeded our expectations, for that were impossible. He was no unknown quantity to us, and no choice of circumstance. His administration has but served to bring us all into such close contact with him as to enable us to absorb from his warm and sympathetic personality something of that inspiration and loyalty for Theta Delta Chi which we knew he possessed, and which we knew he would bring to bear during his presidential incumbency. We cannot better qualify the success of his administration than by pointing out his oration at the convention banquet as typical of the loyalty, the devotion and the lofty ideals of the man. Who that heard him but was inspired by his words warm from the lips that spoke them with such magnificent fervor, who but felt the prouder that Ernest Huffcut had been our President and is still no less our brother! It was a remarkable contribution to Theta Delt oratory,—a noble farewell.

Loathe as we were to have this brother retire, we have been no less fortunate in our choice of his successor. We cannot better epitomize the expectations that we confidently entertain of Brother Rudolf Tombo, Jr., than by applying to him our motto: *Septemur Agendo*. Read his biography, you who do not know him, call to mind his enthusiastic, energetic, optimistic, magnetic personality, you who do. A prognostication of the record which he is certain to make may be unerringly based on that which he has behind him. With a capacity for "doing things" which has so often commanded our admiration, with a loyalty to duty that knows no swerving, and with a determination to succeed

in whatever he undertakes that counts no obstacle unsurmountable, Rudolf Tombo will give us an administration that will amply justify his elevation to that office which the examples of his predecessors have placed forever beyond the reach of any but one of his ability.

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To our mind no better text for this subject could possibly be given than Brother Willis S. Paine's talk at the convention banquet, supplemented by the letter from Brother Cameron Mann

which we present under *Correspondence*. The **Badges in Pawn** preachment which we would build upon that text admits as a premise that there is no dearth of fraternity badges in pawn, and would draw an inference with respect to this question that shall be founded upon the facts which have from time to time come to light. Shortly after Brother Paine's experience, a New York undergraduate brother learned through a Deke friend of a Theta Delt badge that was being preserved in camphor. Following Brother Paine's example, he rescued the badge and communicated his discovery through the Mu Deuteron charge to the graduate whose name it bore. Back in '98 the latter had lost it a few days before sailing for Europe, all efforts to recover it in the short time remaining to him having proved vain. His joy at recovering it after he had given up all hope of ever seeing it again may well be imagined.

If our memory errs not, THE SHIELD many years ago presented an editorial in which it was contended that but very few fraternity badges are to be found among the seekers after the pound of flesh. We believe that there are many more than is generally supposed, but we are also as firmly convinced that they are there through no fault of the owners. We must believe this not only of Theta Delt badges, but also of the badges of other fraternities. And if perchance theirs may outnumber ours at any particular rendez-vous, then we can but wish that our fellow Greeks too, might have a Brother Paine to restore the balance of power.

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We were loathe to believe our eyes when we read in the editorial columns of a contemporary :

"Conventions are for business, pleasure being an incident. The larger the meeting place the more numerous and less irresistible the outside attractions. Consequently, half of those chapters which send delegates are without representation on the floor, their delegates

**Conventions** lounging about the city while a faithful few are on committee work night and day, with a handful of other faithfuls transacting business of vital concern to the whole fraternity. It is high time we try the experiment of assembling away from the "city's madding crowd," away from Reunions, Expositions, and all such distracting "attractions." Two years ago we advocated meeting at a summer resort, where enjoyment abounds, but where all the delegates are under one roof, and are in hearing of roll call or in reach of the sergeant-at-arms! Down with cities for fraternity conventions. They are a delusion and a snare!"

Is it possible that there is a fraternity whose members have its vital interests so deeply at heart that they must needs hie them to the back woods in charge of a stalwart sergeant-at-arms if they would have a quorum to transact business? It would seem so. We are thankful,—and we say it in any but a vaunting spirit,—that whatever the attractions of New York, or Buffalo, or Washington, or Boston, they cannot compare with the attractions of a Theta Delta Chi Convention. Every Thete who comes to convention, comes to absorb Theta Delta Chi, and the only complaint we have ever heard is that there is not time enough to carry the process to the point of satiety.

The members of every fraternity believe their own to be the best. It is well so, and it is not our purpose to make comparisons herein. A peep into the inner thoughts of one other fraternity however, but serves to confirm, and if that were possible, strengthen our conviction that Theta Delta Chi is just right for us.

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On our *Correspondence* page, we present a letter from Brother F. S. Crawford, Mu Deuteron, '97, in which is sketched in outline a plan that his charge found very efficient for increasing its attendance at convention. Highly satisfactory

**A Suggestion** as the attendance at Theta Delta Chi conventions has ever been, we must bear in mind that admonition which Brother Spahn gave us in his last speech, and which we believe will be handed down as a heritage in Theta Delt lore to the generations that shall succeed us: "There is no top-notch in Theta Delta Chi."

We therefore take pleasure in giving publicity to this letter, and would express the hope that Mu Deuteron's sister charges

may consider worthy the trial that which has yielded her such good results.

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The full significance of that loyalty to Theta Delta Chi which Brother Frederic Carter represents must be more deeply appreciated than ever before, when his part in the story that is told in these pages is considered. There is no branch of fraternity activity in which he is not preeminently versed, and moreover always ready and willing to bring his ability and his energies to bear. THE SHIELD too would join in the chorus of gratitude which must raise its voice to him,—nay, THE SHIELD would fain lead the chorus with lusty voice, for only his assistance has made this number possible.

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Not slow to avail ourselves of the authority delegated to us by the convention upon the recommendation of our predecessor, we have appointed a Business Manager,—Brother Robert W. Maloney, Church Street, Kingsbridge, New York City. In regard to subscriptions and all matters pertaining to any but the purely editorial work, we would therefore request that our readers hereafter communicate directly with him. He has the administration of the business affairs of THE SHIELD entirely in his charge, and we bespeak for him the same cordial support which has been extended to us and which, more than anything else, lightens the duties which we have undertaken to perform.

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Yet one word more, and that last not of the least importance. We cannot lay too much stress on the rôle that our Graduate Personals department plays in the sphere of usefulness that THE SHIELD is intended to fulfill. Without the active coöperation of our readers we are helpless. We therefore appeal to every brother to gather for us such items as may be within even his remotest reach. Jot them on a card or a slip of paper and mail them to us without any further formality. Of the Charge Editors in particular we would request that they be ever on the alert,—watchful as the “real reporters” in this respect. Nothing would please us better than the development of a friendly rivalry between the charges, whereof the merits shall be decided on the basis of their respective numbers of pages of “Grad Personals.”

## CHARGE LETTERS

### BETA—Cornell University

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We are again grinding after spending the first week of February in idleness as to University work but great activity in regard to social pleasures. Junior week coming the first week of February each year is looked forward to long before Christmas vacation and every man who intends to indulge in the round of gaieties "gets very busy" with his special young lady while home during his holidays. Coming as it does the week following mid year exams, both those who were successful and those who were not so successful throw all care to the winds and give themselves up to nothing but enjoyment. Beta had a very charming and congenial house party this year with fourteen ladies from all parts of the country as guests, and her active charge as hosts. The week opened up with the performance by the Cornell Dramatic Society followed by fraternity dances. The following night the Sophomore Cotillion was held at the Lyceum theatre. The next night the Cornell Musical Clubs gave their concert and this was followed by dances at the prominent fraternity houses. The week wound up with the Junior Prom, which was the event of the week.

This year Beta has more men out for athletics than last year. Brothers Wilder and Cooper are out for the freshman crew and Brother Lyon, "Princeton, 1901," is out for the varsity; they are all likely candidates and we expect places in the boats. Brothers Lyon and Lawrence are out for the baseball team. Brother Lawrence, '04, played on his class team two years in succession. Brother Cook, '02, is expected to get a place on one of the oratorical stages of one of which he was a member last year. Brother Wilder is singing tenor on the Glee Club and made the Christmas trip, which is exceptional for a freshman.

Brother G. E. D. Brady is assistant manager of the musical clubs and Junior Prom Committee. Brother C. P. Brady, '04, was elected recently assistant manager of the football team and was on the Sophomore Cotillion Committee. Brother Prussing, '04, is playing first violin on the University orchestra, which consists of over fifty members.

Beta was presented recently with a magnificent specimen of a wild white swan mounted with its wings outstretched in the act of rising from the water. The occasion was celebrated by a charming little dinner party in honor of the donor Mr. E. G. Wyckoff, a prominent citizen of Ithaca.

The sophomore class of the University is very active this year in its endeavor to secrete the various members of the freshman banquet committee and class officers, so that it will be impossible for them to appear at the

banquet. They take them to some neighboring town a week before the banquet and board them there until after it is over and then the poor fresh are released.

Beta extends best wishes to her sister charges.

HAROLD C. JONES.

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**GAMMA DEUTERON—University of Michigan**

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The most important event excepting the Fraternity Convention in which Gamma Deuteron has taken part since the last SHIELD letter has been the Junior Hop. This is the only event of a social nature in which the charge as a whole takes part during the college year and for this reason strenuous efforts are always made to make it as much of a success as possible. The Hop this year was a complete success barring the hard luck some of the brothers experienced in getting girls. Our alumni were represented by Brother Thuman, '02, of Chicago, who left some valuable remembrances with the charge on departing.

We have been favored also by visits from various other members of our alumni and by visits from brothers of other charges.

Brother Chapman, Xi, '01, who is in the wood alcohol business in Cadilac, Michigan, was in Ann Arbor a couple of days attending his brother's wedding, and spent considerable of his time with us.

Brother Johnson, Sigma Deuteron, '02, also stopped here on his way to Buffalo and Brother Wright, Epsilon Deuteron, '96, also called on us.

In an athletic way track and baseball are beginning to engross the interest of the brothers. Michigan will have a fairly good track team this year but her baseball team at this early time seems to be an unknown quantity. Brother Sexton I believe, is to be here again this year as coach and under his direction a good team will no doubt be turned out.

The brothers are manifesting unusual interest in track athletics this year and every afternoon a number of them can be found at the gymnasium. Brother H. L. Crumpacker, '03, has made a place on his class relay team and some of the other brothers contemplate entering the coming class meet.

As was anticipated in the last SHIELD letter Brother Mason, '03, was elected Interscholastic Manager by a large majority at the recent athletic association election. This is one of the most important positions which the student body has in its gift.

Gamma Deuteron extends greetings to all of the sister charges and wishes to assure the incoming Grand Lodge of her most hearty goodwill and coöperation throughout the coming year.

O. L. CRUMPACKER.

## DELTA DEUTERON—University of California

INITIATE

1905

Julian Adams, Pasadena, California.

With the opening of the spring semester Delta Deuteron sends her best greetings to the sister charges. The fall term brought us unusual success in rushing, both in number of men and in excellence of the new material. We lost by graduation Brother Walker who received his B.L. degree at Christmas and is now engaged in law practice in San Francisco.

At last after long perseverance on part of the brothers, our hope and dream for many months has been realized, and a charge house built for us according to our own designs. As the charge grew and developed we long ago found our old quarters unsuitable and totally inadequate to the growing demand. We realized that for Theta Delta Chi to prosper at California, she must have a suitable home. Not being in condition to build a house of our own, an effort was made to find a suitable one that we could rent. We were unsuccessful in finding anything desirable already built but at last succeeded in finding a party who would build us a house according to our own plans. As a result the charge is now firmly established in a new home. The location is admirable for a fraternity house, being easily accessible to the University and in the heart of the choicest residence part of Berkeley. The house itself is built in colonial style with spacious reception hall and drawing-rooms, eleven sleeping rooms, etc., and is well adapted to the needs of the charge.

With thirteen active men in the charge, another man pledged and a splendid new home we feel confident of continued success and prosperity for Delta Deuteron.

Brother Adams, '05, was initiated January 25. Brother Norman Hackett was present on this occasion to lend his fraternal spirit and enthusiasm. Brother Hackett's visits are ever a source of pleasure to the charge and he will always be a welcome guest to Delta Deuteron.

The next thing to going to a convention is to hear "Norm" tell about it.

At present college activities are at a standstill. Interest is centered principally on track and baseball.

California will send her track team east in the spring and will make a strong bid for honors on the eastern track and field.

Brother Hunter, '02, has been engaged as dramatic coach for a farce to be given in the near future by the Prytanean society, a prominent college organization. Brother Wellborn, '04, has a part in the cast.

The charge made its debut socially by giving a dance in the charge house on the evening of February 29. The affair was an unqualified success. We hope to do more in this line before the year is over.

The second anniversary of the birth of Delta Deuteron occurs April 19. We give notice at this early date so that any Theta Delt who may happen this way at that time shall help us celebrate the event. The occasion bids fair to be even more successful than last year's. Any brother who happens to be in this vicinity then or any other time may be assured of a royal welcome from Delta Deuteron.

WELDEN F. BARNES.

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**ZETA—Brown University**

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INITIATE

1905

Frank H. Childs, New Bedford, Mass.

Since the time of my last writing for *THE SHIELD*, affairs have been moving along smoothly at Providence and without any extraordinary happenings. Just now examination prospects are keeping our expectations keen and our time pretty well filled. The term ends on the 15th of March and then after a short vacation we will be ready to start on the last and most enjoyable term of the year.

Baseball has once more come to the front. Brother Jutter has been elected business manager of the sophomore team. Brother Hiland, '05, is making a great showing in the pitcher's box for the varsity and Brother Penley, '04, will no doubt hold down his old position at third. On the whole, prospects are bright for the baseball season here and Brown will be heard from when the time for action comes.

Junior week this year occupies the first week of April. This is by far the greatest social event of the year and we are all looking forward to it with delightful anticipations. Brother Fish is our representative on the committee and he has been working hard for the interests of the university and Theta Delta Chi.

In closing I want to introduce to the Fraternity Brother Frank H. Childs, '05, of New Bedford, a 'cello player of very extraordinary ability and a "crackajack" all round fellow.

ROSCOE ARNOLD CARTER.

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**ZETA DEUTERON—McGill University**

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INITIATES

1903

F. Henry Wilfred Bovey, Montreal, Canada.

Harrington Bennett Munro, Almonte, Ont.

William Goodon Cummings, Montreal, Canada.

1904

William Thomas Greenwood, St. Catherines, Ont.

1905

George Walker Mackey, New Glasgow, N. S.

Since our last letter Zeta Deuteron has been going ahead and winning for herself high places both in academics and in athletics. In the former Brother Bovey headed his class in classics and Brother Fortin stood top in chemistry. In the latter Brother Nagle has been elected captain of our Varsity football team for 1902, while Brothers Higgins and Gibson are captain and manager respectively of the Varsity basketball team. Brothers Bruin, Brooks and Fortin have caught places on their class hockey teams.

Zeta Deuteron takes great pleasure in introducing five new Thetes. Brothers Bovey, Munro and Cumming, '03; Brother Greenwoods, '04, and Brother Mackey, '05. These babies in the baby charge are the most thriving set of infants and at no late date will be the greatest workers among us.

College life is very quiet now, most of the brothers having Easter exams. in three weeks for which they necessarily have to plug.

Since our last letter, we have had President Huffcut with us, coming up and spending Thanksgiving here. If we were loyal Theta's before we are even the more loyal and energetic after his visit.

We have received visits from several of the brothers this term. Brother S. Kuse, Nu Deuteron, '03, was with us Christmas, Brother Marble, Kappa, '99, and for these last three days (Feb. 21-24) Brothers Hamblin, Vail, Kellner and Lampee, Omicron Deuteron.

These last brothers came up to celebrate Washington's Natal day and they certainly did it. We had a small stein party for them and from the amount of noise, everybody seemed to enjoy himself. Brother Kellner's and Mine Host Sherrider's German "spiel" were certainly the features of the evening.

The brothers are gradually fixing up the house with those little things that make it a home; every few days there is added an offering from a mother, sister or another fellow's sister.

Zeta Deuteron sends her greetings to all the sister charges, wishing them all prosperity through 1902.

W. HOWARD DICKSON.

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**ETA—Bowdoin College**


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We are just back from the convention, and such of us as went, are trying to dispose of our surplus enthusiasm among our less fortunate brethren. The result is that every one who didn't go is kicking himself and swearing

he will be at the next convention living or dead. If it is held in Boston, as this convention recommended, I do believe we can bring down every man.

All our fellows who have met Brother Tombo are immensely pleased at his election. It is very fortunate that so good a man was at hand to step into the gap left by Brother Huffcut's withdrawal.

Well, I suppose I must be about my "bragging" if I am to make a SHIELD letter out of this. My fear is that I did this part of my work so well in the last issue that I shall have rather meager material for this. We have had only two chances to gather honors since my last letter, the senior and junior elections. Brother McCann was elected marshal, Brother Giles, historian, and Brother Radick, chairman of the Class Day Committee, by the Seniors, and the Junior class chose Brother Abbott second man on the Ivy Day Committee, and Brother Welch, odist. I had almost forgotten the elections for the new Debating Club, at which Brother Woodbury, '03, was chosen vice-president, and Brother Walker, '03, Junior member of the executive committee.

While the Bowdoin Glee Club was in Boston a few weeks ago, half a dozen of us Theta Delts went out after one of the concerts to see the Iota fellows. They entertained us royally in their beautiful new house, and we stayed until a late hour singing fraternity songs and having a general good time. They are a splendid crowd, and hospitable to a fault.

I have just learned while writing, of the death of Brother Spahn. What a horrible ending to a Banquet in other respects so perfect! We left before the close of the Banquet to take a night train, and so the Grand Lodge orders to drape our badges gave us our first intimation of the terrible accident. How sad it is that the new ritual for the burial of the dead should thus early be brought into requisition.

L. V. WALKER.

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### IOTA—Harvard University

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#### INITIATES

Julian Dwight Chase, '02, Dedham, Mass.

Stanley R. Miller, '03, Hyde Park, Mass.

William Minot Hurd, '04, Winchester, Mass.

One of the pleasantest visits we have had this winter was from a half dozen Theta Delts belonging to the Bowdoin Mandolin and Glee Clubs, which were giving a concert in Boston. They came out to Cambridge and gave us a private concert, as enjoyable as it was informal.

The occasion filled the Amusement Committee with a desire to hold a Minstrel and Vaudeville Entertainment, and by the time this letter is printed no doubt that committee will feel itself crowned with glory and

honor. While it is rather early to make any definite statements about the program,—as well as unwise, perhaps, to divulge green-room secrets, it can do no harm to predict that the Florodora Double Sextette, drilled by Brother R. A. Dean, will be an artistic achievement. Brother Dean was chosen for this work not less for his saltatory skill than for his proved ability to make any necessary speeches before the curtain. Also we are all looking forward to Brother Spencer's rendition of Hawaiian love-songs,—and dances. He is likewise no unknown quantity in his particular branch.

We are very much gratified at the election of Brother Brown to an office in the Grand Lodge, and are certain that the Treasury is in good hands.

Not only Iota Charge, but the whole Fraternity has suffered a distinct loss in the death of Dr. Alonzo Boothby of Boston. Dr. Boothby was not a member of our Fraternity, but his aid, which made possible for us the erection of our new house, was such that his death should cause regret, not merely local, but to every Theta Delta Chi. During the construction of the building Dr. Boothby's interest was most constant and friendly, and the whole charge were united in their sorrow at his death, and their sympathy for his son, Brother Walter M. Boothby, the President of Iota. Doctor Boothby was among the most eminent physicians in Boston, and was a member of the faculty of medicine in Boston University. Brother W. M. Boothby succeeds his father as President of the Boothby Surgical Hospital.

E. L. PEARSON.

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#### IOTA DEUTERON—Williams College

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Since the last letter no new men have been taken in, but one man has been pledged and we expect to initiate him very soon. Iota Deuteron came through the exams in very good shape and although we have no very high standing men this year, the general average is excellent.

The reaction from the exam period took the form of a house-party, lasting from the fifteenth to the eighteenth of February, and was very successful. All had a good time, each in his own way, while some of the brothers showed unexpected ability as "fussers".

In the recent Senior elections, Brother Lawrence was elected one of the class day marshals. On the baseball squads which have just begun practice, we are represented by Brothers, Lawrence '02, who played on the varsity last spring; Mears, '03, and Watson, '05. As yet only battery candidates have been called out, but when a general call is issued, we will have several more representatives. In track athletics we have Brothers B. Mears, '03, and Watson, '05. We are well represented on the musical clubs also. Brother Mason, '04, is a member of the Dramatic Club, and has just been elected to the Sophomore Prom. committee.

During the winter we have had visits from several brothers from other charges, and would be glad if more could find it convenient to be seen here occasionally or oftener.

LEIGH SANFORD.

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**KAPPA—Tufts College**

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INITIATES

1904

Chas. E. McMahon, Randolph, Mass.

1905

Arthur W. Lovejoy, Lowell, Mass.

The course of Kappa has continued to run on through the winter as smoothly as it began and we are now safely started on the new term.

We were all considerably disturbed near the close of the first term by the rumor that the system of mid-year exams, which leaves so many well intentioned brothers by the wayside, was to be sprung on us. Fortunately the faculty had pity on us and decided to let the matter drop for this year at least. It must not be thought, however, that our system is an easy one for we have exams. every little while throughout the year, so we have to keep conning all the time.

We have just had the lower part of our house overhauled and it shines now brighter than ever. The billiard room and hallways have been papered with old gold cartridge paper and in the large room the walls are hung with a dark green burlap, producing to our eyes at least, a very agreeable effect. When the work was all completed we awoke one morning to find four fine Oriental rugs under our feet and we speedily obtained a confession from Brother Richardson that bare floors never did go well with swell walls.

Recently we have held another initiation and we now introduce to the Fraternity two fine Theta Delts, Brothers McMahon, '04, and Lovejoy, '05.

Since our last letter we have made several additions to our list of college honors. We now have the captain of the football team and Brother Coolidge, '03, has been chosen president of his class and also of the Capen Debating Club.

Through the hard and conscientious labors of Brother Nason, '03, captain of the track team, an outdoor board track has been built and as a result track athletics at Tufts are booming. In the recent B. A. A. meet our relay team was easily victorious. Brothers Coolidge, '03, and Easterbrooks, '05, were substitutes on the team. Brothers Maas and Easterbrooks, '05, are on their class relay team which is sure to prove a fast one.

Baseball practice has begun in the cage and several of our brothers are out practising for the team. The prospects this year are not so bright as we might wish but we are going to do something before the season is over.

We are still very much in evidence at all the social functions on the hill and when they don't come fast enough to suit us we can soon brew one of our own.

T. S. KNIGHT.

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LAMBDA—Boston University

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INITIATES

1904

Herbert Spaulding Avery, Plymouth, Mass.

1905

Roscoe Daniel Tarbox, Biddeford, Me.

The year so far has been one of quiet prosperity for Lambda. Our "frat." life is one of perfect harmony and brotherly enjoyment, and our position in college is an enviable one. This excellent condition of the charge is not so much a result of things coming our way, as of hard, united endeavor by the whole charge to raise our standing, and we feel encouraged and gratified by our success.

Realizing the fatal danger of satisfied self-complacency to the continued vitality of a charge, we have made it one of our strongest efforts this year, not only to inculcate in our freshman brothers the active and energetic spirit of Theta Delta Chi, but to strive to increase this spirit among all the brothers; and we have felt a decided gain both in the profit and enjoyment of social brotherhood and in the higher and more spiritual appreciation of the true meaning of Theta Delta Chi. Among the means by which we have fostered this spirit are more attention to the musical and literary part of the meetings, debating, and discussion of charge policies, frequent "frat" suppers and a general endeavor to be as helpful to one another as possible.

Of the many triumphs we have won in the college, the mention of a few of the more important honors will give an idea. Brothers Chandler, '02, Walter Merritt, '03, and his brother George Merritt, '05, are the Presidents, and Brothers Wilder, '02, Coan, '03, and McNair, '05, are the Treasurers of their respective classes. Brother Webber, '02, is President of the Philosophical Club, Brother Hood, '03, of the Literary Club, and Brother Litchman, '04, of the Debating Club. We are going into the President business, and seem to have rather a corner on the market.

In dramatics we have held our usual lead, and we expect to present a play before the college in April.

The social life here is unusually good this year, and we have, of course, enjoyed our full share of it. In connection with the celebration of our Quarter-Centennial Anniversary on March 13, we expect to give one of the notable social events of the college year in the shape of a reception to our friends in college and especially to our brother and sister Greeks with whom we are on the friendliest of terms in spite of a natural rivalry.

Although athletics are not very active at B. U., Lambda has had a fair representation. Brothers, Baker, '02, and Merritt and Rink, '03, helped the basket-ball team to win several very creditable victories, and on one of the team's trips played Brown and so had an opportunity to enjoy the hospitality of the boys at Zeta. Brother Merritt, '03, is manager of the re-organizing baseball nine, which several Theta Deltas will undoubtedly make.

Of course the boys who went to the Fifty-Fourth Convention came home filled with new zeal for the Fraternity and made those of us who stayed at home wish we had gone.

One thing which I should have mentioned before as an important factor in helping to strengthen our fraternity life this year, was the frequent presence at our meetings of Brother Charles J. Bullock, ex-editor of *THE SHIELD* and Assistant Professor of Economics at Williams. Brother Bullock has been giving a series of lectures at Harvard, and so had an opportunity to be with us at Lambda and inspire us with his great fraternity zeal and his many experiences with the men of other charges.

CHARLES HENRY HOLBROOK.

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### MU DEUTERON—Amherst College

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The winter term at Amherst is fast drawing to a close and the unwelcome finals will soon be here. Mu Deuteron passed through the ordeal successfully in December and her prospects seem bright at this time. Although the present term has kept up its reputation of being the time when we do our hardest work, it has not been without its pleasures and outside attractions.

The most important social event, one in which the whole college unites was the Junior Prom. This came January 31st, while the festivities attendant upon it occupied the greater part of a week. We were well represented by members of the three upper classes, and all declared it a very enjoyable time. The week before our parlors were the scene of an informal dance given by the Sophomore and Freshman delegations. This too was a pronounced success.

In athletics Amherst has been very successful this winter. In the B. A. A. meet she came well to the front and took an important place. We were represented on the track by Brothers Thompson, '04 and Orrell, '05.

In basketball victory has attended every game. Brother Anderson, '02, has recently been elected captain of the team and the prospects are bright for a most successful culmination of the series. In addition to the above events, skating and "fussing" have received their due share of interest and attention.

Of course the most important event for the charge has been the annual convention in New York. We were very well represented and all who went came back thoroughly infused with the enthusiasm that prevailed and feeling that no one who has not attended an annual convention, can fully appreciate what Theta Delta Chi is and means. On the Saturday night following the convention our alumni held a reunion and dinner here in Amherst to which the members of the two upper delegations were invited. This proved to be a very successful winding up of convention week. Such gatherings are a great help in promoting the interests of a charge. They are certainly to be encouraged.

In closing Mu Deuteron sends greetings to the sister charges and wishes them the same prosperity which she is fortunately able to report.

J. HOWARD STEVENS.

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#### NU DEUTERON—Lehigh University

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The writer has just returned from our fifty-fourth annual convention. It is with mingled pleasure and sadness that we look back upon the past few days—with pleasure when we recall the unbounded love and fraternal feeling that was everywhere in evidence, and with sadness at the awful, and untimely death of Brother Spahn. It was but a few short hours from the time I bade him farewell at the banquet until I saw him cold in death. His death will be deeply mourned, for he has endeared himself by his many sterling qualities to every Theta Delt.

The mid-year "exams" have come and gone, and while they left some of us a trifle ruffled, as far as numbers are concerned, we are still intact. As a charge we were never in a better or healthier condition than this issue of THE SHIELD will find us.

We have been exceedingly fortunate in all we undertook. In athletics we are and will be as usual well represented. On the baseball team, Brother "Jack" Lilley will continue to hold down first base, in addition to giving us the pleasure of calling him captain as well as "Handsome Jack." Brother Carr as coach will make the "boys" tread the straight and narrow path in more ways than one. His ability as a player coupled with his six feet six inches of sterling manhood, give him qualifications that few of the team care to question. Brother Taylor will again occupy the center of the diamond, and hand out a puzzle or two to his opponents. Brother Sholly is working hard for a position on the team with good prospects of making it.

Brother Parsons in addition to holding the responsible position of Athletic Representative at Large, is also manager of our basketball team, which has put up a remarkable game this winter. He will also add his strength to the baseball team. Brother Higgins at the present time is busily arranging for an extensive tour of the Glee and Mandolin Club through the principal Southern cities. He has arranged to cover the same route, and at the same time with the baseball team, so with a game in the afternoon, and a concert at night, the natives will know that "Lehigh is in town." Brothers Glauey, Stull, Carr, and Taylor will sustain the musical reputation of the Nu Deuteron on this trip.

Our annual dance given at the Eagle Hotel on the tenth of February, was the usual success. The hall was handsomely decorated in fraternity and college colors, and presented a pretty sight. Over one hundred and fifty of our friends graced the dance by their presence. Many of them were our alumni from this and neighboring cities. The dance was preceded by an informal house party given for our out of town guests. Mrs. Archibald Johnson, of Bethlehem, and Mrs. Koller, of Reading, both sister Theta Delts, honored us by pouring. The night following the dance a joint concert was given by the musical clubs of the University of Pennsylvania and Lehigh University. Many of our out of town guests remained over for the entertainment, which was most enjoyable. The day following was given up to saying farewells to chaperones and their charges, and many were the promises enacted that the visits would be renewed during commencement week, at which time we give our annual house party.

Among the old Theta Delts who have honored us with a visit in the past few months are Brother and Mrs. Hearn, Brothers Gass, Echert and Koller, and last but not least Brother Okeson, who spent a few days in town with a brand new Sister Theta Delt. The Nu Deuteron charge is proud to introduce through the SHIELD Mrs. Walter Okeson. In Mrs. Okeson Theta Delta Chi gains a loyal and devoted sister.

We extend to every Theta Delt a most cordial invitation to visit the Nu Deuteron charge at any time, and to Rudolf Tombo, its sincere and heartfelt congratulations. Nu Deuteron wishes him continued success and prosperity as President of the Grand Lodge.

WM. M. LALOR.

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### XI—Hobart College

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The spring of 1902 opens with the assurance of a good baseball team to uphold Hobart's old-time glory on the diamond. Among the large number of good players in college, Brothers Reuter, '03, and Hollands, '05, have excellent chances for positions. A long Southern trip has been arranged to extend through the Easter vacation. The team leads off the ball with Roanoke College, Lynchburg, Va.; thence traveling south through the Car-

olinas and Georgia, it plays the University of Georgia at Atlanta and returns through the same states. About eighteen games will be played on this trip. It is hoped that the work of this team will duplicate the glories of '95 when the Hobart nine made an enviable record on a similar trip.

The lacrosse team has been practising since Christmas in the gym and is now out on the campus working into shape for the season. Brothers Warner, '02, and Mount, '04, will hold their old positions; and we expect Brothers Whitney, '04, and Espy, '05, also to make the team. A schedule of about fourteen games has been arranged. Besides the six home games, two trips embracing eight more have been projected. One of these carries the team through the state to New York, the other as far south as Baltimore. It is expected that the lacrosse team under the captaincy of Brother Bennett, '02, will keep up the good record of Hobart in that sport.

The charge is congratulating itself upon the election of Brother Whitney, '04, to succeed Brother Warner, '02, as captain of football. We count half last year's team among our number and hope to do as well by next year's team.

The graduates of two years ago would be surprised at the present changed appearance of things about college. Since the completion of Coxe Memorial Hall and Medbury Dormitory and the remodeling of Trinity and Dromedary Halls into Halls of Physics and of Chemistry respectively, the center of college activity has been transferred from Main street, before the college buildings, to Coxe Hall. Many of the recitations are held in that building, the rooms of the College Club are there situated as well as the college offices. A course of popular lectures was given there during the winter, widely attended both by college men and townspeople. This building and the board-walk in front of Medbury Hall have become the busiest places in college.

During January the resignation of President Jones was presented to the Board of Trustees and by them laid on the table. The President's vacation was extended until June 1st. During his absence Dean Durfee exercises the duties of president.

The charge is keeping its usual place in the front of all college activities. It holds two out of three important captaincies in college; it has men out for every sport and on every team. Besides this it is represented in the Glee Club by the leader, by one member of the College Quartette and by three other brothers. Brother Bennett, '02, is on the executive committee of the Dramatic Club, and brothers Reuter, '03, and Baker, '03, are on the business and literary boards of the *Echo*, our college annual. The two honorary societies in college, the Chimaera and the Brush and Quill count our men in their ranks.

During Junior week, beginning April 15, we expect to turn over the house to the ladies. Preparations are in progress that will make Junior week more lively this year than ever before. Besides the play, the Glee Club Concert, and the Prom itself, the Sophomore Club inaugurates a notable precedent in the first Sophomore hop. The fair sex will hold undisputa-

ble possession of the house; and the usual occupants will be compelled to make their periodical flight to the dormitories.

We take this opportunity of urging our graduate brothers to join the Xi Graduate Association as soon as possible. Besides bringing them directly in touch with the needs and deeds of the active brothers, membership in the association supplies them with *THE SHIELD*, ensuring them all news of the Fraternity, of Hobart and of the charge. All of our "old men" will see how desirable it is that a strong graduate organization be formed.

ARTHUR F. HEUSSLER.

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### OMICRON DEUTERON—Dartmouth College

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With the December number of *THE SHIELD*, Brother Carleton who has so ably represented Omicron Deuteron for the past two years as charge editor laid down his pen and another has taken his place. It is the hope and shall be the endeavor of the present charge editor to maintain the high standard that has characterized Brother Carleton's letters.

At the date of this writing we are in the midst of the quietest and most uninteresting period of our college year,—a Hanover winter. Naturally there is not much of interest to chronicle. Midyears have come and gone, and the charge as a whole passed safely through the trying ordeal, but few of the brothers falling by the wayside.

At present basketball is almost our only diversion. Our team is strong and so far this season has been very successful. We are represented by Brothers Craig, 1902, Newman, 1902, and Foster, 1904. Brother Newman is playing a star game at forward, bidding fair to surpass his brilliant record of last year. We were glad to meet Brother Anderson of the Amherst basketball team.

Baseball practice in the cage has begun and the prospects for a strong nine are favorable. Brothers Rollins, 1904, pitcher on last year's team, Cregg, 1902, Scales, 1904, and Brothers Vaughn, Herrick and McGrath of the freshman delegation, are out for the team. On the track our prospects are also bright for a successful season. Our relay team defeated Columbia at the B. A. A. meet held in Boston and brother Neal, 1903, won second place in the forty-five yard hurdles. When the track team is called out for spring work we can count on brothers Neal, 1903, and Jackson, 1904, as point winners for the Green.

In class elections Omicron Deuteron has received her full share of honors. The senior elections were hotly contested. Brother O'Connor received the coveted position of class marshal, Brother Dorr was re-elected class president, and Brother Drake was appointed to the photograph committee. Brother Wentworth, 1903, has been elected chairman of the Junior Prom. Committee, Brother Howes, 1903, is to run the vaudeville entertainment to

be presented in Prom. Week. This is right in Brother Howe's line and it goes without saying that the show will be a great success. In the sophomore elections for candidates for the assistant managements of the track, football and baseball teams, Brother Maynard received the third highest number of votes out of the seven elected, from whom the Athletic Council is to choose the three assistant managers. Brother Roby, 1904, was elected class treasurer, and Brother Vail, 1904, is a member of the Sophomore Banquet Committee. Brother Vaughn, 1905, is chairman of the Freshman Banquet Committee.

Three of the brothers have gone out from the fold whom the charge can ill afford to lose. Brother Briggs, 1902, having completed his work in college, has left us to enter upon a business career. Brother Clarke, 1902, who has also completed his undergraduate work and Brother Young, 1904, were obliged to leave on account of ill-health. The charge wishes them the best of good fortune and a speedy recovery from their illness.

Brother Bullock, acting for President Huffcut, visited us in December for the annual inspection of the charge. Albeit that the freshmen were somewhat alarmed over the reports circulated of these terrible inquisitions, Brother Bullock used us very gently, and we are happy to say, seemed pleased with the condition in which he found the charge.

We have received pleasant visits from Brother Baunis, 1900, and Brother Hodges, Kappa, ex-1900. Hanover is rather out of the way, but we hope that every brother who chances to be in these regions will not fail to look us up.

Omicron Deuteron extends hearty greetings to her sister charges, and wishes them all a happy and successful year.

C. IRVING LAMPEE.

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

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Since the last issue of THE SHIELD there has been little of interest going on in College, of such as there was, however, Pi Deuteron has had her full share. Our Hockey Team of which Brother Robert Schmid was Manager, has just finished a very successful season, considering it was our first appearance on the ice. We did not compete with any of the teams of the Senior League, but we beat all the colleges in the Intermediate class and came out second to the crack Kensington A. C. team of Brooklyn. Baseball is now the main attraction. We are represented on the Varsity Squad by Brothers Trubenbach and Clark, both of whom have bright prospects for the team, while Brother Tompkins is doing star work on the Freshman aggregation. Brother Trubenbach is also playing on the Varsity lacrosse team and will probably carry away some prizes from the spring Tennis Tournament.

In the social line we are anxiously looking forward to the Annual Entertainment and Dance for the benefit of Athletics, to be given at Sherry's on the twenty-sixth of next month. The charge's representative on the committee is Brother Maloney who is also on the Dinner Committee of the Junior Class. The Vice-President of the Freshman Class having left College, Brother Lloyd Tompkins has been elected to this office.

The appointment of Brother Nelson P. Mead, '99, a former charge editor, to the position of Instructor in History in College was a welcome surprise to all of us. Brother Mead has been specializing in his subject for several years both in this country and Europe and is now finishing up his work for a Ph.D. in Columbia.

The sudden and tragic death of Brother Jacob Spahn was a blow that was heavily felt by us of Pi Deuteron. To the writer fell the sad task of representing the charge at the funeral. In the history of the Fraternity there have been many meetings happy and joyful, but I doubt if there was ever one more deeply affecting, or more indicative of the spirit of Theta Delta Chi than that which gathered to say a last farewell to Brother Spahn.

ROBERT W. MALONEY.

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### RHO DEUTERON—Columbia University

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#### INITIATES

1904

Raymond McCune, Salt Lake City, Utah.

1905

Alexander A. Brittain, Hoboken, N. J.

Harold N. Lawrie, New York City.

George R. Bradley, New York City.

The brothers of Rho Deuteron are plunged in the deepest gloom by the sad news of the death of Brother Spahn; and words are entirely inadequate to express their feelings. To think that dear old Brother Spahn, the youngest of us all in spirit should join the Omega charge so soon after his brilliant speech at the convention! With this news, the pleasures of the glorious Fifty-fourth Convention become dimmed and even the thought of Brother Rudolf Tombo's election does not bring a sense of pleasure to us who are glad to be undergrads, simply because we can sometimes be of service to him.

The Convention and the Banquet we could talk about all day, but we will say only that the brothers of Rho Deuteron will always look back to the Fifty-fourth Convention as among the happiest days of their lives.

At the head of this letter is a list of men initiated since the last SHIELD letter. We are sure that they are and always will be true and loyal Theta Delts.

In athletics we are doing very well. Brother "Joe" Spencer, captain of the Columbia Swimming Team, came back from the Chicago Sportsman's Show with several cups and medals. The Columbia team with Brothers Spencer, Camp and Fenton as three of the four men, defeated Yale in the relay races. The water polo team with the same three brothers as members, won every game, defeating Yale 3-0. Speaking of defeating Yale reminds us that the Columbia basketball team with Brother Goodman, '03, playing forward, defeated Yale on the night of the Banquet.

As captain of the varsity baseball team, Brother Goodman recently called out the candidates for the varsity and freshman teams, and we are glad to see a goodly number of Theta Delts out for them. Brother Bradley, '05, plays on our varsity hockey team and is captain of our freshman team, Brother Stephens, '05, manages the freshman team, and Brother Tiffany, '05, plays cover point. Brother Eastmond is one of the stars on our gym team, with Brother Lawson, '02, manager and Brother Spencer, '02, assistant manager.

Brother Benjamin, '04, is leading lady in our sophomore show, Brother Camp, '04, is an end man in the minstrels and Brothers Perkins, '04, and Kebler, '04 are in the minstrel chorus. Brother Sergeant, '04, was appointed stage manager, but ill-health caused him to resign, and Brother Kebler, was appointed in his place.

Brother Ward of Tau Deuteron, stayed with us during the convention, and the day before and the day after the convention we enjoyed visits from the brothers of several charges.

In conclusion let me urge all brothers who may happen to be in New York to come and see us at our charge house, 544 West 113th street, New York City.

LEONARD KEBLER.

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#### SIGMA DEUTERON—University of Wisconsin.

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Since the last letter Sigma Deuteron has pledged two more men, James Musser, '04, of Madison and Edon Drake, '04, of Milwaukee, who will soon be introduced to the mysteries and privileges of our Fraternity.

The chief social function of our college year, the annual Junior Promenade, took place the first of this month and, as usual, was the occasion of a jolly house party, during which the charge-house was placed at the disposal of our "Prom." guests.

The several evenings before the "Prom." proper, were given up to dancing in the house and sleighing parties which contributed in no small degree to the enjoyment of the occasion. Present at the house party were

Brother and Mrs. I. P. Witter, Grand Rapids; Brother and Mrs. G. H. Jones, Chicago; Brother and Mrs. Salisbury, of Madison; also Brother Theodore W. Brozeau, Grand Rapids; W. S. Cate, Ashland, and I. B. Kirkland, Jefferson.

Brother Rowe, '03, was a member of this year's committee, which enjoys the distinction of having managed the most successful "Prom." ever given at Wisconsin.

In athletics Brother Sawyer has been re-elected a member of the Athletic Board and will undoubtedly steer our 'Varsity crew again in the spring race,—this time we hope to victory.

Brother Caskey, '04, is a candidate for a seat in the 'Varsity boat, while Brothers Compton and Collins are out for the freshman crew. Brother Borreson and our pledged man Musser will try for places on the varsity baseball team. Arrangements are also being made for a series of inter-fraternity baseball games.

P. J. CARTER.

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**TAU DEUTERON—University of Minnesota**

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INITIATES

1904

Bert E. Dutcher, Hancock, Minn.

1905

Helon E. Leach, Spring Valley, Minn.

Tau Deuteron takes great pleasure in introducing to Theta Delta Chi two new brothers, Bert E. Dutcher who has already shown himself to be a true and loyal Theta Delt, and Helon E. Leach of whom it is sufficient to say that he has three brothers in the Fraternity.

This is the time of the year when we reap the greatest benefits and enjoyments from our Fraternity. We have had two dances recently, one just before Christmas and another early in February which were managed by Brother Ward, and which many of the alumni of the Twin Cities attended. During the holidays Brother Hartman, '96, spent a few days at the charge house and on Sunday of New Year's week we enjoyed an informal reunion at the house which was quite large and very enjoyable. Present were Brothers McCloud, '01, Cool, '99, Henry, '01, Andrews, '99, McDermott, '96, were over from St. Paul. Brother Harrison, '00, from Spokane, Wash. Brother Hartman, '96, from Valley City, North Dakota. Brothers Pratt, '98, Dr. Rees, '95, Brothers Bacheller, ex-'02, Lane, ex-'02, Clifford, '95, Suenson, '97, Wentwood, '95, Bardwell, '94, A. M. Webster, '91, Bayless, '99, Lehman, '98, who are living in Minneapolis, besides the active charge that was in

the city at the time. Brother Bayless has since gone west in connection with his labors as Mechanical Engineer for the Great Northern and expects to be out there all spring.

The midyear examinations that proved to be a greater ordeal than ever before for Minnesota were safely passed and won; studies are not the only things to take our attention. We have been watching with a great deal of interest, Brother Deering captain the basketball team through a splendid series of victories that made Minnesota the champions of the college world in the East and West, having decisively defeated Yale, which holds the Eastern championship, during the holidays, and also defeated Nebraska, North Dakota and Wisconsin. Brother Hugh Leach also made the first team but was unable to play in the Wisconsin game owing to sickness.

Brother Roberts, Sigma Deuteron, visited us for a few days when the Wisconsin team was here during the last of February. But basketball season will soon be over and our athletic interests will be turned to baseball and track, where Tau Deuteron will be found in the front.

We are still hearing the reports of the boys that were down to the Fifty-fourth Convention and are looking forward to the Tenth Annual Banquet of Tau Deuteron which will be given this year with the Northwestern Graduate Association about the middle of March. Brother Simonton, '94, of Glenwood, Minn., called on us February 21st. Brother Lane distinguished himself in taking the part of the old musician in "The Old Musician" which the University Dramatic Club put on February 11th. Brother Geo. Webster was business manager. In closing we extend an urgent invitation to all Theta Deltas traveling through the Twin Cities to look us up at No. 327 15th Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis.

R. LANCELOT TEBBITT.

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### PHI—Lafayette College

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Since our return in January, nothing has happened here at Lafayette of any importance, yet with pipe and book and an occasional "spiel" we have managed to pass the dullest part of the college year with profit to all of us. But this quiet life must be ruffled, for we are now looking straight into the face of that monster, "Spring Exams." However, with good luck and a little polling, none of us will catch step with our finish, we hope.

It was with the greatest regret that, upon our return, we found three missing from our number, Brothers Morgan and Wightman, '04, and Brother Smith, '05, all of whom we expect to have with us again next fall.

Brother Frank Steward, '69, entertained us at the rooms early in January. Several of our oldest alumni being present, the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner, and the reminiscences of Phi's early days related served to liven up the affair. Brothers Stradling, '00, Lebo, '99, Warbasse,

'00, Tim, '01, Rice, '01, and Brother Maris, Gamma D., dropped in on us for short visits. We had recently the pleasure of entertaining Brother Huffcut. This visit was a great benefit to the charge and instilled in us a still deeper love for Theta Delta Chi.

In the deal for college honors Phi still holds her hand. Brother Bradley, '04, was elected assistant manager of the football team. Lafayette's most successful teams have been managed by Phi men, and we feel sure that Brother Bradley's in '03, will be no exception to the rule. Brother Day, '03, was toastmaster at the Junior Browse, and is President of his class. Brothers Larkin, '03, and Smith, '04, represent us on the musical association. Brother Rumbaugh, '03, is on the College Assembly Committee, and Brothers Rush and G. Twitmyer will have places in the spring production of the Sock and Buskin Dramatic Association. The freshmen held their banquet at Newark, N. J., and Brother Brown as chairman of the banquet committee pulled the affair off with unusual success.

Brothers Williams, '02, Rumbaugh, '03, Day, '03, Rush, '03, Larkin, '03, Bradley, '04, and Brown, '05, were our delegation at the convention and they carried a goodly share of the enthusiasm of the convention back to Easton.

J. C. TWITMYER.

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### CHI—University of Rochester

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#### INITIATES

1905

John Raymond Dunn, 39 Marshall Street, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Carl Paul, 945 Clinton Ave., South, Rochester, N. Y.

On January 31st, we initiated two more freshmen,—both of course are fine fellows,—and on the same evening held a reception and dance at the charge house. During the holidays we gave a card party for our friends. Both occasions were highly enjoyable. The only college social event of the year has been the Sophomore Exhibition, followed by a dance. Apparently there is to be no Junior Prom. this year:

Brother Rounds, '04, was one of the speakers at the Exhibition. Brother Schumacher, '03, is a member of the Junior Historical Society. Brothers Hart, '02; Salmon, '02 and Paul, '05, ably represented us on the musical organizations of the college. Our basketball team has been very successful this year. Brother Love, '03, is playing guard. Brother Love also has been elected Assistant Secretary of the N. Y. State Intercollegiate Athletic Union. The annual track meet of the Union will be held at Rochester this spring.

As I write, we have just received the news of the shocking death of Brother Jacob Spahn, '70, at the fire in the Park Avenue Hotel, New York, where he was staying during the convention.

Brother Spahn was one of the most loyal of Chi's Alumni. His presence was always to be depended upon at fraterernity functions, of all kinds. He had attended twenty-eight out of thirty annual conventions since his graduation. As a charge, we shall deeply feel the loss of his genial presence, his sound advice, and his loyal friendship.

Congratulations for Brother Tombo, and the new Grand Lodge. We feel sure that Brother Tombo will be as successful in his new position as he was as SHIELD editor, than which no more can be said.

FREDERIC C. DEPUY.

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**CHI DEUTERON—Columbian University**

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INITIATES

1904

James Erwin Lamb, Washington, D. C.

Van Albert Potter, Beaufort, N. C.

David Hardester, Washington, D. C.

1905

Enoch A. Chase, Topeka, Kansas.

Frederick W. Albert, Washington, D. C.

Shepard Strong, Manchester, Vermont.

These six initiates bring our number up to seventeen, which for us might be called a banner year. We are rather proud of our youngsters, for in the last few weeks we believe that considerable fraternity spirit has leaked into them. Having roomier quarters this year, the lads have stayed about here a good deal of the time, and having luncheons daily, with grads about frequently, has helped imbue all with the right sort of feeling.

The college glee club was recruited largely from the charge, the majority of us taking considerable interest in music. Brother Albert is president of his class and director of athletics in the Scientific School and Brother Lamb is director of athletics in the college. Another feather in our cap: Brother Altschu, '99, now in the law school has been elected president of the University Athletic Association.

During the Christmas holidays we had a jolly season. We got a mere passing glimpse at the happiness of Brother Tombo, but Brother Huffcut's visit occasioned a lively supper at Freund's, given by the Southern Gradu-

ates, the Chi Deuteron Graduates and the charge, to our beloved brother. We corralled a bunch of "big guns," who entertained us with lively talks, the boys being much inspirited by the speeches of Brothers Huffcut, Dr. Sterrett, Representative Gibson, Dr. Bullock, LeGrand Powers, and Ivan Powers. Our own graduates returned for the holidays, and many men from the northern charges, brought the number to about fifty. Several charges were represented by bright little speeches of greeting from the members present, and twelve o'clock saw us sneaking bedward still humming "frat" tunes.

Our university is endeavoring under the present leadership to occupy the place which is naturally expected of her. These efforts on the part of the university have yielded very hopeful results, increasing the membership within a year from eleven hundred to fourteen hundred, and as a consequence the opportunities of our charge in the College and Scientific School have increased by this advantage.

The Southern Graduates with us are gratified at the growing prosperity here, and since we are the only charge of Theta Delta Chi below Mason and Dixon's line, this fact probably makes us also wish to see the southern charges loom out of their period of occultation (for we cannot call it extinction). The hand-grasp of the old brothers from the South is loyal and warm and we would like to see Theta Delta Chi once more abloom in the land of Dixie.

I have been chosen to this office in the place of our deceased Brother Horace Frost Ashford, who occupied so well the presiding office last year. Brother Ashford was of the class of 1901, in which by reason of his ability and character he was accorded a very honorable place. It was owing largely to his spirit that the year was so successful for our charge, while our prestige among the college authorities was to a large degree occasioned by the high esteem in which Brother Ashford was held.

Chi Deuteron extends her cordial greetings and best wishes for a successful year to the charges under our new leaders.

NAT E. ROBINSON, JR.

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### PSI—Hamilton College

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Since the last writing, Psi has been up and doing in many things. President Huffcut paid us his official visit—the last of his visits—only a few weeks since, and from his expressions, he must have found old Psi in promising condition. At our banquet in his honor, we had also the pleasure of the company of Brothers A. G. Benedict, '72, and T. F. Nichols, Eta '92. In the usual good old style we all toasted the health and name of our Fraternity, and our zeal ran high. Brother Huffcut left a warm impression on our minds, and we regret that we may never see him again officially.

Other social events have been numerous, too numerous in fact for the good of our pocketbooks. The Hamilton College hill is famous for its coasting—three-quarters of a mile with a ten per cent. grade and two right angled turns. We used the coasting on a perfect night in the middle of January, by giving a sliding party to our lady friends. The evening was passed in coasting, card playing, dancing, and eating. Just a week later we enjoyed a sleigh ride party with our friends to the home of Brother E. S. Foster, '94, at Verona, N. Y., where we were entertained with supper and dancing. The following week came the enjoyable winter reception at Houghton Seminary, of which Brother A. G. Benedict, Psi, '72, is principal.

Six days of the next week were given up to the gala Junior Prom week. Psi enjoyed this best by giving up the charge house to our friends for a house party. Fraternity receptions and the Prom. consumed four consecutive nights, and the Yale-Hamilton Basket Ball game a fifth night. The week consumed as well our cuts, for college work went to the four winds. But what of that, it was a great time, and no more trouble than the hack bill. Two later evenings went to the honor of Brother Joseph Eckman, Psi, U. of P., '99, and by the time this goes to press, we ourselves of Psi will have given an informal dance and card party in Brother Eckman's honor.

So much for the way in which we have shown ourselves friendly. Now we must insert the usual paragraph, time worn perhaps, but nevertheless necessary, and we hope interesting, on our athletics and college honors. What else could we write if we could not say what "our boys" have done in these fields?

Hamilton's basketball has been interesting. Brother McLaughlin has well captained the team. Brother Lewis, manager, has furnished an unequalled schedule. Among smaller rivals Hamilton has played Yale and the University of Pennsylvania, and will play Cornell in the near future. The other rivals have been Colgate, Rochester and Williams. Of course the big teams beat us, but we think that it was a pleasure to have the opportunity to make them hustle. Brother France has been manager of the freshman team.

In gymnastics our members have been prominent. This was shown at the last indoor meet. Brother Howard Edgerton figured in the bar jumping, and Brother McLaughlin in the high jumping. Brother Ehret was "strong man" with the 100 pound dumbbell. The most interesting feature of the evening was the series of acrobatics by Brothers Bristol and Howard Edgerton. They have been well trained and will exhibit again later in the winter.

In scholarship honors we have two things to mention. The Soper Thesis prize and the Kirkland Oration prize of the college fell to Brother Campbell. On the Inter-class debate—Junior-Senior,—which is the honor of the year, Brother Blakely represents us. The college is agreed that his was the best performance of the debaters of his class. It augurs well for his future honors in debating.

In a word, Psi feels that she on her feet in everything and is there to stay. We feel the enthusiasm and spirit of rejuvenation, and derive the keenest pleasure and satisfaction from working for old Theta Delt.

Brother Warren McLaughlin, '01, pleasantly visited us during our Prom week. Brothers E. G. Humeston, '99, and R. J. Davis, '87, have also seen us recently. Brother E. S. Warner, '02, spent some time with us in January.

Of the convention we hear most favorable reports. If all delegates take home such enthusiasm as ours, Brothers Lewis and Harper, we know our Fraternity prospers.

We sympathize with Chi in her loss, indeed, in our common loss. Omega claims her own, and may we be more active, earnest and fraternal before we each in turn are called.

D. R. CAMPBELL.

## 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.

Andrew H. Green, Alpha, '49, had a severe fall on December 2, breaking his knee cap and confining him to his bed for several weeks. It is gratifying to learn that he has now almost entirely recovered.

Samuel D. Morris, Alpha, '50. We quote from a notice which appeared in one of the Brooklyn dailies :

"Former Judge Samuel D. Morris, one of the legal veterans of Brooklyn and a member of the law firm of Morris & Whitehouse, broke his hip by falling on the ice on Lafayette avenue last evening.

He was alone at the time, but assistance came speedily, and Judge Morris, who is 80 years old, was lifted into a chair and carried to his home, which fortunately was at 55 South Oxford street, close by.

The break was a bad one, but Judge Morris bore up surprisingly well for a man of his age. For nine years, Samuel D. Morris was district attorney of Kings County, during which time he was noted as a relentless prosecutor of the criminal classes. His life as a lawyer dates back to July 3, 1850, on which date he was admitted to the bar at Plattsburg, N. Y.

In the fall of 1853 he received the Democratic nomination for the Assembly and was elected. That was two years after his coming to Brooklyn. In the fall of 1855 he was elected judge of the County Court and occupied the bench four years, declining the re-nomination.

In 1865 he was re-elected and again in 1868. On retiring from office permanently in 1872, Judge Morris devoted himself to the practice of law. He was successful with every murder case in which he was advocate, but finding the responsibility too great he gave up criminal practice and devoted himself to civil business, becoming council for the Brooklyn City and Newtown, Prospect Park and Coney Island and other railroad companies and corporations."

F. E. Wadhams, Beta, '73, was elected Secretary of the New York State Bar Association at its recent meeting.

Frank H. Lay, Beta, '73, has removed from Minneapolis, Minn., to Rochester, N. Y.

Michael Myers Shoemaker, Beta, '74. Virtue & Co., the London Publishers, have just issued a luxurious two volume edition of Brother Shoemaker's latest work, "Palaces, Prisons, and Resting Places of Mary Queen of

Scots." The *New York Tribune* in a long critique says: "The volume gives a written and pictorial record of a pilgrimage to every important place of residence or imprisonment of the Queen, with ample illustrations of the places associated with her career."

Harold Preston, Beta, '79, has been a leader in the recent fight with the great railroad combination in the Northwest. Brother E. H. Crooker, Beta, '83, writes to the Editor, "I was called to Seattle suddenly to argue a motion in the State Court there, and not knowing just what I was going to run up against, thought best to engage local counsel. I accordingly wired Harold Preston, Beta, '79, and engaged him to assist me. On my arrival I found that he was the senior member of the best firm there, that he was a State Senator, and that at the last session of the Legislature he led the fight against the railroads and secured the passage of some excellent railroad legislation. He is looked upon as the coming man in the state and is considered almost certain to be elected to the United States Senate to succeed Senator Wilson, at the next session of the Legislature." The *Minneapolis Journal* of January 4, says: "Lieutenant-Governor McBride who succeeds to the Governorship, was an ardent advocate and supporter of State Senator Preston, the father of the Railway Commission Bill . . . he will probably promote the candidacy of Senator Preston to the United States Senate."

Western Starr, Beta, '80, is Secretary of the Chicago Branch of the Transvaal Association. On November 24, he delivered an address at Handel Hall which has been published by the Association and distributed.

Ernest W. Huffcut, Beta, '84, has been elected Vice-President of the New York State Bar Association.

William F. Willoughby, Beta, '89, was appointed Treasurer of Porto Rico, by President Roosevelt, to succeed Dr. J. H. Hollander, who recently resigned from the faculty of Johns Hopkins University. Brother Willoughby has been a student of economics, and many governmental reports on economics have won for him an international reputation. He is the author of a number of valuable works on financial and industrial problems, and has contributed articles to economic journals. He made frequent trips abroad for the United States government, when he closely investigated the social and industrial conditions of other nations. On several occasions he represented the United States at industrial congresses and conventions.

In 1894 Brother Willoughby was the official United States delegate to the International Labor Congress at Milan, Italy. In 1897, at Brussels, and in 1900, at Paris, he was the American representative at similar conventions. In recognition of his services in dealing with labor problems, he was decorated by France, as a chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

Brother Willoughby was asked to organize and manage a department of social economy for the St. Louis Purchase Exposition, the directors of which are making an effort to give this matter especial recognition. The Porto Rico appointment prevented him from undertaking this. Brother Willoughby was a member of the faculty of Harvard. He attracted the at-

tention of President Roosevelt by his clever reports on difficult problems, and President Roosevelt believes that he can apply new methods to a country that will be benefitted by them.

E. E. Lee H. Parker, Beta, '89, is engaged in engineering work in Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic. His address is 651 Avenida de Mayo.

Norman Hackett, Gamma Deuteron, '98. The *Denver Post* commenting on the production of Henry VIII by the Modjeska-James Company says :

"The features of the performance were presumably Madame Modjeska and Louis James, but as a matter of fact the play during the early part of the evening—up to nearly 10 o'clock—was dominated by the superior acting and magnetic presence of *Norman Hackett*, who clearly eclipsed the two stars. Perhaps he had every opportunity, for Modjeska was not on the stage more than fifteen minutes up to that hour, and Mr. James had few chances. But Mr. Hackett as the bluff and disreputable Henry VIII gave really a capital picture of an unlovely character, yet one that has opportunities for the display of histrionic ability. A clever young man is Mr. Hackett, and the picture he presented, properly boisterous and pronounced, demonstrated careful thought and study."

Fred C. Nash, Gamma Deuteron, '00, has formed a partnership with the large grocery house of Newberry & Co., of Los Angeles, Cal. The firm has purchased two stores in Pasadena and consolidated them with Brother Nash in charge. As Brother Nash is well equipped in his knowledge of the business, and one of the most popular young men in Pasadena, the success of the enterprise is assured.

J. C. Hallock, Delta, '91, is General Manager of the Southern Exploration and Commercial Co., Esmeraldas, Ecuador.

F. G. Palmer, Epsilon Deuteron, '97, ship owner, at Nombre de Dios, Columbia, S. A., writes to Brother Fred Carter "I met your friend Arosemena (Delta '91), on the ball field. Our team (The Colon representatives) was nearly wiped out by the Panamanian crowd, as we had a dispute over a decision in the first inning and the spectators mistook it for some sort of a revolutionary manoeuvre or other."

R. G. Clapp, Epsilon Deuteron, '99, has recently been appointed head of the Physical Training Department in the University of Nebraska.

"Freddie" Carter, Epsilon Deuteron, '90, is here to-day, there to-morrow, and that's no lie. He visited five charges between adjournment of convention and March 6th.

Holmes C. Jackson, Epsilon Deuteron, '96, after a year's study abroad, has accepted a place as instructor in Physiological Chemistry at the N. Y. U. Medical School. He was recently married and now resides at 346 West 57 Street, New York City.

Nelson M. Ayers, Epsilon Deuteron, '98, is practising law at 76 William Street, New York City.

"Ben" Beinecke, Epsilon Deuteron, '98, is managing the Essex Hotel at Boston, Mass.

Fred F. Davis, Epsilon Deuteron, '98, is engaged in business at Taunton, Mass.

Richard Kremenz, Epsilon Deuteron, '98, is engaged in business with his father in the manufacture of jewelry and the famous "Kremenz" collar button at Newark, N. J.

"Jack" Hess, Epsilon Deuteron, '96, is practising law at 52 Wall Street, New York City.

Robert Church, Epsilon Deuteron, '99, is in the hardware business at Meriden, Conn.

John Hay, Zeta, '58. It were difficult, or rather almost impossible to record everything of interest concerning Brother Hay. But nothing more noteworthy has come to our notice recently than his memorable address on William McKinley, delivered before the Congress on February 27, 1902. This has been accepted as a classic of its kind, and a wealth of praise was lavished upon Brother Hay in the editorial columns of every newspaper, the majority of which printed his address in full in their issues of February 28th. We quote but from one editorial, in the New York *Tribune* :

#### HAY ON M'KINLEY.

"The exercises at the national capital yesterday in commemoration of William McKinley had been arranged with perfect propriety in accordance with precedents which it must always seem strange that a democracy should have supplied. They were severely simple, but not for that reason the less impressive, as that one of the spectators who is most accustomed to the pomp and ceremony of an autocratic government doubtless felt as he surveyed the scene. It will always be a gratifying recollection that a German prince who has inspired the American people with sentiments of true respect and attachment was associated with this august tribute to the memory of an American President.

When Secretary Hay was invited by Congress to deliver in its presence a formal address on the character and career of President McKinley, the suitability of the selection was universally recognized. As a lifelong friend of the man by whom he was called to the high office which he still fills, and as a public speaker whose voice, too seldom heard, is always heard with sympathetic attention, Colonel Hay was pre-eminently qualified to express on a great occasion the nation's estimate of its departed leader. All who listened to and all who read his eulogy, which we print this morning, will acknowledge that it is a model of discrimination and felicity. He had set himself a difficult standard at the Chamber of Commerce dinner in this city last November, but he succeeded yesterday in preserving the lofty plane of that brief masterpiece throughout a long and comprehensive oration. More than this it would be superfluous to say concerning its substantial excellence and its literary finish, but we are moved to quote a single passage

in the hope of strengthening by reiteration the impression which it should produce :

'This problem of anarchy is dark and intricate, but it ought to be within the compass of democratic government—although no sane mind can fathom the mysteries of these untracked and orbitless natures—to guard against their aberrations, to take away from them the hope of escape, the long luxury of scandalous days in court, the unwholesome sympathy of hysterical degenerates, and so by degrees to make the crime not worth committing, even to these abnormal and distorted souls.

So much at least it seems possible to accomplish toward the extirpation of a breed of monsters.'

We know not which part of the address we would rather quote. We cannot print all, and as the beautiful introduction is probably the best known, we quote the no less beautiful ending :

'He had not long to wait. The next day sped the bolt of doom, and for a week after—in an agony of dread broken by illusive glimpses of hope that our prayers might be answered—the nation waited for the end. Nothing in the glorious life that we saw gradually waning was more admirable and exemplary than its close. The gentle humanity of his words, when he saw his assailant in danger of summary vengeance, "Don't let them hurt him;" his chivalrous care that the news should be broken gently to his wife; the fine courtesy with which he apologized for the damage which his death would bring to the great exhibition; and the heroic resignation of his final words, "It is God's way, His will, not ours, be done," were all the instinctive expressions of a nature so lofty and so pure that pride in its nobility at once softened and enhanced the nation's sense of loss. The republic grieved over such a son—but is proud forever of having produced him. After all, in spite of its tragic ending, his life was extraordinarily happy. He had, all his days, troops of friends, the cheer of fame and fruitful labor; and he became at last—

On fortune's crowning slope,  
The pillar of a people's hope,  
The centre of a world's desire.

He was fortunate even in his untimely death, for an event so tragical called the world imperatively to the immediate study of his life and character, and thus anticipated the sure praises of posterity.

Every young and growing people has to meet at moments the problems of its destiny. Whether the question comes, as in Egypt, from a sphinx, symbol of the hostile forces of omnipotent nature, who punishes with instant death our failure to understand her meaning; or whether it comes, as in Jerusalem, from the Lord of Hosts, who commands the building of His temple, it comes always with the warning that the past is past, and experience vain. "Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever?" The fathers are dead; the prophets are silent; the questions are new, and have no answer but in time.

When the horny outside case which protects the infancy of a chrysalis nation suddenly bursts, and in a single abrupt shock it finds itself floating on wings which had not existed before, whose strength it has never tested, among dangers it cannot foresee and is without experience to measure, every motion is a problem and every hesitation may be an error. The past gives no clew to the future. The fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever? We are ourselves the fathers! We are ourselves the prophets! The questions that are put to us we must answer without delay, without help—for the sphinx allows no one to pass.

At such moments, which have already occurred at least twice in the brief history of our own lives, we may be humbly grateful to have had leaders simple in mind, clear in vision—as far as human vision can safely extend—penetrating in knowledge of men, supple and flexible under the strains and pressures of society, instinct with the energy of new life and untried strength, cautious, calm, and, above all, gifted in a supreme degree with the most surely victorious of all political virtues—the genius of infinite patience.

The obvious elements which enter into the fame of a public man are few and by no means recondite. The man who fills a great station in a period of change, who leads his country successfully through a time of crisis; who, by his power of persuading and controlling others, has been able to command the best thought of his age, so as to leave his country in a moral or material condition in advance of where he found it—such a man's position in history is secure. If, in addition to this, his written or spoken words possess the subtle qualities which carry them far and lodge them in men's hearts; and, more than all, if his utterances and actions, while informed with a lofty morality, are yet tinged with the glow of human sympathy, the fame of such a man will shine like a beacon through the mists of ages—an object of reverence, of imitation, and of love. It should be to us an occasion of solemn pride that in the three great crises of our history such a man was not denied us. The moral value to a nation of a renown such as Washington's and Lincoln's and McKinley's is beyond all computation. No loftier ideal can be held up to the emulation of ingenuous youth. With such examples we cannot be wholly ignoble. Grateful as we may be for what they did, let us be still more grateful for what they were. While our daily being, our public policies still feel the influence of their work, let us pray that in our spirits their lives may be voluble, calling us upward and onward.

There is not one of us but feels prouder of his native land because the august figure of Washington presided over its beginnings; no one but vows it a tenderer love because Lincoln poured out his blood for it: no one but must feel his devotion for his country renewed and kindled when he remembers how McKinley loved, revered and served it, showed in his life how a citizen should live, and in his last hour taught us how a gentleman could die."

John Hay, Zeta, '58, we clip the following from a daily: "When Secretary Hay was one of President Lincoln's Secretaries, he met an excitable

individual at the portal of the White House one morning. The stranger was determined to see the President. Mr. Hay tried to convince the man that his call was inopportune.

"You're a mighty important young feller," sneered the stranger. "What's your name?"

"Hay," was the Secretary's simple reply.

"What did you say?" said the irate unknown, who thought that the young man was pretending deafness.

"Hay," repeated the future statesman, with undiminished suavity.

"Hay!" shouted the persistent man from somewhere, trying to mimic Mr. Hay. "If I was as deaf as you, young feller, I'd never hear anything but the dinner bell."

Parker C. Newbegin, Eta, '91, is in the engineering department of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad with headquarters at Houlton, Me.

Henry C. Dresser, Theta Deuteron, '92, is General Superintendent of the Bibb Manufacturing Company at Macon, Ga.

"Jim" Harrington, Iota, '99, Pi Deuteron, '95, tends goal for the Short Hills Hockey Team which recently defeated the crack Crescent A. C. aggregation of Bay Ridge.

William L. Stone, Zeta, '58, received this compliment in a critique which recently appeared in *The New York Times Saturday Review of Books and Art*:

"The Colonial history of this important locality (Saratoga) had never been properly explored until such men as *W. L. Stone*, Gen. J. Watts DePeyster, and F. W. Halsey undertook the task."

Arthur M. Day, Iota, '92, Instructor in Economics, has resigned his position at Columbia to take a position on the new Tenement House Commission of New York City. He is to serve as one of two men to take charge of registration and compilation of statistics of tenement houses in the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn. This is highly creditable to Brother Day, because of the many candidates for the place, and the severe competitive examination to which they were subjected. As indicative of his popularity with his students we quote the following message of congratulation:

"We, the undersigned members of the course, Economics I, of the current University year, having heard with great pleasure of the great honor which has been conferred upon our former instructor, Mr. Arthur Morgan Day, desire to extend to him our sincere congratulations and to assure him of our best wishes for a successful career in his new office."

William I. Corthell, Iota Deuteron, '93, is one of the Masters of the new South Boston High School. His address is Columbia Road, near Edward Everett Square, Dorchester, Mass.

John H. Peck, Iota Deuteron, '95, is one of the counsel for the American Telephone and Telegraph Company with offices at 125 Mill Street, Boston.





JAMES H. BRADBURY

Stephen Moulton Babcock, Kappa, '66. The Eighteenth Annual Report of the University of Wisconsin Experiment Station has for a frontispiece a cut of the medal awarded Brother Babcock by the 1899 Legislature. In the same number is an account of the presentation of the medal, by Professor W. A. Henry, and several articles on Agricultural Chemistry by Brother Babcock.

Hosea M. Knowlton, Kappa, '67, Attorney General of Massachusetts was tendered a dinner on the evening of January 11, at the Parker House, New Bedford by the New Bedford Bar Association.

J. H. Bradbury, Kappa, '79. One of the biggest hits scored on Broadway this season was that of Brother Bradbury in "Eben Holden." The critics were unanimous in their praise of his work. After referring to . . . "the hair lip part, which after one performance of Eben Holden, he had made a classic" the *New York World's* critic proceeds: "The immediate hit which Mr. Bradbury made Monday night at the Savoy in the Tip Taylor role was one of the memorable pieces of work in the play. It brings out a story that has a good deal of pathos in it, though it is one of the sort that turns out right in the end.

James Bradbury has been on the stage twenty years. In that time he had made just one appearance on Broadway previous to this one, and in all those years he had never really had a "part" before. At least not a part that suited him and one in which he could show all the skill and finish and mastery of his art that is possible in Tip. And now he is in the forties and it looks as if success had come to him to stay."

We wish Brother Bradbury continued success and more characters that will fit him like Tip Taylor. All he requires is the opportunity.

A. W. Grose, Kappa, '92, is pastor of the Universalist Church at Albion, N. Y.

F. W. Parker, Kappa, '97, is pastor of the Universalist Church, at Haverhill, Mass.

W. S. Clark, Kappa, '97, recently made a big hit as leading man in the Minstrel Show given by the Jest and Song Club of Schenectady, N. Y.

F. E. Town, Kappa, '98, and G. R. Kempton, Kappa, '00, are electrical engineers in the office of the Supervising Architect, in the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

R. L. Burbank, Kappa, '98, is Chemist in the Thomsen Chemical Co., Baltimore, Md.

Roland Hammond, Jr., Kappa, '98, is finishing his last year in the Harvard Medical School and expects to take his M.D. in June.

J. O. Burrage, Kappa, '00, is in the City Engineer's office, San Francisco, Cal.

W. G. Humes, Kappa, '01, has recently announced his engagement to Miss Florence Wood of Fitchburg, Mass.

S. S. Fisher, Kappa, '02, is with the Walpole Electrical Co. of Walpole, Mass.

Dr. Frank L. Goodspeed, Lambda, '87, has accepted the call of the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Cleveland, O.

Herbert J. Bickford, Lambda, '90, is in the firm of Evarts, Tracy and Sherman, successors to Evarts, Choate & Beaman, at 52 Wall Street, New York City.

Albert L. Pitcher, Lambda, '93, is teaching in the Philippines.

Archibald E. Noble, Lambda, '00, is on the road for the Suncoop Valley Lumber Co.

Daniel C. Dorchester, Jr., Lambda, '00, is studying for the ministry in the Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. Y.

David S. Wheeler, Lambda, '00, is teaching at Coburn Academy, Waterville, Me.

Bertram Albro, Lambda, '00, is teaching in the Philippines.

Wilbur A. Coit, Lambda, '00, is Assistant Professor of Mathematics in the University of Vermont.

Alexander H. Rice, Lambda, '01, who has been studying at the American College, Rome, for the past year, has been appointed Instructor in Latin and Antiquities at the College of Liberal Arts of Boston University.

Francis E. Heminway, Lambda, '01, is teaching in the Philippines.

H. Dean Woodward, Lambda, '01, is studying in Boston University.

Everett W. Crawford, Lambda, '01, is teaching in the Thayer Academy, Bramtree, Me.

Brothers Shook, Lacount and Jennings, Lambda, '00, are studying for the ministry in the Boston University Theological School.

George H. Gilbert, Lambda, '01, is preaching in Providence, R. I.

Charles W. Albertson, Mu Duteron, '99, is with the Standard Oil Company at Kobe, Japan.

Lewis Halsey, Xi, '68. It is pleasant to read of this sterling old Thete, whose name will not be forgotten until the last Theta Delt song has been sung, the following, clipped from the "*Convention Bulletin*:" Phoenix now has the largest membership of any church in the two territories. Rev. Lewis Halsey, D.D., is the pastor. Early in January the church held its annual roll call and rally. More than one hundred twenty members responded to their names, either in person or by letter. Messages of cheer were read from absent friends. One candidate was received for Baptism and two applications by letter. The Board of Trustees reported that the church was in a better financial condition than ever before.

Since the present pastorate began five years ago, one hundred and sixty-two members have been received into the fellowship of the church, forty-four of them by Baptism. Net result of Brother Halsey's ministry in Phoenix, membership almost doubled; attendance at Sunday-school increased 35 per cent.; benevolence more than quadrupled.

John Otto Chase, Xi, '88. Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Frances Duren De Laney, second daughter of Colonel and Mrs. C. A. De Laney of Buffalo, to Brother John Otto Chase.

Price M. Davis, Xi, '94, is Second Vice-President of the Shadbolt and Boyd Iron Co. of Milwaukee, Wis.

Brother Whitwell, Xi, '98, is studying law in Geneva.

Brother Dooris, Xi, '03, has left Geneva to enter the employ of the Fuller Construction Co. of New York City.

Brother Hill, Xi, '03, is engaged in business in Chicago.

Brother Estabrook, Xi, '04, is in Buffalo in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Clarence S. Sargent, D.D., Omicron Deuteron, '76, has accepted a call from a Church in Wichita, Kansas. He expects to change his address from Omaha at an early date.

Walter S. Sullivan, Omicron Deuteron, '89, was tendered a banquet recently at the Hardware Club, New York, on the occasion of his retirement as Advertising Manager of *The New York Times* to become Advertising Manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. Brother Sullivan was presented with a watch as a testimonial of esteem by *The Times*.

Brother O'Connor, Omicron Deuteron, captain of the 1901 football team, has accepted the offer to coach Bowdoin next fall.

Rev. John J. McCook, Pi, '62, Professor of Modern Languages at Trinity College, Hartford, was elected Treasurer of the Alliance Française at the Congress held in New York City, on March 4.

Gonzalo de Quesada, Pi Deuteron, '88, after serving as a member of the Constitutional Convention of Cuba, was elected member of Congress from Penar del Rio, receiving the highest number of votes.

Charles Hibson, Pi Deuteron, '92, has been in the real estate business at 34th Street and Lexington Ave., New York, for the past several years. Recently his offices were remodeled and improved, and the establishment over which the handsome Hibson now presides is the very pink of perfection and elegance.

Rudolf Tombo, Jr., Pi Deuteron, '95, Rho Deuteron, P. G., has published with the MacMillan Company a translation of Gustav Ruemelin's "Essay on the Relation of Politics to the Moral Law." It makes a book of 125 pages, edited and with Introduction and Notes by Frederick W. Holls, American delegate to Hague Peace Conference. *The New York Herald* in a lengthy critique says, "Mr. Holls deserves thanks for getting Mr. Tombo's sympathetic translation before our public at this hour of our National Life." Brother Tombo has also published a treatise in the Columbia University Germanic Studies (Vol. I, No. 2) on "Ossian and his influence in Germany." It contains a biography, and general survey and discussion in detail of Ossian's influence on Klopstock and the Bards.

Leslie Calhoun Shattuck, Pi Deuteron, '98, has matriculated at New York University Law School and was recently initiated into Phi Delta Phi.

Nelson P. Mead, Pi Deuteron, '99, has been appointed Fellow and Instructor in History in the College of the City of New York. Brother Mead is working for his Ph.D. in Columbia.

Waldemar F. Timme, Pi Deuteron, '99, has entered into partnership with Henry H. Eberhardt to practise law, with offices in the Stewart Building, New York.

Deane Stratton, Pi Deuteron, '99, has been at Saranac Lake for the past year and a half, for the benefit of his health. The New York boys have missed him sorely, and his letters are always read with the greatest interest to the little crowd of which he was formerly one. It will interest all who know our genial and lovable Deane, to read of his progress toward restoration to perfect health, in a letter written by him to one of the New York fraters :

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., JANUARY 9, 1902.

Whatever blame you may lay up against me for sending you as empty an epistle as I fear this will be, must be put not at my door but upon the shoulders of the two causes of which this is the effect—to-wit : A Guilty Conscience a most luxurious Pipe. Methinks I hear a gasp of incredulity at the word "pipe," nevertheless thou "doubting Thomas" I stick to it, for even so hath it come to pass. After stowing away a goodly amount of provender at the supper table I sat me down in the easiest chair and after carefully placing my heels higher than my head, did joyously "smoke up."

Listen, my son, if you would know the way which leads to unmixed bliss. Diligently eschew the goodly Leaf for the space of sixteen months ; then having risen from the table with the virtuous consciousness of having done a man's work at the trencher, carefully load thy strongest and crustiest pipe and suck. Also keep sucking. After the last least whiff you will be at peace with all (except your mother-in-law) and your friends will seem doubly dear.

That pipe is an Event and to-night in order to carry out the enjoyment as far as possible I set at my side my largest Stein (alas that I must chronicle that it was empty). However, by diligently snapping the cover and by the aid of the pipe I fancied myself back with the boys at Pi Deuteron. There is the story of the begetting of this letter, for it seemed necessary to gossip a bit to you after dreaming of you and the push.

Edwin F. Hicks, Rho Deuteron, '93, has given up his position with the United Coke and Gas Co., to accept the position of Superintendent at the factory of the Asbestolith Co., 248 Java Street, Brooklyn.

Henry G. Hershfield, Rho Deuteron, '98, has removed from Broadway to the Astor Court Buildings, New York City.

Arthur B. DeYoung, Rho Deuteron, '98, was elected Secretary of his class for five years.

Ludwig Lindenmeyr, Rho Deuteron, '99, has announced his engagement to Miss Ellen Gertrude Beck, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Carl Beck of New York City. Ludi's happiness is supreme, and visible.

Hugh P. Tiemann, Rho Deuteron, '00, has changed his address from New York to Carnegie Hotel, Munhall, Pa.

H. H. St. Clair, 2nd, Rho Deuteron, '00, gave a demonstration of a collection from the Shoshone Indians, which he had collected during the summer, before the American Ethnological Society the evening of February 19, at the Museum of Natural History, New York.

Charles E. Morrison, Rho Deuteron, '01, Pi Deuteron, '97. On July 7

of last year "Charlie" deserted the effete and prosaic East for the West, wild, woolly, and otherwise, where he accepted a position as Assistant Engineer of Construction with the Boston and Montana Mining Co., at Great Falls, Montana. Charlie was ever a modest youth, but we glean from his letters that his upward progress is all that his friends can wish for him. Those of the brethren who are addicted to the letter writing habit, and more particularly, those in whom this habit is in need of cultivation, will be sure of appreciation of their efforts if they will address an occasional billet-doux to the only Theta Delt in Great Falls.

At the midwinter meeting of the University Council of Columbia University, the degree of A.M. was conferred on Brother Morrison.

C. J. Hepburn, Sigma, '92, is in business at Nagasaki, Japan, with the Standard Oil Company.

Percy C. Kauffman, Phi, '79, was recently promoted to the position of Vice-President of the Fidelity Trust Co., at Tacoma, Wash. Brother Kauffman has been connected with this Company for the past ten years and by close fidelity and a keen aptness for the banking business has steadily advanced himself to cashier and now to the important position of Vice-President, which is a fine tribute to his ability and services in the past. Brother Kauffman is a member of the National Association of Bankers and has read several able papers on finance at their conventions, which have created much comment in the best journals throughout the country. He is also a prominent man about the city of Tacoma and with his wife and family enjoys a delightful home life. Brother Kauffman has always kept in close touch with the Fraternity and his many Theta Delt friends will rejoice with him in his recent fine promotion.

John W. Griggs, Phi, '68, was one of the speakers at the dinner of the Lafayette College Alumni, held at the Hotel Manhattan, January 24.

Charles Albertson, Phi, '93, is in Kobe, Japan.

Willis S. Paine, Chi, '68. The annual dinner of the New York Alumni Association of the University of Rochester was held at the Hotel Manhattan on Friday evening, January 3. The attendance, although not equal to that of last year, was yet very gratifying, and was made up largely of the older men. There was, however a sufficient sprinkling from the latter classes to add vivacity and just a little noise to the occasion. The president of the association, Dr. L. Emmett Holt, 75, presided. Seated near him at the guest's table was Hon. Willis S. Paine, LL.D. Among the officers elected were, first vice-president, Willis S. Paine, Chi, '68; secretary, James M. Hamilton, Chi, '98; and on the executive committee, Homer D. Brookins, Chi, '80.

Duncan C. Lee, Psi, '91, who is spending his sabbatical year in England, recently addressed the Oxford Union, at Oxford University, which had previously conferred upon him the distinction of election to honorary membership.

## Marriages.

Dr. Ross C. Whitman, Gamma Deuteron, '94. On Wednesday, December 11, 1901, the marriage of Brother Whitman and Miss Clara Perley Sewall was solemnized at Keene, New Hampshire. Dr. and Mrs. Whitman have made their home at Oakwood, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

George Harvey Jones, Epsilon Deuteron, '90, was married to Miss Alma Pauline Pettibone on November 12, 1901, at Crown Pt., Indiana. Brother and Mrs. Jones have taken up their residence at 6558 Drexel Avenue, Chicago.

Holmes C. Jackson, Epsilon Deuteron, '96, was married to Miss Mary Abbie Read, at the Third Presbyterian Church, Newark, New Jersey, on Wednesday evening, December 18, 1901. They reside at 346 West 57th Street, New York City. Brother Jackson recently received an appointment as Instructor in Physiological Chemistry in the New York University and Bellevue Hospital Medical School, New York.

Charles Stevens White, Iota, '00. On Tuesday, January 7, 1902, the marriage of Brother White and Miss Eloise Van der Veer was celebrated at St. Anne's church, Amsterdam, New York.

Rudolf Tombo, Jr., Pi Deuteron, '95, Rho Deuteron, P.G., was married December 18, 1901, to Miss Adelaide Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cooper, at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Chauncey Kilmer, East 57th Street, New York City. Owing to a recent bereavement in the family of the bride, only the immediate relatives and most intimate friends of the couple were present at the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Leslie E. Learned, of St. Bartholomews Church. Brother and Mrs. Tombo spent their honeymoon in Washington, Wilmington and Philadelphia. In Washington they had the pleasure of calls from Dr. Sterrett and from several of the Chi Deuteron boys. They have gone into active house-keeping at 619 West 138th Street, New York, where they will be most happy to entertain their Theta Delt friends at all times.

Mortimer B. Foster, Pi Deuteron, '98, was married to Miss Isabelle Janette Price, at the residence of the bride's mother, 713 East 173rd Street, New York City, on Thursday, December 5, 1901. Brother Foster was graduated recently from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Brother Edmund Howard Martin, Rho, '73, formerly Secretary of the United States Legation at China, and Miss Elizabeth Agnew, second daughter of the late John T. Agnew were married at the the First Presbyterian Church, New York City, on December 4, 1901. Brother and Mrs. Martin when in town will reside at 13 West 19 Street, New York City.

Brother Thomas J. Jones, Rho Deuteron, '91, and Miss Adelaide Farnum were married in San Francisco September 16, 1901, at the home of the bride's relatives. Shirley C. Walker, Delta Deuteron, '02, acted as best man. Brother Jones is an engineer in the employ of the Berlin Mine, Nye Co., Nevada, and Berlin is the home of the newly married couple.

## NOTES.

### A SMOKER OF THE BUFFALO ASSOCIATION OF THETA DELTA CHI.

The first gathering of the season, of the Buffalo Graduate Association was held Wednesday evening, December 18, 1901, when eighteen of the brothers assembled at the festive board and proceeded to do justice to a fine "Dutch Lunch" which was set before them. As these meetings are very informal there were no addresses, and the principal subject of discussion was the Annual Banquet. Brothers Cornell, Petrie and Griffith were appointed a committee to take charge of it.

We were pleased to have with us that evening Brother J. J. McAdoo, of Pittsburg, and we trust that it may be our privilege during the coming year to entertain many other Theta Delts. As we usually have a meeting of some sort every month we would urge prospective visitors to Buffalo to drop a postal to the Secretary; the latter will take great pleasure in informing the visiting brother if a gathering is contemplated, and we promise an enjoyable evening if the opportunity is given to extend our hospitality.

F. BEAUMONT GRIFFITH, JR.,  
*Secretary.*

### NINTH ANNUAL REUNION AND BANQUET OF THE BUFFALO GRADUATE ASSOCIATION.

The Ninth Annual Reunion and Banquet of the Buffalo Graduate Association of Theta Delta Chi was held at the Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, N. Y., Wednesday evening, January 15, 1902, and was attended by twenty-seven of the brothers.

The banquet table was presided over by Brother General John Card Graves, Kappa, '65, the President of the Association, who after the banquet introduced with fitting remarks the speakers of the evening. At the other end of the long table Brother Hon. Daniel N. Lockwood, Alpha, '63, maintained the balance of power.

It has always been the custom of the Buffalo Association to dispense as far as possible with prepared toasts and this custom was strictly followed; the many witty and beautiful thoughts which the magic power of the Toastmaster brought out from solitary confinement, once again fully justified spontaneous combustion as a cardinal principle of Theta Delt oratory.

Brother Seward Simons, Beta, '79, had postponed an important engagement at Albany in order to be with us, and his remarks, when called upon by Brother Graves, certainly met with a full measure of appreciation.

His oratory, as all know who have heard him, is the sort that compels not only appreciation, but admiration as well. In his address he took many a witty whack at Brother Lockwood's recent appointment to the New York State Lunacy Commission. Dr. Gaylord's bacteriological discoveries and Brother Timmerman's political advancement also came in for a few timely comments. In conclusion Brother Simons paid a beautiful tribute to Theta Delta Chi,—one of those tributes which must bring a flush of pride to every Thete brow.

After the applause had ceased Brother Lockwood responded with a few remarks in which he told among other things, how the New York State Pan-American Commission, of which both he and Brother Petrie were members, managed to have a surplus instead of a deficit at the close of the Fair.

Brother Royal T. Needham, Kappa, '91, read a poem written by Brother "Fate" Bachman, which was roundly applauded, for none have a warmer spot in our hearts than "Old Fate."

Brother Graves then asked Brother Drake Whitney, Delta, '63, of Niagara Falls, and T. N. Van Valkenburgh, Delta, '63, of Lockport, who were room mates while in college, to conjure up some reminiscences out of the past, and each told of some of the many events in which they figured when they first became Theta Deltas. It was incidentally disclosed that upon a certain occasion Brother Lockwood was presented with a silver cup, duly inscribed with the names of the donors, and setting forth the fact that it was presented to him for proficiency in Bacchanalian Revel.

As no Theta Delt gathering can be complete without an address from Brother Col. S. Douglas Cornell, Xi, '60, it is needless to say that we were highly entertained by "The Prince," who related some of his many experiences at Theta Delt Conventions and Banquets.

Music by an orchestra and Fraternity songs sung by all under the direction of Brother John O. Chace, Xi, '88, filled in all available space and at about eleven o'clock we adjourned to the next room where a short business meeting was held, as a result of which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

Sidney W. Petrie, Psi, '76, President ; Royal T. Needham, Kappa, '91, Vice-President ; F. Beaumont Griffith, Jr., Xi, '01, Secretary and Treasurer.

Brothers Lockwood, Graves, Simons, Cornell, Gaylord and Stettenbenz were appointed a committee to attend the next convention and represent the Buffalo Association.

President Petrie then named Brothers John O. Chace, Xi, '88, Henry F. Russel, Nu, '96, and Clark Timmermann, Psi, '87, as members of the Executive Committee.

As the brothers seemed to be loath to break up the gathering, Brother Griffith, upon the urgent request of Brothers F. F. Smith and Simons *started* to tell of his experiences as a Spieler at the Pan-American and was soon deep into the subject of Lunar discoveries as told in the lecture which

he delivered a short time this summer in "A Trip to the Moon." At the most critical juncture, however, he discovered that he had fulfilled his mission, and that the brethren had one by one left the parlors, which they had forsaken for the evidently more congenial atmosphere of the hall where hats and coats were donned. And therewith ended one of the most enthusiastic and successful meetings of the Buffalo Graduate Association of Theta Delta Chi.

Those present were Col. S. Douglas Cornell, Gen. John C. Graves, Hon. T. N. Von Valkenburgh, Hon. Daniel N. Lockwood, Hon. Seward A. Simons, Drake Whitney, Chas. B. Cook, Clark H. Timmerman, Sidney W. Petrie, Henry F. Russel, Edward C. Roeser, Francis B. Smith, James Persons, Albert Stettenbenz, John D. Larkin, Jr., James C. Heckman, Royal T. Needham, F. Beaumont Griffith, Jr., Ralph G. Wright, R. Pierre Wright, Dr. Harvey R. Gaylord, L. A. Kendall, Harry C. Turner, Capt. Nelson T. Barrett, Lieut. Andrew B. Gilfillan, and F. E. Bachman.

F. BEAUMONT GRIFFITH, JR., XI, '01,  
*Secretary.*

The annual dinner of the New England Association of Theta Delta Chi will be given at the American House, Boston, on Friday evening, April 11, 1902. The Boston Iota Deuteron Club has the preparations in charge, and a special effort is being made to have the affair very informal and quite "different." The price of tickets will be \$1.50, and every Thete who possibly can, should make it his particular business to attend. A bang-up time is in store for the participants.

The annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Graduate Association of Theta Delta Chi was held on the evening of February 28th. New officers were elected as given on page six of this number, and plans were discussed for the establishment of a building fund for the Pacific Coast charge.

Lambda charge has just celebrated her twenty-fifth anniversary, and we hope to have full particulars for presentation in the June issue. Meanwhile Lambda is to be congratulated upon having rounded out the first quarter century of her career.

## EXCHANGE GLEANINGS

Our exchanges are requested to send *two* copies of each issue to CHAS. P. SCHMID, JR., Cresskill, N. J., and *one* copy to RUDOLF TOMBO, JR., Columbia University, New York City.

We submit here an article that nearly all the Greek Press has printed—so suggestive and significant being its message. It is from *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* and is one of the most important contributions to fraternity lore of recent years. Let us study it closely.

### Fraternity Examinations

By HARRISON S. SMALLEY, Michigan, '00

If Delta Upsilon were a loosely-strung aggregation of college social clubs, without some loftier aim than the mere gratification of the whims of its members in their lighter moods, without a history full of the records of constant endeavor, without an influence that reaches far beyond the walls of the chapter house, and without a significance that can never be lost from the lives of its members—if Delta Upsilon were merely this, the proposition that an initiate be subjected to the ordeal of an examination on fraternity matters would be truly ridiculous.

But it is our special pride that Delta Deuteron is much more than such a confederation of clubs. It is a unity, a body with functions peculiar to the whole and to each integral part. In accordance with this principle the fraternity aims to extend through the chapters to each of its members the encouragement and the inspiration to make the most of himself by the development of all that is best in him. Thus the initiate enters an order of international dimensions whose ideas are in no small measure to become his own, and also a chapter which is to imprint on him its character, and is to receive in return the impress of his own. Moreover, it is an order which is to demand no small share of his best thought and energy for a matter of years, and his loyalty throughout his life.

But this is not all. It must not be forgotten that the fraternity is a member of the circle of Greek-letter societies. Whatever may be the faults of the fraternity system, we are glad to believe that its virtues far outweigh them, and that it has a useful as well as a prominent part to play in American college life. And in this work the members of Delta Upsilon do and should join heartily with their fellow Greeks.

When, therefore, the young initiate looks about him he finds himself encircled by three zones—the narrow sphere of chapter life, the wider

sphere of his fraternity, and the still wider sphere of the Greek-letter world. And if he fails to understand the purpose and the meaning of it all, what wonder? It becomes the duty of his fellows to enlighten him. Here, then, the idea of a fraternity examination finds its place. It should mean nothing more nor less than a judiciously arranged course of study and instruction so designed as to assist the initiate to take his place intelligently, sympathetically and enthusiastically in his new environment. He must learn something of what it means to be a Greek, and something of what it means to be a Delta U., not only in the life of the fraternity, but in the life of his college and of the world.

Of course he can learn this by experience, and much of it he can learn in no other way. Nevertheless, no inconsiderable portion of it may be acquired by intelligent study, and if so, the effort should be made. It is possible to find at least four ways in which a carefully prepared plan of study would help to place the new member in a position of advantage.

1. It would put him in possession of a certain modicum of information which every member of the fraternity ought to have. For everyday purposes it is not necessary for him to have a thousand facts on the tip of his tongue, but a limited number is necessary. A few dates, a few historical facts, a few names, some knowledge of fraternity organization and of the various chapters, and, finally, a number of general ideas—all this must be the equipment of every one who hopes to do his part in the fraternity without embarrassment.

2. Beyond this minimum of information there are many matters of merely occasional importance. It is not necessary that a member should burden his mind with all or many of these. But one thing is certain—he should know where to go to find out about them. It is true in the fraternity as it is in the world at large, that usually the knowledge of *where* more than the knowledge of *what*, is the mark of a competent man. A series of examinations would make the initiate familiar with all the sources of fraternity information and would teach him how to use them.

3. In his study for the examinations the new member could not fail to learn something of the magnitude of the Greek-letter society system, something of its spirit, something of his relations to it and of the relations of the various orders to each other. He would begin to judge his fellow Greeks more upon their merits; to see in their true light the excellencies and the failings of his own and other fraternities. He would learn that no fraternity excels in all particulars, and that each has its own special claims to distinction. He would begin to appreciate how much each order has to learn from its rivals. He would be more charitable and less bigoted in his views of fraternities, and on that account would be a better Delta U., a better Greek, and a better man.

4. Finally, and chiefly, the examinations would impress upon him much of the spirit of Delta Upsilon. They would awaken his sympathy and arouse his enthusiasm. They would teach him that the fraternity is not a mere convenience for which he pays so much a month; that the chapter

house is not a mere rallying point for purposes of pastime. He would learn that the fraternity is an institution in which he must invest time, thought and energy, as well as money, but with the assurance of a generous return. He would begin to realize that his chapter does not make the bounds of his fraternity life; that all Delta U's, as well as his immediate associates, are his brothers; that the fraternity is really, as has been said, a "larger chapter." He would begin to take an *intelligent pride* in his fraternity—the starting point of a useful career. And, if the plan were in general operation, it would produce ever-increasing uniformity and homogeneity throughout the fraternity, for the various chapters would tend more and more to conform to a common type.

Now, it will at once appear that to devise a scheme of examinations capable of satisfying the ambitious demands set forth above would be a matter of no small difficulty. One would be inclined to approach the task with much diffidence, if at all. It is not, therefore, the purpose of this article to attempt to suggest more than a few tentative ideas, much less to outline a plan which might advantageously be adopted by all the fraternity. Probably it would be best for each chapter to work out ideas agreeable to itself by experiment for a number of years, with frequent comparison of results. What is offered below is the result of the experience of the Michigan chapter—an experience more extensive, perhaps, than that of most of our chapters.

Among the most important things which should be borne in mind in arranging their work for the new members may be mentioned these:

1. The whole field of study should be divided in a logical manner, and one important division assigned for each examination. The advantages of system and order in study are as distinct here as anywhere.
2. Not only should the materials (in the shape of books, pamphlets, etc.) be put within the reach of the students, but specific references to pages or chapters should be given for each subject. Thus the students will miss nothing, and will be helped in making their work systematic.
3. The members of the examination committee should hold themselves ready to render cheerful assistance to their younger brothers. Much that is not clear can be elucidated in a few words, and a new meaning can be given to a printed page by a few pertinent remarks.
4. Before the series of examinations is concluded the initiates should be asked to express their views of the plan, and should be encouraged to criticise freely. A good class will contribute many ideas which can be utilized by succeeding committees.
5. Every examination may advantageously contain a few "thought questions," to answer which the student must exercise some degree of ingenuity in handling his knowledge of fraternity matters.
6. The examinations should, if possible, be harder than an initiate might reasonably be expected to pass—this to impress the class with the idea of the vastness of the subject, an idea which it is quite important for a

member of the fraternity to have. On the other hand, the examinations should not be made so hard as to be discouraging.

7. Much of the matter regarding the principles, aims and ideals of the fraternity, as well as the local policy of the chapter, may most advantageously be treated in conferences with the class, where all questions may be thoroughly discussed.

8. An examination in the nature of a review of the whole field may be found useful at the conclusion of the series.

I am informed that in certain other fraternities the work of examination is uniform throughout the chapters, and is under the direction of a general "educational committee." In certain cases all of the members, as well as the initiates, take the tests, and sometimes the chapters have periodical drills in certain subjects. At these times they discuss matters of interest and especially articles and items from their own and other fraternity publications. All of these ideas are worthy the serious consideration of Delta Upsilon.

The experience of the Michigan chapter has led its committee to arrange six examinations, given, usually, at intervals of one week, as soon after the annual initiation as possible. Due announcement of the examination is made in advance, and reference lists and other information are posted on the bulletin board in the chapter house. The order of examinations is as follows :

- I. Chapters and Alumni Clubs.
- II. The Greek Letter Society System.
- III. Fraternity History.
- IV. Noted Alumni and Fraternity Songs.
- V. Constitution and By-Laws.
- VI. Chapter History and Policy.

Of course a working knowledge of the Greek alphabet is presupposed and required. The songs upon which the class is examined are usually five or six in number and are chosen from those most popular with the chapter. In order to expedite the work on "noted alumni," the committee posts a list of the names of about forty such persons and the class proceeds to "look them up" in the quinquennials and elsewhere. Most of the matter on chapter history is, of course, not in published form, and it is usual for one of the members of the committee to deliver an informal lecture on the subject, the class being held for the substance of it. The examinations are written, but it has been found that good results may be secured by making the first an oral quiz.

Below will be found a list of the most important references used by the Michigan chapter, and a set of questions chosen from those actually given in the examinations. They are offered as suggestions merely, and simply to illustrate one way in which the general ideas expressed in this article may be actually worked out. The questions on chapter history and policy are omitted, as they would be entirely different for each chapter.

## REFERENCES

- I. *Chapters and Alumni Clubs* :  
Any recent number of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.
- II. *The Greek Letter Society System* :  
(a) Baird's "College Fraternities."  
(b) For fraternities represented at the University of Michigan :  
1. The Michigan Book.  
2. The 1900 "Michiganensian."
- III. *Fraternity History* :  
(a) Baird's "College Fraternities."  
(b) Convention records.  
(c) Fraternity bibliography.
- IV. *Noted Alumni* :  
See Delta Upsilon catalogues for names given in list.
- V. *Fraternity Songs* :  
Delta Upsilon Song Book.
- VI. *Constitution and By-Laws*.

## EXAMINATIONS

## I. CHAPTERS AND ALUMNI CLUBS

Name all of the chapters of Delta Upsilon in the order of their establishment, indicating in each case whether the institution is a college or university, and in what city and state it is located.

## II. THE GREEK LETTER SOCIETY SYSTEM

- A. To what causes may we attribute the origin of fraternities?
- B. 1. Name three fraternities with large chapter rolls.  
2. Name three fraternities with small chapter rolls.
- C. What are the advantages and the disadvantages of a large chapter roll and of a small chapter roll?
- D. 1. Mention a typical Eastern, a typical Western and a typical Southern fraternity.  
2. Give the basis of the classification of fraternities into Eastern, Western and Southern.  
3. Locate Delta Upsilon in that classification.
- E. What fraternities were established before Delta Upsilon?
- F. 1. When was the first fraternity established?  
2. When was the first sorority established?
- G. Name the following in the order of their establishment at the University of Michigan :
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| 1. Literary fraternities. | 5. Dental fraternities.      |
| 2. Law fraternities.      | 6. Homeopathic fraternities. |
| 3. Medical fraternities.  | 7. Literary sororities.      |
| 4. Pharmacy fraternities. | 8. Professional sororities.  |

- H. Mention three prominent fraternities not represented by chapters at the University of Michigan.

## III. FRATERNITY HISTORY

- A. Give a chronological outline of Delta Upsilon history, mentioning at least twelve important dates.
- B. Give a logical outline of Delta Upsilon history.
- C. Describe the conditions which brought Delta Upsilon into existence and the establishment of the original chapters.
- D. Discuss development of fraternity organization up to 1864.
- E. Discuss in detail the development of the policy in regard to secrecy.
- F. Outline the general development of the constitution.
- G. Discuss "honorary members."
- H. Discuss "inactive chapters."
- I. Describe the development of the motto and of the badge.
- J. Write an account of the development of the fraternity's aims and ideals.
- K. Of the earlier members of the fraternity a large proportion are "Reverends." What explanation can you suggest?
- L. What in your opinion, are at present Delta Upsilon's chief sources of strength and of weakness?

## IV. NOTED ALUMNI AND FRATERNITY SONGS

- A. What claims to distinction have Powers, Voorhees, Nott, Stearns, Blair and Tripp?
- B. Tell all you know about four other prominent members of Delta Upsilon.
- C. Name five Delta U.'s prominent as college presidents, four as statesmen, two as jurists, two as authors, two as clergymen, two as business men, five as college professors, and one as a diplomat.
- D. Name four prominent honorary members.
- E. Write the words of five fraternity songs.

## V. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

- A. How many constitutions has Delta Upsilon had? Give the years in which they were adopted.
- B. What have been the provisions of each constitution in regard to secrecy?
- C. Trace the unification of the fraternity in constitutional provisions.
- D. How may the constitution be amended.
- E. What methods besides amendment of the constitution have been employed to change the constitutional aspects of the fraternity? Give an example.
- F. What is the constitutional status of alumni clubs?
- G. How may new chapters be admitted?
- H. What are the functions of the fraternity officers? Of the convention officers?

- I. Describe the financial relations of the chapters to the fraternity.  
 J. How may an alumnus be expelled?  
 K. What constitutional provision is there regarding the majority necessary to elect new members?  
 L. How may the by-laws of this chapter be amended?  
 M. Describe in detail the provisions of the by-laws in regard to the policy committee.  
 N. How are the chapter finances managed? In answering this question discuss the budget, the chapter tax, and financial officers. Why is no mention of interest made in the budget? Why is there no allowance for rushing expenses in the budget?

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Are not those comparatively few who lend their best efforts in the interest of the fraternity magazine? This is the organ through which each chapter is brought into touch with chapter, and fraternity with fraternity. It is the standard by which each is measured in the eyes of the Greek world. What is more gratifying than to find extracts from one's own fraternity paper reproduced in the pages of another?—*Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

We found ourselves thinking hard after reading the above. "The standard by which each is measured in the eyes of the rest of the Greek world." While we are inclined to believe that this thought would be more accurately expressed if it read: "The standard by which each is to a certain extent measured, etc.," yet surely here is a measure of the responsibilities of ye Editor, who perhaps unwittingly is led to seek *quantity* of matter for his magazine, because forsooth, quantity is essential to that appearance of prosperity which attaches to the magazines whose pages are as numerous as those of the ten cent monthly. We must ever bear in mind that the editor's duty is in some degree, an intensified reflex of that of all his fraters. They should not only more or less gently chide if quality is failing, but should furthermore seek to provide at least the outlines of material to replace that which fails of their approval.

The *Key* is right. It is gratifying to have voiced a sentiment deemed worthy of reproduction by our fellow editors, for they separate the wheat from the chaff.

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Theta Nu Epsilon is attracting renewed attention from the Greek press since our fair friends have sought to establish a similar society. Omega Psi is the name chosen. The unusual warmth of expression against it, from men who feel that the girls should not follow along the lines of Greek organization developed by the men unless benefits are certain to result, must surely

give food for serious thought to those who are influential in shaping the policies of the sororities with respect to the Omega Psi.

Some decided views on this subject are so vigorously expressed in the subjoined, that further comment would be quite gratuitous.

"The question of inter-fraternity societies has for some time been an important one among the men's fraternities, but it is only very recently that it has begun to assume any significance for college women. The inter-fraternity organization known as Omega Psi, has already appeared in several of the larger universities, and shows signs of spreading until it reaches the national dimensions of Theta Nu Epsilon, the similar organization for men.

As regards Omega Psi, one fraternity, Delta Gamma, has already found it advisable to legislate against it, and at the last convention decided by unanimous vote to prohibit membership in any such organization. It has not as yet seemed wise for Pi Beta Phi to take any such step, first because she has not yet sufficient proof that those Pi Phis who are members of Omega Psi have fallen off in their fraternity loyalty, and, second, because absolutely to prohibit membership in a popular organization encourages *sub rosa* initiation, a result which is humiliating to the fraternity and far from creditable to the initiate.

The purpose of such societies is said to be merely social and their justification is the argument that they tend to break down the exclusiveness of fraternities, and foster a truly Pan-Hellenic spirit. Such expectations, it seems, are hardly borne out by the facts. Instead of breaking down exclusiveness and encouraging Pan-Hellenism, the result seems to have been to weaken allegiance to the fraternity and to permit a new and purely social set of interests to crowd out the older and higher interests of the true college fraternity. So clearly is this recognized as an evil that several of the stronger men's fraternities have absolutely forbidden their members to become initiates into Theta Nu Epsilon."—*The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi*.

"During the past few years various schemes have been put forward for the fostering of Pan-Hellenic spirit. Among these are Theta Nu Epsilon and its sister, Omega Psi. These so-called fraternities are much the same in plan and organization. Members are chosen from all or most of the fraternities represented in college, and these persons bind themselves by a constitution and ritual similar to that of other fraternities. Their meetings are held *sub rosa*, and, in fact, no proceedings of the society are to be divulged. There is in the majority of chapters of Omega Psi no rule as to the number chosen each year from various fraternities. Theta Nu Epsilon, while claiming to foster Pan-Hellenic spirit, frankly avows itself for a good time, and has brought more discredit upon college fraternities than any other one thing. These things cannot be brought down to exact figures, on account of the secrecy of the proceedings of most fraternities; but from what can be learned, I will venture to assert, with some assurance, that Theta Nu Epsilon never entered a college without causing

trouble in every chapter represented. Omega Psi is a sister to Theta Nu Epsilon, formed upon the same lines and with the same purpose, and I believe the same can be said of its influence upon sorority life. It is comparatively a new organization, and it may possibly be that some of my readers are hearing of it for the first time. The object of the organization is avowedly to promote Pan-Hellenic spirit and to "have a good time."

Omega Psi makes feeling among members of the same chapter. No, my dear sister or champion of Theta Nu Epsilon, not because we are narrow or jealous, but because Omega Psi strikes at the corner-stone of our sorority life, which is friendship. Yes, the kind of friendship which, knowing fully the ins and outs of each life, having fullest confidence in each, is able to smoothe difficulties, to advise and help. The chief ingredient of such friendship is confidence. Now, is not confidence cruelly jarred when two or three members secretly join an organization, so similar in nature to their own chapter, choosing as intimate friends from another sorority as they have in their own? It strikes me that this is a division of allegiance which is weakening to confidence, and so to friendship, to say the least."

—*Anchora of Delta Gamma.*

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In the following, taken from *The Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma, the subject of the recent anti-fraternity legislation by the Arkansas Legislature is pretty thoroughly handled :

The legislature of the State of Arkansas has recently passed an act designed to prevent the existence of college fraternities among the students at the University of Arkansas, and Governor Davis has signed the bill, thus making it a law. The text of the bill is as follows :

"A bill for an act to be entitled, 'An act to prohibit the organization of secret societies in the University of Arkansas and for other purposes.'

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas :

SECTION 1. That the fraternities or Greek-letter societies known as Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha, Delta Phi, Chi Omega, and all other secret orders, chapters, fraternities and organizations of whatsoever name, or without a name, of similar nature and purpose, are hereby prohibited in the University of Arkansas.

SEC. 2. That no student in the university who is a member of any of the orders, societies, chapters, fraternities or organizations hereby prohibited, shall be permitted to receive any class honors or distinctions conferred by the university, nor to compete and contend for any prize or medal offered by the university, or by any association or individual, nor to hold any rank, position or office in any organization of cadets above the grade of Second Lieutenant, after the first day of September, 1901.

"But any student who is a member of any of the orders, societies, chapters, fraternities or organizations aforesaid, may, within one month

after the beginning of any term, file with the president of the university a renunciation of his membership in the same, and an agreement in writing that he will not, during his attendance at the university, affiliate with the same nor attend their meetings, nor in any wise contribute any dues or donations to them ; and thereafter, so long as such agreement is complied with in good faith, such student shall not be subject to the restrictions created by such section.

"SEC. 3. That after the passage of this act, no person who is a member of any of the said fraternities, societies, orders, chapters or organizations at the university composed in part of students, or who attends their meetings or participates in their proceedings, shall be employed by the Board of Trustees as professors, teachers or instructors in any class or department of the university, unless he shall first file with the secretary of the Board of Trustees a renunciation in writing of his membership in or allegiance to such fraternities, societies, orders, chapters or organizations, and a pledge, verified by his affidavit, that he will not attend the meetings of the same, affiliate with them, nor pay any dues nor contributions to them during the term of his employment in the university.

"A violation of such pledge shall constitute a forfeiture of his contract with the Board of Trustees and be lawful cause for his immediate suspension.

"But nothing in this section shall apply to any contract heretofore made by the Board of Trustees."

Approved May 23, 1901.

Such is the main part of the law which Kappa Sigma characterizes as "a stigma on Arkansas politics," remarking also :

"It seems incredible that any part of this country should be governed by a body so blind to the temper of the times as the Arkansas legislature has shown itself to be."

Correspondence with the fraternities concerned elicited warm and determined replies as to what shall be their attitude at this juncture. Names and details are omitted, for obvious reasons, but the tenor of them all is the same. Such firm action on the part of the chapters, sustained, as they should be, by their respective grand officers, ought certainly to secure the repeal of the act in two years. A loyal support, meanwhile, during their enforced "interregnum" will doubtless be given them by all liberal-minded men and women.

One correspondent says : "If the chapters are backed by their headquarters, I believe we can win out and have this piece of freak legislation repealed. Should the fraternities give up the fight at this stage and withdraw, it will probably be years before they can be re-established here. A large number of the faculty are fraternity men ; they have unanimously refused to sign any renunciation, greatly to their credit, so the Board, which is, under our system, practically the governor, passed the matter and re-elected them all. Whether they will require the students to do what

they failed to require the faculty to do, remains to be seen. One sorority, a local [ $X \Omega$ ?] has already transferred to the town and will not be a college organization." Another informs us that a "test act" is to occur at the opening of college—September 20th—when the question will be forced to an issue and the fraternities may arrange their plans. He adds; "Though dead—according to law—chapter is very much alive, and is determined above all things to *remain so*." Another: "Sigma Alpha Epsilon, for one, is not content to rest until its members are accorded all privileges consistent with those effective at other well regulated and up-to-date universities." Perhaps one of the oddly ironical aspects of the situation is revealed by the following innocent looking sentence: "Our president said we would be under no more restrictions than we were last year, except . . . that we would not be allowed to receive any honors;—*as to the word 'honor' it has never been fully interpreted!*"

Evidently there are no faint hearts down in Arkansas, and the whole fraternity world must feel a keener pity for the unenlightened legislators there than for the victims of this bit of medieval intolerance. Best wishes of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and remember—"They also serve who only stand and wait!"—*Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

How perfectly lovely to be permitted to sign a renunciation of one's vows, and then perhaps to receive a little gilt-stamped book on good citizenship and a pat on the head, and *also* a patriotic love for Arkansas and her statutes!

Once more Dominic Sampson cries "Prodigious."

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The following is of interest to all fraternity men, and we quote entire:

"Not long since, the editor met a gentleman on business, who was so obviously illiterate and uncultured that his bold display of a Phi Beta Kappa key seemed decidedly incongruous. Inquiry developed the fact that the key had belonged to his uncle, who had been a clergyman and a college graduate, and who had deservedly won this mark of scholarly attainment. Of course, the combination of illiteracy and the Phi Beta Kappa key does not deceive even the unwary.

"Another instance, however, pointed to a more unpleasant state of things. We met a young gentleman of about the age to have recently graduated from a college, who displayed the badge of one of the best-known fraternities, and who, upon being questioned as to his chapter and class, gave as the source of his membership a chapter the charter of which was withdrawn ten years before the members of the class referred to became freshmen. Upon this being pointed out to him, he attempted to take refuge in a statement that he was one of sundry irregular members who had been admitted to that chapter and whose rights had not yet been recognized by the fraternity.

"We have also from time to time learned that Beta badges have been displayed by persons who never belonged to the fraternity or who had been expelled from it, and have been the means of securing recognition and substantial favors from brethren in sundry places.

"In New York State there is a statute making it a misdemeanor for a person to wear the badge of any fraternity when he is not properly authorized to do so, and we think if steps were taken to secure the enactment of such legislation elsewhere and the proper punishment of persons who were guilty of such practices, that it might be speedily put an end to.

"Of course, there are many cases like that first above mentioned, in which badges have belonged to relatives of the wearer, and their display is innocent or ignorant. It is seldom that any harm arises from such circumstances, but the practice which should be suppressed is that of persons designedly and unauthorizedly wearing the badge of a college fraternity when they are not ignorant of its meaning and utility.—*The Beta Theta Pi.*

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While we are not prepared to unqualifiedly endorse the views of our brother editor of *The Rainbow*, as confined within such narrow limitations as in the first paragraph of the subjoined, yet we feel sure that his views and ours are in substantial agreement. We therefore commend the *essential idea* to all to whom it may apply. Think on 't, ye unthinking.

"To our way of thinking the badge should never be allowed out of the owner's possession. It is more than a mere article of jewelry and can never mean as much to any one else as it should to the owner. There may be some reason for a man's allowing his wife or fiancee to wear his pin, but even in that case a monogram of the letters would be just as good and in far better taste for both.

As illustrating the peculiar fate that may befall a badge we have in mind an instance of our own. One of our men residing in New York was informed by the Irish lass that served him at breakfast that her sister had "a breast pin just like his." Further investigation proved that the woman really had a Delta Tau Delta pin with a name engraved on the back. It is a matter of regret that there is such a gap in the pin's history. The woman had received it from a bar-keeper in Brooklyn; but, unfortunately, no trace of his whereabouts can be obtained. The name engraved on the back of the badge is that of a Delta who is now a clergyman in the South. From him we learned that such a pin had been ordered by him from an official jeweler but never received; the jeweler later sent him a second badge. The badge in question was evidently the one that went astray.

This degrading of fraternity badges would seem to result, in the main, from three causes: The practice of loaning badges to girls and loss by or theft from the legitimate owners. The first can only be remedied by an increase of good sense on the part of the individual member; the

second might be largely helped by the exercise of greater care by the owner; the theft of badges is greatly lessened by the tendency of most fraternities toward plain gold badges. When the badge lacks expensive jewels there is not the same temptation for a thief, and when a plain gold badge engraved with the owner's name is lost the reward for its return is more attractive than the amount that could be realized on it at a pawn shop."—*Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.*

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Perhaps we may be a trifle vague in our comment on the above. We confess to a feeling of dissatisfaction at dismissing the subject after commending the *essential idea*. There's the rub: what is the *essential idea*? Reflectively chewing the other end of our editorial pencil, we were contemplating the advisability of expanding our essential idea, when our wandering eye spied the caption "Lending Pins" in *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi.

The author of this delicious bit of an essay, Miss Norma Courts, treats the subject from a girl's point of view. Need we ask our brethren to lend us their ears? With keen insight Miss Courts has analyzed her subject, and developed her conclusions, manfully,—no, we must say courageously, voicing her sentiments in an article which may be profitably pondered no less by our fair sisters than by ourselves. If to us were extended the privilege of renaming the article, we should entitle it "The Opinion of a Girl Who Thinks."

"In a recent publication of one of the well known men's fraternities there was an article criticising the lending of fraternity emblems. According to that article the pin should be emblematic of all for which that fraternity stands and should be very dear to the owner's heart. All wearers of the arrow can fully appreciate this sentiment and no girl who is conscious of the love a man feels for his fraternity should encourage an indiscriminate following of this custom. The offer of so precious a gift means much and a girl should consider well before she consents to wear it. Does she wish to represent herself as a friend of the fraternity, having its interests at heart and honoring its principles, or does she mean to show herself particularly a friend of the owner? In the former case she risks her popularity with other fraternities and perhaps loses many friends by making herself known as exclusive; on the other hand she may always depend upon the friendship and favor of the fraternity whose emblem she wears. It would be a difficult matter to avoid this and honor only the owners of the pin. Naturally the fraternity would expect her support. However, should the girl have but one strong friend in the fraternity she should hesitate, realizing the meaning of the act which pledges her to him and his brothers. In some colleges the wearing of the pin denotes the engagement of the two immediately concerned and where this is the custom greater caution should be exercised. As we wish to honor our own so must we honor our friend's fraternity.—*The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.*

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