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For while the eternal stars night's purple robe
Begem; while swings in space the pendent globe
Friendship must live! Ah may its impulse high
Still guide and guard the Theta Delta Chi.

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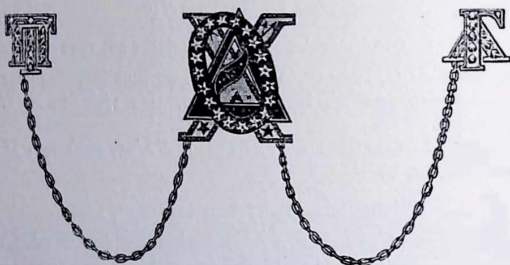
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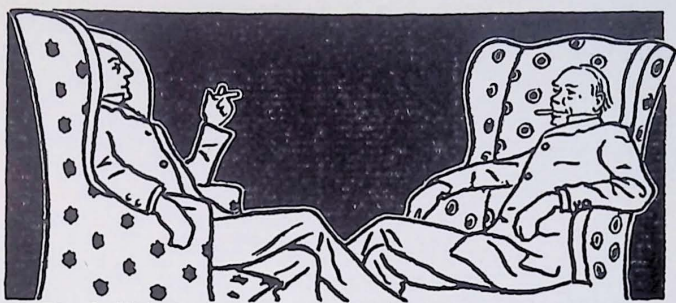
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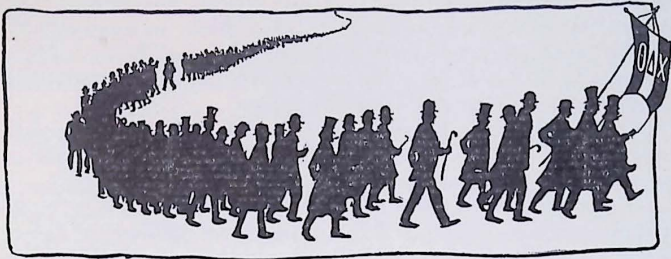
The best instances of the intelligent control of civic affairs by the citizen are to be found, nowadays, in the smaller municipalities. To them, apparently, we must look for municipal reform that really makes for progress—that not merely checks, for the moment, the domination of the party machine and the boss, but awakens vigorous and permanent civic sentiment and develops methods of rendering that sentiment effective. This is due, of course, largely to the fact that in small cities the balance of power can, generally, be held by a small number of independent voters, and also to the fact that in such cities it is easier to drive into the mind of the so-called “good” citizen some knowledge of and interest in local affairs.

Such independence, knowledge, and interest, however, are rarely spontaneous in any community. They have to be awakened and fostered by some one—some one who will give his time, strength and enthusiasm to the task—some one who will sacrifice himself for his city. A fine example of what the public-spirited citizen can do in this direction has recently been given by Edward Stetson Griffing. His business, as a lawyer, is in New York but his home is in the suburban city of New Rochelle. The latter—a town with about twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and growing rapidly—has long been somewhat notorious, locally, for “machine” politics and all that this implies. It was incorporated as a city a few years ago, and its first administration—a Democratic one—left a record of maladministration and “grafting” which those who know its details think is unique. Virtue asserted itself, of course, as a spasmodic “reform” which, as usual, consisted simply in turning the city over to the tender mercies of the other “machine”—the Republican. That machine held its grasp upon the government for two elective terms, with the natural result that the finances of the city fell into the utmost confusion, that four out of the eight aldermen were indicted for bribery, and that “personal politics” were rampant in all quarters. About a year ago a number of citizens,

¹ Written for THE SHIELD by Benjamin E. Smith, A.M., L.H.D., Editor of the Century Dictionary.

of whom Mr. Griffing was one, decided to take the situation in hand. They organized a "City Club" comprising members of both parties; they aroused public attention to the evils of the existing government; they stimulated the public conscience; they presented to both parties, for ratification, a platform which embodied a constructive and progressive reform policy; and they made ready to enforce their demands at the polls.

The Republican organization (the one in power) naturally looked upon their proposals coldly and ignored the most essential part of their program—the demand for financial reform. It happened, however, that—taught by adversity and led by an able and honorable manager—the Democratic organization had for a year or two been cleaning house, and putting itself in line with civic decency; and it accepted the independent program from one end to the other. No independent ticket, accordingly, was put into the field, and the moral influence of the independent movement was lent to the Democrats; and when the latter came to nominate their ticket they naturally turned to the independents for aid. Since the financial issue—the honest and intelligent management of the finances—was the central one, they sought an independent to fill the office of controller and they urged the acceptance of this nomination upon Mr. Griffing. After repeated refusals, and at considerable personal sacrifice, he accepted the nomination as a civic duty, and threw himself with great energy into the campaign. He at once became its storm-center. The mayor in power had been a bank official, and he resented bitterly the attack upon his financial methods—an attack, however, which was amply supported by facts and official documents. The campaign at once became alive with exciting personal incidents. Mr. Griffing was attacked by every weapon that could be found, including mud in large quantity. His personal reputation was assaulted, his honesty and word were attacked in Republican mass-meetings, and his statements were misreported and distorted. Through it all he kept his temper and hammered away with his facts—stood up behind the documents and the evidence with smiling serenity, and offered to discuss the points at issue with his antagonists at any time and anywhere. At length, his offer was accepted by the mayor and the two met before a great audience in a debate which will long be remembered by the citizens who heard it, and which was in line with the best traditions of American political discussion. How well Mr. Griffing presented his case may be inferred from the fact that an overwhelming victory for reform took place in New Rochelle on November 5, 1907, in which the entire Citizens-Democratic ticket was elected, with the exception of one supervisor, Mr. Griffing himself running well ahead of the general ticket. As Controller-Elect he now has an opportunity to serve his city and to place it permanently on the path of progress that few of his fellow-citizens have had. His friends know that he will utilize it to the utmost.



A C O N V E N T I O N L I N E

The Sixtieth Convention of $\Theta X \Delta$ will be held in New York City, February 22, 23, 24, 25, 1908.

Headquarters will be in the Hotel Astor, Broadway and 45th Street.

The following will be the program:

FIRST DAY—Saturday, the twenty-second.

10:00 A. M. First business session in the Convention Hall at Hotel Astor. Organization and Reports of Grand Lodge Officers.

12:30 P. M. Charge Luncheons and Receptions to be arranged for by each Charge.

2:30 P. M. Second business session in the Convention Hall. Appointment of Committee and miscellaneous business.

8:30 P. M. Reception to the Grand Lodge at the New York Graduate Club of $\Theta \Delta X$ at their Club Rooms, 1424 Broadway.

SECOND DAY—Sunday, the twenty-third.

4:30 P. M. Ω Memorial Service at the West End Presbyterian Church, Amsterdam Avenue and 105th Street. Open to ladies and guests.

THIRD DAY—Monday, the twenty-fourth.

10:00 A. M. Third business session in the Convention Hall.

12:30 P. M. Convention photograph.

2:30 P. M. Fourth business session in the Convention Hall.

8:15 P. M. Theatre Party. The Casino, Broadway and 39th Street. Open to ladies and guests. Tickets, \$2.50 each.

FOURTH DAY—Tuesday, the twenty-fifth.

10:00 A. M. Fifth business session in the Convention Hall.

7:00 P. M. Convention Banquet at the Hotel Astor. Tickets, \$5.00 each.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Arrange to stop at the Hotel Astor at which hotel the Grand Lodge will make its headquarters, and the sessions of the Convention and Banquet will be held. The rates are \$2.50 a day and upwards for one, \$3.50 a day and upwards for two in one room without bath. Rooms with bath \$3.50 and \$4.50 a day respectively. There are many other and cheaper hotels in the immediate vicinity.

As it is imperative that the various Committees know substantially the number of brothers who will be present at the various functions as soon as possible, please send in checks at the earliest moment.

Draw all checks to the order of Frank N. Dodd, Convention Treasurer, and send them to him at 150 W. 40th Street, New York City. He will act as Treasurer for all Committees. Add ten cents for collection if not New York City checks or drafts, and ten cents more if you wish tickets sent by registered mail.

Address any communication to any Convention Committee in care of $\Theta \Delta X$ Press, Flat-Iron Building, New York City, who will see that each communication is promptly delivered to the proper committee.

The headquarters of the Grand Lodge and Convention Treasurer and Convention Committees will be opened at the Hotel Astor at noon of Friday, February 21, 1908.

TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

Application has been made to the Railway Association governing this territory for a special rate of a fare and one-third for the round trip to members who attend the February meeting in New York. We have not received definite advice but it is expected that this rate will be obtained, providing more than one hundred certificates are handed to the treasurer of the Grand Lodge.

Further information regarding special rates for the meeting may be obtained by writing direct to the Chairman of the Transportation Committee.

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Convention is coming boys, so don't forget the whistle—



OFFICIAL VISITATION TO Z

"Opportunity," it is said, "comes but once to anyone's door" and should be "gripped" hard and fast when it comes, and while Brother Edward Stetson Griffing may not relish being called "opportunity," the Z Charge was only too glad to "grip" him as he came to Providence, R. I., Sunday, December 8, 1907, for the first Presidential Visitation in four years.

It is needless to say, too, that that "grip" was the friendliest of all "grips"—the "grip" of $\Theta \Delta X$, and that Z was proud to be his host, and endeavored to make his visit such a pleasant one that he will want to come again, "early and often."

The "glad hand" was extended to Brother Griffing as he got off his train at 2:26 P. M. in Union station by Z Brothers Robert S. Emerson, '97, Percy Shires, '06, Frank E. Dennie, '09, and J. Richmond Fales, '10. Arrived at the home of Brother Emerson, it was found Mrs. Emerson, as hostess, had made abundant provision for the "inner man," and there was added to the party assembled for dinner Brothers Edward C. Stiness, Z '90; Stephen Minot Pitman, K '69; and Alexander Meiklejohn, Z '93, Dean of Brown University.

The Havanas lighted, every curl of their fragrant smoke brought forth revived and renewed enthusiasm, long stored away, and only awaiting such a visitation as this to bring it to the surface. To the brothers then was given the pleasure of hearing of the vast amount of work already accomplished, and plans for still more that is to be done for the betterment of the Fraternity we all love.

It was a good heart-to-heart "smoke talk," and conditions at the local Charge were discussed thoroughly, and President Griffing, at its conclusion, must have felt quite fully informed of the local conditions at Z.

There must come to all men at some time in their lives recollections of scenes they have witnessed, and which they count as among the most auspicious and impressive occasions in their memories. That such an occasion was the visitation of President Griffing, is the heartfelt utterance of the entire active Charge of twenty-five Z brothers, as well as the several graduates who were privileged to hear the fine $\Theta \Delta X$ talk given in the Lodge room, Sunday evening, December 8, 1907.

To the hundreds of brothers who have met Brother Griffing, not only on his recent trans-continental trip, but at the many conventions and gatherings of Theta Delts, it is not necessary to tell of the impression he made upon us, nor how much stronger and better Thetes we feel that we have become by his visit among us. Z can simply add her words of highest appreciation and praise for the labor of love to which he is giving so much attention.

Brother Griffing, after enjoying the hospitality of the denizens of 1 Slater Hall, journeyed to Boston for the day, but returned in time to attend the annual gathering of the Rhode Island Alumni Association, held in informal fashion at Falstaff Hall, 28 North Main Street.

Fifty-four brothers partook of the "feed" following the re-election to office, at the annual business meeting of the association of all the former incumbents. Brother Harry D. C. Dubois, Z '98, as master of ceremonies, after the introduction of "pretzels" and "wet goods,"

proceeded to ring in a vaudeville performance, of which the only non-professional number, given by Brother Lynn, '10, scored perhaps the biggest hit.

There followed then, behind closed doors, a "talk," if such an address can so be described, by President Griffing, so filled with his own enthusiasm and love for the Fraternity that to attempt other than a stenographic report would be folly. Sufficient to say that he told of conditions as he found them everywhere in his visits to the different Charges, and among the Alumni, and gave vivid pictures of the work that is fostering the right kind of $\Theta \Delta X$ spirit.

The list of those who counted themselves so fortunate as to hear Brother Griffing is as follows: Edward S. Griffing, I '89; Edward B. Hamlin, Z '72; Henry J. Spooner, Z '60; Jeffrey Davis, Z '70; Alexander Meiklejohn, Z '93; Walter H. Small, O Δ '78; Stephen Minot Pitman, K '69; William D. Martin, Z '62; Henry D. C. Dubois, Z '98; Roland Hammond, K '98; Edward C. Stiness, Z '90; Robert S. Emerson, Z '97; Fred A. Arnold, Z '97; Marcius H. Merchant, Z '97; George L. Miner, Z '97; Arthur Hollingworth, Z '97; Edward A. Burlingame, B '96; Ralph M. Greenlaw, H '99; George H. Webb, Z '90; Frederick M. Rhodes, Z '90; Robert K. Lyons, Z '99; J. Allen Buffington, Z '99; Arthur G. Randall, Z '92; William H. Waterman, B '84; William W. Curtis, H '82; William H. Hull, Z '01; Myron C. Fish, Z '02; Waldo H. Fish, Z '03; Edward S. Macomber, Z '04; Percy R. Leete, Z '05; Percy Shires, Z '06; Leonard S. Little, Z '07; Myron S. Curtis, Z '07.

The following are the active brothers in the Charge, who were also present: Charles W. Perry, '08; Lucien W. Himes, '08; John G. Canfield, '08; Alfred H. Lake, '08; Frank E. Dennie, '09; Wendell P. Raymond, '09; James D. Dean, '09; Irving W. Bogle, '09; Charles F. Butterworth, 2d, '09; Guy F. Strickler, '09; J. Richmond Fales, '10; William H. Lynn, '10; Henry B. Thatcher, '10; Edward J. Shaeffer, '10; Leon C. Clark, '10; Homer T. Brookins, '11; Chester T. Calder, '11; Robert D. Chase, '11; Harry A. Pantaenious, '11; Arthur E. Staff, '11; and Harold F. Whitmore, '11.

The 1:20 A. M. sleeper bound for New York, bore Brother "Ned" Griffing, as he had become to everyone who grasped his hand, away from us with the cries ringing in his ears, "Come again," and "We'll see you at Convention."

By PERCY SHIRES, Z '06.

STARS ABLAZE

Elsewhere in this number of *THE SHIELD* will be found words and music of "Stars Ablaze" which was composed and written especially for our beloved Fraternity and will be introduced for the first time at the coming Convention. Let every delegate become thoroughly familiar with both words and music and be ready to hit it up at the proper time. The composer of the music and author of the words is Richmond K. Fletcher, 1'08, who became famous as a writer of Harvard songs, by winning two successive competitions with his "Soldiers Field" and "The Gridiron King."

There is no doubt but Brother Fletcher has great talent as a writer of song music, for "Stars Ablaze" can not be criticized adversely from beginning to end, whereas in "Soldiers Field" and "The Gridiron King" the instrumental music has not the finish that the vocal music demands. Marked improvement is evident in "Stars Ablaze" and the composition shows a deeper insight into the finer qualities of harmony. His conception is better developed, more consistently treated, and he retains his individuality. It is thought that it will become one of the most popular songs of the Fraternity.

The two march songs composed by Brother Fletcher show marked ability and much cleverness. From the standpoint of a musician there is lack of the refinement of harmony, but a true insight into the kind of "touch and go" music of college life.

In the first prize winner, "Soldiers Field," Brother Fletcher has shown great simplicity in dealing with his theme, leaving a sense of the chords lacking fullness, which could be improved. Repetition seems to be his greatest difficulty. The trio is excellent and works up to a fine climax and without doubt carries the song to success.

In "The Gridiron King" our composer has allowed himself and his individuality to be lost in attempting too much, and trying to attain a Sousa effect. As in "Soldiers Field" there is the error of repetition. The latter part of the first theme would have been much more acceptable by cutting the first ending as a lack of musical construction is shown in the last three bars. His talent lies in his writing of the trio of this composition also, and if Brother Fletcher were to use just the latter part of both compositions and cut the rest the airs would undoubtedly carry him to greater success.

Without doubt, Brother Fletcher has great talent as a writer of college songs and we hope his next effort will show broader and better work and meet the success which his natural ability deserves.

STARS ABLAZE

*Words and Music written especially
for THETA DELTA CHI by
Richmond K. Fletcher, I '08*



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Stars Ablaze.

R. K. FLETCHER, 1' 08.

Oh we've nev-er a care what the
It is threescore years since the

weather, — And we don't give a rap a-bout the rain. So be
sag-es, — Gave the life to Old Al-pha's mys-tic flame. With the

jol-ly, boys, be jol-ly now or nev-er, — While we're
wis-dom of the Gods they filled the pag-es, — That have

The-ta Del-ts to geth-er 'gain. Then fill up till the cup run-neth
hand-ed down our his-t'ry to fame. So a bum-per to those who have

o-ver, — Let us drink to the Queen of them all She has
left us, — And a cheer for the next one to go! For we've

band - ed in broth - er to brother, — Till the sands of time cease to
 noth - ing to fear from the fu - ture, — There are those in O - meg - a who

fall! Then stand and raise your glass on high. —
 know! Then stand and raise your glass on high. —

CHORUS.
 Here's to The - ta Del - ta Chi! Roy - al - fra - ter - ni - ty! That

gold - en haze of Stars a - blaze Shines out from sea to sea! Then

here's my heart and here's my hand! Loy - al to Her will be While the

host of The - ta — Del - ta — Chi March on to e - ter - ni - ty!

THEDELCHIANS

THEDELCHIANS was recently organized by the wives, sisters, daughters and fiancées of members of the $\Theta \Delta X$ Fraternity, located in and around New York City. The idea was conceived by the wives of two active Theta Delts, who, after carefully discussing the advisability of forming such an association, called a founders' meeting, which was held at the residence of Mrs. Charles P. Schmid, Jr., 557 W. 124th Street, New York City. The founders are Mrs. Charles P. Schmid, Jr., Mrs. Daniel Dougherty, Miss Dougherty, Miss Schmid, and Mrs. Edward Van Winkle. At this meeting the plans were discussed and arrangements made for the organization meeting. The organization meeting was held January 17, 1908, at the residence of Mrs. Daniel Dougherty, 259 W. 45th Street, New York City. The following ladies were present and constitute the charter members: Mrs. Henry Edward Crampton, Mrs. Daniel Dougherty, Miss Tillie Dougherty, Mrs. Edward S. Griffing, Mrs. James C. Hallock, Mrs. Henry Grau Hershfield, Mrs. Herbert Holton, Mrs. Frank L. Jones, Miss Janey Knehert, Mrs. Walter Lee, Mrs. Joseph Lynes, Mrs. Charles P. Schmid, Jr., Miss Emma Schmid, and Mrs. Edward Van Winkle, to which have been added the following names as active members, completing a full membership: Miss Brinhilda Grassi, Mrs. S. Carleton Haight, Mrs. Charles Neidlinger, Mrs. George Steel and Miss Chlorita S. Wingerd.

The objects of the society shall be to afford opportunities to renew and continue early friendships, to preserve and perpetuate the traditions of $\Theta \Delta X$, and to unite in any suitable undertaking of fraternal utility.

THE SHIELD extends its good wishes for a very successful existence of this new sisterhood, and trusts that it will enjoy continued prosperity.

Organizations of this character, with the same objects, should be formed in other cities where there exists a number of enthusiastic Theta Delts.



Some of the "OLD CROWD" of Δ Charge
September 21, 1907

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J. V. W. REYNDERS, '86 M. R. SHERRERD, '86 T. EARLE, '87 G. S. GROESBECK, '89 W. G. PRESTON, '88 J. H. CUNTZ, '86 R. G. SIMONDS, '88



BANQUETS

In order to make this department of the greatest possible value, we would like to receive details of the various banquets. It is the duty of the toastmaster to officially appoint a special SHIELD correspondent for the occasion. A list of those who attend is desired.—Ed.

DELTA BANQUET

A graduate reunion worthy of record occurred at the Engineers' Club in New York City on September 21, 1907, when "Some of the Old Crowd of Delta Charge" gathered 'round the board in answer to a short notice call of one of the number. The idea prompting such a reunion, was the presence in this country of R. M. Arango, '87, a Division Engineer on the Panama Canal and at this time on his vacation. The original thought was to bring together all the initiates of Delta since its re-establishment in 1883 but that being manifestly impossible owing to the lack of many addresses, the distance of many others and the restricted time in which to arrange such a gathering, it was finally decided that a reunion of even those who were in college with Brother Arango would be well worth while. And so the Delta men of the classes '84 to '90 were especially urged to attend. There are eighteen living graduates in Delta's delegations from those classes. Thirteen were present at this reunion dinner. The absentees were, one whose address could not be obtained, one whose presence was necessary in Pittsburg on that date, two in Costa Rica and one in Columbia who were handicapped by distance.

The participants in this most delightful reunion were: J. H. Cuntz, '86, Hoboken, N. J.; J. V. W. Reynders, '86, Steelton, Pa.; M. R. Sherrerd, '86, Newark, N. J.; R. M. Arango, '87, Panama; I. C. Blandy, '87, Greenwich, N. Y.; T. Earle, '87, Steelton, Pa.; H. Rosentreter, '87, Newark, N. J.; W. G. Preston, '88, New York City; R. G. Simonds, '88, Brooklyn, N. Y.; G. S. Groesbeck, '89, Springfield, Mass.; E. M. Wilkins, '89, Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Arosemena, '90, Washington, D. C.; J. C. Hallock, '90, Newark, N. J.

Among the many pleasant features of the dinner were the cablegrams, telegrams and letters from those absent but not forgotten, the toast to Delta's adopted sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Seymour McCullough and the recounting of the good old days in Troy.

“Much could I tell you that you know too well;
 Much I remember, but I will not tell;
 Age brings experience; graybeards oft are wise,
 But oh! how sharp a youngster's ears and eyes.”

Promptly at the stroke of midnight our traditional Fraternity toast was given to Delta in Omega. At one o'clock the flash-light was taken and a couple of hours later the farewell grips were given by a loyal band of Theta Delts whose Charge has been on the “Extinct” roll for the past ten years.

Γ^Δ ANNUAL

The nineteenth annual initiation and banquet of Γ^Δ was held November 15 at the Charge house in Ann Arbor, and was, in point of enthusiasm and numbers, the most successful one in the history of the Charge. Three days, the 15th, 16th and 17th, were set apart as “Red Letter Days” for the great event, and expectations were more than realized. It was indeed like a return of old days to see the expansive smile of Dicky Sutphen, to hear the bantering of Bonnie Belford and Toughy Koch, to hear a few of Hackly Butler's time-honored stories, and to gaze on the modest personality of Sandy Arbuckle who once ordered a “gee whiz.” But, above all, it was an inspiration to again meet Brother Andrew H. Green, our only surviving founder, and hear at first hands his account of a long life in our beloved Fraternity.

Seven new brothers were led across the burning sands, so to speak—H. Welles Crawford, J. Harold Peterson, Charles A. Bowman, Arthur R. Stubbs, Walter B. Montgomery, Virgil Maurice Knisley, and Richard W. Hickman, Jr. A right royal band they are, and the proper material for good Theta Delts, which qualification in itself bespeaks their sterling worth.

They went through the ordeal in good style and showed up at the banquet intact, although the “smile was on the face of the tiger.”

The banquet was served in the big parlor of the Charge house and covers were laid for forty. Dicky Sutphen presided as toastmaster and his beaming countenance, perched on top of a generous expanse of white boiled shirt, assured an enjoyable evening.

Brother Andrew Green was the guest of honor and around him were grouped the grads—F. F. Van Tuyl, '95; J. A. Belford, '03; Alfred Koch, '06; F. W. Thurnau, '02; H. O. Potter, '07; C. H. Clement, '07; W. H. Butler, '91; H. C. Thurnau, '99; L. L. Boone, '08; W. T. Walker, '04; J. W. Wood, '00; F. J. Arbuckle, '99; H. H. Van Tuyl, '96; Ralph Collamore, '97; R. R. McPeck, '00; C. M. Green, '99; R. M. Heames, '98; Victor Kadish, Σ^Δ '06; A. L. Ladd, Ζ '99; and Ralph Burbank, Κ '98.

The toasts were most enjoyable although not carried out according to program, owing to illness of several of the brothers to whom toasts had been assigned. So Dicky Sutphen took unto himself the task of guiding spirit and brought forth from the brothers a flood of good old Theta Delt oratory. The freshmen were heard in their turn and their responses were full of spirit and promise. Carl (Caspar Whitney) Green responded to the toast of Γ^Δ and handled his subject in masterly style, interspersing a few bits of timely advice for the under-graduates. The announcement of the practical success of the

new house proposition brought a great demonstration followed by an ovation to Brother Andrew Green as he was called on, and rose to speak.

Brother Green spoke as follows:

“Brother Toastmaster and Brothers—

I think this a fit occasion for congratulations, and with your permission, will first congratulate myself that I have come, that I am here, that I have the privilege of admittance to this happy home of Γ Δ Charge of θ Δ X, and that I have claimed kindred there and had the claim allowed.

I have always taken great pleasure in attending gatherings of θ Δ X when it was in my power to do so, but separation by great distances for some years, and when I became settled in my profession, married, and had children, necessity so compelled me that until recent years, I seemed unable to spare even a day for attendance at meetings as pleasant even as this, away from my home. But I have often had the pleasure of meeting my brethren in the various walks of life, and I always found such meeting pleasant, and the relation between us warmly recognized and esteemed. I never yet have met a Theta Delt I could not proudly recognize as a brother.

I went to college quite young, and never having been away from home before, I felt at first a great sense of loneliness. I think I had made but one acquaintance who visited my room, before I met some of those with whom I became associated in the formation of the Fraternity. One was Samuel F. Wile, of my class, who, though a minister's son, was destined to teach me how to play the game of “Old Sledge,” and sought me out as a neighbor for his own amusement.

I soon afterward became the roommate or chum of Theodore B. Brown, a member of my class, from Schenectady. He must have come to me and asked to room with me as I do not remember how I first met him. While we were thus together, early in my second term's attendance, Brown inquired of me whether I would be willing to join with him and others in a project on foot for the formation of a new fraternity. On further talk with him in regard to it I declared my willingness and was soon introduced by him to Akin, Beach, and Hyslop of the founders, at the room of the two latter. I then proposed that Wile should be asked to join with us, and that being assented to by all, I soon obtained his ready adherence to the project.

Our first informal meetings were in Beach and Hyslop's room. I have observed some impression that the Fraternity was not formed until 1848, but I know initiations were held in 1847, and the badges worn, all of them having the date 1847 engraved on the back. Lately I looked into the *Memorial History* (189) and found in it a fac simile of Abel Beach's badge and the same date is there given upon it.

I want to congratulate, too, these gentlemen, who have been admitted to the Fraternity tonight, upon that admission, and the advantages which it will confer, and the happy life which I hope and believe will be theirs with their brethren of this Charge.

In its life of sixty years, the θ Δ X Fraternity has maintained a foremost rank among college fraternities. It is remarkable for the enthusiastic interest of its members, while there is no profession of calling to which it has not given many men of distinction, while some of its members have displayed great abilities in the highest positions of the state and nation, its history has been ennobled by the brave and faithful lives of the thousands of its membership.

But why do I speak thus of $\theta \Delta X$? You whom I address know her merit and her record even better than I do. You have felt, and these gentlemen now of your number will feel henceforth, a greater interest in college life, an increased confidence in themselves, all worthy of their new relation. I have felt that inherent confidence in my own experience and was enabled thereby to accomplish more than could otherwise have been done.

Finally I congratulate $\Gamma \Delta$ Charge which now includes you all, on the valuable accession made to its ranks tonight. I doubt not they will endeavor to show their own worth of membership and their earnestness as members of the Charge. They will strengthen it. The Fraternity is ever being founded. Its active ranks need ever to be renewed. The merit of the services of the men of today and of each succeeding year is as great as their predecessors.

I am conscious of speaking in a desultory way. I sometimes feel some hesitation in speaking or coming to gatherings as numerous as this lest some weakness of my own may give some idea of the men of my day different from what you ought to have or I would wish you to have, but I know that Theta Deltas are all, and will be, charitable in their judgment of their brothers. I am getting to be more impressed with the possible need of allowances being made for me. Very lately a lady I had long known, introduced me to another she knew, with what seemed to me an apologetic remark, 'that he was quite a beau when he was young.'

Then followed a letter from Norm (Thespis) Hackett and Norm was given a great hand. A toast was proposed to Brother Griffing and followed by a song. Finally the toast to Omega was drunk.

Thus ended the banner event in $\Gamma \Delta$'s nineteenth year. The small, wee hours were at hand and after the song, "Our Stars shall tint with light," the brothers dispersed to their rooms.

Verily, the spirit of $\theta \Delta X$ will not down!

Z^Δ SEVENTH ANNUAL

The seventh annual banquet and initiation of the $Z \Delta$ Charge was held in St. Lawrence Hall on Thursday, October twenty-ninth, and it is beyond the power of mere words to convey an impression of the good time we enjoyed. Our only regret was that more graduates were not able to attend but were glad that their delegation, though quantitatively small, was qualitatively great.

Those present were: Chas. H. Brown, Jr., $M \Delta '04$; Wilfrid Bovey, $Z \Delta '03$; M. Brodie Atkinson, $Z \Delta '04$; Geo. W. MacKay, $Z \Delta '07$; Ormond M. Stitt; Wm. J. Baldwin; Robert M. MacKay; Richard T. Mohan; Ralph F. Stockwell; Arthur G. Penny, '08; Chas. E. Richardson; Fred C. Cattnach; John A. MacKinnon; Charles L. Cantly; Thomas F. Cotton, '09; John J. Lahey; Ernie H. Falconer; Orville G. Scott; Calvin S. MacLean; Geo. A. Sihler, Jr., '10. Initiates: Robert J. Fraser, '10; Clarence Gorman; Allen N. Scott.

Brother "Ormie" Stitt presided in his usual capable manner and the following toast list was gone through:

	THE KING	
Thos. F. Cotton	THE FRATERNITY	Wilfrid Bovey
Ralph F. Stockwell	SISTER CHARGES	Charles M. Brown, Jr.
Charles Cantly	INITIATES	
	CHARGE POEM	Arthur G. Penny
	OMEGA	

The names, however, of the evening's most illustrious orators, did not appear on the menu for every brother, in turn, had something to say and the persuasive eloquence of "Puss" Cattanach, the weighty truths propounded by Jack MacKinnon, and the bright sayings of "Scotty" will long be remembered.

At intervals during the evening the good old Fraternity songs were sung tunefully (more or less) to "Bob" MacKay's accompaniment and it was not till the food, the drink and our voices were all gone that we thought it was time to go too.

A. G. PENNY, Z^A '08.

FIFTH ANNUAL I DINNER

The fifth annual dinner of the *I* Graduate Association was suitably celebrated in the Dutch Room in the Copley Square Hotel of Boston, on the evening of Friday, November the fifteenth. Before the brothers filed into the banquet hall cheers were given for the Dartmouth football team, and its followers, who were staying at the hotel, and this was really the beginning of the enthusiasm. Fortunately the Dutch Room is located in a distant corner of the hotel below the level of the sidewalk providing those present the opportunity of making all the noise desired without disturbing the outsiders. At certain intervals between the courses Brother R. K. Fletcher presided at the piano and all joined in $\theta \Delta X$ songs. Copies of a new Fraternity song written by Brother Fletcher were distributed and it made such a hit that it was sung about half the time.

Brother A. P. Stone, '93, was a most efficient toastmaster and kept the enthusiasm up all through a very able and entertaining program, which was as follows.

Stone on the bench.

Speeches (witty and otherwise).

Songs (Good, bad and naughty).

Among the "hints to the uninitiated" printed on the menu were:

Have a good time or you'll be sorry you came.

You are not expected to go home early (unless married), this hotel stays open all night.

The song "We're Here Because We're Here" was written especially for these dinners by Sid Writing-it-down when he founded this Association in 1854.

A number of suburbanites who had to catch trains left between ten and eleven but most of the old crowd remained and were joined at 11:15 P. M. by Norman Hackett, $\Gamma \Delta$ '98, and Stanley Hawkins. "Norm" was defending the grand old classics at the Globe Theatre, while "Hawk" did the handsome

tenor act in "The Red Mill" at the Colonial. The entrance of these two histrionic brothers, after they had been "fretting their little hour" gave a new impetus for more enthusiasm and everybody proceeded to get together for another rally. Brother Parsons, assuming the position of temporary toast-master, rapped for order and got Brother Hackett up for a speech. "Norm" tried to appear modest and insist he wasn't prepared, etc., but he proved to be at his best and gave us one of his good old missionary speeches that warmed our hearts and brought us in closer touch with the whole Fraternity and its glorious ideals. He was followed by Brother Hawkins, who also delighted every one with a royal good Theta Delt talk, punctuated with some bully stories, told in "Hawk's" inimitable way. Many cheers greeted our actor brothers and they were not let off until "Norm" had given an impersonation and "Hawk" his famous "Barney Ma Gee" song.

It is worthy of note that Brother Hawkins holds a very unique position in the Fraternity, being the only brother who has ever re-affiliated, and can claim to hail from three Charges. He was initiated at *A*, affiliated at *K* and re-affiliated with *Z*, so facetiously signs himself "tri-chap" *A K Z*. Shortly after Hackett and Hawkins had done their turn, a further pleasure was afforded by the arrival of three *O*^Δ brothers, Bartlett, Locke and Forristall, who were down for the Dartmouth-Harvard game. They were given a rousing Harvard cheer, and responded nobly. "Shorty" got each one up for a few words which were greatly enjoyed, so that altogether the aftermath proved a happy conclusion to a very memorable evening.

During the progress of the dinner proper, a telegram of congratulations was received from the President of the Grand Lodge and letters from the following *I* graduates: L. D. Somers, '03; H. H. Cook, '93; R. F. Janes, '02; K. W. Faxon, '02; W. W. Carter, '99; C. Irving Porter, '02; and Dr. Henry F. Lewis, '85.

Among those present were: A. P. Stone, '93; Gifford Le Clear, '95; Bruce Wyman, '96; S. R. Wrightington, '97; R. B. Carter, Jr., '98; Hubert L. Carter, '98; Hal Ring, '98; W. P. Everts, '00; R. W. Drown, '02; H. P. Brown, '03; F. L. Carter, Jr., '03; Mark R. Jouett, '03; E. M. Parsons, '03; L. L. Wadsworth, '03; W. W. Gallagher, '04; Frank Lahey, '04; R. C. Pingree, '06; Edward Roth, '06; C. H. Condell, '07; Russell Ellis, '07; R. G. Fernald, '07; G. B. Simmons, '07; E. Becker, '08; R. K. Fletcher, '08; H. M. Goodwin, '08; Maurice M. Osborne, '08; R. R. Clark, '09; W. M. Rand, '09; G. S. Shirk, '09; M. W. Weeks, '09; H. F. Drown, '10; L. M. Ferguson, '10; R. P. Jordan, '10.

Although this was not the largest banquet the *I* Graduate Association has ever held, it was one of the most enthusiastic.

Π^Δ TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL BANQUET

Junius Pluvius, or whoever he is who holds down the job of Celestial Water Commissioner, certainly had it in for Π^Δ on the night of her dinner. It didn't seem fair—yet who can tell? A poll of Π^Δ might, just possibly, disclose a rudimentary antipathy to water, as such, and it has ever been said of the gods that they be a wrathful crew. At any rate, old Pluvie didn't dam the flood, and so the boys did—and right fervently, too.

The quarto-centennial record attendance of fifty-seven at the N. Y. A. C. last year would surely have been broken had the weather been more propitious. As it was, however, fifty-one Thetes foregathered at Reisenweber's, where they initiated in appropriately moist fashion the new Ship Room, with its port-holes and companion-ways. So perfect was the simulation that presently the brethren swung into the vernacular of the sea, and instead of inviting one another "downstairs" for a glass of vichy, they talked about "going below" for a drink.

It was a jolly company that sat down at mess, trained to the minute as to appetite, and prompt in putting away the salt pork and hardtack that came up from the galley. This done, Brother Edward S. Griffing of the G. L., who had accepted an invitation to preside, banged the table with a vacant bottle which he proclaimed as the symbol of his authority in asking the boys to come to order. They came; whereupon he introduced Brother A. A. Wright, Π Δ '96, the toastmaster. Brother Wright first read letters from Brothers A. H. Green, Α '49; Clay W. Holmes, Φ '69, "the man who made Elmira famous;" John Markle, Φ '80; Moses Lyman, Ζ '59; and others. Commenting on the absence of Brother Dougherty, Π '82, who had never before missed a Π Δ function, the toastmaster proposed the sending of a telegram expressing the regret of the company for the injuries which Brother "Dan" had suffered in an accident, and which kept him at home. This was unanimously carried, as was also a motion to telegraph Brother Green, thanking him for his letter of felicitation. A motion to send a wire to precede Brother "Billy" Wettlaufer to his home was lost through the vigorous opposition of "Billy" himself.

Brother Griffing responded to the first toast, expressing his views on various Fraternity questions of so intimate a nature as to preclude their presentation in these pages. Suffice it to say then, that he had his hearers interested, and "with him." He paid a glowing tribute to the loyalty of Π Δ and its graduates, which met with hilarious applause, colored by various notes of German joy emitted by Brother "Billy Wett" in the mother-tongue.

Brother Everett M. Waterhouse, Ι '97, was called upon as the leader of the erstwhile "Near-Nightingales," for a song, and responded with "When the World is Young," followed by "Then You'll Remember Me" from the "Bohemian Girl." But the boys wanted more, and Brother Waterhouse obligingly sang Schubert's "Sylvia."

The toastmaster's announcement that Brother Rudolf Tombo, Jr., Π Δ '95, had asked to be excused was disappointing, for "Rudi" is always good for a talk worth hearing. Brother "Carl" Schmid, Π Δ '97, was called upon to respond for the Π Δ Graduate Association. Of course he reported progress. He also proposed the plan of publishing a Π Δ Bulletin to be sent by the Association to every alumnus of the Charge, as occasion arises to impart to the graduates items of interest that might otherwise not become known to them. The purpose of the scheme is naturally the unification of Π Δ's graduates in their loyalty to θ Δ X, and the prevention of "has beens."

Brother Fred. H. Patterson, Π Δ '90, was next hauled up by the toastmaster, and introduced as a man whose facetiousness as a speaker might always be relied upon for a laugh. And "Fred" made good. His first reference was to the "Old Guard" clustered about him in solid array at the table. He was reminded, he said, of Mr. Dooley's "I see be the noospapers that a great wave of timperance is swapin' over the country." Brother Patterson found comfort in the reflection that the "wave" hadn't struck the Old Guard yet, excepting

Hibson. (Emphatic protest by Hibson.) Finally the speaker grew cogitative, and wondered why so poor a speaker as he was asked to address the crowd. Presently he answered the question himself, something like this: "It's the toastmaster's business to dig up somebody good, bad or indifferent—mostly bad—though occasionally a speaker electrifies the crowd by soaring to the heights of indifference."

As the result of the toastmaster's next excavation he "dug up" Brother Wm. H. McIntyre, *II* Δ '89, whose remarks on Charge policy were not for publication. Brother Edward C. Ehlers, *II* Δ '90, spoke feelingly of the old friendships formed years ago in *\theta* Δ X, counting them as priceless possessions.

Brother Edward Van Winkle, *P* Δ '00, Editor of *THE SHIELD* was introduced as one of the greatest of *THE SHIELD* Editors, since by the publication of four issues in practically one month he had brought the magazine up to date *ahead of time*. The Editor outlined some of his plans for the future, and advanced the sane suggestion that every initiate be required to subscribe for five or six years in advance so that his interest might not lag in the critical time immediately after graduation.

When Brother Chas. Hibson, *II* Δ '92, rose at the toastmaster's beck some imp of darkness who had acquainted himself with the electrical layout switched off the lights. Whereupon Brother Hibson, contrary to all expectations and in defiance of past performances grew quasi-scriptural and propounded something like this: "Better a scrap and a dry crust than a full meal where love aboundeth." The which was not an incitement to riot, but merely "Charlie's" delicious way of stating that all progress is the result of striving. And so they turned up the lights.

II Δ was fortunate in the presence of brothers from various other Charges, and Brothers Walter H. Merritt, *I* '03; H. H. Intemann, *X* '06; Wm. C. Dooris, *E* '03; and J. B. Hamilton, *I* Δ '96, were called upon in turn and brought greetings and felicitations on behalf of their several Charges.

The toastmaster then announced that "somebody" had handed him a poem, which he proceeded to read, and which was as follows:

The day is done. We entertain
No further thought of selfish gain.
No egoism enters here.
Anxieties and all that train
Of petty cares that cloud the brain,
Like mist in sunshine disappear.
We rise into a higher plane,
A purer atmosphere.

Fraternal sympathy transcends
The baser sentiments, and lends
New energy. We care no more
Which way the money market tends,
No more for stocks and dividends.
Let market prices sink or soar,
This night is ours, and ere it ends
We'll drink to days of yore.

And here's a toast, my brothers! Gaze
 Into the flood of years that plays
 Along the future's yielding brink.
 This wine shall wash away the haze
 That gathers over college days!
 In solemn silence, pause and think
 Of those dear days, then, brothers, raise
 The brimming glass and drink!

We'll drift upon the flood of years
 Within whose crystal depth appears
 The mirrored counterpart of all
 Our past experience; the fears,
 And doubts, and joys; the smiles, the tears,
 The interchange of moods we call
 Existence; confidence that cheers
 And hopes that rise and fall.

Far back into the past we'll glide,
 Directed only by the tide
 Of fondest memories, and try
 For one brief hour to throw aside
 The burden of acquired pride
 And to the wearied mind apply
 The balm of friendship, sanctified
 In Theta Delta Chi.

The scribe, wishing to find out who "somebody" was, took it upon himself to cross-examine Brother Wright. He squirmed nobly and protestingly pointed out the feminine handwriting of the MS. Nevertheless the chronicler feels sure of his ground in attributing the authorship of this excellent contribution to our verse to none other than "Al" Wright. And that goes, subject only to an appeal to the next convention.

After a response by Brother "Al" Kaestner, Π Δ '09, on behalf of the active Charge the toast to the Ω was drunk as usual, and soon the gathering broke up in good disorder. Those present were: Edward S. Griffing, I '89, Grand Lodge; J. B. Hamilton, Γ Δ '96; E. M. Waterhouse, I '97; W. H. Merritt, A '03; E. J. Beede, A '06; L. B. McCabe, E '94; W. C. Dooris, E '03; Edward Van Winkle, P Δ '00; J. B. Smith, Jr., P Δ '01; J. W. Spencer, P Δ '02; H. I. Benjamin, P Δ '04; W. Grassi, P Δ '11; J. R. Lynes, ϕ '01; W. H. H. Intemann, X '06; W. H. McIntyre, Π Δ '89; E. C. Ehlers, Π Δ '90; F. H. Patterson, Π Δ '90; W. H. Wettlaufer, Π Δ '90; G. C. Goebel, Π Δ '91; S. C. Haight, Π Δ '92; C. Hibson, Π Δ '92; W. T. Lawson, Π Δ '93; C. Wilmurt, Π Δ '93; J. Remer, Π Δ '94; R. Tombo, Jr., Π Δ '95; A. A. Wright, Π Δ '95; C. Tombo, Π Δ '97; C. P. Schmid, Jr., Π Δ '97; W. B. Wright, Π Δ '97; W. E. Moran, Π Δ '98; L. C. Shattuck, Π Δ '98; T. H. Calhoun, Π Δ '99; G. P. Ferguson, Π Δ '99; N. P. Mead; Π Δ '99; C. R. Neidlinger, Π Δ '99; E. E. Schmid, Π Δ '99; W. F. Timme, Π Δ '99; F. S. Fisher, Π Δ '00; O. J. A. Grassi, Π Δ '00; A. L. Howe, Π Δ '00; F. M. Steeves, Π Δ '00; H. P. Moran, Π Δ '01; H. A. Fisher, Π Δ '02; R. W. Maloney, Π Δ '03; H. M. Wallace, Π Δ '06; G. G. Dixon, Π Δ '07; A. C. Kaestner, Π Δ '09; J. A. Starr, Π Δ '10; H. B. Bogart, Π Δ '11; G. H. Belmont, Π Δ '11; F. E. Mullen, Π Δ '11.

X^Δ INITIATION BANQUET

On the evening of December 3, 1907 was held the annual initiation banquet of the X^Δ Charge, at the Hotel Arlington in Washington. The banquet hall was adorned with flags of all the colleges in which $\theta \Delta X$ is represented by a Charge, with a profusion of our tri-color set off with beautiful floral decorations. A novel feature of the adornment of the hall was a shield illuminated by electric light—a gift to the Charge by one of the initiates.

After an excellent menu the brothers settled down to the enjoyment of their coffee and Lady Nicotine in preparation for the speeches, which proved to be of the high order always characterizing such functions in the life of the Fraternity. Under the ably humorous direction of Brother Gilbert W. Kelly, X^Δ '00, the speakers of the evening were called upon to render tribute at the shrine of $\theta \Delta X$. The brothers responding to toasts were Geo. Williamson Smith, Σ '57; L. G. Powers, K '70; J. MacBride Sterrett, X '67; B. W. Perry, Ψ '91; Gordon T. Atkinson, Σ '68; F. W. Albert, X^Δ '05; W. M. Gilbert, X^Δ '07; Marshall Magruder, X^Δ '08; and Kenneth F. Maxcy, X^Δ '11. During the brief intervals between the speeches, the brothers added zest and enthusiasm to the gathering by the glorious old songs and occasional college yells. Brother R. R. Norris, X^Δ '03, presented to the tender mercies of the brothers, a box of fragrant Havanas, which were most sincerely appreciated.

Alas, the hour waxed late and the silent toast to the great \mathcal{Q} was drunk in reverend meditation before the brothers parted.

Those present, in addition to the above-mentioned, were Wm. K. West, X^Δ '06; Edwin H. King, X^Δ '07; Arthur Schoenfeld, X^Δ '07; Delos H. Smith, X^Δ '05; F. E. Warren, X^Δ '07; W. B. Curtis, X^Δ '08; J. D. Dodson, X^Δ '09; R. L. J. Newhouser, X^Δ '09; C. Chester Caywood, X^Δ '10; Clyde D. Garrett, X^Δ '10; George V. Graham, X^Δ '11; John P. Wilbur, X^Δ '11.

ARTHUR SCHOENFELD.

 $\Theta \Delta X$ DINNER IN RICHMOND

On Saturday evening, November 23, at seven o'clock there gathered around the board at Rueger's restaurant in Richmond some fourteen Theta Deltas of E to celebrate the victory that afternoon of William and Mary over Randolph-Macon College in their annual football game for the championship of the Eastern Division of the Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The dinner was given by some of the alumni in honor of three Theta Deltas whose presence on the William and Mary team very materially added to her victory—Brothers Joynes and Carter at the halves and Brother Taylor at tackle.

All the alumni brothers in Richmond were present and seven of the active Charge, and "Success" is the only appropriate name for the affair.

A menu such as Rueger only can supply was done full justice by a crowd of hungry college boys and alumni who had not forgotten the time when they too were under-graduates.

Brother H. Jackson Davis, '02, acting as toastmaster, spared no one and all present were called on for a few remarks concerning $\theta \Delta X$, William and

Mary or Football. Only two of the active Charge were not present, both being unavoidably absent, one of them being captain of the "scrubs" who had a game scheduled for Williamsburg for the same day.

After full time had been given to feasting, talking and singing of the old familiar songs the meeting dispersed, voting to make the dinner a permanent feature at the most important game that William and Mary played in Richmond each fall.

Those present were Brothers H. Jackson Davis, '02; W. T. Hodges, '02; Arthur R. W. Mackreth, '04; Arthur D. Wright, '04; Joel C. Rawls, '06; John W. Abbitt, '07; Harry G. Carter, '08; Duncan McRae, '09; C. A. Taylor, Jr., '09; Selden R. Warner, '09; Herbert S. Joynes, '10; John L. Lawless, '10; Sol W. Rawls, '10; and Alexander W. Martin, '11.

ARTHUR D. WRIGHT, E '04.

WEEKLY LUNCHEONS

Chicago—Great Northern Hotel—12 o'clock

Pittsburg—Hotel Henry—12 o'clock



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SEVENTEENTH
ANNUAL
DINNER

Are **YOU** Coming?
Of Course!!!

Friday, Jan. 31st, 6:30 p. m.
GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL





Our readers are requested to contribute to this department reports of such gatherings and events as would otherwise, perhaps, remain unpublished. Not only are these of interest to all Theta Deltas as news items, but they are furthermore valuable as a matter of record, so that the co-operation of all our readers, and especially of the secretaries of Graduate Associations, is earnestly solicited.—*Ed.*

OLD-TIME ATHLETICS

As I read in *THE SHIELD* the proud recital of honors won by my younger brothers of $\Theta \Delta X$ in various fields of College Athletics, I confess to something like envy of the advantages they possess, remembering the lack of such opportunities in a leading American college sixty years or so ago. Because of such lack, the energetic spirits of those days were forced into certain irregular efforts of a strenuous sort, which, though they might afford a needed relief, did also too often attract to the actors an official notice well calculated to repress "their noble rage."

For the want referred to no one was especially to blame. It was the fault of the times. The students, intent by study to fit themselves for after-life, or to gain some literary prize or honor, no longer cared for the simple games their boyhood had known. And if Dr. Eliphalet Nott, then nearly fifty years the honored head of Union College, had been asked by some of "his boys," as in later years they were proud to call themselves, for leave to play athletic games—Olympic, Isthmian, or American, on the broad campus, which, spread out before their eyes, seemed to invite them to enjoy its grassy slope, I can not think he would have denied their petition. He must have seen how such use of the campus would refresh their minds, re-animate their spirits, invigorate their bodies, and make easier his own administration. But the good Doctor was not approached on the subject, and having enough else to think of, thought not of the uses of athletics for a college student.

Here I fancy some one asking,—“Had you no football, baseball, no nines, that every hamlet has? No tennis, no boat race, no crews?” I say then specifically,—We had *no* football, and if any of us ever kicked a ball, it must have been a puff ball, in some rural solitude. Nor did we “play ball.” Some, at school or academy, had played a primitive baseball, but it resembled the present game no more than the primordial monkey did the “perfect man.” That game, and the kindred “One old cat,” and “Two old cat,” we played in childhood, but we had “put away childish things.”

As for nines, we knew none—except nine-pins, and the nine-spots we sometimes led in a certain non-athletic game we were fond of. A few had heard indeed of “The Sacred Nine,” but knew them not, having been warned against a slight acquaintance, and circumstances not favoring any other. It is to be feared that if there were any who drank deep it was not from “The Pierian Spring.” With tennis, too, we were all unfamiliar, nor did the rackets some kept up in their rooms pertain to that knightly game.

As to races, I recall but one we had—some of us—it was a half-mile run, about 7:00 a. m. from recitation to breakfast, in which the winners won, and the losers lost, an important start at that needed meal.

Crews? We knew *one*. It was that of the packet boat that brought us safely, and with boasted speed from home to college, and sometimes back again. A needful member of this crew we knew only by his works. His culinary productions greatly contributed to the satisfactions of the voyage. Particularly popular with us were his berry pies. If the proof of the pie is in the eating, the excellence of his could not be disputed. When we rose from the feast, there remained nothing to prove them by but the eating. We stopped not in the pleasurable proceeding long enough to reflect that the resulting increase in girth and avoirdupois made more difficult and dangerous the exacting evolutions which are mentioned below. The humblest of this crew we could not despise—the youthful driver, though he labored too much his willing steeds, to beat four miles an hour. He might be aspiring to the White House, and probably was.

Still less might be contemned the helmsman-captain, for often, when we stood too intent on Mohawk’s (scenic) beauties to note a hastening danger near, he saved us, prompting that downright fearful feat whereby we straightway wildly hugged the unfeeling deck, as, just in time, was heard his hated cry of “Bri— —dge!” Though such our performance was not strictly athletic, it certainly partook of the acrobatic. Yet when we stood again erect, the dreaded danger past, we prided not on our feat, that without ifs or ands we held “’twere well ’twere done quickly.” Nor did it shame us that to some it might have seemed indecorous. Enough that we found no fractures, and that our journey still gave promise of enjoyment.

Strayed so far from my starting point, it does not seem required to return. A better thought presents itself. The poet states it thus,—

“There is some sort of goodness in things evil,
Would men observingly distil it out.”

Even at the very time and place of the privation herein complained of there were existent certain forces, fervors, longings, inspirations, in human forms embodied, which, to lesser uses given, had thwarted Nature's purpose, for

“Spirits are not finely touched
But to fine issues”—

These “things that are more excellent” were not given for mere athletic strivings, but for grander ends. Therefore, of them that held such wealth in charge, Nature chose a few, and joined together in Friendship's high and pure emprise.

And they it was, thus rich-endowed, thus highly joined, that did declare the secret-sacred rites, lay broad the enduring base, and light the cheering altar flame of Θ Δ X.

A FORTY-NINER.

COLUMBIA'S MOCK REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

In connection with his course on “Political Parties and Party Machinery,” Professor Charles Beard, of Columbia University, organized a mock Republican National Convention on the model of the regular party assembly. Each member of the class was made a chairman of a state or territorial delegation and selected his quota of delegates from among his friends in the University. The arrangements for the convention were made principally by an executive committee, headed by Brother Hickman Price, P^Δ'00, chosen by the members of the class. For three weeks before the regular meeting, caucuses were held among the delegations at which the prospective candidates and the platform were discussed. The executive committee also published a *Bulletin* containing political news from the various delegations and articles on parties and current issues. The first session of the Mock Convention was held in Hamilton Hall on the afternoon of November twenty-sixth and after the regular formalities of organization were observed, there was a long and heated discussion of the report of the committee on the platform. Each plank was severely scrutinized and very effective arguments were made for and against ship subsidy, central national bank, national child labor law, enforcement of the Fourteenth Amendment, tariff revision, and other issues. Each plank was voted on and some were defeated, while others were carried only after lengthy controversy. In the evening the session for the nomination of presidential candidate was held in the University Gymnasium, Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff, Chairman of the Republican State Committee, presiding. Fairbanks, Hughes, Roosevelt, Cannon,

La Follette, Root, Cortelyou, and Taft were placed in nomination by speakers who had been selected previously in an open oratorical contest. Balloting then began in regular form, the states being called in alphabetical order and as the delegations were grouped around their respective banners, they quickly made up their votes which were announced in order by the respective chairmen. On first ballot no one received requisite number for nomination, but on the second ballot Hughes was nominated by a small majority and La Follette secured the second place. Owing to the lateness of the hour, no nomination was made for the Vice-Presidency. The Convention was a success from every point of view, much of this being due to the untiring service and interest of Brother Price, who made a decided "hit" as chairman of the executive committee.

Z^Δ SMOKER

On the sixth day of December, Brother Penny, Z^Δ '08, gave a smoker to the Charge. The following program speaks for itself.

OPENING HARANGUE

PIANO PERPETRATIONS

DEBATE: "Which is the properest day to drink?"

Diogenes Lairtius Cattanach, the Epicurean

vs.

Marcus Aurelius MacKinnon, the Stoic

FIDDLE SCRAPINGS

FRANCAIS TEL QU'ON LE PARLE

INSTRUMENTAL TORTURE

APOLOGY FOR MY EXISTENCE

MORE PIANO PERPETRATIONS

"Omer Snitt"

"Paderewski McQ."

"Hoot Mon McLean"

"Jean Baptiste Stockwell"

"Rosy Ralph" and "Rusty George"

"The Centless Penny"

"Paderewski McQ."

After this "Catastrophe in Eight Spasms" the brothers satisfied their cravings with light refreshments and "Blue Stories" and "Hot Air" were passed around till the end of the evening.

PITTSBURG ENTHUSIASM

A Theta Delta Theatre Party was given by Pittsburg Alumni in honor of Brother Norman Hackett, Γ^Δ '98, at the Alvin Theatre, December 19. The performance was "Julius Cæsar" in which Brother Hackett played "Cassius." The party occupied two large stage boxes and after the first act threw a large bouquet on the stage tied with black, white and blue streamers. The entire party met Brother Hackett and adjoined to the Fulton restaurant after the performance for a fraternity symposium. Those present were James R. Mellon, Π '63; W. A. Hawley, Δ '86; R. S. Litchfield, E '97; C. M. Thorpe, B '84; F. G. Paulson, Π '70; C. V. Rice, Δ '93; Theophilus Sproull, X '72; Thomas Mellon, Jr., I '03; E. P. Van Kirk, N^Δ '87; John F. Tim, Φ '01; Henry E. Longwell, B '84; Albert M. Long, Φ '76; Harry Wright, Φ '75; Henry Lloyd,

Φ '03; Charles F. Rumbaugh, Φ '03; Chauncey Lobinger, Φ '96; Col. T. P. Roberts, E '64; William A. Jordan, Σ '97; W. Kerns Wightman, Φ '04; Dr. Olin G. A. Barker, Φ '95; Norman Hackett, Γ Δ '98.

At noon of the same day fourteen brothers met for lunch at the Hotel Henry. This weekly lunch custom is becoming very popular with the Pittsburg Thetas and all visiting brothers who happen in town on Thursdays are cordially invited to remember the place—Hotel Henry.

Π Δ BOX PARTY

The Sophomore Show of the College of the City of New York was held Friday evening, January third, in Carnegie Lyceum.

Π Δ wanted three boxes, but the management could let us have only one. The program had a surprise for us; for among the advertisements was one by a jeweler, the cut illustrating his handiwork being a Θ Δ X seal ring.

The play was a bright little comedy entitled "The Barrister," and it proved a success in every way.

In the box, which was draped with the flags, were Brothers Kaestner, Mullen, Belmont, and Haight. The pledged men present were Stelling, Waters, Schenck, Dickie, Chapman, and Schmid. Walter Schmid is the youngest brother of that royal Theta Delta family which has already given the Fraternity Charles P., Jr., Ernest and Robert.

CENTRAL GRADUATE ASSOCIATION

The weekly luncheons held every Friday noon at the *Great Northern Hotel*, Jackson and Dearborn Sts., Chicago, continue to draw an average attendance of from fifteen to twenty. A cordial invitation is extended to all Theta Deltas in the vicinity to be present regularly, and brothers from out of town are most welcome.

I GRADUATE NIGHT

On Friday, November 22, the first Graduate Night for 1907 was held at the I House, 54 Dunster St., Cambridge, Mass. About sixty Alumni and under-graduates came in during the evening and made the old house ring with songs and cheers. It was one of the most pleasant evenings spent at the house and it has been reported that for some of the men there was no night on Friday.

DO IT NOW

Read the editorial on page 258, Volume XXIII of THE SHIELD and then commit to memory the following:

BUSINESS MANAGER'S SONG

How dear to my heart
 Is the cash of subscription,
 When the generous subscriber
 Presents it to view;
 But the one who won't pay
 I refrain from description,
 For that one, gentle reader,
 That one may be you.—*Ex.*

WINE AND SONG

Take your cup, fill it up, with the rosy wine,
 A toast, lads, our boast, lads, we'll shout on high.
 While we drink, with a clink, as your brim tips mine,
 To the health of our old THETA DELTA CHI.
 Let her name smooth the furrows of care from each brow,
 Vanquish Time, and old age with new youth rich endow,
 Let the Past and the Future bow to the Now
 While we raise our glad praise to the mistress of our hearts.

Chorus.

O THETA DELTA CHI we're ever
 Thine. No fate our love can sever.
 True to the Black, the White, the Blue,
 We're loyal Theta Delt forever.

What matters of Life, with its strife and pain?
 No heart, lad, shall house, lad, a tear or sigh,
 While we sing, with a swing, as we meet again
 The songs of our old THETA DELTA CHI.
 Dame Fortune may cast our lot as she will
 We are brothers true, be it good or ill,
 Sorrows but bind us closer still,
 It's our creed, we believe, in the THETA DELTA CHI.

WM. J. TURKENTON, X^Δ '08.

HAIL, PI DEUTERON

The following poem was read by the author, A. E. Wupperman, II^Δ '91, at the Twenty-fifth Annual Banquet of II^Δ, and it is recorded here in THE SHIELD for the first time.

Where Chillon's walls, gloomy and grey,
 The bosom of the lake survey,
 Where on their rocky cliff they stand,
 Whispering dark mem'ries, grimly grand,
 A thousand feet the mountains rise
 Behind the castle to the skies;

A thousand feet below, they say,
 Lac Lemane melts in depths away.
 There's many a hideous tale that's told,
 And many a secret hidden there,
 Within its walls, hoary and old,
 Corroded by the cold damp air,
 And by the damper breath of those
 Who there breathed out their common woes.

Deep are thy dungeons, Chillon, deep—
 No sound disturbed the prisoners' sleep,
 Nor of the world an echo, save
 The low splash of the fitful wave,
 Or the murmuring of the gale,
 When the night winds harshly wail.
 Cold are thy dungeons, Chillon, cold
 As Death's cold touch when one grows old
 And hears the Reaper's stern command,
 Yet shrinks back from his icy hand;
 For life is sweet and freedom dear
 When death or dungeon life be near.

And oft like Chillon's gloomy cell,
 Our hearts have dungeons just as well
 Where our imprisoned secrets dwell:
 A hopeless dream once highly prized,
 A happiness ne'er realized,
 The mem'ry of a day gone by,
 A smile, a tear, a woman's sigh,
 A parting gift, a faded leaf,
 The ashes of a hidden grief,
 And then the joys we all have known,
 Known, as we think, to us alone—
 These are the Prisoners that deep
 In our hearts' dungeon cells we keep;
 Each in our heart has its own spot,
 Is ne'er released, yet ne'er forgot;
 And in its deepest recess there
 Is kept the dearest Prisoner
 Of all—the fairest Wanderer
 That ever sought asylum there,
 Who claims from us his ancient right
 To join in revel here to-night
 And celebrate with you and me
 His quarter of a century.
 So make of him your Merry Host
 Until the dawn bid you begone,
 And drink with me a hearty toast
 To our beloved PI DEUTERON.

THE SONG OF THE SHIELD

The Stars that shine with light divine
 Are watching now above us
 Soft as the light from eyes so bright,
 Eyes of the girls that love us.
 Those stars shall wane e'er this refrain
 Shall lose its power to hold us,
 We'll sing it still each year until
 Eternity enfold us!

Chorus.

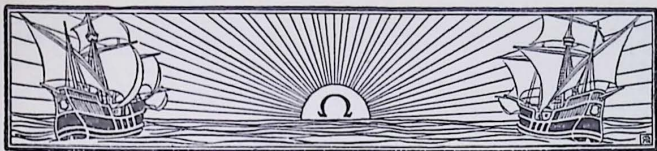
Live *tho' XI* friendship can never die!
 Loud let the anthem roll, sing it with heart and soul;
 Her loyal sons are we, now and eternally!

Two daggers stand on either hand
 To guard the laws that guide us.
 Their edge so keen could ne'er I ween
 Be able to divide us.
 Those blades shall rust before our trust
 In those we love shall leave us:
 True hearts we know, in weal or woe,
 Can ne'er with guile deceive us.—*Chorus.*

Our arrows fly towards the sky
 That they may e'er remind us
 To take our flight towards the light
 And leave the past behind us:
 Their upward trend can have no end
 But, like the love between us,
 Still stronger grow till Time shall mow
 His harvest down and glean us.—*Chorus.*

And so our shield can never yield
 Whatever foes assail us.
 Its stalwart front, in battle's brunt,
 Can ne'er betray or fail us;
 Or brothers stand with idle hand
 Which else, outstretched, might aid us:
 A shield indeed in utmost need
 Their strength and love has made us!—*Chorus.*

ARTHUR G. PENNY, Z^A '08.



I N M E M O R I A M

It is our endeavor to record the deaths of all brothers, and we would like to receive and publish an obituary of each and every one who has passed into the Charge upon the Further Shore.—*Ed.*

DANIEL TITTERINGTON MONTGOMERY

∟^Δ, 1905.
∟, October 30, 1907.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom to remove from our number to the Halls of ∟ our dearly beloved brother, Daniel Titterington Montgomery,

WHEREAS, In his sad death we have lost a faithful friend and ever zealous member of θ ∟ X, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of ∟^Δ, while humbly submitting to the will of our Heavenly Father, deeply mourn the loss of our brother and extend to his bereaved family, fiancée and friends our deepest sympathy, and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the relatives, to the Grand Lodge and to THE SHIELD of θ ∟ X for publication, and that they be entered on the records of the ∟^Δ Charge.

For the Charge,

NORMAN WAITE SHAW, '08
ED. L. BARBER, '09.
ALEC C. STODDARD, '10.

HARRY FREDERICK GEORGE

H^Δ, September 30, 1905.
∟, May 25, 1907.

Forasmuch as by the decree of the Almighty God, our beloved brother, Harry Frederick George, of the Class of 1909, has been taken from us; and

WHEREAS, In his death the Fraternity has lost a true friend and a loyal brother, whose uprightness of character commanded the respect of all; and

WHEREAS, In the death of our brother, $\theta \Delta X$ will find an endless source of sorrow; and

WHEREAS, This sorrow we share with his bereaved parents and sympathize with them deeply in their grief; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That as an expression of our sorrow and sympathy, copies of these resolutions be sent to the parents of our deceased brother, to the Alumni of our Charge, to the Grand Lodge, to each of the Charges, to THE SHIELD for publication, and that they be filed permanently in the archives of our Charge.

For H ^A

DALLAS E. WOOD.

FRANK C. NYE.

CHARLES PLINY HEATH.

I, 1904.

2, 1907.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to summon unto Himself our brother in $\theta \Delta X$, Charles Pliny Heath of the Class of 1904, *I* Charge, be it

RESOLVED, That we, his brothers in *I* Charge extend our heartfelt sympathy to all those who suffer affliction in his death, and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be sent to his family and to THE SHIELD of $\theta \Delta X$ for publication and that they be entered in the minutes of *I* Charge.

For the Charge,

RICHMOND K. FLETCHER, '08.

H. MASON GOODWIN, '08.

MILTON WRIGHT COVELL.

X, 1880.

2, September 14, 1907.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our loving Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, to take to Himself our beloved brother, Milton Wright Covell of the Class of 1880, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of *X* Charge, lamenting our loss, extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and all others who have suffered in his loss, and further be it

RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be sent to his family, to THE SHIELD for publication, and that they may be entered upon the Charge records.

For the *X* Charge,

WM. H. IRVINE.

EDW. J. KEIBER.

LEO D. HAYES.



EDITORIALS

EDWARD VAN WINKLE, *Editor*

Office: Flat-Iron Building, New York City.

Shortly after this number of THE SHIELD is laid before its readers the Sixtieth Convention of the $\Theta \Delta X$ Fraternity will assemble in New York and the work of another year will be laid out. A large attendance should characterize the gathering. There is nothing so adds to the courage and enthusiasm of the undergraduate members as the co-operation and support of the graduates, the men who have formed the Fraternity and laid its course upon the chart of Life. Moreover, with the work at present being done, every one demands new thought to meet grave questions. Every Charge should have a full and able delegation, capable of coping successfully with these questions. Do not limit the power of your delegates nor humiliate them by too much instruction. We are now at a period of crisis. The movements in the world of college societies have rolled the waves upon our rocky cliffs and interesting questions arise and must be met. We have to keep $\Theta \Delta X$ as ever, *sui generis*, yet without losing one single point of vantage that may give us strength in rivalries which are inevitable. May God's own blessing rest upon the work of the Sixtieth Convention and peace and length of days for the grand old Brotherhood be the result of its legislation.

When our worthy President announced his intention to begin a campaign of education in his Charge visitations the "raison d'être" of his policy was not fully understood. From a number of reports received recently by brothers who are in a position to travel and see the Charges, it is evident that there is a sad laxity both in knowledge and effort at the various Charges regarding Fraternity traditions and history. Brother Griffing's timely campaign refers to this, and since the fault seems to be of such a general nature, it is most expedient to call further attention to the fact in the hope that the Charge officers will get busy and not make it necessary for Brother Griffing to add such a campaign

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to his other duties. It should be a personal matter of pride with each individual brother and not a compulsory measure on the part of our President. The brother who thinks his knowledge of $\Theta \Delta X$ begins and ends with his initiation can not make a graver mistake. No man can ever hope to fully appreciate the true meaning of his Fraternity without a general knowledge of her grand old traditions and history, for they stand as the convincing argument and proof of immortal friendship as we know it in $\Theta \Delta X$. Every freshman should have pride and interest sufficient to learn these things himself but if not, then the Charge presidents should see to it that the Memorial Volume, *THE SHIELD*, and other Fraternity literature are religiously perused, for Brother Griffing's campaign is well in order and should command immediate attention. A prominent Theta Delt recently remarked, "I visited a Charge the other day who had never even heard of old 'Fate' Bachman." That may be taken as an example of the lamentable lack of knowledge at the Charges in such matters, and a word of warning sufficient to remedy the evil effectively and permanently.

Our Fraternity of today owes very much to its old graduates, especially those who have kept in active touch and helped to bear the burden, and therefore it is due them that we give serious and careful attention to any suggestion our elder brothers may make. The brother who proposed the new design has been a loyal and zealous member for more than forty years. No one brother knows how many hours and days he has spent in earnest work for the betterment of the Fraternity, and his purse has kept pace with his brain in bearing its full share of the burden, and more. The Fraternity should therefore hesitate to reject any proposal made by him. As for the present design, much may be found to criticize. The shape is faulty. While the flag is the Fraternity emblem, who ever saw a flag or any lettering on a real coat-of-arms? They are entirely out of place, and an objection which ought to abolish the entire design, for its use holds $\Theta \Delta X$ open to criticism. The new design may, too, have its objections—it is hard to please everybody—but it is certain that its designer would be willing to listen to reasonable suggestions and amend his sketch, if necessary, so that a resulting design may be adopted which would not be open to fair criticism.

What is the matter with the Charges? Do they not think enough of their Alumni to send them a letter? Do they want to let them drift away? The Editor has received a "Charge letter to Graduates" from only Γ^A , Z and Z^A . The Z letter was an exceptionally good one, full of interest and concise. Is it possible that the Charges this year have failed to send out these letters as required? *THE SHIELD* should be on the mailing list of all the Charges and should receive copies of all.

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communications addressed to their Alumni. From this point of view Γ^{Δ} , Z and Z^A are the only Charges that are officially active.

The malicious story concocted by a New York daily and published early in December last to the effect that our dear Brother Huffcut, smarting under a severe censure of Governor Charles E. Hughes, committed suicide was exploded by the Governor's statement to the Associated Press. By special permission we quote from the Governor's personal letter of December sixth as follows: "There was not a word of truth in the story relating to Dean Huffcut. You have probably seen the statement which I made to the press. The matter as to which it was said I had reprimanded him did not come to my notice until after his death. In fact, the bill in question was signed the day following his death and was one of the bills that I was to take up with him on that day,—the last day allowed for my action. Dean Huffcut and I were the best of friends, and an unpleasant word was never exchanged between us. The story was both malicious and cruel."

No Fraternity man will hesitate to acknowledge that he is indebted to his Fraternity and will probably go so far as to affirm that he owes his Fraternity more than anything else in the world, but he usually takes the position that inasmuch as the Fraternity does not push him like his other creditors, he lets the account run. Push the average Frat man and he'll come right up to time, and his enthusiasm will be manifest.

The success of THE SHIELD is dependent, in a large measure, upon the universal support of the brothers in the matter of contributions, both in literary and artistic lines. It is not the present policy to make THE SHIELD a one-man magazine but to furnish an opportunity for the ventilation of ideas. It was with this thought that the Editor's Mail Bag was opened to view in this issue, and we trust it will be productive of the best results.

We are indebted to Brother Arthur Prince Spear, X^A'00, for the new illustrations in this number and we wish to express our gratitude for his untiring energy and willingness to help at crucial moments.

We take pleasure in gratefully acknowledging the receipt of various office supplies from Brother A. P. Little, X'72, and can recommend the typewriter ribbons and carbon paper to be the best ever used. The following extract from Brother Little's letter shows the spirit in which the goods were sent. "I will take pleasure in sending such ribbons and carbon papers to you without charge, as you may require from time to time, if you will let me know such requirements. Please

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do not hesitate, therefore, to make such requisition upon me at any time, always making a memorandum upon your requisition referring to this letter and that the goods are to be *without cost* to you." Here is true Theta Delt spirit!

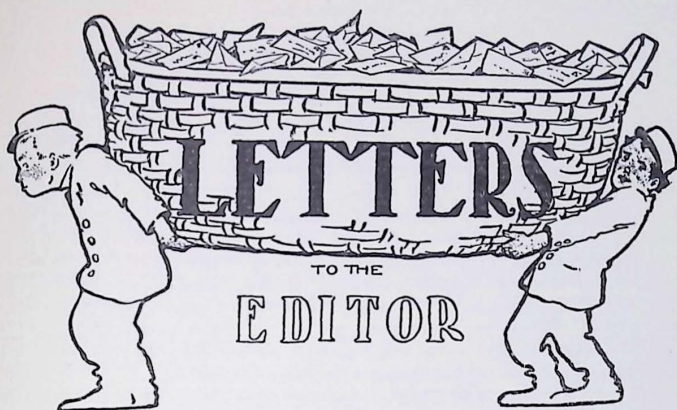
Through the courtesy of Brother Charles C. Kneisely, Δ '73, Past President of the Eleventh, Twelfth, and Thirteenth Grand Lodges, the Editor has recently come into the possession of the copies of the Banquet Oration and poems delivered at the Thirty-Second and Thirty-Fourth Conventions. If any brother has an extra copy of the oration and poem read before the Thirty-Third, Thirty-Fifth, Thirty-Sixth and Thirty-Seventh Conventions, he will confer a favor by sending same to this office, and will have the everlasting gratitude of the Editor.

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THE SHIELD has so far received only one college annual and gratefully acknowledges the same. The *Technique* is replete with clever illustrations and exceptional grinds and it is most satisfying to find Θ^{Δ} so well represented in college activities. The statistical department contains much useful data. The college annuals would serve as an encyclopedia of our active men which would be invaluable to THE SHIELD.

TECHNIQUE

Patronize those who advertise in THE SHIELD. It helps them and will help us.



EXPANSION

The Pros and Cons as Directly Related to $\Theta \Delta X$

THE SHIELD has received many requests from Alumni of our Western Charges during this last quarter to publish an article on the subject of Expansion. There are two sides to this very interesting question, as it directly relates to our Fraternity, so it was thought best to introduce an open-letter section and have the ideas of various brothers thoroughly ventilated. This done, it seems strange, strange indeed, that those who were most anxious to contribute letters on the subject have failed to do so, when it was directly put up to them.

The two letters that follow were submitted by special request and are it is hoped only the commencement of a frank and open discussion continuing throughout Volume XXIV. In Brother Carter's letter he alludes to lavish donations to a favored few institutions. Does the most lavish setting indicate the best Charge? We think not, and history bears us out in this statement. The small Charges made $\Theta \Delta X$, and with this as our hypothesis, it seems easy to state the problem, even if hard to decide, and perhaps best thus:—If the small Charges made $\Theta \Delta X$, will large Charges preserve $\Theta \Delta X$ better than small Charges, or contra? In Brother Hackett's letter, he takes it for granted that it is physically possible for a President of the Grand Lodge to personally visit each of our twenty-five Charges and advocates the granting of two more charters. We do not concur with Brother Hackett in the premises for the official visitations alone would

consume more time than we have any right to expect one active business man to devote to the Fraternity, and nobody but an active man of business should ever be honored with the office of President of the Grand Lodge.

1424 Broadway, New York,

January 4, 1908.

To the Editor of THE SHIELD:

One of the most interesting problems of the day among College Fraternities is the growing increase in requests for charters emanating from colleges that were unborn in the Forties, when the Fraternities were already the main under-graduate social participation.

The applicants knock at our doors and year after year, charters are granted to those, who in turn believe that some neighboring college deserves the same recognition. The day has arrived when in a single year, ten petitions for charters await action in our Fraternity.

Truly the outlook is one of grave concern when we try to fathom the probable size of our Fraternity in, say, thirty years hence.

The infrequency of the lapse of a Charge from the roll is to be taken into consideration. It is true as Brother Carl A. Harstrom says, that the Charge roll did dwindle in the early years—predicating a need of amplifying the roll to maintain strength—but under modern executive control and the tendency everywhere to organization, the lapses are indeed few. (We list thirty-seven organizations with graduate membership.) In the eight years since 1899, we have added five charges and increased our roll to twenty-five.

Based solely on past results, we may contemplate the issue of new charters, as likely not alone, but imminent. Should we assume that in every two years on an average, a new charter be granted, as since 1899, we would have issued fifteen in thirty years' time, when in 1938, the roll under such conditions would list forty charges. The tendency, based as said above, is toward such result. Any of us can call to mind being asked "Why is there no charge at such and such college?" The writer can name fourteen colleges toward whom the query has been directed of which nine have called forth either propaganda or exhaustive correspondence.

There is no likelihood of a cessation of petitions—in the future years; *Incanabula* may not approximate in *pleno*, but under present day conditions, consideration is in accord with our regular procedure.

The growth of all the colleges and the equipment made possible by lavish donations to a few institutions have not lessened the growth of small colleges. The morale of Swarthmore in declining a million because the extinction of athletics at the college was a *sine qua non*, might indicate as well, that in future she was assured a satisfactory matriculation. Larger classes appear each year at the small college while the great university does not minimize the college, but on account of its graduate courses lures the graduate of the college, for attendance precursing his professional degree. The million dollars voted the University of Illinois by the state will not decrease the present attendance at ten New England colleges by one male "integer."

¹ SHIELD, Vol. XV—1899, p. 281.

Reviewing the past and gazing into the alembic of the future, bids us pause to a new consideration.

Which is best for $\theta \Delta X$ to follow, the present trend through more decades until charge roll and large charges alike necessitate district government with all the vast diversified ramifications thereby predicated—or, to seriously decide by legislation at the present day whether perchance all the machinery of handling a fraternity committed to all the expansion that providence can allow may now be set in force.

There are those that sincerely believe in another view-point. These would hark back to the conservatism of earlier days—more succinctly termed, the family idea, an idea that our word "Charge" distinctly fosters; suggesting a dependency or arm of the main trunk—rather than a semi-occasional participant in other fields than those of home. It suggests co-operation—²never simply co-ordination. There is a reasonable basis for the advocates of a policy to make stable our Charge roll, and preserve, aid and assist our present government armed by the zeal of a lessened Charge roll and a greater participation by the enhanced personal contact. Note, that $\theta \Delta X$ from 1867 to 1875, (eight years) gained 338; from 1891 to 1895, (five years) gained 661; and from 1895 to 1901, (six years) gained 1022. Should one charge initiate yearly the same number of men that once was taken, in thirty years it would total five hundred and seventy—half as many as $\theta \Delta X$ had in 1867 when nearly twenty years in existence. Can we easily assimilate the many and co-operate effectively? If not, let the problem be handled in the present, rather than drift, and in time, alive to the benefits of a limited participation, find it already so far past such status that the effort would prove unavailing.

One side-light more. Should all existing Fraternities resist the tendency to numbers, new Fraternities would be bound to arise, but soon they must appear because of the rapid increase of worthy men, who, not satisfied at being overlooked, will, when opportunity allows, doubtless found new orders to meet the situation, and shortly afterward nationalize.

Let us say in passing, that it is strange that certain locals have not hitherto nationalized their scope. Were more Fraternities extant today, the tendency of all would trend to smaller delegations, and the writer believes that thirty years hence the leading Fraternities will be found conservative in both the totals of the branches and the size of delegations.

The pen of Brother Holmes in *THE SHIELD*³ gave this, in an article on Western expansion: "In this day of rapid scientific evolutions, we must study the situation without prejudice and adapt our views to the needs of the hour."

May it not be that the needs of the hour include the foundation for the basic needs of, let us say, three decades that lie before us. Must we be vast, or must we be absolutely cohesive?

CUSTODIAN.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec., 14, 1907.

To the Editor of *THE SHIELD*:

There is one thing I am sincerely modest about and that is in appearing so frequently in the pages of *THE SHIELD*, but I can't play the hypocrite with

² Used in first sense, the act of "being first in the same rank.

³ *THE SHIELD*, Vol. VIII, p. 236, 1892.

you, so having assured you of my willingness to do anything for you, I cheerfully comply with your request for a letter on the Expansion question.

First of all, I want to commend your idea of introducing an open-letter department in THE SHIELD. It is an excellent way to invite opinions and discuss important Fraternity matters for we can only hope to arrive at our best conclusions by having the pros and cons of every question well presented.

Regarding further expansion, I may say that I am strongly opposed to it, except in one or two instances where the establishment of a new Charge would strengthen our position in certain vicinities. To be specific, I favor a Charge at the University of Illinois, because first of all, the Institution and petitioning body are all right, but principally because it would be a link between Michigan and Wisconsin, would promote more intercourse with the brothers of those Charges, and materially strengthen the Alumni Association at Chicago which is rapidly becoming a big Theta Delt center. I would also favor the University of Toronto, as it is so closely allied with McGill, a Charge there would be mutually beneficial with Z Δ , for having established the latter, we owe it every advantage and support that will strengthen its position. Aside from these two places, I see nothing at present that commands serious or favorable attention.

My great objection to expansion is a matter of policy, embracing the great danger of growing too large and unwieldy. One of the chief reasons for our strength today lies in our excellent organization and system of administration. It is now possible for our President to visit each Charge, to keep in close touch with them, and for the Charges to keep in close communication with each other. This would, of course, be impossible with more Charges—indeed, as it is, the work is assuming enormous proportions for one man, as anyone can see who is familiar with the noble sacrifice of time, effort and downright hard work Brother Griffing is cheerfully giving to us. A society without good organization can not hope for good results. Is it not better to keep within bounds, rather than run the danger of disaster from heterogeny?

My next argument is one of harmony and principle. As it is of absolute importance that harmony in a Charge must always be maintained, by having each brother perfectly congenial, so is it equally necessary that every Charge be in perfect harmony with each other, which could not be done with a large number, for if each Charge does not think well of every other Charge, there is a spirit of dissension, dangerous and destructive to the idyllic spirit of Fraternity and Brotherly Love which should be sought for at all times. Furthermore, we can not hope to maintain our proper standards if we locate in all varieties of colleges. As it is, we are now established in the best, where best conditions and men prevail, but if promiscuous disintegration prevails, we are bound to acquire some undesirable material both in college standards and men, and this should be avoided, since our one aim must be toward the highest and best. I know that some brothers will say there are good men in every college, therefore we should go wherever there is good material. I freely grant there is good in the worst of everything, but the danger is too great for us to run any risk. Lastly, there is the value of exclusiveness. Every one will agree with me, I think, that he would prefer to be a member of something that is exclusive, rather than general. We will all appreciate $\theta \Delta X$ the more if we know it is exclusive and maintaining a conservative position both in quantity and

quality, rather than an apparent policy of generous charity, which after all is not charity, when it comes to realizing the ideals of a beautiful friendship, such as we find in *θ Δ X*.

Cheerfully awaiting the opinions of some other brother, I am,

Always Fraternally yours,

NORMAN HACKETT, Γ Δ '98.

COAT-OF-ARMS

From a number of communications received in response to the request for criticisms on the proposed coat-of-arms which was illustrated in *THE SHIELD* for December, 1907, the two following letters have been segregated and are herewith published in full. The first, is the sole adverse criticism received up to time of going to press; and the second, is unique in the fact that it presents several new objections to the mechanical anti-heraldic design we now use. These objections have not been brought to the attention of the brothers before and are sufficient in themselves to warrant the most careful consideration and attention at the coming Convention.

To the Editor of *THE SHIELD*:

Dear Brother Van Winkle,

I write you with reference to the proposed "coat-of-arms" which appeared in the last *SHIELD*. While, in common with all the brethren, I have the highest respect for the author of this design and appreciate the spirit in which it is offered, I wish to present certain objections which should, in my judgment cause its rejection by the Convention. They are as follows:

First: It may be well argued, as was done by Brother Holmes in the Convention of 1904 that any coat-of-arms or anything resembling one is inappropriate in a democratic country and an association of broad fraternalism such as ours.

Be that as it may, we already have a design which at least does not over-emphasize the heraldic construction of a "coat-of-arms." Now the design in question, made, as was pointed out, by a professional "herald," seems to me, at least, to savor too much of the parvenu, displaying armorial bearings to which he has no strict right.

Second: I am not yet convinced that many of the devices used may properly be said to belong to *θ Δ X*. The symbols of the Fraternity are very clearly described in certain sources and I question whether the brothers are justified in changing figures of speech into symbols or introducing new symbols on their own authority. I object to the altar, the skull and bones, the clasped hands, and the goddess Minerva.

Third: While recognizing that there is no disputing in matters of taste yet the writer thinks the design is bad from an æsthetic point of view, this chief criticism being its extreme complexity and redundancy of ornament. If a constructive suggestion is appropriate at this time, the writer would suggest

a simple shield of graceful shape, derived from the traditional form and bearing on its face the simple words "Spectemur Agendo, 1848." Such an emblem would possess at least, the merits of dignity, reserve and propriety.

For the above reasons I hope that the proposed design will be rejected; that is to say, because it resembles too closely the European coat-of-arms; because some of the symbols used are new to our Fraternity; and because it lacks in intrinsic beauty.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. LAMB, X^A '04.

New York, December 18, 1907.

Mr. Editor,

You published in your last number a design for a proposed coat-of-arms. Reasons are herewith given why the present official coat-of-arms (which appears on the cover of THE SHIELD) should be abandoned.

First: The design is crude, and puerile. This is shown by the shape which is wholly wrong. We have never used a badge of such a shape nor have we ever employed such a shape in any connection. The weapons defending the book are poorly drawn.

Second: The motto is objectional because it may be urged a Latin motto is not appropriate for a Greek-letter society. Be this as it may, certainly the motto is not otherwise appropriate. The same motto is used on title page of Biographical Record, Class of 1860, Yale University, by a hotel (The Vendome) which is located near the Graduate Club, and is also a motto of a down-town hatter. It is well enough for a tradesman. It may be translated by the words, "We are known by what we do." Such a trite and commonplace motto is not especially appropriate for a brotherhood like ours.

Third: The chief objection, however, to the continued use of the present official coat-of-arms is that it exposes us to ridicule. A coat-of-arms must be in accordance with the rules of heraldry. The coat-of-arms of Richard A. Roe is used by him because in theory, at least, it shows who he is. It would be therefore absurd for Richard A. Roe to place his name or his initials upon his coat-of-arms. Yet this is precisely what we have done. The Greek letters, by which we are known, and which is our name, are displayed upon a flag in the present design. This ignorance of heraldry thus displayed by us makes us, I happen to know, a subject of gibes.

It may not be necessary to state that the proposed design is the result of numerous consultations.

I may add I have never yet seen any college coat-of-arms which I could not criticise. It is hardly fair, however, to criticise unless the critic produces something "just as good." Let any would-be critic make an earnest effort to produce a coat-of-arms and he will be surprised, I venture to say, by the obstacles he will meet in the way.

In conclusion, it is proposed to give the plate to the Fraternity. It has been engraved by one of the best artists in the United States. The profits which may be derived from impressions, instead of going to "Dreka" for instance, will thus inure to the benefit of our Brotherhood. In this connection it

may be said that it is regrettable that the Fraternity has not always owned such an engraving. I do not know how many copies of the prints of such an engraving are used yearly for college publications by our Charges. I presume the total is twenty thousand. If the brotherhood would make but one cent a copy, the income would be two hundred dollars (\$200.00) a year. I can see how it might be made one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) a year. Either sum, if placed yearly for ten years in a Trust Company with interest at the rate of four per cent (4%) annually, computed and added to the principal sum every three months, would not be inconsiderable at the end of the time mentioned. May not this sum as well belong to the Fraternity as to be placed to the credit of the bank account of Mr. Dreka?

SEMPER FIDELIS.

A limited number of the bound Volumes XXIII are on sale for \$5.00 each.





CHARGE LETTERS

Charges will be marked delinquent if their letters are not in the *Editorial office* by the *first of the month preceding* issue dates. No letters are required for the September number. Write plainly, with care and precision; use Greek throughout, and don't abbreviate. Letters written on both sides of the paper will not be accepted.—*Ed.*

B CHARGE
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
DELINQUENT

Γ Δ CHARGE.
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.
INITIATES.

Welles Crawford, Detroit, Mich.
Harold Peterson, Toledo, Ohio.
Charles A. Bowman, Kansas City, Kan.
Arthur Stubbs, Pittsburg, Kan.
Walter B. Montgomery, Chicago, Ill.
Virgil Kneisley, Lima, Ohio.
Richard Hickman, Washington, D. C.

These seven men, though coming from almost as many different sections of the country, are typical representatives of the type of true manhood $\theta \Delta \chi$ stands for.

Γ Δ's reunion at the initiation banquet November 15, proved as successful as had been anticipated. At the Alumni Association meeting the next day it was definitely decided under just what conditions a new house should be started next spring; and, as these conditions are nearly already fulfilled, thanks to the untiring efforts of our association officers and board, it looks as though we would have a new house equal to any in town, when we return next fall.

The Charge is well represented in upper class honorary societies and the various movements that are "worth the while" about the campus. We have two men in Michigamua, Senior society; two in Vulcans, Senior engineering society; four in Friars; three in Sphinx, a Junior literary society; one in Triangle, Junior engineering society; one in the Civic Club; one on the Mandolin Club; one on the Glee Club; two on the Michigan *Daily*. In athletics we were represented by three men on the Varsity squad and two class managers. The undersigned with the general chairmanship of the Junior Hop on his hands is busier than the proverbial cranberry merchant.

The motto of Michigan along every line at present seems to be "Reform." There is at present a strong movement to reform the political methods that have been used in various college elections for years, and especially those of the Athletic Association. We also have a new dean in the literary department who believes in the reform movement. He is certainly starting out on the right road to materially raise the standard of his department. He is not simply stirring up the hive trying to get some of the bees to be really busy ones, but he is literally upsetting it and spilling out the drones. Quite a number are being suddenly "needed at home."

F^Δ hopes you are cherishing the memories of a merry Christmas.

C. S. BOUCHER.

Δ Δ CHARGE.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

INITIATES.

Walt Willis Clinch.

Clifford William Lord.

Ralph Countryman.

Exes are over and the holidays are upon us and by the time this letter is printed, college will have started again and we will be looking forward to the long summer vacation.

Above are the names of three new brothers whom I want to introduce to you; they are as fine as any who ever put on a θ Δ X pin. The name Clinch is not unknown to you, his brother having been in college and is now an Ex-'09. They come from Grass Valley, a town well known for its many good Theta Deltas. Brother Lord is also from Grass Valley and all the introduction he needs is that President Griffing nicknamed him "Handsome" Lord when he was out here on his visit. Brother Countryman comes from Oakland. Although we were few in number this term we have done lots of work and now have two more dandy men pledged.

The brothers are holding up their own in college activities. Brother Shaw is President of the Architectural Association; Brother Morgan is Secretary of the Agricultural Club and Secretary of the Daily Californian Publishing Company; Brother Gove was on his Class dance committee; Brother Clinch was on the Reception Committee to the Freshman Glee; Brother White was out for fall training in baseball and will probably make Varsity pitcher in the spring; Brothers Morgan, Stoddard, Clinch and Lord were out for fall track; Brother Parsons was out for football.

Several brothers of sister Charges have visited us this last term and we hope that all who wander in this part of the country will not fail to come and see us. One or two of the brothers have been with us this term who were not attending college: Brother Havenner, X Δ, H Δ Ex-'07, who has been doing newspaper work; Brother Kern, Δ Δ Ex-'07, was with us a while but is now in Spokane, Wash. Brother "Pat" Bryant, Δ Δ '04, has been here during the latter part of the term. He has been finishing up the work of Brother Ed Roadhouse, Δ Δ '04, Δ '07, both having been in the same branch of the Government Service when Brother Roadhouse was alive.

We are all looking forward to Convention and wondering which one of us will be fortunate enough to go, for it is quite a journey from here; nevertheless, we would all make it if we could.

The brothers from *H* ^Δ have been up quite often this term and we go down there frequently, so hardly a week passes without some of us see them. They are all there with a dandy new house.

J ^Δ hopes her sister charges will have a most successful term and remember our "latch string" is always out.

ED. L. BARBER, '08.

E CHARGE.

WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE.

E extends her greetings to all her sister Charges, wishing them a happy and most prosperous New Year.

Having satisfactorily wound up the old year, we now launch forth upon this, the new year, with renewed energy, and in great hopes of meeting well, singly and jointly, the tasks that shall befall us.

We have recently been favored by a visit from our counsellor, Brother Albert, *X* ^Δ '02, whom we again welcome with delight to the halls of Epsilon. Brother Albert is an ideal counsellor, being so genial and full of spirit, that his visits can not help being exceedingly beneficial as well as enjoyable to us.

In the recent class elections *E* came in for a few of her accustomed honors. Brothers Carter, '08, and McRae, '09, were chosen as secretaries of their respective classes.

Our outlook for baseball this season is a promising one and *E* bids fair to have two or three men on the nine. Brothers Warner and Severance are out for the basketball team.

On the fourteenth of December we enjoyed a visitation from a good number of our Alumni, which was an occasion for a very enjoyable smoker with many a good song and word of brotherly cheer.

SELDEN R. WARNER.

Z CHARGE.

BROWN UNIVERSITY.

INITIATES.

1911.

Arthur E. Staff, Brockton, Mass.

Robert D. Chase, Pawtucket, R. I.

Since our last letter we have initiated these two new brothers, bringing the number of Freshmen to eight, and the entire Charge roll to twenty-five.

Z is still living in remembrance of Brother Griffing's visitation on the first Sunday of the month, and of the many things he told and taught us. He stayed with us for two days and on Monday evening was our guest at the

smoker which the Rhode Island Alumni Association annually gives to the new initiates. There were fifty-one good Theta Delt on hand to exchange fraternal greetings and to meet and hear Brother Griffing. On the preceding evening he had met the active Charge in the lodge rooms, a number of graduates being present also.

Two weeks before the Presidential visitation we had with us, for several days, Brother Norman Hackett, T^{Δ} '08. He was playing Shakespeare with the O'Neil Company, in the Providence Opera House, and most of the brothers had the pleasure of witnessing his admirable acting. He spent much of his leisure time with us in our rooms on the hill, and on the evening of November 20, he visited the Fraternity rooms with Brother Enoch A. Chase, X^{Δ} '02. Brother Hackett presided at the piano while we sang the good old Theta Delt songs and then we sat up late into the morning, delving deep into the fraternity lore that "read" so well. Brothers Hackett and Chase instilled much loyalty into our hearts and filled our minds with the history of $\theta \Delta X$ which they know so well.

During November we were also fortunate enough to receive visits from Brother Smith, M^{Δ} '08, who came to Providence with the Amherst Glee Clubs, Brother Ward, T^{Δ} '04, and from Brothers Burnham, Curtis, White and Devoll of Z 's 1907 delegation. Graduate brothers who live in Providence visit us frequently and we hope that every Theta Delt who gets within the boundaries of "little Rhody" will hunt us up at 1 Slater Hall.

The brothers are not only encouraging several aspirants to $\theta B K$, but they continue to do much work in college activities. At the close of the football season, Brother Dennie, '09, received his insignia after playing a star game at quarterback, it being his third year on the Varsity eleven. Brother Staff, '11, received his numerals, doing excellent work at end for the Freshman team, of which Brothers Curtis and Chase were also members. A number of the brothers intend trying for the basketball teams, which start practice the first week in January. Brother Raymond, '09, Captain of the Varsity baseball nine, will call out candidates for preliminary work within a few weeks, and many of the brothers will be on hand to show their work.

In other activities Z continues to occupy an envious position. Brother Lynn, '10, has been elected Secretary of the Sophomore class, and also Reader of the Glee Clubs. In the annual show of the Vaudeville Club, which will come off in the early part of February, parts will be taken by Brothers Strickler, '09, Fales, Lynn and Krause '10, and Pantaenius, '11. Brother Lynn will have charge of the stage management of the show.

After everybody had successfully navigated through the treacherous first term exams, Brother J. R. Fales gave a distinctly $\theta \Delta X$ party at his beautiful home, "Erato," Barrington, R. I., on Monday evening, December 23, having present those brothers who had not gone home for their Christmas vacations and members of the fair sex from Providence. Those present included Brothers Percy Shires, '06; F. E. Dennie, '09; C. F. Butterworth, 2d, '09; J. R. Fales, '10; W. H. Lynn, '10; and Herbert Wray, a pledged sub-freshman.

MAXWELL KRAUSE.

Z ^Δ CHARGE

MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

INITIATES.

Robert Fraser, '10, Ottawa, Canada.

Clarence Gorman, '10, Ottawa, Canada.

Allen Scott, '11, Ottawa, Canada.

Z ^Δ is proud to be able to introduce to the Fraternity the above initiates, whom we consider the pick of the college. Our Charge now has an active membership of twenty and we strongly uphold our worthy President's opinions as to numbers. "In Unity is Strength" and unity can only be gained in as small numbers as possible to successfully run a charge.

At the time of writing Z ^Δ has just gone through the trying ordeal of Christmas examinations and no doubt the brothers will still maintain the splendid record which they have always had. A few of the "far away" brothers are not going home for the holidays but are planning for great times in the Charge House—such things as smokers, dinners and, not least of all, the reading of certain parts of the Fraternity history each day.

We are now all looking forward to the President's visit which we expect in January. Strenuous efforts are being made to have as many graduates as possible back at that time and Z ^Δ will be out to show our worthy President what Canadian Theta Delts can do.

Z ^Δ Charge has just received from Brother Edward Collins Frost, Z '90, who paid us a visit a short while ago, some old copies of THE SHIELD and also a catalogue of *θ Δ X* published in 1875. These will make a very valuable addition to our library and we wish to take this opportunity to thank Brother Frost most heartily.

Don't forget that we are in our beautiful new Charge House at 149 Du-rocher Street, and a warm welcome awaits any wandering Theta Delts to this North land.

R. MOHAN, Z ^Δ '08.

H CHARGE.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

This year Bowdoin wound up her football season by defeating the University of Maine 34-5, in the deciding game for the championship of the state. Brother Newman, '10, and Brother Haley, '11, played side by side all the year, both making their letters. Brother Wakefield, '09, also played in the Maine game.

H is, at the present time, better represented in the many clubs than she ever was before. Brothers Purington, '08, and Stone, '09, have made the Mandolin Club while Brother Davie, '10, Brother Whitmore, '11, Brother Richards, '11, and Brother Kaulbach, '11, are on the Glee Club. Brothers Atwood, '09, Sturtevant, '09, and Davie, '10, have made good on the Dramatic Club.

Ever since Thanksgiving Brother Scates, '09, has been receiving the hearty congratulations of all; for during the Thanksgiving holidays he announced his engagement.

Through the efforts of Brother Dresser, '09, hockey was introduced at Bowdoin last year. Now some of the faculty are strong for the game so it is going to be given a thorough trying out this year.

Brother Atwood, '09, and Brother Dresser, '09, are members of the Athletic Council while Brother Dresser is the representative of $\theta \Delta X$ on the *Bugle* board, the college annual.

Brother Haley, '11, was elected Captain of his class football team and with him played Brother Marston, '11, and Brother Richards, '11, while Brother Newman, '10, and Brother Russell, '10, were among their sturdy opponents.

We all know that H is somewhat out of the way; but we hope that all brothers who get within striking distance will drop in to see us.

JAMES F. HAMBURGER.

$H \Delta$ CHARGE.

LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

INITIATES.

Frederic William McNulty, '09.

Harold Ganong, '10.

Dell Gamon, '10.

The spirit of enthusiasm with which $H \Delta$ began the year has, instead of petering out, grown in strength until now we are buoyed up with a feeling that we can't be beat.

About the first of December we had an initiation and took in the three above named brothers. They are as fine a trio as ever came into the Fraternity. Brother Fred McNulty, who came to Stanford from Drake University has a firmly established reputation as a debater and actor. He will without doubt head the list of our talent in these lines. He is also a track man of marked ability and we expect him to win his spurs in the spring on the team. Brother Ganong is a star of the first magnitude when it comes to Rugby. He is already a Varsity man and a wearer of the "S." Brother Gamon is also a man to be proud of. He does not confine his ability to any one line but goes in for almost every branch of University activity. He is a very popular man and a political power in his class.

After the last Rugby game of the season in which we beat the University of California, our old rival, 21 to 11, things quieted down somewhat and aside from a few dinners and auto parties we spent most of our time in preparing for the end semester examinations. Thanksgiving recess broke the monotony somewhat but after that work was our main occupation.

Our minds were more or less taken up, however, with who was to go on the northern trip of the combined musical clubs and the football team. Only a few days ago I received word as to the final decision. This gives us five men in this representative party. Brother Roberts goes as advance agent, Brothers McNulty and Reed on the Glee Club, Brother Hart on the Mandolin Club, and Brother Ganong on the Rugby team.

We expect to open the new year with fifteen men in the house and everybody in University activities. We have so many brothers now who are stars in their lines that it will be a stimulus for those few brothers who for some reason or other have not gone in strenuously for general activities. With those who are already enrolled in the book of fame and those who are as yet undeveloped we are likely to finish the year with a burst of glory and a house full of honors.

WEBB. WHEELER.

θ Δ CHARGE.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.
INITIATE.

Arthur Franklin Conant, Plainfield, N. J.

During the last month Tech won in a relay race against the Boston Athletic Association, held at the Park Square Roller Skating Rink. Brother Fernstrom, '10, ran his usual good race, and did much towards winning for the cardinal and gray.

About half the brothers have suffered from an attack of the grip, and those who did not go home before Christmas vacation began, took the first train after the last recitation.

All the brothers are looking forward to the Convention, and many have begun to make the most necessary preparation to be present.

The brothers of θ Δ are always glad to have the brothers from the other Charges visit them, and trust that they will do so when ever they are in Boston.

BERGEN REYNOLDS.

I CHARGE.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.
INITIATE.

Henry F. Nash, '09, Cambridge, Mass.

Several of the brothers have just returned from the Western trip of the Musical Clubs, and they all say emphatically that they had the time of their lives. I is very proud of the fact that out of the fifty men taken on the trip six were I men—Brothers Osborne, Nash and Waters on the Glee Club, Brothers Curtiss and Barta on the Mandolin Club, and Brother Wyman on the Banjo Club.

The program used at all the concerts was designed by Brother Osborne and the souvenir program for the men was designed by Brother Clark, '09.

Brother Curtiss has made Asstiant Manager of the Musical Clubs and will become Manager after mid-years.

Brother Clark has been lately elected to the Board of Editors of the *Lampoon* and Brother Bodman has made Assistant Business Manager of the *Advocate*.

Brother Jordan has been appointed second Assistant Manager of the University basketball team.

Brother Wyman played center on the Senior basketball team, which won the class championship.

Brothers Condell, Becker and Rand attended the initiation banquet of θ^{Δ} and report that they were given a wonderful time.

I enjoyed one grand good time this fall—the Graduate Dinner, of which mention is made on another page. We all wish that more of the brothers from other Charges could have been there so that we could have shown them some of the *I* spirit that was on tap that night.

We have been very fortunate in receiving visits from brothers of other Charges, and we wish that more would come to see us. We assure them all a hearty welcome.

GEORGE F. WATERS.

I Δ CHARGE.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE.
DELINQUENT.

K CHARGE.

TUFTS COLLEGE.

It hardly seems possible that the first half of the college year is so near its close, yet the cruel fact of the nearness of mid-year exams is one that admits of no doubt. They are looming up in the near future calling for hard work all around. The Sophomore engineers are grinding overtime as they are promised a big cut on account of the crowded condition of their department. Still there has been plenty of time for other things while yet the exams were a thing of the distant future and the brothers have been doing their share.

Brother Green, as Captain of the football team has led his men through a hard season with a great deal of credit to himself. Brother Dittrick won his "T" and Brothers Wallace and Hooper proved conclusively that their "T's" were well earned last season.

The class rivalry has been rife since the close of the football season and Brother Adams, as Marshal of the Sophomore class, has made a reputation as chief wielder of the shingle that won the unqualified respect of the Freshmen. The class basketball games were well contested, the championship being won by 1910, due in part to the work of Brothers Wallace and Knight.

Brothers Green, Lincoln and Herrerd are out for track which will be coached by Brother Nason, '04. These men should give a good account of themselves.

The Senior class elections resulted in Brother Vogt being chosen President, Brother Herbert, Treasurer, and Brother Green, Marshal, as well as a place on the Class Day Committee by Brother Burnham.

Brothers Wallace, Dickenson and Knight are out for the Varsity basketball team and look good for places on a mighty fast aggregation.

Brother Adams was elected Assistant Football Manager, so the brothers are keeping up a good standing on the hill.

We are all looking forward to the Convention in New York and hope we may have as good a time as last year.

Nick, who has been mascot at the house for years, died last fall and in his place is a young bull pup who is causing all kinds of trouble to everything he gets hold of. In spite of this he is already a favorite and promises to fill Nick's place.

The Christmas holidays are just over and we are having the pleasure, as pleasure it always is, of welcoming each other back to the house. It is when we are separated even for a short while that the fact is forced on us how much the friendships formed in $\theta \Delta X$ are coming to mean to us. The home coming is always the occasion for rejoicing. Brother Herbert, who was in New York, reports a great visit with Brother Griffing and Brother Van Winkle.

During the past months we have been fortunate in having with us brothers from $N \Delta$ and X as well as dear "Norm" Hackett, $\Gamma \Delta$ '98, whose enthusiasm is material for inspiration to all of us. His visits are always bright spots in the Charge history.

The future is bright for K , just how bright we want you to come and see for yourselves.

DAYTON G. VOGT.

A CHARGE.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

These are strenuous days for A just now, for the work of the first semester is almost over and the dreaded mid-year exams are staring us in the face. The brothers have returned to college from Christmas vacation ready to do the final grind act before examination week and we all hope to make a creditable showing for the half year's work.

We are anxiously awaiting the opening of the second semester in anticipation of the advantages of the new chapel, gymnasium, and swimming pool, which are fast nearing completion, and which will greatly add to the splendid equipment provided for us by the trustees in the purchase of the new building we have occupied since September. Already an athletic enthusiasm has pervaded the college which has never before been equalled and we believe that in many ways these additions will prove of great benefit to the college, and the student body in general. A fencing team has been organized and there is a movement on foot for the formation of a basketball team.

One of the chief occasions of interest next term will be Junior week, to be observed in April. Extensive preparations are being made to make it a record event, it being the first big social occasion since the removal of the college to its new home. A will be represented during the festivities by Brother Hicks who was recently elected President of the Junior class in an interesting contest, and is Chairman of the Junior Week Executive Committee, and also by Brother Sharp who is Chairman of the Promenade Committee. Other brothers are prominent in college activities, among whom are Brother H. Sanders, '08, who is a prime mover in the attempt to effect a new and better organized Athletic Association.

The Charge has been favored of late by visits from several graduate brothers, not the least of whom was Brother Norman Hackett, $\Gamma \Delta$ '98, who dropped in on us during his recent stay in the city. We are always glad to welcome any and all Theta Deltas who happen our way, and the latch string is always out at 142 Huntington Avenue, A 's new home.

T. ROSS HICKS.

THE SHIELD

M ^Δ CHARGE.

AMHERST COLLEGE.

M ^Δ wishes all the sister Charges a very prosperous year for 1908. Our own condition is most flourishing, although we have been obliged to lose several good men. Brothers Houghton, '09, and Benedict, '10, have left on account of illness, and Brothers Field and Hall for other reasons than scholarship.

In November we enjoyed a visit from Brother Norman Hackett, Γ ^Δ '98. As his engagement in Northampton came on Saturday night, he was able to spend Sunday with us.

The redecoration of our parlors is nearing completion and we feel confident that the interior of our house will be as fine as any in college. We expect to have a "house-warming" dance the latter part of January. The proximity of Smith and Mount Holyoke Colleges makes these informal dances very frequent and enjoyable.

We hope to be present at Convention with a large delegation, and be there to give the grip to all brothers.

CHARLES D. HATCH.

N ^Δ CHARGE.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

INITIATES.

1910.

Sherman Blaine Bowen, Savanna, Ill.

1911.

Horace Donald Kerr, Titusville, Pa.

Miguel Angel Chiriboga, Ambato, Ecuador.

With the above three new brothers, whom we are proud to introduce to you, our Charge number has swelled to fifteen, of which only seven are members of last year's Charge. We were quite handicapped this fall by the loss of two of our most ardent workers, Brothers Galliher and Shaw, who left us early this term and we were very loth to let them go.

We have been quite active these last few weeks in events both social and scholastic. On Saturday evening, November the twentieth, we had a little spiel at the house, on account of our annual football game with Lafayette, and we had the pleasure of entertaining the whole \emptyset Charge and several of our town Alumni. Brother Parker, I, was also present and all brothers reported a most pleasant time.

On December the fifteenth we had a Christmas dinner at the house, which all the brothers attended, and the affair proved such a success that it was decided to hold one every year. On the following evening, Monday, the sixteenth, we had an informal dance, which was very largely attended by both active and graduate members of the Charge. On that occasion we had the pleasure of having with us Brother Beede, A, who happened to be in town on business. We certainly enjoyed his stay with us, and wished it could have been longer.

Brother Draper, who graduated last year, has spent about two weeks with us. He was working at Bridgeport, Conn., but gave up his position to take a new and more promising one at Baltimore, Md. We certainly were sorry to see him go, as Brother Draper is one of the most ardent Theta Deltas N^{Δ} has produced, but he will soon visit us again.

On the twenty-fifth of December, Brothers Fulton and Burlingame were taken into *T B II*, the Engineering Honorary Society, swelling our number in that organization to four, which is eighty per cent of our Senior delegation, the other two being Brothers McElfresh and Goytisoló, the latter holding the Vice-Presidency of the Society.

Our football season ended on Thanksgiving, when we played and won from Carnegie Tech, and in this sport we had more than our share of the honors, Brothers Burlingame, Mandell, and Shorkley making the coveted "L," and Brother Lawson, '10, being awarded the team monogram.

Brother Lawson is out for basketball, and we are quite certain he will make good. He was recently elected member of the Sophomore Cotillion, a social organization.

Brother Mandell was taken into Tris Kaideka, the Junior Club, of which Brother Fulton is also a member.

Brother Chiriboga, '11, played third base in the Freshman baseball team. Brother Lawson, '10, is Class Athletic Representative.

Just before the beginning of the holidays we had the pleasure of seeing once more Brother Oberrender, ex-'10, and now a member of Cornell's Freshman Class. We certainly are sorry not to have him with us this year, and wish him a most successful year at *B*. Brothers Ballinger, Okeson, Murphy, Ayr, and Walsh have spent some hours with us.

Before closing, let me urge all brothers that may happen to be near us to come down and visit us and we will take care of the rest. Remember that our door has no key and that the only thing you have to do is to turn the knob and walk in and if the brothers be sleeping, well, wake them up, for they are always glad to welcome any that may happen along.

AGUSTIN ALEJO GOYTISOLO.

Ξ CHARGE.

HOBART COLLEGE.
DELINQUENT.

θ^{Δ} CHARGE.

DARTMOUTH UNIVERSITY.
DELINQUENT.

Π^{Δ} CHARGE.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Half the college year is gone now—almost Convention time!—and Π^{Δ} finds herself well acclimated to College Hill. During the fall we have been

getting the rooms into shape, and though a bit crowded sometimes, they are very well suited to our present needs. For some unaccountable reason the room which goes by the unheard-of name of "Rathskeller" always seems more crowded than the others.

Since our last letter, we have pledged two more excellent men; the spirit among our pledged men is almost as strong as among ourselves. In February one of our boys is due to exchange the tri-color for the shield, bringing our number to eight. We stand easily first at College now, with sure prospects of augmenting our strength each half-year—and this strength is due entirely to graduate assistance. Fifteen months ago, Π^{Δ} consisted of but one active man—a Senior.

And we believe in *work*. There is enough of it to keep our active men hustling hard and steadily; they have "got the habit" already, and in years to come they will not lose it. We are now training men to support the new Π^{Δ} as loyally as our present band of graduates has supported the old.

There is not a great deal for us to chronicle for this issue.

On December 14, 1907, we held our twenty-sixth annual banquet, a description of which, from the able pen of Brother Carl Schmid, '97, occurs on another page.

The annual Sophomore Play was recently brought off at Carnegie Lyceum. The Charge attended in a body, though, as none of our men are Sophomores, there were no Theta Delts in the cast.

Π^{Δ} wishes her sister Charges the happiest and most prosperous of New Years.

ALBERT C. KAESTNER.

P^{Δ} CHARGE.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

INITIATE.

Waldemar Howard Grassi.

The P^{Δ} Charge has this year one of the strongest Freshman delegations which it has had for years. The Freshmen are six in number, the last initiate being Brother Waldemar Grassi, whose brother is one of the loyal Theta Delts of the Π^{Δ} Charge. After the initiation of Brother Grassi the Charge held a smoker at which a great number of graduates were present.

In college activities it is the fortune of some of the brothers to be prominent. The Mock Republican Convention, which was held in the University gymnasium, was a great success. Brother Hickman Price, '09, who was Chairman, was very successful in the management of the Convention. A large audience gathered, and after much speech-making, Governor Hughes of New York was nominated for President of the United States in 1908.

Brothers Gannon and Sullivan are singing with the Glee Club.

One of the most prominent events in the college year is the "Varsity Show." The trials for this are now coming on and many of the brothers hope to make places either in the cast or chorus, as last year there were five of the brothers in the cast.

It was with great enthusiasm that the student body at Columbia welcomed back interclass football. After two years without football, the permission was given for the Freshmen and Sophomores to play. Almost the whole student body gathered to see the game and after very creditable playing on both sides the Sophomores were the victors, with a score of 5-0. Brother Grassi, who played guard on the Freshman eleven did good work.

The cane-sprees this year, as usual, were the occasion for much excitement among the lower and upper classmen. The Sophomores after a hard struggle were victorious, winning four bouts out of seven. Brother Murray who was on the Sophomore squad in the lightest class, succeeded in wrestling the cane from his opponent in the short period of eight seconds.

The basketball team, which is one of the strongest branches of athletics at Columbia, is being coached by Brother Fisher of $\Pi \Delta$. The team has gone for a long trip through the Southern and Western states, and we are pleased to see that Brother Mahon has been included in the squad.

The $P \Delta$ brothers extend the heartiest greetings to all other charges and hope that all will drop in at 619 West 113th Street, who may have an opportunity.

KENNETH C. BROWNE.

$\Sigma \Delta$ CHARGE.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.
DELINQUENT.

$T \Delta$ CHARGE.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.
INITIATE.

Arthur Brown, '11, Alexandria, Minn.

Since the last writing $T \Delta$ has been progressing very nicely. Our scholastic abilities have been tested to their utmost, but some little time has had to be devoted to social and other diversions, of course. But, in the midst of this we have been able to initiate Brother Brown, and we introduce him to Theta Deltdom as one of whom they may justly feel proud.

We have had most pleasant visits from Brothers Dyer, $\Sigma \Delta$ '04, Bob Hosmer, B '02, and Frederick Knights, H '94. Brother Knights who is playing in "The Flower of the Ranch," stayed with us a week. Our thrill of joy suffered a severe shock when we were forced to part company with Brother Whittaker, $\Sigma \Delta$ '06. He had stayed with us for nearly a year. He accepted a position with the government and we trust that he will make the big hit in Washington, that he did with us.

Among ourselves, Brother Maurice Salisbury has been made head of the general arrangements committee for the Senior Prom and Brother Leach has acceded to the management of athletics for the University.

One Sunday evening $T \Delta$ accepted Brother Reese's invitation and attended church. We enjoyed it thoroughly and some of the gang actually looked as if they were used to it.

The University extension plans to take in our present abode, and to forestall any chance of being left homeless, we have purchased a house and lot. A peach of a location it sure is, right in Fraternity Row and opposite the campus. In the meantime we sleep and serve grub at the old stand. We lost the key to the place one night, after dark, and any brother that wanders our way had better drop in so that we can show him we haven't forgotten the good old grip.

CONRAD G. FREDIN.

Ø CHARGE.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

Affairs at Ø have been on the jump, as usual, since my last epistle to THE SHIELD. Just now the first term here at Lafayette is over and the brothers are all eagerly, even with apprehension in some cases, awaiting the reports which will blow in on us at our homes, as Christmas presents. Lafayette's college year, unlike that of so many institutions of learning, has three terms; as a result we have exams before Christmas, before Easter, and before Commencement. The first of these three trying sessions is now a memory, and the brothers are all optimistic, but we have some fear in one or two cases that conditions will be forthcoming, though not in such numbers as to drop any one from the College roll. We expect to gather again with unbroken ranks when College reopens January third.

The most important event of the fall, and one which we had anticipated since last June when Brother Griffing was at Ø's Fortieth Anniversary Banquet, was the official visit. After some correspondence November twenty-fifth was the day settled upon, and early in the evening Brother Griffing, I '89, President of the Grand Lodge; Brother Riemer, P Δ '90, one of the brothers present at the re-establishment of Ø, and Brother Van Winkle, P Δ '00, Editor of THE SHIELD, blew into town. After supper, meeting was held, and some of Ø's most prominent Alumni helped to make the occasion one to be long remembered by the undergraduates. Some of the graduate brothers present were F. W. Stewart, Ø '69, one of the Charge founders, and Brothers Sherrerd, Ø '78, Michler, Ø '79, and Stradling, Ø '00. After the meeting there was an informal feed while the hot air rose in suffocating clouds. Everybody talked on and on, until about 12:30, when some of the fellows began to "drop silently to rest." If I remember rightly Brother Griffing was "the last leaf on the tree" at 5:30 a. m., but was up as chipper as you please to catch a 7:50 a. m. train for New York. The Charge certainly enjoyed the official visit and regretted such a short stay by the three brothers.

As a sort of precursor of the official visit Brother Frank Parker, I '02, one of the newly appointed councilors, dropped in on Ø Saturday, November 23, with Frank Sherrer, Ø '07, and "Pete" Gannon, P Δ '10, who had come up to see Lafayette lick Lehigh. Brother Parker proved an intensely interesting talker and was game for all the local amusements so that "a good time was had by them what participated." We were very sorry to see the Councilor pull his freight so soon as Sunday, but as his mission was a sort of John-the-Baptist one he had to be gone by the time Brother Griffing arrived on the scene.

On Friday, November twenty-ninth, the Charge had the pleasure (with a lot of other people) of listening to Brother Rudie Tombo, II Δ '95, give a lecture on "Faust" in the auditorium of Pardee Hall. The lecture was given under

the auspices of the Deutscher Verein and proved a very enjoyable occasion. When it was over, Brother Tombo was escorted to the House, and with him came Professor "Honey" Raschen, of the modern language department. After one of the Freshmen had informed Professor Raschen that "you must strike a safety match on the box, not on the chair," cigars were lighted and Brother Tombo and Professor Raschen related numberless anecdotes about Germany, much to the amusement of the Charge members, who sat around enjoying the session. At last, too, this evening came to an end, and it was with much regret that we bid Brother Tombo farewell in the morning as he departed for Atlantic City.

We had a stunning social function in the House on Halloween night. It consisted of a Halloween dance. Several of the fellows had decorated the great, big downstairs 'till it was a perfect symphony of harvest colors, red and gold. Lots of corn and numbers of pumpkins were used, and when the day was over the interior of the house was a veritable fairyland. As we said in our last letter, all the local belles were agog over the affair and when a number of people are agog at once, a good time is bound to result. It did. A most hilarious time was had. Mrs. J. G. Stradling, the wife of Brother Jim Stradling, puzzled all the couples by her scientific dissertations on palmistry, a fine supper was served and the evening ended with a big pumpkin pie out of which every one drew some sort of a token. There were clever (?) rhymes and jokes by Brother Shaeffer and a few others, fastened to these presents, and they made very acceptable souvenirs of the occasion.

Next term we will give one or two parties in the House and from present indications the first one will be a leap year dance soon after New Years. The fellows will bring the girls to the house but the idea is that the ladies shall do everything else, even to the serving of refreshments, so that they can for once realize and appreciate the "dignity that doth hedge a man," while the fellows will enjoy the ennui so many girls have that come from doing nothing, and being waited on too much. It would seem that the local belles are agog over this affair also; being agog is getting to be quite a habit by this time.

Meantime the Charge has been keeping up its studies and its various college activities, many of which were reported in my last letter, and is working right along in every line of college activity, the underclassmen, in particular, being urged on in this matter.

We're so anxious to see visiting Theta Deltas that our tongues are hanging out. Won't you come up and relieve the situation?

ARTHUR W. SULLIVAN, '08.

X CHARGE.

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER.

The close of the fall term of the college year of 1907-08 marked the end of a very successful and prosperous session for X, not only in college activities but also in the Charge itself.

On account of the extraordinary large Freshman class entering this year, owing to the increasing prosperity and reputation of the University, the courses have been made correspondingly harder so that throughout the term many

have fallen by the wayside. The great climax came after exams. When the debris of these encounters was cleared away it was found that a great many more would be missing from the roll. Fortune smiled on the Thetes, however, and all are left.

Following up the very successful baseball season last spring, a new spirit has grown up in the Varsity. This showed itself in the football season when, after a very depressing and poor beginning the team braced and won the last five games, beating Hamilton for the first time in eight years. It has been the consensus of opinion among the local followers as evidenced in the Rochester papers that this wonderful brace was due mainly, if not entirely, to the great work of Brother Keiber in the St. Lawrence game, when time after time he tore great holes in the opposing lines for the Rochester backs to go through. The same spirit that helped the football team win its last games is behind the basketball team. Brother Cassidy and Keiber both played star games against Yale whom we beat by a very narrow margin. This is the first time the Varsity has ever defeated Yale in an athletic contest.

A new innovation was started in dramatics this year, namely, having a college farce in order to try out the new material. From among numerous contestants, many upper classmen, Brother Macpherson, '11, was given the star female character. In this role he started his career in Varsity dramatics by making such a hit that he will be given the leading lady in the regular college play which comes later in the year and which is looked upon as quite an event in Rochester. Brother Barnes, '11, was assistant stage manager of the farce and will likely be given property manager of the play, a position usually held only by Juniors and Sophomores.

Several brothers tried out for the Glee Club but Brother Hageman, '11, was the only one appointed. This is in no way discouraging because from the time of the joint concert with Amherst last spring it has been realized that we have a club here equal to any, and therefore, the trials are the more severe.

According to reports the Junior Prom this year was the best ever given. This is partly made possible by the great number of college men in the city, home for the holidays, who attended, and partly to the good work of the committee of which Brother Hayes was a member. He is also on the *Intrepres* Board which has made itself notorious by refusing the "co-eds" a part in the publication.

Our regular Thanksgiving party was a great success. Only the lateness of the hour put an end to the dancing, inasmuch as the House was rather crowded during the early hours of the evening, so that the real pleasure of a dreamy waltz could only be thoroughly enjoyed after those enjoying connubial bliss had gone *home*.

During the fall we have been very fortunate in having a great many visiting brothers among whom were Brothers Bradbury and Bon of *K*, Brothers Whitehead, Haxtum, Hale and Kent of *B*, Brothers Stutenbenz, Richards, Schaeffer, R. E. Grove and C. Grove of *E*, Brother Blake, *N* Δ , Brothers J. P. McKinney, R. E. McKinney and Moses of *X*, Brother Drake Whitney, Δ '64, and Secretary of Grand Lodge Brother Schaeffer, ϕ '08.

JOSEPH E. HARRINGTON.

X ^Δ CHARGE.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

The Christmas cheer has come and gone with many pleasant recollections to be pondered during the next year, for X ^Δ found the merry Yuletide a season of happy reunion.

There were many visiting brothers with us on the occasion of the annual Christmas dance, which was held this year on December twenty-sixth with more than thirty couples present, all of whom had a most delightful evening and pronounced the affair the most successful ever held.

Convention, it seems, will not be in Washington, as most of the brothers will know before February, so that we of X ^Δ are to be deprived of the pleasure of extending some small hospitality to the fraters whom we hoped to see with us at that time.

The number of active brothers has been swelled by the recent return of Brother Jack Sterrett from New Mexico, where he spent some time with Brother Stewart Van Vliet, X ^Δ ex-'08. Brother "Ken" Maxcy, our husky Freshman, was awarded the "W" for his splendid work on the Varsity football team. We noticed with some regret that Brother "Al" Hendley renounced allegiance to the old Charge and affiliated with Σ ^Δ, but we can assure the latter Charge that "Al's" heart is big enough for both of us. Brother H. A. Whitaker, Σ ^Δ '06, is living in the Charge House, giving us an association which is pleasant and most beneficial.

We are beginning to think about mid-year exams, but we have one or two "students" who can be relied on to uphold the reputation of the Charge with the faculty, and thus permit those of us who have less scholarly inclinations to take things a little easily.

X ^Δ extends her best wishes to all the brothers for a successful and prosperous New Year and hopes to see you all at Convention. May it be the best ever!

ARTHUR SCHOENFELD.

Ψ CHARGE.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

Ψ has just passed successfully through a strenuous exam week. Some of the brothers fell down but we will all be back again with the opening of the new term.

On October twenty-eighth, our fall informal dance was given, which was a success in every way and much enjoyed by those present. We are now all looking forward to Junior week, to be held during the last week in February. Brother Fisk, '06, is on the Junior Prom Committee. A formal dance is to be held on one evening of this week.

All the brothers are active in college affairs. Brother Watson, '08, was the first man chosen to represent the Senior class in debate against the Juniors. Brother Getman, '09, and Brother Woollcott, '09, are on the Dramatic Club. Basketball practice started after the close of the football season. We are well represented, having Brother Flagler, '11, Brother Getman, '11, and Brother Nixon, '11, on the squad.

The brothers are looking forward again with expectation to Convention time. Everyone is striving to get "the necessaries" and quite a few of the brothers expect to be there.

Since our last letter the following have made us a visit: Brother G. W. Ward, *T* Δ, Brother T. F. Nichols, *H*, Brother N. A. Shaw, Jr., *Ψ*, and Brother Wilson Rood, *Ψ*.

Ψ is always glad to welcome any brother who comes our way. If you are near Clinton come over and see us.

W. McMARTIN.



Topics of interest for this section are earnestly solicited from all who are able to give them. Communications should be addressed to THETA DELTA CHI PRESS, Flat-Iron Building, New York City.—Ed.

A CHARGE.

WILLIAM R. NORTHWAY, '53, has the distinction of being the second oldest Thete in Chicago, having recently moved to that city. His address is 5409 Washington Boulevard.

B CHARGE.

WALDO F. TOBEY, '95, is a member of the law firm of Isham, Lincoln & Beale, with offices at 115 Adams St., Chicago. "Ag" is trying to reduce his weight, and only eats lunch on Fridays.

PHIL WALTER, '98, is financial advertising manager of the *Chicago Daily News*. Phil's wife has been away, but he has been behaving himself exceptionally well, considering his associations with the Folly Club. Brother Stephen Gardner, Σ Δ '02, and Brother F. N. Savage, Γ Δ '98, are charter members of this organization.

CRAIG M. WATT, '04, is engaged to be married to Miss Frances Elizabeth Darling, of Germantown. Miss Darling is a graduate of Walnut Lane Academy, a member of the Manheim Cricket Club, and an expert tennis player.

Γ CHARGE.

EDWARD J. HILL, '53, who is the oldest Theta Delt in Chicago, is still practicing law very actively.

Γ Δ CHARGE

GEORGE REBEC, '91, is a faculty member of the Central Graduate Association and is located at Ann Arbor, Mich.

ARTHUR HENRY VEYSEY, '92, has taken an apartment at the "Hotel Patterson, 58 W. 47th St., New York City, for the winter. Brother Veysey is the proud father of a second boy whom he calls Edwin Blakeman Veysey, born the end of the summer. Brother Veysey's two recent books, "The Clock and The Key" and "The Castle of Lies" have met with fine success, particularly the former, and he has now completed a play called "Boots and Saddles" which will probably have a Broadway production by a prominent star next season.

H. GEO. FIELD, '93, is the engineer of the Northway Motor Co. of Detroit, having severed connection with the Buick Motor Company.

FRANK BRISCOE, '95, is President of The Briscoe Mfg. Company and the Bush Runabout Company. He has graduated into the captain of industry class and has been so featured in the newspapers. A four years' course in $\Gamma \Delta$ is a great schooling in success.

JNO. A. KREIS, JR., '96, has left the St. Louis Suburban Railway and is now connected with the Michigan United with headquarters at Kalamazoo, Mich.

NORMAN HACKETT, '98, has signed a contract with Jewels Murray, to star in a modern play next year.

F. N. SAVAGE, '98, is planning to sail for a three months' Mediterranean cruise on February 6th, 1908. "Babe" is very enthusiastic about the trip and we wish him "Bon Voyage."

FORREST LANCASHIRE, '01, Engineer, was a recent visitor at Ann Arbor. Brother Lancashire is building an electric railway in Monterey, Mexico, and is establishing a reputation in this line. He says the prospects in Mexico for a man backed by money are excellent.

RALPH J. BIDWELL, '02, writes that San Francisco is rapidly coming into her own and if the political situation there rights itself, that it will soon be the Frisco of old. He is with the Walker Advertising Agency.

ALFRED J. KINNUCAN, '02, is one of the chief factors in the Brush Runabout Company. He expects to sweep the market with the "Brush" next season, but wants it understood that the machine is an automobile and not a competitor of the carpet sweeper.

NORMAN HANSON, '04, is cashier of The Citizens' Banking Company, Perrysburg, Ohio. He took unto himself a bride a few weeks ago and immediately the bank patterned after New York and put a ninety-day embargo on deposit withdrawals. There is said to be no connection between the two incidents.

S. E. THOMASON, '04, was recently admitted to the ranks of the benedicts.

HARRY O. POTTER, '07, has gone into the peppermint oil business in Charlotte, Mich. Look out for a corner!

Δ CHARGE.

JUAN FRANCISCO ECHEVERRIA, '84, has recently accepted the post of Governor of the State of Limon, Costa Rica, and his address is Limon, Costa Rica.

JOHANNES H. CUNTZ, '86, is devoting himself to the expert electrical branch of the engineering profession and at present is engaged in perfecting and placing some of his most recent patents. His permanent address is 325 Hudson St., Hoboken, N. J.

WILLIAM C. HAWLEY, '86, is Chief Engineer and General Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Water Company, and his office is at 701 Wood St., Wilkesburg, Pa.

JOHN V. W. REYNDERS, '86, is Vice-President and General Manager of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, with office at Steelton, Pa.

MORRIS R. SHERRERD, '86, is Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, Newark, N. J., with his office in the City Hall. He is also Consulting Engineer for the New Jersey State Water-Supply Commission.

RICARDO M. ARANGO, '87, is Division Engineer, Division of Meteorology and River Hydraulics of the Isthmian Canal Commission and is stationed at Ancon, Canal Zone.

ISAAC C. BLANDY, '87, has his permanent address at Greenwich, N. Y., and divides his time between his 240-acre farm and the several corporations in which he is interested. He is President of the Greenwich and Johnsonville R. R. Company, and either President or Director of the following: American Wood Board Company, Blandy Paper Company, Mohican Pulp and Paper Company, Consolidated Electric Company, and the principal bank of Greenwich.

THOMAS EARLE, '87, is Superintendent of the Bridge and Construction Department of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, at Steelton, Pa.

HERMANN ROSENTRER, '87, is Principal Assistant Engineer of the Department of Water, City of Newark, N. J.

ROBERT G. SIMONDS, '88, is Treasurer of the Bush Terminal Company, in South Brooklyn, N. Y.

GEORGE S. GROESBECK, '89, is President of the Springfield Construction Company, of Springfield, Mass.

E. M. WILKINS, '89, is President of the E. M. Wilkins Construction Company, Pittsburg, Pa.

WM. G. PRESTON, '89, is Business Manager of *The Bookman* with Dodd, Mead & Company, of New York City.

CARLOS YZNAGA, '92, "Duke," was elected, by a vote of 121 to 8, Master of "Light of the South" which is the name of the Masonic Lodge in Trinidad-de-Cuba. It has given Brother Yznaga no little concern to keep politics out of his brotherhood. Brothers may address all mail, P. O. Box 47, Trinidad, Cuba, where he derives considerable pleasure in the midst of his family consisting of seven children—four boys and three girls. Good for Duke!

E CHARGE.

JOSEPH H. CHITWOOD, '02, candidate of the Democratic party for the Virginia House of Delegates from the county of Franklin, was elected in November by a large majority, in fact three times as large a majority as that received by

the Democratic candidate two years ago. This fact coupled with the fact that he received a unanimous nomination, unsolicited, when he had only graduated in law at the University of Virginia in June 1906, goes to show the esteem and confidence in which he is held by the people of his county. Brother Chitwood's home address is Rocky Mount, Va., but his business address is Roanoke, where he is engaged in the practice of law with the firm of Robertson, Hall and Woods.

WILLIAM H. PETTUS, '08, is Assistant Secretary of the Army Y. M. C. A., at Fortress Monroe, Va.

E Δ CHARGE

MARK S. BRADLEY, (M.D.) '89, is in charge of the Medical Department of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, and resides at 956 Haylin Ave., Hartford, Conn. Brother Bradley is a charter member of the E Δ Charge and was instrumental in the establishment of this Charge at Yale University.

J. B. HALL, (M.D.) '90, is associated with Brother Bradley, '89, and is in charge of the Medical Department of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. His address is 746 Connecticut Mutual Buildings, Hartford, Conn.

Z CHARGE.

EDWIN COLLINS FROST, '90, and his wife sail for Naples on the *Caronia* on the fourth of January to remain abroad for an indefinite period. They will reside in some one of the suburbs of Naples.

Z Δ CHARGE.

CLAUDE FORTIN, '03, is as always a wanderer on the face of the earth and occasionally drops in on us for only a short time. He is working hard on a new medicine which is to cure most human ills.

M. B. ATKINSON, '05, is in the Bridge Department of the Grand Trunk Pacific Rwy. in Montreal.

R. P. COWAN, '05, after having done Cobalt, we hope with enormous profit, has gone home to England and expects to spend some time in Germany. Hope to see you at Convention, "Pat."

S. N. NAGLE, '05, is practicing medicine at Ottawa. Brother Nagle had lately the great grief of losing his wife and child and all who knew him will deeply sympathize with him.

GEORGE BURKE, '06, is at present ship surgeon on one of the P. and O. liners and contemplates seeing the East before returning.

ERNIE MacKAY, '07, sustained a severe burn at the Nova Scotia Steel Works the other day. We sincerely hope that "Ernie" will be around in a few days.

EDGAR R. PARKINS, '07, is in France studying French law, and the best way to enjoy himself. No doubt he will be successful in them all. He is expected to return to Montreal and take up the practice of law before long.

II CHARGE.

HENRY NEWBEGIN, '57, who was a charter member of the Charge, has a very successful law practice in Toledo, Ohio.

PARKER C. NEWBEGIN, '91, is Maintenance Engineer of the Bangor & Aroostook R. R. and resides at Houlton, Maine.

ROBERT NEWBEGIN, '96, is associated with his father, Henry Newbegin, in the general practice of law and they have offices in both Toledo and Defiance, Ohio.

Θ CHARGE.

WILLIAM R. MCKIM, (Rev.) '94. THE SHIELD has received the announcement of the death of Mrs. Sarah Wheeler McKim, wife of Brother McKim, which occurred at Oneida, N. Y., on December first, and extends its deepest sympathy in this hour of his loss.

Θ Δ CHARGE.

JOSEPH H. BROWN, '05, has returned from a business trip to the Panama Canal region and is reported to have had a fine time while there.

SIDNEY L. COLE, '05, dropped into the House Christmas week. He is located in Waukegan, Ill., with the North Shore Gas Company.

JOE BROWN and "STEW" COEY, '06, are busy perfecting the organization of the Θ Δ Graduate Association.

STEWART C. COEY, '06, is now located in Lawrence, Mass., with the Arlington Mills. His address is 383 Haverhill St., Lawrence, Mass.

J. EDWIN GRIFFIN, '06, is with the Spokane Electrical Company in Spokane, Wash.

GEORGE M. HENDERSON, '06, is with the Tecopa Mining Company, Tecopa, Cal. It is reported that he is coming on for Convention.

GUY H. RUGGLES, '06, is back in Great Falls, Mont.

HERBERT L. WILLIAMS, '06, is in Deadwood, S. D., engaged in mining work.

"BILL" DAVENPORT, '07, is working hard for the Oliver Iron Mining Company in Hibbing, Minn.

JOHN MATHER, '07, has followed the Eastern Cable Company to Bridgeport, Conn., from Boston.

RICHARDS, '07, is in Norfolk, Va. He played tackle on the Norfolk football team.

I CHARGE.

FREDERICK C. CHISHOLM, '98, is President of the C. R. Lovering Company, but still continues his law practice with the firm of Sawyer, Hardy and Chisholm. Since Brother Ring and Chisholm control the majority of the stock in this company it can be truly called a Theta Delt snap.

H. C. RING, '98, has given up the practice of architecture and is now Treasurer of the C. R. Lovering Company, North and Water Sts., East Cambridge, Mass., manufacturers of a patent insulation for overhead electric railway work.

ERNST M. PARSONS, '03, recently underwent a successful operation for appendicitis at a private hospital in Boston.

I^A CHARGE.

N. GRANT PERSON, (Rev.) '91, is minister of the Eliot Church in Newton, Mass., one of the largest and most influential Congregational churches in the state.

EDWIN W. BISHOP, (Rev.) '92, who has been the successful pastor of a large Congregational church at Concord, N. H., for several years, has accepted a call to a large church in Oak Park, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. Brother Bishop has become well known as an eloquent and interesting preacher, and had the distinction of receiving the honorary degree of D.D. from Dartmouth College a few years ago. He is a loyal and enthusiastic Theta Delt.

CHARLES L. HIBBARD, '92, has been re-elected a member of the Board of Aldermen of Pittsfield, Mass.

WILLIAM I. CORTHELL, '93, is a master at the South Boston High School. He and Brother Bishop have recently built summer cottages on adjoining lots in Duxbury, Mass.

C. PARK PRESSEY, '93, who is proprietor and manager of a teachers' agency in Boston, formerly known as the Educational Register, has moved his office from 50 Bromfield St., to the Ford Building, Ashburton Place.

PAUL M. GOODRICH, (Lieut.) '94, of the Ninth U. S. Infantry returned from the Philippines in the summer of 1907 and is stationed at Fort Worth, Texas.

LEWIS E. LEE, (Rev.) '94, minister of the North Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati was granted a six months' vacation last summer, most of which he spent on the Pacific Slope.

WILLIAM L. SAWTELLE, (Rev.) '94, declined a call to a prosperous Congregational church at Wakefield, Mass., last winter, to remain in his present pastorate at the Presbyterian church of Fulton, N. Y.

JAMES RAY CRAIGHEAD, '95, is with the testing department of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y.

GEORGE W. HUNTER, '95, is the author of a text-book on biology for high school use, published in the fall of 1907 by the American Book Company, which deals with the study of plant and animal life in a method new in secondary

education. Brother Hunter's *Laboratory Manual*, published some years ago, proved a success, and several editions were called for. Brother Hunter spent last summer in a ten weeks' trip with his wife and son through Italy, Switzerland and Southern France.

LAWRENCE A. HAWKINS, '97, was graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1899 and entered the employ of the Stanley Electric Company of Pittsfield, Mass., as an electrical engineer. When that company was consolidated with the General Electric Company Brother Hawkins was transferred to Schenectady, N. Y. Brother Hawkins has invented an electric signal system for electric railway use which promises to solve a problem that has been troubling street railway men for many years. He is at present employed in conducting experiments with the system on a stretch of six miles of New York Central track in behalf of the General Electric Company. Brother Hawkins's second child, a boy, was born in the early summer of 1907.

WILLIAM H. NUTTER, '97, is superintending the development of a copper mine in the State of Pueblo, Mexico. His address till spring is Hotel Nacunal, City of Pueblo, Mexico.

WALTER C. KELLOGG, '99, has been elected a member of the Boston City Council. Brother Kellogg is practicing law at 50 State St., Boston, Mass.

PHILIP R. DUNBAR, '00, has opened a law office at 60 State St., Boston.

ABRAM ZOLLER, '04, is practicing law in Utica, N. Y.

K CHARGE.

FREDERICK E. TOWNE, '98, and the Editor of *THE SHIELD*, were honored by an appointment on the Reception Committee of the Fifty-Sixth Convention of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, held in the Engineering Societies' Building, 29 W. 39th St., December 3-6, 1907, and welcomed among others, Brother John M. Sherrerd, '78, who was in constant attendance at the various sessions of the Convention.

FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, '80, was chosen as one of the Massachusetts delegates to the Convention of Economists held in Chicago.

FREDERICK A. PERKINS, '92, delivered the Russel Lecture in Goddard Chapel for the year 1907-08.

CHARLES ANTHONY, '02, is head of the Piano Department of the Metropolitan School of Music, situated at Indianapolis. This institution has an enrollment of 2,000 students.

R. B. MANBERT, '02, is with the Mills Novelty Co., Jackson and Green Sts., Chicago. He says there is a lot of money in the penny-in-the-slot machines.

COMPTON BRAY, '04, is with the contracting firm of Stone & Webster of Boston, Mass.

HARLAN B. TURNER, '07, who is in the insurance business in Portland, Me., has announced his engagement to Miss Katharine Adams of Hartford, Conn.

HOWARD SAVAGE, '07, is instructor of English at Tufts College.

PERLEY J. BUCHANAN, '07, is instructor in the chemical department of Tufts College.

FRANCESCO B. ALVARENGA, '07, who has opened a roller skating rink in Brazil of which he is owner, has the distinction of running the only roller skating rink south of the Equator.

ALEXANDER DILLINGHAM, '07, is professor of mathematics at Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass.

A CHARGE.

WILLIAM E. CHENERY, (M.D.) '87, is Professor of Laryngology at Tufts Medical School, Boston, Mass.

CHARLES J. BULLOCK, '89, and H. HEUSTIS NEWTON, '83, have been appointed to the Massachusetts Commission on Taxation by Governor Guild.

FOREST N. ADAMS, '91, is now in a law partnership with Congressman Tirrell at 42 Court St., Boston, Mass.

W. SAWYER SPENCER, '93, is President of the Pueblo Institute, Pueblo, Mexico.

H. P. SHELDON, '99, is practicing law in Boston, Mass.

H. FAY LOOK, '00, is Supervisor of Music at Tokepa, Kansas.

SUMNER P. MILLS, '00, is chairman of the Committee on Legal Affairs of the Maine Legislature.

JOSHUA A. BAKER, '02, has figured prominently of late in legal circles of Southern Massachusetts.

G. LOUIS BRADLEY, '02, has charge of the Public School Department of Underwood & Underwood, New York.

WEBSTER A. CHANDLER, '02, is a member of the law firm of Atkinson, Meins & Chandler, Beacon Building, Boston, Mass.

JOHN E. RICE, '03, has opened a physician's office at 862 Main St., Worcester, Mass.

HOWARD W. SCHAFER, '04, is with the Library Bureau, 43 Federal St., Boston, Mass.

N. PERRY SIPPRELLE, '04, has opened a law office on Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

ZENAS S. STAPLES, '05, is engaged in business, and is also Superintendent of Schools at Manati, Porto Rico.

GLEASON L. ARCHER, '06, is Professor of Law in the Suffolk Law School, Boston, Mass.

J. BLACK BELL, '06, is in business at St. Mary's, Ontario, Canada.

G. ARIEL GRANT, '06, is now engaged in magazine illustrating.

PAUL B. JAMES, '07, is rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Waumega, Kansas.

M ^Δ CHARGE.

THOMAS C. TRASK, '93, has been Secretary of the West Side Tennis Club of New York City for six years and in 1907 was one of the National Ranking Committee of three members who rank all the good tennis players.

CHARLES W. ATKINSON, '99, sent in his subscription to THE SHIELD all the way from Japan, and says, "The magazine is a God send to those of us who are so far away and pretty well out of touch with what is going on; we can't get on without it." Brother and Mrs. Atkinson are to be congratulated upon the birth of a daughter on October 18, 1907. Address same, Care of Standard Oil Company, Yokohama, Japan.

N ^Δ CHARGE.

WALTER C. OKESON, '95, was with us on the eve of the Lafayette game, and is now located with the Phenixville Bridge Company.

JOHN W. GANNON, '98, who affiliated with E ^Δ is located with the Trent Import Company, as Treasurer, and has his office at 220 Broadway, New York City. Brother Gannon is a frequent visitor at the P ^Δ house.

EUGENE GRACE, '99, is General Superintendent of the Bethlehem Steel Works.

EUGENE A. HILDRETH, '03, is practicing medicine at Brooklyn, N. Y.

"COCKEY" JOHNSTON, '06, is at Baltimore, Md., where he is carrying on a very successful business.

RALPH DAY, ex-'08, is now working with the American Brass Company at Waterbury, Conn.

TOMMY WALSH, ex-'09, is now attending the University of Pennsylvania.

FRANK H. KAISER, announces his engagement to Miss Henrietta E. Scharfer, of Coopersburg, Pa. Brother Kaiser is now located with the Crucible Steel Company of America, at Syracuse, N. Y.

Ξ CHARGE.

C. L. ARNOLD, (Rev.) '75, who has been rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Detroit, Mich., for the past seventeen years, resigned his pastorate December 29, and will devote himself to the Homes for Aged which he has successfully established in Detroit, together with the Social Settlement work he has been doing. During the time Brother Arnold has been in Detroit he has not only built St. Peter's parish up from practically a mission to a large, flourishing church, but has been one of the best known, influential clergymen of the city. He has taken a personal interest in local affairs and made his influence felt in many lasting and beneficial ways. His admirable work in establishing Charitable Homes and uplifting the poor in Settlement Circles, has won him the recognition of being "The Man of the Hour" and made his name beloved and honored in a manner unsurpassed by any other minister in Detroit. Brother Arnold is indeed one of God's noblemen and it is a pleasure to wish him every good-will in his philanthropic work and ambitions from the pages of THE SHIELD—for of such brothers may we be justly proud.

O CHARGE.

WEBSTER R. WALKLEY, '60, was the recipient of the honorary degree of D.C.L. at the Commencement in 1907 of Dickinson College. Brother Walkley is Alderman from the second district, Brooklyn, N. Y., and has an office at 578 Washington Ave.

II CHARGE.

JAMES R. MELLON, '65, spent a week in New York City early in December, accompanied by his wife, to do their Christmas shopping.

II^A CHARGE.

DANIEL S. DOUGHERTY, '82. Brother "Dan" while on his way to a Masonic meeting on December 6, 1907, was thrown off the back of an Eighth Avenue car and landed on his head. He remained in a semi-conscious state for two days and it was thought at first that he would not entirely recover from the shock. He had a slight concussion of the brain and his scalp was badly contused. He was confined to his bed for over a week. We all rejoice in his speedy recovery and are thankful that his accident was no worse.

WILLIAM H. CORBITT, '93, who is a successful New York lawyer with offices at 60 Wall St., has recently been appointed Trustee of C. C. N. Y.

RUDOLF TOMBO, JR., '95, on November 29, 1907, gave an intensely interesting lecture on Goethe's "Faust" in the auditorium of Pardee Hall, at Lafayette College. Prof. Rascher, of Lafayette, introduced Prof. Tombo and for about an hour he told about the legend and the play, reciting many beautiful selections in German. The *Lafayette*, the college weekly, mentions the lecture and says, "Prof. Tombo is a very pleasing speaker and his lecture was greatly enjoyed by those present." Brother Tombo, who has been Registrar of Columbia University for the last four years, has an able article on "University Registration Statistics" in *Science* for November 29, 1907.

CHARLES E. MORRISON, '97, who will soon receive his Ph.D. at Columbia University has an exceptionally well written article on "Mine Surveying" in *The School of Mines Quarterly*, November, 1907.

GEORGE P. FERGUSON, '99, announces that he, with Mr. Thomas B. Hardin, and Mr. Jerome S. Hess, has formed a partnership under the firm name of Hardin & Hess, and in succession to the late Charles A. Hess, will conduct a general law practice at No. 50 Pine St., New York City.

P^A CHARGE. •

CHAS. F. STOKES, '84, Surgeon U. S. N., has been appointed by President Roosevelt Commanding Officer of U. S. Hospital Ship *Belief*, attached to the Pacific Fleet.

EMILIO ECHEVERRIA, '89, is practicing medicine at Limon, Costa Rica. He is one of the most prominent men in that country.

EDWARD VAN WINKLE, '00, Editor of THE SHIELD, was unanimously elected Secretary of the University Club of Hudson County at the annual meeting on January 21, 1908, an honor conferred for the seventh time.

JOHN REIMER, '90, was one of an escort to the President of the Grand Lodge on his official visitation to Φ . It must be remembered that Brother Reimer was a member of the embassy that re-established Φ in March, 1889. He was much gratified with the present condition of the Charge and it was especially satisfying to him to know that his efforts in the re-establishment were of considerable avail. Brother "Jack" is a practicing M.D. in New York City and has an office at 77 W. 126th St. His old-time enthusiasm for our brotherhood has been revived and he is a strong supporter of THE SHIELD.

EDWIN ROYAL MOSHER, '07, is with Perkins-Goodwin Company, 72 Fifth Ave., and he has called upon the Editor of THE SHIELD for the purpose of supplying paper to the Quarterly for 1908.

Σ Δ CHARGE.

GUY S. FORD, '95, and F. O. DU FOUR are members of the Central Graduate Association, and are also on the faculty at the University of Illinois at Champaign.

Φ CHARGE.

CLAY W. HOLMES, '69, gave a dinner party at his home on December 30, to all Theta Deltis living in his home town, Elmira, N. Y. The table was decorated with Fraternity flowers and several of Brother Holmes's Fraternity trophies were about the room. Those present were Hershel L. Gardner, Z '92, George G. Reynolds, B '98, John Fisher, Jr., B, Clay Holmes, Φ '69, Ellery Manley, Φ , and Leonard Clinton, M Δ '09.

FRANK W. STEWART, '69, who is now in the real estate and insurance business, has offices on Northampton St., Easton, and is frequently a visitor at the Φ House. Brother Stewart, it must be remembered, was President of the Fifth and Sixth Grand Lodges. He was present at the last annual visitation of the President of the Grand Lodge.

WILLIAM A. DOUGLASS, '72, is Chicago manager for R. G. Dun & Company, with offices in the New York Life Building.

HENRY D. MICTER, '76, is Surgeon-in-Chief of the Easton Hospital, besides having a large private practice.

JOHN M. SHERRERD, '78, is General Sales Agent of the Taylor Iron and Steel Company, located at Highbridge, N. J. He resides in Easton and is a frequent visitor at the Φ House. He has the distinction of being father of two Φ boys. Brother Sherrerd attended the Fifty-Sixth Meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, held in the Engineering Societies' Building, in New York, the first week in December, and met Brother F. E. Towne, K '98, and the Editor of THE SHIELD, and had a Theta Delt Reunion. It was very

gratifying to note that the only painting that adorned the walls of the ball room was a life-size painting in oil of the late Alexander L. Holley, Z '53. (See THE SHIELD, Volume VI, 377.)

ALBERT EDWIN KEIGWIN, (Rev. Dr.) '91. The following is an extract taken from the *New York Herald* of date December 6, 1907. "In recognition of his efforts during a season of success, the trustees of the West End Presbyterian Church, at Amsterdam Ave. and 105th St., presented to their pastor, Rev. Dr. A. Edwin Keigwin, a check for \$1,000 at a dinner in the Hotel Mar-seilles last night. Last January it was voted that should the treasury warrant a sum of money would be handed to Dr. Keigwin over and above his salary this December. Francis McD. Sinclair, Treasurer of the Board, and Charles S. Kohler, Secretary, were hosts to the clergyman and fellow members at the dinner and chose the occasion to notify Dr. Keigwin that the \$1,000 was his. 'This is in no sense a gift,' said Mr. Sinclair later in the evening. 'Dr. Keigwin is entitled to any increase in salary the treasury warrants. He has earned it.' Members of the congregation are unanimous in expressing satisfaction at the record made by their pastor. The membership has greatly increased during his pastorate. Dr. Keigwin was formerly pastor of the Park Presbyterian Church in Newark, N. J. He has recently been elected to the Presidency of Ursinus College, at Collegeville, near Philadelphia. His acceptance of the position, however, was made upon the condition that he remain in this city and in his present pastorate."

JOHN D. LARKIN, JR., '00, is "up in the air about something." Advices to the office of THE SHIELD record, however, that the present financial unrest has not affected in the least his very successful soap business. Brother Larkin was one of a party of seven who spent a day's outing among the clouds in the balloon "All America," with Leo Stevens as a pilot. The balloon left Pittsfield, Mass., on November 26, and landed in Canterbury, near Concord, N. H., on the next day. The balloon carried, including its own weight, 3500 pounds. It rose to an altitude of more than two miles in order to reach an air current which would carry it eastward, Mr. Stevens desiring to land near Boston, but the prevailing winds were from the southwest, carrying the balloon over the Berkshire Hills and up the valley of the Connecticut river. Throughout the voyage the aeronauts encountered snow, which for the greater part of the time completely hid the earth below from view. Brother Larkin is Treasurer of the Larkin Soap Company, with offices at Buffalo, N. Y.

ROBERT H. RICE, '01, has resigned his position and withdrawn from the Forsythe Bed Company and has purchased an interest in the Shaffner Drug Store, assuming the position of General Manager. Brother Rice will still reside in the same place at Winston-Salem, N. C.

X CHARGE.

WILLIS S. PAINE, '68, had as his guests LAWRENCE T. COLE I^A, '92, Ex-President of the Grand Lodge, and WILLIAM B. WRIGHT, II^A, '97, President of the Graduate Club, at the Reunion of the Descendants of the Mayflower, November 21, which was held at the Plaza Hotel. This reunion is held yearly to celebrate the signing of the compact in the cabin of that ship, "Anno Dom. 1620." Brother Paine had four ancestors on that vessel.

JAMES PRESCOTT KINNEY, '69, was re-elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Alumni of the University of Rochester.

HOMER D. BROOKINS, '80, has a nephew, HOMER T. BROOKINS, who has become a member of the Z Charge.

WILLIAM ELLSWORTH WITTER, (Rev. Dr.) '80, District Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Union for New England, has written a new hymn, "Known of Him," which has been set to music by Charles S. Brown. Dr. Witter's hymns reflect his own deeply religious and tender spirit, and some of them have obtained wide popularity.

JAMES A. HAMILTON, '98, was elected first Vice-President of the Alumni of the University of Rochester at their annual meeting held December second.

HERBERT WALKER TAYLOR, (D.D.S.) '99, is a member of the faculty of the College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York. Brother Taylor is an expert on orthodontia and has become one of the leaders in the dental profession.

WILLIAM F. LOVE, '03, is engaged to be married to Miss Gertrude Beatrice Dunn, of Rochester, N. Y. Miss Dunn is a sister (by birth) of Brother John R. Dunn, '05, and is a real Theta Delt sister.

JAMES H. SMITH, '06, of Rochester, N. Y., and Miss Helen Melanie Bauer of Montclair, N. J., are engaged to be married. The announcement was recently made by Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Bauer, the parents of the bride-to-be.

X ^A CHARGE.

HENRY H. D. STERRETT, '98, we regret to report, is still at New Haven, Conn., as curate in Trinity Church. Our position in this matter is unduly influenced by the fact that recently he had an opportunity to locate in Washington, D. C., and because he did not, we are all sore.

GEORGE W. GORDON, '99, gives proof that the law business in the West is like everything else, lucrative. He has recently moved to 1818 Wesley Ave., Evanston, Ill.

WILLIAM S. MANNING, '99, is now a full fledged practicing specialist. He is looking for easy money for expert testimony along any lines as well as for the more certain "maintenance of way" in the form of patients suffering with eye, ear, and throat afflictions. He is practicing in Jacksonville, Fla., 111 W. Forsythe St.

ROBERT STERRETT, '99, First Lieutenant in the Ninth Cavalry, set sail for Manila, P. I., on January sixth to join his troop at that post. Brother Sterrett was prevented from accompanying his organization before its departure by reason of a serious operation which he had to undergo at the Army Hospital, Washington, D. C. We hope "Fighting Bob's" troubles are now over.

STANTON C. PEELE, '99, is the whole shop these days. Recently one of his clients overpaid him and on the surplus Brother Peelle has purchased himself a beautiful imported French car. The office sees him no more, as now all of his time is consumed in giving the ladies a treat as he speeds along the promenades.

HARRY T. DOMER, '00, delivered the Thanksgiving Day address at the joint services of the Third Lutheran Church and the Church of the Reformation, Baltimore, Md. He spoke on the theme, "Citizens of no Mean City." The address has been published by the Lutheran Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa.

GILBERT W. KELLY, '00, spent the entire Christmas holidays hunting the elusive mallard. We can't understand why Brother Kelly declines to discuss his trip.

ARTHUR P. SPEAR, '00, has added additional honors to X^Δ. He has supplied, in part, THE SHIELD with its new illustrations. That's the way, old man! Genius must win in the long run. Keep it up!

WILLIAM I. STERRETT, '00, is home again. As one of the important men of the service he has spent the last five months in the Mogellon Mountains of New Mexico, making special investigation of forest conditions in the Gila forest reserve. The Forest Service is lucky in the possession of such men as Billy. Everyone can't back up against his trunk without realizing their mistake before long. We know.

NATHANIEL E. ROBINSON, '01, we understand, is the subject of another scandal in the Post Office Department. As far as we can learn, the facts are these: Being a countryman, Nat lives in Brightwood, D. C. It takes considerable to move him to action, so during the Christmas rush Nat worked two full days without his customary afternoon off. The office can't get over it.

ARTLEY PARSON, '02, has been ordained and accepted as the minister of the Hope Street Congregational Church at Providence, R. I. Brother Parson went from X^Δ to Harvard, affiliated there and graduated.

DOUGLAS B. STERRETT, '02, reports at last at headquarters. For four months he was doing general geological work in North Carolina where, besides learning all about the mineral wealth of that state, he found out some interesting facts on the growth of the festive peanut. He has taught the ignorant Chi Doodls a new way to crack a peanut to get it out whole. Difficult, I tell you! Then, two months more were spent in the Western Coast States on the study of the principal locations of precious stone deposits. As a result of this, Brother Sterrett stands ready to give his Fraternity brothers some straight tips on easy spots to get those all too necessary solitaires. Step up ye Benedicts!

CORRIDON H. TRICKEY, '02, is the cause of it all. We are given to understand that instead of being peacefully located at Pasadena, Cal., as he should be, Brother Trickey has appointed himself a committee of one to find the end of the recent earthquake jolt in that state and now is said to be wandering around, hopelessly lost, in the northern part of the state. Finder will please return to X^Δ. We are anxious to locate him.

RASTUS R. NORRIS, '03, is still proving himself in his chosen profession of medicine. The latest evidence of this is that he has been chosen by the management of the Street Railway system of Baltimore, Md., as one of their board of attendant physicians and is now busy as can be with his many patients. Fine for Rastus, but hasn't Baltimore a law against such a reckless railway management?

ROYAL W. FRANCE, '04, has gone back to his first love. Recently he left his pleasant associations with Bushnell & Metcalf, Buffalo, N. Y., and has

returned to Canandaigua, N. Y., where, at 151 Howell St., he may be found doing law business as of yore. As with his other friends, we expect Royal to make good as he has it in him.

DONALD PARSON, '04, has explained it all and we don't wonder now why it happened. At Christmas Don, and Mrs. Don, visited the home of his boyhood days, and incidentally his family, and this enabled the "Inner Circle" to meet Mrs. Don. It was surely a Christmas present to us all and we certainly congratulate you, old man. Brother Parson left Washington, D. C., for Youngstown, Ohio, with his wife on New Year's Day. They are anxious to have their friends stop over whenever it is possible for a visit with them.

CHARLES LE R. SWINDELL, '04, has left the balmy confines of the University of North Carolina where he has been pursuing a course in medicine, and has undertaken the completion of his course at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. We are very pleased at the change for it brings him that much nearer the old Charge.

CHARLES N. GREGORY, '05, in spite of the hard times throughout the country, is still holding down his job in the Testing Department of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y. Further than this, he is now on the day shift and is thus able to give the fair ones of that thriving city a treat now and then in the evening. For this purpose he recently had sent him a large consignment of "proper" neckties.

SHEPARD STRONG, '05, in spite of his poor health this fall, has opened his own office in Room 110, Lennox Building, Cleveland, Ohio, wherein he beguiles the unwary into many different "sure thing" real estate investments. As his home is at 8110 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland, he certainly should know a good thing when he sees it.

NORMAN P. FOSTER, '05, besides running the real estate business into the ground, is reported to be holding private classes for the study of the greatest of American Literature. The latest book selected is "Three Weeks" and owing to the greatly increased classes Brother Foster has had to give semi-weekly instead of weekly readings. Far be it from us to comment.

WALTER H. LEE, '06, is one of the many in Washington, D. C., who hate to see Congress assemble. Besides his Court of Claims work, Brother Lee has congenial work which keeps him occupied to the exclusion of all things else. We sympathize with you, old man, but if you will be rich—well—

WM. K. WEST, '06, succeeded in getting sufficient time from his confining duties in the Panama Canal Commission to enable him to run up to Boston for Christmas with his people. We can only ask that their pleasure in having him there be equal to our disappointment at his departure.

JAMES T. SHERIER, '09, is now going it alone. By mutual agreement, the firm of Sherier and Sherier has dissolved partnership and now Jake may be found at 340 Indiana Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C., working hard both early and late building up his own business. He claims that the change in character of his work was wonderfully for the better.

The following brothers were home at X^A for the Christmas holidays: H. H. D. Sterrett, '98, Zenus F. Barnum, '03, Rastus R. Norris, '03, James E.

THE SHIELD

Lamb, '04, Donald Parson, '04, Van A. Potter, '04, Wm. S. Rowland, '04, Charles H. Tompkins, '05, C. B. Backus, '07, Wm. A. Backus, '09, William E. Lamb, '09, and Albert J. Hendley, '11. Their presence at and enjoyment in the many little gatherings given by and in the Charge added greatly to the pleasure of the season for X Δ.

Ψ^o CHARGE.

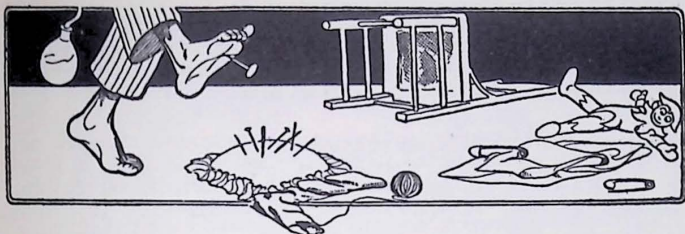
W. I. DAVIS, '83, is critically ill at his home in Little Falls, New York.

JAMES D. ROGERS, '89, is a faculty member of the Central Graduate Association, and is a Professor of Greek at Milliken University, Decatur, Ill.

JAMES H. FOSTER, '95, has changed his address from Verona, N. Y., to 14 E. 57th St., New York City.

DODGE, '91, is in charge of a pastorate in Utica, N. Y.

GEORGE, '97, is practicing law, with offices at 31 Nassau St., New York City.



Needles and pins, needles and pins,
When a man marries, his trouble begins.

PECK—KELLOGG

John H. Peck, *I* Δ '95, and Miss May Kellogg of Pittsfield, Mass., were married September 7, 1907. Owing to the recent death of the bride's father, the ceremony was a quiet home wedding. The bride is a sister of Walter C. Kellogg, *I* Δ '99, and her younger sister is the wife of Lawrence A. Hawkins, *I* Δ '97. After a wedding trip to the Adirondacks Brother and Mrs. Peck took up their residence at 58 Greenough St., Brookline. Brother Peck was graduated from the Harvard Law School and admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1898. He was associated with the commission for revising and consolidating the public statutes of Massachusetts till 1902, and has since been practicing law in Boston with offices at 119 Milk St. He is assistant general counsel for the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

DAVIS—KAHN

Rev. Charles H. Davis, *I* Δ '98, was married December 5, 1907, to Miss Gertrude Kahn of Baltimore, Md. Brother Davis is minister of a Congregational church at Hollis, N. H.

McADOO—SNIDER

Joseph J. McAdoo, θ '96, was married to Miss Alice Snider, daughter of Denton Jacques Snider, of New York City, on December 5, 1907. Brother and Mrs. McAdoo will be at home after January 10, 1908, at 5749 Ellsworth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

WARNER—HOLBROOK

Brother Earl Spear Warner, *E* '02, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Henry Warner, was married on November 26, 1907, at Phelps, N. Y., to Miss Selma Louise Holbrook, in the First Presbyterian Church of that place. The interior of the church was elaborately decorated with white chrysanthemums and palms. The bridal party, numbering twelve, preceded by the little ribbon bearers, nephews of the bride, assembled at the altar, where a very impressive ceremony was performed. A large reception followed at the home of Mrs. Charles Holbrook on Park St.

The ushers and best man were all members of the groom's college fraternity. Mr. Warner is a graduate of Hobart College, Class of '02, and of the Cornell Law School, Class of '05. After receiving his degree Mr. Warner established a law office in Phelps. The bride attended Wells College.

DEAN—EDDY

Robert A. Dean, *I* '03 was married in October to Miss Marion Eddy, of West Newton, Mass. Of the wedding party Brother Artley B. Parson, *I* '03, was best man, and Brothers Morton Le B. Church, *I* '02, Harry P. Brown, *I* '03, and Thomas Almy, *I* '05, were ushers. Brother and Mrs. Dean are now living in Fall River, Mass., where Brother Dean is engaged in the practice of law.

HANSON—VORTRIEDE

Brother Norman L. Hanson, *I* ^A '04, and Helen Adelaide Vortriede were married Wednesday evening, October 9, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Charles Augustus Vortriede, 2254 Glenwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

MACINTYRE—SCOFIELD

On the evening of December 19, 1907, occurred the wedding of Brother E. C. MacIntyre, *F* '05, to Miss Florence Scofield, of Johnstown, N. Y. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Charles McKenzie. Brother R. D. Eysaman, *F* '05, was best man. Brother and Mrs. MacIntyre will live in Johnstown, N. Y., where Brother MacIntyre is engaged in business.

FLETCHER—CLARK

At four o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 16, in St. John's Episcopal Church, Lawrence, Mass., was celebrated the marriage of Brother George Edward Fletcher, *E* '08, to Miss Alice S. Clark, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, of Haverhill St., Lawrence.

Brother Henry Wood, *K* '82, rector of St. John's Church, performed the ceremony and the attendants were Miss Olive W. Clark, sister of the bride, and Mr. John Fletcher, brother of the groom.

After the ceremony a reception was tendered the bridal party by the groom's parents at their home in Methuen. Brother and Mrs. Fletcher left on a late train for the South, spending their honeymoon at the Jamestown Exposition, Williamsburg and Richmond, Va. While in Richmond they were the guests of Brother Arthur D. Wright, *E '04*, where they met quite a number of the Theta Delts resident in Richmond.

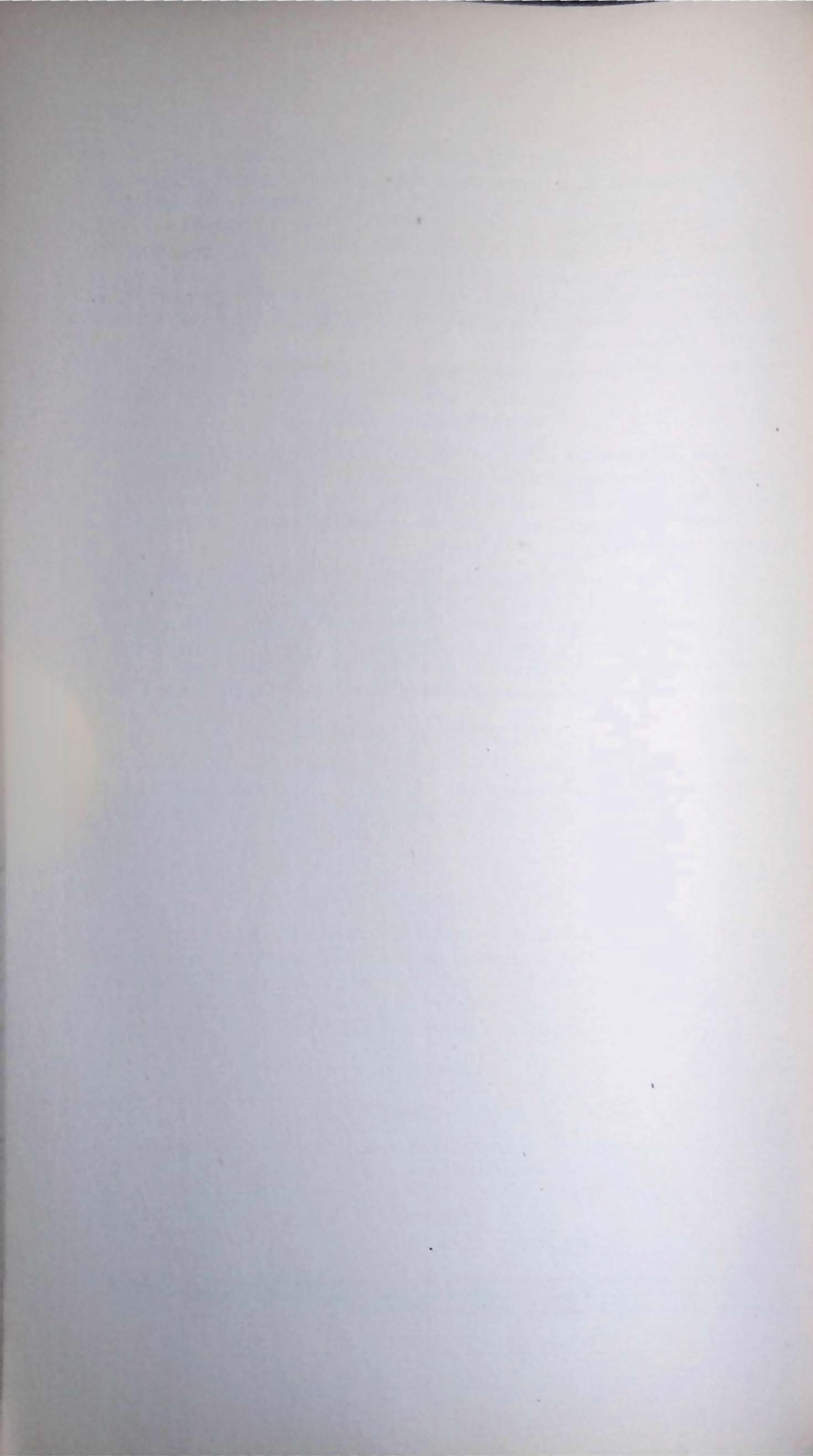
Brother and Mrs. Fletcher will reside at 590 Haverhill St., Lawrence, Mass., Brother Fletcher being in the employment of the Emmons Loom Harness Company at that place.

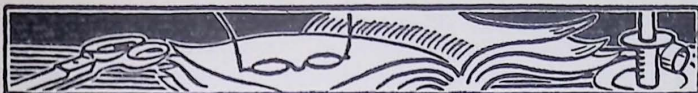
CHANDLER—ROBB

James Mitchell Chandler, *H '08*, and Miss Marguerite Russel Robb, of Fresno, Cal., were married on Saturday, February 16, 1907, at St. James Episcopal Church, Fresno, by Dr. Harvey S. Hansen. The honeymoon was spent on a trip through California and a sojourn at Berkeley where Brother Chandler spent much time with the $\Delta \Delta$ Charge.

In May, Brother Chandler took his wife to the high Sierra Nevadas where his work in the United States Forest Service called him, and there in "Virginian" style the honeymoon was lengthened throughout the summer. Brother Chandler and his wife are now settled on their ranch in Tulare County, California. Brother Chandler appreciates the fact that Brother "Dave" Barnwell, $\Delta \Delta$, issued him his marriage license, Brother "Dave" being Deputy County Clerk of Fresno.

¹The announcement of the marriage of Brother James Mitchell Chandler, *H '08*, should have been printed in the March number for last year, but unfortunately the notice was lost in the moving of the SHIELD effects from Ithaca to New York.





EXCHANGE GLEANINGS

Our exchanges are requested to send one copy of each issue to Edward Stetson Griffing, 35 Nassau St., New York City, one copy to Edward Van Winkle, Flat-Iron Building, New York City, and one copy to Theta Delta Chi Press, Flat-Iron Building, New York City. In return three copies of *THE SHIELD* will be sent to any desired addresses.—Ed.

The *A T Ω Palm*, in mentioning the trip of our honored President of the Grand Lodge to the Pacific Coast last fall, seems to think that the distance traveled—seven thousand miles—with only two chapters visited must have been somewhat expensive. What might be expensive to *A T Ω* is not necessarily so with *Θ Δ X*. When considering expense you also have to take into consideration the fruits thereof: Results are the only thing that count nowadays. It is not to be expected that the *A T Ω* Fraternity, with fifty-five to sixty chapters divided into eight provinces could ever appreciate the value of a personal visitation of the official head, its grand, inspiring influence and uniting effect which is ever present in and a joy to a fraternity with few charges or chapters.

Apropos of the criticism of our Greek News department by one of our contemporaries, will say that when we find something in their magazine that will be of value to our readers we will use it to the best advantage and, with pleasure, give them full credit. It might be well to mention that sixteen per cent of the reading matter in their December number was taken from *THE SHIELD*. We did not mean to snub you nor, at the time, did we think you could use so much of our matter.

A two-page article on a *K A* button by J. R. McKissick, Associate Editor, appeared in the *K A Journal* for December, which advances the theory that in all fraternities “the alumni do not follow their college custom of wearing the pin” and gives as the reason that “pins are considered merely as part of the equipment of the college man which he should discard when he has put aside college things.” The writer goes on to state that on their alumni the *K A* pins are few and far between and that “close business associates” did not know that

the others were of the same faith and order. The article advocates that the use of a K A button will awaken the fraternity feeling. The writer is wrong in his hypothesis. The alumni of *all* fraternities do not lay away their dear old frat pins when they leave college. It is just another condition which is the inevitable result of over-expansion and lack of enthusiasm brought about by no central form of government with an intimate personality of one executive head.

No! K A, if the spirit is there the pin will always be a part of the fraternity man, and he will not differentiate between a pin and a button.

The Black Ball! Its misuse is not to be lightly passed. It is a reprehensible wrong, placing lasting disgrace upon the rejected candidate and should be only used as a last resort. A good plan for our Charges to adopt is not to vote on a prospect until after his eligibility has been discussed freely by every active member and all have enthusiastically expressed their willingness to admit the stranger into the Brotherhood. Do not vote upon a man if there is any doubt. Remove this doubt first, or don't vote at all. Here is what our contemporaries think on this subject:

"The ballot is a privilege and a responsibility. Used rightly, it is a charter of freedom, and a pledge of concord. Misused, a menace to the health of the body fraternal. May Themis, serene goddess, guide well the little black and white fate-bearers as they rattle home on meeting nights, and care that each one represents an honest conviction, the result of careful thought, with no admixture of selfishness, but all desire for fraternal well-being."—*Themis of ZTA.*

"A black ball in a secret society is not a club with which to avenge a personal grievance. It is not a dagger for a coward's use with which to even up an old score. It is not a brush with which to besmirch the character of one who may hold different views from yours.

"A black ball is fraternity's shield to protect, not individuals, but the order, from those who would injure it. It should never be cast with a prejudiced mind or a selfish thought. Remember, it is a serious thing to constitute one's self jury and executioner in a single act without the order's interests demand it."—*Trident of A A A.*

Take Notice! And heed the following fraternal Litany—

Thou shalt take an active interest in college affairs.

Thou shalt sacrifice thine own chapter for the sake of the fraternity as a whole, if need be.

Thou shalt strive for a high standard in scholarship as well as in society.

Thou shalt not forget that thy fraternity exists because of thy college, that therefore thou owest thy college a duty as well as thy fraternity.

Thou shalt in all thy judgments be charitable.

Thou shalt cultivate in thyself the art of keeping secrets.

Thou shalt not, priding thyself upon a conservative policy, allow thyself to become too exclusive, or snobbish.

Thou shalt make thyself a power to draw forth all the talents and virtues of individual members for the advancement of the fraternity.

Thou shalt in principle and practice endeavor to prove that fraternities are worth while, art a power for good.

Thou shalt learn to make seeming failures serve as a binding tie, even as successes.

Band not thyself into cliques, having as an object wire pulling in college politics.

Remember thou the fact that while at college thou art on the bounty of thy parents and do not foolishly waste money that might be expended otherwise.

Honor thou the grave and reverend faculty that thy days may be long upon the college campus.—*Δ Δ Δ Trident*.

And also note—

“Whosoever goeth into a fraternity and cometh out without sufficient enthusiasm to make her subscribe to her journal quickly and repeatedly, verily she shall be stricken from the roll of the active and the helpful and be laid upon the shelf.”—*Z T A Themis*.

As others see us—

“Fraternity editors are prone to think that they have a lot to do and that getting out a magazine is more of a job than those not on the inside ever think. All others will have to keep quiet about their own deeds since the achievement of Mr. Edward Van Winkle, Editor of the *Θ Δ X SHIELD*; this will be the record for a long time. Between September twelfth and December first, he prepared and issued four highly creditable numbers of *THE SHIELD*. This was necessary in order to catch up, the volume having been delayed by the serious illness of the former editor.”—From *The Record of Σ A E* for December, 1907.



N E W S O F T H E G R E E K S

THE SHIELD is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a very neat announcement as follows:—Alpha Chi Omega announces the establishment of Nu Chapter at the University of Colorado, Friday, September the sixth, nineteen hundred and seven.

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For while the eternal stars night's purple robe
Begem; while swings in space the pendent globe
Friendship must live! Ah may its impulse high
Still guide and guard the Theta Delta Chi.

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The President of the Grand Lodge holds the President of every $\theta \Delta X$ organization responsible for the correctness of all the following information in each issue.

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Charge—Cornell University—January 11, 1870

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Charge—University of Michigan—December 13, 1889

$\theta \Delta X$ House, 910 Cornwell Place, Ann Arbor, Mich.

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Charge—University of California—April 20, 1900
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 Monday

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Charge—William and Mary College—May 12, 1853
 Θ Δ X House, Williamsburg, Va.
 Saturday, 10:00 P. M.

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Charge—Sheffield Scientific School, Yale—November 21, 1887
 Charter surrendered October, 1900

Thirty-Six Club—1903

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Charge—Brown University—November 12, 1853
 1 Slater Hall, Brown University, Providence, R. I.
 Friday, 8:30 P. M.

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Charge Editor—MAXWELL KRAUSE, '10.
Corresponding Secretary—IRVING W. BOGLE, '09.

Z Alumni Association (See Rhode Island Alumni Association)

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Charge—McGill University—October 4, 1901
House, 149 Durocher St., Montreal, Canada.
Saturday, 7:30 P. M.

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Charge—Bowdoin College—June, 1854
θ Δ X House, Maine and McKeen Sts., Brunswick, Me.
Wednesday, 7:00 P. M.

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Charge—Stanford University—April 25, 1903
θ Δ X House, 23 Lasuen St., Stanford University, California.
Monday, 7:00 P. M.

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θ Δ X House, 262 Newbury St., Boston, Mass.

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Charge—Harvard University—1856

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Charge—Williams College—June 12, 1891

θ Δ X House, Park St., Williamstown, Mass.

Tuesday, 9:30 P. M.

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θ Δ X Association of Williams College—1906

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Charge—Tufts College—1856

θ Δ X House, 123 Packard Ave., Tufts College, Mass.

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Charge—Amherst College—June 15, 1885

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THORNTON S. WILSON, N '76, News Ferry, Va.

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Z^a—GORDON GIBSON, '04, *Graduate* T. F. COTTON, '09; C. E. RICHARDSON, '09.
H—LOUIS D. H. WELD, '05, *Graduate* HARRISON ATWOOD, '09; WILLIAM P. NEWMAN, '10.
H^a—S. L. BACON, '03, *Graduate* W. T. YOUNG, '07.

- Θ^Δ—WILLIAM HOLLIS GODFREY, K '95, *Graduate* A. G. PLACE, '08;
S. N. McCAIN, '09.
- Ι—FRANK PETER PARKER, JR., '02, *Graduate* RICHMOND K. FLETCHER, '08; G. S. SHIRKE, '09.
- ΙΑ—EARL P. HITE, '04, *Graduate* R. C. HODGKINSON, '08; R. O. BAILEY, '10.
- Κ—FREDERICK WILLIAM HAMILTON, '80, *Graduate* WILMYN HERBERT, '08; WILLIAM E. HOOPER, '09.
- Λ—ORISON SWEET MARDEN, '77, *Graduate* PERCY J. LOOK, '08; ROSWELL STEARNS, '09.
- Μ^Δ—FRANK C. DUDLEY, '00, *Graduate* PHILIP S. JAMIESON, '08; PIERRE DREWSON, '10.
- Ν^Δ—FLOYD W. PARSONS, '02, *Graduate* RALPH F. McELFRESH, '08; A. ORAM FULTON, '08.
- Ξ—EDWARD JOHN COOK, '95, *Graduate* MILES D. STETTENBENZ, '09; C. NELSON RICHARDS, '10.
- Ο^Δ—J. FRANK DRAKE, '02, *Graduate* LAWRENCE M. SYMMES, '08; RICHARD B. LOCKE, '09.
- Π^Δ—DANIEL S. DOUGHERTY, '82, *Graduate* JEREMIAH A. STARR, '09; ALBERT C. KAESTNER, '10.
- Ρ^Δ—RUDOLF TOMBO, JR., '98, *Graduate* HICKMAN PRICE, '09; WILLIAM GAGE BRADY, JR., '08.
- Σ^Δ—LESLIE B. WOODRUFF, '03, *Graduate* WILLIAM F. HANNAN, '08; JAMES B. ROBERTSON, '08.
- Τ^Δ—W. J. ERF, '93, *Graduate* MAURICE SALISBURY, '08.
- Φ—CLAY W. HOLMES, '69, *Graduate* FRANCIS W. SULLIVAN, '08; WILLIAM WALKER DARSIE, '09.
- Χ—J. McBRIDE STERRETT, '67, *Graduate* ARTHUR T. PARMENTER, '08; ERNEST F. BARKER, '08.
- Χ^Δ—FREDERICK W. ALBERT, '05, *Graduate* EDWIN H. KING, '08; ARTHUR SCHOENFELD, '07.
- Ψ—N. ARCHIBALD SHAW, '82; *Graduate* LEONARD A. WATSON, '08, HOMER C. EVANS, '09.

The By-laws mentioned previously, present, among other important provisions, a detailed scheme for the business administration of the Fraternity, and although only partly adopted or modified for lack of time, the Convention recognized their necessity and heartily endorsed Brother Griffing's work.

The presentation and discussion of such of the *fifteen* applications for charters that had reached an acute stage, took up a large part of the time of the Convention. As in previous years, favorable action on several of the petitions was recommended to the Charges with whom the final decision will rest.

In all, about twenty-four Committees were appointed and their reports acted upon by the Convention. A short outline of the work of some of the Committees is given below.

The White List Committee reported that nine universities in which $\Theta \Delta X$ is not represented, were of such high standing that if an application for a charter were received, it should be given consideration. The Convention accepted this report but took two names off the list, leaving seven. There is no intention to establish new charges but simply to classify the universities.

The Convention voted that $T B \Pi$ and $\Sigma \Xi$ are purely honorary fraternities and urges the undergraduates in science to attain the necessary standing for admission.

The Custodian of Archives rendered his twelfth annual report. He is at all times at the service of *all* of the Fraternity but seems to be called on mostly by graduates of twenty years ago and more.

The Recommendations adopted by the Convention in regard to *THE SHIELD* are given elsewhere in an editorial. Brother Van Winkle was highly commended by the Convention which also went on record to the following effect: "*THE SHIELD* in its present form is an excellent medium through which the true $\Theta \Delta X$ spirit is being imparted to the graduates and undergraduates."

The $\Theta \Delta X$ Press also received the hearty endorsement and thanks of the Convention for its work and will be reimbursed as far as possible for its outlays on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

On Monday afternoon, President Griffing learned that Governor Hughes was at the Hotel Astor and arrangements were immediately made to have him address the meeting. The entrance of the Governor was the signal for an enthusiastic ovation, the brothers from each Charge greeting him with their college yell. In a few well-chosen words Governor Hughes addressed the Convention as follows:

"Members of the $\Theta \Delta X$ Fraternity: I am a delegate-at-large for that great fraternity of which we are all members. A Governor never knows just what is in store for him, nor at what moment he may be given an unexpected pleasure. I assure you it is a pleasure to appear before you this afternoon, for I have the deepest respect for the members of your organization that I know personally, and I desire to extend to you especially my sympathy for your recent bereavement in the loss of one who was honored in your midst. Ernest W. Huffcut was one of my closest friends, and endeared to me, as he was to you, by his winning personality as well as by his own rare abilities. No one could regret his loss more sincerely than myself, and I would join with you in deepest tribute of respect to his memory."

The Committee on the Report of the President of the Grand Lodge stated that it would make no general comment as it was obviously unnecessary. Brother Dougherty, however, could not refrain from going into particulars, and his glowing tribute to the untiring and self-sacrificing work of Brother Griffing met with a prolonged and enthusiastic approval on the part of the Convention.

The new President of the Grand Lodge, Brother Edward J. Cook, E '95, is thoroughly in touch with the work to which the Fraternity is committed, and his election is a surety of its speedy and successful completion. Brother George N. Shaeffer, Φ '08, retiring Treasurer, was elected Secretary, and Brother Ralph McElfresh, N^Δ '08, Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

The sixth and last session adjourned immediately after the impressive and beautiful service of the installation of the new Grand Lodge.

CARL TOMBO, P^Δ '02.

Four hundred and thirty-seven (437) brothers registered at the business sessions of the Convention which is about ten per cent. of the total membership, as follows:

B—17

Frederick E. Wadhams, '73; Merrit C. Haviland, '76; E. A. De Lima, '86; F. W. Thompson, '87; George L. Fielder, '89; Paul F. Du Bois, '95; Percy W. Simpson, '01; A. P. Howes, '07; F. S. Adams, '08; William Beckwith, '08; H. P. Humpstone, '08; Harry Hale, Jr., '09; James A. Harris, Jr., '09; George A. Tilden, '09; Roscoe C. Tindall, '09; N. M. Fischer, '10; Alan Jacob Collins, '11.

Γ^Δ—5

Lawrence T. Cole, '92; George W. Ward, '04; I. J. Thorp, '06; Burritt A. Parks, '08; B. R. Eggeman, '09.

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J. H. Cuntz, '86; Morris R. Sherrerd, '86; Hermann Rosentreter, '87; R. S. Gisimonds, '88; William G. Preston, '88; J. C. Hallock, '90.

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G. W. Kneisley, '07; Worth Ryder, '07; Leith McKay, '09.

E—8

Jackson Davis, '02; W. T. Hodges, '02; Arthur D. Wright, '04; Francis O'Koffi, '07; Arthur C. Smith, '08; Raymond B. Small, '08; Selden R. Warner, '09; Herbert Smith Joynes, '10.

E^Δ—5

Frederic Carter, '90; Charles M. Robinson, '91 S; Andrew James Gilmour, '95 S; Jack Hess, '98; J. W. Gannon, '99.

Z—20

Franklin Burdge, '56; Fred P. Ladd, '93; Faulkner Hill, '95; Henry L. Smith, '96; Robert S. Emerson, '97; D. Wallis Reeves, '98; J. C. Chase, '99; Charles A. Hull, '99; W. R. Bullock, '02; T. A. Welch, '04; Percy Shires, '06; W. P. Burnham, '07; John Gladding

Canfield, '08; R. W. D. Jones, Ex '08; J. D. Dean, '09; Frank E. Dennie, '09; Harold M. Pitman, '09; J. Richmond Fales, '10; William H. Lynn, '10; Homer T. Brookins, '11.

Z^A—9

Gordon Gibson, '04; Chester Waterman, '05; Dallas C. Bray, '07; F. F. Colton, '07; C. E. Richardson, '08; C. S. Porter, '09; C. S. MacLean, '10; F. C. Gorman, '11; T. C. Grossman, '11.

H—14

M. C. Fernald, '61; Robert E. Soule, '96; J. Fitz Benjamin, '97; L. L. Cleaves, '99; Clarence B. Flint, '01; Norman J. Gehring, '01; H. K. McCann, '02; Edward A. Moody, '03; H. Palmer, '04; A. C. Shorey, '04; Louis H. Weld, '05; Philip R. Sherey, '07; Harrison Atwood, '09; William P. Newman, '10.

H^A—3

S. L. Bacon, '03; W. T. Young, '08; Griffen Barry, '09.

Θ^A—8

Stewart C. Coey, '06; Walter D. Davol, '06; George M. Henderson, '06; John Mather, '07; A. G. Place, '08; S. N. McCain, '09; Charles W. Wallower, '10; Maurice Scott Shapin, '11.

I—22

Edward Stetson Griffing, '89; Wentworth L. Harrington, '98; W. S. Kendall, '99; C. R. Wood, Jr., '00; Edward R. Fay, '01; P. N. Carter, '02; Robert Foster Janes, '02; F. P. Parker, Jr., '02; F. W. Walkop, '02; Harry P. Brown, '03; John B. Bellamy, '04; D. M. Wardner, '05; Edward Roth, Jr., '06; Clement H. Condelle, '07; R. K. Fletcher, '08; Frank Freeman, '08; H. M. Godlier, '08; H. Mason Goodwin, '08; Harold C. Bodman, '09; E. S. Shirke, '09; Philip D. Carter, '10; B. P. Jordan, '10.

I^A—15

John F. De Camp, '00; W. F. Doolittle, '00; Russel C. Gibbs, '00; Dwight R. Little, '00; W. B. Putney, '00; Harris D. Meals, '03; Earl P. Hite, '04; Robert E. Webster, '05; O. C. Morrill, '07; George E. Hilte, '08; R. C. Hodgkinson, '08; Joseph W. Knapp, '09; B. von Witzleben, '09; R. O. Bailey, '10; Paul Hultman, '11.

K—27

Stephen Minot Pitman, '69; L. I. Powers, '72; James Horatio Bradbury, '79; Edwin E. Davis, '80; F. W. Hamilton, '80; E. J. Crandall, '89; F. E. Kimball, '92; Charles Daw Clark, '95; William Hollis Godfrey, '95; H. L. Litchfield, '99; Harry C. Turner, '01; F. S. Knight, '03; Mellen G. Caldewood, '05; Louis O. Maas, '05;

L. C. Powers, '05; William W. Wise, '05; H. L. Michael, '06; Wilmyrn Herbert, '08; William E. Hooper, '09; John A. Adams, '10; William B. Crossley, '10; Guy Hamilton, '10; Robert M. Knight, '10; Raymond G. Lincoln, '10; Paul McClintock, '10; H. L. Tower, '10; Russell P. Wise, '11.

Λ—19

O. S. Marden, '77; Wales B. Stockbridge, '88; F. Spencer Baldwin, '89; C. J. Bullock, '89; S. Edgar Whitaker, '90; A. B. Meredith, '95; George B. Currier, '99; F. W. Knowlton, '99; Charles H. Holbrook, '02; R. A. Coan, '03; Walter Henry Merritt, '03; E. Jefts Beede, '05; Millard L. Robinson, '05; G. Ariel Grant, '06; James O. Greenan, '08; Percy J. Look, '08; Roswel Stearns, '09; Samuel E. Bentley, '10; George Winthrop Cahoon, '10.

M^Δ—33

James S. Young, '86; Robert R. White, '89; A. H. Merriam, '97; J. A. Rauson, '98; H. A. Bullock, '99; Thomas G. Flaherty, '99; Albert M. Walker, '99; Charles W. Walker, '99; Frank C. Dudley, '00; Walter T. Bryant, '02; J. F. Kane, '04; F. Hale, Jr., '05; Roy L. Atwood, '06; Norman P. Foster, '06; Maurice J. Kane, '06; Clarence A. Spear, '06; E. A. Hildreth, 3d, '07; D. H. Newell, '07; Homer F. Tilton, '07; H. S. Brown, '08; John A. Gildersleeve, '08; Philip S. Jamison, '08; E. W. Kidder, '09; Clinton W. Tyler, '09; T. A. Benedict, '10; Pierre Drewsen, '10; Randall M. Field, '10; Henry B. Hall, '10; R. W. Rice, '10; Eustace J. Seligman, '10; George F. Whicher, '10; W. F. Correy, '11; Brice S. Evans, '11.

N^Δ—13

Edwins Higgins, '02; Floyd W. Parsons, '02; Jesse W. Underwood, '04; N. F. Cole, '05; Edward E. Johnston, '06; B. C. McClure, '06; Ernest B. Walton, '07; John E. Ballenger, '08; A. Oram Fulton, '08; A. A. Goytisoló, '08; R. F. McElfresh, '08; Charles C. Sharkley, '08; Archibald R. Shaw, Jr., '10.

Ξ—16

S. Douglass Cornell, '60; R. C. Scott, '70; Henry Macbeth, '81; C. Axel Harstrom, '86; F. A. Herendeen, '86; C. W. Starbuck, '90; Lewis B. McCabe, '94; E. J. Cook, '95; E. B. Partridge, '99; Robert B. Waugh, '02; William C. Dooris, '03; F. H. Hill, '03; Glenn Marston, '03; Seward C. Spoor, '08; Miles D. Stettenbenz, '09; C. Nelson Richards, '10.

O—5

Charles C. Adams, '59; Henry B. Brown, '59; W. R. Waship, '60; Webster R. Walkley, '60; William D. Bridge, '61.

O^A—14

Thomas J. Harris, '86; John P. Gifford, '94; Joseph Raphael, '01; Rupert H. Whitcomb, '01; J. Frank Drake, '02; Harold C. Killner, '03; Le R. B. Vail, '04; George N. Proctor, Jr., '05; Alfred G. Place, '08; James S. Proctor, '08; L. M. Symmes, '08; Richard B. Locke, '09; Fletcher P. Benton, '10; P. M. Forrestull, '10.

II^A—39

Daniel S. Dougherty, '82; Edward G. Alsdorf, '89; William H. McIntyre, '89; G. C. Goebel, '91; Fred H. Patterson, '91; Samuel C. Haight, '92; Charles Hibson, '92; Henry Edward Crampton, '93; W. T. Lawson, '93; Clifford Wilmurt, '93; John W. Remer, '94; Rudolf Tombo, Jr., '95; A. A. Wright, '95; James Homell, '97; Charles P. Schmidt, Jr., '97; William B. Wright, '97; Leslie C. Shattuck, '98; Thomas H. Calhoun, '99; George F. Ferguson, '99; Herbert Holton, '99; C. R. Neidlinger, '99; E. E. Schmidt, '99; Fred. M. Steeves, '99; Waldemar F. Timme, '99; Frederick S. Fischer, '00; Otto J. A. Grassi, '00; Arthur L. Howe, '00; G. W. Steele, '00; H. P. Moran, '01; Harry A. Fisher, '02; Robert W. Maloney, '02; C. D. Trubenbach, '02; Harold E. Nagle, '04; Ralph Allison Adams, '05; G. Gale Dixon, '07; Dillon F. Clements, '08; Jeremiah A. Starr, '09; A. Kaestner, '10; Frank E. Mullen, '10.

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Robert J. Mahon, '83; J. Winans, '89; Frank N. Dodd, '91; Read G. Dolworth, '91; Edward C. Ehlers, '92; Edwin F. Hicks, '93; E. C. Roberts, '93; Robert Van Iderstine, '94; Henry Grah Hershfield, '98; A. Edwin Schaff, '98; John S. Holbrook, '00; Ludwig Lindenmeyr, '00; Sidney Otis, '04; M. E. Rionda, '00; Harry Hull St. Clair, 2d, '00; Edward Van Winkle, '00; J. Boyce Smith, Jr., '01; H. F. Haviland, '02; Carl Tombo, '02; Frank V. Goodman, '03; Harrison Ross Steeves, '03; Herbert I. Benjamin, '04; Leonard Kebler, '04; H. D. Sergeant, '04; Samuel T. Hollister, '06; C. A. Stewart, '06; W. N. Albertson, '07; Joseph L. Egan, '07; F. N. Lund, '07; Donald M. MacArthur, '07; P. Billingsley, '08; William Gage Brady, Jr., '08; Charles McG. Roberts, '08; M. H. Ashton, '09; K. C. Browne, '09; Hickman Price, '09; Alfred R. Schmid, '09; A. V. McDermott, '10; J. A. Gannon, '10 C; Carl F. Huttlinger, '10; R. V. Mahon, '10; V. B. Murray, '10; V. F. Sullivan, '10; Lamar Washington, '10; Waldemar H. Grassi, '11; Edwin E. Leslie, '11; Richmond Stephens, '11; Stephen D. Stephens, Jr., '11.

Σ^A—6

Charles W. Robinson, '91; Leslie B. Woodruff, '03; H. A. Whitaker, '06; William F. Hannan, '08; James B. Robertson, '08; Paul H. Buchanan, '10.

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J. W. Erf, '93; M. E. Salisbury, '08.

Φ—28

Clay W. Holmes, '69; J. M. Morris, '71; A. Edwin Keigwin, '91; Charles Albertson, '93; Olin G. Barker, '95; F. R. Ahle, '96; Edwin R. Twitmyer, '96; Herbert N. Warbasse, '00; Joseph Russell Lynes, '01; John Frederick Timm, '01; Charles F. Rumbaugh, '02; Henry Lloyd, Jr., '03; Harold A. Brown, '05; F. L. Sherrer, '07; J. W. R. Engle, '08; H. D. Kinney, '08; Samuel H. Lenard, '08; George N. Shaeffer, '08; Samuel H. Sherrerd, '08; Francis W. Sullivan, '08; Arthur W. Sullivan, '08; William Walker Darsie, '09; Ellery D. Manley, '09; T. A. Gannon, '10; C. W. Horr, '10; James Oliver Parker, '10; F. C. McCutcheon, '10; John H. Rumbaugh, '11.

X—25

J. McBride Sterrett, '67; J. P. McKinney, '69; Homer L. Brookins, '80; David G. Miller, '94; Joseph R. Webster, '94; James A. Hamilton, '98; Herbert W. Taylor, '99; James A. Gosnell, '02; Roy H. Hart, '02; James S. Vail, '02; Fred. S. Holbrook, '03; W. F. Craston, '04; William H. Interman, '04; Carl Paul, '05; Raymond L. Sattler, '06; Charles A. Simpson, '06; F. R. Lewis, '07; C. R. Rebasz, '07; H. O. Stewart, '07; Ernest F. Barker, '08; Arthur Parmanter, '08; Joseph J. Tighe, '08; Harry A. May, '09; T. Arthur Connor, '10; Raymond H. McKinney, '10.

X^Δ—11

Douglas B. Sterret, '02; Van A. Potter, '04; Frederick W. Albert, '05; Lorin C. Powers, '05; Walter M. Gilbert, '07; Arthur Schoenfeld, '07; William B. Curtis, '08; Edwin H. King, '08; T. R. Senior, '08; J. E. Connolly, '09; F. E. Warren, '10.

Ψ—16

N. Archibald Shaw, '82; B. W. Sherwood, '82; Joel J. Squier, '87; Clark H. Timmerman, '87; J. H. Pardee, '89; J. H. Foster, '95; David G. George, '97; S. C. Cheacy, '99; F. H. Cunningham, '99; Stuart B. Blakili, '03; Louis Ehret, '04; C. T. McGaffins, '04; H. W. Brindut, '06; W. H. Kellogg, '08; Leonard A. Wodson, '08; Homer C. Evans, '09.

 THE THEATRE PARTY

The astute committee charged with the duty of providing theatrical entertainment for the Sixtieth Convention chose as the "show" the opening night of Sam Bernard, the slippery-tongued, in a brand new musical farce by Smith and De Koven, authors of "Robin Hood,"

etc., entitled, "Nearly a Hero." The piece was presented under the thoroughgoing management of the Schuberts at the Casino Theatre, fronting on the "Gay White Way" at Thirty-Ninth street. It proved also the opening night of Miss Ethel Levy, the light footed "Queen of Musical Comedy" who pirouetted through the piece under the name of Angeline De Vere, a captivating demi-monde. At least *she* evidently took that view of it, and did her limber best to lift the performance to the cherished pedestal of Success, in mixed co-operation and rivalry with the sputtering heroism of "Sam" under his new disguise of Herr Ludwig Knoedler.

The best part of the orchestra and balcony and the most favored boxes were occupied by Theta Delts and Thedelchians,—a new and inclusive term denoting in its broad sense, wives, mothers, sisters, sweethearts and all other fond female relatives, of Theta Delts,—and they, with the rest of the audience, were alternately excited to uproar by the mirth-inspiring lines, and entranced by the sumptuous spectacle of costume and scenery and the gorgeous display of *genus* Chorus Girl—dazzling creature who scorns to leave her charms to Fancy's dream!

The "stags" were in the gallery and made sundry moves to enliven proceedings with inopportune war-crys and showers of confetti and paper ribbon spirals, which attempts were severally and emphatically suppressed by the nervous first-night management. Whereupon the "stags" consoled themselves between the acts by growling the songs in which their kind delights to express its mateless misery.

The theatre was tastefully decorated for the occasion,—the Convention Theatre Party, not the First Night,—with college and Fraternity flags and banners, and the decorations contributed to the feeling of "We own the place" so necessary to the complete success of a fraternity theatre party. A watchful eye might also have observed gaudy streamers of the Fraternity tri-color bedecking the stately belles and frisky soubrettes of the quasi-heroic company.

On the details of plot and text it is unnecessary to dwell,—for the former, as is *de rigueur* in this form of "art," did not obtrude itself unpleasantly upon the attention, and the latter suffered sufficiently we feel, from the strictures of the press critics in next morning's metropolitan dailies. Nothing would be gained by swelling the chorus of hard knocks; and besides, we must admit, as did even some of the scornful critics, that despite the shortcomings of the book the leading comedian was most infectiously funny at times, and that the light-footed Levy added some new verses to the poetry of motion in her bizarre dances. Some of the music too, had quite the proper lilt and lift.

As compared with some former theatre parties, it might be said that there was less distinctive $\Theta \Delta X$ character than usual to the performance. In this regard it is regrettable perhaps that the committee

chose the opening night of a performance, when the company is naturally a bit "shaky" and the management resents disturbances in the house and where there is no hope of introducing modifications, songs or features for the special benefit of the Fraternity audience. But, as usual, this year's party proved a pleasant adjunct to the Convention program, and thus fully justified itself.

J. BOYCE SMITH, JR., P^A '01.

THE BANQUET

The Sixtieth Convention wound up in a great blaze of enthusiastic glory in the guise of a banquet. A few hours after the close of the last business session on Tuesday, over two hundred brothers, from '59 to '11, assembled in the reception rooms adjoining the Grand Ball Room of the Hotel Astor. Many were the little knots of "boys" gathered in happy reunion and from all sides resounded notes of joyful greetings. No one seemed to think of feasting or drinking; but at last the energetic Chairman, Brother Harry Fisher, succeeded in obtaining enough attention to warrant opening the door of the banquet hall an hour after the time set.

As the brothers took their places at the tables, cheer after cheer, college cry after cry rent the air. All thunder condensed in a moment of noise could hardly describe the sound as the various Charges vied in cheering the President of the Grand Lodge, the Ex-president, the Toastmaster and each brother seated at the speakers' table. What cared they for eating and drinking? Was not the fraternal better and stronger than the material, and had not the pent-up enthusiasm of three days to be given vent to in as many hours? In vain did the Toastmaster strive to be heard till at length nature came to his rescue and, voices given out, they reverently listened while Brother Lawrence Cole invoked the Divine blessing. Enthusiasm, however, did but slumber and between courses, in fact, between mouthfuls, broke forth in cheer and song.

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After the usual "flash-light" had been taken, the appetites satisfied, and coffee and cigars were soothing the brothers, the Toastmaster, Brother Daniel S. Dougherty, P^A '82, rose and rapped for order, saying,

"Now, brethren, every brother that wants to listen to the speeches of the evening and hear the words these dear brethren have to say to them, will kindly remain seated and preserve order. Every brother

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who feels that he cannot endure this for a few minutes is now privileged to retire.

“And the night shall be filled with music,
And the cares that infest the day
Shall fold their tents like the Arabs,
And as silently steal away.”

“Such is the night. For what sweeter music than the voices of dear friends commingled in notes of affection and joy? What higher harmony can be expressed than that which prevails in $\Theta \Delta X$? What better chords can be struck than the striking of palms in the warm grasp of a brother's clasp?

“Behold, how great and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity,’ and how much greater than the passive dwelling is the unity of action? How much greater when actuated by the same motives, sustained by the same high principles and upheld by the same ideals?

“ $\Theta \Delta X$ tonight has closed another year of its existence. We have nothing to regret of the past. We rejoice in the present, and we hope for the future. The warm rays of friendship, as you see tonight, have melted the frost of conventionalities and dispelled the gloomy clouds of sordid care. We all rejoice to be able to come together in this sunset of our Convention and rub elbows with our dear brothers, glean new ideas, rejuvenate our youths (I did not say ‘exubriate.’ I think one of the brothers misunderstood me), and become, as has been said in the Convention, ‘resurrected and electrified.’

“We have many, many brothers this evening to address you. I hope that the proper decorum will be preserved, and that these brothers will be listened to as every Theta Delt should listen to a brother.

“The first on our list is a brother that I need not say one word of in introducing. The Lord knows I said enough about him this afternoon. He has guided our destinies for a year. Force of circumstance has compelled him to retire, but he assures us that his brain, his hands and his heart are always at our disposal, even though he be not officially connected with the Grand Lodge. No man perhaps is better qualified to speak on the ideals of $\Theta \Delta X$ than he, a man who has lived up to those ideals, a man who has tried and in a great measure succeeded in perfecting the principles of $\Theta \Delta X$, if I might speak thus; one that we have learned, as I said this afternoon, not only to love as we formerly did, but to reverence and respect. I refer to our beloved retiring President, Edward Stetson Griffing, I '89.” (*Cheers.*)

EDWARD STETSON GRIFFING, I '89: Brother Toastmaster and my brothers—Disappointed as I am, almost heartbroken as I am, to feel compelled for personal reasons to lay down the pleasures that I have had in such large quantities during the last year, nevertheless it

is a great pleasure all at once to be able to face you all again and speak on ideals and not business. And as typifying the ideals, I want to ask, Brother Toastmaster, the privilege of making a motion.

TOASTMASTER: You have that privilege, sir.

EDWARD STETSON GRIFFING: And that is, in spite of all these grey hairs we see along this table, in spite of all the bald heads there are at this table and around the room, there is yet one of our brothers who antedates them all. I want to make a motion that this Convention in banquet assembled, this Annual Convention of $\Theta \Delta X$ send at once, by its secretary, the following telegram:

ANDREW H. GREEN, Detroit Mich.,

$\Theta \Delta X$, founded by you sixty years ago, renders its homage and sends its greetings to our beloved brother of A'49. Ever in our hearts—in the eternal bonds of our friendship."

TOASTMASTER: Brethren, if there are no objections, we will not send by our secretary but through our secretary by wire this telegram. Hearing no objections, we will send it.

EDWARD STETSON GRIFFING: Now, my brothers, that is very largely my idea of the ideals of $\Theta \Delta X$. I know full well that delightful name you have conferred upon me, of "Statistical." I have done some statistical work, I will admit, and I have done it because I wanted to enjoy myself in $\Theta \Delta X$, and I wanted to do my humble share of the work so that others could enjoy themselves. My brothers, sentiment and business go hand in hand, and we cannot enjoy the sentimental part of $\Theta \Delta X$ unless our business affairs are going properly. It is for that reason we have been working hard for the last three or four years. It is for that reason that I have done that business. It is not that I like that business; it is not that you like that business so well as the sentiment of $\Theta \Delta X$. It is so that we can have that sentiment.

And, my brothers, what is that sentiment? I can tell you in a nutshell. After having been President of the Grand Lodge for a year, when I came into the Convention, as I looked around through the delegates, more than half those delegates I knew by their first names, and they knew me by my first name. My brothers, that means something. I believe, and I want to tell you this, my brothers, irrespective of business, which is merely a means to arrive at a result, I want to tell you this, that I believe that the personal intimacy of $\Theta \Delta X$, that personal friendship, that feeling of being a brother, not in name only but absolutely a brother in our brotherhood, is the greatest thing in the world, and that we have got it in $\Theta \Delta X$. (*Cheers.*)

The thought of meeting young or old men, where the greeting is more or less perfunctory, where we simply meet, clasp hands and say good-bye, is something that does not appeal to me and does not appeal to the great majority of you boys around here, as I know from personal talks with you.

What we want is something far deeper and more sincere. We want the real friendship of $\Theta \Delta X$. We want the real friendship that comes from personal intimacy. We want that friendship that lasts forever. And, my brothers, we have that personal intimacy and that personal friendship. There is not the slightest doubt but that $\Theta \Delta X$ has that friendship, that personal intimacy, to a much larger extent than any other organization on the face of the globe. (*Cheers*). And I tell you, my brothers, what I did not say in our business meetings, because business has to be conducted along business principles—I want to say this, that there is not the slightest doubt in my mind, and I have investigated everything else, there is not the slightest doubt but that $\Theta \Delta X$ is the finest organization of the kind in the world. (*Cheers*.) When you can get men from eighteen or nineteen or twenty years old to men of fifty or sixty, yes, and even seventy years old, to come three thousand miles or more from all sections of the country, to come together and spend three or four days in peace and harmony as we have, all actuated by the same common thought of carrying on this great work, you have got an organization that is worth while.

My brothers, when this afternoon Brother Dan said some very nice things about me, somebody said "Speech." My brothers, my heart went out to you in that speech. I will say to you frankly that I caught the feeling, that tremendous wave of affection and love from every one of you, so that if I had arisen to my feet I could not have said a word. Brothers, I feel that, and I want to say to you frankly that while my duties as President of the Grand Lodge have been delightful, while this past year has been the greatest and proudest honor of my life, I want to say to you frankly that I do not believe a man lives who will ever experience the extreme pleasure that I had in those five minutes that followed when you were giving your applause to me, and when I simply could not get up and tell you how I appreciated it. (*Applause*.)

My brothers, I want to say that my heart goes out to you all, not all collectively but to every one of you individually, and to the many, many dear friends who are in the Charges and the cities of the country whom I have known so well, whom I have met and learned to love.

I do feel, my brothers, as though I wanted to leave with you one last message, a message that is a token, that is typical of the love that I have for Theta Delts and the love I have found that $\Theta \Delta X$ has for the President of the Grand Lodge, and incidentally for plain Ned Griffing, I'89. And that token is this, brothers: Let us live up to our standards of personal intimacy. Let us be friends in every sense of the word. Let us have those bonds in $\Theta \Delta X$ strong, sincere and eternal, and, my brothers, we will go on and on so that every time we meet, whether individually or in our annual conventions, we will

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have a more and more glorious time, and, my brothers, we will live up, in every respect to the ideals and traditions of $\Theta \Delta X$, and we will be friends, intimate, personal friends in the eternal bonds of our beloved fraternity. (*Cheers and prolonged applause.*)

TOASTMASTER: Grand Lodges come and Grand Lodges, whether built on sentiment, or business principles, or a judicious commingling of the two, go; but one fraternity lives on forever. We have no fear of the future, no matter whosoever is elected President of the fraternity.

We have today elected a brother known to us all as a true, loyal Theta Delt, a gentleman and a man of ability, one who has been close to the past Grand Lodge, one well-versed in the traditions of the fraternity, and one who stands committed to the progressive ideas promulgated by Brother Griffing; a man who will run our fraternity, we know, on lines of business and brotherly love; one in whose hands we have no fear to leave our immediate future. And I ask to reply to the toast of the Future, Edward John Cook, Ξ '95, the President of the Grand Lodge. (*Cheers led by Brother Griffing.*)

EDWARD J. COOK, Ξ '95: Brother Toastmaster, Thedelchians and brothers in $\Theta \Delta X$ —Assuming my position, I feel that my first words should be addressed to the Thedelchians, (*Applause*) and in the language of the lawyer I would say, "fee simple or simple fee" are nothing when compared to thee, thou best of fees, female. (*Applause.*)

Brothers, I pause to think of what our fraternity stands for. [pause to think of the ideals of our fraternity that we are striving for. And as I think of these ideals that we are aiming at and striving for, I feel the necessity of saying that there is a responsibility resting not only upon the officers of our fraternity but upon every brother present. When we become Theta Deltas, we assume a responsibility. That responsibility is to every man that we invite to join our fraternity. We are to make that man better or worse according to our conduct. And I would say to the undergraduates especially, to bear in mind, the unknowing influence that we all have, that is, to make every man that joins $\Theta \Delta X$ better for having joined. We either go forward or we go backward. $\Theta \Delta X$ never goes backward, and there is no limit to what we can attain. In the language of our dear Brother Spahn, "there is no top round in $\Theta \Delta X$." (*Applause.*)

We have reached the new year, we are climbing up to another round, and I am to speak on the future.

As I look over the faces here, I would say that it might be hard to speak on the future if we had a banquet every night. (*Laughter.*) That is all right, fellows. We are here to have a good time, and we are having it. But, fellows, there is a serious side to $\Theta \Delta X$. On assuming this office, I cannot help but pause to take inventory, and at first it seems to me the balance on the ledger is all on one side. There is

too much; I cannot attain it. But on the other side of the ledger I see that helping hand of Brother Ned; I see the helping hand of every Charge here; I see the helping hand of every graduate; and I assume my responsibilities, brothers, realizing that you have given me your hearty co-operation.

We are going forward. We are going to strive for the ideals, and we are going to strive for some of the plans that Brother Ned has already instigated. It is hard to say what our plans shall be. The main thing, I believe, in our fraternity is charitableness towards all, brothers and Charges, love towards every existing charge. Let us strive to make every existing charge better. If it is not up to what we believe it should be, just the same as with an individual, let us try to make it so. Let us be charitable. And, brothers, I feel that the charges today are better than they ever have been. I feel that $\Theta \Delta X$ is stronger than it ever was before, due to that great administration in the past year. And when I look at it in one light I feel that my duties are lighter rather than greater. Things have been systematized, plans have been laid out, but I think it is going to be easier to follow. Brothers, the future of our fraternity is going to be what you make it, and all that the President has to say to you is: Let us make it ideal. (*Applause.*)

TOASTMASTER: Brethren, when I nominated the President of the Grand Lodge this afternoon, I realized perhaps that the action was for the welfare of the fraternity. Tonight, listening to his words, we know that it was for the welfare of the fraternity. And the future shines brightly before us.

But, my brothers, we have a past. The past of $\Theta \Delta X$ is somewhat different from that of most organizations because with us the dead past does not bury its dead. We have no dead to bury. We have no errors to correct. Our past is a glorious living present, and no one can tell us so better than the brother who has done for this fraternity as much as, if not more than any brother in it,—he who has devoted his time as President of the Grand Lodge, as Editor and Manager and sole supporter of THE SHIELD, whose pocketbook has ever been open for us, and who, when but a few days ago the $\Theta \Delta X$ Press Association needed money, said, "Boys, don't worry, here's five hundred." Who better to speak of the past glories of $\Theta \Delta X$ than Clay W. Holmes. (*Applause and cheers.*)

CLAY W. HOLMES, Φ '69: Brother Toastmaster, most honored President, brothers in $\Theta \Delta X$ —We have a past, and if you wish to know its length, look at me and add one hundred and thirteen days, and you have the life of the fraternity.

We stand tonight at the beginning of the seventh cycle. On the fifth day of June, 1848, as the records go, seven men met together and created that which we now maintain. For a period of two cycles this fraternity existed under the management and direction which they

created and promulgated. At the end of the second cycle we came to a time when because of the death of the parent charge it became necessary to inaugurate a new form of government. It was my privilege to be present at the convention which established this form of government, and it was further a distinguished honor to have been elected and now to be the only living member of the first Grand Lodge of this fraternity. For four complete cycles this method of government has existed, and today at the beginning of the seventh we find ourselves in a condition where it will be necessary, should we look favorably upon the growth of the fraternity, to make some change or to evolve some new method of government. So much for history.

This anniversary of the sixtieth year marks the second period which has been commemorated by a memorable celebration. Ten years ago we celebrated the semi-centennial, and tonight we witness the largest gathering since that time, in celebrating the sixtieth anniversary. Of the seven good men and true who founded this fraternity we had remaining at the semi-centennial only two; and today we have only one; and I believe it is to be my duty as well as a privilege to communicate to you the sentiment of our only surviving founder who was with us then and would be with us tonight, were it not for his extreme age. On the day I reached New York I received a letter from him, and in that letter were the following expressions which pertain to this meeting:

"About going to New York, I am afraid at this time of the year to make so long a journey and to see so many whom I cannot know in the next moment in most cases, and going through the effort it will all require, and perhaps, after all, disappointing not a few as to the personal appearance of the founder. That would be what I certainly would not want to do. When I write of founders and their deeds of merit, I trust it will seem I am but magnifying, if I may, the hall of the birth of $\Theta \Delta X$. It is getting to be such a large and strenuous body that it contrasts with the simplicity of 1848 quite strongly. I am sometimes rather frightened at the amount of work, lest it may overtax the time and energies of its official staff, perhaps the means of the mean, and convert into labor what was meant for pleasure and relief. Do not let it do that. And I would not have the charges too much governed by the Grand Lodge, lest they, the charges, lose their interest or energy of self-government.

It has been my pleasure to know Brother Green, to meet him in his home, and to see him at the conventions, and when he came to New York, feeble as he was, the light which sparkled in his eye reflected the glory of this fraternity, which today stands at the pinnacle of college organizations in this or any other country.

You all know that the history of $\Theta \Delta X$, like the history of every other man and every nation, has had its ups and its downs. Your attention has been called very vividly to the fact that there was a time in our history when we came very near surrendering the last link

which we had in the chain of our existence. When the memorable conflict struck this country in 1861, it fell very hard upon many charges. We lost all below the line and many above, and among them that charge which is represented by the venerable brothers who sit by my side, (*Applause*) and who have come to this convention to ask the restoration of the rights which existed at that time and were lost through no fault of theirs but from the exigencies of the time.

After the war the fraternity found itself in a very weakened condition, with five existing charges, and those simply living. My college and fraternity experience began one year after the war closed, just forty-two years ago, and as I look back to the memorable morning upon which the *Shield* of $\Theta \Delta X$ first greeted my vision, and I remember it as though it were but yesterday, I cannot realize the fact that for forty-two years it has been my privilege to wear the *Shield* and to travel under the banner.

It goes without saying, because I am not to speak of myself but of the past, and only as I am connected with it, that in those early days our only thought was to bring back into our fold the old charges which had lost their existence through the medium of civil conflict, and today, after all these years and after the growth which has come to such a point that it seems impossible to extend it, my heart yearns for those charges once upon our roll and which today should be replaced. (*Applause.*) At the present time we have three asking this favor. The third has not yet come into official existence, but I received on my arrival in New York a letter from one of the parties concerned therein, who informed me that very soon such a petition would come from the University of Virginia. And so we have Wesleyan University, old O, Θ at Kenyon, and N at the University of Virginia. When I hear mention of these charges, and especially of the University of Virginia, my heart grows warm and tender, because I remember the names of the men, many of whom I personally knew, who had been created Theta Deltas at those charges and who in that time were among the most loyal and enthusiastic brothers in the fraternity, and their examples of loyalty and enthusiasm cannot be equalled by that of any brother who wears the *Shield* in this day and generation.

I wish time would permit my relating to you anecdotes which have been as familiar to me as my A. B. C.'s for years and years, about such men as Tench F. Tilghman and McKinney and Bill Merriam and many other men. I do not think there are many others besides Brother Cornell and myself and perhaps one or two others, who have ever heard of these names. The fact is, brothers, that they are the men who made and created, by their character and by their enthusiasm and by their personal record, the fraternity which we now love and venerate. It is to them that we must give the credit for the glorious organization of which we are so proud. It must be said of us in later

generations that we have done our fullest to maintain the character represented and created by them, and I believe that is has been well maintained and that today we stand on a higher pinnacle than ever before. Our career has always been onward and upward.

There is a sad side, however, to the past, and we need to go back but ten years to the semi-centennial; and those who had the privilege of being present will recall the names of men who today are with the Ω Charge: our brother, Bishop Gilbert, of the Ξ Charge, the toast-master who so beautifully and so magnificently presided at that meeting; our founder, Abel Beach, who was so happy with us; that good and genial and noble brother of the A, Brother Daniel Lockwood, who gave us on that night one of the most beautiful addresses, full of wit and wisdom, to which it was our pleasure to listen; and that venerable and honored teacher, Brother Elmer H. Capen, President of Tufts College, who was another speaker; and Brother "Jake" Spahn, that inimitable man and that glorious Theta Delt, so full of wit and wisdom; and Colonel William M. Rexford of the old A, the man whose name appears first on the charter which was issued to O Charge; and greater than all in the honor and the distinction which he has brought to this fraternity, the Honorable John M. Hay of the Z Charge, greater than whom as a statesman there never has been seen in this or any other country such a man. And so I might go on and name many more. But just think of it, brothers, how many of the lights, the glorious lights of this fraternity have passed away in the last decade; and when we shall have assembled at the next cycle period to commemorate the seventh cycle, who of us shall be missing? We won't all be here. Many of us will be gone. And then it will devolve upon those of you who remain to take upon yourselves the mantles which have been dropped by those who have fallen out by the wayside and who have passed over the river, and to carry on the fraternity as we have endeavored to do in this cycle. There is no question that there will be brought to us and made of us those who can ably do it. But take from the past its lesson and remember as we leave this room tonight and begin the next cycle, that we have the responsibilities of these eminent brothers and many others, and that we must maintain and protect and perpetuate the honor and glory of this fraternity as they did in the past. They have left with us a trust, of which we may be proud and which should be to us the dearest thing in life to work for and to advance and to turn over to our successors, if possible, with its stars more brilliantly glittering than they were when they came to us.

The sadness and the joy of the past so commingle that it is a hard matter to determine whether we should be sad over the loss of our loved ones or should be proud over the glory that remains to us.

We look upon this occasion as a most joyful one and one which to us will be one of the stepping stones in the periods of our lives, and as we live on and on and see yet other cycles, may we remember this one as one of the points and one of the stepping stones from which we have advanced with the age and growth of the fraternity.

To me individually, after these forty-two years, it is a pleasure to testify to the fact that all of the time and all the effort I have given to it have been from a heart full of pride from the fact that I was considered worthy to be a Theta Delt, and satisfaction in knowing that the efforts which I had made had contributed something towards the advancement of the fraternity. And tonight, with you, I rejoice in its standing and position in the world, and in the inherent friendship which has always been its most prominent factor; and to me individually, strike out all the others, but give me $\Theta \Delta X$ alone, and I ask for no other friend. (*Applause and cheers.*)

TOASTMASTER: Brothers, we will now have a song. ("Come my Boys" and "Our Stars shall tint with Light" were sung.)

TOASTMASTER: Brother Holmes has referred to several of our departed brothers. None greater than he who presided over Tufts College. When we heard of the death of President Capen, we grieved, for we said: "We have lost a friend indeed, and we have lost a brother who honored and graced the fraternity through the position that he held in the educational world." We thought that the honor of having one of our college presidencies was gone forever, but Tufts College could no more live without a $\Theta \Delta X$ president than it could live without K Charge. (*Applause.*) In the place of President Capen we have President F. W. Hamilton, K '80, who will speak on the influence of the fraternity in college life. (*Applause and cheers.*)

F. W. HAMILTON, K '80: Brother Toastmaster and brothers—Without a particle of personal vanity in the matter, I think there is not anybody in the fraternity who is better qualified by position at any rate to speak to that sentiment than myself. For fifty-two years, without interruption, there has been a charge of $\Theta \Delta X$ in Tufts College. For thirty-three of those years the President of that college has been a Theta Delt without a single day's intermission. (*Applause.*) That has meant a good deal. It has meant a good deal in the life of the college as well as in the life of the fraternity. It means that during all those years there has been in that college a band of men who have been keeping before the institution by their lives the ideals of $\Theta \Delta X$, ideals which then as now were not only held in the minds of the brothers but were exemplified in their lives.

The years have come and gone, and the charge has been there, and now the sons of the older members are coming back. K has today in her active undergraduate membership five sons of Theta Delts.

(*Applause.*) It is a record of which we may well be proud, and you will have to forgive us of the K if we are very proud of our record.

But that is not what I am here for. I am here to say that a time has come when no college president that I know anything about, looks askance upon the fraternity principle. The time was when that was not the case. The time was when the presidents of the New England colleges almost to a man feared and dreaded the fraternities. The time was when the New England colleges, as I have said before in these gatherings, would probably by united action have put the fraternities under the ban as they then were in Harvard, if it had not been for the exertions of my beloved and distinguished predecessor, who single-handed and alone fought the battle of the fraternities in the New England Association, and won it. And I am sure that I am violating none of the secrets of that association, which is in the habit of meeting behind closed doors, when I say in this presence that there is not one member of that association who would not be today sorry to see the fraternities go out of existence, would feel that something had gone out of the institutions of which respectively they are the presidents, which could not be replaced except by revival of the institution which had vanished. The college president of today looks upon fraternities as the leading influences in the life and spirit of the institution, and that is true of them all. It is particularly true of the one who is now speaking and of the institution which he represents. For it is in the fraternities that the true college spirit is to be found, and that the true type of college man is made; and men who come into college and join no fraternity, men who come into college *simply*—with strong emphasis on the “*simply*”—*simply* for what is to be found in books, are not the men who get the most out of their college life. It is men who join the fraternities, men who come under the marvellous spell of the influence of those organizations—and they are all good, although there is a best one—who receive the college stamp and who go out into the world to represent the type of cultivated gentleman with high ideals, whom it is the chief business of a college to send out into the world. But if anybody supposes for an instant that the business of a college is simply to turn out bookworms and simply to make teachers and lawyers and parsons and engineers and other important factors in the economic and social life of the world, if anyone has that idea in his head, he makes the greatest of grave mistakes. It is the business of the college to turn out cultivated gentlemen with high ideals and with minds and lives shaped by the years which they have passed in college. I owe, I think, more to the fraternity than I owe to any other influence which was around me in my undergraduate days. I do not forget the honor in which my instructors should be held. I do not forget the wisdom which I was taught by them, not only in the class room but by their lives. But I remember most of all and with the deepest debt of gratitude the influences which were thrown

about me by this fraternity, and I remember with the most affection and with tenderest recollection those things which are associated with the fraternity and its life. And what the fraternity did for me, it is doing for other men, and it has been a great thing for the college which I represent, that there has been in it all these years, sympathetic with the head of the college, a body of such men as wear the *Shield of Θ Δ X* (*Great applause*)—a leading and elevating influence in the life of the college, a leaven which somehow or other leavens the whole leaven, for you must not think, brethren, that your fraternity life is only yours. It is yours in a way which no others can share. It means something for you which nothing else can mean and which it can mean for nobody else. But it means a great deal to the institution. It means a great deal to those who have charge of the work of the institution. And if I may speak as I am speaking, not simply in my own person as a member of K '80, but for a moment in my official position, I want to say that the debt of the college to the fraternities, the debt of the college which I represent, to the K Charge of the Θ Δ X Fraternity, is a debt which can never be estimated, much less paid.

And I want you to feel that that is what you are all doing in your respective colleges, more and increasingly, I hope, in the South, for I too want to see every one of those fires relighted which were extinguished in those dark days from '61 to '65. Everywhere you are holding aloft a light, a light which shines on your own path first but which you cannot put under a bushel, a light which lightens the college in which you live, a light which points a way, through the examples which you set, to the other men who are in the college, a light which shines upon the sometimes darkened path of the president and tells him there is promise of the day when the clouds shall have passed and the morning shall have dawned again.

That is what we are doing, and we have every reason to be proud of ourselves as a fraternity. I thank God that in all these years the watch fires of K have ever been kept alive, and I thank God that in His providence men of the K have so long had charge of the destinies of the college which I love only less than I love the fraternity. I do not know how long in His providence it shall be permitted to me to guide its destinies, but my dearest hope is, not only for the fraternity but for the college, that when the time comes for me in my turn to lay down the mantle of authority, it may fall upon the shoulders of another brother of Θ Δ X, perhaps one of these men of K who have been here around this table tonight. (*Applause.*)

Go back to your charges, brethren, and live your best life in those charges, and be sure that you will be representing your Alma Mater more, I believe, than by any other service which you can render to her. For of all the things that the colleges need today, the spirit of Θ Δ X

stands first. They cannot all be Theta Delts, but they can all see what Theta Delts are. And the lives which you live and the principles which our fraternity is instilling in your hearts are the vital principles in the educational life of the colleges of America today. (*Applause and cheers.*)

TOASTMASTER: There are a couple of young fellows who have strayed into the company of us old fellows at this portion of the festive board. I am sure that they have in their thoughts harkened back to the olden days. We cannot sometimes but contrast the times of the present with the times of the past, and the men of the present day perhaps think that they are living in a progressive age much better than the days gone by. Now it may be interesting to hear of those days, and we will hear something of the banquets of the past and the days of the past, from Brother C. Collard Adams, O '59.

CHARLES C. ADAMS, O '59: Mr. Toastmaster and brethren of $\Theta \Delta X$ —I will not say that that is a painful toast or subject. I will not say that there is any real pain about it. There is some champagne about it, and I drink, for I have saved a little of it, to the days of yore in $\Theta \Delta X$.

I am the only member of the Grand Army of the Republic present tonight, and I was born south of Mason and Dixon's line. My father and my grandfather were slaveholders but freed their slaves, and when I came to New England I had all the spirit of a rebel, but I rebelled against rebellion in 1861 and 1862, and I became a chaplain, and as a chaplain I had to pray with the living and to pray for the dead, and on each afternoon at dress parade at the proper time I took my steps forward to offer a prayer. After a few months the Colonel said to me, "Chaplain, you will please omit prayers except at dress parade on Sunday afternoon." A few months after that, he said, "Chaplain, on Sunday afternoons you will please confine yourself to the Lord's prayer and make it — short at that." I will make my present address short, if not sweet.

I do not know but what the brother toastmaster, like Mr. Andrew Carnegie and Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, belongs to a spelling club or perhaps to the "Phony" club, so I do not know when he said "the days of yore" whether he meant your day, the present day—and you know all about it—or my day, the days of 1836, a long drawn out day, I am told, and if therefore I shall live until the twenty-second day of next June, I believe I might almost be called the grand patriarch of the $\Theta \Delta X$ Fraternity.

I came to Wesleyan in 1855, as a lad of nineteen, with all the inspiration of a Southern rebel at heart, but with a heart that beat for the Union when the tocsin of war sounded. But in the meantime what had we to do at old Wesleyan? If I should tell anything that is

not true, Brother Walkley, who can swear to anything, even the truth, can stop me. We had to go to prayers with little on our heads except a shawl, or a dressing gown on our shoulders and over our frames, and then go to recitation, and then by that time we had an appetite for any kind of breakfast. This was in winter and this was in summer. You know a good deal about electives. We had Mathematics, Latin and Greek for our electives, and we elected all three. There was a wonderful variety about it. We had for breakfast and for dinner and for supper, Mathematics, Latin and Greek, and as you know, the figures 1, 2 and 3 can assume six positions; so from day to day we changed them and we had Latin for breakfast one day, Greek for another and Mathematics for another, and we had to elect the rest for the afternoon or the next day. I was something of a mathematician myself, and I became another "tician," a politician.

In 1856, in those great and warm days of the Kansas excitement, I remember hearing and seeing Elder Swann of New London at a Baptist convention, a man who was a powder-boy in New London in 1812. He said he would give his old grey horse and rifle and ten dollars to send somebody out to Kansas to fight for Kansas and freedom. In those days I was but twenty years of age. Gentlemen, I voted seven times for President in 1856. I was twenty years of age! And like the child that said that pins had saved a great many lives, and when the teacher asked how, said "By not swallowing them," I kept seven Republicans from voting, and therefore I voted seven times for Buchanan. Those were warm days. There were ten Democrats in the whole number, and if I had been called a horse-thief or anything else, it would have been no greater discredit than for me to have stood up and be counted as a Democrat. Gentlemen, I am a Democrat today. I am a good deal of a Roosevelt Democrat. I am a good deal of a Hughes Democrat. I understand that our past worthy President is a reformer in the town of New Rochelle. I have a son living there, and I hope he will tell him that in my own town I have driven the rascals out of office and have put honest men in their places. That is the kind of Democrat I am.

Our O Charge was made in 1857 by the five or six charges then in existence, and there has been a reference here to the fact that Brother Rexford of A was the first one to sign that charter, and I don't know but what I will photograph that charter and make a present of it to every living charge of $\Theta \Delta X$ when they receive the petition of those boys at Wesleyan today to have the O reincarnated to be the O of today.

Now, as to my other days, we were boat men, the only boat men at Wesleyan. It was not a shell of any kind. It was a barge. We carried the ladies with us. God bless them. I am always with them when I can be. The boat was named the O, a lapstreak boat. We

never attempted to see how many laps we could make in a mile, but we went together and we named it after our beloved charge. O lived and thrived and we sustained our chapter as well as our barge until the tocsin of war sounded, although I had gone out in '59 and Brother Walkley had gone out in '60; but '61 swept the field and O died as on a field of glory; died, lay down, to rise again when the charges of $\Theta \Delta X$ say, "O, come forth and live." As it was once said at the grave of Lazarus, "He is not dead but sleepeth."

During the last four years I have been engaged in a work which the members of the charges at Harvard, Columbia, Rochester, Williams, Cornell, Clinton, may be pleased to hear of. First, of I of Harvard. I have been devoting these last sweet and most precious days of my life to the lovely virtues of ten men who founded the community in which I have lived quietly for the last twenty years and where I found a wife forty-eight years ago, younger and sweeter-looking than I am, and I pass her off as my second wife when I have an opportunity to do so. In the book which I am about to publish, these brothers of the I Charge—and I will make them a present of it—will see the autograph of David Deming, our first preacher, who graduated from Harvard in 1700; our first pastor, but not our first preacher, Joseph Smith, who lived with us from 1710 to 1736 and whose grave I care for with flags and flowers from year to year when our historical association meets; and the third, Edward Ellis, of a later day from Harvard, who from 1738 to 1776 preached to those who lived in that community. But from 1652 to 1710 they crossed the river and went two miles to hear Nathaniel Collins and Obadiah Russell of Harvard preach the gospel to them, and those first men never made a will but what they left something to Harvard. I men, when you go home, and O asks to be reincarnated, do not forget that I am sending throughout this wide world the autographs and history of those early graduates of Harvard, to print them upon the page perhaps forever.

Now a word as to Columbia. Its first president was Samuel Johnson, whose mother was Mary Sage of my community, and whose father when he first came to the United States stole the land upon which he built his house, and had to settle for it afterwards. From the house which he built, I sent some bricks to Columbia, and tonight I do not want them to throw those bricks back at me but send their greetings to O to incarnate it.

It was Oren Sage whose grandson gave to Cornell the money he made out of timber. It was Oren Sage who gave to Rochester Theological Seminary several thousand dollars, and it was another who endowed Williams with \$30,000. The President of Hamilton comes from the stock that I honor, and his name too, is in the book which I am about to publish. And so, when the brothers of these various charges go back to Williams and Rochester and Cornell and Harvard

and Columbia, remember that in the book which is about to be published I am giving to you all the credit for the men whom you represent today, though they are men of yore.

TOASTMASTER: Brother Adams and Brother Griffing must not flatter themselves that they are the only reform politicians in small places. O has another politician in a small place, Brooklyn, N. Y., who is not only a politician but a poet of rare merit, and we are going to hear from the poet of the evening, Webster R. Walkley, O '60.

WEBSTER R. WALKLEY, O '60: Brother Toastmaster and brothers—I speak from some serious thoughts that have come to my mind while listening to the honored brother upon my left (Adams) and to Dr. Hamilton upon my right, for as I look into the faces of these young men and have listened to the words spoken of the eminent men who have been members of our fraternity, who as statesmen and philanthropists have been men of the hour, I have asked myself who of you shall fill their places. We are living in very strenuous times, and the students of the times, of political science and political economy, find a vast field opening for the future.

Brethren, undergraduates, let me ask you to take back to your charges these sentiments of the high ideals of our fraternity, and let this honored brother who is guiding youth through our college courses, let his words have deep influence upon your minds. What shall be your influence upon the civilization of our country? What shall be your influence in these days when men will be required, men to do their duty, men who have firm principles and who dare stand up for the truth? I could speak for a half-hour on the responsibilities of $\Theta \Delta X$ in the various charges; but I am introduced as a poet. I may say that although in business, I sometimes write casually, it is always hastily.

When Brother Holmes referred to us, upon his right as venerable men, I began to think that I must be growing old, for this wrinkled brow and whitened hair tell too well my age. The form erect, the quickened pace, does not deceive these younger eyes.

They call us old, and old we are:
 We've made our ocean voyage,
 We're sailing o'er the bar,
 And just around the curving hill,
 Where the water lies so smooth,
 So glassy and so still,
 Lies the harbor of our refuge,
 The port to which our ship is bound.
 May the precious freight it carries be in perfect order.

We honor men for what they've done;
 Laurel wreaths are for victory's gain.
 The crowns they wear, if worthily won,
 Are never by dishonor stained.

I speak to $\Theta \Delta X$ in all the charges: Be true to the motto which so well describes our fraternity. Let truth be written upon every banner and beneath every *Shield*.

What is truth? A maiden's blush,
 Scarlet coloring on her cheek;
 A thought expressed in language mute,
 An eloquence she cannot speak.

What is truth? The song of a brook
 Murmuring on o'er its pebbly bed;
 The growth of the grass—a bursting bud—
 Color from chaos—life from the dead.

And so, brethren, there are so many incentives to a nobler and higher life. I feel as if your late President had been laying the foundations of a grand fraternity, and when you live up to the principles inculcated and taught in your late convention, you will lift $\Theta \Delta X$ to a higher plane.

The world needs men to till the soil,
 To sow the seed, to scatter grain,
 To reap rich harvests from their toil,
 To plough and plant and reap again.

The world needs men to build highways
 Across its plains and o'er its hills,
 Who count by deeds, and not by days
 The place and life their being fills.

The world needs men upright and just
 Who will their faith nor hope deny,
 Who in their Maker put their trust,
 And for His truth will gladly die.

I am taking too much time, but I feel serious, and I propose this toast:

We drink to our love— $\theta \Delta X$,
 The stars on whose shield were born in the sky;
 The arrows lie crossed—barbed emblems of peace,
 Symbols of friendship till life's battles cease.

We drink in pure water, its source is the sky,
 Not higher or purer than $\theta \Delta X$,
 Distilled in the rills, it flows in the mountains,
 And sparkles and bubbles in life-giving fountains.

Transparent and clear, no impurity shows
 As onward through meadow and wood it still flows,
 'Til catching the sunlight it reflects the blue sky
 As truth is revealed in $\theta \Delta X$.

Oh, brothers in bonds of $\theta \Delta X$,
 Let the stars and the water born in the sky
 Symbol your aims; your arrows shoot high
 And never bring blemish to $\theta \Delta X$.

The shield that is worn above a true heart
 Defends from all ill and poisonous dart;
 Our hopes and our aims must ever be high,
 And pure as the truths of $\theta \Delta X$.

The open book with daggers above it
 Has taught every one why he should love it;
 The letters below you all know imply
 Why we are brothers in $\theta \Delta X$.

In friendship we trust and friends must be pure,
 Bonds not of love will never endure,
 The chains that bind slaves will not form a tie
 To the union of hearts in $\theta \Delta X$.

We drink in water clear and cold,
 Its crystal drops as pure as gold,
 We drink with hopes;—ambitions high;
 We drink to $\theta \Delta X$.

(Applause and cheers.)

TOASTMASTER: We have with us a brother who in his profession sometimes, I might say, brings tears to the eyes and sometimes laughter to the lips. Whether he acts as himself or impersonates another character, he is always natural—the good, true, lovable “Jim” Bradbury. *(Cheers and long applause.)*

J. H. BRADBURY, K '79: *Thanks.* My business is to quote rather than to extemporize, and in attempting to extemporize after so many distinguished speakers, I feel, paraphrasing perhaps Billy Baxter to a degree, like a soiled deuce in an otherwise immaculately new deck.

On coming here this evening I had made up my mind to make a long, tiresome speech about music. I chose music because of all the things about which I know absolutely nothing the “nothingest” is music. But, Mr. President, brothers and “brotheresses,” just the same I shall make a few remarks about music. Music is a very hard, high-priced thing to get nowadays. It is getting raised even in comic

opera, so that you have to pay from three to six dollars for a seat to a speculator—and all the tickets are sold to speculators although it is protested that they will not be accepted at the box office. "Be that as it may," the price of music is going up. It reminds me very much of a story.

On my last trip to Europe I had been playing in the provinces of England, but they got on to my game and I had to come back. I came back in the steerage. It may seem strange that I should choose such a place but I did so for the purpose of avoiding the *nouveaux riches* in the first cabin. On my way over I chanced to meet an Irishman. He was a very witty fellow, but I didn't meet him and cultivate him because he was witty but because he had brought with him some "Irish smoke." He kept the "smoke" in several bottles. I had brought along myself a small concoction of "internal joy juice," and the Irishman and myself concluded that it would be best to have a drink occasionally. We were buffeted upon the billows of the mighty Atlantic, and we hadn't timed the whiskey to the journey. We struck a wave or something that broke something, and we were four days longer getting ashore than we expected, and the whiskey gave out. The Irishman said to me, "If I ever get to New York, I'll drink all the whiskey there." I said, "I'll go with you and we'll do the best we can." We got off at Tenth avenue and got some whiskey for a nickel. It tasted so good we got some more up on Fourteenth street for ten cents. Then we went over to the Waldorf and got some more whiskey, for which we paid twenty cents, and finally we came up to Sherry's and ordered some nice whiskey for twenty-five cents a drink. By that time we got into a jolly condition and I turned to Pat and said, "Pat, we seem to be drinking a good deal of whiskey, but we don't seem to be drinking it all up." "No," he replied, "but, begorra, we're raising the price of it."

And that's what the Italians have done with music. So we're thrown back to the old folk lore, back to the old cheap stuff that we play upon the melodeon and enjoy very much indeed because we must. But out of this folk lore I have endeavored to select one little number, which, with your permission, I shall sing. I call your attention, brothers, to the delightful pathos of this number. I want you to feel in your souls that you are hearing something that has been thought out by one of the brightest brains on the vaudeville stage—no less a man than Charley Case. Were he an Italian, his name would be Ciarlini Casoni. I merely submit this. Please don't criticise it. Accept it as it is delivered, for its pure and beautiful and charming simplicity. The next thing I shall do, if you are in doubt at all, will be to sing. The next thing I do is sing it, (*singing*):

There was a poor young girl who was leaving her country home
 And going to New York to look for work.
 She had to support the whole family and keep the wolf from the door,
 For her father had fallen down and hurt his knee.
 And just as she was leaving her loving sweetheart Jack,
 Fearing that her love might soon grow cold,
 And just as she was going away she made a solemn vow
 That every night at eight o'clock she would burst into tears.
 One day in New York while riding on a trolley,
 A gentleman offered her his seat.
 She refused it with scorn, for she saw he wore a ring
 And she thought he might be a married man.
 Then up spake the conductor, "I'll never doubt you more,"
 And threw off his false whiskers, and it was Jack.
 Just then she received a telegram that her father's knee was better
 And an aunt had died and left her \$28,000.

That, gentlemen and brothers, is to me the epitome of absolute idiocy. That, brothers, is what is amusing the vaudeville public nowadays to a great extent. So you can readily see how an actor is handicapped in trying to do his work seriously and accomplish anything any more, and I almost cry my eyes out inside to think of the condition he has to face.

I want to say, brothers, among other things,—I must say before closing, that for the last three days there has been a music of love, a music of friendship, beating time around my heart, so delightfully that no other music in the world or in the heavens can equal it. I have attended every meeting of the $\Theta \Delta X$ convention. I thank you. (*Applause and cheers for Jim.*)

TOASTMASTER: There are but two things more: the reading of some letters and telegrams, and the drinking of our toast to Ω Charge. Brother Carter, the Custodian of Archives, will read a letter and some telegrams, and before he does so, I would like to say that I have a letter in my hand from a dear brother whose voice used to be heard at every convention banquet. At times he has moved us to tears, at times excited our laughter. W. G. Raines, Ξ '71.

(*Reads letter.*)

Ganargwa Villa, Wheeler's Station,
 Ontario County, N. Y.

MY DEAR GRIFFING:

I have been sitting here in my library room, from whose walls a few hundred of smiling Theta Delt faces look down upon me from well-dusted frames, reading and re-reading the last copy of THE SHIELD. Its finely edited pages, clearly printed, make it worthy of the work of Schmid, Jr., and compel as good a farmer as myself to take his hand from the plow and look back over more than forty years of contented and helpful association

with *θ Δ X*. The March number bristles with so many articles of inspired literary worth, so many items of valuable fraternal information, that it is made quite plain that while you and your able corps of officers are at the helm, our fraternal barque, our full-rigged ship, our mighty "man-of-war," formed out of friendship's steel and heart sheeted, will never be rendered useless by the barnacles of inertia or disintegrate through the electrolysis of fraternal interest.

Nor need we fear the "Thedelchians" (happily chosen name) among whom we have lately fallen, for right there old Plutarch helps us with his wise question, "How are we fallen among them more than they among us?" Bring them to the fraternal altar and cause them to swear that, if we ever become weighted with faults, they will help us to carry them!

Alas, the time fixed for the Sixtieth Convention, though it finds me living in my sixtieth year, makes it certain that when my name is reached upon roll call you will have to rise, strike an attitude of deep regret, and shout "*delinquent!*" "Like a penniless lass wi' a long pedigree" I will have to look to the past for its consolations—and from its deeps, even now, memory's voice rises, sweet as the murmur of the brook and rustle of the corn, singing, ever singing, of by-gone days, while recollection harks me back, in a way by no means sedate, to times antedating my more virtuous relations with *θ Δ X*,—times when the fences around farmers' melon patches were right easy climbing,—to "the old deep hole" in the shallow creek where in boyhood days I learned to swim,—to the old oak tree within whose shade I waited through the livelong day for the "bite" that never came,—to the days of stone sinkers and string lines, nestling among the pebbles of its clear waters where chub and shiner disported round, nibbling the wriggling bait at will in scorn of my pin hook, and then boldly carried it away. But these are little things to be mentioned here, unless you think with me, perchance, that that which makes the heart great must itself be great.

In this connection, wise man, tell me, why do we ever quit those safe and shaded banks for waters stronger, where stronger lines, with heavier sinkers and hooks sharper than our own, are cast into deeper and muddier streams by far keener fishermen,—whose bait doth tempt us swimming the deeps of business life, catch us and land us gasping on some green and very shady bank—the greatest bullheads and biggest suckers in the pool? So little, as I know, is needed to make a happy life, why meddle in politics, and engage in strife? "Controller-elect," pray tell me plainly, why?—or to your late opponent must I needs apply?

By way of digression, and for conscience's sake—for this letter intended to be brief is growing to enormous length—although it is now the midnight hour, and you are very tired, may be, and sleepy, I am going now to open the pages of an old scrap book (my cemetery, I sometimes call it) which I have kept for more than forty years. Look out now, or pain, too deep for tears, will take hold of you, as sometimes it does me. Yes, that is Huffcut, whom Hope kissed with her burning lips to early death; and that is Hay, of the "choice word and measured phrase above the reach of ordinary man," regretted by a world; and that is Lockwood, dear old "Dan," whose fateful warning that "He is the wise man—who is not wise at all" has kept me from catastrophe many times; and that is "Georgie" Boynton of old *X*

whom you never knew, perhaps,—no wonder you deem the face fair and noble, for such was the nature of his heart; and that is Gilbert, the good and gentle, who gave to us—and God—the best of what he was; and that is “Jake”—old Spahn of the lion heart, and brows that on their fronts bore deepest sears—for friendship’s dear sake. Yes, there are many more, and all salute you, Mr. President of the Grand Lodge, with folded hands and closed eyelids—as becomes \mathcal{D} ’s sons. You feel their grip, you say; it well may be although their touch is gentler than the falling of a leaf, and so do I; nay more, their kindly light beams on me from the old book’s page, although this night their eyes lend all their radiance to some star of heaven. It is very late—too late for further retrospection—but look with me out of yonder window and let us try to count the stars, of which the heavens are full! I thought so—you see but one, no more do I tonight, and that one was ablaze with their fraternal light.

To them, invisible, and to all those who, even for a night, live with the gods around the banquet board of $\theta \Delta X$, I send this greeting. What further can I say than that each passing year lends a new grace to its fond yesterday, and yet not what it once was, or now is, should concern you and me half as much as—what it is to be. And now I say, Good night—mindful, when all is said, that the Real Fraternal Builder is ever busy at His loom, speeding its shuttle to and fro, swiftly weaving the threads of every Thete’s thought and action—however broken and twisted they may be—ever and forever, may God grant, forming that subtle web which you and I in tender moments speak of as $\theta \Delta X$.

Kindly, as truly,
W. G. RAINES, Ξ ’71.

February 17, 1908.

(Brother Carter reads the letters and telegrams.)

Geneva, N. Y.
February 25, 1908.

EDWARD J. COOK, Ξ ’95,
 $\theta \Delta X$ Banquet,
 Ξ Charge sends heartiest congratulations on your election.

Appleton, Wis., February 25, 1908.

EDWARD S. GRIFFING, I ’89,
 $\theta \Delta X$ Banquet, Hotel Astor, New York City,
With you all tonight in Theta Delt spirit. Cordial greetings.
NORMAN HACKETT, Γ^{Δ} ’98.

There is one great phase in our fraternity that lingers and stays, and warms our hearts every time we hear it, and it is here. It comes again from Detroit, Mich.:

Detroit, Mich., February 25, 1908.

θ J X CONVENTION,

Greetings from Detroit Thetes. "You can't beat us feeling good."

It was only a few days ago that Brother Griffing appointed me a committee of one to try to get our last and only surviving founder to be present on this occasion, but he could not come. He tried to come. I am going to read to you why he didn't come—a letter from the man who gave us all the privilege of being here tonight.

Detroit, Mich., February 14, 1908.

MY DEAR BROTHER CARTER,

It is a great pleasure to receive a letter from you, and so kind a one—a pain, too, not to yield to its strong appeal, governed by what seems to me my better judgment. I gave my reasons in a letter yesterday to Brother Griffing, President of the Grand Lodge.

Your polite appeal to Mrs. Green has won her, and my case is so far weakened—quite so of course—and the suggestion of an escort of my brothers of P^A, and of leaving my purse in Mrs. Green's safe care, adds to the difficulties of my defence: I confide to you, too, that my youngest son, who was in the house when Brother Heames called with your letter, told his mother he would take me to New York if I wanted to go—or will go—but I don't want to put him to that trouble (nor would it be necessary), his business requiring his time and attention. After all, the chief point is the tax on my own strength and endurance. That I can best judge of myself. I think Brother Heames was convinced to my view, and that he thought the Brothers all would be willing to let me off with a letter if I could satisfy myself about it—they would excuse me. I can not tell you how sorry I am if I disappoint the expectation of yourself, and yet more let me say of Brother Griffing, who has set so real an example to us all of the faithful discharge of official and fraternal duty and love that it must not only establish his fame for a long future, but influence greatly his successor, and I hope all of the Fraternity.

With most pleasant memories of former meetings, and hopes of others yet to be, I remain, as always warmly,

Yours in the bonds of θ J X,

ANDREW H. GREEN, A '49.

Brother Frederic Carter, *Custodian*.

TOASTMASTER: As time rolls on and our annual banquet night comes, more and more do we notice the vacant places. Greater and greater becomes the number of silent voices and absent faces, and we feel sad that we are thus in a measure left alone, but the sadness is with us. We think, "Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is stilled," but they joyfully and patiently in eternity wait in Ω Charge for our coming. From time immemorial it has been the custom at all our banquets to drink a silent toast to

Ω Charge. We will arise, drink that toast, sing "Auld Lang Syne," and depart.

(*Silent toast to Ω and singing of "Auld Lang Syne."*)

And thus the Banquet of the Sixtieth Convention was closed, a long to be remembered event.

DANIEL S. DOUGHERTY, II^A '82.

THE GRAND LODGE RECEPTION

The reception given to the Grand Lodge at the Graduate Club, 1424 Broadway, New York City, on the evening of February 22, developed into a delightfully informal reunion of old acquaintances where old friendships were renewed and new ones formed in a manner that tended to increase the cordiality of the entire Convention.

Although about one hundred and fifty guests were present, most of them graduates, the absence of many of the "old guard" was especially regretted.

J. C. HALLOCK, Δ '91.

THE COMMEMORATION SERVICE

The Memorial Service was held in the West End Presbyterian Church, Amsterdam avenue and 105th street, on Sunday afternoon, February 23, at 4:30. About three hundred and fifty members of the Fraternity and guests attended. Those of us who remember this service in 1907 will recall the mantle of snow that lay upon the ground that day. This year as we wended our way toward the church the snow was falling fast. But the interior of the church was a delightful contrast. All the woodwork of the chancel, pulpit, gallery and even the pillars, were covered with bower-like arrangements of artificial flowers. It was indeed a charming scene. On either side of the pulpit were columns of translucent material that were lighted electrically. On each was placed a fac-simile Shield. On one, the numerals, 1848, on the other, 1908. Between these, across the pulpit, was a large Fraternity flag, in tri-color, and with our letters Θ Δ X standing out prominently.

The organist, Brother Frederick S. Fisher, II^A '00, played prior to the service:

Priests' March, from Athalie
The Traumerei

Mendelssohn
Schumann

The program follows:

INVOCATION

O, Thou eternal One;
Light of the midday sun,
Our source and end,
With Thine untiring eye,
Guard Theta Delta Chi,
And wisdom from on high
Her councils lend.

Air: "Italian Hymn"

Alpha, Thou morning ray;
Omega, close of day,
We rest in Thee,
Father, whose wondrous might
Kindled the stars of night,
Endue us with Thy light
And harmony.

T. T. SWINBURNE, X '92

PRAYER

REV. MERRIT C. FERNALD, H '61
President of University of Maine

ANTHEM

Foster

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God; there shall no torment touch them.

In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace.

For so He giveth His beloved sleep.

LESSON FROM THE SCRIPTURES

REV. MERRIT C. FERNALD, H '61

1 Cor. 13 : 1-13, 1 Thes. 4 : 13, Romans 8 : 18.

HYMN

Bethany

Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

HEART LIVES FOREVER REV. A. EDWIN KEIGWIN, D.D., Φ '91
President of Ursinus College

ANTHEM

Stainer

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending,
saith the Lord; which is, and which was, and which is to
come, the Almighty.

ADDRESS

EDWARD STETSON GRIFFING, I '89
President of the Grand Lodge

List of Brothers in Q—JAMES HENRY DURKEE, B '70, Q '08; WILLIAM BARKDULL KRIDLER, B '73, Q '07; ERNEST WILSON HUFFCUT, B '84, twice President of θ Δ X, Q '07; FRANK LEAVENWORTH CONNARD, B '93, Q '08; CHARLES ALBERT LYON, B '96, Q '07; THOMAS N. VAN VALKENBURGH, A '69, Q '08; DANIEL TITTERINGTON MONTGOMERY, A Δ '05, Q '07; AMOS M. BOWEN, Z '63, Q '07; WALTER W. FOGG, H '96, Q '07; HARRY FREDERICK GEORGE, H Δ '05, Q '07; EDWARD R. COFFIN, I '93, Q '07; CHARLES PLINY HEATH, I '04, Q '07; VERNON C. TAYLOR, K '68, Q '07; WILLIAM COLESWORTHY, A '77, Q '07; WILLIAM F. MORRISON, A '79, Q '07; BLISS PAISLEY BOULTENHOUSE, A '93, Q '08; HER-

BERT K. STILES, M^Δ '91, Ω '07; RUDOLPH A. KING, E '62, Ω '07; JAMES WALLACE PUTNAM, Θ^Δ '78, Ω '08; GEORGE GRASS, Π^Δ '85, Ω '07; DEAN STRATTON, Π^Δ '00, Ω '08, on the eve of the Convention; RUDOLPH RICHARD DULON, Π^Δ '03, Ω '07; IRWIN AUGUSTUS POWELL, P^Δ '98, Ω '07; WILLIAM WRIGHT COVILL, X '80, Ω '07; CHARLES G. ORWIN, X '99, Ω '07; EDWARD ALFRED PLAYTER, X^Δ '96, Ω '07.

ANTHEM

ARTHUR SULLIVAN, Φ '08

Brother, thou art gone before us,
 And thy saintly soul has flown
 Where tears are wiped from every eye,
 And sorrow is unknown.
 From the burden of the flesh, and from care and fear released
 Where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest.

And when the Lord shall summon us
 Whom thou hast left behind,
 May we, untainted by the world,
 As sure a welcome find.
 May each, like thee depart in peace to be a glorious guest,
 Where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest.

DEAN MILMAN.

HYMN

"Portuguese Hymn"

BENEDICTION

REV. A. E. KEIGWIN, D.D., Φ '91

DOXOLOGY

Father, we raise our hymn to Thee,
 We live in Theta Delta Chi,
 And on our hearts inscribed shall be,
 Theta Chi Delta when we die.

T. T. SWINBURNE, X '92

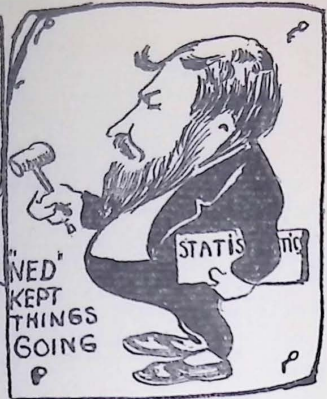
The stillness of reverent attention prevailed while Brother A. Edwin Keigwin, Φ '91, delivered his tender and fitting memorial address.

In well-chosen words, our President of the Grand Lodge gave his idea of the relation of all of us to the Ω—our last Charge, and read the roster of those summoned since the Fifty-ninth Convention.

Our much-appreciated doxology, written by Brother T. T. Swinburne, X '92, was sung as usual, in closing, followed by the postlude—Siegfried's Death music from the Gotterdammerung—and our service was left to memory's chalice.

FREDERIC CARTER, E^Δ '90.

IMPRESSIONS



Bro. COOK Will Run THE MACHINE

Wm. R. ... '07

IMPRESSIONS CAUGHT HERE AND THERE

What is more cherished than a lasting impression of some incident or detail in which one participated, that has gone before, and which leaves a sensible result of an influence excited from without. We are not all impressed by the same impulse, nor do we respond to the same effort. Therefore, to record a composite impression of each of those at this Convention would in all probability be to record the details of the entire proceedings of the Convention.

We have endeavored to record those impressions which have been stamped upon the walls of "memory's hall" and which will remain so till life doth us part.

The cordial and enthusiastic reception given to me and my three comrades—Adams, Walkley and Bridge, of *0*, of fifty years' standing, was of course the incident that left on my mind the deepest impression of the Convention. I shall never forget, while memory holds her seat, the high joy that moment brought into my life;—the more precious because it was so entirely unexpected and enthusiastic. After fifty years, to stand in that presence of four or more hundred brethren, and to be so grandly received was an event of my life never to be forgotten.

But all this was in a way merely personal, and is not probably the "impression" for which you are seeking. So let me reply to your question in a more general way. The other impression that was most deeply stamped upon my mind was the high character of the delegates present, considered both morally and intellectually. It was a surprise to me, indeed; for as the oldest person on the floor, I naturally expected to find among the younger brethren present something of the light-heartedness, carelessness, and heedlessness of youth, that so often effervesces and over-flows on such fraternal, social occasions. On the contrary, I looked over a gathering of young and middle-aged gentlemen, self-poised, orderly, courteous, affable, morally and intellectually strong; among whom there was no rudeness, coarseness, profanity, or other repulsive element; and all obedient and responsive to the conventionalities and parliamentary regulations of the occasion, under the direction of that "prince of good fellows," Edward Stetson Griffing, the able and efficient Ruler of the Feast! And the good cheer and fraternal communion that prevailed during the whole meeting, so far as I observed, impressed me as I was never before impressed. I came home on Tuesday afternoon, regretfully missing the Banquet, thrilled with the memories of my first attendance on a *θ Δ X* Convention, and vowing solemnly with myself that if I continue to another similar occasion I will not miss the fraternal greetings of my brethren of *θ Δ X*.

And so I join you in the song, to "Auld Lang Syne,"

"Though Time may steal our bloom away,
There's still beyond his art,
The mystic wreath on friendship's shrine,
The sunbeam of the heart!"

HENRY B. BROWN, *0*'59.

Being somewhat familiar with the workings of political conventions in the old Commonwealth of Connecticut, whether patent or in private conference, and "after hours," I was deeply impressed with the utter absence of any class or clique feelings or workings. It was emphatically a brotherhood gathering, deeply imbued with the spirit of fraternity and with a disposition to promote the best interests of our Fraternity. There was not even a division of sentiment on any question under discussion. Brother Griffing received from every direction unstinted praise for his conduct as President and the warmth of this expression was far above temperate as 66°; it was at blood heat or 98°.

The four representatives from old θ , whose light went out in the blaze of 1861, and I was the senior member of the quad, received such a welcome explosion, although in our case the explosion occurred after we had been introduced to the brothers as the long-lost fathers of old θ re-incarnated.

CHARLES COLLARD ADAMS, θ '59.

The address of Dr. Hamilton, President of Tufts College, at the dinner greatly impressed me. It is worthy of being printed and sent broadcast to the students of the various colleges in our land. And the day has already come when the Greek Letter Societies are recognized as being an influence for good among the students of the institutions where they are located.

WEBSTER R. WALKLEY, θ '60.

The incident which made the most vivid and lasting impression upon my mind was the exceedingly kind reception given me as an "Old Timer" and fellow-member of the $\theta \Delta X$, belonging to the long dormant θ Charge, which began its sleep of forty-seven years in 1861. My heart is so young, and so full of the spirit of $\theta \Delta X$ fellowship, that I could scarcely realize that I could be counted as one of the "Old Boys;" but as I look back through the lapse of years, I must confess that they have slipped away rapidly, and that I am now verging on to seventy years. The generous reception and recognition paid me and my associates of the old θ Charge by the Chairman and the members of the Convention will be the most inspiring recollection of the Sixtieth Convention. God bless the $\theta \Delta X$ Fraternity!

WM. D. BRIDGE, θ '61.

I should say that the one thing in the Convention which left the deepest impression upon my mind was the appearance of the four charter members of θ Charge who urged the petition for the revival of the $\theta \Delta X$ in Wesleyan University. These men were members of a Charge which had but very few years of existence. For nearly half a century they have been without a fraternity home, and yet the principles and ideals of the Fraternity have so possessed their souls that years have not destroyed their loyalties or effaced those early impressions. It was a wonderful illustration of what our Fraternity can do for and with a man under circumstances which would ordinarily be considered most unfavorable.

FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, κ '80.

The several sessions were revelatory of the splendid personnel, the high ideals, the impelling endeavor, the coherent fellowships, and the lasting friendships that characterize this body, unique among college fraternities. From beginning to end there was a swing and a go to the sessions that made the blood tingle, and indicated a commendable mastery of the knack of doing business with expedition and thoroughness. There were no somnial intervals, no unseemly squabbings, and but little rhapsodical nonsense. The entire proceedings were pitched to a harmonious and melodious key, and the effect upon the Fraternity at large must be uplifting, propulsive, and abiding.

Perhaps the strongest impression made upon those present was one of satisfaction—the pleasurable feeling that it was good to be a unit in this royal body. If the Convention was typical of the Fraternity as a whole—and it surely was—one need have no further misgivings over the criticism sometimes heard, that we are an uneven body. We are a bit uneven, it is true—uneven as individuals, uneven as charges. Some of us are shorter than others; some of us do not know so much about books and things as others; and some of us certainly have less money than others. But it is this very fact of variety and manifoldness that makes us strong, active, sympathetic and virile. Uniformity always tends to stagnation, or what is worse, to snobbery. May our Fraternity long be spared the blight of uniform perfection!

Again, if the Convention was typical, it revealed to a gratifying degree that the ideals which have served to make the Fraternity esteemed and potent in the college world are still tenaciously held. We honor our heritage. We are Theta Deltas, and none other, and are content to be so differentiated. True it is that our ideals are exalted and hard to realize. Fortunately, however, they are not fixities, but susceptible rather of progressive and cumulative enlargement as knowledge and experience increase. As the lamented Jacob Spahn once said, "There is no top-notch in $\theta \Delta X$." Nothing furnishes weightier cause for hopefulness than the growing apprehension of this fact on the part alike of our undergraduate and graduate membership.

Another revelation that tended to minister to $\theta \Delta X$ pride was furnished by the splendid personnel of the gathering. Never before have we had a finer representation of the older membership—of the men who enjoyed personal touch with the foundation builders. It was an inspiration to look upon the four representatives of the old θ , and to hear their earnest and loyal addresses. Persons are always of more interest than principles. As a rule, we care little for principles until they are embodied in men. We go to a Convention not so much to hear the principles talked about, as to hear the principal men talk. Indeed, the Fraternity means, in its largest sense, the totality of its personalities, young and old, rich and poor, successful and unsuccessful, loyal and indifferent. In the variety and richness of its personalities this Convention challenges the golden days when the founders were blazing the way to greatness and perpetuity.

In his tender and fitting memorial address, Dr. Keigwin said that the heart shall live forever. The $\theta \Delta X$ has heart, and so long as hearts endure it shall live.

The incident which made the pleasantest impression on my mind was the splendid tribute paid to Ernest W. Huffcut by the Governor, and the splendid reception of the same by those assembled.

F. A. HERENDEEN, E '86.

The incident which left the deepest impression upon my mind was the tremendous love and affection of all the Theta Delts present which I could feel that they had for me personally, even if I had officially run counter to the wishes of some of the Charges and some of the individual brothers. I could feel this affection and it was the greatest delight of my administration. No one who has not been honored by an election as the President of the Grand Lodge can have the remotest idea of the satisfaction and gratification which I experienced, to know that whatever I may have officially done, I had gone into the Convention with the individual personal friendship of so many of the brothers.

EDWARD STETSON GRIFFING, I '89.

The incident that left the deepest impression upon my mind, and one that I shall never forget as long as I live, was the beautiful tribute rendered by Governor Hughes to the memory of Brother Huffcut. It seemed almost uncanny to see how every one in the room spontaneously responded and bore witness to the sincerity of the note he had struck by rising as one man. It would have been sacrilege to mar the bond established in those moments between Governor Hughes and the brothers in the room by any further remarks on the Governor's part, and I, for one, am grateful to him that he left us with the clear impression of a sacred friendship uppermost in our minds.

RUDOLF TOMBO, JR., PA '98.

If I took it, session by session, I might give you any one of many answers as to what impressed me most during the Sixtieth Convention. For instance, one might be, the uniform harmony of all, in the working out of the many problems presented; another, the steady support and interest displayed by the delegates in spite of the seductive inducements of the "Great White Way;" a third, of the visit made by Governor Hughes; or, the evident endeavor on the part of the members of the many Committees to further the best interests of our Fraternity at large, as exemplified by the thought and consideration shown in their several reports; or, one of many others. When the whole Convention, however, is under consideration, none of these would be a true answer to your query, at least from my point of view.

What impressed me most at this and at the other four Conventions which I have had the good fortune to attend, was the decided interest, the enthusiasm, and the whole-souled participation on the part of the old graduates. What delegation of undergraduates could equal, in those three respects, the four representatives of the old *O* Charge? Was there a single recent graduate present who could compete on the floor of the Convention, along those lines, with any of the many other old graduates who were there?

In any organization one expects to see the active members enthusiastic, interested, and doing simply because they are of that class and for a short time after their graduation we expect these same feelings to hold them in

close touch with the Fraternity. Then the fight for a place in the world begins and perforce they are drawn away from the old associations, while every energy is expended in their getting that first foothold. This must be maintained. And so the years go by with the logical outcome that ere long, for non-participation, the old enthusiast is numbered among the dead wood. What, then, must be the hold of an organization, through its principles and associations, which can keep its men in spite of all the foregoing distracting influences?

Is it a wonder, in my desire to believe that $\theta \Delta X$ incorporates within itself the best principles for a true and everlasting friendship, or that our badge really stands for the principles we are taught it does, that I should be repeatedly impressed more and more each year by evidence of that fact as exemplified in the appearance and re-appearance of those many old gray-headed, not so old but slightly gray, even younger, and finally by the presence of the middle-aged graduate? Glory be! Say I, to any fraternity, and especially to $\theta \Delta X$, which can mean so much to its members, even in the wane of their life, that it holds them, their interest and support even to the end!

FREDERICK W. ALBERT, X^{Δ} '05.

SEEN AND HEARD

Each year that this department is prepared the more striking appears the human side of its portrayal. Long may young and old come to be written up in this tender though playful raillery.

The great Convention of the past, from an historical view-point, may well rest with the Twenty-First Convention, which at the 3:00 p. m. session, January 24, 1868, elected the First Grand Lodge.

In 1908, forty years later, the important Convention of recent years, at least, was held, and at 3:35 p. m. on February 24, 1908, our Fraternity voted to accept By-laws to aid our welfare. As early as Sunday, our brethren were well into the hurly-burly of Convention vortex.

One good brother was speaking of the good old days, when he said, "When I was at Ξ College. I am a Trustee but at the moment I forget its other name."

The Convention Hall held many surprises. It was a scene that made the throat feel queer, when our Brother Brown, of O '59, rises to ask for consideration for O. He mentions Brother Bridge, O '61, when up jumps that brother waving the charter of O, and neither knew the other was there or coming, neither had met in over thirty years but both were there to plead for their old Charge. Such

was the morning scene. In the afternoon, when Brother C. Collard Adams, O '59, was warming to his subject, as he addressed us, he, holding the O charter aloft, would punctuate his passages by rapping smartly the pate of his Brother Brown with the charter. One called this "pate de Charter a la Brown." The scoffer!

Through the courtesy of Schinasi and Philip Morris, cigarettes *ad lib* were passed around. After all that were needed were given out the balance disappeared in the maw of the rooms of the By-laws Committee. Next year, let all seek to get on the Committee in charge of "*Les Fumeurs*."

Our souvenir buttons from the firms of Auld & Company and Wright, Kay & Company were the best yet seen. These firms hit the bull's-eye in their choice of what was apt, expedient and appropriate.

Publicity concerning our conferences was not courted this year. We are a modest flower and no tinkling cymbals were necessary to precede the announcement of the arrival of His Excellency the Governor.

We cannot fail to herein allude to the delicacy of Governor Hughes' expression. His sympathetic feeling was clear to every one. Introduced to us, as a Δ Y, he waved all formalism aside, and talked from the heart of one who had known "Ern" Huffcut even as you and I. And at the mention of that name the whole assembly rose as one man and the thrill gave each his message.

This year our registration was handled in modern style. Each brother signed a card for filing, and was given duplicate to obtain his Convention souvenirs. We recorded about ten per cent. of our living graduates. Is the knowledge not worth the slight labor to gain the same? Next year, when the plan is known by all the regulars, the scheme should work even better.

At the theatre party the orchestra went on a strike between acts and firmly refused to interpolate our numbers. Extra music was furnished by the Committee and accepted by the management. Their dereliction, we trust, is happier to them than is our deprivation to us. The Committee worked like Trojans, and we all stand by the Committee when next we buy single seats on Broadway Rialto.

Some raillery was given the Banquet souvenirs. These were ash trays that represented skulls. One brother said his eyes burned nearly

as much as the tray eyes when he flicked the ashes and with one day more the resemblance would be still more striking.

The oldest grad this year was twins (from all accounts). "Col" Adams, O '59, said at the Banquet he was the oldest and that youthful scion, "Hen" Brown, O '59, said on the Convention floor that *he* was the Nestor of the occasion. As they know more about it than do we, we merely say—a long life to our twins.

The outside Convention Photograph was taken on the steps of the new Public Library on Monday, February 25. This was through the courtesy of Mayor McClellan, and as usual, $\Theta \Delta X$ was the first group to have its picture taken with this background.

The Committee interviewed the architect of the building to assure him of the respectability and high standing of the members of the Fraternity and incidentally to obtain the key to the Fifth Avenue gate. The architect, probably fishing for a compliment, wanted to know why the Committee chose the Library as a background. He was disagreeably disappointed to hear that the high flight of steps in front of the building was solely responsible, and that the photographer had been given instructions to take in as little as possible of the classic lines of the building itself. One more victim added to the army of ex-fishermen.

"CUSTODIAN."

CHARGE LUNCHEONS

Only a very short account of the Charge luncheons can be given as it was not possible to obtain reports of any of the speeches. A complete list of all the brothers who registered at the Convention is given elsewhere, arranged by Charges, so that the names of those present at these gatherings have been omitted to avoid duplication. These informal gatherings grow more and more popular year by year; and affording, as they do, an opportunity for old friends to once more spend a social hour together should be encouraged and form a permanent part of the Convention.

—B—

B held her Charge luncheon in the Knickerbocker Hotel on Monday, the twenty-fourth, at one-thirty. Seven members were present.

—ΔΔ—

A combination ΔΔ and ΗΔ luncheon was held at the Hofbrau House, Broadway, on Monday, February twenty-fourth, at noon. The meeting was small but select.

—Ζ—

The Ζ Charge luncheon was held on Saturday, February twenty-second, immediately after the first business session, at the Brown University Graduate Club, East 44th street. Thirteen brothers were present to enjoy the excellent luncheon arranged for by Brother D. W. Reeves, Ζ '98, assisted by Brother W. P. Burnham, Ζ '07.

—ΖΔ—

ΖΔ Charge luncheon was held at Murray's on Monday, February the twenty-fourth, immediately after the taking of the Convention Photograph. Eight of the ten members that registered during the various sessions of Convention were present.

—ΘΔ—

ΘΔ held its Charge luncheon during the Convention period at the Marlboro Hotel at one p. m., February twenty-second. There were nine brothers present. Various toasts were drunk, among them being toasts to Θ Δ Χ, ΘΔ, and Brother Godfrey, Hon. ΘΔ. It must be remembered that Billy Godfrey is a sort of god-father to the Charge.

—Ι—

Ι held a special breakfast at Joe Adams's on the morning of Tuesday, February twenty-fifth, after the theatre party. The name is rather misleading since it implies an exclusive Charge affair. Brothers of all charges were invited, and they responded admirably. After the theatre some of the brothers made a rush for Joe's and appropriated several tables. Slowly the brothers began to drop in; and as every new delegation came, another table was drawn up and added to the line. Suddenly a college cheer broke forth. Immediately Brother Beeker, Ι '08 arose, his voice (and knees) trembling with "emotion," and announced that Mr. Adams wished that there be no cheering.

—Κ—

Κ held her Charge luncheon Monday noon, February twenty-fourth, at Hotel Cadillac, Times Square. There were twenty-one brothers of the Charge present and a visitor from Ε, Glen Marston, '04.

—A—

The first A luncheon during Convention was held in Room 51 of the Hotel Cadillac, Saturday, February twenty-second. Fifteen brothers were present, nine graduates from Boston University, five undergraduates, and one Freshman from Williams who had become separated from those of his own Charge just at our luncheon hour and we were fortunate enough to find him and welcome him to our table.

On Monday, immediately after the Convention Photograph was taken, fifteen A men met in the same place for a second luncheon together. We were especially honored by the presence of one of our founders, Brother Orison S. Marden, A '77. Fourteen brothers participated.

—M^A—

The M^A Charge held a very pleasant, successful, and well-attended luncheon at Murray's on Monday of Convention week immediately after the photograph. Owing to the lateness of the announcement, a private dining-room could, unfortunately, not be obtained, so the affair therefore took place in the main room where a large table was set. Although most of those who attended were active M^A's, still they were all mighty glad to see some of the old boys of the '80's and '90's. Seventeen brothers attended.

—N^A—

At one o'clock on Saturday, February twenty-second, twelve enthusiastic Theta Delts from N^A Charge met at the Hofbrau for their Charge luncheon. The occasion was a very enjoyable one and was conducive of much good spirit to the brothers present.

At one-thirty on Monday, February twenty-fourth, the N^A Charge was tendered a very excellent luncheon by Brother J. W. Gannon, N^A '98, at the Yale Club. Mere words are insufficient to describe the enjoyment of this occasion or to express our appreciation to Brother Gannon.

The table was tastefully arranged for twelve. A large cluster of carnations occupied the center of the table and Brother Gannon confided to us quietly that they were all that marred the similarity of the gathering to one at dear old "237." The luncheon served was incomparable.

Brother Gannon entertained us with stories of the good old times they enjoyed at N^A along in the nineties, interspersing these with tales of his later life at E^A. In these latter he was ably seconded by Brother A. J. Gilmour, E^A '95. Brother Parker, I '03, entertained us with stories of I and P^A. As N^A alumni for a number of years past were present, the history of N^A in recent years was very thoroughly presented. As a whole this luncheon was one of the most enjoyable features of Convention.

—O^A—

O^A held her Charge luncheon at Café Francis on 35th street, New York, at one p. m., Saturday, February twenty-second. There were thirteen

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brothers present. Brother Lawrence Symmes, '08, presided and gave a brief sketch of θ^{Δ} as she is today. Brother Drake, '02, talked on the house question. The gathering was then opened to informal discussion.

— Π^{Δ} —

The Π^{Δ} brothers assembled at Schultz's, 1445 Broadway, near the Graduate Club, for luncheon on Monday, after the photograph. Fourteen brothers were present. The usual Pi Deut spirit prevailed.

— P^{Δ} —

On Saturday immediately after the morning session the P^{Δ} Charge assembled in Murray's on 42d street, west of Amsterdam theatre, for luncheon. Nineteen brothers were present and were delighted to include the J^{Δ} delegation.

— Φ —

The Φ Charge luncheon was held Monday noon, immediately after the Convention photograph, at Reisenweber's, Eighth avenue and 58th street. The menu was an exceptionally good one and reflects credit upon Brother Frank Sherrer who made the arrangements for the luncheon. Between courses the air resounded with cheers and songs and the affair was brought to a fitting close by the brothers rising and singing the Lafayette Alma Mater. The only criticism was the short time allowed for enjoying the affair more thoroughly owing to the necessity of returning for the afternoon business session of the Convention. Eighteen brothers participated.

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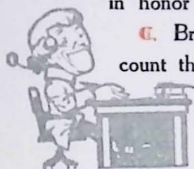
The X Charge had a dinner at the Hotel Marlboro on Saturday evening of Convention week. Homer D. Brookins, '80, sat at the head of the table. Nineteen brothers were present. There were no speeches, but much good singing, led by Brother Hart, and a jolly time as befits a X bunch.

— Ψ° —

The luncheon of the Ψ° Charge was held on Saturday, February twenty-second, at one o'clock, at The Royal, on 44th street, New York. A very enjoyable luncheon was served to the twelve members present.

Brother — A Word With You

¶ Pi Deuteron would fain have you and milady trip the light fantastic toe as the guests of the Charge at a dance to be given on Wednesday, February twenty-sixth, at nine o'clock in the evening, in honor of visiting Theta Delt.



¶ Brothers from out-of-town Charges who count themselves among the devotees of Terpsichore are especially besought to remain over Wednesday for this function. A polite note to Prexie will fix it.

¶ Most particularly are they adjured not to let milady's absence prevent their coming. For Pi Deuteron will provide in abundance demoiselles dainty and demure to entertain the lonely brethren.



¶ Also will the inner man be rejoiced: for the Charge will have pleasure in serving to its guests a light buffet supper.

¶ This Convention Aftermath, then, will be at Bretton Hall, at Broadway and Eighty-sixth Street. Wear your badge and a smile, for these constitute the only ticket of admission.



¶ For the Charge: HERBERT M. HOLTON
OTTO J. A. GRASSI
FREDERICK M. STEEVES
ALBERT C. KAESTNER
J. A. STARR

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THE Π^{Δ} DANCE

It was not a Convention Dance really, but rather a Post-Convention Dance. The responsibility for that prefix, however, rests solely with the Convention program, *q. v.* A fac-simile which appears in this issue of THE SHIELD of the invitations which were sent out by Π^{Δ} render unnecessary anything in the nature of a prologue in this humble attempt to "write up" the dance. Yet it may not be inappropriate to state here, where all may read, that only the late conception of the plan, and the difficulty of securing a suitable hall in this season of dances, were responsible for the tardy distribution of these invitations to the Charges. On the other hand, Π^{Δ} made every effort during Convention to secure the attendance at the dance of those brothers who could possibly arrange to stay in town over Wednesday, and was gratified to find that a goodly number from other Charges had remained to add the pleasure of their presence to this Π^{Δ} festivity. The Charge is grateful to them and regrets only that all the visiting brothers could not arrange to join with them in their frolic.

Of course it is not true, as some enthusiast was heard to remark, that every pretty girl in New York was present at Bretton Hall on that Wednesday evening, the twenty-sixth of February. But the writer is quite sure that the recording angel cannot charge even a wee fib up against his otherwise lengthy account, when he deposes and says that every girl in the room was as pretty as you find them in New York or prettier. And as for the fellows,—well they were Theta Deltas and they looked it. About one hundred and fifty in all there were and owing to the delightful informality which was the keynote of the success of the evening, everybody soon had at least a "dancing acquaintance" with everybody else. The Pi Doodles made good their promise to provide in abundance demoiselles dainty and demure for the brethren who came solo. A goodly sprinkling of such there were, too, but if they had any visions of gloomy smoking-room sessions they were pleasantly disappointed. Nor was opportunity given any of the girls to look their doleful prettiest in the dreaded role of wall-flower. The tempting strains of the waltz or the irresistible rhythm of the two-step brought 'em all out every time. Only the orchestra, not yet recovered from its heroic efforts to make itself heard in spite of the banquet on the preceding evening, seemed to regard repeated encores to dance after dance as any but the most natural and desirable thing. There were barn dances and Dan Tuckers, too,—among the most modern of Terpsichore's allurements, the writer believes,—and these were enjoyed with the utmost enthusiasm. Indeed, it is impossible to conceive of them as being enjoyed otherwise, if at all, for if there were such a thing as a Terpsichorean spectrum and the Minuet were at one end, surely some laboratory shark, peering through his spectroscope, would triumphantly proclaim the discovery of the barn

dance and Dan Tucker Fraunhofer lines at the other. But the boys and girls,—and they all seemed that in their complete immersion in the spirit of the evening,—were not thinking of spectroscopes or laboratories just then. True enough, “long about three o’clock”—as Charlie Clark would say,—the musicians began to stow away their lutes and lyres, and then, mayhap, some of the boys did begin to think of spectroscopes and “labs” neglected for a week.

Then came the little groups of old friends and new friends, lingering here and there about the lobby, chatting redundantly about the bully time they had, to defer for yet a few minutes those final good-nights which marked the end of the Sixtieth Convention festivities.

CARL P. SCHMID, JR., Π^Δ ’97.

THEDELCHIANS “AT HOME”

Convention is contagion and Thedelchians succumbed. The fever assumed the form of a desire to entertain the visiting and resident Thetes at an “At Home.” It was discovered with consternation that the only available evening during the week was Sunday, February 23, and accordingly, though with some misgiving, a reception was planned for that evening.

Thedelchian enjoyed the loyal and helpful alliance of Brother “Harry” Hershfield—whose wife is an enthusiastic member—in their undertaking and through his kindness the hospitable portals of the P^Δ House were thrown open to provide Thedelchian with a home. Brother Hershfield also secured artistic palm decorations and three pieces of music for the occasion and from their green bower the musicians poured forth inspiring strains during the evening.

By half past eight the rooms were more than well filled with Theta Deltis and their fair ladies and a general spirit of pleasure pervaded the occasion. In P^Δ’s artistic dining-room a table was tastefully decorated with the ruby carnation of Θ Δ X and there the hostesses dispensed dainty refreshments. Later it was discovered that two talented Thetes had honored Thedelchian—Brother “Jim” Bradbury and Brother “Charlie” Clark—and to the delight of all they consented to entertain the guests with recitations which were most heartily appreciated. The brothers all voted the evening a decided success and Thedelchian is proud of its first social undertaking and grateful to the brothers for their valuable assistance and encouragement.

The evening was closed by Brother “Dan” Dougherty who read the following paragraph from a letter sent to him by Brother William G. Raines, Ε’70, “Nor need we fear the Thedelchians (happily chosen name) among whom we have lately fallen, for right there old Plutarch helps us with his question, ‘How are we fallen among them more than they among us?’ Bring them to the fraternal altar and

cause them to swear that if we ever become weighted with faults they will help us to carry them!"

The active Thedelchians would have it understood that every wife, sister, fiancée or daughter of a Theta Delt is potentially a Thedelchian, and the officers—to whom the work is new—hope soon to evolve a plan by which every Thedelchian may enjoy active participation equally with every other Thedelchian in the very near future.

F. S.

THE COLLEGE HOME LIFE AS A MEANS FOR SECURING A RIGHT MORAL ATMOSPHERE FOR STUDENTS¹

The activities of the college proper may be roughly divided into four co-ordinate classes: (a) finances, (b) pedagogy, (c) administration, and (d) the student life.

(a) The finances are smoothly run by experts who are not pedagogs, and are out of sight and therefore out of mind, except in the treasurer's annual report.

(b) So, too, experts manage the pedagogical branch, and usually in a satisfactory manner, considering the constant evolution in what is taught, and our failure to differentiate between pure pedagogy and the other functions of the college.

(c) The administration is still crude and unsatisfactory, chiefly because its true nature and functions are not understood. Like the finances, it should be nearly distinct from the pedagogic department, and be dominated by administrative experts. As we get farther away from President Garfield's ideal university—himself at one end of the log and Mark Hopkins at the other—and number our students and instructors by the thousands we face ordinary administrative problems, which must trouble us until we recognize that they are merely the questions which arise in factories and business and wherever else the clashing individual interests of thousands of men, engaged in a common pursuit, demand rigid system and organization. We cannot solve, by seventeenth century pedagogical methods, the twentieth century administrative problems growing out of the assembling of thousands of students and of scores of courses.

(d) The fourth factor is the student life, or that portion (about ninety per cent.) of the undergraduates' time not spent in recitations, lectures, or other personal contact with their instructors. The shortcomings charged to pedagogy come frequently from our failure to differentiate and co-ordinate the administrative and student life factors in our college course. Let us then study briefly the student life and its

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dominant effects upon the higher scholastic, moral and religious growth of the individual undergraduate.

Christ devotes over ninety-five per cent. of his parable of the sower and the seed not to either the sower or the seed, but to the soil into which the seed fell and the relative failure of the harvest. He took for granted the goodness of the seed and the human frailty of the sower, but treated the ground as the variable yet remediable factor in the parable-problem. In our colleges, pedagogy represents the seed—little else nowadays; the administration, the sower; while the student life largely determines whether the soil shall be that by the wayside, or stony, or thorny, or be good ground. We, too, may safely assume the goodness of the seed and the earnestness and devotion—but not the infallibility—of the sowers; and also that the average results of the harvest are relatively very poor, chiefly because we forget the lesson of the parable, and give most of our time and thought to the seed, and a little to the sowers, but neglect to properly prepare the hearts and minds of our students by influences which act upon them when they are not in the presence of their instructors. It is with the mental, moral and religious preparation of the ground that we are concerned this time.

A moment's thought will make us realize that a college student must have some kind of home life during the four years which intervene between his parents' home and that in which he will be the bread-winner. Many things in college, which we loosely think of as social, are in fact elements of a home life. We must be careful lest we confuse the social and home factors in any instance. The college home life may be dwarfed, hidden, almost unrecognizable—but it will be there. It may be spent in luxury or penury; in a dormitory, in a village or city boarding place, or in a fraternity house; it may be harmful, helpful or neutral—but it will be there, and essentially like any other home life in its nature and effects, and in the manner in which it can be affected and molded for better or worse.

The ninety per cent. of his time outside of recitations comprises that portion of the student's life in which he must do his studying and get his food, rest, recreation, and exercise, and is spent partly in the larger college atmosphere and activities which environ all within the institution and partly in his closer association with his chosen comrades in his college home. Many feel that this ninety per cent. is the really important part of a college education; that it is not his scholastic attainments, but his contact with his fellow students in college and social activities which will make him a power in future years. No doubt this ninety per cent. contributes much of that indefinite something which makes an all-around man of the college graduate, and surely we should make every effort to lift it to the highest possible plane. Most of the impurities and vices of college come from the student life rather than from personal contact with the instructors. Hence, if we would put down these evils, and improve mental, moral

and religious conditions, we must do so chiefly in that student life where these evils have their source and strength.

But let us still further contract our field of discussion and consider that portion of this ninety per cent. which is spent, not on the campus, or in athletics, or in touch with the main student body, but in the companionship of the student's intimates or the comparative seclusion of his college home, and which we shall call his college family life. In influence and effect this closely resembles his boyhood home, for it largely determines, possibly throughout life, the purity or impurity of his thoughts, habits and language; his power over his fellow men, or, in student language his ability as a "mixer;" his intellectual and moral attainments, and his readiness to receive and assimilate religious impressions.

There is this strictly family life for every college student which largely determines the character of the soil into which the good seed shall fall—especially when the seed is moral or religious in character—and it is the place where the earlier good influences of the parents' home are most frequently undone and destroyed. It will often depend upon his college family life whether the student is open to the higher religious and moral lessons which cannot usually be impressed in the modern classroom or lecture, but which must come, if they come at all, through other agencies.

Unfortunately we still think of "college life" as a comparatively simple and homogeneous affair like that of our small boarding school colleges of the ecclesiastical period, where every effort was used to make the boys professing Christians, and if possible ministers of the gospel. Often nothing could now be further from the truth. The life of the average well-to-do or wealthy student is not one of laziness or idleness, but rather a round of outside activities and temptations, of distractions away from higher intellectual, moral or religious things, and often of lapses into evil ways. An awful idea of college morals is sometimes given when students will in confidence lift the curtain of their college home and disclose a view of college life which does not at all correspond with the view of the college authorities, but is far nearer the appalling truth.

The dean of one of the larger Western universities, a graduate of an important Eastern college writes:

I have also noted with great sorrow that in our Western institutions the evils of modern student life are even more sharply marked than they are in the East. The lack of the conservative element, the presence of a less highly organized society, the want of family prejudices to maintain old conditions, have all led to a more extreme participation in modern changes than the Eastern colleges have experienced. I know of no place where so much fine material coming from the country and small towns has been ruined by a single half year of idleness and extravagance. The worst elements of city, social

and fraternity life seem to be those most eagerly grasped after and most incessantly followed.

Do you wonder at the falling off of candidates for the ministry? You will find one cause in your neglect of the college family life of the young men who leave their parents' homes with high religious ideals and purposes. This part of the college must be purified and uplifted, or else our religious instruction and power will be largely wasted—and through our own short-sightedness. The home is the great foundation for widespread and continuing religious growth, and this is true in regard to the college home.

If then we are to hope to make any radical, continuing and widespread improvement in college moral and religious conditions we must begin in the family lives of the college homes, which the institution—and chiefly because it is an institution—can never greatly influence, and interference from without in the affairs of the home is usually resented and seldom helpful.

This college family life must be affirmatively ennobling and uplifting or it will be quite the contrary. It must be constantly affected by strong and usually older characters, whose influence must be exerted, silently but surely, within itself. It must have a power for good, inherent in itself, and must not expect to find any true substitute for this in some mystic influences that the college, or Y. M. C. A., or any extrinsic agency, institutional in its nature, can exercise from without. As no institution can or should usurp our place as parents in our own home, so neither the college as an institution, nor the faculty as a body, especially in the large universities, should be expected to control the college family lives of the students, for they can never take the place of an inherent and osmotic force working from within, and without which there can be no home.

But this force must be permanent—not shifting from year to year. It must have real authority—even if it uses only moral suasion. It must rule by the consent of the governed and because they appreciate that it works for their best good. It must have power away from the home as well as within its walls—and follow the student, even to the strange city, and everywhere nerve him against the terrible temptations which constantly beset him. Whether it be good, bad or indifferent, there is a moral force at work in every college home. Except as this force is ennobled we cannot hope for much permanent religious improvement among our students.

We have spent much thought and money upon the financial, pedagogical and administrative departments of our colleges, but very, very little in studying the college family life. Yet this is not the least important, since it largely determines the effectiveness of the other departments upon individual students. It was the most important in our forefathers' eyes, for they saw that only through it could they pre-

pare the good ground for the good seed. We are blameworthy if, while improving the seed and the sowers, we have neglected the preparation of the soil. We must bend every energy to restore the college family life to its proper place in the college economy and co-ordinate it with the other factors therein.

The forefathers were right in believing that this goodness of the ground could be secured only through the direct and intimate touch of the older man upon the younger. But how, in our large institutions and under modern conditions, are we to bring about a close touch between the students and older men, which shall constantly uplift the younger men in their college family lives? Is there any agency through which this is being or can be done? Or anything to indicate that up to the present time only one such agency has been developed in a large way? If, under modern conditions, there has been any distinct and widespread development of the college family home, we should study it most carefully, and with an open mind, and, if possible, seek by it to improve the soil in which we are fruitlessly sowing so much good seed.

At first the Greek-letter fraternities were merely college secret societies. In their second stage they became social bodies, with a secret lodge-room and lodge-night, but with few other cohesive factors within the chapter itself or between the various chapters. In their present and third period they have developed into home-building agencies, wherein many rich and influential alumni and earnest and energetic undergraduates are laboring together to erect college homes and thereby solve to a limited extent the modern problems in the college family life arising out of increasing numbers and changed dormitory and social conditions. Formerly the college homes of the strong upperclassmen were in the dormitories and the underclassmen roomed outside. Now the dormitories house the freshmen while the fraternity buildings are the college homes of the influential upperclassmen, and thus the center of student sentiment.

We continue to give undue significance to the secret grip, password and lodge-room, failing to realize that these things, which appeal strongly to the adolescent mind, have become relatively unimportant matters in the thousands of college homes which are the successors of the dormitory homes of the ecclesiastical period; and further, that it is chiefly through improving the atmosphere of these homes—not because they are fraternity houses, but because they are the homes for four years of many of our most influential students—that we can hope for better moral and religious results among our undergraduates.

It needs no prophetic eye to see that the fraternities will soon fully enter their fourth or endowment period in which—their home-building substantially finished—the wealth and energies of each college home, or series of homes, will be turned to establishing endowments for im-

proving and conserving the higher home-making and educational functions of the fraternity. Already this movement is under way. Each home built and paid for is in the nature of an endowment. The properties of the eleven fraternities at Amherst are worth more than twenty times the amount of Yale's available funds in 1830; and the properties of ten fraternities at Columbia equal in value the total productive funds of all the colleges at the beginning of the last century.

One old and influential fraternity is annually spending thousands of dollars to secure the wise direction and constant personal touch in its lodges and among its alumni of a permanent and uniquely equipped field secretary, who seeks to insure that only the best fitted freshmen are admitted, and that throughout their course these students shall be in constant and close touch in their college family lives with strong and earnest alumni who are personally and intimately acquainted with each undergraduate, and who, through a long series of years, come to exert an uplifting educational and moral power from within the lodge which must greatly increase the likelihood that the good seed will fall into good ground. This feeling of direct responsibility for the college family lives of their undergraduate brothers is increasingly abroad in all the fraternities and will soon work out great results, and most fraternities have already partially endowed some portions of their work. The earlier colleges were largely schools of manners with distinct home-making functions, as shown by their freshman servitude and other college rules governing personal conduct. Our fraternities are still absorbed with their home-building, but will soon assume and wisely exercise the home-making functions that have now fallen from Alma Mater's hands.

No patent is claimed for the conception that strong, clean alumni, acting within their fraternity home, work powerfully for a better life therein. This has always been so—and would be in any home. But there is in sight an advance movement to further organize, develop and endow the fraternity as a home-making force, and such a movement, with our most influential alumni behind it, will be sure of success. A thoughtful student of modern undergraduate conditions must realize that our fraternities furnish the only—I repeat it, the sole and only—broad and effective means so far developed for permanently reaching the college family lives of any considerable number of students in any considerable number of institutions. I challenge you to name any other home-building force now at work among our American colleges in a large way, and along well-defined and philosophically correct lines. Consider also the non-fraternity colleges, and show me any agency therein whereby you can systematically put the alumni in touch with the family lives of the undergraduates. It is not a question of the fraternity or non-fraternity home, as we superficially think. It is ever and always the question of the college family life for every under-

graduate, whether a fraternity member or not. It is the question of whether we have failed to give due thought to one of the great departments of our college.

The fraternities, in their present shape, have grown out of the need for a new form of college family life; they have in part supplied such need and thereby have directed attention to it; but they have not created the need, and because they are homes they are largely limited, in supplying that need, to the good they can do within their own doors and to the example which they can set to those without. It is unfortunate, at this time, when we need to think clearly on the true meaning of the college home, that the question should be complicated by the high school fraternities, which are merely one of the pseudo-growths that accompany all important social or religious movements, and which bear about the same relation to the college fraternities that Mormonism does to Christianity.

The college family life, like that of any other home, is concealed from the public view and fully known only to members of the family. Otherwise it is not a true family life. But this very secrecy bands its members together to hide the shortcomings of their fellows, and makes it difficult to reform it from without. Its seclusiveness is now rather that of a well-bred home than that of a secret society, and shows that any reforms that may be needed must come from within the home itself. College sentiment has always delighted to thwart the efforts of the faculty to interfere in the students' family life. This was so in our own days and will always be so.

To be ideal and to give it permanence the college home should embrace the upper and lower class men, the graduate and undergraduate, for all these can be educated and developed therein. Our children educate us almost as much as we educate them. The older brother is trained and developed through the responsibility of setting an example to and protecting the younger children, who look up to him as the "big brother." An only child is likely to be spoiled because he lives only to himself. Hence there are true educative conditions in the fraternity home where members of all classes are intimately gathered together.

President Wilson, in his memorandum concerning the proposed residential quads at Princeton, our chief non-fraternity college, voices this thought in the following significant words:

"It is clear to every one that the life of the university can be best regulated and developed only when the underclassmen are in constant association with upperclassmen, upon such terms as to be formed and guided by them." He states one of the objects of the Quads to be "to give to the university the kind of common consciousness which apparently comes from closer sorts of social contact, to be had only outside the classroom, and most easily to be got about a common table and in the contacts of a common life."

But Dr. Wilson is mistaken in thinking that this can be done in groups of one hundred or more students arbitrarily gathered together. His Princeton clubs might have taught him that. A college home, to be successful and permanent, must be small and congenial, because it selects and trains its own members.

But the fraternities have their own great problems to solve. They must thoroughly realize that they are no longer college secret societies, but important home-making agencies about to enter upon their endowment period and must brush away their earlier foolishness and frailties and rise to the height of the responsibilities which they have now assumed and to their place in one of the great departments of the college.

In many institutions the moral tendency of the student life as a whole is distinctly downward, and any fraternity chapter will encounter great difficulties which attempts consistently to raise its own moral or religious life contrary to the drift of the college itself, which is merely the resultant of the home life of generations of students. If you will show me the inner family life of the fraternity homes in a college I will infallibly construct therefrom the dominant moral influences that rule the ninety per cent. of student life in that institution, and thereby determine the true educational results of the other departments of the institution.

I am not here to plead the cause of the Greek letter fraternities or to excuse their shortcomings, which, from careful study in many colleges and with the best inside opportunities, I know as well as any of you. But these faults and failures are partly inherent in any college education, and in any home with many members, and always have been, and are largely chargeable to the college authorities and alumni, who have regarded chiefly the financial, pedagogical and administrative departments and have neglected and misunderstood the college home life.

I urge you most earnestly to give attention to the student life, and especially to that portion of it which we have called the college family life, whether fraternity or non-fraternity, and to look upon the fraternities as logical growths—not as inherent evils, but as the line of least resistance and of the most immediate promise. But whether or not you agree with me as to the fraternities, I beg you to give immediate heed to the family life of our students. We shall be nearest the truth when we realize that at present the college family life is more nearly related to the parents' home than it is to the pedagogy of the college, and should be studied and treated accordingly. We must come to appreciate that the ninety per cent. of the student life, with all its activities and interests, may be greater, educationally as well as mathematically, than the ten per cent. of pedagogy, and quite as well worthy of earnest and intelligent thought and action, and that the heart of that ninety per cent. for any individual is his college family life, whatever form that family life may take.



Our readers are requested to contribute to this department reports of such gatherings and events as would otherwise, perhaps, remain unpublished. Not only are these of interest to all Theta Deltas as news items, but they are furthermore valuable as a matter of record, so that the co-operation of all our readers, and especially of the secretaries of Graduate Associations, is earnestly solicited.—Ed.

X^Δ GRADUATE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the X^Δ Graduate Association was held on Saturday evening, January 4, 1908, at the Charge House, 1831 G St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

About twenty graduates of X^Δ and other Charges were present, among whom might be mentioned Brothers W. M. Coleman, M '58, Thomas B. Brook, θ '57 (who, by the way, is reported deceased in the 1901 *Catalogue*), Frank J. Metcalf, A '86, and Le Grand Powers, K '72. The report of the Secretary and Treasurer, Brother Albert, presented in detail the work of the Association during 1907, a year in which more actual work has been accomplished by the Association than in any previous period since its establishment in 1901. Two phases of the work should have special mention.

The appearance of "A Catalogue of the Chi Deuteron Charge" drew attention to the possibilities for good which such publications might generally have in the Fraternity and set a standard of excellence for future work of its kind. A result of the able editorship of Brother Albert, it stands as a monument to his devotion and tireless and effective service, being in large part a labor of love.

During the year, by means of loans and gifts of its members and friends, the Association has been able to be of more material assistance to the Charge than ever before. In other ways also it is growing in service to the Charge and the Executive Committee has been authorized to appoint a special committee to have an eye upon all rushing activities and to make suggestions for the efficient and economic management of the House.

The capacity for service of an organization, however, is in proportion to the resources and support it receives from its members and the χ^{Δ} Graduate Association could do much more effective work were more brothers to interest themselves and openly associate the influence of their thought and good will in its affairs.

The old officers were re-elected to serve during 1908: Brothers Stanton J. Peelle, President; Gilbert W. Kelly, Vice-President, and Frederick W. Albert, Secretary and Treasurer.

CENTRAL GRADUATE ASSOCIATION

In Luncheon Assembled have two "Special Attractions"—Norm and Rudy.

The Friday Luncheon of the Central Graduate Association held on February fourteenth was probably the most successful luncheon that this Association has had. Since the Friday Luncheons have been held at the Great Northern Hotel, they have become more and more popular and are calling out a larger number of Theta Delt each week. Brothers Norman Hackett, Γ^{Δ} '98, and Rudolph Tombo, Π^{Δ} '95, were present February fourteenth and twenty-four brothers were there to greet them. It goes without saying that there was plenty of rousing Theta Delt enthusiasm as there always is when either Norman or Rudy are present at any gathering of $\Theta \Delta \chi$.

WEEKLY LUNCHEONS

Chicago—Great Northern Hotel—12 o'clock.

Pittsburg—Hotel Henry—12 o'clock.

EASTERN MAINE ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Maine Association of $\Theta \Delta \chi$ met for the third time within its first year of existence Friday evening, February twenty-eighth, at the Penobscot Exchange in Bangor. The primary purpose of the informal gathering was to take supper with Brother Rudolf Tombo, Jr., Π^{Δ} '95, former President of the Grand Lodge. The following brothers were present: J. E. Brooks, Z^{Δ} '03; B. L. Bryant, H '95; J. W. Carr, I '93; M. C. Fernald, H '61; E. E. Lawton, X '02; W. J. Moulton, M^{Δ} '88; A. M. Parker, I^{Δ} '02; E. B. Sanger, E^{Δ} '91; Christopher Toole, H '09.

After the supper several of the brothers accompanied or followed Brother Tombo to Orono, where he delivered a scholarly and eloquent address on Faust, before the Deutscher Verein of the State University of Maine. He was introduced to a large audience of students, faculty people, and prominent persons from Bangor and vicinity by Brother J. W. Carr, Professor of Germanic Languages in the University of Maine. After the lecture a reception in honor of Brother Tombo was held in the club room of the University library. The reception was followed by the singing of German songs. Before and after the lecture Brother

Tombo was pleasantly entertained at the KΣ house, or rather, perhaps we should say, he entertained the KΣ men. It is hoped and expected that Brother Tombo will visit Bangor and Orono next year and lecture again.

X SONG

Three letters, $\theta \Delta X$,
 What meaning they impart
 To him who reads them with an eye
 Illumined by the heart!
 Vive la $\theta \Delta X$!
 Vive la $\theta \Delta X$!
 Vive la toi! Vive la moi!
 Vive la, Vive la X.

Three words those mystic symbols spell,
 What wisdom they imply
 To him who knows the secret well
 Of $\theta \Delta X$!
 Vive la $\theta \Delta X$!
 Vive la $\theta \Delta X$!
 Vive la toi! Vive la moi!
 Vive la dear old X!

T. T. S.

Rochester, January 7, 1908.

DAN'S BIRTHDAY

For some of the New York Theta Deltas, the opening gun of a Metropolitan Convention is an institution that has come to be known as "Dan's Birthday." For the past several years this event has been celebrated with religious regularity, and nineteen-eight was no exception. And so it came to pass that at eight-thirty on the evening of Wednesday, February 19, a little coterie gathered at the home of Brother Daniel S. Dougherty, Π^A '82, to be taken they knew not whither, to celebrate the rites of the evening. Presently the expedition set forth with sealed orders, headed by the redoubtable Dan,—properly flanked by femininity. Also, presently, said expedition right-wheeled into a quaint and thoroughly delightful place known as the CASTLE CAVE, where mine host had prepared the innermost dungeon for the exclusive use of Dan's party. Appetities had by this time grown to considerable proportions, and when the said "mine host" produced from another mysterious cave chunks of broiled steaks such as the cook-books tell about but nobody ever before believed in, his popularity threatened for the moment to eclipse even that of Dan himself. But enough of

what was eaten and drunk lest this tale read like the gloating reminiscences of a glutton. Suffice it to say that much was eaten and drunk and that Theta Delt songs and good cheer, with many a merry jest, and many a "prosit" to Dan, tuned the evening to one of complete delight.

It was Billy Dooris, who, securing the floor for an uninterrupted spell, addressed a "birthday speech" to Dan on behalf of his guests, which, as it unfolded, disclosed the fact that Billy was really making a presentation speech, and was trying to get Dan to accept a pair of silver candlesticks as a birthday remembrance. Brother Dougherty was so completely taken by surprise that only his remarkable ability to make a speech,—and a good one,—anywhere and any time, enabled him to give Billy as good as he sent; which he certainly did. Then came a "birthday poem," read by Brother Carl Schmid, who prudently blamed the authorship on his better half. But the "audience" didn't seem to see anything blameworthy about it,—in fact hilariously applauded.

More jollity, more fun. And finally good-nights were said with such frequency and fervor as usually flavor partings after an evening so thoroughly enjoyed by all as was this one. The party comprised Brother and Mrs. D. S. Dougherty, Π^Δ '82, Miss Tillie Dougherty, Brother Frederic Carter, E^Δ '90, Brother and Mrs. J. C. Hallock, Δ '91, Brother and Mrs. C. P. Schmid, Jr., Π^Δ '97, Brother E. E. Schmid, Π^Δ '99, Miss Chlorita Wingerd, Miss Schmid, Brother and Mrs. Edward Van Winkle, P^Δ '00, and Brother W. C. Dooris, Ξ '03. Brother and Mrs. E. S. Griffing and Brother F. N. Dodd were unfortunately prevented from attending.

THE POET OF THE GENESEE

Θ Δ X has many poets, some of them of genuine excellence; but there is one, little appreciated as yet by the Fraternity at large, who possesses the poetic gift in a rare degree. We refer to Thomas Thackeray Swinburne, X '92, who, at the earnest solicitation of his friends, has just brought out a little volume of his shorter poems entitled "Rochester Rhymes." Every Theta Delt should be proud to have a copy of this delightful volume.

Brother Swinburne was born in Rochester and he is reverently imbued with the spirit of the Genesee country, rich in legendary and historical material. The rhythm of the river flows through his rippling rhymes, and his heart is attuned to the strong and joyous music of his beloved Genesee.

With Rochester men Brother Swinburne has won enduring fame as the author of their Alma Mater song. Other men before him tried

their hand at this task, and students since his college days have striven to emulate him, but his song holds its own against them all and is sung at every gathering of the sons of Rochester.

OUR ALMA MATER

Beside the River Genesee,
 Where crystal waters fall and flow,
 And where the mills sing merrily,
 And fairest trees and flowers grow,
 'Tis here our Alma Mater lies,
 Endeared to us by many ties.

She boasts no ancient corner-stone,
 Or founder of illustrious name,
 But by her modest worth alone
 She rivals those of greater fame,
 And in the laurels of a son
 Her meed of patient toil is won.

We love her campus broad and green,
 Where monumental arbors stand,
 Beneath whose spreading shade is seen
 The marble print of memory's hand;
 And like the vines that clothe her walls
 Affection lingers round her halls.

Ah! when our college life is past,
 And we have gone our several ways,
 A backward glance we'll often cast
 Upon these dear departed days,
 And with our classmates oft will be
 In fancy by the Genesee.

Another song that enjoys unique popularity is "The Genesee." The Society of the Genesee in New York, a large and prosperous organization, sang this song at their annual meetings. This year they requested Brother Swinburne to rewrite the song for them, which, we are sorry to say, he did. The words should stand as originally written, without alteration or emendation. The original form is here given.

THE GENESEEE

Full many fair and famous streams
 Beneath the sun there be,
 But more to us than any seems
 Our own dear Genesee.
 We love her banks and stately falls,
 For to our minds they bring
 Our dear old Alma Mater's halls,
 Where sweetest memories cling.

No castled crags along her way
 Romantic splendors cast;
 No fabled or historic lay
 Recalls the golden past.
 But more than battlemented walls,
 Or legends they may bear,
 Are Alma Mater's vine-clad halls,
 And memories lingering there.

As flows the river, gathering force
 Along her steadfast way,
 May we along life's devious course
 Grow stronger day by day:
 And may our hearts, where'er we roam,
 Forever loyal be
 To our beloved college home
 Beside the Genesee.

A poem of national significance is the "World's Columbiad," written for the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. This poem attracted wide attention, was highly commended by the literary critics at the time, and has been frequently republished.

WORLD'S COLUMBIAD

In ages past, when Hellas was the world,
 Quadrennial eras, called Olympiads,
 Recorded flying time, and heralded
 The diverse tribes of Greece, from near and far,
 Together on the broad Olympia,
 In Elis, at the shrine of Zeus. They came
 From sunlit Attica, where streamlets flow
 Through purple valleys to the curven shore;
 From Phocis where Parnassus cleaves the sky,
 And from Laconia's forbidding coast.
 They came from Thessaly, where Tempé sleeps,
 And from Arcadia, the ancient home
 Of pastoral simplicity. They came
 From isles Ægean and from o'er the sea
 To celebrate, with laurel crownéd sports,
 Their kindred glory, and to weld anew
 The golden chain of Grecian unity.

Today the world is Hellas, and again
 Its diverse tribes, the nations of the earth,
 Assemble from the quarters of the globe
 Within the borders of Columbia
 To celebrate the brotherhood of man,
 And calendar a greater era's close:
 Four centuries, the world's Columbiad.

Brother Swinburne has a warm appreciation of the gentle sex, and one, or perhaps two of its representatives seem to have made a deep impression upon his sensitive heart as his lines on "Adeline" and "At Harvest Time" bear tell-tale witness.

ADELINE

'Twas in a lovely woodland spot,
 One day when nature seemed divine,
 I plucked the wild forget-me-not,
 And wove a wreath for Adeline.

The envious brooklet, murmuring by,
 Reflected in its glassy sheen
 The maid beneath a double sky
 Of azure blue and leafy green.

In answer to a thought of mine
 The whispering breeze that passed the spot
 Sighed to the brook, "Sweet Adeline!"
 The brook replied, "Forget-me-not!"

The woods, the sky, the day divine,
 The maid will never be forgot;
 The breeze still sighs, "Sweet Adeline!"
 The brook replies, "Forget-me-not!"

AT HARVEST TIME

While Autumn binds her golden hair,
 Of you I'm thinking, dear,
 And joy is mine since we can share
 The glory of the year.

The reapers go with laugh and song
 Into the waving fields,
 And to their sickles keen and strong
 The harvest richly yields.

The fragrance of those early flowers
 That grew so sweet and fair,
 Beneath the sunshine and the showers,
 Still lingers in the air;

Together we have wandered, dear,
 Through spring and summer land;
 Now in the sunset of the year
 We're walking hand in hand.