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FRATERNITY'S BANQUETING HOUR.

BY REV. HENRY SCHELL LOBINGIER, VA. B.

Once more at the call of Fraternity's voice,
'Neath the light of her all-seeing EYE,
We come in the glow of the LAMP and the STARS
To the altar of PHI KAPPA PSI.

We come in the light of a festival hour,
Which shines like a glow in the West
When the burdens have rolled from the back of the day
And he sinks to his coveted rest.

We come in the blaze of a glory achieved
On many a well-trodden field;
For more are the stars on Fraternity's roll
Than those on Fraternity's shield!

We come with an ecstasy swelling our hearts,
Which proudly in unison beat;
And riding the waves of the jubilant time,
We row to the melody sweet.

Though barren and frozen the hills of the north,
And hard the bleak face of the sky,
Yet where is the winter so cold as to chill
The heart of a PHI KAPPA PSI?

The stream of the valley is silent to-night:
No longer its unfettered voice
Sings low to the lilies that bloom on its banks,
Or makes the sweet meadows rejoice.

But deep in the vale of our jubilant hearts
The stream of our ecstasy flows,
And high o'er the hills and snow-covered heights
The son of our happiness glows.

The slumbering snow on the hills of the north
Leaps down at the kiss of the sun,
And flies to the rivulet's tender embrace,
And two are forever made one.

So shall every feeling of haughty reserve,
That shelters itself in repose,
Be wakened to life and to love and to joy
Where the light of Fraternity glows.

Orion may ride like a full-mailed knight,
And charge with his sword-blade on high,
But not less dauntless to glory shall go
Each chivalrous PHI KAPPA PSI.

The Pleiades' influence, tender and sweet,
But makes them a sisterhood fair;
Yet not the less tender the bond which to-night
Shall bind us in sympathy rare.

Unsever'd forever, Fraternity's bond.
This faithful and mystical tie;
And long may it fasten the cords of our hearts
To the Order of PHI KAPPA PSI.

But sage meditations on sisterhoods fair,
And moral reflections on ties,
Are quick to recall University days
Where soon the loved memory flies.

Once more we are back to the halcyon days,
And feel their sweet magical spell;
Once more we awake in the flush of the morn
To the sound of the old College bell.

Once more in our miserable Freshman career
Our valor is put to the test:
We "arma virumque" through half of the night,
And fight College heroes the rest!

Once more, in the swaggering Sophomore days,
We "lord it" o'er Freshman and "Prep.;"
Assume Junior airs, viewing Seniors with scorn,
And mock the proud Faculty's step.

Once more we are Juniors, but only in name,
For none but the loftiest mind
Could compass the regions of infinite space
Where the "higher loci" are confined.

Once more from summit of Senior renown,
How fair is the scene to our eyes!
The "otium cum dignitate" has come,
And with it the coveted prize.

And then our promotion we anxiously wait
From Bachelors, love of the arts,
To the honorable, ancient, and time honored chair,
Professor of feminine hearts!

Alas! for the heart-broken Bachelor tribe,
But possibly 'tis not a LASS;
For hard-hearted women will "order them up,"
Or quietly tell them to "pass!"

What solace shall they in their wretchedness find?
What ear for their eloquent sigh?
No sigh shall receive their poor desolate hearts
Save only the PHI KAPPA PSI. . . .

Then here let them join in the banquet and song,
Their cares and their sorrows forgot;
Who knows but the Benedicts gladly would loose
The tight matrimonial knot!

Perchance some Aeneas is with us to-night
Who left his Creusa behind,
Persuading her how it was wifely and right
Their "little Iulus" to mind.

These little Iuli replenish the earth
In a way to drive Benedicts mad;
While Bachelors smile to themselves as they think
That to "multiply" meaneth to add!

They add, it may be, to disorder and care,
Causing many a fatherly sigh;
Hereafter they'll add to this Order, we trust,
Raising many a PHI KAPPA PSI.

To-night in the joy of this festival time
No care shall find welcome or room;
No sorrowful spectre shall sit at the feast,
And cover our hearts with its gloom.

No dead and forgotten and long-buried hope
Shall crawl from its desolate grave,
And taunt us with skeleton treasures we thought
Were sunk in oblivion's wave.

No Damocles' sword at this banquet shall hang,
And swing from its delicate thread;
No uplifted eye have occasion to quail;
No heart have occasion to dread

But full of exultant rejoicing the heart,
And shining with rapture the eye,
And beaming with gladness each face that surrounds
This banquet of PHI KAPPA PSI.

Let the light of the love in this banqueting hall
Outrival the glow of the wine;
And long may the glow in the banqueting heart
Continue in beauty to shine.

Oh, sweet be the music that falls on the ear
Wherever our melodies ring,
And long may the songs of Fraternity dear
This hour to our memory bring!

Long, long may the joys of this festival night
In every loved memory dwell;
Long, long may it be our unfeigned delight
Its pleasures and glories to tell!

EDITORIAL.

In this, the initial number of a publication, whose existence, they hope, will terminate only with that of the Fraternity, the editors feel that some remarks are necessary. They believe that any statement of the desirability of such a journal would be entirely supererogatory, and for the present, limit themselves to a few words as to the reasons which have led to their undertaking it, and a few suggestions, as to the nature of the communications to be sent by the different Chapters.

For more than two years the different Chapters have been without any recognized means of obtaining regular periodical information of the status of other Chapters, and of the successes gained by graduate members of the Fraternity, other than those afforded by our annual catalogues of the active members of each Chapter and have also been deprived of intercommunication except by letter, or in the case of individual members, by personal visits, which, between our brothers in the East, West and South, are of necessity, very rare; the distances between the different sections rendering sectionalism more likely than that unity which is essential to our truest welfare.

When, therefore, last spring, the G. C., for reasons, which were sufficient, though much to be regretted, decided that it was inexpedient for them to undertake the publication of a Journal, a number of graduates of different Chapters, resident in Philadelphia, began considering the feasibility of starting a Fraternity Magazine, and received so much encouragement from old graduates, and from the two or three Chapters, to whom they mentioned the subject, that they have decided to undertake the publication.

The editors feel it due to themselves, as well as desirable for the success of the Magazine, to state that their only wish in the matter is to be able, at the meeting of the G. A. C. in February, to hand over the publication of the Magazine to the G. C., where it properly belongs, with a sufficient subscription list to guarantee its future life.

They hope to have a monthly letter or at least some items of news, both of our own Fraternity and of any others which may be located at its college, from each Chapter, and they ask each Chapter to appoint a member or a committee, whose duty it shall be to prepare a history of his or their Chapter for publication in "The Shield." They wish a list sent them of all members, initiated into any Chapter during the previous month, by

the 15th of each month; and would like a statement of the successes of the members of the different Fraternities at the last Commencement, not only of the graduating class but any prizes or other distinctions among the under-class-men.

They would further say, that it is their intention to devote the columns of THE SHIELD, purely to Fraternity matters, and that they feel that it will be more interesting, and, *ipso facto* more successful, than if made up even in small part, by compositions of a merely literary character.

They will be very glad to receive at any time, letters from graduates or active members advocating matters thought desirable by their writers.

They wish, in conclusion, to express their heart-felt thanks for the words of comfort and cheer that they have received from many of their brethren, and to reiterate their intention of making "The Shield" a true Fraternity organ, and of conducting it (to use the words of Abraham Lincoln, who while not a brother, was full of our Fraternity's true spirit) "with malice towards none, with charity towards all."

May we all carry out the motto of Pa. Iota, "*phulissein kartoi psistein*," do your duty, and (consequently, as well as) yet, have a full measure of enjoyment.

The Editors regret very much that they have been restricted in the Personalia to a few chapters in their immediate neighborhood. It could not, however, be otherwise, as only the chapters represented in that column responded to the call for miscellaneous news. See to it, brothers, that all items of interest in the various chapters are sent us for publication.

We have received a communication from Ohio "B," which needs a reply in this column. In the first place we would refer our brothers of that chapter to the fourth paragraph of the main editorial; in the second place we would say that although not the "organ" of the G. C., THE SHIELD has received a practical endorsement in the shape of the subscriptions of every member of that body: and in the 3rd place, that the editors are unwilling to allow that anybody, even be he a member of Ohio "B," is more imbued with the true fraternity spirit, or more alive to the true interests of the fraternity than they are. In conclusion, we would say, that we hope most sincerely to receive letters from the Ohio "B" for our next and subsequent numbers, which may be published in part, at least.

We print in this No. of "THE SHIELD" the poem, read at "I's" Symposium last December by our Rev. Bro. Henry S. Lobingier of Va. "B," feeling sure that those who heard it at that time, or have read it since will be glad to read it once more, and that those that did not will be glad of an opportunity to do so.

THE Delta Gamma Fraternity (Ladies) of Oxford, Miss., established a Chapter recently at Franklin, Ind. This is a southern organization and this is its first endeavor to gain footing in the North.

Correspondence.

D. C. ALPHA.

Sept. 29th, 1879.

Dear Bros:—We hailed with joy the receipt of your letter announcing the probable publication of a Phi Psi monthly called "The Shield," as we recognize it as the something or rather the *one thing* necessary to keep up that friendly and brotherly feeling which pervades the breast and fills the heart of every Phi Psi.

The D. C. Alpha wishes all the Chapters to unite in making the G. A. C. of 1880, a success in every respect, and they can rest assured that the Alpha will make every effort to make it the grandest in the history of the Fraternity.

We want the G. C., to impose upon us any duties they may wish in making arrangements for them, and will deem it a privilege to serve them.

Phi Psi's unite the study of the classics etc., with a love for the fair sex, and we always make it a point to have our yearly reunions, at which we unite the literary with the social, and spend a most delightful evening, well attended by the ladies. We intend in honor to the G. A. C., to make our reception this year, the grandest occurrence of the season, and we therefore hope that every Chapter will send its full complement of delegates to honor us and our loved Phi Psi upon this occasion. That we will meet with encouragement from THE SHIELD, we have not the slightest doubt.

This city so full of the beautiful and historic, will be ablaze with the excitement of politics and fashion, and will amply repay any delegate to attend the next G. A. C.

Congress will be in session, and all the Courts open and those desiring can improve the mind, "not by attending Congress" but our Courts.

We have now in Congress some Phi Psi's, and the most prominent among them Genl. Bingham of your city, who has never forgotten his first love, and always delights in doing her honor. We hope to have them all with us at the G. A. C. reception, as also the President and Cabinet, one of these Secretary Schurz, being a Phi Psi.

Our hearts are ablaze with enthusiasm for old Phi Psi, and "as each one offers his spark of Phi Psi enthusiasm and devotion upon our common altar of fraternal love, they blend together and blaze up with redolent incense into one grand Phi Psi sun."

We will endeavor to give you a more interesting letter for the next SHIELD.

Fraternally yours,
D. C. Alpha.

LA FAYETTE COLLEGE.

EASTON, Oct. 7th, 1879.

Dear Bros:—It is with the liveliest hope that the paper may be successful in its work of constructing a more solid

fabric of the far separated components of that spirit, which stirs within every member of this Fraternity that the Penn'a. Theta sends its greetings to "THE SHIELD."

We have long felt the need of that something which shall more discover to each chapter the conditions of the others. As travellers on mountain heights, often for mutual safety, connect each other with a rope, so let us bind ourselves, not with a rope of sand, but with one whose every knot shall be a Gordian which no Alexandrine arm will ever cut asunder. And if by any means this more thorough knowledge of ourselves will be gained in this practical precipitate age, the medium will be a newspaper. There is therefore due to those brothers who have founded this organ, from every member of our body, not only the deepest gratitude but also the most zealous co-operation of the mind as well as of that small book or bag which holds money. And why not this co-operation? Why not seek to perpetuate the peculiar privileges which we are enjoying? Mistake not, though, that we would make a defense for secret societies, whether they be college fraternities or the various kindred forms which have in days past and do now hold the reins of men. We believe the some of the mightiest darts, with which Satan arms himself to attack the Kingdom of Light, are secret societies. Are we Americans free? Not yet. The obvious, objective form of slavery has been abolished; but still within us, and wherever boasted civilization has strutted, there lurks a dissembling, subjective slavery, rivaling in baseness that which the negro once suffered. For can it be denied that the vast secret societies, known and unknown, form tight fetters of belief and conscience? In how many men that unerring voice within the soul, that remnant which tells us of our protoplast's once god-like being is completely hushed by the din of conflicting error imparted by these institutions!

But a few words on the milder, found in places of learning. These are as numerous as the permutations which can be formed of the Greek alphabet, and as widely differ in their character as the natures of children; for as has been well said, each individual college has a *genius loci* of its own. Of these we would not make a broad defense; not seldom they are pernicious in their influences. Each chapter has in it a comparatively small number of persons, and among these a single individual of an immoral disposition may spread pollution. Thus the Evil Spirits are multiplied. The last scene of all is a man hardly past his first score of years, with a mind undeveloped and the series of evils following prolonged inactivity or worse still, with his character ruined, a blot on human society. But far be it from us to speak so of all fraternities, especially of the Phi Kappa Psi. We are confident that it holds a high rank, of which we are justly proud.

The college intercourse is operative on mind and morals, and that the assembling ourselves together, presents the most pleasant and refining associations, every brother will confess. We would place our meetings among those influences of college life which, says Noah Porter, "are not always adequately estimated even by those who have enjoyed the exhilaration and have been stimulated by the force of this highly oxygenated atmosphere. Those who have not experienced them find it dif-

difficult to estimate them at their real value and often listen with incredulous questionings to the representations of their great importance, or look with silent wonder upon the excitement which they occasion in the young collegian as he begins to feel the stimulus of this peculiar life, and in the gray headed student wherever he greets an old classmate." No brother then should think lightly of the advantages which are within his grasp, in after life he will perceive that *they* educated him, not his books. For the saying is true, you send your child to the schoolmaster, but 'tis the school-boys who educate him.

Before closing we would briefly notice *Theta's* course this year. On the morning of Sept. 4th, the unoffending Freshmen appeared on the Campus. As the Assyrian with cohorts gleaming in purple and gold, came down on the chosen people, so we immediately sent out our chosen men to seize such of the ranks of '83 as we thought could be dressed in the garb of a Phi Psi. While in the field we had many a fierce conflict with the various marauding parties, come in search of booty. We will mention at this time but one memorable hand-to-hand fight. We were rushing upon the indefensive phalanx of Freshmen when we noticed one dressed in a beautiful green, whose fine accoutrements foretold he would be of value to us. Forthwith we advanced and surrounded him. The first prospect of success was dawning when a violent attack was made upon our rear. We turned to resist and found our combatant to be proud and wily, whose helmet bore the escutcheon *Delta Kappa Epsilon*. But hardly had we closed with him when our flank was slightly harrassed by a bold yeoman in woolen doublet on whose front was interwoven the strange device *Phi Delta Theta*. Of course for a time the result of the battle was uncertain. The furious clash of contending arms and wild blaze of musketry plainly indicated the violence and earnestness of the strife. Finally by dint of superior armor and unfailing use of our arms we routed the enemy and triumphantly bore away the green man. Such struggles are not uncommon, and on fair ground it is ours to be the victor.

Let our fraternity be a powerful instrument, under the Almighty in moulding the character of men. C. B. S.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

LANCASTER, PA. Sept. 29th, 1879.

To all the members of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, Pa. Eta sends greeting.

We hail with delight the New Era which is about to dawn upon us. Many and various were the manifestations of delight in Eta's Hall when her sons heard the announcement of the publication of *THE SHIELD*. The want of a fraternity journal has been deeply felt in our midst, where all are interested in the welfare of everyone bound to them by the golden cord of Phi Psi love. We have felt that, acquaintance, brotherly feeling, mutual assistance and the culmination of all these, general culture, can in no way be so successfully promoted as through such a journal as we fondly hope to realize in *THE SHIELD*.

The general status of affairs in our chapter is good. We number thirteen of the best fellows in the institution. Besides,

Bro. Rothrock '79, whose college cognomen was "Rodie," has returned and entered the Theological Seminary and frequently lends his cheering presence to our gatherings. Bros. Appel and Musser of '78 are connected with the Seminary and are prompt in their attendance upon our meetings and by their ardent speeches show that the old fire still heats up their "buzzums."

Our meetings are characterized by expressions of the warmest fraternal feeling, and the expressive sentence, "I am glad to be here to-night," which constituted the sum total of all of a younger brother's maiden effort at speech making in our midst, has involuntarily been adopted as conveying the general sentiments of each one of our chapter.

As yet we have not initiated any new men. Not because we couldn't get them, but because they were not the right kind of material. Owing to the poor qualities of the new members of the institution, old mother Eta has stood upon her dignity and proudly refused to conceive, hence there's been no birth to us.

We, the present members of the Eta, rather pride ourselves on the past good reputation of our chapter and are extremely jealous lest by an imprudence on our part in the choice of new men that reputation may take the wings of the morning, or some other bird, and vanish from our sight. "Quality and not Quantity" has ever been our motto.

To constitute a pleasant chapter, we consider from twelve to fifteen men sufficient for all practical purposes. We therefore feel quite independent, being up to our mark.

Of all the new men who have entered our institution this fall, but three have become fraternity men; and they all have become wearers of the "Royal Purple" the adopted color of a fraternity, whose color constitutes its only claim to royalty. Their chief characteristic is to be able to swallow all they can pick up. But occasionally, like the bird with the one straight intestine, they swallow more than they can contain, and some are dropped behind. Upon the three they have gulped down this fall, Eta may well look with disdain and say "well, what's gone from me? What have I lost in you?"

The oft-repeated remark of non-fraternity men that if they joined any fraternity here it should be the Phi Psi, is sufficient evidence of the high estimation in which we are held by impartial judges; and so long as our boys receive the respect, which their merits command, from faculty, collegians and citizens we covet not the honor which the reputation of a large chapter might bring upon us, but are content to shine in our humble sphere on the roll of Phi Kappa Psi. H. C. E.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

GETTYSBURG, Oct., 6th, 1879.

DEAR BROS:—To all Epsilon sends greeting. Not being the regularly appointed correspondent, I will only "sub" for the present number of *THE SHIELD*.

Our chapter has reason to rejoice and be glad over the success we have met with. Thus far we have initiated six new members and the prospects for more are very favorable. Five of our newly made brethren are Freshies, the sixth a primarian in Preparatory School. We are *in toto* twenty two men.

The honormen are numerous. We confidently expect to see one of our boys walk away with Freshmen prize, and another with the Junior Latin prize next June.

At the opening of college three of our old boys brought with them their little brothers, whom we at once introduced to the mysteries of PHI KAPPA.

Three of our Seniors are off on a mineralogical trip, visiting Johnstown, Pittsburg, &c.

Last month we were agreeably surprised by a visit from some of the Zeta boys. They all proved to be true, noble fraters. Glad to see them again.

As I have "to git" I'll close this hastily written letter, promising something "more drawn out" next time. Give old Epsilon credit for twenty SHIELDS and there's the

GRIP,
C. A. E.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Oct. 7th, 1879.

It is only fitting that Iota, Pennsylvania's youngest chapter, should be heard from in this, the initiative number. And by the way, what a good idea it is! It is what Phi Kappa Psi has wanted for a long time, and the endeavors of the editorss should be seconded by every chapter in the land: and I venture to add that Iota will not be backward in this regard, for if we may judge of the future by the fruits of the past, all fraternity interests will be valiantly defended by our chapter. Iota is doing well. It was feared that the exit of '79, which class gave us many good fellows, would leave a painful gap in our side, but we have already drawn upon the new Freshman class, as well as on '82, and the Medicals, and have also several names under consideration. Our chairman of the committee on membership is a good worker and is daily seen button-holing innocent freshmen in the assembly room. He is helped in his laudable endeavors by the other two gentlemen of the committee. As it is somewhat early yet, it is almost impossible to compare our present status with that of the other fraternities. The Phi Kaps, if I mistake not took in two or three men during vacation. This is a good enough plan when the candidate is well known, but might, in some cases, lead to very unhappy results. Two of our new members have joined us through the persuasive efforts of Bro. Roberts, who is now head master at the Cathedral school, Garden City. We all feel sorry he is so far off, but trust that he may persuade some more to join the University and Phi Psi. Our chapter is now two years old. We began on 7th St., in the offices of our good friends, Bros. Gross and Myers. We then took the 3rd story rooms over Pennock's and the Milliner's. As far as outside looks go, (and to tell the truth, they go a good way) this location was rather more desirable than the present. "But," urged Bro. Colket, "you will find the rooms at the N. E. Corner of Broad and Chestnut Sts. much more convenient, pleasant, better situated, and possessing many advantages we do not enjoy here." So we took these rooms, and never repented our movement. And let us say here to visiting brothers that they will always find comfortable quarters and a warm welcome awaiting them

if they favor us with a visit. There is one thing which needs attention, however, and which has not unfrequently called forth sarcastic remarks from our friends and that is the glorious state of dirtiness which the front steps are wont to enjoy. They surely belong to the army of the great unwashed. And now, let me go over some familiar names, names which have become dear to Iota's sons, and which remain to us a precious heritage. The muster roll of '78 is being called. Listen! Elwell! Here! Billy's always here. We see his genial face on almost every Tuesday night, and a truer Phi Psi or a better fellow never lived. Don't ask me what his business is, please. Nobody is supposed to know this,—it is a great secret. Helme! Another good fellow who has'nt forgotten us. Helme has returned from Europe greatly benefitted by his trip and looking extremely well. He is engaged in special post graduate studies, out at college. Harkness! Harkness! who's he? oh! yes, he's the fellow that used to go by the name of Johns. People got to know him too well by that name, so he changed it, a wise move on his part. "Cousty" is with Seller's and is doing finely, we understand. McCollin! He's a lawyer, well, almost a lawyer, and yet this prospective dignity does not hinder him from dropping in occasionally, with his chum, our new Bro. Rodman. Breed! Mac Kubbin! McDowell! prospective ministers, all these, and they have our best wishes for the future. Rowland "Mother" still wipes the bottles for Prof. Sadtler, and looks after Phi Psi interests. McCarter! A large reward will be offered to any one bringing information concerning Bro. McCarter's whereabouts. He has not been seen for a long time. One name will not be called. His picture is with us, and that, with his memory, is all that is left. Howard Huston, brave friend, loyal brother, peace to thee! peace to thee! we have not room here for '79. She will be represented in our next letter. Freeland has become instructor in Mechanics, and has added one more name to the already brilliant cluster of Phi Psis, on our University rolls. Next month we hope to send to THE SHIELD, a fresh batch of gossip.

CLARKSVILLE, MECKLENBURG CO., VA., Oct. 2nd, 1879.

DEAR BROS:—Your letter to the Va. Gamma in my name was forwarded to me and has just been received.

I finished my college course last June, and am now not directly connected with any chapter.

Your letter will be at once sent to our chapter at Hampden Sidney, and I will do all in my power to have this effort, which you are about to make, encouraged by the members of the Gamma.

My special purpose for writing this evening is to congratulate you upon this step you have proposed to take.

Since our Quarterly had to be abandoned, we of the South have felt more and more forcibly the need of some general organ of communication between the several chapters of the fraternity. Being so far removed from the majority of our chapters, and we of Virginia being at present so sadly hampered by our pecuniary trouble, have never felt it in our power to encourage any proposition which would require any special money tax upon the chapters.

We need just some such private enterprise as our Brothers at the North now propose to start and I do most certainly hope that you may be well supported by our Southern chapters, now that the way of communication has opened just as we should wish it.

I have heard nothing of interest in regard to the Va. chapters this year, though you may always feel assured that, though separated by space, the chapters throughout this State are to be found among the most loyal brethren.

The interests of the fraternity are always nearest my heart, and my best wishes shall ever be with any enterprise that will tend to further the influences of our dear Mother.

With the wish that your efforts may prove a perfect success, as I feel sure they will,

I remain in bonds of PHI KAPPA PSI,

ALFRED T. GRAHAM

INDIANA ALPHA--ASBURY UNIVERSITY

GREENCASTLE INDIANA, Oct. 6th, 1879.

DEAR BROS:—Your favor received, we feel the need of a good fraternity paper, and sincerely hope the SHIELD will be a success, our chapter will give it a hearty support.

In the annual report of the fraternity for '77 and '78, our chapter was not represented, this was not caused by any negligence on the part of the chapter but by a misunderstanding between our B. G. and the publishers of the report. The assessment was collected and the report completed but owing to the fact that the "Annual Report" was received before our statement was mailed, we thought it would not be expedient to send it forward.

Our prospects for this year are very flattering, the chapter being stronger, in every particular, than it ever was before. We have thirty men in college, twenty nine of whom wear the *Badge*, have but one prep.

Hope to receive "The Shield" soon.

Yours Fraternally,
D. H. PATRICK, Indiana Alpha,
Greencastle, Box 100,
Indiana.

THE Kappa Alpha Theta (Ladies) held their convention at Bloomington, Ind., during the month of May.

A list and account of the fraternities in the United States, has been published in Detroit, Mich., by A. N. Jacobs, Psi Upsilon, under the title of "The Greek Letter Societies."

PHI Gamma Delta's Phi Chapter, is situated in two different schools in Baltimore, law and medical, which have no connection with each other.

ON the 21st of Oct. the Beta Theta Pi swallowed the entire Alpha Sigma Chi fraternity. This performance of "swallowing" anything and everything, appears to be one of Beta Theta's characteristics.

FRATERNITY SONG.

BY WALTER C. RODMAN, PENN'A, I. '77.

I

When Beauty's bright radiance dazzles our eyes
In Life's rosy morning, we vow
Tho' dragons uncounted may, gainst us arise,
We'll ne'er be less loving than now;
Yet the lips that we loved at the dawn of the day,
At its noon may forget to be kind;
And Beauty's young blossoms may wither away,
And leave only ashes behind.

II

But ah! there's a sentiment nobler by far
Than Beauty can ever inspire;
It's ray is as pure as the pale Polar Star,
And it burns with Promethean fire,
'Tis brotherly friendship, oh blest be the tie
That makes us fraternally one;
May it firmly unite us as long as the sky
Shall blush to the smile of the sun.

III

To the vow we so willingly, eagerly made
We'll ever be fervently true;
Then up with each glass, ere the bright nectar fade,
In brotherly clusters that grew,
Be friendship undying forever our boast,
And echo on echo reply
To the shout that we raise with the soul-stirring toast—
"Long life to the PHI KAPPA PSI!"

IOTA'S "FEED."

On the eve of Oct. 7th the brothers of this chapter celebrated "fair Iota's" second birthday with a "grind." The preliminary work was the initiation of Bro. D. King Gotwald, and this feat accomplished, the motion to adjourn to the Brunswick House was in order. Everybody was there, the terrible prof. of dynamical engineering, the professor of "blowing" and "fossils," the elucidator of X, and last, but not least, the Freshmen, who for the first time, sported the royal old SHIELD. It was a jolly crowd! Silence only prevailed during the period of assault upon fried oysters and all the other good things that might be purchased for 50 cts. Thirst was quenched by sips of *coffee*. Billy Elwell rendered "The Bold Candidate" in good style! The Sophomore, who captains the University Rifle Team, gave an exhibit of his vocal ability, singing in rhythmic verse his adventures among the "Mollies" and his experience as an aid in suppressing the late strikers in the coal regions. Old Davy Meyers, Pa. Zeta, tickled the boys with "Handy Andy." The only quiet men who didn't enjoy themselves, were "Bosko" Marshall, and his second cousin, Brighty. Not a soul remembers of any noise coming from their corner.

The college songs sung by the brothers who are members of the Univ. Glee Club, were excellent. Indeed the musical talent of the University may be found among the Iotas.

Any brother strolling around these parts about this season of the year, can always hear of a "grind" to which every Phi Psi is heartily welcome.

Dr. S. B. Wylie Mitchell, founder of Phi Kappa Sigma, died recently in Phila., Pa.

IN MEMORIAM.

HENRY HOWARD HOUSTON JR.

[DIED AT ROME, ITALY, MAY 13th, 1879.]

Death has called away a dearly loved brother. It is fitting that in a journal of the fraternity of which he was a member, —a zealous, ever active member—some record of his faithfulness and loyalty should be published; and it is the little comfort left the living to be able to go over in memory, familiar fields in his footsteps. Bro. Houston became a member of Phi Kappa Psi in his senior year, being one of the first to join the *Pa Iota* chapter.

From the very outset of his career in that chapter to its saddened close he manifested that interest and concern in its welfare that is at once a mark of honesty of purpose and of strong affection. It is not an easy matter to fulfill satisfactorily all the duties of a society, and the verdict "well done" might be worthily rendered in the case of any who accomplished all these duties, even though distinguished by no extraordinary efforts. But Howard did more. He was never satisfied with his work, and was continually striving to surpass his former efforts; his goal being *the good and the advancement* of his fraternity. His committee work stands without a blemish. The chapter, recognizing the fact that his judgment was always sound, and his counsel valuable, appointed him chairman of the Committee of arrangements, which important position he held for many months. He not only made it a point to look into the character and moral standing of every candidate, but was also himself instrumental in bringing many names before our notice. He was bitterly opposed to all against whom could be brought any charge of immoral or ungentlemanly conduct; for, highly moral and a thorough gentleman himself, his lofty spirit scorned those of baser and less pure mould. It was a common saying of his. "I wish to see no one a member of this fraternity whom I cannot consider fit society, and whom I would not like to introduce into my own family."

And then, who ever missed his face on our meeting nights? Neither rain nor storm kept him away. He was never too tired to come, other engagements did not interfere, for he never made any for Tuesday night. He refused many invitations which promised, perhaps, more brilliant pleasures, because his first thought was his duty. Many thought him too particular in regard to such matters. Perhaps, so. And yet this was the natural offshoot of a deep seated affection, the exaggeration of true love. One case in particular presents itself to my memory. He had occasion at one time to be in Cincinnati, and, though there was no special reason for hurrying home, he refused a party invitation, because its acceptance would have prevented his presence at the next meeting of his chapter. Tuesday night was sacred.

Not long before his departure, Howard and myself spent the night together at his home. He took me apart, before retiring, and spoke earnestly and lovingly about the fraternity; what he hoped; what he feared. We sat together long into the night, and our communion was sweet. Earnest soul! oh,

little did I think that was to be our *last* meeting! I was sad at the thought of the approaching departure, but my heart was not filled, as it is now, with the sadness of death.

Howard Houston was brave, handsome, good. There was a royalty in his nature, and yet he was gentle and affectionate. He was a Christian in the truest sense, for he did not allow his Christianity to conflict with his manhood. He honored the noble and scorned the base. He *was* loved, and is deeply deplored.

The writer of this sketch knew Howard Houston all his life. He was his companion in infancy, grew up with him in boyhood, was his comrade in youth, and together with him, stood upon the verge of manhood. He has spoken out of the abundance of his heart, a heart welling over with the strongest love, the love of brother for brother, the love of David for Jonathan, a love surpassing the love of woman.

Bro. Houston was born in Philadelphia, on Oct 5th, 1858. The family is of Scotch descent—settling first in this country in the fertile county of Lancaster, where many of that name still reside.

Howard's home was in Germantown, where he attended school, and where he spent the few, but bright and happy years of his life. He was a wonderfully brilliant boy and from the first devoted himself to those pursuits in which he took especial interest. These were the mathematical branches and chemistry. I will remember his little laboratory in the cellar, and how he loved to work there. A good part of his money was spent in purchasing articles, necessary to carry on his work. Mr. Barker's school gave him the preparatory education for college, and he entered the Towne Scientific School of the University in 1874. From the first he manifested a strong interest in her institutions, and was an honored member of several. The Scientific Society lost a firm supporter when Bro. Houston graduated. Athletics also received much attention from him, and through his instrumentality, many became members of the Association. He was thoroughly opposed to what is now politely termed College Nihilism, and was a faithful friend of college customs. But it was his senior year which fully showed his real worth. He occupied the position of chairman of the executive committee of his class, and this in Senior year is, as every college man knows, by no means an easy office. And it is the universal verdict of '78 that the duties of that office were honorably fulfilled by Bro. Houston.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

BRO. C. H. Colket '79 Pa. I, left on the 25th of Sept. for San Francisco, from which place he will proceed on a tour around the world. He hopes to see Bro. Tosui Imadate, Pa. I, who by this time, no doubt, thinks of getting ready for university duties in Japan. Bro. C. will be absent one year.

BRO. A. C. Wentz '79 Pa. E, is attending the lectures of the Med. Dept. of Univ. of Pa.

BRO. Geo. W. Cross, '77 Pa. E, was admitted to the York bar recently.

W. E. Helme '78, Pa. I, arrived in New York, Sept. 5, after an absence of more than a year, during which time he visited the English Isles, Germany, Greece, the Holy Land, Norway, Sweden, France &c. Billy is at present studying gas analysis under Dr. S. P. Sadtler '67, Pa. E, at the University.

Dr. John K. Marshall, Pa. I, just returned from Germany. He spent about five months at the University of Goettingen. During the spring six Phi Kappa Psis were matriculated at the same place. Dr. Jack brought with him an immense Ulmer dog—weighing 170 lbs.

The six Phi Psis at the University of Goettingen during the summer term were C. H. Graff, M. D. Pa. E, J K Marshall, M. D., Pa. I, Bro. Manning, Pa. Z. G. P. Miller, Pa. E, Bro. Seligman, N. Y. Gamma and Bro Weeks, Wis. A.

Prof. F. W. Clarke, Univ. of Cincinnati, Prof. A. E. Dolbear (of Telephon and Phonograph fame) of Tufts College, and Prof. Geo. B. Merriman of Rutgers College, are loyal sons of Phi Psi.

J. B. Foraker, formerly of Ohio A and founder of several chapters, was last spring elected Judge of Supreme Court of Cincinnati, O.

F. G. Mitchell an honored alumnus of Ohio Alpha, is pastor of M. E. Church in Ripley, O.

LUCIEN Clarke, an enthusiastic brother in Phi Psi, is located at Xenia, O.

J. T. Short, O. W. U '69, is Prof. of Eng. Lit., in Ohio State University, Columbus, O.

C. H. Short formerly of Ohio Alpha, is adjunct professor of Physics in the same institution.

JOE Stubbs of Ohio Alpha, formerly publisher of Phi Kappa Psi Quarterly, is editor and proprietor of the "Ashland Times."

HARRY Whitworth, O. W. U. '77 is principal of the High School, Bellefontaine, O.

W. D. Grey, O. W. U '77 is studying theology at Boston University.

F. A. Gould O. W. U. '77 is preaching in Northern Ohio.

PRESCOTT Smith, son of Consul General of U. S. for Canada J. Q. Smith, is studying law in Montreal. He is an alumnus of O. Alpha '78.

L. A. Black, O. W. U '71 is practising law in Cin. O., as partner of Judge Foraker.

HARRY Hall of Hall's Safe and Lock Works, Cin. O., is trying farming at Glendale, O., near Cin.

F. K. Patterson, formerly of O. W. U., is at home in Cin. O., recruiting his health.

GEO. GAUL. O. W. U. '79 is pastor of the M. E. Church at Washington, Lancaster Co. Pa.

C. F. Cozier, O. W. U. '79 is traveling through Ohio, Indiana and Ills. in the interest of an Albany, N. Y., manufacturing house.

H. P. Waddell of Ohio Alpha is studying law in Cin., Ohio.

A. B. Riker '79 O. W. U, is preaching in Ohio Conference of M. E. Church.

C. H. Pents formerly of Ohio A, is in business with his father in Chillicothe, O.

E. F. Mitchell, O. W. U '76 is Supt. Public Schools in Mt. Gilead, O.

RICHARD Montgomery, Pa. I '79 is at the Princeton Theol. School.

WM. Breed and Henry Mackubbin, Pa. I '78, spent the past year at Princeton Theol. School, but will not return this fall. They wish to recruit their health.

WM. G. Davis, M. D. Pa. I '79 is studying medicine in London. He will spend the winter in Vienna.

C. P. Van Cleve, O. W. U. '79 is Prin. of Public Instruction in Spring Valley, Green Co., Ohio.

Prof. S. P. Sadtler '67 Pa. E, delivered the introductory address at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Oct. 1st. Bro. S. holds the chair of Assistant Professor in the University and Prof. of Chemistry in College of Pharmacy. He is an A. B. and A. M. from Penn'a. College, Sc. B. from Harvard University and Ph. D. from the University of Goettingen, Prussia.

J. Peter Hecht '77 Pa. E may be found at Jeff. Med. College, Pete graduates in the spring.

Dr. John Crumbaugh, Pa. E is married and located at Lancaster, Pa. Stop and see him boys, he drives an excellent nag.

Geo. Claybaugh Pa. E, '78 is in business in Philadelphia.

OSCAR C. S. Carter, Pa. I, may be found at present in Norristown, Pa. Always ready to welcome Phi Psis.

JIM Smith, '79, Iota's "fair brunette" has slid off to Silver Lake, Col.

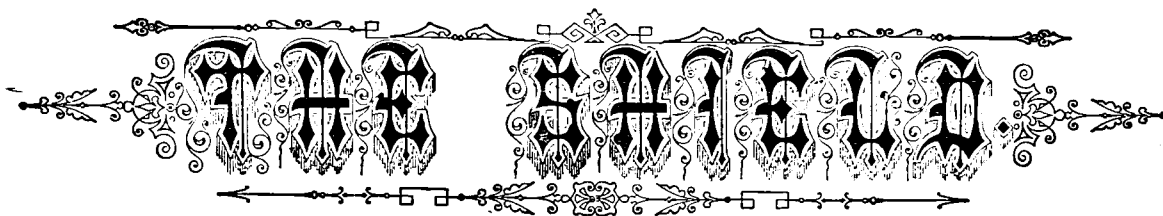
N. A. Stockton, Pa. I, '79 is engaged as assistant on Penn'a Geol. Survey.

THE Ormicron chapter of D. K. E. has recently erected a Hall at Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Crescent of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity credits us with a chapter at Ohio State College. Wrong this time, neighbor. We are not so hasty.

THE Phi Kappa Sigma at Franklin and Marshall College, Pa., is about played out. Following the example of a sister chapter at Dickinson which passed in its "chips" not long ago.

Rob't. J. Burdette—"Hawkeye Man" and a loyal Phi Psi will lecture in Philadelphia on the eve of Nov. 10th. The Iotas are preparing for his coming. Bob always sports a pin.



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HISTORY OF ILL. ALPHA.

EDS. SHIELD:—In accordance with the desire expressed in the first number of THE SHIELD the Ill. Alpha has appointed me to give you a short sketch or history of our chapter.

This chapter was first established in 1862, being the first Greek fraternity in the school. It had an excellent history up to about 1868 when it began to decline, and in 1870 the charter was given up. By the gentlemanly deportment and high scholarship of its numbers it won the highest respect and esteem of both the faculty and students. It numbers among its alumni some of the best graduates of this institution; many of whom have risen to places of distinction and honor and several are respected instructors of our own university.

After the chapter was given up in 1870, for several years an opportunity was given for the chapters of other fraternities which has been established here, to rise. Only one, however, the Beta Theta Pi, rose to prominence. The other two, the Sigma Chi and the Phi Kappa Sigma, although they number some good men in their ranks, yet through their taking in so many men who are noted for nothing but their rowdyism, have never won the respect of the better class of students.

Early in the spring of 1878, Bro. V. F. Brown a zealous Phi Psi and formerly a member of Kans. Alpha, together with Bro. R. L. Root took active steps toward re-establishing the Ill. Alpha at this place. Through the kind aid of Kans. Alpha and Wis. Alpha a charter was granted. Early on the morning of the 25th of May, the following persons assembled among "the Gods" of Heck Hall (Idols of the museum) and were duly initiated into all the wonderful secrets and terrible mysteries of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity; viz. C. L. Root '77, Lons Karc' er '78, J. A. Fisher '80, W. H. Jordan '81 and C. E. Piper '82. "The boys" were all enthusiastic over the matter. We resolved to make Ill. Alpha a success, and in spite of slurs, in spite of sneers, in spite of all opposition we have accomplished our aim. In spite of predictions of an early wreck, our noble ship, with all her canvas to the breeze, sailed out into the deep and rugged sea, grandly mounting

each lofty billow and proudly passing each haughty craft, and today she is still "booming."

During the first year we took in 6 initiates all of the highest quality as regards scholarship and gentlemanly conduct. They came up to Phi Psi's requirements, being of good moral character, of excellent intellectual and social abilities and *well recognized by the fair sex.*

On the 2nd of May 1879 we held our first Annual Symposium in the parlors of the best hotel in this place. This was a great help to success, especially since none of the other fraternities had never had anything of the kind. It was a grand affair and greatly raised us in the estimation of the public. One of our most respected professors met with us and added influence to the occasion.

We are now thoroughly established. We have a good hall, well furnished, cozy and comfortable and one of which we are proud. Our number has increased from 6 to 19, and we now have 15 active members. Our meetings are chiefly literary, our principle aim being a thorough study of history. Our first President was our noble founder V. F. Brown whose excellent administration was followed by that of W. H. Jordan, who was in turn succeeded by C. E. Piper the present incumbent

During our short history we have "fought a good fight." We have acted the part of gentlemen and of honorable opponents and today we stand at the head, fearing none, respected by all.

W. H. J.

IOTA.

DEAR BROS:—The chapter can scarcely be said to have a history as yet, but there are nevertheless events which may well be recorded, because to the later sons of Iota these items undoubtedly will be of some interest. Many chapters complain that they are quite ignorant of their history—their founders and predecessors having left them but meagre records of their doings. To escape future censure and in a manner rectify the error as regards this chapter, the writer has hurriedly penned the following lines relative to Iota's birth and early days.

When, in the fall of seventysix, I assumed a position in the university it was with the distinct remembrance that as early as seventythree a charter had been granted to certain persons to found a chapter here. Later reports announced that their praiseworthy efforts had been in vain. The exact causes of their non-success were never known. Being aware of all this it was with some hesitancy that another attempt at establishing Phi Psi at this institution was undertaken. The daily sight of Delta Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma and Zeta Psi pins were, however, incentives to renewed efforts for our

honored fraternity. One hindrance to making direct proposals to students was the position I occupied. It was only after some time that the difficulty was removed and it happened thusly : In conversation with a Junior Scientific, whom I longed to see enrolled under the banner of Phi Kappa Psi, I incidentally ascertained that an intimate friend of his was at that time an active member of our Pa. Epsilon. The problem grew clearer; so at the close of a week of arduous labor I started for Gettysburg (location of Epsilon) and upon my arrival there at once sought out our mutual friend and urged him to visit our institution at once. This however could not be done, but a week or so later the "mutual friend" with an accompanying brother appeared on our campus armed with the necessary documents. The prey was immediately taken into hands, but after a long and earnest siege we retired sadly disappointed. No hope! The one we felt almost positive was ours had refused—not however, because of objections to Phi Psi, but a dying parent had won from him a promise never to connect himself with a college secret society. Would that fond parents might know the pure teachings of Phi Kappa Psi!

It did seem as if we were not to secure a foothold in the university. Yet, a close watch was retained upon the men coming under my immediate supervision, and after the lapse of almost one year my intentions in regard to founding Iota were made known to Bro. John Marshall, then a student in the Med. Department of the university. Bro. M. promised immediate assistance, and in the course of a few weeks commenced an investigation in the same room with certain gentleman to whom I'd introduced him and whom I thought eligible to Phi Psi. One man in particular attracted our attention and upon him, after discovering him not averse to such matters, we opened a Phi Psi broadside.

In a few hours Harry Grattan McCarter made our hearts glad by promising to join us and do all in his power to "plant" our fraternity in the university. A post graduate now engaged our attention, and after some hard work we drew him into the "gang." Little did we at that moment think that Horace S. Stephens, who was second in joining Phi Psi would be the second brother of Iota to answer Death's rap at our door!

The ball was kept rolling and in another week Jack Elliot of '79 and Billy Elwell of '78 were pledged. The fifth was Bro. Wm. Jones (medic.) We now looked about us for a constitution, and accordingly turned to the G. C. at Delaware, O. From some misunderstanding and delay we remained some time in tiresome suspense. This could not be endured; something must be done! The pledged ones were anxious to become brothers in word and deed. They argued that delay might lose us good men, so we wrote at once to the brothers of Pa. Epsilon to assist us in our dilemma. They cheerfully responded to our call by sending two of their men with the proper articles, and on the eve of Oct. 7th, 1877, the following were formally initiated into Phi Kappa Psi: Harry Grattan McCarter '78, John Stuart Elliott '79, William P. Elwell '78, Horace S. Stephens, Sc. B. '76 and Wm. Jones '78. Our meeting was held in the law office of Bros. Vogel & Myers, South 7th Street. Bro. "Bottle" Gross '74 of Pa. Zeta presided.

Brothers from our various Penn'a chapters filled the other offices. A number of chapters of other states were represented. Only Phi Psis can imagine our feelings on this occasion. After the initiatory exercises were concluded, the young brothers were addressed by the older members, various points in fraternity matters were given them and especially were they enjoined to make this the third attempt at founding Iota a success. And this they have done; they have gone even beyond the highest expectations of the founders—we, having never thought that more than four or five were necessary for a beginning.

On the morning of our boys' first appearance at college wearing the shield they surprised all. No one suspected that matters of this nature had been brewing. The other fraternities in particular were amazed. They knew not how to receive us. Rumor announced that Delta Psi held an indignation meeting—object, to suppress the bold invaders. Wise heads, however, counseled discretion. Our boys were such as any fraternity would have been proud to count among its members. In proof of this statement might be quoted the remarks of members of Delta Psi and Zeta Psi to two or three of our brothers—"why if we'd known you cared to join a fraternity we'd have been glad to have you." Too late. Another star had appeared upon the horizon of the fraternity world of the university—one destined to rise higher and even eclipse its rivals. The first week of our existence at the university was one full of excitement. Our boys went to work at once and on the evening of the second meeting they received their constitution, elected their officers *pro tem* and initiated men pledged during the week. We assembled at our first meeting place. Graduate brothers were numerous. Every one was elated by our success. Five more names were added to the roll. The major part of these were from the class of '78—indeed before we released this class we had secured ten of its members. Some may query whether that number of good men could be found in a Senior class where three fraternities existed. Whether they could have been discovered anywhere else or not I'll not venture to assert, but it suffices to say they *were* here, we took them and were, are and always will be proud of them.

Almost every week we made new initiates. We, of course, had quiet little "spreads," at which the boys were introduced to Phi Psi songs and listened to Phi Psi speeches, crammed with love for our honored fraternity. The inimitable duets of Bros. Marshall and Brown will never be forgotten. Later aspirants to vocal glory have never been able to approach them.

Matters progressed nicely. We at once took a high stand among the Greeks of college. As Iota grew it became evident we must seek some suitable hall for our meetings. Our lawyer brothers would have gladly given us possession of their office, but the boys desired their own rooms, so after a great deal of talk they concluded to take the third floor of Pennock's Building (1514 Chestnut St.) There they had two nice airy rooms in a delightful locality. Furniture was next in order. Many times did I see the boys endeavoring to sit comfortably with two men to a chair. Anything for Phi Psi was the prevailing spirit. A few weeks saw plenty of furniture on hand. Wall decorations arrived. Books and magazines were collected

and very soon the Phi Psi rooms presented an inviting, cheerful appearance. This was manifest from the manner in which they were frequented.

The first symposium given by Iota occurred on Dec. 23rd, 1878. The rooms not being sufficiently large some of the graduate brothers secured the Penn Club House for the occasion. This was a grand gathering of young and long graduated Phi Psis. It was a grand festival and one that will live long in the memories of those who were present. May Iota's future attempts in this direction be equally brilliant.

Our first appearance in public was on '78's Class Day. Bros. Rowland, Mackubbin and Breed were among the orators. Subsequent to this occurred Ivy Day, when the old SHIELD was beautifully decorated with flowers.

During this year the chapter received into membership, Otis H. Kendall, Assistant Prof. of Math.; Geo. A. Koenig, Prof of Applied Chemistry and Wm. D. Marks, Prof. of Dynam. Engineering. All members of the University faculty. The last brother graduated at Yale where he had belonged to Sigma Delta Chi, from which organization he resigned to connect himself with Phi Kappa Psi.

At the commencement of '78 we graduated ten men. In the classical department we received first, second and third honors, and had four speakers. Of the honors of later classes others no doubt will speak.

Since the birth of Iota she has had 57 members. One, Bro. Marshall, was transferred from Pa. Epsilon. But one brother had been expelled and one honorably dismissed.

In the Glee Club of the University are quite a number of our boys. Among the editors of the *University Magazine* we have always had representatives. In Philo Iota's sons are among the most prominent and in the Franklin Society Phi Psis have been the leading men. The Dramatic Association of the University is almost solely composed of Iotas. Of the five editors of the Univ. Record of '78 four were Phi Psis—the fifth a barbarian. In '79 we were represented on the same committee. In the "Songs of the University of Penna." may be found numerous contributions from Phi Psis.

Athletics is our weak point. We have had but two athletes—Oscar Carter and Jack Elliott, captain of the Univ. Foot Ball Team.

Such are a few items of Iota's past. Her future is bright and that she may be a great success and powerful means of promoting good among the sons of the University is the earnest wish of her

FOUNDERS.

BRO. ROBT. J. BURDETTE.

DEAR SHIELD:— We wish that more of our brothers could have been with us on the evening of November 10th, somewhat on our own account, but more particularly on their own, for we believe that there never was a merrier crowd of Phi Psis (or any other *size* excuse the fun, but the influence of R. J. B. is still upon us, and we could not help it) ever gathered together than filled the two Balcony Proscenium Boxes at the Academy last Monday evening, to share with the big

audience in Bro Burdette's fun, and share with him, in a small degree, the glory of one of the biggest lecture audiences of the Star-Course.

It is needless to say that the lecture was brimful of humor and pathos and was fully appreciated by all its hearers. All who have heard him, feel satisfied of the first, and we feel sure of the second also.

And then, when the lecture (all to soon) came to an end, about thirty of us, Prof., Instructor, Senior, Junior, Sophomore and Freshman, with an unfortunately small sprinkling of graduate members of other chapters, descended to the Green Room, took forcible possession of "Bob" and marched him up to the "Hotel Brunswick," where we were soon seated around the festive board, laden with oysters, salads and other good things, not to say anything of *coffee* and *water* for those who preferred the latter.

Bro. Elwell, Pa. I., '78, was put in the chair with "Bob" on his left hand and the others distributed themselves around the table without reference to "age, sex or previous condition of servitude" (lest some of our brothers should imagine that Iota had been trying to introduce the fair sex into the Mystic Bonds, we hasten to state that the only member of the other sex present was our beloved "Mother" Rowland of '78.)

After the cloth had been removed, (which we mean to say, after the dishes which had encumbered the cloth had been emptied almost as thoroughly as if Mr. and Mrs. John Spratt (of Mother Goose memory) had been present,) the *Magister Epularum*, arose and with a few remarks introduced the guest of the evening, who, with his *customary modesty*, (those who know "Bob" will appreciate the force of the Italics) assured us that he wasn't worth half the fuss that was made over him, but that we might have one consoling thought, which was that these affairs never faded out of his memory, getting smaller and smaller as time and distance increased, but rather that they grew and flourished "like the Green Bay Tree" That by the time he reached Lancaster, the table would be five feet longer and there would be about fifteen more at the spread; when he got to Delaware the additions would amount to about 20 feet, and about 50 people; at Green Castle that would be doubled and there would be about 8 or 10 courses; and when Burlington was reached, the table would occupy the dining room of the biggest Hotel in the place, the Mayor of the city would preside and we would sit at the table from 10 until 4 A. M. eating steadily. All of which was very pleasant to hear.

Then came a period of anecdote, in which several members distinguished themselves, occasionally interrupted by a toast, that to Pa. Iota being answered by Bro. Marshall, who seemed to feel deeply (as we all did) the absence of his familiar, "Bosko," the biggest, dog in Phila. (34 inches high, 6 feet 9 inches from tip to tip and weighing 170 lbs.) and nephew or something to Bismark's big dog, who bit Count Andrassy a short time ago. Bro. E. L. Evans, ably assisted in the matter of jesture by Bro. Dave Myers of Pa. Zeta, responded to the toast to that Chapter, and Bro. E. O. Shakespear. Pa. Zeta, made a few remarks eulogistic of the Medical profession. Then came some songs by individuals, Bro. Halverstadt, Pa. Iota, doing full justice to the Christening of a very fine pair of

Irish Twins, and Bro. Myers giving us "Handy Andy," then Bro. Elwell gave us one or two fraternity songs, in the choruses of which all joined most heartily, and the members of the University Glee Club, of which there are 7 in our Chapter, with some others rendered 2 or 3 college songs.—

But by this time it was nearly 1 o'clock, and all those who had recitations for the next day, together with some others took a sad farewell, hoping for a renewal of the festivities at no very far distant time.

And so ended one of the most successful "Grinds," which have ever been initiated by Iota, our only regret being that more of our brothers were not with us. However will give due notice of the next one and hope for better luck in that direction.

S. L. D.

SPRING VALLEY, O., Nov. 15th, 1879.

ED. SHIELD,

DEAR BROS:—Was delightful at last to receive No. 1. of the SHIELD. You already know my sentiments in regard to the publication of a frat. organ, and I need only add that I shall do all that I can individually to insure its success. Since the columns of the paper are to be devoted *strictly* to fraternity matters, I should like to invite discussion concerning a few topics of fraternity polity which had occurred to me as pre-eminently important and concerning which I have some very definite opinions, whether just or not I shall not arrogate to myself the right to say.

Is it good policy, to say nothing of the morality, to deny the apparent excellence of other fraternities and see the excellences of none but our own?

Is it absolutely necessary to have twenty or more members in a chapter where there is strong opposition; in order to wield weighty influence in the literary societies?

Can a fraternity do good work, when chapters numbering sixteen men own but *one* pin between them and that one of the cheapest? We have at least one such chapter.

Ought the fraternity organ to have any circulation outside of Phi Psi circles? that is ought it to have an exchange list? No other fraternity paper of good standing does, of which I have any knowledge. Even the Phi Gamma Delta refused to exchange with the Crescent. The general fraternity news can be picked up in other ways than by sacrificing the necessary exclusiveness of a paper of the character of a fraternity organ, to the demand for news.

Can we not have a live, wide awake journal without throwing dirt at our contemporaries? Say what we may about the fraternity, the Beta Theta Pi is a live energetic sheet, well edited and equally well supported, some corners of that fraternity are filled with men who have brains and of excellent quality too.

It did me a great deal of good to see that communication from D. C. Alpha, for not having heard from there for some time, misgivings regarding the G. A. C. harassed me. Communications like that have the ring to them that kindle enthusiasm of the right sort.

Through you let me thank the writer of the memoir of Bro. Houston. Would that there were ten thousand Henry Howard

Houstons in our ranks. Thank God! none of us need despair while such manhood as his exists to guide and inspire us. Bro. Lobingier's clever poem is well worth reading. I hope that the readers of the SHIELD will get well acquainted with him. Count on me for moral, mental and pecuniary support, for although those who know me might deny me even a competency in the two former, the latter is king, and I have some to spare in our cause, yours fraternally, C. L. V. C.

November 28th, 1879.

DEAR BROS:—Several ideas have occurred to me which I concluded to bring before the fraternity, providing space could be given. First, what do we understand by the term honorary members? Are persons who pass through the same initiation as the college undergraduate to be considered honorary members? If for instance Rob't J. Burdette has been duly initiated into Phi Kappa Psi according to usual custom, is he, simply because he never attended college, to be received as an honorary member of our fraternity? If not, and if he is a regular Phi Psi (as he is at heart) why do those in authority not see that he is published as such. Certain papers and Baird's History of College Fraternities made him honorary. And by the way, I think we should never elect men to membership in our own fraternity who are not willing to go through the regular initiatory exercises. If they are not willing to become Phi Psis in word and deed let us not take them. Give our boys a few more years and we can show as fine and honored a list of alumni as any Greek Letter Society. We were only born in 1852, remember. Our oldest boys are just about in their prime of life. They are doing nobly. Their honored frat. is most certainly proud of them.

Secondly.—It is not possible for us to reorganize in the South. Knocking about the world I've stumbled over quite a number of Phi Psis from extinct southern chapters; they are desirous of having the old SHIELD again among them and wonder why steps to that end have not been taken. Let any southern brother who reads this notify THE SHIELD of an opportunity to step into a good southern institution, and I can assure him he'll find hosts of ready assistants prepared to regain lost ground.

Thirdly.—Could we not organize more Alumni chapters? We certainly are not willing to give up old Phi Psi upon graduation—we all want to cling to her forever, and to promote the cause we certainly could not do better than begin and organize graduate chapters. Wherever two or more old Phi Kappa Psis are, there let a chapter be; let it do all within reason to promote our fraternity's interests.

Such, brothers, are few cruel thoughts hastily expressed, but I hope some one will be encouraged to give his views upon the same points, give the subject a good "airing."

Yours in Phi Kappa Psi

FRATER.

All brothers who have seen Baird's History of College Fraternities will confer a favor upon Eds. by communicating to them any errors or points of interest &c.

EDITORIAL.

Some of our brothers have written to the editors in regard to the revival of our defunct southern chapters; they are desirous of re-organizing the same. *Frater* has done as we would advise them to do, viz—communicate your views to the fraternity at large through the columns of THE SHIELD. For that we have endeavored to establish this journal. Its columns, we hope, will be filled with frat. news; and letters from all who have anything to present to the widely separated brothers. We heartily endorse any steps taken to extend the noble cause. We were once well known in the South and should by all means strive to re-organize in that section.

A word in regard to communications. Let them be sent us before the 15th of each month. Some may perhaps wonder why their letters have not appeared in this number, we can only reply that we began printing about the middle of Nov. and of course gave the earliest rec'd communications the preference. Our western brothers would delight us immensely, if they'd send us letters of news of any sort. We can assure them that THE SHIELD doesn't favor localism, and our eastern chapters, too, are exceedingly anxious to hear from the west. Let the example of Ills. Alpha and our Ohio brothers be followed by an abundance of frat. news from the west.

Those who have inquired about *Baird's History of Am. Coll. Fraternities* will find a review of the same in the next number of SHIELD. The brother appointed to this duty has not owing to urgent Univ. labors, been able to attend to this in time for this issue. The book ought to be in the hands of every Greek Letter Society man.

Please send all money in shape of postal order to Prof. Otis H. Kendall, West Phil'a. 3826 Locust St.

The copies for various chapters will always be sent to secretaries of the same.

Correspondence.

PENN'A. THETA.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, EASTON, PA. NOV. 19th 1879.

DEAR BROS:—I have thought that you would be glad of a short communication from the G. C. for "THE SHIELD;" So here it is. The G. C. held its stated Fall meeting Nov. 15th, and transacted much important business; an outline of which is appended. A petition was received from Simpson Centenary College, Indianola, Iowa, for a charter, and was favorably recommended to the chapters.

The G. C. wishes "THE SHIELD" success, and, in its circular letter to the chapters, heartily recommends it to the "pen and purse" of all.

The question of badges was talked of at some length. J. F. Newman of New York will send samples and terms to the G. A. C. and our present jewelers have been notified of the fact,

and, we suppose, will be ready with their lowest prices. Hard times call for reduction in everything, and we hope that the badges will soon be presented at "bottom prices."

The officers for the next year were elected, and will assume the duties of their positions as soon as the next college term opens.

The reports for the Grand Catalogue are coming in rapidly, and we hope to put the matter into the printer's hands at the opening of the year.

Lack of time must be the excuse for the brevity of this letter.

The G. C. will give, from time to time, what information and help it may to "THE SHIELD." Yours in Phi Psi.

J. G. R. Jr.

OHIO GAMMA.

UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, NOV. 25th, 1879.

DEAR BROS:—The first copy of the SHIELD gladdened our hearts at our last regular meeting. We consider it first class in every particular, and you may rely upon Ohio Gamma to contribute towards its support.

Literally and figuratively speaking Phi Psiism is "booming" in our chapter, more so, probably, than ever before. The brothers have long felt the need of more intimate and social intercourse, and to this end have rented a large and beautiful room.

No expense has been spared to make our room elegant and attractive, all, in fact, that a fraternity hall should be. Formerly we met in a room common to all the fraternities here, but Phi Psi aspiring to higher and nobler aims, resolved to possess a room for its individual self.

Among a few of the attractions in our room may be mentioned a fine piano and billiard table.

All the musical talent of the University is among the Phi Psis, one of the brothers (Ed. S. Raff, Canton O.) having just composed a waltz and dedicated it to the fraternity.

This reminds me that on Nov. 18th, we opened our room with a reception such as we alone are capable of giving. The ladies were there of course, for without them we can do nothing. They expressed themselves as complimented by such an invitation, while we felt that it was honor to us.

We are confident of the first and second honors this year; also of the Junior contest.

We number sixteen this year, could have all we want and more too, but we feel our superiority and intend to maintain the same by limiting our number to few but select.

In closing this our first letter to the SHIELD, Ohio Gamma would send greeting to all, with her best wishes for its success.

Yours in the bond

D. C. LIST.

PENN'A. THETA.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, EASTON, PA. NOV. 19th, 1879.

DEAR BROS:—As the Grand Chapter, it is especially incumbent upon us to be represented each month in THE SHIELD—not that our communications are more interesting than those of the sub-chapters, but it is to be presumed that the dignity

we are supposed to bear, renders us open to criticism if we neglect our duty. Were this not so, it is a question of doubt whether, upon such a hasty notice as we received this noon, our brains would become sufficiently prolific to add anything of interest to the month's record of Phi Kappa Psi's doings. However, it is as a sub-chapter we would speak.

Our time since you heard from us last has not been idly employed, for we have added four new members to the long list of Phi Psis. In numbers we do not claim to have done so well as we might have done, but we can only echo the well chosen motto of the PA ETA, "quality not quantity." This number, however, in a measure, helps us to forget the loss sustained by the graduation of our members of '79, though not the men themselves. Of these, we hear that Boyer is engaged in the tobacco business with his father in Pottsville; Eyster, studying law in Chambersburg; MacKall, ditto, at Elkton, Md., Rowland in the Lumber business at Port Deposit, Md.; Simpson, enjoying a well paid and honorable position as Prof. of Ancient Languages in a Seminary at Peek-Kill N. Y.; Steans studying at Princeton Theological Seminary; lastly, Steel, farming in Maryland.

The only two "honors" in '79 were taken by Simpson and Steans; three of the remaining four obtained speech grades; Brother Rowland left College at the end of the first term, Junior year. Is this not a grand result for Phi Psi? Our '80 boys bid fair to carry away the palm next June.

So progresses the interest of the Theta; she at least is not backward in showing the world how possible it is for the fraternity men to stand high in both intellect and morals. Socially we believe we are not at fault. If any of the brothers should honor us with a visit, we would be pleased to take them on Saturday night to a comfortable hall and present them to sixteen loyal Phi Psis; and we guarantee they would not have come to look in vain either for joviality or enjoyment.

But we trust we have not taken too much space in personal remarks.

It is natural for us to take pride in our alumni, and yet in doing so, it is not our intention to detract from present interests. We look for grand things from the SHIELD: may it prosper and eventually become another link to the chain that shall bind in close and enduring brotherhood the members of good old Phi Kappa Psi!

W. W. W.

IOTA.

IOTA HALLS, Nov. 17th.

To THE SHIELD, and to all brothers:—Iota, once more, sends greeting! This privilege of communication with the various chapters, through the medium of a common organ, is one which she is not the last to appreciate, and her debt to the founders of our paper is indeed great. May she fully realize their devotion, and lend a helping hand to the good cause! To say that THE SHIELD has met with the approval of all would be a cold and heartless way of stating the case. Rather let us say that it *delighted* every loyal Phi Psi, and that our Fraternity paper meets a want long felt in all our hearts. But, to our letter. Since our last, our good friend

and brother, Burdette has made his appearance again on the Academy stage, and again, the balcony proscenium boxes were filled by Iota men, for the express purpose of applauding all jokes and puns, whether bad or good, and of lending him the needful inspiration of their presence. His lecture,—well, suffice it to say that it went *home* to every heart. After the lecture, we seized upon Bro. "R. J. Bob," and tearing him away from the *vulgus ignoble*, bore him triumphantly to the chapter rooms, and remaining there until the *cibi lectissimi mensae*, * (this is for our classical brethren, only: for those who grovel in science, we append the Anthon translation at the bottom of this page) were fully prepared, and at ten o'clock, we adjourned to *The Brunswick*, and spent two hours-and-a-half in listening to the brilliant scintillations of wit from the guest of the evening, who was ably flanked by Bros. Myers, and Elwell. The evening slipped away smoothly, and soon nothing remained but empty dishes; bottles, whose glory had departed; an atmosphere redolent of tobacco smoke, and pleasant memories of the occasion. Come soon again!

A considerable portion of our last letter was devoted to our brothers of '78. The last Senior class now claims our attention. We had eight members from '79. Of these, Bro. Brown is now ardently engrossed in the intricacies of the Law. He can tell you of all the criminal cases (especially those of a certain kind) that ever have been, are, or even will be, brought into court. His arguments with Billy Elwell are as entertaining as ever; the chief beauty of the discussion being that neither one is ever able to convince the other. Carter is at Norristown, and we predict a successful future for him, for his labors, while at college, are surely not to be without fruit. And Charlie Colket? Where would Iota be if it were not for this warm-hearted brother; We do not propose to enlarge upon his active work, and his good-fellowship, here, for both are well-known to all. He is now engaged on that indefinite something, called by the vulgar, a "tour around the world," and is at present probably, with "Imy" in Japan. How about starting a chapter there, fellow Phi Psis? How would "Japan Alpha," "China Iota" sound? Freeland is, as we stated in our last, Instructor in Mechanics, at the University. Montgomery is at Princeton, where he has an abundance of Phi Psi fellowship, for besides our own Iota men there, there are several graduate members at the Seminary; and this must make it exceedingly pleasant for him. "Monty" always took the warmest possible interest in his fraternity, and was ever an honored member of the same. Bro. Smith is out in Colorado, and Allen Stockton has devoted all his spare time since graduation to bicycles. He rides bicycles, he buys bicycles, he sells bicycles, he *talks* bicycles. In addition to these, Davis and Miffin, also, left us, last year, both graduating with distinction, from the Medical Department. This concludes the list; and Iota says, "We are proud of them." '82 will take their place as the next "Phi Psi class," for although '80, and '81 have contributed some few to her rolls, still, of all the classes, '82 is, at present, most largely represented, and several gentlemen of that class are now under consideration, who, if they join us, will swell the already

* Grind.

large list. '83 bids well, also, and if we can judge from those already in the fold, will not be backward in regard to this matter.

The all absorbing topic of conversation now is,—the symposium. Our last year's feast is still fresh in the minds of all, and its brilliancy fortells the success of this. The date has been fixed, Dec 19th ; and the place, *The Broadway*. By the time of the next issue of THE SHIELD, it will have become a thing of the past. And yet these *past* events are never wholly past; for the memory loves to wander back, and to recall those scenes which Love, Friendship and Fraternal kinship have marked for their own.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

LANCASTER, PA., Nov. 17th, 1879.

DEAR BROTHER EDITORS:—The first number of the SHIELD, which we have all so long and anxiously awaited, has reached us and has, we believe, given universal satisfaction among the boys. We all enjoy the society of the brothers connected with our individual chapters, and to feel that we can at stated times hear of the good and welfare of our brothers who are separated by space, but nevertheless, bound to us by the same cords of fraternal affection, is a satisfaction which has long been wanting in our beloved order. As in the family we await with eager expectancy the regular letters from the absent ones, so we can now await the monthly communications from our brothers of the North, East, South and West, and thus establish an acquaintance with all connected with the Mystic three.

In our first communication we stated that we had initiated no one this year; but we did not mention that we had our skirmishing force at work upon a poor innocent Freshie and that he could not hold out much longer. Such, however, was really the case. And, we shortly afterward captured him, and Edward Everett Porterfield is his name, or, Ev. for short, but the boys in their affectionate manner "hardly Ev. —" call him anything but Portie.

Portie, like all wise men, said he could not consistently join any Frat. except Phi Kappa Psi; and then acting in accordance with the promptings of his own good sense he allowed himself to be "took in."

The Eta boys feeling themselves somewhat cramped for room in their old hall on Duke street, wisely rented the forth floor room of the newly-finished building of H. Z. Rhodes & Bro. Jewelers, on West King street, near Centre Square, which by the way, is the finest business house in the city. We took possession of our new hall on Nov. 1st, where any Phi Psi who may chance to come our way will find a warm welcome from the boys and see a handsome and comfortably furnished room.

The jolly and royal Phi Psi, Robt. J. Burdette,—Burlington Hawkeye Man, lectured in Fulton Opera House on Nov. 11th; on "The Pilgrimage of the Funny Man." He was entertained during his stay in the city by our brother, Maj. Ad. Reinoehl, one of the founders of our chapter. After the lecture the Eta boys escorted Bob to the parlors of Copland's restaurant and treated him to oysters and his favorite "irrigation," while he in return, not content with causing our sides to ache with

his witty lecture, tested our coat buttons still further by putting forth a continuous stream of wit, funny stories and personal experiences. Bob promises to meet all the boys at Washington in Feb. "or burst a trace." Bro. Joe Bowman who has been absent from the city and on the sick list for several months has again returned, Joe used to vanquish the rivals of the Phi Psi, but the fever vanquished him for a time.

We hope the next number of the SHIELD may contain more communications from our Western chapters. The Eta boys are anxious to learn the condition of every chapter in the fraternity, judging from the zeal with which they devoured the contents of the first number.

H. C. E.

INITIATES.

(SINCE SEPT.)

PENN'A EPSILON.

Preps. { John W. Wingard, Kelly Station, Pa.
Herman F. Kroh, Baltimore, Md.

Allen Brown '83, Gettysburg, Pa.; Will Brown '83, Gettysburg, Pa.; Will Duncan '83, Gettysburg, Pa.; Geo. B. Mc. Metzgar '83, Williamsport, Pa.; Allen J. Smith, '83, York, Pa.

PENN'A IOTA.

Milo D. Baldy '83 Honesdale, Pa.; Jos. Stubb Jr., '83, Phila., Pa.; Wm. H. Garrison '83, Camden, N. J.; Henry Todd '82 Pittsburg; S. Decatur Smith Jr. '82, Phila. Pa.; D. King Gotwald '82, York, Pa.

PENN'A THETA.

Philip Zieber '81, Reading, Pa.; W. L. McMillen '83, East Greenville, Ohio; Rufus W. Miller '83, Easton, Pa.; Wm. J. Shaw '83, Clearfield, Pa.

PENN'A ETA.

E. E. Porterfield '83, Va.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

During the month of October, Virginia Delta initiated the following gentlemen as Brothers in the Order: B. O. Alyesworth, of Eureka College Ill. Chas. Teter, of Oberlin College, Ohio. And W. H. Grove, of Columbia College Ky. All these gentlemen attend Bethany College this year.

REV. E. T. Williams, '75 Va. Delta is now pastor of the Christian church in Brooklyn, N. Y. Bro. Williams has been spending the past summer in Europe recruiting his health.

REV. Henry S. Lobengier, '72 Va. Delta, who has been erroneously classed among the sons of Va. Beta in the last number of "THE SHIELD," delivered an address before the Neotio-phan Literary Society of Bethany Coll. on the occasion of its fortieth Anniversary. It was considered by those who heard it one of the finest efforts.

B. C. Hagerman. Va Delta, '76, is now Adj. Prof. of Ancient Languages in Bethany College.

Rev G. L. Wharton, Va. Delta, is now pastor of the Christian church in Buffalo N. Y.

Geo. E. Walk, Va. Delta '77, was married in Kansas City on the 12th of Nov. He has the best wishes of Va. Delta for a long life of joy and prosperity.

Chas. D. Painter, '79 Va. Delta is studying medicine at his home in Ravenna Ohio. Bro. Painter, while at College was a true and loyal Phi Psi, and was regarded as a gentleman of rare talent and genius. We wish him the richest success in his profession.

O. A. Lyon, '79 Va. Delta, is now studying medicine in Cleveland, Ohio.

R. W. Stevenson '79, Va. Delta, is now very successfully preaching in his native town in P. E. I.

THE Delta Tau Delta after a lapse of four years has again broken out at Ohio Wesleyan University, although compelled to recruit from the ranks of preparatory students what she lacks in quality, she makes up in quantity and enthusiasm. The Phi Delta Theta has also reappeared at the same institution after an interval of two years. According to Ohio ideas that makes too many fraternities to the square inch. There are now in attendance at the University a little more than 500 students, fully four hundred of whom are male, and of that number probably one hundred are worth the while of first class fraternities. The fraternities represented are in order of power Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta, Chi Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Delta Tau Delta. Out of the whole number in attendance there are perhaps seventy-five fraternity men, and the quality of material to work on is fully up to that of the average college of the size. Ohio may be tinged with exclusiveism, but Phi Psi profits by it, for perhaps the fraternity has no three chapters of equal excellence in colleges drawing from the same resources; each of the three chapters being about fifty miles from one of the others. The Beta Theta Pi has but four men at present, but she has the prestige of ten years of prosperity to support her and is of more moment than some of her stronger rivals.

The Ohio Alpha on the eve of Nov. 1st, banquetted R. J. Burdette in handsome style and in their newly refitted and frescoed hall, they were assisted by "Hawkeye" in initiating two men, one of whom is also of the journalistic ranks, W. E. Wright, local editor of the Crawford Co. Forum, a large and influential weekly of Northern Ohio. Several visitors from the neighboring chapters participated in the jollification. "Bob" is the prime of good fellows.

W. A. Robinson '68 O. W. U. is pastor of the Central M. E. church Springfield O.

S. A. Keen '68 O. W. U. is preaching in Columbus, Ohio at third Avenue M. E. Church.

W. D. Cherrington '71 O. W. U. is stationed at the M. E. Church Washington C. H. O. His brother Charlie '75 is studying law at the same place.

J. C. Jackson '74, O. W. U. is pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Delaware.

PHI UPSILON has seventeen sub chapters, retired members about 3,814; active members 388, making 4,202 in all. The same fraternity has the following Alumni Associations: Washington, Philadelphia, Chicago, Portland, Me., Ithaca, N. Y. The fraternity organ is called the "Diamond." In a late number of the same the suggestion of wearing a Psi U cap—naval cap of garnet silk with broad gold band—was made. The idea is copied from the German corps students.

BETA THETA PI talks of having its constitution printed. The monthly publication of this fraternity is known as the "Beta Theta Pi" and is issued at Springfield, O.

The following is clipped from Cincinnati *Enquirer*:

BETA THETA PI Convention, which has been in session in this city since Tuesday, closed last night with a banquet at the Grand Hotel. The Society has been organized under the laws of the state and established its headquarters in this city. The Ritual was adopted. Following is the Board of Directors: Hon. J. M. Herron, Pres.; Dr. T. A. Reamy, W. F. Body, Rev. Dr. Morris, R. R. Young J. I. Covington, W. C. Ransom, O. R. Brouse. The banquet was an elegant affair. About 250 Betas and their friends were present. It was given by the Epsilon Alumni chapter to the Beta Theta Pi.

THE chapter of Delta Psi at Columbia College, New York City, has finished its chapter house, which is said to be a very neat frat. structure.

PHI GAMMA DELTA has thirty chapters, the last having been founded at Marietta, O. The monthly journal is a twelve page, double columned publication, printed at Delaware, O.

C. H. Brown, M. D., Pa. Eta is resident physician in the Insane Depot of Blockley Hospital, Phila., Pa.

CHAS. Baum, M. D., '74, Pa. Epsilon is at Pennsylvania Hospital, Phila., Pa.

HARRY W. Harter '74, Pa. E was recently elected District Attorney of Stark Co., O.

CHAS. Kerlinger '75, Pa. E is in the ministry.

REMIGIUS Rentz '76, Pa. E is at present attending the Theol. Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa.

JOSHUA Miner '78, Pa. Theta, is a second year man in Med. Depot of U of P.

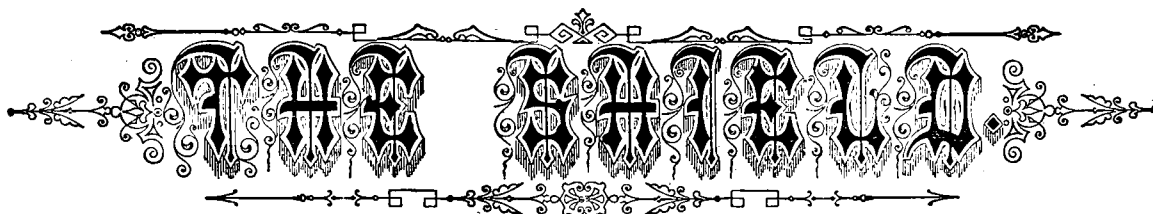
M. D. Gaver '78, Pa. E is attending the Theol. Sem. at Gettysburg, Pa.

BRO. Horace Lind, Pa. Zeta, died recently in Phila. Can any brother give us a biography of Horace?

BROS. Vogel, Myers, Joe Gross, Pa. Zeta, are all practising law in Phila. Pa.

RUDOLPH Shick, Pa. E, has a lucrative law practice. May be found 129½ South 4th street.

REV. John Y. Dobbins, Pa. Zeta has taken a charge in Covington, Ky.



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Written for and delivered at the symposium of the Eta chapter of the fraternity,—Lancaster, Pa., June 19th, 1879.

BY G. WILLIAMSON JOHNSON.
BY REQUEST.

Love, condescending from ethereal climes,
Penned with his wing these unassuming rhymes
Bade me the numbers here to dedicate
To all who worship Phi Psi unadulterate,
Together with their charming wives and loves,
Whom, tho' not here, the God as much approves.
Thinking I could not be with you to-night,
His wing, involuntarily in flight,
Assumed the epistolary form of speech,
Heedless of egotism, allowing each
To take to heart what pleased him, and reject
All such as did not merit his respect.
Although in person I before you stand,
The verses as originally planned,
Shall humbly be rehearsed at your command.
In thought the inclinations of my soul
I follow, and through flowery fields I stroll
With choicest sweetness fragrant. I behold
The glory of yon orb of lustrous gold
Diffusing smiles on good and bad the same,
The scented grove, the prattling brook, and mill,
The shepherds song from yonder sunny hill,
The busy hive with brimming nectar laden,
The lowing herds, beneath the cooling shade, on
Yon velvet mat of green; the mystic speech
Of angel voices in the leafy beach:—
All join in care-oblivious songs of praise
To Him who is the Author of our days!

Meet is it then for us once more to crown
The festal board with mirth and song, and drown
The unhappy thoughts our miseries entail
Upon our manhood is this "tearful vale";
To spend a pleasant hour in social joys
And plant the seeds not even death destroys;
To sing those songs which memory holds so dear,
And crown the moderate god that lends the cheer!
To listen to the tales of conquests won
By daring ones since first their course begun
Down life's tempestuous sea, which all must sail
Ere age hath robbed our healthy prime and hale;
To drink the wholesome sweets of love fraternal,
And hope for all the bliss of life eternal.

Withdrawn from worldly cares, that harass life,
And make our upward course a toilsome strife,
Let us our minds of selfishness divest,
And turn our thoughts to themes of interest
To all Phi Psi's. A confraternity
Of noblemen, with faces fair to see,

And hearts as large as human breasts can claim,
A potent factor, though obscure to fame,
Let us not falter, but act well our part,
Exalt the mind and cultivate the heart.
E'en though the uncouth scoff and mock with laughter—
Richer the harvest in the great Hereafter!
May ne'er the flame Phi Psi this night renews
It's warmth and radiance thro' distance lose;
May she your course with flowers of glory line,
Unfading wreaths of love each heart entwine;
May her past standard be her future gauge,
Her true intendments be your lasting heritage.
May she your hearts with holiness enthuse,
Your souls with Wisdom's lofty zeal infuse—
Wisdom at once vain men humiliates
And to a plane of honor elevates;
Her lamp refulgent, on Phi Kappa's shield
Emblazoned, warns us ne'er to folly yield.
Thrice happy ye who in her walks delight!
Her guidance ever points your course aright,
Thrice wretched they who, born to base pursuits,
Riches prefer to wisdoms gracious fruits!
Who dissipate in company with fools,
Gods is conceit, in fact inhuman Ghouls!
Wisdom is wealth, a boon of priceless worth,
Folly a demon of inglorious birth;
Wisdom is life, an ointment to the soul;
Folly is death, o'er which hell holds control.
Choose ye, Phi Psi's, serve her ye love the best,
To travail one, the other leads to rest.
May this reunion heart to heart unite,
And be to all a source of pure delight;
Let not its memory in after years
Provoke your hearts to penitence and tears.
This to insure, let each resolve to spurn
Too free indulgence of the Bacchic urn.
Let not excess nor foul debauchery
On this event your ruling passion be;
But let your merriment, without alloy,
Be tempered with the sweets that never cloy—
May moderation be your aim in life,
And each be fondled by a virtuous wife;
May pleasures chaste your nuptial bed adorn,
And manhood be of bestial passion shorn—
May happy families your board surround,
And plenteous peace within your walls abound,
May heaven's choicest gifts on each descend,
The vice's vengeful frown may heaven forefend,
Let Charity thro' life your actions sway,
Whilst joy and peace keep gleesome holiday;
Ne'er may the blasting curse of malice find,
A welcome seat within your conscious mind,
Be love that binds your hearts to home the spell,
And around your hearts may sweet contentment dwell,
May bounteous Nature her soft perfumes shed
Along the pathway which you all must tread;
May her sweet songsters cheer your saddened hours,
And life's rough course be strewn with unctuous flowers,
May Virtue's splendors be your constant guest,
And bliss supernal be your lasting rest?
Though culture, breeding, pride, make us forget
And scorn the vulgar cries that greet us, yet
Let us not deem ourselves so highly raised,
As to be by deserved greatness dazed;
This done, we prostitute Phi Kappa's aim,
Suffer a loss which wealth can ne'er reclaim.
The proper cultivation of the Phi
Begets in man a deep humility;
Discovers to his view his littleness,
Excites more love for man, for ego, less;
Ne'er lets his feet from paths of duty stray,

Disguising life, makes it a gala day;
 Works in his breast a grief for others woes,
 Whilst at their joy his heart with fervor glows.
 What boon oft times a pauper's grovelling form
 Wrecked on the shoals of life by envy's storm!
 What will not Envy do? Her evil eye
 Scans with a chuckle o'er adversity;
 Indulges base aspersions when she sees
 Our manhood lead us on e'er beds of ease,
 Rejoicing in our poverty, she spies
 With grace our sunken cheeks and hollow eyes,
 To-day she meets you with her blandest smile,
 To-morrow agonizes to defile
 A blameless character, a spotless name,
 Prays loud and oft without a sense of shame.
 The clatter of her gadding feet resounds
 Thro, every street within the village bounds,
 Her foul mouthed compeers, ready to receive
 The scandal monger, hear and fain believe
 The horrid tidings, coming as they do
 From one so pure of heart, of faith so true!
 Darkvisaged fiend unused to solitude,
 Seeks Hate and Jealousy, a hell born brood.
 In concert these combine but strive in vain
 To bring reproach upon fair Virtue's train—
 Works for herself on earth a cankered heart,
 Wherein Hell deeper thrusts the venom'd dart,
 And hurls her howling to his deep abyss—
 A glorious boon for all she did amiss!
 A slight digression, but a glaring truth,
 Which I observed oft in my fitful youth,
 And which e'en now, in life's maturer years,
 Invades my happiness with boding fears.
 A bastard sentiment has current grown,
 (But entertained by ignorance alone,)
 That cultured manhood indolence implies,
 Wherefore its presence all antagonize.
 Go where you will, seek whatsoever shore,
 Merit the vulgar populace ignore.
 A brainless jade to frothy speech inclined
 Is more admired than one of modest mind,
 Work may succeed: An arduous task it is
 To stem the tide of local prejudice.
 An awkward youth fresh from the village school,
 With scarce sufficient wit to be a fool,
 Finds greater favor in the vulgar eye,
 Than cultured worth of firm solidity,
 Elate with arrogance, his crest he rears,
 Bombastic eloquence into the ears
 Of his approving auditors he pours,
 Whilst poor stupidity, and vacancy adores!
 Such, varnished o'er at blushing truth's expense,
 Is daily every one's experience.
 If then the untutored powers of earth incline
 To Wisdom's hate, and with her foes combine
 To starve deserving merit, should not we,
 Who breathe a nobler air, more zealous be
 To guard with trembling fear the Kappa's needs!
 That when at last this carnal form recedes
 To its prime state, like a winged seed, the Psi
 Will upward mount to thrones beyond the sky,
 To crown the banquet of Eternity.
 Phi Kappa Psi, alas! how feebly seem
 My numbers to accord with such a theme!
 Phi Kappa Psi, behold an inhuman race,
 For lucre struggling, wherewith to replace
 Th' ennobling qualities the cultured mind
 Bestows with jealous care upon mankind.
 Again, the thoughts of men review, and see
 A blatant nation's infidelity;
 Unequal are her laws, but doubly sure;
 The wealthy wealthier grow, poorer the poor,
 The vows of friendship e'en are insincere,
 To-day your neighbors praise, to-morrow sneer.
 Humanity is banished from man's breast
 The rich are coveted, the poor opprest.
 Virtue's a crime, and acts of charity,
 Among the high, the rarest rarity.
 Our pious prayers idolatry men deem,
 Honor a sham, and love but Fancy's gleam.

All the result of too much liberty
 Of thought and action in our youth, when we
 By christian discipline should be restrained,
 Without which, think not heaven can be attained!
 Brothers, reflect, the sad truth ponder well;
 An impious creed is luring us to hell!

What certain remedy can be applied,
 This godless offspring to redeem from pride
 And selfishness, whence all our evils rise,
 Should be the one sole search of all Phi Psi's.
 A very little world we are, tis true,
 But great in power, though in number few:
 By exemplary lives a name we rear,
 For innocence and virtue to revere;
 By pious acts of charity appease
 The wrath of Justice and his mercy please.
 Yea, more; though greeted here with traitor kiss,
 In heaven an eternity of bliss
 Will crown the conqueror, and God's immortals
 Will welcome him within the golden portals.

LETTERMAN AND MOORE.

BY WM. P. ELWELL, '78 Pa. I.
 Air: Son of a Gambolier.

I

You've oft been told my brother you'll certainly agree
 The reasons for the founding of our fraternity,
 But in my song I'll tell you, what you never knew before,
 Of the founding of the Phi Psi by Letterman and Moore.

CHORUS:—So listen, listen, listen, so listen unto me
 So listen, listen, listen so listen unto me
 And in my song I'll tell you, what you never knew before
 Of the founding of the Phi Psi by Letterman and Moore.

II

Now these two worthy gentlemen whose names you've just been told
 Were editions of Damon and Pythias of old,
 With mutual admiration each other they'd adore
 And the Phi Psi was thus founded by Letterman and Moore.
 CHORUS:—

III

In college they were classmates and this rule will never fail
 That either both of them were head or both of them were tail,
 And when one once felt sleepy the other sure would snore
 They were each other's shadows were Letterman and Moore.
 CHORUS:—

IV

Now like showdy cronies they didn't wish it known
 The one was coaching t'other and t'other was coaching one,
 So they said the realms of mystery together we'll explore
 Which gave rise to our secrets by Letterman and Moore.
 CHORUS:—

V

Now what to call their union of friendship, heart and hand
 They hunted all the dictionaries published in the land,
 They unearthed all the old books to be found in every store.
 But not a worthy name was found by Letterman and Moore.
 CHORUS:—

VI

At last when things grew desperate an idea swiftly ran
 Through the thick but knowing head of Dr. Letterman,
 Said he I'm a physician and now their rage is o'er
 We'll be Pi Psians together: said Letterman and Moore.
 CHORUS:—

VII

At last they grew quite tired of their own company
 And thought that they'd take other men in their fraternity
 So to their secret compact they opened wide the door
 And indirectly we got in through Letterman and Moore.
 CHORUS:—

VIII

Their names became their watchwords and thus they both would cry
 Never Let-a-man escape the clutches of Phi Psi.
 And Moore would speak out boldly the Phi Psi's must have more
 Men of rank and standing—said Letterman and Moore.
 CHORUS:—

IX

Now I hope you keep in secret what I've told you here,
 I may have been mistaken and so I am I fear,
 But still your utmost secrecy I earnestly implore
 And hope you'll never "give it away" to Letterman and Moore.
 CHORUS:—

Correspondence.

D. C. ALPHA

Nov. 27th, 1879.

To the Fraternity the D. C. Alpha, sends greeting:—The initiatory number of the SHIELD has been received and is universally pronounced a decided success by the members of the Alpha. To deal in useless platitudes as to the necessity of such a journal and the great good it can accomplish in the cause of the Fraternity would be superfluous. We will say, however, that the brothers who have undertaken the heavy responsibilities of publishing this journal, in spite of the previous failures of two like undertakings, deserve credit for their courage, and disinterested efforts for the weal of the Fraternity, and the Alpha intends to show its hearty appreciation by something more substantial than encomiums, in the shape of active support. Hence, she wishes to be the foremost in the sending of communications of anything of interest to the Fraternity that may happen amongst us or elsewhere; and although its endeavors to make the coming convention the most brilliant and memorable one in the annals of the Fraternity will somewhat draw upon our purses (or bank accounts, which, alas! are strongly in the minority) yet we hope that sufficient will be left at the bottom to enable us to do our duty also in the way of subscriptions.

The D. C. Alpha never was in a more flourishing condition than at present, both as regards interest and numbers. New names are rapidly adding to our roll. Two additions were made at our last meeting, and three more are expected at our next. Victorious we possess the field. The enemy whatever may have been his device and however valiantly he may have fought has fled in overwhelming confusion.

"With hideous ruin and combustion;" while we at our leisure select the fairest and choicest of the spoils.

The circumstances attending the existence of the Alpha render it a marvel that it stands in its present flattering condition. What those circumstances are and how they have militated against the continuance of our chapter will be made the subject of a subsequent letter. Suffice it to say at present that no miracle preserves and has preserved us—only persisted efforts, those of one especially merit particular mention and deserve the unbounded gratitude and unmeasured praise not only of his own chapter but of the whole Fraternity. I refer, and he will pardon me for thus using his name) to Robert J. Murray. It can be said without fear of dispute that to him and to him alone the D. C. Alpha owes its existence to-day and the Fraternity one of its most vigorous chapters. Let, then, his name be graven on the mind and heart of every true hearted Phi Psi. Like Sisyphus he has rolled away at his stone even when fate seemed to mock him; but unlike him he has finally planted it firmly on the top of the hill where it is to be hoped it will stay forever to serve as an everlasting monument to one of Phi Psi's most loyal devotees. But, more anon.

Fraternally yours,

J. C. S. R.

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

BLOOMINGTON. Nov. 25th, 1879.

DEAR BROS:—Ind. B. hails the "SHIELD" as the morning star of a brighter era. Not that our reign has not been supreme heretofore, but even this has grown monotonous and we pitch over goal still higher.

The "SHIELD" is certainly the bond which shall bind the brothers of the United States as intimately as does the "Mystic bond of Phi Psi" those of each individual chapter. We think it the duty of each chapter to write an article of some length for every number of the "SHIELD." Each chapter is capable of filling one or more of its columns with the history, fiction and glories of its past career that would be interesting to every "loyal Phi Psi."

Support the SHIELD and let it be the grand grip of the Fraternity at large and lead the four thousand veterans on to the goal of Phi Psi's "Great Expectations."

As for Ind. B., like Alexander, she is weeping because she has no more fraternities to conquer; and as a consequence she is hated by every other fraternity in college (except the ladies') Honors are becoming monotonous to us. Since our foundation here (1869) there have absolutely been no honors awarded without Phi Psi being a greedy partaker thereof. Last commencement out of four honors two were given to Phi Psi; the year before out of two one was for Phi Psi. In the class of '76 the Scientific, Classic first and second, and Oratorical honors were all swept away by the Phi Psi storm. Out of the five oratorical contests three of them were taken by Phi Psi; of the remaining two, one was taken by a Phi Psi's sister and the other by a Phi Gam. Our prospects for honors this year are almost certain.

We have initiated nine men this year and now have twenty-one badged members. This outstrips in quantity every other fraternity in college saying nothing about quality. The Phi Gam, though far in our rear, are the leaders of our petty rivals.

Prof. Houghton, of the Preparatory department and a resident member of this chapter, has lately published an Historical Chart which has gained quite a celebrity throughout the West and bids fair to win for him fame and fortune. Phi Psi has chapters at three of the best institutions in this state and all are the wonder, brains and objects of envy of their respective colleges.

With good wishes to the "SHIELD," Ind. B. extends the grip to Phi Kappa Psi.

J. L. P.

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., Dec. 1st, 1879.

DEAR BROS:—Situated as we are at a distance from our sister chapters and deprived in a measure of personal intercourse with them, we can but hail with delight our new fraternity bond.

Just a few words in regard to ourselves. Our hearts never were lighter or our skies brighter than now. We have experienced some reverses and had many hard struggles but we have emerged from them all like gold tried by fire, purer and brighter than before. We have fifteen members, not a large chapter, but enough to secure to each one the full benefits of Phi Psi

fellowship. Besides, without the prestige of age, we feel more than ever the responsibility resting upon us of selecting only such men as shall build up the fraternity here, and make the wearing of the "SHIELD" synonymous with scholarship, integrity, and ability. And we have good reason to feel proud of our success thus far. Out of the nine fraternities represented here, we have the reputation among non-society men of being one of the two fraternities (the "voracious" Moss-backers excepted) free from the "bummer" element and making scholarship of prime importance.

At present we have secured but one man from '83, since '83 does not seem particularly prolific in good material. However, a few months of college life sometimes discover many a hidden jewel and for such we are ever on the lookout.

We have with us this year Bros. Lord and Hillis of Ind. Alpha, both earnest and active men, fresh from fraternity work at Ashbury.

A word as to the whereabouts of some of our graduate members. Bro. Wm. Yost, B. A. the founder of our chapter, is practicing his profession at Pittsburg, Pa.

Bro. Wm. A. Johnston, B. A. and J. E. Richards, B. A., both practicing law at San Jose, Cal.

Bro. "Mc" (J. W. McRinley B. S. '79) reading law at his home, Newcastle, Pa.

Bro. "Barney" Wilson Ph. C. '79, who refused the offer of a fine position in the Univ. laboratory here, is in the drug business in Detroit.

Again with brilliant prospects for the future, Mich. Alpha sends greeting to her sister chapters.

In Phi Kappa Psi.

F. C. C.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec 8th, 1879.

DEAR EDITORS:

OHIO BETA.

OHIO BETA BOOMING!

Many of our brothers in the East and West, no doubt, have thought it strange that not any account of Ohio Beta, has as yet appeared in the columns of the SHIELD. We have not held back because we are dead, or because we have had nothing of general interest to report, but because our chapter has for sometime been engaged in preparing a "boom of booms—the Burdette boom." On the evening of Thursday, Dec. 4th, the Excelsior Literary society of our College brought Mr Burdette, the "Hawkeye Man," and a loyal Phi Psi, to Springfield to deliver his popular lecture on the "Rise and Fall of the Mustache." The leading spirits in this prosperous society are Phi Psis, and of course did their best in securing for our brother a large and intelligent audience. In this they succeeded admirably, as the opera house was crowded, realizing a handsome sum for the society. It was so managed by the committee of arrangements that Maj. White, superintendent of our Public Schools, introduced the speaker. Maj. White is a Phi Psi of "high water" mark. "But on with the dance."

As soon as our Phi Psi boys could take their ladies home,

for we all sat together and were with the finest ladies of the "Champion City," all hastened to the elegant parlors of the Lagouda House, and met the distinguished guest. There had already gathered many of our invited friends. Several professors of the college, representatives of the bar, the ministry, and a full representation from the city press, greeted the active Phi Psi's. In all we numbered thirty-eight.

The invitations issued for this occasion were fine as all those who received them can attest. We are presumptuous enough to think them PAR EXCELLENCE.

Bro. John Baltzly of '79, delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the chapter. The response of Bro. Burdette was witty and well chosen. Bro. Bob, at times spoke very feelingly, and if ever there was a man thankful for being a Phi Psi, Robert J. Burdette is one. Mr. C. M. Nichols, editor of the Daily Republic of this city, an old and influential journalist, spoke on behalf of the Press. The address was in excellent taste, and the gentleman, though not a Phi Psi, has a warm place in his heart for the fraternity. This concluding the literary programme, our president Bro. F. D. Altman, announced the party proceeded to the banqueting hall, where was spread before our hungry eyes, the delicacies of the season. Col. Jones, the proprietor had spared no pains in preparing the best of suppers, and all were gratified beyond expectation.

Rev. W. A. Robinson, pastor of one of our large Methodist congregations, asked the blessing after which everyone "fell to," and satisfied the cravings of the inner man. Mirth and laughter were heard up and down the long hall, and everyone was happy. After eating to satiety, the chairman announced the first toast of the evening, "Hobbies," to which Prof. B. F. Prince, professor of Greek and its literature, of the College, responded. Hon. Wm. White, Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio, was to have responded to the toast, "Are Secret Societies, Secret?" but owing to his unexpected departure from the city, it was omitted.

"The Rise and Fall of the Mustache," was assigned Mr. O. T. Martin, Esq. of the Springfield bar.

The last toast of the evening was "Booms" and Mr. Gus C. Mathews, editor of the Daily Times responded.

Bro. Burdette was again called upon to respond to the toast, "The Man that Never Laughs." Our brother closed by telling his inimitable hog story, that all who have heard, will recall with laughter. The midnight hour was fast departing, when our guests bid us adieu. Our boys, however, remained and were long entertained by those stories, that Bro. Burdette tells so well. "Altogether the Phi Psi boys covered themselves with glory" the Daily Republic says. Phi Psi spirit is at flood tide here, and our broadsides have just been opened upon the enemy. Ohio Beta is the one, sole object of admiration and distinction by the students of Wittenburg College. We have the influence of students, alumni and last we think greatest the Press. We have three daily papers here, and all are at our disposal. You may expect a glorious report from the Beta at G. A. C. in February. The patriotic desire of Ohio Beta is that "long may the banner of Phi Kappa Psi wave to the breeze," and undaunted to glory we'll go.

A. D. H. '81.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

MEADVILLE, Nov. 27th, 1879.

DEAR BROS:—The Beta chapter has, for several years, recognized the necessity of a good paper in connection with our Fraternity, and therefore the advent of the SHIELD was the occasion of much satisfaction among its members. Let the whole Fraternity unite to make this the best Fraternity paper in the country.

The Beta chapter—inspiring theme—has weathered the blasts of twenty-five years with a glory undimmed, and a name untarnished; and still she remains the oldest and best chapter at Allegheny. Away back in the year '55 it entered the wise heads of a few students that it would be advantageous to establish a chapter of some Fraternity here. So these wise heads met one night and began to ruminate deeply and question each other in regard to the different college Fraternities. Not until the clock was striking the midnight hour did they separate. One retired to his virtuous couch and dreamed. And lo! behold, a demon, fierce and warlike, was about to strike him to the heart, but just as the blow was descending a shield, studded with pearls, was interposed and the danger averted. It was the shield of Phi Psi. Lo the wise heads got together again, and decided that "Providence pintoed in that direction," applied for a charter, and thus established the Beta chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. But the Faculty did not manifest as angelic a disposition as might have been wished. They imagined that Fraternities held close communion with the dévil. Visions of dark and hidden deeds haunted their sleep; the Greek alphabet seemed invested with terrible mysteries. The Phi Psi's were immediately proscribed, but no one could discover who they were. No badges were worn; the meetings were held in barns, cellars, or obscure houses. The boys were hunted both by Faculty and police; some were suspicioned and tracked for the purposes of surprising them while holding a meeting, and many a long tramp did some loyal Phi Psi lead his pursuers while his Brothers were enjoying themselves hugely in some well equipped—barn perhaps. So thanks to Providence and wit, they eluded all search; until gradually the stern attitude of the Faculty relented, and the Phi Psi's had a period of undisturbed repose. Then the Phi Gamma Deltas swooped down upon us, followed by the hosts of the Delta Tau Deltas, and lastly appeared the Phi Delta Thetas as yet too infantile to exhibit any remarkable traits. But in the midst of them all pre-eminent "waves the banner of Phi Psi."

The Beta at present is in a very flourishing condition. Our rooms are centrally located, and are fitted up with every convenience for fraternity usages. They are three in number, the main hall being 32 by 70 feet in size, beautifully frescoed and furnished. Our chapter numbers twenty-one members, and comprises some of the best and most prominent men in college. We can only mention a few of our "characters" leaving the rest for a future letter. There with his feet gracefully reclining on the top of the stove sits "The Oracle," who, with his eye fixed on the horizon like Capt. Bunsby, forecasts and reflects, and under the delphic fumes of his cigar distributes wisdom indiscriminately. Opposite with his hands thrust in his

pockets, and his chin resting on his bosom cogitates our metaphysical theologian, but he is aroused from his meditations by the Websterian Benjamin who is expounding on the fundamental and eternal principles which underlie and constitute the basis of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity," etc. The emaciated (?) form of our "Poet" appears on the scene; he modestly announces a new fraternity song, the "mystic circle" is immediately formed and we make the old hall ring with music. And I tell you Brother, there's nothing that will so stir up a man's enthusiasm for his Fraternity as a good hearty Fraternity song.

But this letter is already lengthy. From the various communications published in the THE SHIELD it is evident that Phi Psi-ism is alive and active everywhere. Let us determine that wherever Phi Kappa Psi is represented she may prove the champion of truth and right; thus will she subserve her true interest and win a merited reward.

W. C. W.

ETA.

The following brief sketch of the founding, and subsequent progress of the Pa. Eta, during her infancy was prepared for the "Phi Kappa Psi Monthly" by one of its charter members, thinking it might be of interest to our Phi Psi brethren, especially to the sons of Eta, we give it for publication in the SHIELD.

The incipency of the Chapter dates back to Nov. 20th 1858. On that day, H. H. W. Hibshman of the Sophomore class, first proposed to his chum and classmate, A. C. Reinoehl to start a new secret society.

The two joined hands and organized the Phi Beta Tau Fraternity. It proved a success and flourished as a local college secret society. In the summer of 1859, Mr. Hibshman, while on a vacation tour, met at Chambersburg, Pa. Robt. A. Clark, a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, who proposed to establish a chapter of his Fraternity at Franklin and Marshall College. Mr. Hibshman promised to take the matter into consideration, and to consult with his bosom friend—Mr. Reinoehl. The proposition was made to Mr R. who saw that it was a good step and heartily favored it. It was therefore resolved to abandon immediately the Phi Beta Tau and be constituted a Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi.

On the second day of April, 1860, Robt. A. Clark arrived at Lancaster, as ambassador from the Grand Chapter, (then located at Jefferson College, Washington, Pa), and organized the Pennsylvania Eta by initiating H. H. W. Hibshman, A. C. Reinoehl, W. C. Cremer, Irenaeus Shalter, Jacob O. Knipe, and D. L. Swartz. Great was the excitement in college circles when the Phi Kappa Psi SHIELD appeared in place of the Phi Beta Tau Badge.

From its organization onward the Chapter has been successfully kept up although during the war it was reduced to one member, Bro. S. S. Appel being the lone star of the active college membership.

The first anniversary of the Chapter, in 1861, was celebrated with much eclat; The founder of the fraternity—Dr. Letterman—as an honored guest, and three hale and good members of the Pa. Zeta being present. It was an occasion that is re-

membered with pride by the "old boys" and to which they often refer with hilarity when they happen to meet around the hearthstone of the Eta.

So much for the founding of our little chapter; but her history does not end here. No, she has a record of which she is justly proud. In the ups and downs of fraternity life at F. and M. College she has ever held a moderate and honorable course and has thus commanded the respect, if not the just deference she merits. She has not done this, however, without molestation. During a period of four or five years the aged and reverend President of the college, actuated by blind bigotry, waged a war of extermination against college fraternities. His proclamations of ostracism, sounding like the thundering edicts, of the Vatican, spread consternation throughout Fraternity's ranks, but in the end proved but slightly more effectual. True, two men who had worn the golden SHIELD, and had been infused with Phi Psi love and enthusiasm, unwilling to sever the sacred bond on account of narrow-minded prejudice and fanatic zeal, were expelled from college. But this unjust action tended only to increase the zeal of the boys in that cause which bigotry sought to suppress. The golden SHIELD disappeared from the public eye, the chapter meetings were held in profound secrecy, but the fires of fraternal love glowed brightly on the altar of Phi Psi; and when Dr. Appel, our now highly-honored President—took the chair "Old Eta" was "a booming," and our boys at once stepped into the first ranks among fraternity men, with banners unfurled and a plentiful supply of Phi Psi badges resting on bosoms bounding high with enthusiasm at the bright prospects for their beloved order. Never had Eta been in a more flourishing condition. And the want of a hall of her own was now felt more keenly than ever. During her infancy and the period of hostilities she had led a sort of Gypsy life, roving from one place to another, and when the "old boys" occasionally mingle with the "young 'uns" they love to recount tales of her wanderings, and many a ludicrous account do they give of "soap-fat alley" as they dubbed one of their places of meeting where they were able to escape detection. Some of their tales of mishaps and adventure would be worthy of a corner in a comic almanac. Pardon this degression.

Eta now gave over her wandering life and settled in comfortable quarters, and now boasts of the finest fraternity hall in Lancaster.

Since the organization of the chapter over one hundred members have been enrolled in the cause of Phi Psi, and of this number none have been expelled, none suspended, and but two honorably dismissed. Of this clear record we are very proud, and hence are extremely careful in our selection of men, lest we might through our own carelessness be obliged to record an expulsion.

Our boys have ever been able to wield swords with other fraternity men in class room and society, as is shown by the number of honors taken by them at anniversaries and commencements. Of that little band of pioneers who organized the Eta, all have risen to that eminence for which their talents and capacities were designed.

Dr. J. O. Knipe, is living in the midst of a lucrative practice, universally loved and respected by the inhabitants of Norris-

town, Pa. Among the prominent lawyers of Lancaster stands Hon. A. C. Reinoehl, better known to friends and brothers as the "Major."

He has served in various positions in the army and state, having shown himself a brave and sagacious officer during the rebellion, and having served with honor to himself, a three years term in the Legislature of Pa., and acted deputy Secretary of State under Gov. Geary. He is also the acknowledged "wit" of the Lancaster bar, Bros. Hibshman, Cremer, and Swartz are prominent in the ministerial profession, and are revered alike for their talents, learning and piety wherever known. One,—Bro Shalter, has retired from the profession of law, and assumed the garb of the private citizen in the good old county of Berks.

In addition to these many others of Eta's boys have taken positions of eminence in Church and State in the various learned professions, on 'change and at the bar, and one and all have never forgotten their first love—Phi Kappa Psi. May the world ever remember them as they have remembered her.

For a number of years the re-unions of the Eta were "few and far between," owing to the Fraternity Crusade. But last commencement witnessed the initiation of what we hope to be a long succession of annual symposiums. The first was truly a feast of wit, humor and substantial, may each succeeding one be better and merrier:

It will be remembered that Eta furnished the Orator for the Grand Arch Council in 1871, Bro. Reinoehl being the representative. In all the worry and press of business he is always ready to devote some of his time to the interests of old Phi Psi. But what wonder is that? Since from the "Major" down to the youngest initiate of Eta, including the writer of this hastily prepared sketch, all are earnestly devoted to the cause of our glorious brotherhood.

H. C. E.

MARYLAND ALPHA.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, BALTIMORE, Dec. 12th, 1879.

DEAR BROS:—Now that Md. Alpha can call itself a "chapter," we want to support the "SHIELD," and shall begin by giving you a short account of ourselves. We have met many difficulties in establishing our chapter, but think we are now on a firm foundation. Our chief obstacle has been to see enough of the men to enable us to judge of their qualifications to become Phi Kappa Psi's. Johns Hopkins University is situated in the heart of the city, and the students rarely meet except at recitations or in the laboratories. Then we have a well established rival—Beta Theta Pi. It is also reported that Chi Phi is looking for men. We have not been discouraged, however, and now me number six, all devoted to Phi Psi's interests. We have our eye on some more fellows, and hope to give the next SHIELD notice of several acquisitions. Three of our number will not return next year, so it is especially important to get in some more good men without delay. Of course, we have as yet no such permanent organization as to enable us to have our own room. We hold our meetings at the homes of different brothers. In our work several old Phi Psi boys have helped us greatly by their counsel and presence at our meetings. We are especially

indebted to Bro. Bert Kurtz of Pa. E, who is our right hand man. We regret the loss of Bro. Collins Denny of Va. A. who has left the city, having given up Law and entered the Ministry. We are rapidly getting self-reliant however, and we hope soon to have Md. Alpha one of the most prosperous chapters of our Fraternity. We shall report soon again in regard to our progress. In the bonds of Phi Kappa Psi.

MD. A.

PENN'A. ZETA.

CARLISLE, Dec. 13th, 1879.

DEAR BROS: Two numbers of our welcome fraternity organ have been received, from which it would seem that most of the chapters have given formal acknowledgement of their hearty approval and implicit confidence in our new and appropriately nominated "SHIELD." That we be not counted disloyal or lacking in appreciation, it is necessary that some tidings should reach the "SHIELD,"—

"From the Ancient College,
Built in an ancient Town
Ruled by ye ancient Faculty,
Most ancient in renown,—
The College in the inland
Far from ye ancient Sea,
About the middle of the State
Of Pennsylvanee."

Though we are ancient in so many commendable particulars, we are not ancient in keeping the spirit of Phi Kappa Psi apace with the advancement of the age. Being tenaciously conservative of the grand principles of our mystic order, and knowing that secrecy is accompanied by enchantment, we are innovators, in that we most heartily espouse any improvement that has for its end the enlarging of fraternal capacities, and the development of an invulnerable character of brotherhood. Our chapter is in excellent condition. Sociability, and congeniality, the striking features of our fraternity, are preeminently our characteristics. As those who have been more intimately associated with this chapter know, our motto is to select men who most happily combine mental ability and moral firmness with social capacity. In proportion to the attainment of this end, does any chapter thrive.

We number sixteen good jolly fellows, favorably representing the three above characteristics. Our boys are anticipating a grand time at the Penn'a Iota Symposium on the 19th of Dec. Now we have not written much from the fact that "Causation" presses us too hard. The watchword now is, "Cram Bros. Cram with care, Cram for the test of the Professaire." After we have survived the cramming, both for Christmas examinations and of Christmas Turkey, we hope to send you something from other Bros. of our chapter. We are in bonds of Phi Kappa Psi most heartily.

"LEARNED."

PENN'A. ALPHA.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE,

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 13th, 1879.

DEAR BROS:—Now when old Phi Psi really has a first class "SHIELD," "Wash. and Jeff.," will not be backward in saying her say.

Pa. Alpha is now in her glory. We are not "ninety and nine," but we are *nine*—and a right royal nine at that. Though not very ferocious as to members, all our brothers may rest assured that our chapter will do its part in promoting the honor of the Phi Kappa Psi. Several of our boys belonged to '79, and of course, we had to be content with losing them. We miss them this year, and our only consolation is that Washington is an attractive place to them, and that we somehow think Phi Kappa Psi has not a little to do with the attraction. At any rate, we see their faces occasionally; and then how we do talk of the good times we've had in our fraternity hall!

Indeed, we nine under the banner of Phi Kappa Psi are a very happy set of fellows. Were it not for the large number of brother graduates who have held to the town of their Alma Mater, we might be tempted to feel lonely sometimes; but as it is the resident Phi Psis at Little Washington add much to our pleasure and comfort. It does our hearts good, as we look over our Grand Catalogue to find there enrolled the names of many of the leading lawyers and business men, located right in Alpha's midst. And these are not merely brothers of the past, they still honor their old Phi Psi; and you may be sure we *youngsters* enjoy the attention they give us.

We have a Hall nicely furnished; and that, by the way, is a thing which none of our seven contemporaries boasts of True, we haven't a fine piano, and billiard table, after the manner of our Wooster brothers, but one of the boys sports a fiddle, and he is our *musical talent*. As for the billiard table—well no matter. We are happy anyhow; and this proposition we shall be glad to demonstrate to any of the Phi Psi boys, always so welcome among us, if they will but show us the light of their countenances.

We are proud of our "SHIELD." It seems to have already begun its work. It has certainly been the means of stirring up our fraternity spirit; and we imagine from the tone of some communications, that we are not the only chapter reaping its benefits so soon. "Fraternity's Banqueting Hour," made us love Phi Kappa Psi more than ever, and the accounts of the jolly times the boys have been having with Bro. Burdette made us feel good. It was pleasant to learn through the "SHIELD" that the *Indiana Alpha*, which we had about *given up for gone*, was thirty strong, with twenty nine badges and a prep.

The letter from "C. L. V. C." in the last number, contains several excellent suggestions and hints, to all of which we heartily say *Amen*.

A communication from "*Frater*" has introduced matters well worthy of consideration. In a future letter we may endeavor to do our share in the *ventilating* of the question in regard to the re-establishing of our Southern Chapters. However, we may as well confess our ignorance of the former condition of the Phi Kappa Psi in the South; and we Western Pennsylvanians are *high-toned* enough to imagine that we are not *greener* than many others. So then, to come to the point at once, will not some good old brother, who knows all about it, enlighten us heathen a little? "The Phi Psi boys of the South," would be a first class theme for comment in the "SHIELD"—it would be of interest to the whole fraternity; and might be the means of arousing the brothers to renewed exertion in reorganizing our Southern Chapters.

We hope something definite will be done in this direction ere long

Pa. Alpha is *resting upon her oars*, and only awaits *fraternity's call*, to pull for victory.

Such are the sentiments of a loyal set of boys, represented by their
COR. SEC.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

EVANSTON, Dec 19th, 1879.

DEAR BROS:—We were surprised at not seeing any communications from our sister western chapters in the last issue of THE SHIELD. Why was it? Can it be that the western chapters have no interest in an enterprise of this kind? Can they not see the benefit arising from a paper circulated among all the chapters? Do they not see that to have a paper of this kind is absolutely necessary in order to keep up *true fraternity feeling*? What interest, or real brotherly feeling can we have with chapters separated from us by hundreds of miles, if we hold no communications with them, so that we may know what they are doing, and how they are getting along? Ill. Alpha is greatly interested in THE SHIELD. We feel better acquainted with the other chapters, already I mean of course those with whom we have come in contact through the columns of our paper. Let us hear from our neighbors, we want to know how they are prospering.

Our boys have been reaping a harvest this fall. We sowed our seed last year, and like the bread cast upon the waters, it has returned to us after many days. We contested with the Beta Theta Psi last year over several men and neither party succeeded, but this year we began with renewed energy and have won the victory. The Betas are a society that we are proud to contest with. As the result of our victory this year we have taken in seven new members, all of good metal, and representing every class in college. Numbers, however is not our aim. We have *quality* or *nothing* and the school recognizes this fact. We are sorry to lose one of our best men, but Bro. Temple has been forced to give up his studies on account of his health. He has struggled hard for an education, working his own way for several years and at the same time ranking among the very best scholars of the institution. After making such a noble effort, and succeeding so well, it is a great misfortune to be obliged to give up all thoughts of ever being able to finish his course.

Two of our boys, Bros. Pryor and Andrews are out of school for a short time. They expect to return before the end of the year.
W. H. J.

INDIANA BETA.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., Dec. 2nd, 1879.

DEAR BROS:—We received ten copies of THE SHIELD. Have disposed of them all. We are very much pleased with our publication and intend to do all within our power for its furtherance. Send us an even dozen next time.

Our chapter has elected a brother as regular correspondent to the SHIELD thereby insuring a communication for every issue of the same.

We are in good working condition, having twenty-one men wearing the SHIELD. And when I say men I don't think of them, as they appear physically but intellectually. Indiana Beta is up and doing; making other fraternities come to her terms, and taking every good man that comes into our institution for good honest work; for this is the only type of men for whom we have any degree of brotherly love.

We have thus far in this college year taken in nine good men. Indeed we have the head-work of the entire Freshman class, which numbers over fifty and of these about one fifth are *ours*. No other fraternity looking at them from the point of college work is pressing us and our object is to "hold our holts." With best wishes for the progress of THE SHIELD I am most sincerely
Your brother in Phi Kappa Psi
WILL T. BLAIR.

Bro. Rob't J. Murray writes us that D. C. Alpha is making arrangements for hotel accommodations and railroad fare for all who desire to attend the approaching meeting of G. A. C. Due announcement will be given when matters are perfected. Let there be a good representation not only of under graduates but of our alumni. A most cordial invitation to be present has been extended to all.

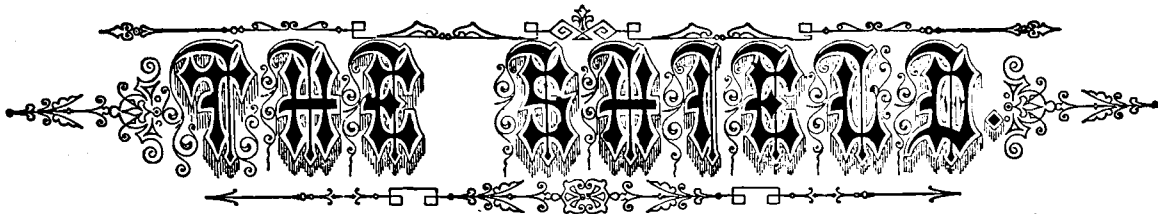
PHI PSIS AT CHAUTAUQUA.

We clip the following from the "Chautauqua Assembly Herald" of Aug. 19th, 1879:

One of the pleasant phases of Chautauqua life is the greetings of friends and the opportunities for making new ones which it affords. Especially is this enjoyable among members of fraternal societies. The members of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, which is largely represented here, deeply recognizing this fact, held an enthusiastic meeting at the Hall on Saturday forenoon for the purpose of organization. The meeting was evidently the initial movement for its annual reunion of large numbers of the Sodality at Chautauqua. W. W. Hale, (Lafayette College '75) of Franklin, Pa., was elected chairman, and on motion E. M. Wood, (Allegheny College '79), was elected Secretary. E. M. Wood, W. C. Wilson, of Erie, Pa., and Mr. Dale, were appointed a committee to arrange for a general and systematic reunion here next year, during the Assembly. The hearty discussion indicated that there will be, without doubt, a social and literary gathering of the Fraternity at this place next August. All members of the Brotherhood are cordially invited to be present at the time indicated by future announcements.

HARRY BRIGHT '82 and Baird Halberstadt '82 of Pa. Iota' left college at close of last term. Bro. Bright expects to go to Boston and go into the coal business. Bro. Halberstadt sailed for England upon Jan. 1st. All communications for latter should be addressed as follows: Care Messrs. McCulloch & Co., 41 Lombard St., London, E. C. (Care of Dr. Halberstadt).

THE Bros. Duncan of Pa. Epsilon, gave us a call during the holidays. Enjoyed themselves heartily at the sym.



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SYMPOSIUM POEM.

Read at the Symposium of the Pennsylvania Iota Chapter of the
"PHI KAPPA PSI" Fraternity—December 19th, 1879.

I

A word there is in our cold English tongue,
That first from Italy's warm bosom sprung;
Through rugged centuries to us descending,
It murmurs with a music never-ending.
'Tis named "Fraternity." Oh what a blaze
Of glancing lights that magic words displays!
What brilliant mirrors, in whose bright reflection
Glitter the flashing jets of recollection!
'Tis yet untold what potent spell may hide
Within the one word "Brother"—yet a tide
Comes welling hotly from the heart to claim
The sympathy of one who bears that name;
And as the pulsing wave of coming day
Bursts on the shore of night, and lights the gray
Of chilly twilight into splendid morn;
So bursts the wave of Kinship, newly born
Within the heart, in friendly smiles, that meet
A glowing answer in the face they greet.

Not ours that gruesome brotherhood of blood
That drowned poor France beneath its crimson flood;
Not ours a proud Knight Errantry that asks
Its devotees a multitude of tasks:
We seek but pleasure! Nothing we demand
Save honest heart, and warmly clasping hand.
We ask no more than that a kindling eye
Shall answer ever to the name Phi Psi!
Be that dear name our talisman to-night;
To utter it let voice with voice unite.
With heart on fire, Iota hears the call,
And shouts a ringing "Welcome!" to you all!

II

Skeptics there are, who croak eternally,
That all Earth's ills are due to such as we;
And since, for sooth we will not tell our name,
For nameless evils we are held to blame.
But 'tis not strange; there's no truth you could offer—
However plain,—that would not rouse some scoffer.
Now there's our Charlie, whose terrific beard
Needs but be seen, to be at once revered—
No argument, wise witty or profound,
Could e'er convince him that the world was round.
The more he read, the more he seemed to doubt it—
So now he's posted off, to see about it!
Methinks I see him now, with fearless eye
Watching the waves roll, several mountains high;
Prancing in seven league boots o'er terra-firma—
A glimpse at China—then a glance at Burmah—
An hour with our Professor in Japan—

A day or two to finish Hindoostan.
Though dusky beauty calls, he must decline—
"Good-bye! can't stop—I'm off for Palestine!"
Jerusalem he votes a wretched bore:
They make him clamber to an upper floor
Charge him four prices, with a wily smile, and
Ask him "how things are at Coney Island?"
To these delights a quick farewell he bids,
And tries a picnic at the pyramids.
To follow further on his hasty track
We won't attempt, but wish him safely back.
No doubt some day, his explorations o'er
He'll gladly land upon his native shore—
(That's a convenient phrase—'twere too pedantic
To mention the Pacific or Atlantic—)
And meeting for the first some busy friend,
On him will all his spent up joy expend;
Ask half a hundred questions, all in one—
Expecting no reply and getting none—
Exclaim—"Old boy, you're thin—you need a rest—
Why don't you take a trip to East or West?"
And then his friend, in haste to get away,
Will answer—"Oh, I'm well enough—but say,
You're looking bad yourself! Now why don't you
Try a vacation for a week or two?"
(Of that idea, we don't pretend creation—
"The bearing of it's in the application!")

III

'Twere well, perhaps, to pause a moment here,
And think upon the lessons of the year.
It first has taught us, that though distance lends
A glamour to the picture that descends
From by-gone ages, which must ever cast
A false magnificence upon the past;
Still there are among us here to-night,
Whose noonday splendor puts to shame the light
Of other days, and scorns to ask assistance
From the vague flattery of time and distance.
'Tis said that wise Minerva, long ago,
In days when gods and mortals here below
Met socially, possessed a lordly owl,
A most unbending, grave and reverent fowl,
At whose keen glance, deceit looked blushing down
And felt the torture of Minerva's frown.
Those days are past; but even in times like these,
When man himself seems growing by degrees
Smaller, and "beautifully less," we still may trace
Traits of the gods in our declining race.
There's Jack, for instance; give him but a sword,
A shield, a helmet, and a painted board
That bears the word "Minerva"—who shall say
That Gods and Goddesses have had their day?
True, there's no owl; —but, bless you, in his place
Behold a canine of gigantic race!
He's wise as any owl; and for his glance—
'Gainst such an eye, deceit finds little chance.
'Tis rumored that a tall young friend of ours,
In playful terror of this monster's powers,
With agile grace once hastened to deposit
Himself for greater safety in a closet;
But fair Minerva, with delighted smile,
Seeking the passing moment to beguile
With Godlike sport, a quick suggestion made,
Which very cleverly the brute obeyed;
And when our friend attempted to emerge,
Two keen eyes kept him trembling on the verge.
Two sounding titles has this gentle creature,
And answers to them with expressive feature;
To none but these will he attention deign—
The one is "Auf!" the other—"Setz dich schoen!"
They say there was an effort, last November,
To make the noble beast an active member;

It failed, we're told—though he was nothing loath—
He could not grasp the nature of an oath.

IV

But we've another God our ranks among;
'Tis he who charmed all nature when he sung—
Our Orpheus; when music we demand, he
Delights our ravished ears with "Handy Andy."
Nor need we yet say "Finis"—for behold
Our festive Bacchus, from whose lips have rolled
A thousand songs; 'tis he whose tuneful roar
Shouts out the praise of Letterman and Moore
'Tis he who like another Bard of Iliad
Conducts us through the maze of "Balm o' Gilead."
All praise to these immortals! Fate forbid
Their sun should e'er by jealous clouds be hid;
May happy fortune all their ventures bless,
Their shadows never grow an atom less!

V

Though sad, 'tis true; there is no day so bright,
That gives not way at last to swarthy night;
No song so jubilant, that may not blend
With softer, sadder echoes at the end.
Another lesson has the flitting year
That asks, instead of smiles, a hallowing tear;
It but reiterates the solemn truth,
That Death may vanquish even valiant Youth.
While Merry Laughter flirts his gaudy wings—
While Mirth a roundelay of pleasure sings—
Pause for a moment; cast your sobered glance
Across the sobbing Ocean's cold expanse;
And give one thought to him whom nought could waken,
To homeward wend the way your glance has taken.
One thought! Nay, when there falls away a ring
From friendship's chain, fond Memory will bring
A thousand golden rivets, that will bind
In closer clasp the circlets left behind!

VI

Before we let the final curtain fall,
One other scene will we to mind recall.
'Tis of a banquet, where, with song and jest,
We gather round our member from the West.
Though brightly beam the lamps, they cannot rob
Of laughing light the eyes of "R. J. Bob."
'Tis now that Orpheus the board regales
With ancient songs and sweet pathetic tales;
'Tis now our Bacchus eloquently speaks
Of Madam Barbara, and of the freaks
Of pensive mules. Our modest Fresh begins
The plaintive ditty of "McSorlin's Twins;"
While all the others dolefully combine,
To sadly chorus every other line,
Then does our guest with breezy eloquence
A host of hardy anecdotes commence;
In whose rude features and uncouth attire
There lurk such hints of brimstone and blue fire,
That conscience stricken youths, in pallid fright
Fly trembling forth, and vanish in the night.

But that gay feast, though brilliantly it shone,
Down the dim isle of memory has gone;
And beauties yet more glittering endow
The grander banquet spread before us now.
But let not mirth, and revelry and light,
Make us forget what brought us here to-night;
Nor merry jest, from laughing lips let fall,
Down the dear thought that we are brothers all.
When youth and gayety shall be no more,
Thy name, Fraternity, we'll still adore,
Departed brothers fondly call to mind,
And dying, sigh for brothers left behind.

But gloomy reverie shall not employ
The moments that belong to careless joy;
Away with pensiveness! let every throat
Give jubilantly forth one joyous note—
"Phi Kappa Psi!" Repeat the sturdy cheer
Till all the world the loud huzzas shall hear—
The startled echoes round the globe shall fly,
And homeward hasting, shout, "Phi Kappa Psi!"

VII

Now turn we tenderly our latest leaf;
And the reaper hugs his ripened sheaf,

And binds it firmly with a wisp of straw;
So with reluctant hand we gently draw
Our sickle through the straws that yet remain
Of thoughts unspoken; press the fallen grain
In sheaves together where so late it stood,
And bind it with the cord of brotherhood!

W. C. R. PA. IOTA.

Correspondence.

VIRGINIA DELTA.

BY VIRGINIUS.

EDS SHIELD:—It has fallen my pleasant duty to record in the columns of "THE SHIELD," the history of one of the chapters of our beloved Fraternity, which ranks among the first of those now known to the "Greek World."

On the 16th of March 1859, a charter was granted by the G. C. (then at Wash. and Jeff. College, Pa.) to found the third chapter within the bounds of "The Old Dominion," namely Virginia Delta. Messrs. D. F. Patterson, J. W. Hopper, and W. S. Hawkins were duly authorized to establish a chapter at Bethany College, which should afterwards be known as Va. Delta. The three gentlemen who founded Va. Delta wore the title of "The Immortals," nor was the appellation an unjust one, as the chapter was destined to become one of the most useful to the Fraternity in promoting her welfare, and her sons in gaining for themselves glory and honor, have reflected great credit upon the Chapter and the Fraternity at large.

The first regular meeting was held on the night of the 26th of March, in the rooms of Matt. Turney, who had been previously initiated as a loyal Phi Psi. The all-important question was then discussed, whether or not the Chapter should show visible signs of its existence, it being the first established in the College, and at a time when the Faculty were bitterly opposed to Secret Societies. It was decided, that a bold front should be assumed, and as the Chapter then consisted of the best men, both morally and intellectually, in College, it was thought that the Faculty would be influenced in their behalf and permit their existence as a Fraternity.

It was not long, however, before it became evident that great opposition would be realized not only from the Faculty, but also from students, jealous of the success of Phi Psis in College, especially in the Literary Societies.

The following year a decisive decree was issued by the Faculty against what was then called, "A secret organization of students, banded together in direct violation of the laws of the College." If the purpose of this decree could be gained the fate of Virginia Delta was forever sealed. But a committee having been appointed, and having waited on the Faculty, the following was the result of the interview. "The Secret Society, known as the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, should be allowed to exist only to the end of the present session ('59 & '60,) provided no other Secret Society should, at the end of that time, be found to exist in the College.

How the seemingly inevitable fate of Virginia Delta was averted will be found in our next.

INDIANA ALPHA.

INDIANA ASBURY UNIVERSITY, GREENCASTLE, IND.

Dec. 13th, 1879.

EDS. SHIELD—DEAR BROS:—The second number of the SHIELD, we were sorry to see, was without any communication at all from our chapters in the "Hoosier State." Lest you should think we have lost our interest in and love for old Phi Psi, I hasten, in behalf of Indiana Alpha, to give you a few items concerning what we have done in the past year, our present condition and our prospects for the future.

Our chapter this year is in a most flattering condition, having probably a larger membership than ever before. We have five Seniors, five Juniors, ten Sophomores, six Freshmen and three "preps," making in all twenty nine worshipers at the shrine of our noble and beloved order. When it is taken into consideration that we have not sacrificed quality for quantity, who can doubt that—in Asbury University the banner of Phi Kappa Psi floats high above every rival.

Last year Brother Peterson was the successful contestant for the Cloud prize in Latin composition and one of our men will take it this year. Brother Neff of the Junior class is the orator of the University. He successfully contested for the Dornall prize in oratory last year and will undoubtedly represent Asbury in our next State contest. Two out of four editors on the staff of the "Asbury Monthly" are Phi Psis.

Our prospects for the future never were better than now. In fact I may say they never were as good. Those noble men who preceeded us and are now out in the world doing honor to the fraternity, planted the banner of that fraternity which we love to honor far above the "lesser lights" in the constellation of fraternities and we intend that it shall ever maintain its exalted position.

Before closing I desire to correct an error in Baird's History of College Fraternities. He says the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity is in a flourishing condition except the chapters in Indiana. I have shown you already the standing of Indiana Alpha and can say for Indiana Beta and Gamma that they each hold as high positions in their respective colleges as we do in ours. Out of five inter-State contests in oratory Phi Psis have represented this State *three* times.

Wishing the SHIELD the greatest possible success, I am

Fraternally Yours

D. H. PATRICK,
by proxy.

PENN'A. THETA.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, EASTON, PA., Dec. 16th, 1879.

When one is in the midst of examinations, with the ghosts of departed studies at his back, the spectres of impending examinations in front, and cold and clammy conditions dropping the death dew from above, he does not feel irresistably impelled to write a letter even to the SHIELD. But relentless fate embodied in our G. P. commands and I obey although I know that before this reaches you I will be a "dem'd horrid moist body," floored by the Latin Professor.

The G. C. has had a good deal of business before it this term. Four petitions for the establishment of new chapters have been made, some letters have been received which will probably eventuate into petitions and the badge has been under discussion. The petition from Indianola, Ia. was vetoed by one of the chapters for reasons sufficient to itself. The other petitions will be sent out as soon as prepared or will be brought up before the G. A. C.

We have good news to tell about the badges. Complaints have been made and with justice that the quality of our present badges does not correspond to the price we pay for them. The matter has been brought to the attention of the present contractors and they will soon enter a bid which will offer a reduction of at least 25 degrees. Another firm will send in a bid next month which will offer even better terms and better workmanship. The work upon the Grand Catalogue is making commendable progress; it contains reports from nearly all the active chapters. It will contain 3200 names—an increase of nearly 100 per cent in the last decade. Phi Kappa Psi is growing stronger daily and the G. C. is jubilant.

As a sub chapter Theta was never stronger, never more united. We put in our best strokes to secure quality in our new men and let quantity take care of itself. Although we are only sixteen, every one can be depended upon to act as a Phi Psi should. I wish the whole Fraternity had been at our last meeting—that is as many as could get into our rooms, for we had a thoroughly jolly time. After a G. C. meeting, which was like a council of the gods, we unbent ourselves and for two hours made the very walls re-echo our jests and jollity.

We all take the SHIELD and read each number with avidity. The Fraternity needs an organ and such we hope the SHIELD may become.

E. L. S.

SECOND ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE PA. IOTA CHAPTER.

On the evening of Dec. 19th, about nine o'clock, the habitual loungers about Broad and Chestnut Sts., were awakened from their customary lethargy by a stream of handsome looking men of all ages and complexions that flowed in a wonderfully straight course from the N. E. Corner of Broad and Chestnut to the N. W. Corner, of the same streets. Assembled in the 3rd story of the comfortable 'Broadway.' Bro. Kendall, the Symposiarch of the evening, welcomed the guests in a neat and short address, and, at the same time, stated the reason of our meeting together. Bro. Elwell, in his happy off-hand way then introduced the members of Iota. Soon after which we adjourned to the second story, and at once began the 'business' of the evening. Two long tables extended along the length of the room. At the head of the first sat Bro. Kendall, and at the foot, Bro. Dr. Smith, Pa. Epsilon '74. Bro. Helone, Pa. Iota '78, chairman of the Symposium committee, presided at the other table, and at the foot of this was seated Bro. Dr. Marshall. Iota men were scattered here and there among the guests, and the utmost cordiality existed throughout. Among the guests were Dr. G. Wilds Linn, Pa.

Zeta '69, C. E. Merritt, Ohio Alpha, '68, Col. Harrison Pa. Gamma, '61, Dr. A. T. Livingston, Pa. Beta, and John A. Siner, Pa. Gamma. '66. As nearly as can be judged, about eighty were present, probably more. Bro. Rodman's poem was received with enthusiasm, and the sentiment of course, agreeing with the thoughts of those present. The same may be said of the Symposium song, the music for which was written by Bro. McCollin, Pa. Iota, '78, and on which great pains had been taken by the 'choir.' If we can judge by the satisfaction expressed, then labor was not thrown away. Judge Herman, finding at the last moment that it was impossible to be present, his place on the program was taken by Bro. Merritt. The toast Phi Kappa Psi met with a warm response in his hands. Bro. Scott, Pa. Theta, answered for the Grand Chapter, Bro. Dr. Smith for "THE SHIELD," and Bro. Lobingier (in place of Col. Chamberlain who was not present) for "Absent Brothers." Other toasts were drunk, in the course of the evening, and many impromptu 'affairs' were gone through with, among which may be mentioned Bros. Brown's and Marshall's inimitable duets and Elwell's immortal productions. Everybody appeared to be satisfied, and nothing was omitted by the committee that tended to make things pleasant. We can hardly understand the position of the undergraduate Zeta men, some of whom dropped in the early part of the evening, but who pleaded the excuse of 'going home,' and who thus failed to display that true fraternal spirit which should exist between all who wear the same pin. If they are treated in the same way by us, they need manifest no surprise. With this exception, all went off pleasantly, and many delightful memories will cluster about the thought of Pa. I's second Symposium.

B.

AMERICAN COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

A book with the above title has recently been published by Wm. Raimond Baird, a member of one of the College Fraternities, as he acknowledges in his preface, and as can be seen from his intimate knowledge of the society system generally.

On first glance through the book we were inclined to regard it unfavorably as being hastily and superficially prepared, but after a careful reading we find that much time and careful labor has evidently been given, to prepare the data and information concerning the eighty odd Fraternities described. That the author has arranged the sections of his work in a logical and well chosen order, and that although the reader's expectations aroused by the title page may not be fully realized yet we unhesitatingly pronounce it a book that will interest and entertain every fraternity man from the oldest Phi Beta Kappa to the latest pledged freshman, a book that will also assist the well established societies in their work, and be of special interest to undergraduates.

The work opens with a chapter on the origin progress manners, customs &c., of the Greek Letter Fraternities, then the author treats of each Fraternity in alphabetical order, giving their origin, their various chapters, when and where each was founded, noted individuals who are members, honorary members, a description of their badges and colors, and also gives an account of the object and aims of many of the most noted

orders which of course is mainly supposition in regard to all except the order to which the author belongs. The local and defunct organizations to some extent are also noticed, and then comes a directory of chapters; that is the American colleges are taken up in alphabetical order and the different Fraternities represented by a chapter, and other Greek letter organizations having a habitat there, are given.

The work also contains a neat full page engraving showing the badges of the Chaptered Societies, and a statistical summary of all the living Fraternities, showing where and when each was founded, the number of living and defunct chapters, membership, chapter houses &c. This summary represents the total number of societies living to be sixty-four, live chapters 487; Dead 293; Chapter houses 35; membership 65,256.

The author closes with a concise and convincing argument in favor of the secret Fraternities as they at present exist in the Colleges.

While there is much in the book to commend it to all society men, there are somethings omitted which in our opinion would have greatly added to its interest and value. In this connection we would refer to the space given to the comparatively, insignificant Fraternities, located in third and fourth rate colleges, especially as many of these societies and colleges are at present defunct. Local organizations, of some colleges receive a generous share of space and attention while others are not mentioned at all.

Perhaps the book would not have been so complete without some mention of these organizations and those in or formerly in the schools and colleges referred to, but it would certainly have been an acceptable improvement if they had been given less space and a more complete list, with many important details, of better known and at present prosperous fraternities given instead. It has been our experience that local societies are looked upon with disfavor by college men except of course by their own members, and often by them, after a few years experience. That societies of this character with a membership of one or two hundred, should receive almost equal space with several well known Fraternities, with chapters in all the prominent Colleges and a membership of from three to five thousand, scattered through the various States of the Union, is something that seems to us to call for unfavorable criticism.

Another feature which appears objectionable is an occasional disparaging remark or observation, evidently put in through carelessness, concerning a Fraternity of which he may be treating. Noticeable in this particular is the credence the author has given to the rumor, that it was formerly customary with Delta Kappa Epsilon, to sell charters on application, at \$50.00 each. If we were a D. K. E. we would look upon this as an uncalled for service and an unfair remark to say the least.

There are other remarks of equally objectionable character concerning other societies, but we will not particularize. The omission of the names of many prominent men who are members of some orders is also another fault that could be found with good grace by us Phi Kappa Psi's, who are especially effected in this respect.

But all things considered Mr. Baird has as we have intimated performed a valuable service for the Fraternities generally.

His work will be appreciated by the readers for whom it is intended, and while it supplies a want long felt by the Fraternities, it will also make their character and aims better and more favorably known to the public, and it is to be hoped will assist in some degree to allay the factious opposition which now exists in some of our prominent colleges in regard to them.

Another brother who saw the above writes:

DEAR SHIELD:—There are one or two matters in Baird's book, which should be criticised in addition to those mentioned in the above notice. The first is one which stands very prominently at the front of the book. Our Badge is very poor, both as to shape and coloring, and apparently was copied from a poor drawing, and not from the original or a good engraving. The second consists of two statements in the account of our fraternity, which are inaccurate; our chapter at the Johns Hopkins University being not a graduate but a live active one, and our Indiana chapters, especially the Alpha being in fine condition, and having 30 members.

T. O. E.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12th, 1880.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE SHIELD.

DEAR BROS:—There is a matter of great importance, which is now receiving the consideration of a number of our graduate members, and which is thought of very favorably, and that is the foundation by the next G. A. C. of a new order of Chapters, to be composed of graduate brothers, chartered and in other respects, having an existence, analogous to that of our active Under-graduate chapters, and not like the graduate chapters previously in existence, which had only occasional and irregular meetings and which consequently were able to be of very little use to the sub-chapters or to the fraternity at large.

Quite lately a number of graduate members, residing here, agreed that it would be a good thing to have such an organization here, and proposed applying for the necessary authority, merely as to this one instance, but in the course of their conferences, they have come to the conclusion that it will be better to have some general legislation on the subject, so that other graduate chapters of the same kind may be formed by the consent of the G. and subordinate chapters, as is at present done in the matter of active chapters.

We feel that it will be better to prepare the various chapters for the subject in hand and I have therefore written to you in the hope that this letter and some editorial comment on it may appear in the next number of the SHIELD.

Yours in the bonds of Phi Kappa Psi,

S. D. L.

ODE.

AIR.—AMERICA.

Come brothers one and all
To Eta's festal hall,
To old Phi Psi.
Sweet votive offerings bring,
And as we gaily sing
Loud let the chorus ring
Of dear Phi Psi.

With thankful hearts and free,
This song we sing of thee,
Phi Kappa Psi.
Sent down from One above,
Thou dost in solace prove
Blest tie of manly love,
Phi Kappa Psi!

When troubles o'er us roll,
When sorrows sting the soul,
And grief comes nigh,
In friendship's sacred name,
In love's undying fame,
Thy timely aid we claim,
Phi Kappa Psi!

When shadows dim the tide,
Thou art our faithful guide,
O'er darksome way;
So tender, kind and true,
And pure as even's dew,
Thou bringest to our view
Fair light of day.

Thou spurnest from the mind
All thoughts and words unkind,
O fair Phi Psi!
A culture true is thine,
For thee we gladly twine
Our gift of chaplets fine—
For thee, Phi Psi!

Dear brothers ere we part,
Each heart shall beat to heart
In old Phi Psi;
Each one shall find a friend,
Each loyal to the end
Shall joy and honor lend
To queen Phi Psi.

The stream of life adown,
There floats for us a crown
From dear Phi Psi.
The present, future, past,
Their sunshine o'er us cast—
These golden three at last,
Phi Kappa Psi!

W. E. HOY, PA. ETA.

EDITORIAL.

IN our January issue we had little to remark editorially. Our correspondents covered the space nobly and thus it should be always. THE SHIELD is intended to be a vehicle of monthly news among Phi Psis. Before long we expect to publish articles from several of our older brothers, who have written us that we needed such a publication as this years ago. THE SHIELD is a chronicler of events as interesting to them as to those of us who are yet more intimately connected with college and university.

We fail to comprehend why several of our chapters are so dilatory in making themselves heard. Surely they will not plead lack of time and such excuses as that. Any sacrifice in the cause of Phi Psi will be doubly rewarded in the future.

Would we to-day occupy our recognized high position in the Fraternity world had our older brothers quietly sat down and waited for something "to turn up?" Decidedly not. They labored long and earnestly. The result we all know. We don't intend however, to sermonize, but would recommend the following to every Phi Psi for thoughtful consideration:

"Once more at the call of Fraternity's voice
'Neath the light of her all-seeing EYE,
We come in the glow of the lamp and the STARS
To the altar of PHI KAPPA PSI,"

and write.

THE perusal of the communication from Maryland Alpha, published in our last issue, caused many a Phi Psi, no doubt, to shout for joy. We, at least, felt like doing something big. We were wishing that Bro. Bert Kurtz might be within reaching distance. We wanted to tackle him and let him know he hadn't been forgotten. But seriously, our Bro. has fulfilled the promise he made years ago. This established a chapter at Johns Hopkins University and judging from our correspondence our brothers of Md. Alpha have imbibed some of Bert's old "war-horse spirit" and will place the old SHIELD in her deserved position in the University. A city chapter it is true has some obstacles in its course, but let the brothers meet frequently at least once a week—and they'll rapidly discover a means of overcoming what little drawbacks they at present fear. We predict a glorious future for Md. Alpha.

The Editors of THE SHIELD desire to call the particular attention of our Brothers, both active and graduate, to the communication of Bro. S. D. L., which they will find in another column. The subject is one in which they, as graduate members, feel a great personal interest, in that it will enable them to do more actively for the advancement of the fame and prosperity of our beloved fraternity, than they could otherwise accomplish, and also will give them, in common with others who live away from the place in which their own chapter is situated "a local habitation and a name."

In the course of a few days a petition will be forwarded to the G. C., for them to present to the G. A. C., having for its object the proposed organization, and we hope that all the chapters will instruct their delegates to vote in favor of granting it.

THE Grand Chapter of Zeta Psi Fraternity, with a good representation from subordinate lodges, assembled at 10 A. M. Jan. 9 in Parlor C, Continental Hotel. The proceedings of the fraternity were entirely secret. At this, the twenty-third annual session, E. Coppee Mitchell, of the University of Pennsylvania, presided. The society dates back to 1846. Local organizations exist in New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, Indianapolis, San Francisco and Easton.

It is rumored that the chapter of Delta Psi at the University of Pennsylvania is about to purchase a portion of the building lately occupied by the Reform Club, and convert the same into a chapter house. The chapter is about twenty-five years old, and includes some prominent Philadelphians among its graduate members.

J. Clay Tustin '79 Pa. Epsilon is in the drug business in Philadelphia.

Ben. K. Miller '77 Pa. Epsilon will soon be admitted to the Milwaukee bar and then expects to sail for Gottingen, Prussia.

THETA Delta Chi held its 33rd Convention with the Lambda chapter, Boston Univ.

THE Psi U's have discontinued the publication of THE DIAMOND.

THE STAR of Theta Delta Chi is out of print.

DELTA Tau Delta has entered Troy Polytechnic school with five men.

PHI Delta Theta has "run in" a chapter at Burlington, Vt. DELTA Kappa Epsilon held its 33rd Convention with the Dartmouth Chapter.

ALPHA Tau Omega purposes publishing a paper this year.

WHENEVER more copies of the SHIELD than subscribed for, are sent to our various chapters we would ask the brothers to see that the extras are sent to graduate members.

VIRGINIA Alpha has promised an early communication, where are the others? Wake up boys!

SOME person has informed us that Pa. E. purposes celebrating her 25th anniversary in grand style next June. Epsilon, why so silent.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

BROS. C. S. Musser and J. P. Brubaker of Pa. Eta, are at Jefferson Med. College, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE following relates to Ohio Gamma: Bro. C. M. Sherman, nephew of Sec. U. S., is attending Ann Arbor this year. Bro. W. M. Greene '79 paid us a visit, Bro. C. F. M. Niles was elected Editor in Chief of the University "Index." The waltz composed by Bro. Ed. Raff and dedicated to the fraternity is now ready for sale, and may be had by addressing the publishers, G. M. Furniss, Ravenna, Ohio, Dr. J. A. Gann '67 Ohio Alpha, is among our most active resident members.

BRO. V. F. Brown formerly of Kansas Alpha, afterward founder of Ills. Alpha is pastor of the M. E. Church at Loveland, O.

BRO. A. M. Shillito '79 Penn'a. Beta is studying law at Postville, Iowa.

BRO. E. M. Wood '79 Pa. Beta is principal of schools at Courtland, O.

BRO. G. H. Huffman Penn'a. Beta '76 is at Boston Univ.

BRO. C. A. Miller '78 Pa. Beta is soon to be admitted to the Crawford Co. bar.

BRO. W. M. Beyer Pa. Beta is digging into Blackstone at Hollidaysburg, Pa. Billy always studied hard.

BRO. E. Y. Fullerton '81 Pa. Beta has become proprietor of a cigar manufactory at Meadville. It always pays to give him a call.

BRO. D. B. Heiner '79 Pa. Beta is in his brother's law office at Kittanning, Pa.

HON. Pearson Church '56 Pa. Beta is presiding judge of Crawford Co. Penn'a. He always sits at the head of the table at Beta's symposiums.

BRO. O. W. Reese '78 Pa. Beta is teaching at Corry, Pa.

HERBERT H. JACKSON, '75, Pa. Theta, is now farming in Edna, Minn.

ARNOLD G. PLUMER, '75 Pa. Theta, is engaged in the banking business in Philadelphia.

EDWIN J. FARBER, '77 Pa. Theta, is a lawyer in Baltimore, Md.

SAMUEL W. POWEL, '78 Pa. Theta, is Professor of Practical Mechanics at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

JAMES C. MACKENZIE, '78 Pa. Theta, is Principal of "Wilkes-Barre Academy," Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

GEO. W. PHILIPS, '78 Pa. Theta, is at the head of "Pleasant Mount Academy," Pleasant Mount, Pa.

JAMES J. GRANT, '78, Pa. Theta, is studying law in Cincinnati, Ohio.

HARRY E. LUTZ, '79 a member of Ohio Beta, is now at Stuttgart, Germany, where he is studying the German and its Literature.

BURDETTE, has named the Ohio Alpha, "the noisiest chapter of the fraternity."

HOWARD BILLMAN '77, an earnest Phi Psi from Ohio Beta is a senior Theologian at Yale.

JOHN L. PITNER, Ind. B., is dispensing the Word to sinners in New Albany.

LESTER L. NORTON, Ind. B., is making a stir in the legal fraternity at Indianapolis.

NAT. Ward Fitzgerald, Ind. B., is practicing law at Washington, D. C. He says: "Fortune has smiled."

BEN Milliken '74 Pa. B., is resident physician at the University Hospital. West Phil. Pa.

JIM Bergstresser, Pa. Theta, is at present editor of the *Insurance World*, Pittsburg, Pa, is doing well.

BOB Burdette lectured at Pottsville on the night of Jan. 1st. The resident Phi Psis, seven in number, gave him a "grind."

THE Zeta Psis deny the rumor that they have entered Columbia college.

UNIV. of Miss. has the following fraternities: Delta Kappa Epsilon. Beta Theta Pi, Chi Psi, Delta Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta and Rainbow.

SIGMA Alpha Epsilon held its last convention at Nashville, Tenn., Dec., 23, 1879.

ALPHA Tau Omega has a chapter at Johns Hopkins Univ. Md.

REV. S. B. Barnitz '62 Pa. E is president of the National S. S. Convention.

HART Gilbert Esq., '67 Pa. E. has been traveling through the West recently.

DR. J. McPherson Scott, '71 Pa. E was elected a member of Maryland Legislature from Washington Co., Nov. 4th, 1879.

HON. F. E. Beltzhoover, '62 Pa. E. addressed the Alumni of Penn'a. College, York, Pa. during the month of last October. Address was highly complimented by the press at large.

Bros. Bright and Halberstadt '82 Pa. I desire a correction in our publication regarding them. Bro. Bright intends going to Providence R. I. and not to Boston. Bro. Halberstadt's foreign address is as follows: Band Halberstadt, Care of Messrs Munroe & Co., No. 7 Rue Scribe, Paris, France.

JOHN AD. METZLER, a royal Phi Psi of Ind. B., is "professor" in Dallas Oregon. He is also trying the realities of Blackstone in his leisure hours. He has a warm corner for Phi Psi.

HON. Inman H. Fowler, Ind. B., is strongly talked of for Lieutenant Governor of Indiana by the Democrats. He is now Senator from 8th district.

F. ALBERT KURTZ Esq. '77 Penna. Epsilon, upon graduating at the Univ. of Md (Law Department) and being admitted to the Balto. Bar, June 2, 1879, has since assumed control of his father's business; all correspondents will please address their communications in care of P. O. Box 236 instead of 43 Lexington St.

VA. Delta this year consists of twelve as fine boys, both "morally and intellectually speaking" as there are in college. She graduates three this year, Bros. Fox, Fowler and Aylesworth. The honors of the College for the past six years have been carried off by Phi Psis. Our sister Fraternities are the Delta Tau Delta and the Beta Theta Pi. The former society has a very good chapter this year.

THE Cornell Era, Dec. 5th, publishes the following relative to the Chi Phi fraternity:

WASHINGTON, D. C. Nov. 25, 1879.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE CORNELL ERA:

GENTLEMEN: A copy of the *Era* of Nov. 14th has been forwarded to me by the Xi Chapter of Chi Phi and my attention called to the communication therein from Mr. Samuel H. Wilcox concerning the founding of Chi Phi in 1824, which contains extracts from a letter from Dr. John Maclean of Princeton.

In my, official capacity as historian of the Chi Phi Fraternity, I investigated this matter some time ago, and searched carefully and justly for the truth of a tradition which I had always doubted. From the information that came into my possession, I concluded, that not only was "the good doctor" not the founder of Chi Phi but that he never had any connection with it whatever. But as I was not able to say who was the originator of the fraternity, I did not consider myself justified in publishing to the world my own conclusions, and thus demolishing a tradition of twenty-five years for which I could substitute neither truth nor theory.

In the October issue of 1878 of the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, is an article entitled "Did John Maclean found Chi Phi in 1824?" I embodied my own belief and the various theories which might arise under the conditions therein stated. And in that paper I distinctly avowed it as my own opinion that John

Maclean was not our founder, and further that he denied it. This fact some what dims the lustre of Mr. Wilcox's "mare's nest," and he has only made public what has very recently come into my possession, but which I have known for several years, and more than twelve months since announced to my fraternity in the article above mentioned.

In regard to the second extract from Dr. Maclean's letter, I beg to ask Mr. Wilcox what Dr. Maclean's *opinion* is worth, in opposition to the positive evidence of three gentlemen, two of them reputable Christian ministers and the third an officer of the U. S. Army, who states that they saw and held in their hands in 1854 a book containing the constitution &c. of the Chi Phi fraternity, bearing the date of 1824? that book and all the early papers of the fraternity were destroyed by fire in 1858, and thus our claim to 1824 vests upon the testimony of these gentlemen who this day manifest the greatest interest in the fraternity, and whose testimony I defy Mr. Wilcox to impeach. Their names are: the Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, Franklin-Marshall College, class of '56, now Professor of History and Archæology in that institution; the Rev. Gustavus W. Mayer of San Francisco, California; and Chas. S. DeGraid, U. S. A., graduates of Princeton, class of '57.

In September last, I had a personal interview with Dr. Maclean, during which he reiterated the contents of Mr. Wilcox's letter; but when I acquainted him with certain facts in the early history of Chi Phi, he acknowledged that he had never heard of them before, and that under the circumstances. Chi Phi might have lived in 1824, and he not be cognizant of its existence. My affidavit to this effect is now in possession of the Xi chapter.

Trusting you will give this communication a place in your columns, I am,
Yours respectfully,

EUSTACE B. ROGERS, U. S. NAVY,
Grand Historian of Chi Phi.

THE Annual Convention and Triennial Convocation of the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity was held on Tuesday, Dec. 30th, in Philadelphia. In the morning and afternoon private business of importance was transacted by the Grand Chapter in Parlor C, of the Continental Hotel, and in the evening a large number of members of the Fraternity, including delegates, from a distance, assembled at the Rooms of the Penn Club to listen to an eloquent oration by Mr. W. U. Hensel, of Zeta Chapter.

A poem by Mr. J. A. Whipple, of Upsilon Chapter, was read in his absence by M. R. B. Claxton, after which the annual supper was held, and at a late hour the Convocation adjourned.

DELEGATES TO G.A.C. FOR FEBRUARY.

PENN'A. BETA. Arthur D. Bates and W. C. Wilson.

" ZETA. J. H. Caldwell, and E. H. Linville

" ETA. C. J. Musser, H. Clay Eschbach and Fred W. Biesecker.

OHIO GAMMA. W. M. Green, W. J. Mullins and C. F. M. Niles. Alternates. W. S. P. Cochran, C. W. Boyd, and G. W. Fleek.

IND. BETA. Wm. T. Blair, Wm. Adams, and P. H. Baskirk. Alternates, J. P. Can, Samuel Kidd and H. H. Harris.

IND. GAMMA. Samuel M. Sayler, Herbert Hess and Harry C. Martin.

MICH ALPHA. Frank B. Leleand.

D. C. ALPHA. R. J. Murray, J. C. S. Richardson and F. O. McCleary. Alternates. P. H. Seymour, L. Beatty

INITIATES.

D. C. ALPHA,

November, 1879.

Philip G. Wales '81, Washington, D. C.

Edwin C. Stott, '81, " "

December, 1879.

Chas. W. Richardson '82, Washington, D. C.

Mason W. Richardson '83, " "

Fred D. McKenney '83, " "

OHIO BETA.

O. C. Stouder '81. Historian of his class.

A. H. Kunkle '82. Historian of his class.

Will Brewster '83. President of his class.

PA. ETA.

G. C. Stahl '83.

OHIO GAMMA;

(Since Sept.)

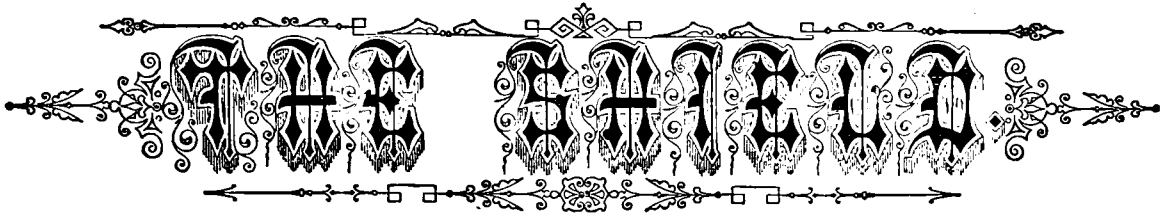
J. C. Martin '83, Pittsburg, Pa., J. E. Harris '82, Springfield, Ohio.

PENN'A. IOTA.

H. C. Thompson '83, Beverly, N. J.

R. H. Pile '83, Philadelphia, Pa.

T. G. Hunter '82, " "



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MEADVILLE, PA., Jan. 13th 1880.

EDS. OF SHIELD:

DEAR BROS:—The enclosed essay was read before our chapter, and it was requested by note that it should be sent to the "SHIELD" for publication. If you have space and consider it of sufficient interest and merit we hope you will publish it.

The Beta is strong and active and we are rejoiced to recognize the fact in the communications sent the SHIELD that Phi Psi-ism is everywhere supported by energetic and enthusiastic men.

Fraternally Yours,

WILL C. WILSON.

TRUE BROTHERHOOD.

Extracts from an essay read before Penn'a. Beta.

True action depends upon correct knowledge and right reason.

To act in haste and in ignorance is to repent at leisure. When we take upon ourselves sacred vows, every cloud of uncertainty, every mist of doubt should be removed, that we may see and possess a clear idea of the obligations to be assumed. *

We plead for clearness. Then those who come to us will know, before the mystic veil is raised, the object of a fraternity. Thus they will be enabled to act with intelligence. How often we allow the magic charm of a name to silence mind and heart.

Fraternity! What a *tandem* crowd of perplexing thoughts it calls up. We think about it; look upon its votaries; watch the glitter of their badges: see how popular it is: what a distinguished and superior air its members assume, as if raised far above the common, ordinary student, until the conclusion is formed that there is no happiness or content without its smile. A desire is created to be among the favored ones.

Poor fools, they give not a thought to the object of these bands of brothers, nor of their ability to live by the noble principles which they promulgate. Many who have thus blindly joined these societies are disappointed, and so signally fail to reap the benefits they bestow. Let us know what we are desirous of doing, and why. To join a fraternity is not alone sufficient. To attend the session does not fulfill the whole law.

Strip the fraternity of the charm we throw around the name, and what have we? A band with the motto "United we stand." While there comes whispered to us the sacred vows we breathed as we assumed the obligations, which are to be kept as sacred as the promise of man and woman, who say they will cherish, love and honor until death them do part. * * *

Is it best to impress upon the mind of a probable candidate that our fraternity is a *mysterious something*, not to be talked about except in whispers? To throw around it an air of great secrecy.

May we not leave impressions which will be injurious to the person when he becomes acquainted with the noble yet ordinary object of fraternities? Should we not show their design? Certainly it is not to rent a large hall and there formally meet each week; to go through the formula, attend to a few necessary matters, then call it a fraternity and go home, satisfied that a fraternity is a good thing.

Away, with such ideas! let the room be full of light and warmth. Let the heart feel the glow as it crosses the portal. Let warm welcomes tremble on the lips; confidence in the grasp of the hand. Good nature and love beam upon every face. Eyes speak eloquently of peace and harmony. So each may rejoice as he comes, depart with regret, and look forward with impatience until we meet again, let us not impress the world so much with a *mysterious something* as with a wonderful friendship. Show, rather the beauty and strength of ardent friendship. Paint with lips which breathe forth the fragrance of hearts which realize the worth of that word, such pictures of holy, devoted and strong attachment, such delight of communion, such unselfishness and zeal for one another, that desire shall be aroused to become one of the band of brothers. Let our actions speak our vows appreciated. Friendship our theme. Its golden chain bind us heart to heart until, more joyous than stringed harp, each shall bear part in the enchanting music. Let it be the light-winged messenger that breathes hope into the weary brain and faint-heart. The hand which the parched lips of a sick brother shall kiss and bless. * * *

Let Friendship fill our college days with a warmth and cheer that even old age, hoary and feeble will bless the sweet memory of the happy days of dear old Phi Kappa Psi.

M. F. C.

A FRATERNITY HISTORY.

WOOSTER, OHIO, Jan. 24th, 1880.

DEAR BRO'S:—For a long time the necessity for a history of our fraternity has been felt, that the brothers might become better acquainted with the organization of which they are members; but the great labor of such a task or a fear that it could not be accomplished, has prevented a full and complete history from being published.

Knowing that it would be for the good of the fraternity, and having a deep interest in her welfare, we have been encouraged to believe that such a history can and should be published. Therefore, it is the intention of the undersigned to make the attempt.

We have the endorsement of the G. C. and the hearty approval of our own chapter and individual members.

But to secure a history that will be a credit to the PHI KAPPA PSI Fraternity we need and ask the hearty co-operation of each chapter and member.

We would ask, therefore, that each chapter appoint a member to act as historian, and that they send us, as soon as possible, a FULL and COMPLETE account of their chapter since its organization.

The general outline of the history will be, (so far as circumstances may permit,) as follows:

1. A sketch of the life of the founders of the fraternity.
2. An account of its foundation and circumstances connected therewith.
3. Of each chapter, containing: a. When founded, and circumstances connected therewith. b. Charter members. c. Early struggles. d. Enterprises carried out by chapters. e. College or other honors taken by members. f. Record of deaths.
4. Of the G. C's. Where located.
5. Of the G. A. Cs., where held, delegates from each chapter, and proceedings of the same.

The brothers can see what work is before the historians, and it is needless to urge that each chapter or member will be prompt to send us anything that may be of interest.

We will be obliged if you will send us the address of any former or present members to whom we could write for information.

D. C. LIST,
J. F. KINKADE.

Later the brothers communicated the following:

As regards the proposed "History of the Fraternity," we wish to say that we have met with much encouragement so far, and we feel that we will have no difficulty if the chapters all respond as we hope.

There will doubtless many difficulties arise which can not be foreseen at present, but none which can not be overcome if all take an interest in that which concerns every one of us. The attempt has never been made before to compile our history as a Fraternity, and there is therefore a rich field to be gone over. It is almost a generation since the foundation of the first chapter and from that beginning we have attained our present importance among the Greek Letter Societies. The story of the foundation and the steady growth must be one of interest and value to every Phi Kappa Psi. The story of each chapter, a young Fraternity in itself, must be desirable not only to the particular members but to all the others.

Our Fraternity has been of great importance in the college life of more than 3000 students.

It has added much to the happiness and benefit of that time of life when so many influences are at work moulding characters which shall be permanent.

In order that the Fraternity may be thoroughly known to

those who receive its advantages, and that it may be properly understood as an organization having affected the individual lives of so many, a full account of it should be given.

We would be happy to receive from any chapter or member anything which would add to the completeness of the work, any newspaper articles or documents of any kind, or anything connected with the Fraternity which could be temporarily spared by the owners and which we might use.

YORK, PA., Jan. 30th, 1880.

EDS. SHIELD:—In reading "Frater's" communication a few months ago the suggestion in regard to revival of Phi Psi's defunct Southern Chapters I was induced from mere curiosity to examine our entire list of dead chapters, and while doing so I appended a few remarks after each which perhaps may be new to some of the boys, and I therefore submit the following:

N. Y. Alpha (Cornell Univ. 1869-'77.) Went over to Psi U. mainly through the efforts of Pres. White. Some of the deserters express willingness to return to their "first love." Bro. Powell, professor in the institution advises us to wait before reorganizing. Not proper material. Bro. P— has an idea or two, let him alone and he'll "fix" us.

N. Y. Beta (Syracuse Univ.) Not established. Who took out the charter?

N.Y. Gamma (Columbia Coll. 1872-'75.) Present chances for resurrection rather slim. The past is not far enough away.

Mississippi Alpha (Univ. of Miss. 1857-'61.) Six or seven fraternities exist here. There's material, but of a rather inferior order. Some of the fraternities have men away down in the class of '86.

Mississippi Beta (Miss. Coll. 1860-'61.) Antifraternity laws would possibly prevent reorganization.

Tenn. Alpha (La Grange Coll. 1859-60.) No chance, institution is dead.

Tenn. Beta, (Cumberland Univ. 1860-79.) Succumbed after a life of 19 years. Antifraternity laws exist just at present, but the prospects are that they'll be revoked shortly, then look out! Several other fraternities have already fixed their gaze on Cumberland. Some of our Indiana boys are graduates of that institution, let them at once take active measures for the revival of Tenn., B.

Tenn. Gamma (Nashville Univ. 1871-75.) The institution no longer exists.

Kentucky Alpha (Univ. of Ky., 1865-66.) Said to have rigid laws against Greek Letter Societies.

Ills. Beta (Chicago Univ. 1865-69.) We are all aware of her prospects.

Iowa Alpha. The brother who supported this chapter so long can't be heard from.

Iowa Gamma, (Cornell Coll. 1858-72.)

Wis. Beta (Racine Coll. 1876-78.) Suppressed by anti-frat. laws. Several fraternities exist there *sub rosa*.

South Carolina Alpha (Univ of S. C. 1857-73) Death of the institution killed this chapter. Report announces that the college will probably open in the fall. The colored element will undoubtedly be rather abundant and prevent reorganization of S. C. A. for some time.

This I think is a complete list and one that promises little in the way of reorganization. It is true there are many more institutions in the South, such as Davidson Coll., Univ. of Ala., Ala. Agricul. Coll., Howard Coll., Mercer Univ., Emory Coll., East Tenn. Univ., Ga. Univ., Wofford Coll. (S. C.), Vanderbilt Univ. &c. &c., some of these are anti fraternity institutions but they as well as the rest are occupied by Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta &c., &c.

Wouldn't it be well for us to look to the East and the West?

Yours fraternally

SENEX.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

LANCASTER, PA.

THE ETA SENDS GREETINGS TO ALL:—Vacation over, "the boys" have returned from their homes and entered upon the winter term with a renewed determination to make the most of its joys, pleasures and golden opportunities. With their usual promptness they were all present at the opening to listen to the words of wisdom and piety which fell from the lips of the learned doctor as he lengthened out the opening address. Their minds mirrored in their faces, it was evident that the thoughts of some were far away, perhaps at home again where kind friends are always kindest. Others seemed to be dwelling, now upon a past with its trials and triumphs, and now upon a future rich with promised conquests. Still others, a happy few, were with apparent content, feeding upon their own minds heedless of a passing hour or the speaker's solemn admonitions.

Such was the picture presented to the view of the writer as with a glance he took in the audience on the morning of the opening of college. Saturday evening following the boys of the Eta held their first meeting in the New Year. The scene here was in strong contrast with the former. All was life and activity. All hearts beat as one and to all minds there was but a single thought: the success and welfare of the order. Such in short, is the character of our weekly meetings.

Just before the close of the old year another youth upon whom for some time the fraternity had been fixing her searching eye proved himself true to the test and worthy to be allowed to enter the portals that admit the neophyte to the arcanum arcanorum. He had been asked time and again to connect himself with other orders here but had made up his mind that there was but one invitation, should he ever receive it, that he would accept. Having known Mr. G. C. Stahl for quite a while prior to his initiation, and that too under peculiar circumstances, it now gives us great pleasure to commend him to the love of all good Phi Psis.

Our chapter editor gave, in the last issue, a sketch of the founding and subsequent progress of the Eta. Time and space allowed nothing beyond the statement of principal facts. The twenty year's history of any chapter of such an organization as ours can not however be compressed within the limits of a column or two. This is true indeed of the mere external to say nothing of that internal history the data of which are never found traced on the records. The life of every individual member in the past would furnish to the historian mater-

ial sufficient for pages, and that which pervades the whole chapter would fill volumes. Of that life however no history need now be written, it is neither necessary nor possible. It is not necessary because that same life which permeated those who enjoyed the inestimable blessings of our order before us pulsates now in the breasts of each and every one of us. What that life is we know more by experience than by knowledge or observation. We live it and enjoy it, that we know. We know too that it is no deception. To give a history of that life is impossible because it is peculiar, unique, and defies definition or description. Paint for me the virgin's noblest blush, or the fire that flashes from the eye of the inspired seer; describe and tell what and whence is the beauty of the opening flower, the flavor of the luscious fruit aroma of scented plants, and then ask what is the charm and pleasure springing from the life into which we are introduced when we become Phi Psis. Only he can tell who lives that life, but none can describe.

Let none make the charge that this is but the effusion of the fancy. Enthusiasm for the most part argues for appreciation. Were we less enthusiastic or did we hold the fraternity and fraternity life in less esteem than this may imply, we would lay ourselves open to the counter charge of lack of genuineness of Phi Psi character.

If there is not something truly characteristic lie about fraternity life then it is of nothing worth. If there is nothing in fraternity life which runs a strong line of distinction between itself and all other organizations, elevating it far above all manner of "clubs," literary societies, or any other association of whatever character you will, then the question of its further maintenance is one of little or no importance. Is the fraternity merely an association of separate clubs or literary societies? Let each chapter after examining its own character make answer for itself. Each chapter *can* answer what has been its chief aim in the past and what it is now.

The aim we ever have before us rules the bent and mold of our character. Our wish has always been that our friends should regard our organization as of a social character, and its object the cultivation of true manhood. Taken in its broadest sense, and as here used, the word, "social," is all comprehensive. When we meet together as social beings, we come leaving no part of ourselves behind. We come with Phi Kappa Psi as our watchword—not one but three, and these three equal. What that implies every one knows who has made a study of our constitution. Holding to it, mere literary pursuits can not be our object, nor conviviality only; but these must be supplemented by something else.

Fearing that the Eta occupied in the last issue more than her allotted space, we close that we may not be guilty of the same offence two successive times. Let this account for our briefness on a topic so interesting. We extend our love to the fraternity at large.

KAPPA.

PENN'A. THETA.

EASTON, PA., Jan. 31th, 1880.

With hearts loyal to the best interests of Phi Kappa Psi, the Pennsylvania Theta sends its monthly greeting to THE SHIELD.

The campaign against the unsophisticated has at length come to a glorious close, as it always must when we fight under the banner of Phi Kappa Psi, and peace has been declared; not a peace given over to indolence and sloth, but one devoted to a well earned rest from labor, and an active preparation for the annually recurring conflict. Our victories for the present College year have been related by preceding correspondents, and need not be further dwelt upon. 'Tis enough to say that Phi Psi at Lafayette still holds the field against all comers.

Last Saturday night took place one of the pleasantest social gatherings Theta has had this year. After the regular meeting at our rooms, we all adjourned to Able's dining parlors, and partook of an oyster supper, provided by the kindness of Bro. W. N. Wilbur. If you could have been there to see the unity or spirit, the mutual regard for each other, and the common love for Phi Psi which pervaded us all, you would have thought that we were brothers indeed. 'Tis upon incidents such as this that we will afterwards look back as the pleasant recollections of our College course; for here are begun and matured the friendships which last as long as life itself.

Theta expects to send a delegation worthy of itself to Washington on the 18th, and hopes the G. A. C. will be the most successful that has yet been held.

Our best wishes are for the success of THE SHIELD.

L. R. D.

KANSAS ALPHA.

LAWRENCE, KAN., Jan. 27th, 1880.

DEAR BROTHERS:

Have received two issues of the SHIELD. Our boys are well pleased.

I will try to send you something worth publishing for the next issue. Kansas Alpha is prospering—we carried off the honors of the class last year and lots of "good ones" left. Will try to work up a good sub. list for you among the boys.

Yours Fraternally,

E. C. LITTLE.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

MADISON, WIS., Feb. 2nd, 1880.

DEAR BROS:—We hope that our failure to put in an appearance in any of the earlier numbers of "THE SHIELD" will not be construed as indicating any lack of interest in the fraternity at large.

We have been perhaps too much absorbed in our own affairs to give that thought to general fraternity matters which they *deserve*; but we hope that the following short sketch of our past and present will demonstrate that we have been fully mindful of the interests of Phi Kappa Psi.

We were organized in June 1875, at that time we had as opponents only the Beta Theta Pi against them we had no difficulty in making headway and we have constantly gained ground while they have been going down grade.

Soon however the Anti Secret Society of the University came

to the front. To use an old but appropriate figure "it went up like a rocket and came down like a stick."

The next advent was the organization of a chapter of Chi Psi here. This chapter was established about a year ago and on the principle that "a new broom sweeps clean" have been very active in the endeavor to obtain members.

In this length of time and under these circumstances we have accomplished the following results. Our apartments consist of two halls, each about twenty-five feet square, with large folding doors between them. These rooms are nicely carpeted, are furnished with a parlor set, arm chairs, marble top tables and writing desk, while the walls are adorned with engravings and various emblems of the Society. Deeming it eminently proper that we should retain our superiority, we have just purchased, and partially paid for a fine piano, and in connection therewith have organized an orchestra which consists of eight pieces viz.—violin, clarionet, piccolo, flute, two guitars and "bull-fiddle."

It has been our custom to give one or two social hops during each College term. These we intend to continue with this modification—that we shall furnish our own music.

We number at present twenty-four; of these three are resident alumni, 6 of the Sen. Class; 3 of '81; 3 of '82; 6 of '83 and 3 not in any regular course.

We regret that the distance will prevent any of our number from attending the G. A. C., but our best wishes for the abundant success of the gathering is not wanting.

In regard to the oft mooted question of a Song Book, we would report that it will be possible to issue it if the Chapters will take hold of the matter and aid us by their contributions, but not otherwise. We relinquish all claims however to the task and will agree to surrender to any Chapter of the fraternity all right, title and interest to whatever we have that will aid them in going on with the work.

We would, also suggest that a legal directory be published in the "SHIELD." Many of our boys and we suppose many of the other members of the fraternity are practicing law, and it certainly would be advantageous and in many cases remunerative to those in that profession. With the best wishes for the "SHIELD" and for Phi Kappa Psi.

We are fraternally yours,

WIS. A.

PENN'A. EPSILON.

GETTYSBURGH, PA., Feb. 3rd, 1880.

DEAR BROTHERS:

Epsilon has long been silent, and the query has been "why this silence" yet rest assured brother editors that she is thoroughly alive. We think the SHIELD is a grand institution, and we welcome its monthly arrival with the warmest feeling of pleasure, it always brings good news and words of cheer from our sister chapters.

I scarcely know what to tell you about ourselves. In the first place; on every Saturday evening our hall is filled with jolly, warm hearted Phi Psis. We think we have a very beautiful

and comfortable chapter hall, and when it is filled with loyal Phi Psis, to us it is one of the most delightful places in the world. As a rule, whenever we have a meeting every brother is in his place, no one likes to be away. Sometimes outsiders who know nothing whatever of the attractiveness of a good fraternity meeting, ask us how we spend our time, and whether our meetings are not very dull, could those persons be in our hall during a single meeting, we know that they would ask no more such questions. It seems that wherever there is a group of Phi Psis who are true to our noble order, there you may also be sure to see good feeling manifested. Outsiders can not understand it, but brothers you all know that a grasp of the hand of a true, warm hearted brother awakens thoughts and emotions that can not be expressed in words.

Epsilon has already entered upon her twenty-fifth year, and since her existence, many noble and loyal brothers have gone forth from her halls. In our next letter we propose telling you something about some of these men.

Next June we expect to have a grand reunion of the sons of Epsilon, and we shall do our best to make it a success.

Our prayer is for the further success of our dear order.

Yours Fraternally, D. F.

OHIO BETA.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Feb. 2nd, 1880.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

DEAR BROS.—Ohio Beta sends greeting, and wishes, through the SHIELD, to send it to all her sister chapters.

Some time ago we received a letter from the grand secretary asking the cause of Ohio Beta's silence, and the reason that we catalogue but ten men this year. Since the reception of that letter we have been able to dispel any fearful forebodings on the part of the G. C., and today claim to be one of the most prosperous communities of Phi Psis in the U. S.

If our brothers of the G. C. had taken the pains to look at last year's catalogue, they would have found seven men, out of an enrollment of sixteen, classed under '79. At our last Commencement Phi Psis covered themselves with glory, for seven of the leading spirits in the class of '79 were our brothers. They have gone. No longer do we have the benefits of their counsel as active members. But we did not despair. Although few in number we were brave and courageous. We entered the College halls, we picked our men and today we number twelve, all as honest and true as is our grand old fraternity.

At the opening of the present collegiate year but nine men responded to the call of our president. Bold for the work our men went forth, filled with the spirit of Phi Psi, and before many weeks had rolled around three new brothers were counted among us. To-day we are twelve,—three Seniors, four Juniors, three Sophomores, and two Freshmen. By the time another letter is sent, we expect to enroll three more Sophomores among our members, thus giving us fifteen men.

Our College Annual will soon appear. Two out of a corps of three editors are Phi Psis. In our annual, one of the finest Phi Psi reports possible will be found. Springfield has more

Phi Psis than any other city of its size in the world. Besides our active members, the Annual will contain a list of thirty resident Phi Psis. These brothers are among the most distinguished in this county, and many of them distinguished throughout the state. Among them we enroll a Member of Congress, who will attend the G. A. C., at Washington; a Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio; several Professors; prominent lawyers; educators, &c., &c.

These men all exercise a fostering care over our chapter.

For Ohio Beta we predict a glorious future. As the classes of '80, '81 and '82 leave the halls of College and mix with the busy throng of life, the greatest honors that Wittenberg can bestow will go with them.

No, Ohio Beta is not dead; nor is she sleeping. We believe in the SHIELD, and shall do all that we can for its support. We wait for it eagerly, and are informed of the Phi Psi world.

Anxious for the advancement of our great brotherhood, and desirous of a still more prosperous future, Ohio Beta subscribes herself through her secretary, A. D. HOSTERMAN, '81.

IOTA.

IOTA HALLS, Feb. 7th, 1880.

DEAR BROS:—Iota is flourishing; "well that's nothing new." I hear some one say, and happy we are to acknowledge that it is indeed nothing new. For, to say the least, Iota has a way of flourishing and her joyous and radiant young face can not but make glad the heart of every loyal Phi Psi. Nothing of a very appalling nature has happened among us since our last letter to the "SHIELD," nor is it probable that anything of such a nature will happen in a Chapter of such well conducted and moral young men as we are. We all pursue the even tenor of our way unprovoked by the storms of College life, unwrecked even by that very hurricane the Mid-Winter Examinations which, alas, too often breaks unexpectedly on the unwary wretch who has floated merrily with the tide during the term, and catching him up in its whirlwind, strands him, dismembered and bleeding, on the desert sand of a condition. Two of our boys have left us, Harry Bright to warm (with coal) and make light hearted for genuine Yankees, Halberstadt of Irish Twin celebrity to see the lions of the old world and be lionized. Some say that he has gone abroad with a vague purpose of further studying up the nature, habits and general peculiarities of Irish Twins, perhaps some day to deplore a too intimate acquaintance with squills and sleepless nights. In the words of the immortal somebody,—we forget his name just now—we say "Don't." As to Harry Bright we can not but deplore his loss, for a more active and warmer hearted brother we have never had. We received a gushing letter from him the other day in which he neither spared our faults nor our opinions, evidently believing it better to shatter the rod into a thousand pieces over one back than to spoil us by its too nigardly application. We will follow your advice, Harry, and especially take the utmost care of Bonnell's face, that not one straggling hair trespass upon its bare-faced virginity.

The G. A. C. is upon us and we can see in Doug. Brown's a peculiar restlessness as he goes to and fro, muttering, sotto

voice, various fragments of the great speech with which he is preparing to electrify the assembled Bros. at Washington. There is a wierd light in his eye and a semi-sardonic, semi-complaisant smile hovering about the corners of his mouth and fitting in serpentine career through the delicate fibres of that embriotic mustache of his. All this argues great things, for Doug. talks so seldom, that when he does all Nature stands agast and his dog invariably runs away. Bro. McCollin will accompany Doug. mainly to take care of him and as a fellow member of the *Bar* (to be) *debar* him from a too intimate acquaintance with the Washington *Bars*. But now my attention is diverted from this *barbarous* theme to the contemplation of one of our Bros. alas! too little understood. Brothers, we have a jewel in our midst! A rare and precious jewel! Behold him as he sits wrapt in thought—and in tobacco smoke, his classic brow shadowed with lofty thoughts—and a slouch hat, his hand convulsively clutching, clutching—but I forbear. Too often lost in mighty and obtruse theological speculation he even forgoes the pleasures of poker and retiring behind his philosophic spectacles forgets that he is a Freshman and a Jerseyman.

Gross is now travelling agent for a "Grand Moral Dime Show," which fact prevents his regular attendance. The First Grand Performance of the Season is soon to take place in West Phila. There will be Ned McCollin in his inimitable and world renowned impersonation of Nebuchadnezzar supported by Schelling as Premier Danseuse! &c. &c. See hand bills! As to the rest of the boys they are all as happy as can be expected "considerin," that Tommy still uses cribs, Bonnell still talks about Metaphysic, Todd about the girls and Brown about anything, especially his dog; that Pile still keeps on smoking vile pipes and Ganison telling stale jokes; that Tompson still ogles the girls and Stubb and Baldy promenade Chestnut St. for like dire purposes. In conclusion let me whisper one thing in your ear—Subscribe for the SHIELD if you have not already, for it becomes every loyal Phi Psi to show his Fraternity feeling by supporting this meritorious effort. I live in the hope of hearing a hearty Amen.

NEMO ALIAS NOBODY.

PHI PSIS ABROAD.

DEAR BROS:—The perusal of the personal "Herbert H. Jackson '75 Pa Theta is now farming in Min." In last number of SHIELD recalled many pleasant times that I'd had with "Jack" as his friends dubbed him. Perhaps it may be necessary to add that we were of different chapters, he of the Pa. Theta and I of Epsilon and that our companionship dated only from the spring of '75. when I for the first time met him at Gottingen Prussia. I'd been at the University for one year, when one noon upon my return from lectures I found Bro. Jackson in my room on Burg Strasse awaiting my coming. As I entered the "den" he arose and asked whether I was Bro.—. Upon replying in the affirmative we embraced in Phi Psi style! He handed me an introductory letter from Bro. Farber of his chapter and we at once proceeded to a discussion of frat. matters. I now clearly observed what I at first sight suspected—"Jack" was blind or almost so! He afterwards said he could *see* the indistinct outlines of buildings on clear days. This then was the "Jack" who carried

away prizes and second honor at Lafayette! His intellect was truly not the least clouded!

After locating Jack in the same house and in the room adjoining mine, I proceeded to introduce him to the boys. None of these were Phi Psis; all Alpha Delts, "Dekes" or Zeta Psis. We being the sole representatives of Phi Kappa of course held frequent conversations in regard to her welfare and at Jack's suggestion we founded the Gottingen chapter of Phi Psi. We held meetings almost every night! The exercises began by Jack's giving mysterious knocks on the door between our rooms about 12 A. M. which were answered by *Herein!* Thereupon the boy would enter, cross the room to a sofa upon which he'd throw himself, draw forth an immense pipe, and a still greater tobacco pouch. Silence reigned supreme during this performance. I now swung my chair about and resting my arms on the back of same, proceeded to read minutes of last meeting. "Last night—Sam Martin, General Grant"—That was sufficient! "oh yes, Sam Martin, began Jack," the laziest, best hearted man in Easton! Well, I tell you—you ought see that fellow. And this way we'd kill time, talking about the boys and then when day began to dawn I'd remark "*Jack*, big day's work before me," and we started singing "Let's have a song" &c., &c.

The exercises varied, one night in particular do I remember and will notice here as it may be of interest. "Jack" never failed to inform me at every meeting what an "inveterate smoker" Sam Martin was and continually declared his intention of sending Sam a *Meerschaum* pipe or cigarette smoker. But how to circumvent the custom house was the query. We called a great many special meetings, but finally "Jack" hit a plan. He bounced in my room about six one evening with "special meeting." We began and after emptying several *Flaschen*, Bro. Jack drew from his coat pocket a little antiquated looking book, which proved to be a *Horace*. He at once instructed me how he desired that book to be used: "Cut out the printed portion, that will leave a nice little hole for Sam's pipe and the edge will never give us away." Jack said he didn't want to do the cutting himself as he was a particular friend of the author and I should do it and having forgotten all I ever knew about

"Maecenas, atavis edite regibus" &c

I dug out the hole. In it we placed the pipe, stuffed cotton about it, closed the book and I admit when wrapped for mailing it would have mislead the most careful observer. So we exultantly posted off to the office and mailed Sam's pipe. A letter accompanied it. It was amusing to see how Jack chuckled over his getting ahead of the Custom house officers and you can judge of his chagrin, when about six weeks subsequent a letter from Sam Martin arrived, announced that *Horace* didn't pass safely thro' the hands of Uncle Sam's police. But in a post-script Bro. Martin remarked he got it anyway and "Jack" added with grin expressive of great satisfaction—"Wont Sam hug that pipe."

I might write many more items in regard to our meetings but your space is precious and it was only because I felt compelled to say something after reading that personal that I've consumed what paper I have. I remained in Gottingen much longer than Jack and never knew where he was until I received my

SHIELD. I'll venture there have been very few American students in Gottingen who left there leaving the splendid record of Bro. Jackson. That you all may meet him is the earnest wish of
'74.

EDITORIAL.

MANY thanks to Bro. Raff of Ohio Gamma for copies of his music. We've not seen them yet, since an Iota musician cribbed them and only said he'd write us a notice of same. We would however advise every Phi Psi to procure copies. Get the girls to play them for you. We do!

WE'VE been worried quite a little by the tardy appearance of matter to fill up this issue. See to it, boys, that each chapter regularly sends in a monthly communication. And don't forget the personals and *sich*. College papers, *Olios*. *Palladiums* and publications of that description would please us.

We have the pleasure of announcing to all Phi Psi the joyful news of the birth of Illinois Beta! So. The new brothers at the University of Chicago are:

W. H. Alsip, '80, F. L. Anderson, '81, (President's Son,) W. F. Barber, '82, R. S. Matt, '81, S. Randall, '81, W. R. Scott, L. Ferry, '81 and L. Weinschenk, '83.

Accept our "paw" boys and let our old hearts soon be made glad by a long, long communication for the SHIELD.

CAN any brother inform us what has become of Bro. Dudley's proposed Phi Kappa Psi song book? Some of our musical brethern have been writing us in regard to same. They have musical *sisters* who are anxious to become better acquainted with our music &c. This, too, suggests another point, viz; in regard to our waltzes &c. There has been a great demand for the same very recently. We would be thankful to any of our musical authors if they'd favor us with copies of their productions. We want to keep the boys informed on such points.

When we read the communications on "A Fraternity History," we said to several brothers we approve of the idea. We adhere to that sentiment and the longer we consider the subject the more fully convinced are we that our Gamma brothers are on the right track. Are the rest of us going to remain idle while this little affair is going on? Hope not. We intend to write the boys at once and give them what little information we can. Any scrap concerning Phi Psi will be welcomed by the authors of the proposed work. It wouldn't be a bad idea for each man to sit down, write out the events, in his career as a Greek and remit the same to Wooster. Look thro' the Archives, too, boys, and spare no pains to make this record of Phi Kappa Psi one full of interest, &c.

THE New York party who purposes entering a bid at G. A. C. for the manufacture of our pins, dropped in upon us recently an exhibited specimens of his Phi Psi work. All our delegates should examine the same carefully and thoughtfully consider the bargain he will present. Although there are points open to criticism, we, after a careful scrutiny of work which he is doing regularly for other fraternities, concluded

that our pins as made by him with slight corrections would be decided improvements upon our present form. The material is the best and the prices such as would naturally cause a pause before purchasing elsewhere. New designs, too, of Phi Psi scarf pins could be had. A lovely locket was placed before us. We desired it, but then you know editorially pockets are always lean, so we had to make the best of it and wait "till our ship comes in."

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

HARRY Huber '75 Pa. E. is a father.

BB of Trinity has gone over to Psi U.

SIGMA Chi at Purdue Univ. has gone under.

Wm. Rathvon '74 Pa. Eta is in Sterling, Kansas.

L. L. Davis '81 Kansas Alpha is in Sacramento, Cal.

DANA Lawrence '81 Ks. A. is in an Atchinson bank.

H. H. Jenkins '79 Ks. A. is studying law in Kansas City.

WILL Hapgood '77 Ks. A. is on the K. P. Engineering Corps.

DR. D. L. Tressler '60 Pa. E. is President of Carthage College Illinois.

REV. J. P. Moore '73 Pa. Eta is located at Millersville, Lancaster Co., Pa.

S. O. Henry '81 Kansas Alpha is Teller in the First National Bank, Abilene, Ks.

T. C. Scaton '81 Ks. Alpha is book keeper in his father's foundry, Atchison, Ks.

REV. H. C. Swentzel '72 Pa. Eta has charge of Episcopal church, Chambersburg, Pa.

JOHN Adams FELL, Pa. Theta '75, has a large practice as an M. D. in Buckingham, Pa.

WM. W. Pursell, M. D. Pa. Theta, '75, is physicing the denizens of White House, N. J.

JOHN R. Williams, Pa. Theta, '74, who is practising law in St. Louis, Mo., visited his old haunts at Christmas.

PRESTON L. Melton of S. C. Alpha has recently been admitted to the bar and has control of the law firm of Melton and Clark.

CHAS. S. Gleed '79, Ks. A. is in the K. P. General Land Office, Kansas City, Charlie is one of the Assoc. Ed's of the K. C. Journal.

REV. Geo. Rosenmiller, Pa. Eta was married Dec. 3rd, 1879 in Christ's Church, Towanda, Pa. to Miss Helen Mercur, niece of Judge Mercur.

ROBERT S. Johnson, Pa. Theta, '78, is engaged in mercantile business in Greenville, Pa. Bob paid the boys a visit during the Christmas holidays.

THE Phi Delta Thetas (according to rumor) have entered Dickinson College with six men. One of their Western chapters resigned en masse recently.

REV. Pres. T. R. Dimm '57 of Pa. E. has concluded to leave Lutherville Fem. Sem., and intends establishing a similar institution at Kimberton, Chester Co., Pa.

DR. George D. Stahley's Pa. E. '71, labors in State Lunatic Hospital at Harrisburg received a hearty approval in the last report of Dr. Curwen, the Superintendent.

BEN. K. Miller Jr. Pa. E. '77 has just been admitted to the Milwaukee bar. He sails for Gottingen March 1st. All letters for him should be addressed to 102 Wisconsin St. Mil.

LIEUT. Wm M Black of '74 Pa. Eta graduated as first honor-man in class of '77 at West Point. Shortly after graduation he married Miss Derby of Brooklyn, and at present is located at Willitt's Point L. I.

WILL T. Fee, Pa. Theta, '76 a flourishing young lawyer in Lancaster, Pa., followed the example of the other boys, and came to Easton to spend Christmas with "her". Will's moustache is the envy of the Freshmen.

"OLE" Davy Meyers, Pa. Zeta was married on the 5th of Feb. Many thanks for "invite" and only too sorry we couldn't be there. The Iota boys wonder whether this little event will keep "Handy Andy" away from their future "grinds."

REV. D. M. Gilbert '57 Pa. E recently published a paper on "The Synod of Virginia: Its History and Work." This is work performed in the interests of the Lutheran church, and these capable of judging declare it a first class production.

THERE'S a young Phi Psi in Providence, R. I., who writes us that three evenings of each week he spends among the Brown Univ. boys. He calls it "prospecting"; and just at present the prospects are not very favorable, but we are confident our brother will accomplish something eventually. We are acquainted with his record here at the University of Pa. He is the man who "scooped" in Freshmen for Iota. When you see or hear of a petition for R. I. Alpha be assured that the best men of Brown are at the bottom of it and "Brightly" will instruct them in the way they're to go.

FROM PUCK.

. Jan. 21st.

ANSWERS TO THE ANXIOUS.

CHI PHI:—Your case is a sad one. We do not entirely understand what your agony is all about. Somebody seems to be wronging you—but it is difficult for an outsider to understand exactly how. The only advice we can give you is to forgive him. You ought to forgive all your enemies. If the fellow is smaller than you are, lick him and forgive him; if he is bigger, simply forgive him, omitting the first part of the operation. For the information of parents intending to send their sons to Muhlenberg College we publish your letter, with the mild suggestion that if old Muhlenberg is alive and around he

ought to take hold of the first class in spelling—take hold of it by whatever comes handy—and wake the "prominent chapter of Chi Phi" up a bit.

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, Dec. 18th, 1879.

To PUCK:—Gentlemen—Though a scholar at College I did find many spare hours to peruse your interesting sheet between lessons, and lately have perceived many able criticisms from it. Being a fraternity man I send you my opinions on a book by Mr. W. Raymond Baird on College fraternities for you to use. He seems to have composed the book for the glorification of his own fraternity which no one has ever heard of. Within it he does not give us, Chi Phis fair show, though he, wants us to pay for his volume, neither does he give us at Muhlenberg a fair show. We are a prominent chapter of the Chi Phi, and, think every composer, should be just to all alike. We started in 24 before he was and had better be careful what he says or we will expugn him. He will tremble and shiver when his eye sees this we want him to do it.

CHI PHI, ALLENTOWN PA.

P. S. Can we prohibit, the sale of his organ on account of libel.

[We were, as we have no doubt the Editor of Puck, was, taken in by the first of the letters given below, but when the second one appeared, we felt sure that some outsider was playing on Puck's ignorance of the nature of College Fraternities, as we can't believe that any member of the Chi Phi Fraternity would make such a fool of himself as to write such a letter. We have given the matter a place in THE SHIELD as a warning to our brothers that the public newspapers are not a good medium through which to ventilate Fraternity matters.] Eds.

FROM PUCK.

Feb. 11th.

"BER-LUD WANTED."

PHILA. PA. Jan. 24th, 1880.

EDITOR OF PUCK:—I have been authorized by my fraternity to write to you concerning an article on "Chi Phi" which appeared in the last number of your vile paper.

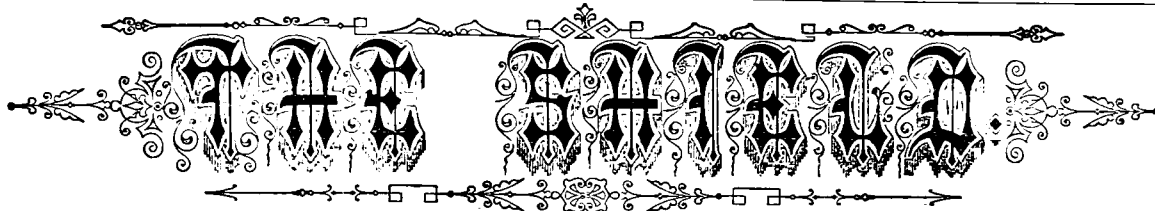
I would desire extremely to know exactly what you meant by that article. You insert for perusal by your readers what purports to be a reprint, *verbatim*, of a communication from a member of our Muhlenburg chapter. No such letter was ever written, as I well know; you too are cognizant of this circumstance.

Do you know that you have openly and publicly insulted a fraternity that numbers among her members Colonel Dr. Lan-cey Kane.

Know then that if in your next issue you do not apologize and explain that you will be publicly castigated on the highway. Or if with cowardly effrontery you hide, covered with your Shakespearian appellation, that your disgrace will be heralded throughout the land in the Chi Phi quarterly.

"CHI PHI" (Alumnus)

Per order of "Chi Phi" Fraternity.



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VIRGINIA DELTA.

BETHANY COLLEGE, Jan. 7th, 1880.

In our last we attempted briefly to lay before the Fraternity the first years of the history of our Chapter. We ended by promising to explain how the seeming death blow to our little band was averted. The Faculty were decisive in their demands, that the so-called "Secret Band" should cease with the end of the session. But the condition granted furnished a means of escape. During the same year in which the decree went forth bearing destruction to the young sons of old Phi Kappa Psi, a new rival appeared on the scene of action in the shape of Beta Theta Pi, which soon saw that there was no chance of coping with the "Old Reliable" by any fair means whatsoever, so to remedy this existing want they formed what was then known as "The Opposition," and this intended ally and youthful son of the haughty "Beta Theta Pi" afterwards developed into what is now known as the "Delta Tau Delta" Fraternity. So the introduction of the "Beta Theta Pi" and the birth of the "Delta Tau Delta" proved a means of salvation to the Virginia Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi. For a long time party spirit ran high between the different Fraternities; by degrees, however, the "Delta Tau Delta," like a wayward child, began to stray farther and farther away from its too anxious and troublesome mother, and long before it had reached anything like a proper age, it asserted its independence and sailed under its own flag, and we are happy to say, that much of that old antagonistic feeling which once existed between the members of the "Delta Tau Delta" and those of the "Phi Kappa Psi," has to a great extent died away, and we now meet each other as Brothers of sister Fraternities, striving for the high and noble end for which all Greek-letter Societies have been founded, and which we hope some day may be realized in its fullest meaning.

Such is the brief history of the founding and the beginning of the "Phi Kappa Psi" Fraternity in Bethany College. It has ever since sustained the honor and dignity that

rightly belongs to her, and has graced the honored roll of old Phi Psi with the names of many sons who are yet true and loyal subjects of our Queen, the "Psyche" of to-day. Many have been the trials and sufferings that have been endured by the sons of Virginia Delta. Situated as our College is, on almost the border line of the two great sections of our country, the North and South, it may readily be imagined the party feeling that invaded the college when the great civil war threatened to sever the heart-strings of the nation; yet it is a beautiful fact, and one worthy to be admired, that *never* did one bitter feeling, one envious thought invade the sacred walls of the Fraternity. And to-day, on almost our twentieth anniversary, we stand united in action, united in heart. And the earnest prayer of Virginia Delta is, that the overruling providence may shield and protect old Phi Psi, and that the star of her glory may grow brighter and brighter as it approaches its zenith, and that the glorious future that now lies open before her, may bear golden sheaves of victories won over all that is base and ignoble, and bestow the laurel-wreaths of immortal fame and glory on all her loyal sons that strive for the higher, nobler aims of all that is true, beautiful and lovely in man.

Fraternally,

FRED LOOS.

INDIANA GAMMA.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., Feb. 11th, 1880.

DEAR SHIELD:—Allow Indiana Gamma to extend a few encouraging words to the best organ the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity has ever had. We are truly proud of the SHIELD, and as a good paper is essential to the well-being of any and every order, we will unite with the others in giving it our hearty support.

The work recently published on the subject of college fraternities, says in regard to the Phi Kappa Psi, that all its Chapters are in excellent condition, except those in Indiana. This is a vile slander. Phi Psiism is in a *good* condition in Indiana, but we are extremely modest and are reluctant to flourish our good qualities before the public.

From information received I should judge the Alpha and Beta branches of our Fraternity in this State to be thriving, but of Indiana Gamma I know whereof I speak. We have thirteen loyal Phi Psis, and you can judge of our quality from the fact that we have the presidents of both our literary societies, a delegate to the State Oratorical Association, and two of the five editors of our college paper. Of eight prizes given, in 1879, in college, the members of Indiana Gamma took four, or one-half. We also took the first honors for oratory at the State contest at Indianapolis last year, and represented this State in the inter-State con-

test at Iowa City. We have a handsome hall, and are progressing finely.

We claim Mr. Burdette, the "*Hawkeye* man," as a progeny of Indiana Gamma, and of him we are justly proud, and are glad to hear through the SHIELD, that he is still a loyal Phi Psi.

We will not send a delegate to Washington, but the G. A. C. has our best wishes.

Wishing you abundant success, I remain

Yours in $\Phi. K. \Psi.$,

W. B. A.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS, Feb., 1880.

To all Brother Phi Psis Kansas Alpha sends Greeting:—
Away off here, separated from our brothers by so many miles, we must let them hear from us through that medium which wields such an influence upon humanity—the press. The press universal has a noble purpose, and its ends should be pure and lofty. Surely the press that binds closer in a union of sympathy, brothers who may never meet in the flesh, reaches one of the noblest ends of journalism. As mind is far above matter, so the association of mind with mind is above the mingling of flesh and blood; but neither is good alone; all must be balanced. When we meet our brothers and hold communion with them, a deep pleasure arises; there is nothing like it. It is a pleasure not purely sensual, and we come away refreshed and aided. The rooms echo with the laughter and fun of jolly fellows—ever to be remembered as the happiest hours of college life.

Although long silent to our outside brothers, we have not been sleeping. Our boys have been working, working hard; and the result is we have a Chapter composed of members, each one of whom is an honor to Kansas Alpha and Phi Kappa Psi. We will not sing of all the honors gained by our members; but the gods have smiled on us, and we have received many laurels. Perhaps it would be but right to say, that our G. P., who has just gone out of office, and who will so soon leave us, cleared the entire Junior class in calculus, and took the highest standing ever made in that study at this university. We are sorry to lose him, and our best wishes for prosperity will go out with him. Two of our ment! Long may the golden arrow fly in the land; may founder of our Chapter, and James Willis Gleed, who took the first honors in the class of '79. We have lost two members since Christmas, but two of our old boys have returned in their places. "Toddy" went home to Atchison, Kansas, to join in the pursuit of lucre; and beside the brothers who lament his departure there are many sisters who have donned sable garments in his honor. And a few weeks ago Bro. Smith, our dear "George," took his last Ed. and packed his valise. Too much hard study did not agree with the tall Boston youth's health, hence he will be out one year to regain his strength, and will graduate with '83. He was the sweet singer of the university, and his voice will be missed in the chapel and in the parlors of our fair maidens. The initiates since September are these, in the order

of initiation—Frank A. Todd, '82, Atchison, Kansas; Frank L. Webster, '83, Lawrence; W. T. Spangler, '83, Osage Mission; Fred A. Stocks, Blue Rapids; John E. McCurdy, '82, Lawrence; Wilson Sterling, '83, Abilene. These are worthy additions to the Fraternity.

The only young ladies' secret society in the university is the Kappa Chapter of I. C. Sorosis; between these and the Phi Psis there has existed a coolness for several years, resulting from some misunderstanding in the earlier days of both Chapters. Hence the Betas have received the honors from these ladies as a body. But the fair ones have waved the olive branch, and on the eve of St. Valentine's day we were invited to an I. C. reception at the parlor of one of their number. Music and valentines, refreshments and men are members of the Faculty, Frank O. Marvin, the young ladies—shades of Beta Theta Pi, witness our enjoyment pierce many shields of valiant Phi Psis, and let Cupid watch over his victims, and Venus smile on her children.

PHIL-HELLENE.

PENN'A ALPHA.

Washington and Jefferson College,

WASHINGTON, PA., Feb. 16th, 1880.

EDITORS OF SHIELD:

Dear Bros.—At your request I have looked over some of the *archives* of our Chapter, when at Canonsburg, with a view to finding something of interest to the readers of the SHIELD. All our old *relics* were put into the care of a good Brother, now in Texas, several years ago, and so we have them carefully preserved. In the absence of our Texas Brother Jim B. McElroy, his good mother carefully guards the old trunk and its contents, for she thinks there never was a set of fellows like the Phi Psi boys. But to go on with my story. I found many things that interested me greatly, I am sure, and that would doubtless be of interest to many of the boys, but I have only time tonight to mention one matter.

You asked for the Latin petition for a Chapter from the University of Virginia. In a very ancient looking package of letters I came across the identical article. I transcribe it below exactly as it is in the original:

"Ad Pennsylvaniam Alpha, $\Phi K \Psi$ Fraternitatis ad Collegium Jeffersoniensem, salutem in Domino.. Nos Universitatis Virginiae, subscripti discipuli, ad hanc Academiam, capitem vestri, honorificentissimae Fraternitatis, officiosissime fundare supplicamus.

(SIGNED),

C. P. T. Moore, *Student of Law.*
H. H. Clark, " " *Medicine.*
C. C. J. Aston, " " "
E. S. Fugate, " " "
W. A. McCorkle, *Medical Student.*
J. M. Hauger, *Student of Law.*
J. Bumgardner, *Academic Student.*

Such is the petition which was received by our Chapter then the G. C., Nov. 21st, 1853. The request was granted Dec. 2d, '53.

I have also discovered, and now have in my possession a collection of very interesting numbers of the *Mystic Friend*, of the years '53, '54, '55 and '56. The *Mystic Friend*, you may know, is a Penn'a Alpha paper, which was in days of yore, and is yet, prepared by a regularly appointed Brother, to be read before the Chapter at each regular meeting. In other words, it is a SHIELD on a smaller scale. Of course these papers are only preserved in manuscript form, but I find so many good, common-sense articles in them, that I would be tempted to copy one of them for the SHIELD, were it not that I suppose it is rather late to send in communications for the next number, and I am scarcely previous enough to begin now to write for any other than the next number. However, I hope this may reach you in time for you to make any extracts you may desire for the next issue.

Pardon me for not answering your letter sooner. It was necessary for me to wait till I heard from my Texas Brother before making the investigation of the old Phi Psi Archive Trunk.

Yours of Pa. Alpha,

C. C. HAYS.

OHIO ALPHA.

DELAWARE, Feb. 16, 1880.

EDITORS SHIELD:

Since the explosion of our "Financial idea," the great "Ohio Idea" seems to be to have a very large finger in every pie, not only political, but every other as well. A very palpable manifestation of this spirit has been exhibited in the columns of the SHIELD from time to time where Ohio has been as conspicuously represented, as is the wont of this self-asserting State in every other field. Slight echoes from this, the "noisiest Chapter in the Fraternity," have now and then rippled through your columns, just enough to let you know that Ohio Alpha "is not dead," nor even "sleepeth." The solemn constraint which she has donned since "Bob" gave her away so sadly, may perhaps account for the unusual silence she has manifested thus far. The fact is, we have been "fighting the good fight," and now that the tug of war is over, and we are safely ensconced in our winter quarters (not a Valley Forge, most emphatically), it is the first time that we have been permitted the leisure to look about us. Our opposition here in the University keeps Fraternity interest constantly at the highest strain. We are blessed with eight Fraternities here, which stand in order of strength: Phi Kappa Psi, with 14 men; Phi Gamma Delta, with 13; Chi Phi, with 10; Delta Tau Delta, with 9; Phi Delta Theta with 9; Beta Theta Pi, with 7; Sigma Chi, with 6, and last, although in truth, perhaps I should say first, Delta Chi Alpha, with 13 ladies. Strongest numerically we are also recognized to be strongest in every other particular, so much so, indeed, that in rushing some of our "b'hoys," the other Fraternities at times combine against us, preferring rather to lose the man and sacrifice their particular interest, than to see us predominate. Yet notwithstanding we have knocked the persimmons very successfully, having successfully conducted four, the length of our short overland trip *via* Goat, to fraternal felicity.

The condition of the "Frat" is very flattering indeed. Of college honors we have more than our share. With four editors on the college *Transcript*, and four first-class positions on the *Spring Publics*, we feel for once that "virtue hath its reward." In our classes we have four men in '80, five in '81, two in '82, and three in '83. While our hall, just newly refitted, our social and college standing, and the ladies wearing the Phi Kappa badge at the "Fem," objects of particular self-congratulation to some of us, are all worthy objects for just pride; yet above and beyond are we gratified at the true fraternal love and congeniality which animates us all, and which is the only one, after all, worthy of the "crown and the purple."

We all take the SHIELD, and read it with pleasure. We tender our heartiest encouragement to you, and sincerely hope that this good enterprise, so auspiciously started, will meet with its deserved success.

C. H. B.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb 18th 1880.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

Dear Bros:—It has been my intention for some time to presume to write to you, but not knowing whether "alumni" (that isn't bad, by the way) were given a place in your most highly appreciated paper, I delayed the matter until this moment. The SHIELD for March has just been received and read twice over, a fact which has a tendency to mollify my injured spirit somewhat, inasmuch as my heart is at Washington, D. C. (Daddy of his Country) today. But I can't be there. No! it is one of the incomprehensible and deplorable effects of leaving college, when a man severs his connection with all the associations incidental to college life. This is indeed a hard life. Without Phi Psi and the many good fellows who made Iota's halls attractive, to the detriment of recitations, life is indeed a horrid grind. As I sit in my sequestered sanctum and think of Bosco's eccentricities at Symposium, and many other incidents pleasing to recollect, and when I pick up our SHIELD and hear Brown's loquacity expatiated upon, I wish myself in Phila. on some Tuesday night to hear the immortal Elwell sing the praises of the mule, and Garrison recount to the mob in the corner of the Camden Fire Company's proposed engine.

But such things cannot be. If I cannot enjoy the influence of Phi Psis, I am determined to extend it as far as practicable. I am still doing what I can, but with no success. Beta Theta Pi has taken hold of the society, I mentioned to you in a letter some time since. They are welcome to them, for they are not of our choosing. I am indeed pained beyond measure to hear of the ill conduct of the boys. Is it true that Pile still smokes *that* Pipe and wears *that* pin? Is it not a mere rumor that the graceful Schelling compromises his dignity so far as to indulge in terpsichorean frivolities? But they will see the error of their ways, and some time they will look back with an intense pleasure and enthusiasm to their active connection with Phi Psi. Send me the SHIELD and all the documents of interest, and believe me.

Ever your Brother in $\Phi K \Psi$,

R. I. ALPHA.

PENN'A ETA.

Franklin and Marshall College,
LANCASTER, PA.

To all the brothers of our holy order Eta sendeth her words of good cheer and fraternal greeting:—

"When Nature her great master-piece designed,
And framed her last, best work, the human mind,
Her eye, intent on all the mazy plan,
She formed of various parts, the various man."

Of all that innumerable company of "various man," which good dame Nature has fashioned, out of "various parts," since the foundation of the world, she has completed no more perfect job (not even excepting the result of the pilfering of the "rib" from Adam—in itself a most sagacious and beneficent transaction) than when she called into being that true ideal of manhood, the true, generous and noble Phi Psi "man."

When we look into the world about us, we see many such imperfect moulds of humanity that the good dame must certainly blush to own relationship with them, even as bastard children. But on him who holds fast to and carries out in daily life the fundamental principles of Phi Kappa Psi, her true, disinterested benevolence, charity and love, she ever bestows her kindest looks and most gracious smiles, and marks all such as the jewels which are to enrich her regal crown.

The delegates and associates—there were only seven of us who attended that Grand Arch Council of Gods at Washington, returned well pleased, not only with G. A. C. and D. C. Alpha, but thanks to that prince of royal brothers, Bob Murray, even with Washington itself. We shall not soon forget the kindness and attention of Brother Bob; nor shall we forget those other good Brothers, Hay, McClery, "Hinkle" Seymour, Edwards, Beatty and others of the "gang."

We are glad that the G. C. is to pass into the possession of such a noble Chapter of loyal hearts as the D. C. Alpha. We feel that in her hands the affairs of Phi Psi will be managed no less prosperously than our good sister Theta who has conducted them so long.

Nothing of moment has transpired in the Eta since our last communication. The boys express themselves pleased with everything done by our late G. A. C.; but how could it be otherwise, while we all retain the same love and zeal for the cause of Phi Psi which has characterized the Eta in the past.

We fear no rival here at F. and M., but gaily flaunt our glorious banner to the breeze, and step boldly forward incased in full Phi Psi panoply, with the bright sunlight of prosperity kissing the burnished golden shields upon our breasts.

May the peace, harmony and prosperity which has for so many years gladdened the hearts of those connected with the Eta ever be the lot of all within the realms of Phi Psi-dom.

Fraternally,
H. C. E.

SPRING VALLEY, OHIO, March 3d, 1880.

DEAR EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

If you could have seen how meekly I paid the extra postage on the package of the SHIELD which I received to-day, remorse would pray upon your vitals immediately. I had thought with a melancholy sigh that another of earth's fair ones had departed, and I was preparing to use my cambric when my sadness was turned into rejoicing by the opening of the package. Since a long time ago (last November, I think) I had not seen a copy of the SHIELD, and I seemed forced to conclude that dissolution had seized another victim. Number 2 is still missing, and the copy of Number 5 is so badly printed that I must ask to have them added to my file. In the light of my experience as one of the chief mourners of the demise of the *Phi Psi Quarterly*, and as a manager of the business affairs of a college paper, allow me to suggest that there is only one way to get a good subscription list—and that is to publish the paper on time, at whatever cost and send it to your subscribers. The receipt of such a package of condensed inspiration so nearly unseated my intellect, that I babbled to my Greek class some incoherent stuff about the accent of the interrogative participle *ti* as distinguished from the enclitic *ti*, smiled blandly at them when they asked me to translate, and when at last awakened to a sense of my misery, flunked as I had often done in the days gone by. Be careful! my blood will be on your head if you defer sending me the paper until there is such an accumulation of food that my capacity to assimilate it overburdened, and I am thrown into rank idiocy by exuberant joy.

Concerning the SHIELD, allow me to say, knowing in how high esteem you will hold my words, I approve of it! But, seriously, I am surprised that we as a fraternity lived so long without it. A fraternity which consists of a score or more of isolated Chapters with no other tie to bind them together than stated communications from the G. C., is a farce, and is in violent danger of collapsing from spotted fever. (Pardon the pun! I give my sacred honor, it is original!) While Corresponding Secretary of my Chapter, I tried to stir up the chapters round about us by writing to them personal communication in lieu of other means of keeping myself and the chapter informed, but met with very scanty success. Whether the fault was my own or that of others, I am not competent to say, but if enthusiasm is contagious it seems to me that some of the good brothers ought to at least have had the premonitory symptoms of an attack. Then a fraternity organ can hardly be an assured success until it has permanent headquarters and a salaried editor. Don't laugh at this latter, for it is possible. Say that he is a professional man with a warm and enthusiastic love for his fraternity, and has a little extra time which he can devote to her interests, then he ought to be paid for it. There are warm-hearted Phi Psis enough in this country to run the circulation of the paper up near a thousand, and that number of cash subscriptions would insure a paper beautiful typographically and valuable in its contents, and afford some compensation to the editor. Let me add a few words in regard to the fraternity history.

For myself I can say that I know very little about my fraternity, and even about my Chapter. I know the fault is not my own, for I have gone to the length of making a nuisance of myself sometimes in my eager desire to know something about the boasted union which unites us. No doubt many are like me and take no pleasure in their ignorance. For their sakes, let me suggest to the members of each Chapter, that they elect a Chapter Historian, whose business it shall be to write up the affairs of his Chapter with reference to the points suggested by our brothers of Ohio Gamma, and we shall soon have a permanent repository of knowledge to which we may go for information. I know Bros. List and Kinkade, and can say, in the light of knowledge, that the work which they have to do will be done faithfully, intelligently and carefully. I hope, also that all the Chapters will support the two valuable features which I see in the copies of the SHIELD secured today, the person and initiate columns.

Surely there is money enough in the pocketbooks of old Phi Psis to make the SHIELD the finest paper of the kind in the country, and I for one will be found ready to do my share and even more than my share to see it a permanent success. I hope the brother who signs himself '74 will favor us with some more of his foreign experience. He writes readably, and that means so much! Who are the mysterious plurality "Editors of the SHIELD?" Whoever you may be, inscribe me upon the list of your friends; and when the "devil" comes to you and says "copy," drop me a line, and whatever may be the theme I shall endeavor to say something to occupy the space. Then when you get good communications, you can put the utility matter in a pigeon-hole, to await the dread day when there is a blank page or so to fill up, and then, with an "insert" on the margin, send it away to the voracious compositor. Who is the publisher of Bro. Raff's music, and what is its price? Don't forget to send the numbers of the paper for which I asked, for I wish to keep them on file and eventually have them bound.

Yours encouragingly,

C. L. V. C., OHIO "A," '79.

WASHINGTON, PA., March 4th, 1880.

EDITORS OF SHIELD:

Dear Bros.—You lately suggested that I send you any old letters of interest that I could find among our Archives. I recently found one written by Bro. Dr. Letterman while attending medical lectures in Philadelphia. It was addressed to Penn'a Alpha through Bro. Tom C. Campbell, who was then in his senior year, and who died at Marion, Ohio, in 1862. I send you extracts from this letter, which I am sure is interesting throughout to me, and I hope will be so to the other boys. There is some excellent advice in it, which I imagine is just as suitable now as it was in '54, I have now sent you more matter perhaps than you can use, but of course I'll not be at all affronted if you put it all in your trash basket.

I am ready to do all in my power for the good of the

SHIELD, and if I can aid you in any way, don't fail to let me know of it.

Yours in Phi Kappa Psi,

C.C.H.

Extract from a letter written by W. H. Letterman, M. D., to Rev. Thomas C. Campbell, of Pa. Alpha, in 1854.

MEDICAL COLLEGE, PHILA., June 12th, 1854.

* * * * * I was quite pleased to find you had elected Mr. Stuart, of Baltimore, a member, and as I intend going over before long, I think best to attend it "*propria persona*," which I hope will meet with your approbation. I should very much like to have a copy of the Constitution, with a list of the brothers, date of entrance, etc. You speak of forming a Chapter here. I have made a thorough investigation, and I should say very emphatically *no* at this time; and as to having one at Washington College, I think it very impolitic, as there are not enough to sustain it there, and we want none, neither will we have any but men of sound principles and fine abilities, to which I know you will say *amen*. Do not, I ask of you, be in a hurry to found Chapters. It is, as you all know, a law of nature, animate and inanimate, that without a healthy growth, slow but sure, nothing lives a long life. If the giant oak, that has stood the storms of a century, had wished while young to be permitted to grow as fast as the reed that was flourishing beside it, where would it have been? So with men, so with the formation of character, and so, more than all others, with such a Fraternity as ours. *Principle* is our foundation rock, from which, if we attempt to move, we will fall. I shall have Mr. Stuart fixed and give you the result in August.

You speak of Uncle Dave Richie, of Pittsburg, who has, I see, been nominated for Congress. We could not get him to join, but I am confident he could give us a splendid speech; and I don't think it would require a man to be a member to deliver us a speech. You say the Betas and Deltas may have one soon. Now this is my advice, let them do as they wish; but if they have an anniversary, it will do you no harm. Let us grow strong, and when we make a *show*, let it be *ONE*. I don't think it at all advisable to have a celebration until we could have 150 members from all parts of the U. S., each with his pin on, walking arm in arm to the hall, having a fine band of music, and then listen to a splendid speech, which would be printed and sent to the old Brothers after it was over. And such, I hope, will be the celebration of our first decade. Wouldn't this look well: *On the eve of so and so, the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity will hold their decennial anniversary, on which interesting occasion this celebrated Order will be addressed by the Hon. so and so.* Tom, it would do me good to witness such a scene. By that time we will have, I hope, four or five hundred brothers, and of that number, at least 150 can be at the Grand Anniversary. I do hope all the brothers will agree with me on this point, and let all our energies be given to advancing in learning and ability, so that when we meet, we will meet as kindred spirits. I for one shall endeavor to do so, and if I am permitted to live and have my health, I shall be with you at that time, I shall

be with you at the commencement of '56, *Deo volente*. All we need now is time and care, and when we meet at our decennial period, will we not talk of days past and gone; and as every year which will roll by will add to our age and strength, so they should (and *must* with our Constitution carried out) to our knowledge and experience; yes, to our influence and honor. Numbers will not do it, but men of the true stamp. How gladly will we return to meet those from whom we have been so long separated, and how welcome will we take by the hand those who from time to time have joined us. And it should be our ambition, and our energies should be given to the work. How pleasant it is for me to think that so many noble brothers are with me in the same ship, and that each one is trying to excel the other in planting our standard higher and higher. Let it be a sufficient guarantee to all men, and be deemed the greatest honor for one to say, "I am a Phi Kappa Psi." The more I see the more necessary it becomes for each of us to act as true gentlemen in every sense of the word, *polite and courteous* to all, *thinking twice before speaking*.

Now I can tell you one thing which will be of great advantage to you, and that is to have a regular room to meet in, and for that purpose alone. I hope you will try and see if you could not do so. Then you could have a table on which shall be placed *Putnam's Monthly*, or *Harper's Magazine*, as you may wish for. Each member can send whatever he wishes. Then at the end of the year they could be bound, or else have an auction and sell them among yourselves. But I would prefer the keeping of them. I should never agree to letting a single paper even go out of the room; not because I would fear any being so mean as to take them, but because it would not be right. It would be so pleasant for the brothers to go and read and talk over matters and things—but permit neither smoking nor swearing in the room. It would prove of great advantage, in fact you have no idea of the great benefit it would be to you all. I hope steps will be taken immediately on the subject. You need not expect to make a large beginning or a fine display. If it should cost each of you \$5.00 or \$6.00 a year, you may rest perfectly assured it would be the best and *most profitable* investment you ever made. If you get a room I will send a special donation to it, so much do I think of it.

* * * You speak of having translations, etc., etc., for your Chapter clan. I shall give you my opinion concerning it. I, for one, if I were there, would never give my consent to it. If you do purchase them, from that time you may date our downfall; for translations are the curse of all colleges, and I, for one, will never give either a translation or a dime to the project. Hard study is the only thing that will make a scholar; and I see more and more necessity of a person being a thorough Latin and Greek scholar. I do most sincerely hope that the Fraters, on second thought, will see what translations must lead to. As to the mathematics, I would not object so much. But still, my dear Ton, it would only be doing those an injury who we know are to be our future brothers, for it is not the knowledge so much, but the training of the mind that is needed. So I

hope this will not be mentioned again when you look at it in its proper light. But if you conclude to have a room, no one will do all he can more willingly than I towards establishing a library. I shall write more at length my views concerning the anniversary.

* * * My best wishes to all the brothers. Our course is in our own hands; it is now for us to say *she rises* or *she falls*.. * * *

WILLIE H. LETTERMAN.

OUR BADGE.

PHILADELPHIA, March 6th, 1880.

DEAR EDS.—I must confess that I was rather surprised at the decision of the G. A. C. with regard to badges. The present manufactures have always had the sole monopoly of making our badges. Latterly we found that, like all monopolies, it was impossible to get any concessions from them either in price or style of work. Two years since we told them we wanted our badges more convex. Thereupon they sent a sample to the G. A. C., at Indianapolis, with a front on it like a half cranberry, which *they knew* was totally unsuited for a badge. When any innovation has been proposed, they have been very unwilling to accede to it; they have said they could not possibly reduce the price of badges, etc.

Now a maker comes in who guarantees to make us the best class of work at a less price. Then the present manufacturers say: "If the N. Y. firm put in a bid, we will reduce about 25 per cent.," plainly meaning that they will reduce when obliged to. This reduction brought the prices of the two firms very near alike. Yet the contract was awarded to the old firm after all their spirit of unaccommodation, and the fraternity reaps the fruits of the N. Y. party's labor and expense in a reduction of price for which we are indebted to the latter. As for the testimony from Lancaster, it seems strange that the Committee should pay any attention to a rival jeweller who says: "Your manufacturer's badges are superior to those of the N. Y. party, but mine are better than either," at the same time offering to make them at a price at which he could not make a decent badge. Is that statement to be taken as testimony? As to the statement of the Delta Tau Deltas, the facts are these: This same jeweller pretended to test one of the badges of the N. Y. firm and pronounced sapphire and ruby doublets to be glass, and 18 and 14 carat gold to be 8 and 9 carat fine. To this the N. Y. party replied that the goods were as represented, 18 and 14 gold and sapphire and ruby doublets, and offering any forfeit if he failed to prove his assertion.

Now is this valid testimony against a man who makes fraternity pins his business, and who has the sole custom of many of the largest and best fraternities! He is maker for D. K. E., A. A. Φ., Chi psi, and Psi Upsilon, and does a large business with many others. He has treated us very fairly and honorably; have we considered his proposition fairly in return?

"ALUMNUS."

NEW JERSEY ALPHA.

PRINCETON, Feb. 11th, 1880

EDITORS SHIELD:

Dear Bros.—The March number of the SHIELD having just come, and being delighted with all that it contains, I determined forthwith to send you a note for your next. Bro. Sam. Martin has just left my room after laughing heartily over '74's description of "Jack," and the sending of that celebrated meerschaum. To complete the story you should get Sam. to tell of his experience in getting possession of it. Sam. leaves here to-morrow, and on his way home will probably spend a day in Washington, attending the G. A. C. We number altogether twelve Phi Psis in Princeton—five in the Theological Seminary and seven in Princeton College. In the seminary, besides Bro. Martin, we have Bro. Queen, Pa. Theta, '74. Brother Queen is now a Senior, and rumor says Van has his eye on a certain church and likewise on the parsonage. However, it may be only a rumor, I can't tell yet: But wherever he goes there will always be a warm welcome for every Phi Psi. Bro. McDannold, of Indiana Gamma, is in the middle class. Mac is as loyal a Phi Psi as ever. In the Junior class are Steans, Pa. Theta '79, and "Yours truly," Pa. Iota '79.

In Princeton College, though the strictest anti-fraternity laws exist, are seven true champions of Phi Psi. There is no Chapter at Princeton College, nor will our boys endeavor to found one as long as such laws continue in force. One of their number, Bro. McAlpine, of Savannah, Ga., will go to Washington to represent the boys of Nassau Hall. Some of the boys in Princeton College joined, while in other colleges, some before matriculating at Princeton and some at other colleges since. The men of the college are earnest, true fellows, such as every Phi Psi would be glad to know. Bro. Tewksbury, who was initiated at Wooster, is by all odds the best athlete in the college, while all of them are a credit to the Fraternity as students. Bros. McAlpine and Loney are contestants in the Lynde debate, the great annual contest between the two literary societies. Such is the condition of Phi Psiism in Princeton College, while we who are known by the name of Seminoles, endeavor to keep up the reputation of the Brotherhood in the other institution.

With greeting to all the Fraternity,

Yours in fraternal bonds,

PA. IOTA '79.

PENNSYLVANIA IOTA.

IOTA HALLS, March 11th, 1880.

MESSRS EDITORS:

Since you last heard from us, nothing extraordinary has happened, except perhaps that Doug. Brown's dog has been lost and found not more than six different times. The boys are still as lively, and imbued with the same fraternal enthusiasm as they are wont to be. Now that the G. A. C. is over, there is once more quiet in the Phi Psi air. Brown and McCollin intimated that they wouldn't mind if the G. A. P. would occur in shorter intervals, provided they were

delegates from Iota. From the former brother's report, we have no doubt they had a good time. Do you know that Brown wouldn't do President Hayes the favor of calling on him? That was below his dignity. You know Brown has a refined taste, especially for the finer arts, so he thought he could spend his time better by visiting Washington Monument and studying its architecture.

McCollin also enjoyed himself, especially at the banquet and hop, where they say he had a good "racquet" with the ladies. Iota's rooms are filled with fifteen games. Todd works at two or three at once (he has given up the billiard scheme you know), and is trying to work "13-15-14" by factorial "n." But Todd you have no chance, as Freeland is constructing a machine that will work out that puzzle in less than a week without a remainder. Brother Tustin, of Pa. Epsilon, who is among us now, still continues his native custom of wearing his pin on the outside flap of his coat. It must be due to the mysterious character of the pin that it has escaped the hands of Philadelphia's pick-pockets. Schelling still is successful in hauling in the ducats when, with that irresistible smile he taps the boys on the shoulder and tells them to "pay up." Stulb keeps the library in good condition, and there is no doubt but that he will be re-elected. Tommy D. still continues to flunk, and Pile you can always see at any hour in his place by the window. Hunter's muscle continues to swell, and what it will be by the time of the race is hard to tell. Gross is still full of politics, and vows that if Grant is nominated he will stump the State against him. But what is become of Elwell, Boyer and Bob Wright? Elwell has not been heard of since "enchantment" left the city. Boyer no doubt is taking his second term's vacation—and Wright—Bob Wright must be in love—yet she's a German-town daisy—she is angry with him just now, but never mind Bob, we hope she will soon come around a (W) right. By the way, Iota had a good old time "B. G." on the 9th, and all had a good time, but we felt very much the absence of Second Cousin Bright and our brother of "twin" fame, who is at present in Paris for the sole purpose of acquiring that beautiful song in French.

Yours, etc.,

"GAS."

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

F. G. BEHRE '57, S. C. Alpha, is a lawyer at Waterboro, S. C.

A. S. RODGERS '81, Ohio Gamma, is now a Junior at Princeton.

REV. WM. E. BOGGS '57, S. C. Alpha, is preaching in Atlanta, Ga.

B. S. ALLISON '79, Ohio Gamma, is practicing law at Wheeling, W. Va.

S. C. PEOPLES '78, Ohio Gamma, is at Allegheny Theological Seminary.

JOHN TAYLOR '60, S. C. Alpha, is farming. His address is Columbia, S. C.

RICHARD J. MANNING '58, S. C. Alpha, is a tobaccoist with Lorillard, N. Y.

H. N. CLEMENS '79, Ohio Gamma, is associate editor of the Wooster, Ohio *Republican*.

J. E. WEST '81, Ohio Gamma, was compelled to leave college on account of bad health.

THE two petitions now before the fraternity, are most certainly deserving of a decided *yea*.

W. A. WEST '74, Ohio Gamma, has entered his father's law-office as partner, at Bellefontaine, O.

D. W. ARMSTRONG '65, Ky. Alpha, is a resident of Louisville, and "among the first of lawyers."

W. B. FORD '68, and DAVID D. SHELBY '69, Tenn. Beta, are both engaged in practicing law in Huntsville, Ala.

HARRY S. STOKES '71, Tenn. Gamma, who assisted Bro. Melton at Princeton, died at Lebanon, Tenn., in 1875.

WITH this number of the SHIELD we begin printing in Philadelphia. Heretofore our press work was done at York Pa.

S. D. MELTON '72, S. C. Alpha, the organizer of our Princeton Band, is at present studying law in Columbia, S. C.

HON. J. W. PHILLIPS '60, Tenn. Beta, is now practicing law in St. Louis. He was at one time Circuit Judge in Tenn.

E. E. BEARD '68, Tenn. Beta, is a lawyer in Lebanon, Tenn. Dr. N. F. Cabot '75, Tenn. Beta, is located at same place.

THEODORE F. MENTZER, one of the founders of the Iowa Gamma, is a lawyer in Marion, Iowa, as well as Mayor of the city.

OF the forty-five men initiated in Phi Kappa Psi at S. C. Alpha, before the Chapter was suspended by the war, fifteen are known to be dead.

SUBSCRIPTION money should be sent to Bro. Prof. Otis H. Kendall, 3826 Locust Street, West Philadelphia, Pa. Bank account is getting low.

COMMUNICATIONS intended for publication, should only be written on one side of paper. Where this is not observed, we are put to great trouble in copying.

THE Ohio Gamma boys write that they are continuing their "socials." The latter are held every two weeks, and are pronounced as delightful by all who attend.

ED. COOPER '71, Tenn. Gamma, is a banker in Shelbyville, Tenn.; and W. W. Blake '72, of the same Chapter, is engaged in the same business in Sherman, Texas.

J. F. KINKADE and E. S. RAFF, Ohio Gamma, represented Phi Psi at the entertainment of the Wooster University Literary Societies, held Feb. 22d. 'Tis not necessary to add they carried off the honors.

OUR Ohio Gamma correspondent writes: The brothers are very much encouraged in their work upon the History of the Fraternity. Many of the Chapters have responded

to their call and many have been the words of cheer from the Alumni. Let every one send us some item of interest.

THE communication by "Alumnus" presents a point that we would like to see fully discussed. Our present jewelers are not doing for us what they might. We've heard numerous complaints from all sections of the country. Something ought to be done.

A. E. SWISHER '67, Iowa Alpha, writes from Iowa City, where he is a prominent lawyer: "We formerly, when I was attending the University, had a vigorous, live Chapter, but all secret societies in our University have ceased to exist. The living members of our Chapter, with hardly an exception, are successful, honorable, useful and influential members of society where they live. We are proud of our Iowa Alpha boys."

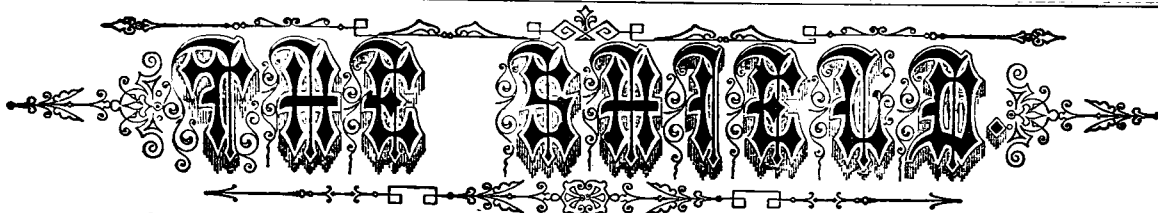
RICHARD CHEATHAM '71, Tenn. Gamma—'74-'76, Va. Alpha, is practicing medicine, and Secretary of the Board of Health in Nashville, Tenn. He writes, "While an active member of the Fraternity I always took great interest in everything connected with it; and now it gives me great pleasure to learn that the old SHIELD is being worn by so many students in the different colleges of the country. There are about fifteen or twenty old Phi Psis living in this city, and when we meet, the Fraternity is often the topic of conversation."

OBITUARY.

REV. DR. D. L. TRESSLER, *President of Carthage College.*

David Loy Tressler, '60, Pa. Epsilon, died suddenly whilst performing his regular collegiate duties. We clip the following from the *Carthage Republican* of February 25th. Bro. Tressler was born February 15th, 1839, at Loysville, Pa. In 1857 he was admitted to the Sophomore Class of Pennsylvania College, and graduated in 1860 with the first honor and valedictory of his class. The same year he became principal of the Academy at which he had prepared for college.

In August, 1862, he raised a company of volunteers, composed largely of the students of the Academy, and entered the army as their captain, and soon after participated in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam. In the battle of Fredericksburg he received two severe wounds, from one of which he did not recover for months. He also participated in the Chancellerville engagement. After the expiration of his term of service in the army he was tendered a colonel's commission, but felt compelled to decline it. In 1864 he was admitted to the bar, and for five years following was engaged in the practice of the law. In 1870 he entered the ministry of the Lutheran Church, and in 1872 was elected professor in Carthage College. In 1873 became president of the same. This position he has since held with the highest degree of success and popular favor, resulting alike from a happy combination of administrative and financial ability, with education and talent of superior order.



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THE G.A.C.

The Grand Arch Council convened at Washington on February 18th. The report of its proceeding in the SHIELD has been unavoidably delayed, which is especially to be regretted, since it has fallen, in consequence, to one who is obliged to write it up from notes taken at the time by another, and this must account for any omission of matters such as it would not be impolitic to put in print.

The brothers began to reach Washington by noon on Tuesday the 17th, and before night many of them were quite familiar with the 'sights' of the city. After securing comfortable rooms and supper at the St. Marc Hotel, where special arrangements for the accomodation of the Fraternity had been made, and where most of the men 'put up,' the question of 'what to do next?' was decided by recourse to the rather limited amusement list, and the evening (at least the early part of it) was spent in the company of 'Uncle Dan'l.' During that night and the next morning, brothers continued to come in from all parts of the country, and by dinner-time all the Chapters that were represented had been heard from, with one exception.

On Wednesday morning, at 10:30 A. M., Bro. John G. Reading, Jr. as *** and acting **** called the meeting to order in the parlors of the Hotel, and appointed ** officers *pro tem.* (unfortunately the names of these brothers were not reported and cannot be given). The *** having been directed to ascertain that none were present but true Phi Psis and having made a report to that effect, the roll of Chapters was called and delegates presented their credentials and received certificates in due form in return. The complete list of Chapters represented and delegates is as follows:

Pa. Beta: William C. Wilson, Arthur L. Bates.

" Gamma: Andrew A. Leiser.

" Epsilon: F. Albert Kurtz, William A. McClean.

" Zeta: Hon. Martin C. Herman, Edwin H. Linville, J. Hope Caldwell.

" Eta: H. Clay Eschbach, Fred. W. Biescker, Cyrus J. Musser.

" Theta: Muscoe M. Gibson, E. S. Boyer, William N. Wilbur.

" Iota: Edward G. McCollin, J. Douglass Brown, Jr.

Va Alpha: R. H. Tebbs, F. W. Wilson, B. R. Wellford.

" Delta: George Davidson.

Ohio Alpha: Frank S. Monnette, Chase Stewart.

" Beta: Frank D. Altman.

" Gamma: Walter J. Mullins, Charles F. M. Niles, W. S. P. Cochran.

Ind. Alpha: D. H. Patrick, W. A. Posey.

" Beta: William H. Adams.

D. C. Alpha: Robert J. Murray, Frank O. McCleary, J. C. S. Richardson.

Mich. Alpha: Frank B. Leland.

Md. Alpha: George F. Gephart, Nelson Palmer, Hiram Woods, Jr.

The remainder of the morning session was taken up in the election of permanent officers in constitutional form. Those chosen were:

**** Hon. Martin C. Herman, *Pa. Zeta.*

*** Robert J. Murray, *D. C. Alpha.*

**** Chase Stewart, *Ohio Alpha.*

**** W. A. Posey, *Ind. Alpha.*

**** Walter J. Mullins, *Ohio Gamma.*

*** F. Albert Kurtz, *Pa. Epsilon.*

*** Arthur L. Bates, *Pa. Beta.*

*** Cyrus J. Musser, *Pa. Eta.*

At the afternoon session these officers were duly inaugurated and the Constitutional Committees (consisting, the first of Bros. Reading, Cochran and Eschbach; the second of Bros. Adams, Davidson and Altman; the third of Bros. Leland, Gebhart and McCleary) were appointed. The Chapter reports were then read, and were all highly satisfactory. That of the G. C. noted the founding of a Chapter at Chicago University, rapid progress in the publication of the Grand Catalogue (for which all but one of the living Chapters have reported, and of the dead ones, N. Y. Alpha and Gamma, Wis. Beta, S. C. Alpha and Tenn. Beta, while the rest are being looked after and they hope to make the list complete), and a healthy condition financially. At this point Major Reinoehl made a suggestion, growing out of his large experience in meetings of the G. A. C., which was at once adopted. It was to refer all business of any kind that was to be brought before the convention to the appropriate committees in order that they might act upon it and report it favorably or unfavorably to the Council. Had it not been for this plan the Council could probably not have gotten through half the business actually transacted.

Wednesday evening was devoted to the Reception tendered the G. A. C. by the D. C. Alpha. As it is to be treated (as it deserves) in a separate communication, it is

sufficient to observe that it was a grand affair, heartily enjoyed by all present, and a great credit to the Washington boys.

The first session of Thursday was the most important held; thanks to Bro. Reinoehl's plan above mentioned almost everything was gotten through with at this time. It will be impossible to do more than briefly mention the most important matters. As has been already stated in the SHIELD, the present manufacturers of the Fraternity pin were retained; the report of the committee (Bros. Murray, Kurtz and McCollin) being *unanimously* (it is believed) adopted. Charters were granted for Graduate Chapters at Philadelphia and Indianapolis. For reasons urged by Bro. Leiser, the force of which was apparent to all present, two other charters which were applied for were not granted *at this time*. The Fraternity's confidence in and appreciation of the D. C. Alpha was shown by its selection of the latter as G. C. for the next three years, and after a long, warm, but thoroughly good-natured debate and a careful discussion of the capabilities of various places proposed, it was resolved that the next meeting of the G. A. C. should be held in Pittsburgh, on the third Wednesday of February, 1883. (A word of explanation may not be out of place here—the G. A. C., as every reader of the SHIELD knows, meets properly every three years, but the advantage for a meeting presented by Philadelphia during the Centennial year were so great that the period from 1874 to 1880 was divided into three, instead of two parts, and biennial meetings were held; we have now, therefore gotten back to the regular course.) One or two minor constitutional changes were made—Roberts' 'Rules of Order' substituted for Jefferson's 'Manual,' and slight modifications of the ceremony of Initiation permitted under peculiar circumstances.

The SHIELD, as at present conducted, received the official sanction of the Fraternity. Announcement was made that a gathering of Phi Psi's at Lake Chautauqua was looked forward to next August, which Secretary Schurz had promised, if permitted by official business, to attend. Bro. Dudley not having accomplished the work of getting up a Fraternity song-book, which was assigned to him in Philadelphia, in 1876, a committee to attend to the matter was formed, consisting of Bro. Charles S. Dudley, *Wis Alpha*; Edwin H. Linville, *Pa. Zeta*; Edwin J. Farber, *Pa. Theta*; E. S. Raff, *Ohio Gamma*; William C. Wilson, *Pa. Beta*; Felix E. Schelling, *Pa. Iota*. Another important standing committee consists of Bros. J. Douglass Brown, Jr., *Pa. Gamma*; W. S. P. Cochran, *Ohio Gamma*; Frank O. McCleary, *D. C. Alpha*.

During the evening session of Thursday, February 19th, minutes in order to enable the D. C. Alpha to hold a meeting and gather into the fold the Hon. Richard W. Townshend, Representative from the Nineteenth Congressional District of Illinois.

During the evening session of Thursday, February 19th, the twenty-eighth anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity, a lengthy telegram was received from Judge Moore.

It was full of good wishes and fraternal feeling, and a suitable answer was directed to be returned. On this evening the banquet was held. It began at about 10 P.M., and it broke up—well, it broke up *at intervals*. The most important feature was the Oration by Bro. Henry H. Bliss, of *Pa. Gamma*, a resident of Washington. Of this, at least in part, the readers of the SHIELD will have an opportunity of judging; suffice it to say, that although it was delivered late in the evening, or rather far into the morning, it was listened to with the closest attention, and pronounced by all present the most brilliant and scholarly exposition of the *animus*, so to speak, of Phi Kappa Psi that they had ever heard. Would that it were possible to present it without omission to the Fraternity generally through the columns of the SHIELD. How sincere was the regret at the sickness and consequent absence of the Poet of the occasion, will be understood when it is mentioned that the missing man was Robert J. Burdette. The formal toasts were, "The G. A. C.," Judge M. C. Herman; "The G. C.," M. M. Gibson; "The Fraternity at Large," F. A. Kurtz; "Our Graduate Members," E. G. McCollin; "The Great West," D. H. Patrick; "The Press," Frank Monnette; "The Ladies," E. B. Hay; "D. C. Alpha," R. J. Murray. A number of Fraternity and other songs were sung.

On Friday morning the delegates were received by President Hays, at 10 A.M. A short session was held, at which the important business incident to the closing of the G. A. C. was transacted, and a motion previously made that a Fraternity color be adopted, was negatived, the matter being left as heretofore to the taste of the individual Chapters. This ended a most memorable session of the G. A. C. Friday (and by some of the brothers Saturday) was spent in seeing what was worth seeing in and about Washington, and before Sunday most of the visitors had returned home.

The convention was in every way most successful. The business transacted was of the highest importance to the Fraternity, and received the intelligent treatment it demanded. Socially it could not have been better than it was. There was not the slightest symptom, for example, of sectional diversion, which might not unreasonably have been expected in a gathering of representatives of colleges stretching from New Jersey to Indiana, from Michigan to Virginia; but the utmost cordiality and fraternity prevailed within and without the meeting rooms. Every man who was present will look back to it as long as he lives as a most memorable event in his Fraternity life, and if all the arrangements which have been made to meet in 1883 are carried out, Pittsburgh will witness a gathering which will indeed be memorable in the annals of Phi Kappa Psi.

How much of this success was due to the brothers of the D. C. Alpha, only those who were present can properly realize. From Bro. Murray, who was everywhere, and attended to everything (and, indeed, worked himself sick in the cause) and Bro. E. B. Hay, who was the very life of the Reception and the Banquet, on through the list they were untiring in their attentions, and the compliment paid their Chapter was a well deserved one. If the affairs of the G. C. are managed in the same spirit and with the same

energy, the Fraternity has indeed reason to congratulate herself, and Alpha need not fear the difficult position of succeeding, and therefore coming into comparison with Pa. Theta. The following list of brothers not delegates, who were present, though very imperfect, is the best obtainable: Harry M. Clabaugh, F. M. Farber, G. R. Gott, *Pa. Epsilon*; Major Reinoehl, *Pa. Eta*; A. P. Shirk, W. N. Apple, C. E. Davis, *Pa. Eta*; S. A. Martin, Edwin J. Farber, B. Percy Chain, *Pa. Theta*; William L. Rowland, *Pa. Iota*; D. C. Eist, G. H. M. Palmer, *Ohio Gamma*; and Brinkinhoffer, *D. C. Alpha* (now *N. J. Alpha*).

THE RECEPTION TO THE G.A.C.

Of all the kind attentions we received from our Washington Chapter, none was more appreciated and enjoyed than the reception tendered the delegates to the G. A. C. at Masonic Hall, on the evening of the first day's session, Wednesday, February 18th. Knowing that it was the custom of the G. A. C. to have a banquet under its own auspices, D. C. Alpha determined to entertain us in a different way, and in a manner which would mark with a more lasting impression of the visit of their *frates* in Phi Kappa Psi.

With all our pleasant anticipations of the good time that was before us, there was no one that was not surprised at the generous preparations and tasteful decorations that were found ready for our coming when we arrived at the hall. At one end of the room was suspended a large banner in the shape of the fraternity emblem, the design being surrounded by bunting, festoons of which were beautifully arranged around the walls. The floor was in that delightful state of *waxation* calculated to fill with unbounded joy the hearts of Terpsichore's devotees, and with terror the soul of the unwary promenader. The orchestra of the Willard House had been engaged to furnish the music, and everything looked inviting to the eyes of those favored with invitations, as on their way to the dressing rooms they took a few moments glance at the ball room.

At half past nine o'clock Bro. Muray and wife with Bro. Ned Hay and wife took their stand near the center of the room, as the reception committee. To these in time were presented all the Brothers and invited guests with their ladies, whose smiling and happy faces formed by long odds the most lovely adornments the hall received. At ten o'clock, the reception having been concluded and the floor by this time being crowded by promenaders, our Brother Hay assumed with becoming grace the position of master of the ceremonies. In a few minutes a hundred pair of feet were gliding over the slippery floor, and the music of the first waltz was heard from the orchestra.

What can I say more of the evening and its delights? Shall I speak of the beauty and grace of our fair hostesses? the fame of the Washington girl hath gone abroad, and her name is synonymous with all that is charming. No! I cannot but leave it to the imagination to picture or the memory to recall. And to me, memory recalls, at an early morning hour, a hotelward journey, the joyous heart with-

in being impervious to rain and storm and mud without, a tired body laid upon a grateful couch, and thoughts of girls and dancing and flirting, ending in nightmares of treacherous floors continually disposed to arise suddenly and whack the back of your head, of lovely maidens, of ice cream, with banana noses and lady-fingers, who melted in your encircling arms, to hideous witches who danced you around and around, till to your giddy head the thin girl in white, sitting in the corner, became so fat as to reach all around the room—or orchestras, that not content with mixing up galops, waltzes, polkas, mazurkas, redowas, gradually worked off into dismal dead marches, and in some incomprehensible manner ended unexpectedly in that most unwelcome of all sounds—the “getting up” bell.

D. ELEGATUS.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

IOTA TABERNACLE, March 30th, 1880.

DEAR SHIELD:—It is with some reluctance that I begin this communication to our fraternity's worthy sheet, now that the G. A. C.'s, B. C.'s, etc., are forgotten and gossip generally is at an end. But since it is my lot at this uneventful period to send Iota's regards to the May number, and since we think it our duty to be heard from, if only as worthy veterans to answer “here” at roll call, to announce that we are still at our post, our letter must necessarily be in “chips.” The SHIELD certainly is the organ through which we should awaken and discuss the interests of the Fraternity as a whole, and the medium by which the respective Chapters should express their opinions pro and con upon questions relative to the Fraternity which may arise. Occasional editorials by our worthy editors upon current topics that concern our Brothhood, would no doubt awaken an interest and incite replies that would lead to an interchange of ideas highly beneficial to all our readers. For instance, the question of “Our Badge,” suggested by “Alumnus” in the latest number of the SHIELD, as to whether we have considered fairly the proposition of the N. Y. firm, the relative merits of their badge and of that manufactured by the Philadelphia party, are all questions which may be discussed without leading to evil consequences. Without intruding, however upon editorial territory, I would suggest to “Alumnus” that we *do know* that the Philadelphia firm, on account of business reputation, will not furnish an inferior article, that a careful examination of the New York badges will show an excellent outside appearance, but a want of that nicety of finish which characterizes those of the present maker, that the 25 per cent. reduction by the Philadelphia firm was legitimate business policy, based on one of the elementary principles of political economy, *i. e.* “competition,” and hence we can argue no breach of trust, because no reduction was made prior to competition.

Brothers, I am no traveling agent for any firm, nor do I fail to recognize another principle of political economy, *viz.*, “Buy where you can buy the cheapest,” but we all know, that good eggs at twenty cents a dozen are cheaper

than bad eggs at any price; however, as the Rev. DeW. T. would say, these are rocks upon which people split. At present, Iota's sons are somewhat scattered. Some have gone to their distant homes to spend their Easter holidays, some are sitting exultantly upon their second term honors, some have none to sit upon, but soon all will attend again regularly our meetings, and partake of the usual enthusiasm in our literary exercises, which, "in mente," continue their attractive and useful course.

By the way, unless my memory fails me, I have a recollection that once upon a time, long, long ago, there was something said about Iota having a graduate Chapter, any information concerning its whereabouts will be cheerfully received at Iota Tabernacle, at the N. E. corner.

Fraternally yours, "HODDY GOSS."

UNIVERSITY AT LEWISBURG.

UNION Co., PA., February 9th, 1857.

Pennsylvania Gamma to Pennsylvania Epsilon sends Greetings.

Dear Brothers.—I much regret that a formal recognition of your Chapter has been so long deferred by ours. But let me assure you that it has not been through want of regard for, but through ignorance of the neglect of a former secretary.

A new-born child is always hailed with joy and gladness and is *always* pronounced *beautiful*. But it is not for my pen to record the pleasing emotions roused by the contemplation of an *event* which has brought into existence a band of full grown brothers. In youthful, childish days, when all is sunshine and sincerity, all the world is our brother, but when experience exposes to view the deceitfulness of the human heart, in sadness we look around us for some *unbroken* reed upon which to stay our wearied forms, but each face seems cold. There is no familiar grasp, no beaming of the eye in recognition. But then *Fraternity*, like a brother in a *strange* land, extends a greeting hand. Thus would we meet you and say, Welcome Brothers! Welcome to an association which has and we know will prove beneficial to each individual member. It might be asked why a secret organization tends to bind together so firmly persons of different dispositions. There is no mystery here; the heart is hidden, it will not bear the scrutiny of the world and it acts more sincerely when it feels there is no danger of deception or scoffing. A Fraternity becomes a great heart. The Chapters are the veins and arteries. These guard well against evil and corruption, lest through disease the life-blood escape through these arteries and we all perish.

A new-born child is beautiful *always*. We have not seen you, but we know that you are beautiful, beautiful in truth beautiful in wisdom, beautiful in strength. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." Let no corroding, worldly influence mar the beauty of the Epsilon Chapter. But what more need I say, can I say; doubts, we have none, fears, none; hope is full. Then again I say we *welcome* you to the brotherhood of $\Phi. K. \Psi$. Please let us hear from you soon.

Respectfully, W. H. FINN, Cor. Sec.

D. C. ALPHA.

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 22d, 1880.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

Dear Bros.—At your suggestion I write this short account of D. C. Alpha.

On the 3d day of January, A. D. 1868, Bros. Snively and Johnson, through their ambassador, Bro.—now Judge—Martin C. Herman, and accompanied by Bros. James L. Norris and William Busey, all of the Pennsylvania Zeta, founded the D. C. Alpha Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. The initiates of that meeting, although not members of the College, served as a nucleus around which D. C. Alpha has clustered. At our next meeting, Edward O. Leech, a member of the College and of the Senior Class, was initiated. From this time forward the Chapter restricted itself to college students only.

Our next record of a meeting is March 23d, 1868, when William Miller, of Winchester, was initiated. On April 29th, same year, W. A. Simmons, of Norfolk, Va., S. McC. Laurason, of New Orleans, La., and Robert Murray, of the District of Columbia. Three good students and loyal Phi Psi's were thus made, and the D. C. Alpha now had a respectable showing in College, and the sudden appearance of five "shields" in College, astounded the Sigma Chi's and Sigma Alpha Epsilons, who did not dream of a Phi Psi rival, and thought they had full sway. We were now bold and aggressive, and by hard work in this year initiated five men, viz.: Labin T. Bemmeman and four others.

We were now a formidable rival for the other Fraternities and prepared for active work in 1868-9.

In September we reorganized, and our records show we were slow in selecting our men. October 1st we initiated three good men, and in February, 1869, one. Then April four and May one. This was our showing for that year.

The years 1869-70 show that we made no additions that year, although we continued our organization. During the years of 1870-71, the Chapter slumbered. Nothing was done, and Phi Psi seemed an easy victim to her opponents.

Early in 1872, Bro. Murray invited all the members then living in the city and at College, to meet at his office. In August they met, and after some eloquent remarks from those present, Phi Psi enthusiasm rose to a high pitch, and every brother renewed his pledge to honored old Phi Psi and started in to make D. C. Alpha the banner Chapter of the Fraternity. How she has worked and what she has done is expressed in these few words: Not a secret Fraternity exists within the walls of Columbian University save Phi Kappa Psi, and her banner flaunts boldly to the breeze, defying attacks from all adversaries. This year (1872-3) we initiated ten good men, who have done honor to the Fraternity. In 1873-4 material was scarce, and we initiated but two men. In 1874-5 but two more were added to our Chapter roll.

In June of this year (1875) we had our first symposium, and although but one sister Chapter attended, we had a social, pleasant time. Our lamented Bro. George U. Porter being one of these. In 1875-6 we added more to our

rolls. In 1876 we elected delegates to the G. A. C., held in Philadelphia, and the following attended: Frank Fuller, E. B. Hay and Robert J. Murray as delegates, and many others as members. In 1876-7 six members were initiated; in 1877-8 six; in 1878-9 one, and so far this year ten members, and I may be pardoned when I say they are all earnest, hard working, loyal Phi Psi's.

In 1878 we elected Richardson, Hay and Murray to G. A. C., at Indianapolis, but none were able to attend.

D. C. Alpha now has on her rolls 22 active members, who are doing all they can for Phi Psi.

During the time in which D. C. Alpha has been a Chapter, she has yearly given literary entertainments, at which the fraters and their friends enjoy a social treat.

The G. A. C. is now a thing of the past, but long to be remembered by the D. C. Alpha boys, as they were proud to show their friends and the citizens of Washington what a *fine looking*, intellectual set of men the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity was composed of.

We hope to receive visits from every Phi Psi who may drop in Washington, and will consider it an affront and slight should the fact of any one being here and neglecting to come to our knowledge.

As a general summing up, I will give the following particulars: We have had altogether, counting our Charter members, (3) seventy-six men. Of these but one has been expelled, and none have resigned. We know of the whereabouts of all of them excepting two, viz.: Bros Samuel McC. Lawrason and Isaac Mc Burley. This is the best I can do with the limited data before me, and trust will prove satisfactory.

PENN'A ZETA.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

Dear Bros.—Perhaps it may appear somewhat strange that Zeta has for several years failed to send any communications to the SHIELD, as an expression of her interest for the welfare of the fraternity at large and her hearty co-operation and sympathy with the SHIELD in particular. The question might well be asked, why this silence? But rest assured, dear Brothers, that the cause cannot be attributed to any lack of fraternal zeal on her part, or indisposition to contribute her share to any project that might tend to further the cause of our beloved order. On the contrary, the fire of brotherly love that was kindled here twenty years ago still burns upon her altar, with ever increasing lustre, giving life and enthusiasm to her members, and showing to the world that there is something more in Phi Psi than mysterious secrets, the "glitter of badges" and midnight revels.

Our correspondent has already given you a pretty full account of the present condition of the Chapter: its membership, prospects, etc. It remains now for me only to add a few items that may prove interesting to the brothers.

The boys all seem highly delighted with the accounts given of the G. A. C., by those who were so fortunate to attend it, and all express regret that they did not go, but

console themselves with the hope that they will be on hand at Pittsburg in '83.

We have decided to postpone our annual symposium, which is usually held about the 1st of April, until commencement week, when we expect to have Bro. Burdette with us. He will be in Carlisle about that time. All brothers will be welcome. The extreme haste in which this is written in order that it may reach you in time for this month's SHIELD, must be our only excuse for the shortness of this communication. More anon.

J. H. C.

OHIO ALPHA.

The O. W. U. at Delaware, Ohio, is all torn up on account of a recent collision between Faculty and students. The storm has been impending for some two years, and has now burst furiously. The gist of the matter seems to be, that President Payne is inclined to be dogmatic and even tyrannical, his idea being that the ideal college is a reform school. His methods of advising, commending, disapproving and punishing, are alike undignified and unconciliatory. He seldom praised without an "if," and his multitudinous chapel speeches bristled with reproofs, threats and scoldings. The natural consequence is, he is disliked, and that pretty generally. The boys have been in the habit in past years of celebrating Washington's birthday with a ridiculous masked parade, and this year prepared to carry out their programme as usual upon Monday the 23d. There had been trouble on such occasions in the past two years, and the Faculty (which may be translated freely, Payne) peremptorily forbade any demonstration, saying, "And there will be no parade." But there was a parade, in which only about 100 students participated; however, the parade was very quiet and orderly and with a brass band at their head they serenaded the Faculty, which was in session. By somewhat questionable means the President ferreted out some nineteen of the principal offenders, and they have been suspended for periods ranging from three months to a year. Whether this list includes any Ohio Phi Psi's we cannot tell at this writing, but since our boys at Ohio Alpha are not in the rear when College sports, as well as College honors, are to be participated in, we fear that some of them are of the unfortunate nineteen. President Payne went so far as to say to a Phi Psi of O. W. U., that the best thing the Chapter could do would be to expel one of the boys who participated in the parade, and who is by all men in College acknowledged to be a fine man, intellectually and morally. It is a significant fact, that he was won only after a hard struggle of a year, and that after having been "bid" by every Fraternity in College. President Payne is a Psi Upsilon of Wesleyan. When the suspension was announced the Faculty forbade any demonstrations or manifestations of sympathy. In face of this prohibition, the Sophomore class passed resolutions of sympathy for the members of their class who were of the unfortunates, and after ordering a copy of the resolutions to be forwarded to the parents of each suspended man, they tendered their comrades a complimentary banquet before their departure.

The Fraternities and Literary Societies have followed their example, and the Faculty are powerless to enforce their orders. Imagine their "feelinks." Sympathy is now nearly altogether on the side of the boys, not only in Delaware, but among the friends and patrons of the University. There was no charge of disorderly conduct or drunkenness, but disobedience and reflections upon the Faculty by means of illuminated transparencies are the offences for which the boys were punished. The general sentiment is that the parade was but a manly protest against tyranny, and the "suspended" are regarded as heroes. The end is not yet.

OHIO GAMMA.

WOOSTER, OHIO, March 15th, 1880.

DEAR SHIELD.—Ohio Gamma has been on the war-path, not of her own will, but in order to defend herself, and right nobly has she done this; for recent events have served only to strengthen us in our position as leading Fraternity in Wooster, while on the other hand, they have materially weakened the other fraternities.

The battle-field was Irving Literary Society. The Beta Theta Pis, who are exceedingly jealous of the Phi Psis, some way got it into their heads that *they* could be the Fraternity of this College, and immediately attempted to oust us from that position. But they had reckoned without a host, as subsequent events will show. Their first step was to form a clique with the Phi Delta Thetas, and one election evening, when half the Phi Psis happened to be absent, filled every office with their men, not allowing a single Phi Psi to be elected. And this, when it was our turn, by rotation, to have President. These officers were also to go into the "Index," as *they* had arranged it. But their plans serve only to exhibit the fallacy of human expectation. Every loyal Phi Psi was aroused with righteous indignation, and each swore a great oath that vengeance should be his. Patiently did we wait until the next election night, when we carried the fort by storm, electing our members to every office, except the lowest two, which we filled with the leading spirits of the opposing factions. Several "non frats" voted with us, thus giving us a clean majority over both other Fraternities, and in all probability these men will continue to vote with us on all future occasions. The opposition worked like beavers, placing a worthless "non frat" at the head of their ticket, as the only man they had eligible to the office.

Our editor of the "Index" succeeded in keeping out their put-up list of officers, by using his power as Editor-in-Chief. Much praise is due him.

The bottom has now dropped out of the conspiracy, for the Phi Deltas, seeing that they have been made dupes of, blast the Betas most heartily. But now, let us turn our eyes and thoughts from such scenes as these to one much more pleasant, and more attractive to Phi Psi minds—that of social enjoyment. Yesterday afternoon Ohio Gamma threw wide open her doors and welcomed into her spacious and mystic halls the ladies of the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity. Then, for full four hours, the sound of revelry

descended into the muddy streets of Wooster, filling the ears of the passer-by with varied sounds of mirth, and of happiness. Mr. Fred Kinkade, our President, delivered a neat and fitting address of welcome, which was answered by Miss Mary Parsons, in behalf of K. A. Θ., in a few but very expressive words. Then the festivities of the day held full sway, and between chatting, dancing and feasting, the remainder of the afternoon was spent most pleasantly. But why dwell on it longer? The occasion was a success in the fullest sense of the word, and will always be looked back upon with great pleasure by Ohio Gamma. The ladies, to all appearances, went away highly pleased, and Phi Kappa Psi has beyond doubt added still more strength to her position as leader of society in Wooster.

Yours in the Bond,
J. E. H.

ILLINOIS BETA.

CHICAGO, March 27th, 1880.

EDITORS SHIELD:

The Illinois Beta is in the most prosperous condition, when we consider its youth, that could be desired. Situated in a college where secret societies are not only tolerated but encouraged, where the only opposition to be encountered is from other societies; having a membership of ten, who are recognized by the faculty and students as leading men, the Illinois Beta stands on its merits, prepared to work and succeed under that banner which it has chosen for itself—the banner of Φ. K. Ψ.

So far good luck has rocked the cradle of our infancy, and dame fortune, as though pleased with the step we have taken, has smiled upon us. Already we have gained two decisive victories over the Psi U's. The first was in the competition of the Juniors, in writing orations. Five of the best seven orations were written by Φ. K. Ψ. boys. The second victory was in the contest for oratory. Φ. K. Ψ. won the first and second prizes; Ψ. T. winning "honorable mention." These triumphs have inspired us with courage, and shown others that we amount to something, and are capable to meet the other societies on any battle-field they may select. The moment we wore our pins, we were recognized as a strong and formidable faction. At the present time the Δ. K. E.s, Ψ. T.s, and Z. Ψ.s are engaged in a struggle to obtain our support. We will probably remain on the outside of the ring and hold the balance of power over the ever quarrelsome Δ. K. E.s and Ψ. T.s; since the Z. Ψ. fraternity is very weak and about to return their charter to the shades from which it was resurrected scarce two years ago.

As we recognize the fact that "self praise is no praise," we will make no comments on our boys, but will give you the words of one of our Propessors, who, speaking of our fraternity, said: "You have started out with as fine a set of young men as one can find in the University. If I judge correctly, you have placed your standard very high, and require a man to be almost perfect in scholarship, literary ability and moral character. I doubt very much if in the future you will be able to fill your ranks, unless you con-

tent yourselves with men in whom there is some room for improvement. In a college where the competition to secure good men is as strong as it is here, no society can prosper and yet maintain such a high standard."

Notwithstanding the above advice, we will not initiate a man unless he comes up to our idea of what is necessary in order to succeed. Numbers may be a very good thing when it comes to stirring the "political pot," but if we seek quality instead of quantity we will obtain both, since we will make it an honor to belong to this Chapter, and, when we do that, good men will be anxious to join us, and there are plenty of them in every college.

Had the policy of the other societies been different, there would not have been any material for the formation of the Beta, but for the past few years the principle of the societies has been such as to hinder really good men from joining them; hence this organization.

The future appears as bright and clear as is possible. Not a cloud calculated to injure us can be discerned in the horizon. Ample preparation has been made to secure the best talent which the class of '84 can afford, and next year we expect to be strong in every department.

Whatever disappointments and reverses we may meet with hereafter can only serve to unite us in stronger bonds of friendship and brotherly love; and although all our present bright anticipations may disappear in thin air, yet we will do all in our power to maintain the interest of the Fraternity, and we feel confident of success, so long as this University continues to attract the right class of men; but if the day should ever come when worthy, hard-working men fail to attend this institution, then may you expect the surrender of the charter of the Ills. Beta.

Yours in the bonds,
R. S. M.

The other day we ran across the manuscript translation of a speech in Japanese, made in June, 1878, at Pa. Epsilon's Symposium, by Bro. Tosui Imadate, of Pa. Iota, '79, who, as soon as he graduated, went home to Japan to take a position as professor in one of the Japanese colleges. We have been hoping for a communication from him for the SHIELD, but none having come, we thought it might be well to put this oration in print. All the brothers who knew "Imy," or "The Heathen" (as he was fondly called), will, we are sure, be glad to read it as a reminder of him, and to those who did not know him, we think the article will prove in itself sufficient justification for the printing.—Eds.

MY DEAR BROTHERS:

An ancient sage said, "Let all mankind be brothers." Upon consideration it appears to me to express the essence of human well-being. For as we occupy the position between heaven and earth, breathe the same air, and dwell upon the same land, it is similar to our living under the same roof, and on the same food. Although there are lands, mountains, rivers and seas, which separate us from each other, yet they are no more different from the doors, the walls and the other partitions in the same house. The line in which I quoted above is a general ethic, and is equiv-

alent to saying "Love thy neighbor as thyself." How beautiful are the words of the ancient sage!

But if we look to-day at actual life, do we not observe that the thousands of forms in human affairs, and hundreds more of phenomena in human nature, which are ever changing and ever progressing? We live in an age entirely different from that of the ancients. Each one pursues his own course, and each course runs in different directions from the other. It is impossible, therefore, to bind all with a single tie. How much more so is it in the age where the strong coerce the weak, and one struggles for fame and wealth over the other. Here it appears that the golden words of the sage lose their lustre. This is not, however, the fault of the sage, but it is on the contrary, a natural consequence of the progressive age. How then can we enjoy the beauty of the ethic, "Let all mankind be brothers," without conflicting with the fashion of the age?

We have gathered here as a body of common interest and of mutual safeguard, and on shall we start the march through the tempests of human life, helping one another and shielding our comrade from the enemy's affliction. We this little army of the secret Fraternity of $\Phi. K. \Psi$. I was at first strongly opposed to its secrecy. Our union is altogether different from the crowd which sits in deliberation for causing disturbances or conspiracy. Are we not the party which follows the noble path of the great Teacher? One brings war on the earth, ours gives peace to mankind. Why then should we be ashamed of its being open to everybody, like the bright sun in the sky?

Upon my second reflection, I have thought of the necessity of being secret. Why, there are more enemies of good in the world than its friends. This situation has compelled us to abide together in secrecy. In order to reach the top of the ladder we must begin at the lowest step, or we begin from a part where we want to gain the whole. Therefore we have formed a small brotherhood, with the view of enlarged it. "United we stand, divided we fall." Hence we have formed close affinity with avowed bond of fraternity. The sacred realm of a family lies in the exclusion of strangers from it. Hence we keep our doing secret to outsiders. Upon these three depend the aim, the happiness, and the sacredness of this Fraternity.

Though I was born in the corner of the great Pacific ocean, and my native home is far distant from yours, I am happy to share with you in common interest, and follow the same path. That is, to disseminate the element of peace throughout the world. I feel exceedingly happy to learn that this Fraternity has already born the testimony of its success by enlisting so many worthy brothers from many institution of this country. But, dear brothers, let us not be satisfied with this success so far gained, but strive to enlighten the world with the influence of this Fraternity, support the world upon the tripod of $\Phi. K. \Psi$., and let there be the ripened fruit of "Let all mankind be brothers."

CAN any of the brothers favor us with copies of No. 5 SHIELD? None of that issue left—all distributed.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

PERSONALS from every Chapter are in order.

SIGMA CHI has revived its Mu Chapter, ditto Beta Theta Pi.

GEORGE K. GOLT, D. C. Alpha, is an attorney at Baltimore, Md.

BETA THETA PI has entered Brown University with a fine Chapter.

WALTER A. POWELL, Pa. Zeta, '78, is studying law at Kansas City.

"BOTTLE" GROSS, No. 2, Pa. Zeta, '78, is studying law at Allentown, Pa.

FRANK T. MIX, D. C. Alpha, is the leading railroad man at St. Paul, Minn.

W. A. SIMMONS, D. C. Alpha, is Principal of Public Schools in Norfolk, Va.

THE bar against Fraternities at the University of California has been removed.

JOHN P. WILLIAMS '70, Pa. Zeta, is a member of the Maryland State Legislature.

THE Z. Ψ. Fraternity has established a Chapter at University of Toronto (Canada).

THE Query frequently presented for our solution is: "Why are our Virginia brothers so silent?"

E. O. SHAKESPEARE, M. D., Pa. Zeta, has just published a translation of a French work on Pathology.

THE Penn'a Epsilon boys' paper, read at their regular weekly assemblings, is known as *The Phi Psi*.

ALEX T. STUART, D. C. Alpha, is Principal of Public Schools in East Division of Washington, D. C.

EUGENE MANNING, Pa. Zeta, '77, for some time since has been pursuing his studies at Goettingen, Germany.

REV. HARVEY MCKNIGHT, Pa. Eta, has accepted a call from the English Lutheran Church of Cincinnati, Ohio.

DR WM. P. HEADDEN '72, Pa. Zeta, has accepted the chair of Chemistry in the Maryland State Agricultural College.

BRO. H. M. PELHAM is the Φ. K. Ψ. representative on the editorial staff of the *Palladium* of the University of Michigan.

FRANK T. FREELAND, Pa. I., '79, has constructed a machine for the solution of the quadratic equation in its simplest terms.

DR. C. H. BROWN '75, Pa. Eta, recently Resident physician at Blockley Hospital, Philadelphia, has moved to Lancaster, Pa.

BEN MILLIKEN, Pa. Beta, '71, has been elected Resident physician at Children's Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. He begins his duties October 1st.

THREE Alumni Chapters have just been chartered: Indiana Delta and Epsilon, at Indianapolis, and Attica and Penna. Kappa, Philadelphia, Pa.

BROS. THOMAS, VAN DEUSEN AND HALLOWELL, Pa. J, received the degree of M.D. at the late commencement of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania.

PROF. S. P. SADTLER '67, Pa. E, received a valuable present from the graduating class of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Another testimonial of his universal popularity.

BROS. E. B. HAY and ROBT. J. MURRAY of the same Chapter, are practicing law in Washington, D. C. The latter brother was formerly Assistant District Attorney in the above city.

Some six or seven B. Θ. II. pins have recently been seen

in the halls of the University of Pennsylvania. The wearers of the same are known among their classmates as "Wooglies." What can it mean?

BRO. GEORGE W. SAMPSON, D.D., L.L.D., was formerly President of Columbia College, D. C.; then of Rutgers Female College, N. Y. City, and at present is Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Harlem, N. Y.

WM. G. DAVIS, M.D., '79, Pa. I., is in London, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Will soon come up for graduation at this place, and afterwards enter some hospital in Paris. He is paying special attention to Surgery.

D. C. Alpha has made the following initiations this year; Feb. 7th, C. S. Chesney (graduate of National Law University) and M. F. Cuthbert '81; Feb. 14th, Wm. B. T. Keyser '81, and March 20th, James H. Spaulding '84.

THE Z. A. E. fraternity has about 20 or more Chapters confined to the Southern States. The publication of this Society is a quarterly and bears the name "Z. A. E. Record." It is issued from the Xi Chapter and managed by Major Wildberger.

WM. N. MUMPER, Pa. Zeta, '79, is now a professor in Pennington Seminary, N. J., having taken the place of Chas. Wilson, Pa. Zeta, '78, who was obliged to leave on account of poor health. Bro. Wilson is spending the winter in North Carolina.

OUR Chapters everywhere are in excellent condition. We can afford to extend our lines. The two movements in this direction before the brothers are excellent. They are strongly seconded, and an early *aye* in both instances would be to the decided advantage of our case.

FATHER DR. W. H. Letterman and FATHER Judge Moore have been heard from. The former is not dead, but busily engaged in the practice of medicine in Texas. Both approve of the SHIELD, and ask for the back numbers. The spirit of Φ. K. Ψ. is warm within them.

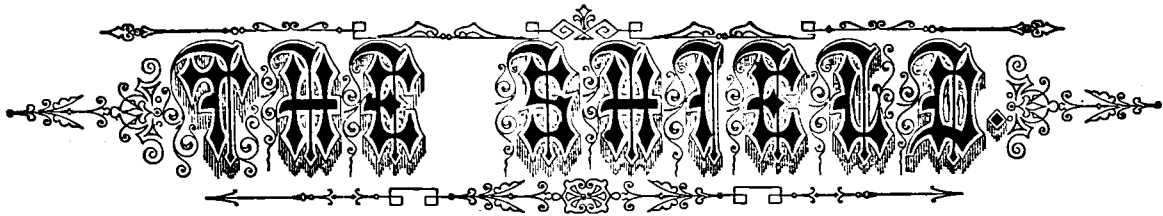
ALL subscription money not yet sent in should be remitted at the earliest convenience of subscribers. That there may be no mistakes as to the address to which the same should be sent, we add again: Money orders to be sent to Bro. Prof. Otis H. Kendall, 3826 Locust St., West Philadelphia, Pa.

THE Beta Theta Pi is edited and published in Cincinnati, Ohio, not Springfield, Ohio. The Fraternity have established permanent head-quarters in the former city. The editor is John I. Covington, an alumnus of some years standing. His associates are, Walter Dennisen, '77 O. W. U., and Willis D. Robb, '79, O. W. U. The latter was the editor-in-chief last year.

Now that the Easter vacation is over, we earnestly appeal to the brothers of the various Chapters to see to it that they are represented regularly in the columns of the SHIELD. In the course of a month or so the honors of colleges will be distributed, and we await with pleasure the announcement of our share of the same.

In an account of a recent anniversary of one of the literary societies of Dickenson College, we noticed as participants in the exercises the names of Coates Caldwell, J. H. Caldwell and M. D. Learned. We would be happy to receive news as to how our brothers acquitted themselves. Would make an interesting communication from Zeta.

If any of our eastern brothers have time, it would pay them to drop in on our "Gawge" at Washington, Lancaster Co., Pa. The "Prof" is an alumnus of O. W. U., and his masculine beauty, budding mustache, and shining silk plug, were the envy of the preps for the three years of his glorious triumphs at Delaware. George preaches now, and his eloquence will repay your labor in hunting him up.



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No. 10, Vol. I, of the SHIELD, will appear some time in June, and the editors are exceedingly desirous that every Chapter should be represented in that issue by a short article. Brothers, see to it that we are not disappointed. We make the request so early in order to give sufficient time for the work. We hope the matter will not be overlooked.

WE learned lately that some resident $\Phi. K. \Psi$ s. in Harrisburg, Pa., were thinking of inaugurating an Alumni Chapter in that city. It is an excellent idea, and we hope the subject will not be dropped, as we have noble brothers residing there. We remember three at least—Drs. George Stahley and John Hay, Pa. Epsilon, and Dr. Paul Hartman, Pa. Zeta—who would aid substantially in organizing such a branch. Let us have more of them.

THE brother writing from Pa. I. in our last issue hinted that an editorial consideration of the pin question might be interesting. We would simply remark to this that we are now fully convinced that we, as $\Phi. K. \Psi$ s., would receive the best advantages by adhering to our present jeweler. The quality of his goods is undoubtedly first class. Perhaps at a later G. A. C. we may be able to decide upon a better party.

THE following explains itself. Others of our older brothers have recently done likewise, and we heartily thank them for their substantial encouragement of the SHIELD.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 10th, 1880.

EDITORS SHIELD:

I enclose herewith one dollar, for which please send me one copy of your paper for one year. I was the organizer (or one of them) of the Ohio Alpha—its President the first

year—and have not forgotten old $\Phi. K. \Psi$.; so when Bro. List sent me copies of your paper, I knew you needed the support of all old members as well as the new. Hence the enclosed.

Yours fraternally,

C. W. BREYFOGLE, M. D..

P. O. Box 646.

Attention Brothers!

Every Chapter has been notified concerning the "Fraternity History," and each one requested to send the account of their respective Chapter to the Historians.

Many have responded promptly, either by electing an editor or sending their history; yet, on the other hand, some have not thus responded, which has caused considerable delay and trouble. The Historians earnestly request that each Chapter which has not acted upon the matter would do so immediately, and send their account not later than May 15th.

Many have been the words of cheer and encouragement from the Chapters and different members, causing us to realize that the work in which we are engaged is a most noble one and worthy of all acceptance. If any active member or alumnus can give us any information or answer the following, it will be most thankfully received. What has become of the archives of the dead Chapters? The causes of their death? Where, and in what years have the G. A. Cs. been held? Will any brother send us an account of either of the G. A. Cs.?

THE HISTORIANS.

THERE having been many inquiries as to the present condition and future prospects of Pennsylvania Kappa, it would seem to be well to make some statement as to the matter in the columns of the SHIELD. The necessary documents have been in the hands of the founders for about two weeks, and already some of the preliminary work of the organization has been done; and it is expected that by the time the next number of the SHIELD is out, we shall have a communication from the youngster.

WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

EDITORS SHIELD:

Dear Bro.—I again send you the greetings of Pa. Alpha. Just returned this evening from home, where I've been spending a two-weeks' vacation; and I found your letter of the 1st. awaiting reply. My answer you will find enclosed.

While in Allegheny I met several of our graduate brothers. The Western Theological Seminary there is

booming with several good Phi Psis from our own Chapter, Ohio Gamma and Pa. Theta, to add dignity and all that's good. Bro. Yost, of Michigan Alpha, now of the Pittsburgh bar, is boarding in Allegheny at the same table as Bro. Eckles, of Lafayette, who is attending the Seminary. Bro. Yost is a noble supporter of the SHIELD. He says the last number is *capital*. In a few days he will start a subscription list among his brothers at the Bar.

Last term's work was closed up with a grand contest between the literary societies of our College. One of our boys, Bro. McIlvaine, delivered the finest debate on that occasion that has been heard in this region for many a day. At least so all the wise men of the community say, and we don't doubt their word.

Our boys are all back and are eager to begin work in behalf of Phi Psi.

I send you a short extract from a letter written to our Chapter in '54 by the Hon. Chas. P. T. Moore, when a student at Va. University. You will remember Bro. Moore as one of the founders of our Chapter, and also of Va. Alpha. He was one of the signers of the Latin petition published in No. 6 of SHIELD.

I hope you find something in what I now send you, which will be of interest to the readers of the SHIELD.

Yours in Phi Kappa Psi,

C. C. H.

Extract from a letter written to Pa. Alpha by our brother, Hon. C. P. T. Moore, when at Va. University, in '54.

Since my last communication, we have progressed in every sense of the word. We have initiated Mr. Wertenbaker of the University, who will be here for several years. He is an intelligent, energetic and popular man. Hence, you see, by this acquisition we have placed the Alpha of Va. on a lasting foundation. We have also elected several others, and will initiate one of the smartest (and by that term I mean all you can imagine) students here at our next meeting. I refer to Mr. Michie, of Stanton, Va. He will be here a year or two.

We have unfurled our banner to the breeze, have openly acknowledged our existence, and defy any power, except that of God, to crush us. Our initiation fee is \$2.00, and will raise it next session to \$5.00 or \$10.00. We intend to have a fine hall in Charlottesville. Mr. Fritz, formerly of Jefferson College, says if the Betas could see our chapter here, they would hide their faces in shame. He expects to take the law course here next session, and will unite with us.

Now I will tell you the secret of our prosperity. *Unanimity* is our principle; and we know full well there can be no unanimity where there are unpleasant feelings, and to avoid giving birth to such feelings, we have a care to use no rough language, no teasing, no rough jokes to one another. Hence, no quarrels arise, and, consequently, we love one another, and are beloved by all who know us. What a happy effect! * * *

Yours fraternally,
C. P. T. Moore.

BRO. T. G. HUNTER, '82 Pa. I., is one of the University four. We're confident he will do all he can to make his crew win in June.

MON. C. P. T. MOORE.

SOME few weeks since, the writer was in Wheeling, W. Va., and learning that Judge Moore was in the city, he sought the first opportunity to become acquainted with him and hear what he might have to say concerning the Fraternity, of which, as every brother is aware, he is the founder.

Armed with the necessary emblem which every loyal Phi Psi wears, I approached him in the office of the hotel one morning, was most cordially received and made to feel perfectly at home.

The conversation turned immediately upon that in which we were mutually interested, although twenty odd years since he left college, and through many of these years actively engaged as Judge of the Supreme Court of that State, he is equally as interested in every thing that concerns welfare of the Fraternity, and always glad to review her early struggles, grand achievements, and anticipating her ultimate glory. Many interesting incidents were related, among which I give the following:—

Some years after leaving college he was passing through St. Louis, reaching there late at night. Registering his name and also affixing the Greek letters Φ. Κ. Ψ. he retired, expecting to leave early the following morning. Presently a knock aroused him, the door was opened and in marched a college chum, Phi Psi, whom he had not seen for years. In the adjoining room happened another, and ere long more than twelve brothers were gathered in the room, the outcome of which was the Judge *did not* leave on the early train, but was toasted and feasted all the next day.

The Judge expressed his regret that circumstances did not permit him to attend the G. A. C.; was rejoiced to know the Fraternity was in so prosperous a condition, and added: Some time I intend giving up my official duties, and then hope to visit each Chapter. Would any brother like a photograph of Bro. Moore? If so, write to him, and my word for it, you will receive it, accompanied by a friendly epistle.

D. C. L.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

April 19th, 1880.

BROTHERS:

Once more we "manipulate the quill" to send greeting to all loyal Φ. Ψ's through our organ. Not often have we done this, and still less often have we ventured to sound our own praises, but seeing so many accounts of victories won by Phi Psis at other colleges, we will modestly show our standing. No prizes are given here for proficiency, and no contests in oratory or anything of the kind are indulged in. If such were the case, heaven only knows where our fame might end. Even the marking system has been abolished, so that until the last year it has been impossible to compare our scholarship standing. But according to the last catalogue, from a careful reckoning, we find that in the ten secret societies in college, we rank second best, and counting extra work, for which we are not credited, we stand first. So much for ourselves.

The great society topic at present is the sudden emergence of a Chapter of Delta Tau Deltas in our midst like the head of a bullfrog in a mill-pond (excuse the comparison, but remember that *we* represent the mill-pond). The Chapter has been running under ground for several weeks, but during that time, by a system of wire pulling, they have elected some members to office on "independent" tickets, all of whom, since the disclosure, have been forced to resign. Several men, who throughout their college course, have been leaders of the opposition to secret societies, have come out full-fledged Delta Tau's. This, of course, kills them socially in college, as they are despised by independents for betraying them, and by society men for their former opposition. This leaves the independent element in college decidedly weak.

Wishing well to every individual Phi Psi in this broad land, we remain yours,

F. G. C.

MARYLAND ALPHA.

BALTIMORE, April 12th, 1880.

MESSRS. EDITORS:

Maryland Alpha sends greetings to the "SHIELD," and responds to your request for something concerning us. Knowing that any and all communications from a young Chapter would be heard, we thought we would send to you something from the Alpha. In all letters, information about the health generally comes first, and in following this custom we will only say, our condition is good and our roll has nine names.

We expect shortly to introduce two more unfortunates into the terrible mysteries of a secret society. We would like to know if the feelings of all candidates for initiation are the same, or if their expectations are fulfilled. How well we remember when led up to the sacrificial chambers, how, having braced ourselves for the combat, we went in to conquer or to die. Of course it is not necessary to say who died, but we are certain the writer did not. As is well known these awful secret societies bind up their members with the most fearful and fatal oaths, consequently nothing that occurs at their meetings reaches the ears of the curious populace. After terrible conflicts, all traces of billy goat hair and seats of pantaloons are carefully removed, and when their chambers are thrown open for inspection, all is quiet and serene, peace and harmony reign over all, and every suspicion is removed. Such are the sentiments of our anti's, good people no doubt, but laboring under great trials and tribulations. We occasionally have old Phi Psis with us, and are always ready to give them a hearty welcome. At our last, we had Bro. Bright from Lafayette, now a student at Johns Hopkins, who greatly helped to enliven the affair by taking a hand (in the meeting, not at draw).

From the way in which the University is organized, you know we don't often meet each other, except at recitations or lectures, the men living in different parts of the city. On this account it took some little time to awaken mutual interest, but we are happy to say that after having had

several delightful meetings, things have wonderfully enthused. Some Brothers wanted to double the meetings, others vented themselves in a scheme for a grand excursion. But fearing a relapse which is worse than the original attack, our trusty anchors, Bros. Bowdoin and Alexander, kept us within bounds and restrained our ardor somewhat. However, we are bound to have that excursion, and there is no power on earth that can restrain us, except ———, oh! filthy lucre for what use wert thou created but as a torment for those who feel the want of thy care. But "howsomdever," we think an account of this may appear in some future number of the SHIELD. In some of our colleges many are no doubt looking forward to Commencement day, but you know we have nothing of that kind at the Johns Hopkins. Our only festival taking place on the 22d of February, the birthday of the University. We would make some mention of honors, so-called, of which some of our friends are worthy, but we have nothing of the kind here, the Faculty properly appreciating that the world is the field where men should strive for honor. And in that field, and may Providence shower blessings on all those who like true Phi Psi's are aiming for the nobler things of life.

In behalf of Maryland Alpha.

Fraternally,

GEO. F. GEBHART.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

MEADVILLE, PA., April 13th, 1880.

THE charter for this Chapter was granted in July, 1855; is expressed the consent of the three Chapters then in existence, Pa. Alpha, Va. Alpha, and Va. Beta, and bore the names of T. R. Kennedy, Benj. R. Bratt, Jos. T. McDowell, Nelson Greene, Wm. B. Holt, O. S. Long, F. M. Gregg and W. Stephens.

The students of this institution had long felt the necessity of a secret society, but owing to the opposition of the faculty, they were restrained from manifesting their fraternal proclivities. Several mild attempts had been made towards having a chapter of some fraternity established here, but the college authorities, by their imperial mandates, overawed all such audacious undertakings, and compelled the projectors to succumb to the inflexible will of their misguided instructors.

This was the state of affairs when, in 1854, Bro. T. R. Kennedy, returned to Meadville, after having just graduated at Jefferson College. Bro. Kennedy was imbued with the true spirit of progress which he had obtained direct from Bros. Letterman and Moore, and recognizing in the fertile soil of old Allegheny an excellent place to plant a sprig from the noble order to which he belonged, he set about preparing the ground for the inception of the object of his affections. The first meeting of the Penn'a Beta was held August 23d, 1855. Never was there a more secret assemblage than the one which congregated upon that occasion. Every crack and crevice in the room in which the meeting was held had been previously closed, in order that not a single ray of light might escape to intimate to outsid-

ers what was about to take place. Not the slightest noise was made, and no one scarcely dared to speak above a whisper. Every possible precaution was taken to prevent discovery, for it was well known that had the faculty learned of such a bold meeting being held, they would have mustered all their forces and attempted the extermination of such a desperate band. The meeting was undisturbed, however, and for some time the Chapter went on without meeting any decided opposition from the faculty. This was either owing to the difficulty which would have been attached to such an effort, or because the faculty had not sufficient proof that the fraternity was in existence—for none of the members dared wear the badge in public or openly avow their connection with the fraternity.

The Chapter rapidly increased in strength, and its future prosperity was firmly assured. The hostility of the faculty still continued, and the meetings were necessarily of a nomadic nature, but this only lent an additional charm of romance to the honor and pleasure of being a $\Phi. \Psi.$ Having no opposition but that of the faculty, the Chapter flourished exceedingly, and it soon contained all the talented young men of the college. For a number of years nearly all the honors of any importance were taken by the members of our fraternity. The hatred of the college authorities against secret societies was very much abated by the good conduct of those who belonged to our order, and they dared neither condemn nor ostracize those who proved themselves superior in all that constitutes an excellent student.

The Penn'a Beta has been in existence for a quarter of a century, and during that time it has enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity. Its members have been such as have done credit to the principles upon which our noble order is founded, and those who have gone forth into the "world's broad field of battle" have now positions of trust and honor. Our present membership is worthy of the long line of excellent *fraters* who have preceded us and given to our Chapter the prestige which we earnestly endeavor to maintain.

The loquacious "oracle" is a whole Chapter in himself, and is at once an encyclopaedia of general knowledge and a repository of wit and humor.

The unsuppressible individual who does everything "with great eclat," is endowed by nature and refined by art to such an extent, that wisdom sits at his right hand and gives counsel into all his actions. The irresistible youth who formerly perambulated the magnificent prairies of the west, is constituted of such manifold elements that he embraces all the characteristics necessary for the accomplishment of all exalted understandings, and is likewise the beloved of all with whom he is associated.

Bro. Wilson is editor-in-chief of *The Campus*, and has been elected valedictorian and Bro. Colegrove, poet, for ell took the Keystone Declamation Prize. Bro. Bats has been elected valedictorian and Bro. Colegate, poet, for the class-day exercises. Bro. Miner has been elected orator to represent the Philo Franklin Literary Society during commencement week.

ALEXANDER.

PENN'A ETA.

LANCASTER, PA., April 11th, 1880.

DEAR SHIELD:

Your monthly visits bring with them so much of joy and pleasure, that we feel sure the omission of a single one of them would throw the clock-work arrangement of the Eta Chapter all out of gear, and spread confusion and havoc dire among our usually well-regulated fold.

"When will the next SHIELD be out?" a question which is propounded to me a dozen times a month, shows with what eagerness its coming is awaited by our boys. How we lived so long without it or its equivalent, is a problem which now agitates the minds of the boys more than any contained in analytical or calculus.

This reminds us, Bro. Cyrus Musser is now Tutor (Mathematical) to the Freshman class, and Bro. Thomas Apple bears the same relation to the irrepressible Sophs. The latter, under Prof. Smyth, were indomitable, but Tom seems to have "fetched 'em" under. We strongly suspect that he has a little private understanding with eight of the Sophs, who answer to the mystic raps of Phi Psi. All right, Tom, knock them down with the gavel, if that is the only controlling power.

'Tis surprising how the unrighteous flourish. Listen! Last night the Chapter, not satisfied with having one Eschbach—about my size—took in our little Bro. Elmer. A pair of us was wanted for exhibition. But let not the Fraternity be alarmed. Elmer is the last of the *Dynasty*. At least until—well, we wont speak of that yet, we are both still single.

Away down some place in Virginia (no one knows exactly where), there lives a most delightful old lady, who bakes just the nicest bread and cakes, and roasts the very finest chickens, and sends them in huge hampers to her Phi Psi son at college. Some say she makes wine, too; but we suspect Portie buys that. Well, last night one of these hampers came, and as usual, Phi Psi was there, big as life, and twice as natural. We noticed none of the boys ate any breakfast this morning, but some of them drank quantities of water. They couldn't get any water last night. (?) Well, we just wanted to say to Mrs. Porterfield, so that she wouldn't hear it, "much obliged;" and to Ev.—that's her son—"You're a bully boy."

We're going to have another Symposium, a better one than last year. We are about to call on our graduate brothers and ask them to "fork." Five dollars a man is all the "chaff" we need. Come to the Sym., boys.

One of our rival fraternities thought to astonish us and the natives by engaging the Stephen's House for a supper on our symposium night. But the proprietor has not yet made a speciality of "ice cream grinds," and therefore gave them the G. B., and us the House, much to our delight and their disgust. They are not a bit mad about it. Oh no! only slightly *agitated*, that's all.

We should like to close with something nice, but an indigestible dinner weighs heavily upon our stomach, and is not at all conducive to brilliant literary flights, therefore, the best we can say is, that the good angel of Phi Kappa

Psi still smiles upon us, and in her smiles of encouragement we prosper.

Yours in the sacred tie,

H. C. E.

CRETE, NEBRASKA, April 15th, 1880.

DEAR SHIELD:

Only a few days ago I was away up in the great State of West Constant; and now here I am away out in New Brasky. I have been in this State four days, and the wind has been blowing a small hurricane every minute of the time. There is so much wind out here that I feel ashamed of myself. I have a good strong chin for my own defense, but I can't talk against a Nebraska zephyr. And dust! You never saw a Nebraska dust storm. I have eaten and slept and moved in clouds of dust, until I am grimy and gritty and dirty enough to go into politics. But it's good dust. I like it. It is an acquired taste, like horseradish pie. I can't get enough of it. I sleep with my head hanging out on the window sill, that I may get more of it.

And this is a large country. An ordinary State would hardly make a county in Nebraska. The people out here wear box cars for watch charms. You have to look twice to see the horizon. It makes your back ache to look at a man's farm in one sweeping glance. A farmer walks about 150 miles in plowing a 40 acre piece. When they bury a man, they did a grave like the cellar of a house. I never know what out-doors looked like until I came to this State.

I was sorry, awfully, dreadfully sorry that I couldn't get down to Washington. But I couldn't. While the rest of you were having such a good time. I was lying supinely on my back. It was a strange experience for me, because I usually lie on my feet. I not only missed Washington, but I missed about ten days of lecture engagements, all filled with shining shekels of the tested gold, which I never got to handle.

I meet the boys every where. Down in North Vernon, Indiana, I met Jahn, just by accident, Jahn, of Bloomington. Saw him standing on the platform while I was waiting for a train. Never saw the man before in my life and didn't know him from Adam, but I saw the pin in his scarf, and tenderly caught hold of his lilly white hand, and astonished him with a grip he hadn't felt since he left school and went into business. He jumped as high as a box car and emitted a yell that scared a man who had been quietly sleeping in the Vernon cemetery for three years. At London, Ohio, the two Brewsters came up from Springfield to hear me "holler." At Noblesville, Ind., I was entertained at the home of Brother Ed. Campbell, one of the most energetic men in Indiana; and I just missed meeting Tieste, of Meadville, Pa., who had been home on a visit. At Bloomington, Ind., the boys had a "swell" banquet ready after the circus. It was an immense affair, and the session held on until 1 A.M.. At Attica, Ind., I was the guest of Brother Henry Martin, who is the man who introduced me to the goat at Crawfordsville, where I first pinned on the Shield. Indiana Delta, the graduate Chapter at Attica, is made up of splendid material. I also met some of its mem-

bers of Williamsport. Indeed, I meet them everywhere, and find a good spirit in Fraternity matters; the boys are feeling well and satisfied with the present and the prospects; and I have found the several Chapters it has been my pleasure to meet, strong, careful in the selection of their men, no anxiety for a mere numerical increase, but an honest pride in getting only the best men. And—but look here; who's going to read all this if I make it any longer?

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT J. BURDETTE.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE, VA.

January 10th, 1857.

Va. Beta to Penna. Epsilon, Greeting.

DEAR BROTHERS:

No communication has as yet passed between our Chapters, owing to the fact that you have never informed us of your organization, and consequently we did not know you were in existence as a Chapter. We hope, however, that it is not too late now to extend to you the right hand of fellowship and welcome you into our order. Our principles, Truth, Virtue and Honor, commend themselves to every right minded *gentleman*, and we have no doubt but that you will suffer them to find a lodgement in your breasts. and ever after prove yourselves true gentlemen and worthy of the name of Phi Kappa Psi. Our Fraternity cannot exist with any degree of fraternal love unless constant communication is kept up between the individual Chapters, and it must be done. We are sorry that our Chapter has so long failed to recognize yours, but it was owing to the fact, as stated above, that we were ignorant of your existence as a Chapter until informed of it by the corresponding secretary of Penna. Delta.

Will you be so kind as to send us a list of your members, dates of initiation, etc., at as early a day as possible, together with your date of organization, times of meeting, time of election of officers, etc. At what college is your Chapter established, as well as the P. O. and county?

Let us know whether you have a list of our members or not, we will take pleasure in sending them to you at our earliest opportunity.

Our Chapter (Va. Beta) was founded the 2d of March, 1855, at Washington College, Lexington, Va. This is one of the oldest colleges in the State, and is supported mainly by the Presn. Church, though not under the control of that church. We have nearly 100 students and the number is increasing yearly.

Ours was the first secret Fraternity ever established at this college, but since ours, the B. Θ. II. have founded a Chapter here. We are considerably ahead of them in influence and everything else.

In our Chapter the S. degree meets on the fourth Friday of every month, and the P. degree on the second and fourth Friday. Our officers are elected the fourth Fridays of October, February and June. Our collegiate session commences the second Wednesday of September and closes the 3d of July.

Our Chapter is in a very flourishing condition, having about 17 members in regular attendance. We have also a very nice hall, well fitted up.

Let us hear from you soon.

Yours fraternally in behalf of Va. Beta of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$

J. L. MASSIE.

Address:

Washington College, Lexington, Rockbridge Co., Va.

We clip the following from the Meadville *Index* of the 21st of April, feeling sure that it will be of interest to many of our readers, some of whom we hope will be able to attend:

PHI KAPPA PSI.

A NATIONAL MEETING IN AUGUST.

Among the distinguished college fraternities of this country, strongly represented at Allegheny College, the "Phi Psis" are one of the most enterprising. From this society we learn that a grand national gathering of the members from the 30 or 40 Chapters of the United States is to be held at Chautauqua Lake, on the 10th of August next, at which the great Burlington *Hawkeye* humorist, Robert J. Burdette, a Phi Psi himself, is to meet with the Fraternity and deliver his address, "Advice to Young Men." The idea of a social gathering of the entire Fraternity this summer was first advanced at an informal meeting of a few members at Chautauqua last season. The unanimity of feeling then in favor of such a meeting has aroused all the enthusiasm requisite to insure a large national attendance. Several distinguished public men, members of the Society, are expected to be present at this meeting, August 10th. The committee of arrangements, to which requests for fuller information are to be addressed, is composed of Messrs. E. M. Wood (Allegheny '79), Meadville, Chairman; W. W. Dale, (Lafayette '75), Franklin; W. C. Wilson (Allegheny '80), Warren, Pa. That nothing may interfere with the entire success of the meeting, the committee has secured a regular place for the event in the Assembly programme, and with the co-operation of Dr. Vincent and the managers, a grand time is assured. The committee has now under consideration some very attractive and enjoyable features, such as will commend themselves to the whole Fraternity.

PA. THETA.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, April 24th, 1880.

Old Father Time has brought on apace our spring term, which carrying in its train unnumbered duties as students, still rejoices the Fraters, as their imaginations pass in review, the jolly weekly meetings, oft charmed with a "grind" at Able's eating parlors, the boat rides, *croquet*, meeting of older Fraters at Commencement, the symposium, and new conquests in Theta's onward course. This term can even chronicle another victory; the banner of Phi Psi has again laid low the haughty A. K. E., and pierced the armor of Phi Delta Theta, and now her folds enclose a new Phi Psi of '83.

Such contests are not uncommon, as Fraternities are numerously represented at Lafayette, there being no less than nine in addition to our own, viz.: A. K. E., Zeta Psi, Sigma Chi, Chi Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Theta Delta Chi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Delta Tau Delta, and Delta Beta Phi.

The saying of a member of the Faculty, who is a A. K. E., that the Phi Psi were the best set of fellows in college, gives but a sample of the encomiums passed upon us, both by Fraternity and non-Fraternity men at Lafayette. We place the standard of Phi Psi high, and allow no discord among us.

The brothers manifest a hearty interest in the *SHIELD*, and it has their best wishes for its success; it is a grand move, and *cannot fail* to be productive of a more fraternal spirit, of a better knowledge in regard to our condition and interests, of a more aggressive spirit in establishing and strengthening our position among College Fraternities.

R. W. M.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Dear Bros.—Again our *SHIELD* will have its sustenance, again it must be filled with news. But news, where to find it? First I went to Doug., everybody goes to Doug. first, and I sought to glean some news from his miscellaneous remarks, but they failed. Next I sought Toddy, but Toddy had to go to see one of his girls, and that source failed me too. Again I renewed my search, and came upon Tommy—Tommy D., I mean—but he was troubled with a severe attack of something or other from running a mile in some incredibly short time. With a perseverance equal to Mrs. Partington's, when trying to mop out the Atlantic Ocean I persevered, and found Hering piled up to his ears in mathematical treatises, and Freeland, who drove me off by attempting to explain the quadratic equation machine. I had hardly escaped him, when I was nearly blinded by the refulgence of Tustin's badge, as usual, in loco insigne. Soon after Tom Hunter exercised his muscle on me for ten minutes, while Pile smoked peacefully in the big chair, and Baby Brown (another member from Jersey), meekly looked on. Of course I was laid up for some time after this treatment (and all for simply inquiring the news), but was doing finely, until one morning, when Gross came in and talked 24th Ward politics at me for three full hours, after which I had a relapse, and was long in a sad state. As soon as I had recovered sufficiently to walk abroad with a crutch and a cane, not to mention six seven-inch plasters artistically arranged upon my countenance, I sought Bonnell; now Bonnell is not naturally a fierce man though somewhat given to metaphysics, and farther I may say that Bonnell is not naturally a bad man though given to flunking, nor satyric though he often cuts, nor bald though he will blackball, nor a skaliwag though somewhat of a wag, and yet, when he saw me before him meekly asking for news, all the fierceness and all the badness, in short all the bald skaliwagacity of the man rose against me, and had I not made use of greater discretion than valor you would all now be wearing black around your pins, as my

pins would have been knocked from under me forever. Such was my sad experience in search of news; it certainly outdoes Telemachus in search of his father.

We are all well, excepting Bro. Bright, whom we regret to hear has been quite ill; he is, however, doing better, and we all wish him a speedy recovery. Bro. Hunter spends most of his spare time on the river, as he is on the University crew prepared to uphold the honor of dear old Penn with muscles of iron. He was recently elected Treasurer of the Athletic Association. Bonnell is '80's spoon man, a well deserved honor, judging from Bonny's popularity among us all. But there is a remark somewhere about the fugitive propensities of old man Time which applies very well here, and, moreover, I am burning the midnight gas and wasting gas in more senses than one. So *Au revoir*, or, not to be hackneyed, *Auf wieder schreiben*.

CORPORAL TRIM

HOTEL MOLARO.

ROME, ITALY, March 26th, 1880.

Dear Bros.—Two numbers of the SHIELD have been received and their contents eagerly devoured, as their dog-ear condition indicates. I am glad to hear of the flourishing condition of our Fraternity in general, and of Iota in particular. Bro. "Nemo" need not fear, for "McSorley's Twins" perished in the fight between the McGinnisses, the Gehagans, Meg Murphy and the Flynn's, and since the wake have been reposing quietly in "St. Patrick's No. III." Well, I suppose Brighty with his coal will make warm Phi Psis of the Brown University boys, and "here's success to the cause." I have met some Delta Phis and "Dekes," but no Phi Psis as yet.

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I presume "Helmey" and "Mother" continue to sit on the radiator in Bro. Dr. Sadtler's laboratory; that Doug. Brown still visits Mrs. Malone, inquiring after his dog; the the "Jersey Fresh" is clutching, and that Bonnell continues to shave. But stop, let me give you my experience in the latter line here in Rome. You remember how Barber Brown gave me away (so did Bob Burdette) in the spring of '79, and from that time forward my visits to his shop were few and far between. Well, having heard glowing descriptions of the pleasures of a European "Tonsorial Parlor," I determined upon my arrival in this city to see for myself. Accordingly I entered a *parlor*, saluted the "boss," and not being able to express my wish in Italian, I simply rubbed my hand across my face and was understood. I was motioned to a chair and sat down, and then endeavored to lean back, but as the back, in conjunction with the seat, formed a right angle, I didn't lean far. During this time the barber was busily engaged in vigorously stropping the razor on his boot leg. His next act was to bring out from one end of the *parlor* about five yards of calico and engulf me in it. Taking a long breath he picked up his cheese knife, grabbed me by the "top-knot," pulled my head over the top of the chair, and began operating. He

gave me a terrible rake, cutting fuzz, flesh, and everything coming in the way. After three more such rakes he pointed to my upper lip and said, "That?" Just think, Bro. Smith, *that!* I shook my head, fearing if I allowed him to proceed I never would have a "that." A dish pan was now brought forth and water slopped all over my face and neck, regardless of a newly ironed collar and my "Sunday clothes." This all over, he picked up some stuff that reminded me of Bro. Jack Marshall's favorite brand of cheese, and attempted to put it on my hair, but I objected. The next performance was the appearance of a machine resembling the cylinder of Edison's phonograph, and with this the wretch proceeded to brush my hair. Brothers, though I never had my head against a buzz-saw, I think this thing comes about as near that as possible. You may imagine I left that chair as quickly as I could. The costs for this mutilation of my *phiz* were 40 cents. Having vowed to protect my friends, I inform you, one and all, never enter a Roman Tonsorial Parlor.

I would write further thereon, but I have not further to write upon.

Fraternally,

T. B. H.

We are indebted to Bro. H. M. Pelham, Mich. Alpha, for a copy of the *Palladium* for 1880. Michigan University has ten Greek Letter Societies within her walls. The Σ. Χ. has just appeared there, and this Chapter is the Theta Theta. All its members, however, with one exception, are students in the law department. Ψ. Τ. has seven representatives in the Faculty of the University; Α. Δ. Φ. five; Δ. Κ. Ε. three, and Σ. Φ. and Σ. Χ. each one. One hundred and seventy-six students are Fraternity men.

THE "Aloha," the annual of the Wittenberg College boys, is before us. Two of its three editors are Φ. Ψ's. We were very much pleased with a perusal of the contents of this publication. The full-page engraving opposite the names of our Ohio Beta brothers is very good. Among the list of resident Phi Psis, we notice the names of Gen. J. Warren Keifer, M. C., Hon. Wm. W. White, Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio B. F. Prince, G. H. Young and W. H. Hoskinson (professors in Wittenberg College) and others. Thanks to the brothers who sent us the above copy.

JOHN T. SHORT, of Ohio Alpha, now Professor of History and English Literature at the State University, at Columbus, Ohio, has lately been elected to represent the State in the meeting of the Ethnological Society of the World, which meets at Paris some time during the summer. This honor is richly merited by the Professor, for he has lately given to the world through the press of Harper & Bros., a magnificently illustrated work on "The North Americans of Antiquity." The work is the result of the most careful and painstaking research, and is an eloquent tribute to the talents of its author.

SIGMA CHI has entered Richmond College,

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

PA. ETA initiated D. Elmer Eshbach '84 on April 10th, Bro. BONNELL, '80 Pa. I., carried off several prizes this Spring.

PA. I, captured another Sophomore, Charles Brown, Mt. Holly, N. J.

BRO. O. S. LONG, '66 Pa. Beta, is clerk of the Supreme Court of W. Va.

BRO. GEO. W. JEFFERS, Pa. Beta, is a prominent lawyer in Wheeling, W. Va.

BRO. JOHN MCSWEENEY, '75 Ohio Gamma, is a very successful lawyer in Wooster, O.

BRO. JOHN BRIDGES, '76 Pa. E., is doing a good printing business in Baltimore, Md.

BRO. JAMES S. YOUNG, '69 Pa. A., is practicing law at 66 Grand Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

BRO. S. A. MCCLUNG, '63 Pa. A., has his law office at 91 Diamond Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

BRO. DR. W. H. MCKELVY, '63 Pa. B. is located at No. 64 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

W. H. LACY, '81, and J. N. Hull, '83, Ills. Alpha, are on the editorial staff of *The Tripod*.

REV. S. B. BARNITZ, Pa. E., is a leading minister of the Lutheran Church in Wheeling, W. Va.

OHIO Gamma has just initiated A. R. Bickenbach, Freeport, Ills. and C. A. McDonald, Linton Ohio.

BRO. J. ERASTUS MCKELVY, '66 Pa. Zeta, has his law office at 144 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

BRO. JOHN P. HECHT, '77 Pa. E., received M.D. from Jefferson Med. Col. at its last commencement.

BRO. ELWOOD C. JACKSON, '82 Pa. I., had his shoulder dislocated by being thrown from a bicycle at Wilmington, Del.

BRO. JOSHUA L. MINER, Pa. Theta, '78, has been appointed Resident Physician at the City Hospital, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

WE hope the brothers will see that copies of their college papers are sent us. They are great aids in getting up personals, etc.

ON April 17th, Pa. Theta initiated Ford C. Ottman, Albany, N. Y., a member of '83, to the utter discomfiture of several rival fraternities.

BRO. JAS. W. BRIGHT, Lock Haven, Pa. Theta, '77, is now at Johns Hopkins, with a "clean sweep" for a fellowship in Philology.

DR. CHARLES H. GRAFF, '76, Pa. Eta, will continue his studies at the University of Munich, during the spring and summer months.

C. E. PIPER, '82, and F. W. Merrell, '83, Ills. Alpha, were among the contestants for the Mann Prize, at Northwestern University. They did well.

BRO. GEORGE W. GROSS, '77 Pa. E., has discontinued his law business and gone West. He purposes going into the cattle grazing business. George, don't go back on your Mathematics.

BRO. PROF. SAM'L W. POWEL, Pa. Theta, '78, recently made a tour of inspection among the most important eastern colleges, with a view to perfecting the curriculum in applied mechanics at Cornell.

THANKS to Bro. W. H. Jordan, '81, Ills. Alpha, for copy of *Tripod*. The January number of the latter contains a fine little song, "A Student's Life," contributed by Bro. J. The music accompanies it.

IT is announced that the existence (heretofore *sub rosa*) of our Ills. I has been discovered by the Faculty, and that five of her seniors are visiting the Ills. Beta. The Chapter, however, hasn't disbanded.

THE following Chapters have recently added to their membership: Pa. E., Clinton Hoover, '83 Smithsburg, Md.; Pa. O., Ford C. Ottman, '83, Albany, N. Y.; Pa. B., Frank H. Morgan, Meadville, Pa.

"WADDY" Waddell, of Ohio Alpha, after a fearful struggle with Blackstone for a protracted season, has declared his ability to floor anything in the shape of legal lore that can be piled around him, though it be mountains high.

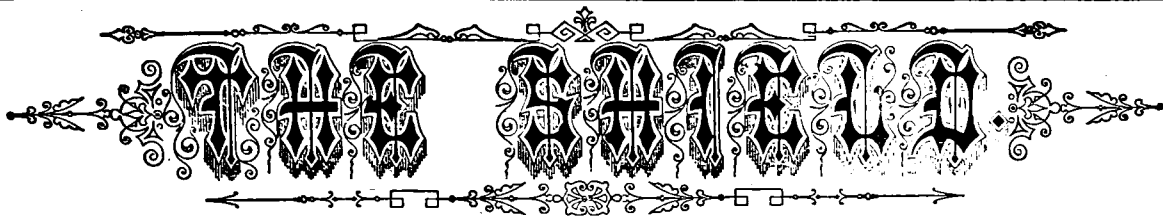
BRO. JAS. C. MACKENZIE, Pa. Theta, '78, has opened a branch publishing house for Ginn & Heath, in Chicago; and Bro. Nat. Taylor, Pa. Theta, '73, has assumed temporary control of Mac's excellent school in Wilkesbarre. When not otherwise engaged, Bro. Taylor practices law.

BRO. WM. YOST, Mich. A., has sent us a number of subscribers. We appreciate our brother's kindness and would be happy to see others respond similarly to the little notes we have occasionally dropped them. Bro. Yost's address is: 134 Fifth Avenue, (Hamilton building) Pittsburgh, Pa.

BRO. MERVIN J. ECKLES, Pa. Theta, '77, in conjunction with another gentleman, has opened a select school at Mechanicsburg, with great promise of success. Merv. will devote himself to imparting to others from his boundless knowledge of language, leaving the "dry-as-dust" to his associate.

BRO. L. F. SPRINGER, Pa. Theta, '73, was the Democratic candidate for Mayor of Independence, Iowa, at the recent municipal election; and although a new citizen of that Republican stronghold, he would probably have been elected, had he received the requisite number of votes. Bro. Springer, with his eye on the "bar'l," signs himself, "Yours in Tilden."

W. HOLLY MACKALL, Elkton, Md., Pa. Theta, '79, has given up the study of law, and now has charge of a farm. "Patsy" thinks the audiphone a good invention, but has discarded it, because it interferes with his little game of sitting close to "her," in order to hear distinctly. The writer of this is about to train a setter dog and borrow a gun, preparatory to going to see "Patsy."



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HAIL! OHIO DELTA!

IN reply to a letter addressed to Father Letterman, we received an answer stating that the Doctor was in excellent health and a great believer in the Lone Star State. He designates it the *Health Belt for Consumptives*, and has prepared a work comprising points interesting to all who contemplate emigrating that way. This publication can be had for \$2.00. The Doctor has occupied the office of President of the North-West Texas Medical Association for quite a time. Regarding fraternity he is as enthusiastic as ever, and promises to let us hear from him on this subject at an early date. We feel sure nothing would delight us more. We await the news.

THE article from Bro. C. L. V. C. contains points intended to invite discussion, and we hope the brethren will come forward with their views. As for ourselves, we would be delighted to have all subjects of general Fraternity interest thoroughly ventilated, because we are aware that there are many matters that the entire organization should carefully consider, and we believe, too, it can be best and most satisfactorily discussed in the columns of the SHIELD. Private communication would be tedious and only interesting to a few. But amidst all discussion we desire to have regular monthly Chapter letters. The glowing accounts from our under-graduates makes our old hearts warm up with $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ enthusiasm. The victories and honors mentioned by one writer furnish innumerable Freshmen with material to work up "oudens" who are "on the fence." All these achievements form a part of each Chapter's history, and shouldn't be thrown aside as so much "bunkum."

The suggestion in regard to exchanging Chapter groups is excellent. Another idea of Bro. C. L. V. C. is the look-out for $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ ladies. We feel like dropping the matter here; we know they *sometimes* prove to be excellent workers, but we have learned by experience that a fraternity succeeds best when it does its own soliciting of members and keeps the "fair sex" in as great ignorance as pos-

sible as to its methods of carrying on a campaign. We are advocates of the old style college Fraternity—that is, each Chapter constitute a sworn band of brothers; a power within itself to effectually care for their own interests; the outside world should never hear them utter a syllable relating to their brotherhood. Let them elect their candidates, notify the same of their election by letter, and in every sense of the word be a secret society.

THE history of our Fraternity is about to be published, but according to letters recently received from the editors we learn that the accounts of the defunct Chapters will be exceedingly meagre. This is because they were unable to obtain the archives of the majority of these Chapters. The present G. C. could not furnish them, as they had never received them. The question naturally arises, What has become of these documents? Upon the death of the various Chapters, their papers were transferred to some one. Where are they? This is indeed a pleasant and fine condition for a Fraternity to exist in. It indicates negligence on the part of some one, and as the G. C's are the proper parties to care for all Fraternity documents, we naturally turn to them for an explanation. But, seriously, doesn't the idea of having such frequent changes in the G. C. appear to be a nuisance? We dare say every Chapter in the Fraternity is ambitious enough to seek for this high office, but if they would pause a moment we are certain they would notice the folly of such a wish. It is attended with great disaster to our Fraternity. The documents go travelling around the country in the hands of brothers who must constantly be on the alert that the hordes of plundering rivals do not succeed in snatching from them these treasures. The Pa. Alpha was our first G. C., and the writer believes that as long as that Chapter is in good condition it should be our ruling body, and when it ceases to be what we require, let a vote of the entire Fraternity decide upon the future head.

INDIANA ASBURY UNIVERSITY.

GREENCASTLE, IND., April 27th, 1880.

EDITORS OF SHIELD:

Dear Bros.—Indiana Alpha began the present year with high hopes and brilliant aspirations. Two terms have already passed, and the third has opened with flattering prospects.

In taking a retrospective view of the condition of this chapter to the glad day when we were ushered into its mysteries and relations, we find that not at any time have we been favored with better men or greater possibilities than those which characterize the fraternity at this writing.

The result of our spiking has been to secure the lion's

share of promising men, and the inner workings of our order have developed these new members, with two exceptions, into true and loyal Phi Psis.

It is not our object to diminish the glory or appropriate the achievements of other Fraternities, for some of our rival organizations are composed of worthy men, but we can grant to every fraternity its deserts, and yet, with confidence, assert that the distance between Phi Kappa Psi and her nearest rival is constantly increasing.

Thirty-one constitutes the number whose privileges are around our festal board, and from this number we graduate five in the class of eighteen eighty.

This year has been marked by a reign of prosperity, notwithstanding serious trouble occasioned by one man, whom we were compelled to cast from our midst.

As we exceed the other Fraternities in point of number, so we excel them in merit and influence. Of course such a statement can come from the heart of a warm Phi Psis, and yet be an exaggeration. But let anyone resort to the records where the names of successful contestants for prizes may be found, let the books containing class-standing be examined, and let the close observer note the relative merit of Fraternity men. To such tests we are open.

At present our combination in both literary societies has power to elect the entire ticket, and this is sometimes accomplished without opposition. The practicability of abolishing the ladies' society and permitting the members to join either of the gentlemen's societies is being generally discussed. If such a movement is successful, it will necessarily produce a change in combinations, but as we have fifteen men in one society, and a strong representation in the other, we are the desired of all desirers, and the sought of all seekers. The combination in Philo society, until recently, consisted of the Sigs, Deltas, Dekes, and Phi Psis, but the D. K. E.'s by some of their characteristic chicanery attempted to deprive us of our term for president. Their effort was fruitless, for we withdrew from the combination, and formed a faction with the Betas, Delta Taus, and Barbs, and the three Fraternities with which we were allied, fully realize that through our influence they were in power and through our influence even the hope of office has been removed.

Bro. Edwin Post of Pa. Zeta, formerly Professor of Latin at Pennington Seminary, N. J., is occupying the same chair in Asbury University. He is young but experienced, a man of unusual culture, and an honest, thorough, and zealous instructor.

Although we have but one man on the Faculty, yet we are justly proud of him.

Bro. Robert Smith of '81, delivered an eloquent oration before the students and citizens, Feb. 22d. Subject: "Washingtonism against Caesarism." By urgent request of his literary society, which at that time he represented, he permitted his address to be published in pamphlet form. The first time in the history of the college such a thing has been done. Bros. Chas. Thompson and M. S. Marble have returned to our ranks, and entered '82 and '83 respectively.

Many of the hopes cherished by us at the beginning of

the year have been realized, and our aspiration to lead in scholarship, oratory, and superior men, still continues.

Yours Fraternally,

T. J. SHANNON, '83.

OHIO DELTA.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 24th, 1880.

EDITORS SHIELD:

WITH great pleasure we take this opportunity to record, on the Fraternity's estimable pages, the birth and prosperous condition of the Ohio Delta. After many months of expectancy, at last, our charter has come to gladden our hearts and to make us earnest and enthusiastic in Fraternal affection. We have now boldly launched our $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ bark, for a life voyage, on the temptuous sea of time, with the fervent hope that the winds of friendship will soon o'ercome the storms of adversity, and that we may guide safely into the port of eternal love. Although we are still infants in society life, (permit us to say we are very "healthy babes") nevertheless we trust soon to make the Delta Chapter at the Ohio State University one of which the Fraternity in general, will be proud. We have an opponent in the PHI GAMMA DELTA's, and we are glad of it; as it will only make the brothers of our Chapter even more zealous in their work.

The $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$ have the lead of us only in point of age, while their position and class of men are not greatly to be envied. It seems as if the O. S. U. had been looking forward for a better Chapter and had, at last, found it in the $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ However, no more, for the two Chapters are at present on very good terms with each other.

The Ohio Delta has certainly started out in a favorable manner, and we flatter ourselves that we have the "best mettle" in the O. S. U., while we make a point not to initiate anyone unless they come up to our standard of excellence in character and studies. Formerly fraternity talk did not enter the college walls to any great extent, but now everything in conversation; between classes, seems to hinge on society matters. The Phi Gamma Delta's have pricked up their ears and are working hard but we (not to be self-praisers) are without doubt gaining ground on them slowly but surely. We have fourteen active college members in this Chapter, and are at present furnishing an elegant suite of rooms in one of the largest stone-front blocks in the city. The faculty of the University seem to sanction the existence of secret societies, and we are glad to say that our Professor of history is a loyal brother of the $\Phi. K. \Psi.$

After the installation of officers on March 15th, we had a jolly symposium in honor of the Ohio Alpha. The evening was spent in toasts, songs, and witty extemporaneous speaking, and all had a "right royal time." And now to finish, we extend our hearty thanks to the Ohio Alphas for their untiring effort in our behalf.

Fraternally Yours,

PHIX.

THE $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$ Fraternity elected the English astronomer Proctor a member of their order.

INDIANA BETA.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., May 17th, 1880.

Dear Bros.—The voice of Indiana Beta is still "heard in the land" calling to the other Fraternities who are vainly trying to keep in hearing. Our Senior brothers are now out on their Senior vacation, while "we petty men" are guarding H. M. S. Phi Kappa Psi.

The honors have not as yet been decided, but we are sure of one of them, and very probably of two.

Bro. J. P. Carr, Jr., whose name has been immortalized in the papers and elsewhere for suggesting a plan for stealing the questions and being expelled therefore, has bulldozed the faculty and is now among us.

Bro. Bob Burdette lectured here a few weeks ago. Bob wanted to be with the boys all the time, and after the lecture we met him at the hotel, served him with onions, mackerel and other delicacies of the season, after which we had a chat. It was lucky for Bob that he was a Phi Psi, as some of the boys were complaining of bad cases of lock-jaw from over-laughing, and only the Shield stood between him and a suit for damages. The annual "racket" occurred between the Juniors and Seniors last Thursday night. The citizens are distracted and the authorities have a list of sixty indictments against the boys, and, as usual, a Phi Psi heads the list. Our prospects for next year are brighter than ever before. We will have eighteen of the best men to begin with, which far exceeds any other Fraternity in college. Bros. Munson, of '78, and Robinson, of '79, are studying law with prominent lawyers of the State. Bro. Lowe, of '78, is practicing law with success in Iowa. Bros. Harris and Poindexter, of '79, are principals of High Schools.

Indiana Beta hopes to see the SHIELD start in next year and go on prospering till it becomes a permanent Journal, for it has certainly been a success so far.

Yours with best wishes for Phi Psi,
J. L. P.

ILLINOIS GAMMA.

CHICAGO, May 15th, 1880.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

A WORD as to our late "shake up" may prove interesting to many of the readers of the SHIELD. Since the "Fraternity war" in '78 Illinois Gamma has been running *sub rosa*. Although laboring under these disadvantages, she never failed to show herself in the honor rolls of the different classes, and the beginning of the present year showed fourteen of the boys of the institution wearing the mystic robes of Phi Kappa Psi. The Faculty at length, becoming suspicious of the existence of secret organizations, determined upon investigation.

I would just remark that the grand motor power of this legislation against Fraternities came about by an offer of twenty thousand dollars to the college by a certain whimsical anti-fraternizer, upon the condition that secret societies should be abolished. The grand effort was made in '78, but the utter failure of the attempt will be shown when I

say that at present there are four Fraternities in full running order, with an aggregate membership of sixty students. The Faculty, having determined upon this hostile conquest, were ready to resort to any means to the accomplishment of their ends, and accepted the offer of three pusillanimous, tale-bearing "oudens," whose utter want of honor was as questionable as their manliness to ferret out these *desperadoes*. Through the efforts of these incipient detectives the Phi Psi's were the first to be offered as a sacrifice to satiate the vengeance of the offended "sanhedrim." One by one we were called to appear before this august assembly to answer to the heinous charge of being a member of a "secret conclave" (this expression copy-righted by the prexie); and with the pointed and dumbfounding question, "What have you to answer to the charge?" our answer was "nothing!" We were sent to adjoining rooms to await our sentences. At length we were called forth to hear the unprejudiced (?) decision of the "Infallible Power." Three of our members were "sent up" for life, the others, upon signing a paper severing their connections with Fraternities while in Monmouth College, were received back into the fold. Failing to see wherein the distinction between ourselves and our dismissed brothers lay that they should be treated with so much injustice, three of us demanded our honorable dismissal—the Faculty, having no alternative, were compelled to grant them.

We immediately wrote a statement of our case to Dr. Anderson, of Chicago University, asking admission, and received back the generous reply, "come one, come all; our doors are wide open." Five of us immediately decided to avail ourselves of the beneficent offer.

To show their sympathy in our cause hundreds of students and citizens, headed by the city band, accompanied us to the depot, and there, with music, farewell addresses and kind good-byes, we were sent upon our way rejoicing. This may for a time put a slight check upon our Chapter; but the boys, armed with a stronger determination and ten able men for the conflict, will open the coming year with renewed vigor, and the loyal colors of Phi Kappa Psi will ever wave upon the ramparts of Monmouth College.

J. I. A.

OHIO GAMMA.

WOOSTER, OHIO, May 18th, 1880.

Dear Bros.—Although Ohio Gamma may seem to have been too lax in regard to correspondence with the SHIELD, it surely cannot be said that we have lost interest in this one of the best instruments we have for binding us in strong union of thought and sentiment.

Yet at this time of the college year, Fraternity is not always to be found in war-paint, for all the new men have by the spring term gone to their roost in one or another of the different Fraternities, and we begin to get in training again and to sharpen our spurs for the onset of the opening term of the next year. However, Gamma is not idle by any manner of means, for though it may sound egotistical and unbecoming, it can with truth be said that the Φ. K. Ψ.'s

of Wooster University are socially far in the lead of all competitors. And what with parties, picnics and entertainments of various kinds, we have our hands full.

The latest of our Fraternity escapades was located at Chippewa Lake, a beautiful sheet of water some twenty miles from Wooster.

Ohio Gamma has good reason to be proud of her record and her men, for this year two $\Phi. \Psi.$'s, Bro. N. Raff and Kinkade, are sure of both senior honors, viz., Valedictory and Salutatory, while we also stand a good chance for the coming Junior Oratorical Contest.

Accept the heartfelt wishes of our Chapter for the prosperity of the whole Fraternity, and that of the SHIELD in particular.

Yours Fraternally,
COR. OF OHIO GAMMA.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

GETTYSBURG, PA., May 20th, 1880.

Dear Bros.—Our seniors have just passed their final examination, and all are now happy at the prospect of enjoying a rest of five weeks. We know that they will have a good time, for after passing a severe examination one can well appreciate a rest.

Old Epsilon is yet alive and we have lately made a very valuable addition to our membership in the person of Bro. C. D. Hoover of '83. This brother already manifests the spirit and energy of a true Phi Psi, and we know that he will well sustain the honor of Epsilon. The Phi Gamma Delta tried hard to take him out of our hands, but with all their soft soap and trickery they did not succeed.

We are making extensive preparations for our twenty-fifth Anniversary, June 24th. We are doing all within our power to make it a grand success. The active members have done nobly so far in their contributions, and if our graduate brothers would be more prompt in responding to our appeal, it would be a great pleasure to us. We are anxious to know upon how much we can depend, and our arrangements were made accordingly. We do not want to go beyond our limit. If each brother does something for us, we can have such an anniversary as will astonish and utterly confound the other Fraternities. Our exercises will be held in the Opera House, and our banquet at the Springs Hotel. We hope our sister Chapters will send us large delegations of brothers and unite with us in celebrating our anniversary. Bro. Adam Hoy, one of the founders of the Chapter, has promised to be with us, and we know that his presence will add greatly to the pleasure and interest of the occasion. We will surely have a good time.

Some time ago we had the pleasure of seeing Brother McKnight, of Easton, within the halls of Epsilon. It always does us good to meet this brother. He is a nobleman in the true sense of the word. He is a man of fine literary attainments and his graceful and eloquent delivery has made him a very popular preacher. But what most wins your admiration is his unassuming, earnest and pure character. He makes those with whom he comes in con-

tact feel that there is a power in a sincere, devoted, Christian life.

For eight years he has been laboring at Easton, and all who met him learned to admire him. His own people were devoted to him. We regret that this brother has left our State and gone to Cincinnati. He was always ready to give us a warm, cordial grasp, and those brothers who heard his speech at our Symposium in '78 know how true he is to our order. We hope the Ohio Brothers will not fail to welcome him into their midst. Brothers, hunt him up. Our Fraternity has very few indeed who are so loyal as he is, and who have such an earnest, warm feeling for the principles of our order as this brother has.

I feel that my letter is growing lengthy and I must stop. With the best wishes for the success of the SHIELD and the prosperity of our order, I remain yours in $\Phi. K. \Psi.$

-D. F.

MADISON, May 14th, 1880.

DEAR SHIELD:

PERMIT me through your columns to say to the brothers of the Fraternity a few things regarding our song book, in answer to numerous inquiries regarding the same. Business relations compel me to decline the position tendered me by the G. A. C. upon the committee, and I therefore shall within a few days transmit all the material at my disposal to the next named brother upon the committee, Bro. E. H. Linville, of Pa. Zeta. In regard to this question of a Fraternity song book and its probable success but little need be said. Certain Chapters have already responded to the invitation to contribute something for the work, but many others have failed to make any effort in that direction. A very little work would result in at least one production from each Chapter, and we should then have as a nucleus for our work more than twice the amount now on hand, this latter being excellent as far as it goes, but furnished wholly by a very few persons. Some time since I wrote Bro. Rev. Robert Lowry regarding a song for the work, and received a favorable reply, but since that time have failed to receive any further communications. Could not our brother of the *Burlington Hawkeye* also be persuaded to contribute something?

In regard to the style of the music, allow me to say that my experience leads me to believe that, while the songs already contributed are admirably adapted for their purpose, being written for special occasions, the music adapted to ordinary occasions of a student's life admits of considerable vivacity. Our brothers need not think that if they are to try to compose a song it need be very deep, nor set to slow music. Adaptions of joyful or college songs of the days, or at least new words for that style of music, will be very acceptable. Commending, therefore, this very important work for the consideration of the brothers, and wishing the committee all possible success, I am very fraternally yours,

CHARLES L. DUDLEY.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

BELLEFONTE, PA., May 18th, 1880.

Dear Brothers.—I have been so much occupied since I promised you a sketch of the organization and early history of the Penn'a Epsilon that I came very near not keeping my promise. My consciousness was quickened several days ago on the subject, and I began to rake up the rubbish in my memory, and last evening sat down amidst a 1,000,000,000 pestiferous flies* around my head and wrote down what I send you herewith.

Very truly yours fraternally,

ADAM HOY.

BELLEFONTE, PA., May 17th, 1880.

MESSRS. EDITORS.

A MONTH or two ago I promised Bro. Smith a sketch of the organization and early history of Pennsylvania Epsilon for publication in the SHIELD. What I would do if I that promise had not been made is not worth while to discuss now—the promise was made and must be redeemed.

The organization of Pennsylvania Epsilon took place in Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, in the autumn of 1855. The brethren associated with me were classmates—in the class of 1856—and were the Rev. Prof. T. W. Dosh, D.D., Rev. George A. Long, Rev. H. W. Kuhns and John S. Cutter, Esq., of New York, late Captain 176th N. Y. Volunteers, killed June 23d, 1863.

Bro. James W. Jenkins, of Pennsylvania Alpha, and myself have been classmates at Airy View Academy, Perysville, Jauniata County, whence he went to Jefferson College, at Canonsburg, and I to Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg.

In the fall of 1855 a proposition came from him to myself sounding me as to the propriety of undertaking the organization of a Chapter in Pennsylvania College. I consulted with some of my friends and classmates in regard to the matter. At first there was some hesitation as to the propriety of the proposed organization and as to its success, principally because of a rumor, founded on tradition, that there existed a college statute forbidding secret societies in the institution. This rested, so far as we were concerned, only in rumor. No one of us had ever seen, nor had our attention ever been called to such a statute by any member of the Faculty, nor by any one else who had actual knowledge on the subject. After debating the subject amongst us, we came to the conclusion that "where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise;" and why go nosing about to hunt up something we didn't want to find? That when there was no law there could be no violation; and that ignorance of the statute seemed to us tantamount to no statute. We were then not sufficiently advanced in legal lore to have learned that "*Ignorantia Juris, quod quisque debeat scire, neminem excusat.*" We concluded to organize.

In due time Bro. Jenkins came to Gettysburg, duly commissioned to initiate us. This was late in the fall, a short

time only before the Christmas holidays. Bro. Jenkins did his part, and we were organized and started in the work. We had no hall, but met stately at the rooms of the brethren in college. Secretely, of course, had interesting meetings—were edified, and enjoyed ourselves like a band of brothers, as we were not only in name but in fact. We increased in numbers to the extent of adding to our band during 1856 seventeen members, so that at the end of the college year we had, if not all, nearly all the most desirable students in our organization, and enough, and of the best material, to keep alive the order. All our work was done decently and in order, and with the strictest integrity and honesty—but secretely, and so effectively that everything we undertook to do we did.

In the winter of 1856 we undertook to publish the College Annual Catalogue, and made the necessary arrangements with the Faculty for the performance of the work. The Faculty thought the students were doing it—but the Fraternity did it; and it was universally acknowledged that it was done better than it had ever been done before in that institution.

At the Commencement in the fall of 1856 our class had four honor men—and they were all $\Phi. K. \Psi.$'s. There were eight $\Phi. \Psi.$'s in one class. Some, but not all, possessed the Fraternity badges, which had, however, not been worn openly before Commencement-day. We so managed that every graduating brother displayed the badge when he advanced upon the stage to perform his piece. The display of the Fraternity badge on the stage was the first information the public or the Faculty had of the existence of our organization. It caused no little commotion. How well I remember with what emotion and intensity of expression the then President of the Faculty, the late Dr Baugher of blessed memory, scrutinized the emblem. We were not sure of the result, and had misgivings as to the effect it would produce. Some had doubts, and expressed fear as to whether diplomas might not be withheld for the problematical infraction of college rules. None were withheld, and we were jubilant. The matter, however, caused a good deal of commotion in college circles; and we were informed the Faculty discussed the propriety of taking official notice of the organization, and interposing and putting a veto upon its existence and further growth. Whatever else may have been said and done by the Faculty, they concluded the order had taken such root and attained such vigorous growth that it was best to pass it unnoticed and let it live. They let it live. It still lives—and so mote it be, is the prayer of

Fraternally yours,

ADAM HOY.

SYDNEY H. SHORT, of Ohio A., has lately been elected Prof. of Physics and Chemistry of the University of Colorado at Denver. The Pres., D. H. Moore, D.D., is a Beta of Ohio Alpha. Syd. has made quite a bonanza out of his telephone transmitter, the patent right of which he sold to the Western Union Telegraph Co. for a very nice sum, with liberal royalty on each instrument made in which his patent is used.

*I suppose you scientific men would call the pests by another name, but they did fly and hum.

PHI PSI REMINISCENCES.

To go back once more to the days that now seem so distant and unreal, and attempt to revive the recollections of a rather eventful college experience, may not be the easiest task, but it would be hard to find one more delightful. It is with the hope that others may be incited to follow this example, and give to the Fraternity some pictures of their various experiences, that these memories are recorded.

My acquaintance with the Fraternity extends as far back as the Autumn of 1866, when college life first burst upon my astonished vision. Almost the first gentlemen I met were Phi Psis. They impressed me more with their gentlemanly bearing and fine address, than with any particular intellectual brilliancy. Yet they were men of very fair culture. I shall take all sorts of liberties, in a fraternal way, purely fraternal, however, in these papers, and so shall not hesitate to be as personal as possible. You object to personalities, my thin-skinned friend? Very sorry, indeed, particularly as I have no time to pay any attention to you whatever. My first recollections of Phi Psi center around such names as R. L. Armistead, W. R. Moore, B. L. Coleman, W. O. Foley, J. W. Crenshaw, W. W. Estill and Frank W. Allen. What a fine gentleman was Armistead. His home was in Nashville, and I often wonder if that city is still fortunate enough to hold him. Moore was one of the tutors, and really forgot more Greek than any of the rest of us ever knew. The boys who were too lazy or too stupid to study, and consequently received low marks, called him "Bill" Moore. He had a fashion of shading his face with his hand when at prayer, a practice quite common among Divinity students. Coleman was the elegant man of the Chapter. He afterwards studied medicine, and is doubtless now practicing with success. I saw him one night, however, when it was difficult to preserve either dignity or elegance. It was during a session of the "Kangaroo court. Coleman was on the bench, which consisted of an old store box. The court room used on this occasion was a long, narrow, dark room immediately above one of the stores of the town. George Anderson, of Richmond, was on trial. Anderson afterward joined the Delta Taus, but subsequently experienced a change of heart and became a Phi Psi. Foley and I wanted to go down stairs during the trial, but were told by the constables, Netterville and Crow, to ask permission of the judge. This we refused to do, when Foley was thrown down, while I sent Netterville in the same direction, knocked Crow against the wall, tore the door off the hinges and escaped. In the midst of the confusion, the lamps were extinguished, the prisoner released, the bench upset, while "Judge" Coleman was compelled to rather abruptly and unelegantly adjourn the court. So much for sour wine! Crenshaw and Estill were both pleasant gentlemen, and it would give me much pleasure to hear of their continued success. As for Frank W. Allen, the "Old Snortengozzle," as we called him, who has not heard of this Nestor of the Order? I fear that "old snort" is a confirmed old bachelor, though at latest accounts, he was still on the hunt of Mrs. Allen—*futura esse!* If this should meet his eye, may it stir up his pure mind by way

of remembrance, for he abounds in Phi Psi knowledge. During the first two years of college life I was not connected with the Fraternity, but held the position of an outside observer. There was only one satisfactory thing about this: I then belonged to the majority. Since my conversion to the Phi Kappa Psi faith, I have had some glimpses of the old Calvinistic doctrine of election. I presume we act on the principle of "natural selection," while at the same time we demonstrate the "survival of the fittest." If you were to question me respecting my impressions of the Fraternity before entering its *arcanum*, I should feel free to say, that the pre-eminent feature that then revealed itself to one, was the high regard for the quality of its members. I need scarcely say that a somewhat extended and intimate acquaintance with its principles and members since has only served to strengthen this conviction. In those days, I stood in a mood purely conjectural, trying to imagine, in the glow of boyish fancy, what was the character of the hidden mysteries, then concealed from my eyes. Would the reality ever approach all that my fancy had pictured? We shall see.

L. O. B.

SPRING VALLEY, O., May 8th, 1880.

MY DEAR SHIELD:

THOUGH I have not had anything to say in the SHIELD for a short time, fear not of my devotion to the cause of Phi Psi, since I felt assured that a copious draught of silence might be perhaps more enjoyable than an ample discharge of the wind, and at least, would not be so conducive to colic.

The Fraternity has every reason to congratulate herself on the SHIELD, and I hope that the experience of this year will so establish the conviction of the necessity of a Fraternity paper that nothing in future may militate against its permanency. There has been, of course, a good deal of writing against time, simply to fill space, and some buncombe has crept in, but this is a time for congratulation and not complaint. For the future conduct of the paper, however, there should be some definite plan to be pursued. After a while we will grow weary of having a prosperous Chapter bragging of how she had all things just as she wants them, and incredulity will begin to insidiously sap our faith in the constancy with which such of our sister Chapters cultivate the Psi.

We, of Ohio Alpha, have had our muscles trained in a school where hard knocks came oftenest, and where we received more kicks than coppers, and we can hardly bring ourselves to believe that any where, with strong opposition, Phi Psi has such lucky representatives as our more-coppers-than-kicks Chapters seem to be.

With such names as Profs. White of Harvard, Dolbear of Tufts, Merriman of Rutgers, and Sears of West Point, upon our roll, it would seem that we had strong men once upon a time; and we may, perhaps, claim justly that we have always gotten our share of the plums, though at times we have burnt our fingers in our haste to pick them out. There is, to my knowledge, at least one Chapter, though,

where Phi Psi not only rules the roost but also the roosters—Ohio Gamma. Over at Wooster, when I visited them, they hadn't opposition enough to make it interesting. It is a nice thing to be strong—but one ought to remember Samson.

The next year, would it not be one good feature of the policy of the SHIELD to encourage discussions on general Fraternity subjects and not ones purely local. For instance, let us discuss freely, since we are supposed to be a family and not the outside world, whether it is expedient to badge girls—that is, make for ourselves lady friends by our good offices, who will work for us, and fight for us, if need be, in society where we ought to be strong. We have tried it at Ohio Alpha, and judging from the success which has attended our efforts, we can say to all—go thou and do likewise; but, be sure that you do likewise, for the lady friends of Ohio Alpha, who wear the Shield with the lavender and rose, are such as it is not the good fortune to, all college towns to be possessed of. Again, though the G. A. C. did sit down on it, it seems to me that there ought to be uniformity in fraternity colors. Wearing colors is surely a pretty custom, but it is meaningless without uniformity in the observance of those wearing them. We, for instance, wear lavender and rose ribbons upon the lapels of our coats, or made into a tasty bow and peeping through a button hole of our coat, for three days after the initiation of a man, and the frat girls do as well—and often make the colors for us.

There is another thing we might talk about—the time of holding our G. A. C.'s. It is unfortunate they should be held so far apart, for by that means many a Phi Psi who might otherwise get an opportunity of seeing what Phi Psiism is away from his own college is shut out, since the General Conventions come so far apart that his whole frat life may pass without the occurrence of one, and his work after leaving his Alma Mater does not often allow him leisure to keep up his fraternal relations.

Then we might stir up the subject of interchange of frat pictures—group pictures. For some years past we have had ours taken and have persuaded some others to do the same, and have exchanged with them; but why should not the custom be general? I for one would like to see the walls of our Halls covered with small group pictures of every Chapter, which, properly labelled, would in a few years become most valuable mementos. Then I should like to see what Phi Psi's elsewhere look like, for this way of only communicating by means of printer's ink and sulphate of indigo is very unsatisfactory, and it would be a great relief to look into the phiz of a Phi Psi though only by means of the photographer's art. The kind of pictures I mean are not very expensive, costing perhaps \$10 for two dozen, and in large cities, where competition is brisk, the price might be much less. Then the custom of the Φ. Γ. Δ.'s of giving a small, neat parchment certificate of membership to each initiate is to me very pleasant, and one which it would not do us any harm to copy from them. Many of the readers of the SHIELD are no doubt familiar with this custom of that fraternity, but for the benefit of those who

have never met any Φ. Γ.'s let me describe its appearance. The certificate is written in Greek (modern, I suppose), and printed neatly on parchment about ten by twelve, and signed by the officers of the G. C. There are many other items of interest which we could profitably discuss next year, but I think that the one of the exchange of photographs is the one most worthy of consideration. I might say some things more, but I fear it would necessitate the issue of a supplement headed "Ohio Alpha Extra," and I will not further punish you. Let me say, though, in conclusion, that the captain, coxwain, stroke and No. 3 in the Senior boat crew at O. W. U. are Phi Psis. I think that the other fellow would feel so lonesome he would resign.

In the hope and belief that Phi Psi has inaugurated a boom that will never end as long as she clings to the principles which characterized her inception, and with the strong desire that the SHIELD will meet the hearty co-operation of both brain and pocket book in the future, believe me to be

Yours very truly in Φ. K. Ψ.,

C. L. V. C.

PHI PSI SONG.

BY J. D. HARVEY.

Oh, we're a band of brothers,
Who wear our Phi Psi shield,
In closest bond united,
By truest friendship sealed;
And loyal to our Alpha,
Our song shall rend the sky,
A tumult of fond greeting
To old Phi Kappa Psi.

Oh, holy bond of brotherhood,
Our hands and hearts are thine,
We bring our proudest trophies
To lay them at thy shrine;
And through the thickest conflict,
Shall be our battle cry,
Long live each valiant brother,
And dear Phi Kappa Psi.

No son of dear old Alpha
Shall falter in the field,
No arm shall e'er be lowered
That wears our dauntless shield,
No craven deed shall tarnish
A brother's honored name,
And naught shall dim the lustre
Of Phi Psi's stainless fame.

A scene in life's to-morrow
Comes fondly to my view;—
A busy scene of faces,
And voices old and new;
And silver heads are lifted,
An anthem rends the sky—
A song of joyous greeting
To old Phi Kappa Psi.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

LET every Chapter send congratulations, etc., to Ohio Delta.

WILL BROWN, '79, Pa. Eta, is reading law in Lancaster, Penn'a.

BRO. J. P. HECHT, '77 Pa. E., is practicing medicine at Raritan, N. J.

BRO. BRIGHT, '82 Pa. I., is at present at No. 24 George St., Providence, R. I.

BRO. CHAS. GARVER, M.D., '65 Pa. E., died April 3d at Chambersburg, Pa.

BRO. LOUIS CARKNER, Ills. Alpha, has entered the law business at Freeport, Ills.

BOB BURDETTE will read a poem at the Symposium of Penn'a Zeta, on the 28th.

BRO. CHARLIE ROOT, formerly of Ills. Alpha, was recently admitted to the bar at Lyons, Ia.

BROS. C. C. HAYS and E. E. CRUMRINE are on the editorial staff of the *Washington Jeffersonian*.

BRO. W. FRESSENIUS RENTZ, '76 Pa. E., takes charge of the Lutheran Church at New Chester, Pa.

BRO. E. L. PARKS, alumnus of Illinois Alpha, has been elected president of Simpson College, Indianola, Ia.

BRO. TOM R. BEEBER, '69 Pa. E., has accepted a call to the Second Presbyterian Church in Scranton, Pa.

THE 25th anniversary to be held by Pa. Epsilon bids fair to be a grand success. The "old boys" are going back.

BRO. CHARLES CSLKET, '79 Pa. I., when last heard from was in the interior of Asia Minor. Just purchased a fine "nag."

GINN & HEATH, Boston publishers, have in press a Natural Philosophy, by Prof. A. E. Dolbear, Ohio A, of Tufts College.

PA. KAPPA has had two informal meetings. On the eve of June 7th it will regularly organize. Seven Chapters are thus far represented.

OHIO ALPHA graduates six Phi Psis this year. She has lately initiated Henry Johnson '80, Orville Watson '81, and Ed. Brandebury '80.

BRO. J. P. H. KIMBER, Ohio Alpha, after a long siege of sickness, has buckled on the harness and is pursuing his legal studies at Findlay, Ohio, with Col. J. A. Bope as his preceptor.

THE Symposium of Penn'a Eta occurs on the 17th of June. Invitations are out, and it is expected there will be a grand gathering of Phi Kappa Psi's in Lancaster on that occasion.

BRO. NILES, Ohio Gamma, is the Φ . K. Ψ . editor of the *Index*. This annual is very nicely gotten up. We were first at Wooster University, and have a number of resident brothers in the town.

BRO. F. E. BELTZHOOVER, '62 Pa. E., delivered an able argument on the Curtin-Yocum case in the House of Representatives. In this instance it was brother against brother, since Brother Yocum is an old Pa. Zeta.

It is customary with the graduating class of the U. of P., to present to its most popular member a beautiful wooden spoon. Bro. Bonnell was the lucky member. He also was honored with the "prophecy" on class day.

ATTENTION is called to the following list of Cor. Sec's. the result of recent elections: Indiana Beta, Robert A. Woods; Illinois Gamma, J. H. McClenahan (*sub rosa*); Ohio Alpha, Wm. R. Gibbs; and Ohio Delta, E. E. Shedd.

THE Eds. recently saw "Rhoddy," '79, of Pa. Eta, when they passed through Lancaster, but the representative of "big four" was so thoroughly absorbed in a piece of "calico" near him that the old *Shield* failed to attract him. Is it serious?

It would be well for the Ills. boys to look up Bro. Walt. E. Wright, of Ohio Alpha, who, when last heard from, was working in the General Ticket Agent's Office of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. at Chicago. "Spence" is one of the genuine kind, and would thoroughly enjoy the companionship of loyal Phi Psis.

All communications after June 15th to be addressed until further notice:

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PROSPECTUS OF GRAND CATALOGUE.

THE Committee, appointed by the Grand Chapter, take pleasure in announcing that the "Grand Catalogue" of the PHI KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY for 1880, will be published on or about the fifteenth of May.

The Catalogue will be an 8vo. volume of about 250 pages, printed upon heavy tinted paper, and will contain as a frontispiece the photo-type portraits of the founders of the fraternity, together with a number of full-page chapter-cuts.

Besides the catalogue proper, including the dead Chapters, which will appear more complete than heretofore, there will be added an alphabetical list of all the members of the fraternity from its founding to the present time.

In connection with each name in the chapter-list, the present residence, occupation, and other information of interest will be given so far as could be ascertained by the committee.

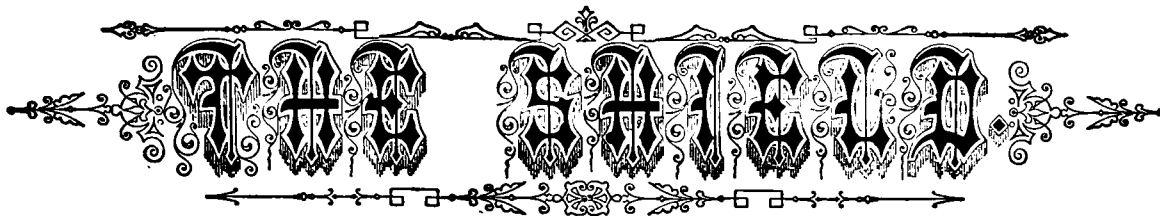
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The Committee request that the subscribers send in their names and money if convenient, as soon as possible to the Treasurer of the Committee, Edwin L. Scott, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

Committee.

M. M. GIBSON,
EDWIN L. SCOTT,
W. G. WELLS.

NOTE.—Owing to the inability of the printer to finish the work by the specified time, the publication of the Catalogue will be delayed; but the Committee hopes to send it to subscribers before July 1st.



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SUBSCRIPTIONS for SHIELD, Vol II, are now in order.

DON'T fail to purchase the waltzes of Bro. Raff, of Ohio Gamma.

THE Grand Catalogue will soon appear, but don't forget to remit your money at once.

BRO. RAFF'S $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ Waltzes are now nightly played by the orchestra of Haverley's theatre in Chicago.

WE desire to call especial attention to the article on Domestic Missions which we print in this number. It is from the pen of one of our thoughtful graduate brothers, and is, like almost everything he has written for THE SHIELD, full of suggestions for all of us, and more particularly for those of us whose active work, according to the generally accepted idea of Fraternities, is ended.

It is singular, yet very true, that we have received better support, comparatively speaking, from the Alumni than from the under graduates, but to all we are sincerely thankful for their ready aid. To every Chapter we mailed SHIELDS enough to supply each active member with a copy. Some Chapters forwarded us a full subscription, others half, etc., etc., but some *never even* deigned to favor us with a notice that the paper had reached them or not. The most annoying and unbrotherly feature of all was the repeated requests addressed them, not for money, but for personals or any Fraternity news, were never answered. Why our brethren have thus conducted themselves we are ignorant, but hope they will act differently in the future.

VOLUME I has reached its last number, and after a careful review of the work performed we feel certain we can say it was not without some good results. Renewed interest in our Fraternity has been created. The monthly messages from all sections of our broad land have been anxiously awaited and eagerly read. We have been drawn more closely together. If at any time we, as a Fraternity, were prepared to advance in one solid phalanx it is at present. Improvements and new undertakings are before us, and the present offers excellent opportunities for reorganization and extension in all directions. The SHIELD appeals to every Phi Kappa Psi to enter into this good work. In its own peculiar manner it has labored for the Fraternity's welfare. It has been clearly shown that this publication can live, but to enable it to become a more powerful aid in Fraternity work, we require the co-labor of every wearer of the SHIELD.

THE summer vacation will afford every brother opportunity to do some Fraternity work. If you remain at home it wouldn't be a bad idea to invest a little cash in paper and postage and hunt up the old graduates of your Chapter and see whether it is possible to obtain any Fraternity history that would be gladly received by our historians. If ample information relating to your own immediate Chapter is already in their possession, take hold of some defunct Chapter and see what you can do. Bro. List no doubt would be glad to assign us all fields of labor.

To those who expect to spend the summer in having a good time at sea-shore or in the mountains, be on the alert for men who attend institutions where we have no Chapters. We don't mean to say "spike" them, but study your material and chances perhaps may arise which would lead to new Chapters. Keep $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ constantly before you.

AND now that we have ventilated ourselves on the various topics we had under consideration, we arrive at that point where the pen can be laid aside. We are conscious we ought to say *goodbye*, but we don't like to; we always hated it! But endure us a few moments and we are done. The supervision of the SHIELD has been a great pleasure to us, and to the brothers who punctually and willingly forwarded their Chapter communications we are greatly indebted. We hope that we'll be allowed to again in the fall see their well-recognized handwriting, but if not, let them, while toiling in this busy world, remember that in the first year of the SHIELD's existence it was they who assisted in its guidance, and that to them naturally we look for a continuation of this care. What's more refreshing to a world-worried individual than for a few moments to thoroughly rid himself of these worldly annoyances and occupy his thoughts with something dearer to him? To

the $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ it is his Fraternity, and to a SHIELD contributor it is this publication. This we know by experience. To the brothers who will communicate with us for the first time, we would only remark—endeavor to excel your predecessors.

And now to all Phi Kappa Psis—forget not $\Phi. K. \Psi.$; forget not the SHIELD. During vacation collect all the news possible and forward to our address. In September look for us again, and until then we'll say *Auf Wiedersehen!*

GRAND SYMPOSIUM.

EVANSTON, ILLS., May 19th, 1880.

EDITORS SHIELD:

THE joint symposium of the Illinois Alpha, Beta and Gamma Chapters was held last evening, May 18th, at the Tremont House, Chicago. It was a success; it was a big thing; it was a grand boom! The elegant parlors of the Tremont House were comfortably filled with as merry a band of Phi Psis and friends of Phi Psi as ever met together.

Of the Alpha brethren there were sixteen present, accompanied by a corresponding number of the fairest or the fair ones of old Northwestern. Loyal Phi Psis, every one of them! The fact is our Chapter is fast approaching the first position among the Fraternities of the University, as our friends are proud to assert and our enemies are forced to admit. The Betas, who have made so brilliant a start in the Chicago University, and who, at the outset, have had several victories over rival Fraternity men, and have been carrying off the lion's share of college laurels in the contests, were out in full force. And the Gammas of Monmouth were represented by a half dozen or more of such men as do credit to the Fraternity and inspire in their brethren anything but sympathy with the recent action of the Monmouth Faculty. Of the Alumni were present A. S. McCoy and wife, H. F. Norcross, J. C. McKenzie and others.

The early part of the evening was very delightfully spent as a social, affording an excellent opportunity for cultivating the fraternal feeling between the brothers of the different Chapters and for working up no small amount of Fraternity spirit. At 9.30 the company adjourned to the dining room where an excellent banquet was served. Then followed a rousing programme consisting of toasts in keeping with the occasion and interspersed with familiar college songs. Bro. J. C. McKenzie delivered the welcoming address in so pleasing a manner that the "sisters" pronounced him "perfectly lovely." Illinois Alpha received an enthusiastic send-off from Bro. C. E. Piper. Bro. Wm. H. Alsip responded to the toast Illinois Beta, and Bro. J. P. Lindsay to that of Illinois Gamma. Then followed a toast on the interesting subject "The Ladies," by Bro. J. N. Hall, of the Alpha, to which it behooved all to listen, as the ladies rarely get a heartier send-off at the hands of the sterner sex. The heart of "Phunnie Johnnie" was evidently in his subject. The "Phi Psi Song," by Bros. W. H. Jordan and J. D. Harvey was then sung, after which followed the two remaining toasts: The Alumni, by Bro. H. F. Nor-

cross, and The Fraternity, by Bro. Chase Stuart. Adjournment now followed.

Meanwhile the Alphas had left the scene of festivities only to miss their train; and with the prospect of spending the night in the city the fun commenced. We had now to solve Mrs. Livermore's problem, "what shall we do with our girls." The ladies were escorted to the Brevoort House where the entire company waited over until the next morning. Well, bed-time came, mosquitos came, morning came, and a heavy rain-storm came. Omnibuses were procured and the adventurers were piled in pell-mell, or as Horace puts it—

"Jam forte in omnibus"

and were driven to the depot. Evanston was reached at last and the uncertain task of conciliating the Dean of the Woman's College had to be performed, which, however, was successfully accomplished, and no letters of demerit for infringement of rules will be "sent home" to horrified mammas. And now it transpires that the ladies think there is nothing like a Phi Kappa Psi symposium.

J. D. H.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS, May 23d, 1880.

DEAR SHIELD AND BROTHER PHI PSIS:

YOUR call for copy stirs us up, and we will endeavor to break the silence of our Chapter that has lasted several months. Little has been transpiring about the halls of K. S. U. that is of interest to fraternity men. We have been pursuing the even tenor of our way in class-room, and in this respect have been doing well—and who could do otherwise with the banner and shield of old $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ before him, a more potent influence to effort than any pillar of fire that might have guided old Israel. Behind the pillar was a spirit of divinity; behind our banner there is a spirit of brotherly love, and that is the basis of true religion. The divine spirit in the mystic characters, $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, is the same which prevailed the teachings of that "pale Galilean" over eighteen hundred years ago; if we live up to the first, we will make ourselves one with the law of the other.

Kansas Alpha had her photograph taken a month or so ago, and in it may be seen a magnificent array of beauty, talent—latent—and Sunday clothes. Each of the seventeen members adds his individual force to the entire effect,—all but two of our present members. Mac did not get around for some unknown cause, and Simp tarried too long over his dessert—a failing in his character. Twitch looks entirely too quiet to appear natural, there is a color about his lips that is forced, while Solon Williams, just behind him, appears to be biting through a ten-penny nail. "Big" Ed. Brown, of course, had to exhibit those "Burnsides" and chin whiskers, but there was too much shade to give them their proper effect—the same trouble with Billy Raymond's "moustache." "Little" Ed. Brown is the only white sheep in the flock; it was necessary, you know, to wear that new

light spring suit—consequently his chin is elevated about ten degrees above its natural plane. The boys in the back row moved slightly, and the impression is not a clear one, hence those deep black eyes of Sterling's, over which the girls have raved, did not show up well. Down in the right hand corner, in front, we see Smith, leaning over on Webster in a most lazy manner—a characteristic attribute of his. Two pairs of eye-glasses are in sight, although Hutch did keep his in his pocket, thinking he needed no optical adornments. Little's delicate smile seems to have been gotten up to order; no doubt he imagined one of those I. C's before him. And this reminds me, that we "received" the I. C's a couple of weeks ago. We suppose they enjoyed themselves; certainly we did. Modesty prevents us from affair," and all that sort of a thing. If this letter falls under the eyes of those Phi Psi's down somewhere in Pennsylvania, who know a certain Miss Y., and who gave away a lot of matter about Kansas A., we would suggest that they write and make their peace with that Chapter. The girls here got hold of the racket, and the royal breeze they stirred up about our fraternal heads, was enough to make a Missouri cyclone swear with envy.

The Chapter mourns the departure of Bro. Sterling to his home, and will this week lose Bro. Spangler. Big Ed. Brown drops in on us once or twice a week. Our "George" spent a couple of months in town, but has now gone to Topeka, where he is assistant to his uncle, who has the contract on the new government building there. He will be down commencement to see the boys and dance the "German." Bro. Twitchell (R. W. E.), the only Phi Psi in the Oraphilian Lit.—where the Betas hold out strong—has been elected President of the evening for their "Annual." In the other society, the Oread, Bro. Davidson has been chosen Annual Orator, and Hutchings, Debater. Bro. Little, we believe, declined the Presidency. Our base ball nine went to Topeka and cleaned out the Washburn College nine, score 22-10. One of our old boys, Dick Ballanger, was a member of the Washburne nine; and in the K. S. U. nine are Bros. Little, Stocks, Spangler and Williams—four of their best players. Ed. Little is the crack man in the club.

Good-bye until fall, boys. May we all spend a happy vacation.

Yours in the bonds of Φ. K. Ψ.,

PHIL. HELLENE.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

LANCASTER, PA.

The SHIELD, for May, filled with greetings and good cheer, reached us in due time. We have learned to await its every issue with joyful anticipation. Its absence would deprive us of that greatest of pleasures, which through its instrumentality we enjoy, namely, the knowledge and assurance of the triumph and success of our Order at large.

The welfare of our sister Chapters is to us as dear as our own. Their success is our success; their honor is our honor. Herein lies the demand for one common medium, through which the Fraternity may speak and commune with itself. Hence, too, is the delight with which the SHIELD is greeted in every Chapter hall.

The summer term, with its manifold duties pressing upon all, finds the boys busy. "Coming events cast their shadows before!" There are literary contests to be waged; examinations and final tests to be passed; and after these, preparations for class-day and commencement exercises. Already the literary societies have held their anniversaries. On both occasions the highest honors were awarded to members of the Eta. Bro. Eschbach delivered the "Goethean Oration" at one end, and Bro. Biesecker the "Anniversary Oration" at the other. Bros Apple and Davis followed next in order. Naturally, too, at the close, they were greeted with a larger share of floral offerings, tributes from their fair friends. Judging from appreciation, this was the greater triumph of the two. We all aim to be Φ. Ψ.'s in the full sense of the term.

Of the class honors, as well as of college honors proper, the Eta, as always, has come in for her share. We have met with disappointment in but one case. Bro. Eschbach mourns the loss of the "German Oration."

Notwithstanding the many duties claiming attention at this busiest portion of the year, the interest in Φ. Ψ. only increases. Our meetings are marked in character by the earnestness and high spirit displayed by all the members. They are well at work. Another addition has been made. This time it is J. Nevin Bowman, '83 of Iowa. We commend him to the love of the Fraternity at large. Though newly born, he displays already all the points of the genuine Φ. Ψ. character. Thus the roll lengthens, the band increases, and shall continue to in the future. Still the smile of Heaven rests upon us.

During the past week we have had the pleasure of having in our midst Dr. Samuel Apple, of Allentown, Pa., an old time Φ. Ψ. Every member of the Eta, old and young, knows his connection with her earlier history. To him we owe our present existence as a Chapter. At the close of the war he stood alone, the only remaining member of the Eta. But by his firmness and manly exertion, he saved to us our charter, and rebuilding the Chapter bestowed upon us, as upon many who have gone before and many who shall follow us, pleasures and benefits, which, though we may appreciate, we can never fully estimate.

Preparations for another symposium, to be held by the middle of June, are going forward. Last year our hearts were made glad by the presence of a goodly number of brothers from neighboring Chapters. Since then we have made many more direct acquaintances. These, with all others who would do us the great honor, we would gladly have with us.

Though no longer a regularly active member of the Eta, it gives me great pleasure thus to write of her "good and welfare." Occupying this position, I have not written in the spirit of egotism nor in that of vanity; yet it may be in

pride, but it is the pardonable, if not warranted, pride of an older brother.

Yours in the mystic bonds,
KAPPA.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA ROOMS.

June 1st, 1880.

DEAR BROTHERS.—At the annual Sophomore oratorical contest of the Belles Letters Society, held May 21st, the gold metal was carried off by Bro. S. H. Evans, though hard pressed by three other $\Phi. K. \Psi$'s, Bros. Strite, Brown and Deale. One week later, at the contest of the Union Society, Bro Stogden, our only representative on a programme of seven speakers, lacked only one vote of receiving the medal. I have often thought, that perhaps one of Zeta's faults is, that she don't make enough noise; that in the din of battle her trumpet does not sound as often as those of some of her sister Chapters, who are doing such noble work for the Order. But it is *not* that none of us want to make a noise, nor that we have nothing to make a noise about. For aside from the many incidents that occur in the lives of the Zeta boys, about which volumes might be written, there is what I am sure will be of more interest to the Fraternity at large, a spirit of enthusiastical progression, that exhibits itself in our society halls, in the public rostrum, and in the lecture room—a progression which approximates closely to that which we heard urged upon us, when upon the back of the proverbial "goat" we first rode into the mystic Order.

We have recently been honored with visits from Bros. Geo. E. Wilbur, of Bloomsburg, and W. McD. Bottome, now of Rochester, England—two loyal Zeta boys, who charmed us during their stay with recitals of their valiant deeds for $\Phi. \Psi$. in the past, and expressions of deepest interest in her present and future. Bro. Chas. Wilson also "stopped over" on his way to the far West, to give us a warm grip. This year we shall lose four men, and they are all *honor* men, taking four out of the five honorary positions given to the class. First comes J. Hope Caldwell, a rather insignificant looking individual, who has from the first led his class and takes the Valedictory on the 24th. Next comes M. D. Learned, or "Muggus," as we familiarly call him. He won the medal for oratory in his Sophomore year, was the Society's last Anniversarian, has been for some time the College Librarian, Curator of the Reading Room, and in graduating, takes the "Philosophical" Oration.

Coates Caldwell comes next, who has a history that does honor to $\Phi. \Psi$. He is undoubtedly the "best read" man in college; and were it not for his fondness for the "gentler" sex, might have made his mark before he left us. He has, however, filled the highest position in the gift of his Society, and takes on the 24th the "Classical Oration." L. D. Bulett, the last man, is nevertheless a genius. Born when Mars was ascending the horizon, he has been the "fighting man" of the Chapter. Ready to defend at the earliest moment either Chapter or Society, he goes out with our blessings, to defend in a broader field the principles he has

learned here to love. He takes the "Scientific" Oration.

It will be hard to supply their places, but as true Phi Psi's, *we'll try. More anon.*

Yours in triple bonds,
"DEACON."

PENNSYLVANIA KAPPA.

DEAR SHIELD:

ON Monday evening, June 7th, Pa. Kappa was launched fairly and enthusiastically on the sea of life. There had been two preliminary meetings, at which committees on By-Laws and permanent organization had been appointed, so that a little after 9, the meeting was able to set to work on the reports of these committees.

The report of the Committee on Organization, which was unanimously adopted, nominated for officers the following:

President.—Bro. Hon. H. H. Bingham, Pa. A.

Vice President.—Bro. Rev. Henry S. Lobingier, Va. A.

Recording Sec.—Bro. J. Douglass Brown, Jr., Pa. I.

Corresponding Sec.—Bro. David J. Meyers, Jr., Pa. Z.

The other regular officers will be elected as need arises for them. And in addition to the regular officers, the Chapter has seen fit to elect two wardens, whose duties shall be those of stewards and trustees when the Chapter shall have any property. For Senior Warden, Bro. Prof. Otis H. Kendall, Pa. Iota, '66, and for Junior Warden, Bro. W. E. Helme, Pa. Iota, '78.

The meeting was very enthusiastic, notwithstanding the heat, which prevented more than one brother from being present, still we had representatives from six Chapters of the Fraternity. Our next meeting takes place on the second Monday of September next, when we hope to have present, not only all our brothers in Philadelphia, but a number of those from the neighborhood, Norristown, Mt. Holly, etc.

PENN'A BETA.

MEADVILLE, PA., May 20, 1880.

To All Members of the $\Phi. K. \Psi$. Fraternity—Greeting.

We hereby cordially request your presence at a social convention of our brotherhood, to be held at Chautauqua, N. Y., August 10th, 1880. At an informal meeting of the Phi Psis, present at the Chautauqua Assembly last Summer, a desire was enthusiastically expressed to have such a gathering at this delightful resort during the Assembly this coming summer. The undersigned committee were appointed to make arrangements for the event. The approval and co-operation of Dr. Vincent in our project were immediately secured, and, after considerable correspondence, we have obtained the consent of Bro. R. J. Burdette (of the *Burlington Hawkeye*, to deliver an address on the subject "Advice to a Young Man," as a part of the Assembly programme on the above mentioned date. We have the promise of Secretary Schurz and other distinguished fraters

to be present, if official duties permit. We expect a rousing mass meeting after the address, and social exercises of the most enjoyable character. Our purpose was presented to the G. C., by one of the committee, and great interest was manifested in regard to it. The committee will endeavor to make this convention a complete success, and hope their efforts will meet with the hearty co-operation of the Fraternity-at-large. We desire to have every Chapter represented by as many as possible. We trust that the desirableness of this new enterprise, and the interesting character of the exercises, will claim the approval and support of every true and loyal Phi Psi. Let us have such an assemblage of Phi Psis as was never before equalled in the annals of college fraternities.

Let Chautauqua be made a grand rallying point for both the alumni and active members of our Order, where the East, West, North and South shall clasp hands in fraternal relation, and the ties of friendship be more firmly cemented.

Yours fraternally,

E. M. Wood, (Pa. B. '79,) Meadville, Pa.
Chairman.

W. W. Dale (Pa. Ø, 75,) Franklin, Pa

W. C. Wilson, (Pa. B. '80,) Warren, Pa.

JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

CANONSBURG, PA., May, 1885.

Grand Chapter to Penn'a Epsilon.—Greeting:

I am in receipt of a letter of considerable length from a committee of a society in Auburn, N. Y.,—whose object is to edit or compile a "History of the Secret Societies of the United States." This company we know to be composed of men of considerable ability and competent to carry out the work proposed. They have laid the matter before the Grand Chapter of our Fraternity, desiring us to compile such a history as they wish according to their plans and directions.

It is their desire that the history of each Chapter should be written by some graduate of that Chapter, and as able and suitable one as can be selected.

The preface of the work is to be written by a Professor in one of the Eastern Colleges, noted for his literary attainments and social qualities.

Each Fraternity will be treated in the order of its seniority. The history of each Chapter will consist in giving an account of its foundation—the number of men who organized it—short biographical notices of such of its founders as have risen to eminence in any of the professions—the names of any graduates who have become eminent in Law, Medicine, Theology, General Literature, or in the Military service of the U. S.; the death of any eminent members which occurred, with a short biographical notice of his life and what he had accomplished in the fields of Law, etc.

A history of such a character is desired. It heartily meets with our approbation, and we hope it may be the

same with you. It will be a matter of little trouble and one of the greatest interest to every one.

We hope to hear from you very soon in regard to it.

We have not heard from you in regard to your election of delegates to the G. A. C. Let us hear as soon as possible, and how many of said delegates we can depend upon being present. Business of importance will be transacted, and a full representation from Sub-Chapters is desired.

Yours in bonds of Φ. K. Ψ.,

JOHN R. MCKINNEY,
W. D. JONES.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

December 15, 1859.

Va. A. to Penn'a E.—Greeting.

DEAR BROS.—Your letter was received some time since, but owing to various circumstances, we have been unable to answer it. The edict, address and notices you ask for will be forwarded to you before long. Your consent is asked for giving a charter to Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, recommended by Penn'a Beta; also to Monmouth College, Illinois, by Penn'a Delta; also to Columbian College, Washington, D. C., by Bro. J. T. Lester, formerly of Miss. Alpha.

I am now at home, though this is dated from the University, and as soon as I go back after Christmas, those articles will be forwarded you. I suppose it will devolve on some member of your Chapter to establish the Penn'a Eta if the charter is granted. Permission has been received from all, except Tenn. Alpha, but yesterday we received a letter from Penn'a Zeta withdrawing their consent, until they could examine whether one of the applicants (Williams) is not a member of another Fraternity—Φ. B. T. If they consent, it will be more convenient for you or the Penn'a Zeta, to establish the Chapter.

The catalogues cannot be out for a month at least, but then you may look for them.

What say you to a G. A. C. this summer?

Yours truly in Φ. K. Ψ.,

JOHN L. MASSIE.

A PAGE FROM THE HISTORY OF PENN'A EPSILON.

READ FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.

In answer to a petition for a charter to organize at Penn'a College a Chapter of the Φ. K. Ψ. Fraternity, Bro. Jenkins was delegated by the Alpha Chapter at Jefferson College, and clothed with full authority to establish at this institution the Epsilon Chapter of the above-named Secret Society.

On the evening of the 26th of December, 1855, Messrs, Hoy, Kuhns, Long, Dosh and Cutter were initiated by Bro. Jenkins as brothers in the Φ. K. Ψ. Fraternity. The meeting was held in the Eagle Hotel in Gettysburg. The following officers were then elected to serve *pro tempore*, until

the Chapter was constitutionally organized by the authority of a charter from the Alpha Chapter: Bro. Hoy, President; Bro. Cutter, Treasurer; Bros. Dosh, Long and Kuhns to perform various duties of Secretary, etc. Thus were laid the foundations of the Epsilon Chapter of our beloved brotherhood.

Much to our regret the reception of our charter was delayed until the 26th of February, and as a consequence our interest grew stagnant. Prior to the arrival of this document we were authorized by the Alpha Chapter to initiate new members, and accordingly Bro. Weidman, Sr., who had signed the petition for a charter, but had been absent from the institution when we were organized, was received a member of the Fraternity on the evening of the 5th of February, 1856. On the evening of the 4th of March an interesting meeting of the Chapter was held in the room of Bros. Long and Dosh. Messrs. Gilbert, Miller, Knapp and Forney took the usual oaths of secrecy and were received as brothers. We also adopted By-Laws for our regulation and guidance. At the next meeting of the Chapter, which was held, by the kind invitation of Bro. Dosh, at the Methodist Parsonage, an essayists was appointed for the next regular meeting, and an amendment was made to the By-Laws, constituting the reading of some select play as a part of the regular exercises of the Chapter.

Thus I have endeavored to sketch the progress of the Epsilon Chapter in its incipency; its future advancement depends solely upon us and our successors. Our number has been increased to eleven members; one of whom has left the institution.

Faternally,

J. I. CUTTER.

THE PHI KAPPA PSI WALTZES.

Several requests have been made by correspondents of the SHIELD for information regarding this music. We would say in reply that it is a series of five waltzes arranged after the manner of Strauss, with an introduction and coda. They cover nine pages, besides the cover of colored paper. The title page and cover are beautifully engraved with the name and pin of the Fraternity. The price is sixty cents a copy. All brothers should procure one or more copies for gifts or for personal use as Fraternity literature. S. Brainard's Sons, of Cleveland, are the publishers, but copies may be had of the composer, Mr. Ed. S. Raff, of Ohio Gamma, Wooster, Ohio; after June 24th, address Canton, Ohio.

THE HISTORY.

WOOSTER, O., June 10th, 1880.

THE attention of the Chapters has been called to the publication of a history, hoping thereby to cause the interest of each member to become multiplied, and to promote the welfare of our Order. We have urged each Chapter to assist us in the arduous task, and many have kindly responded.

The publication of the work has been delayed for several reasons. First, two of the Chapters have never responded to the repeated urgent requests sent the corresponding secretaries and several of their active members. Doubtless they may have valid reasons for so neglecting a duty that each Chapter is in honor bound to respect; but to say the least, it is a breach of etiquette excusable in no one, and should be avoided in Fraternity correspondence.

Again, many of the Chapter historians have been prevented by their numerous college duties to send us their account at as early a date as we feel confident they otherwise would.

Then, as it is our purpose to make this work complete, the dead Chapters must come in for their share. But alas, where are the records, or any one who has any knowledge of their existence! From numerous letters sent to the members of these Chapters, few answers have been received, and with a few exceptions, scarcely any one of them could aid us. Of the early G. A. C.'s, we could learn nothing, until Bro. M. C. Herman, of Pa. Z. kindly sent much valuable information. These are the principal reasons for the work not appearing this year; yet it is the desire of the historians to publish it at as early a date as possible. We would urge each and every brother who is interested in the Fraternity, to aid us in the attempt. During the long summer vacation every one will have much leisure time, which he could devote profitably to working up some points in his Chapter's history, or the others above spoken of, and sending the same to the historians.

After June 20th, send all communications intended for the History to D. C. LIST, No. 944 Main St., Wheeling, W. Va.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

COLLEGE is over. The salutatorians, valedictorians, and honor-men who constitute our Chapter in these happy days (my knowledge of the present condition of the Fraternity comes from the columns of the SHIELD) are about to seek the well-earned rest so needful after their severe mental toil. Even the ordinary men (of whom there really must be some somewhere) will join in the general migration and be scattered to the four winds in search of rest and health and knowledge and trout and tutors and Bolus.

Now let these brothers, "all honorable men," whether honor-men or not, remember that they are, every one of them, sworn missionaries to their fellow-men, and let them consider whether this is not the time of all times for carrying out their noble work. During the year there are college duties to interfere, there are teachers of false doctrines and upholders on conflicting sects to be contended with, there are but limited opportunities for reaching and guiding aright the mind of youth. But during the next three months—in long days, in the mountains, in long nights on the sea-shore, in smoking-cars and ocean steamers—golden opportunities will occur for saying a word for the good cause, which, once gone, will never return but always be regretted. The sub-Freshman is an impressionable being,

it needs but a word or two to win his confidence and veneration; a respectful inquiry as to the "number of men in his class?" apparent interest in his hero for the time being (who has come to college with him from the same school, and according to the individual bias of our young friend's mind, either "knows more Greek than the professor" or "yanks the bun at foot-ball," as the case may be) and he is yours, body and soul.

Now remember that you are not a pot-hunter but a sportsman (beg pardon, a missionary), and if your fish is not game you won't have him. But ten to one he is a good fellow, and in proper hands will make a first-rate Fraternity man. In such case, incidentally, as it were (don't frighten him), say a word for the cause you have at heart: above all things *don't make what you offer him too cheap*. If this is done skillfully and with a little care, a brother is gathered into the fold, it may be; or, perhaps, when September comes it turns out on closer inspection that he is not worthy, perhaps—and if so, most likely the missionary is to blame—he has fallen into the hands of Philistines and gone astray after strange gods. In any case no harm has been done, and probably much good.

The missionary and his convert need not be of the same college. With our splendid list of Chapters the field is indeed a large one, and if an impression has been made it is easy to notify some fellow-worker at a distance to follow up the good beginning. Above all it must not be an undergraduate. The older the missionary the greater effect will he be likely to produce, the more will some (seemingly) chance allusion, driven home by some anecdote, eagerly listened to, of college days, be treasured up.

As to the plan commended in the last SHIELD by our zealous, if somewhat dogmatic brother from Spring Valley, it is really awful to think of the ravages of the "badged girls" he speaks of might make in the ranks of the great army of susceptible sub-Freshman. But the editorial review of Bro. C. V. C.'s communication, it is to be hoped, expresses the more general feeling of the Fraternity as to outside interference, and (pardon the allusion) the Venetian system of running a republican government is not, in this matter, one to be either admired or imitated. DEL.

IN MEMORIAM.

J. B. GEIGER.

(Died at home, Hamilton, Ohio, June 6th, 1880.)

ONLY two weeks ago Bro. Geiger was apparently in good health, but little later complained of being unwell and left college for home, where he unexpectedly died on the 6th. Silent, yet deep, were the sad feelings at Wittenberg when the news came that the pride of college had been removed from us. He was a model Phi Psi in every respect.

Bro. Geiger was twenty-three years of age, and member of the present senior class. He was just ready to embark into the wide world and enjoy the honor and happiness for which his bright intellect and rare talents had fitted him. Now, just on the eve of commencement, like a flower just ready to bloom and throw its fragrance over all around it, he has been cut down. The gloom which this sad event cast over the college, is only the shadow of the inward feelings of the students.

At our Fraternity meetings there is a strange cast of sorrow reflected in the eyes of every brother, as he looks at the one vacant chair which speaks more eloquently than tongue can sound or pen describe.

Ohio Beta has lost one of her most noble brothers, and, next to his own near relatives, mourns the loss of one so pure, so noble in character, so upright in heart, so honorable in action, so amiable in disposition as was our worthy and dearly beloved friend and brother, J. B. Geiger.

O. C. S.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

Σ. A. E. is in excellent condition.

Δ. T. Δ. is preparing an ode book.

K. K. Γ. has entered the University of California.

THE Chapter of Δ. Ψ. at Columbia numbers 50 members.

IT is announced that Σ. X. has entered Greensboro, Ala.

B. Θ. II. entered Harvard University the latter part of May.

THE Chapter of A. T. Ω. at Johns Hopkins University is defunct.

IT is rumored that Φ. Γ. Δ. initiated six men at Williams recently.

THE Chapter of Δ. B. Φ. at the University of Penna. is quite large.

Σ. X. has chosen Washington, D. C., for its coming convention in November.

THE 26th, 27th and 28th of October will find the Φ. Δ. Θ. in convention at Indianapolis, Ind.

'Tis said that sixty-three honorary members have been noticed in the late catalogue of Δ. K. E.

B. Θ. II. has refused a Charter to ten men at Vanderbilt University. Σ. A. E. "pulled out" there not long ago.

THE new catalogue of Chi Phi will appear shortly. They hold their next convention in the fall, at Allentown, Pa.

B. Θ. II. holds its annual convention the last week in August next at Baltimore. A grand gathering is expected.

THE Fraternity we meet most frequently is B. Θ. II. which is present in nineteen institutions where Φ. K. Ψ. Chapters are located.

Z. Ψ. talks of invading the new school of science which is to be organized at Cleveland, Ohio. This Fraternity has not published a catalogue.

Δ. K. E. and A. T. Ω. have *sub rosa* Chapters at the University of North Carolina. The president of the institution declares it "closed forever to fraternities."

Δ. T. Δ. has withdrawn the charters of its Omicron and Chi Chapters. The former was located at Asbury University, Ind., the latter at Wesleyan University, Iowa.

THE A. Δ. Φ. Fraternity has just issued the first number of a quarterly to be known as "The Star and Crescent." An application for Charter from this society by half dozen students at the University of Penna. was not favorably considered.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

J. B. FORAKER, '66, Ohio Alpha, is living in Cincinnati, Ohio.

J. A. McELROY, '64, Pa. Delta, is residing in Bandera, Texas.

F. J. JOHNS, 57, Miss Alpha, is a resident of Denver, Colorado.

J. L. GRIGGS, '58, Miss. Alpha, is living in Macon, Mississippi.

ED. COLLIN, '68, Iowa Gamma, is now living in Northwood, Iowa.

D. D. SHELBY, '69, Tenn. Beta, is attorney-at-law at Huntsville, Ala.

S. R. DOWNEY, '66, Ind. Alpha, is secretary to the Governor of Indiana.

J. H. RABBITTS, '74, Ohio Gamma, is attorney-at-law, Springfield, Ohio.

E. J. HOWENSTEIN, '60, Pa. Alpha, is practicing law at Bellfountaine, Ohio.

H. W. LIST, Va. Delta, is in the Bank of Wheeling, Wheeling, W. Va.

G. H. PALMER, '84, Ohio Gamma, is taking an extended tour through the West.

BRO. SPOTTISWOOD, '73, Pa. Zeta, is clerking at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.

W. R. BRECKENRIDGE, '57, Ill. Beta, is an extensive grain merchant at La Fayette, Ind.

N. C. RAFF and J. F. KINKADE, of Ohio Gamma, take first and second honors respectively this year.

C. C. WERTENBAKER, Va. Alpha, is still interested in the Fraternity. His address is Charlottesville, Va.

BRO. E. O. SHAKESPERE, M. D., Pa. Zeta, was recently elected Pathologist to Blockley Hospital, Philadelphia.

BRO. P. HARVEY SCHAEFFER, '67, Pa. E., is a real estate agent at 1309 Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

MEMBERS of Ohio Gamma held a picnic at Quinby's Park, May 15th. The time was pleasantly spent in dancing and boating.

THE Chicago papers give glowing accounts of the Symposium recently held at the Tremont House by the three Chapters in that State.

THE Ohio Gamma Quartette has received many favors from the ladies whom they have serenaded. They have also been invited to sing at the coming Junior contest.

At the recent Commencement of the University of Pennsylvania, five $\Phi. K. \Psi$'s were graduated: two received the degree of A.B.; one S.B.; one L.L.B., and one Ph.D.

Two brothers of the Pa. E., that have been unearthed here in Philadelphia, are Rev. Sam'l A. K. Francis, 1431 South Tenth Street, and Rev. Chas. E. Murray, 27 South Sixteenth Street.

BRO. W. L. ROWLAND, '78, Pa. Iota, has received a Fellowship in Chemistry at Johns Hopkins University. He has also been appointed by the Government to inspect all the chemical works of the United States. In his travels he will doubtless be able to visit many of our Chapters, and we can assure all that "Mother" will be found excellent company.

COL. THOMAS CHAMBERLAIN, Pa. Gamma, presided at the meeting of Pa. Kappa, June 7th. He had an excellent fund of Fraternity information, and is as enthusiastic as when in college. In the coming numbers of the SHIELD we expect to present the boys with a few of Colonel's war reminiscences. His office address is 405 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

BRO. "SLIM" READING, '80, Pa. Theta, appeared at the Kappa rooms the other night. He and Bro. Wilbur of the same Chapter will sail for Europe, July 1st. They will travel during the summer, and in the fall will settle down in some German university town and "dig." Gottingen is the place we would recommend to their consideration. There are four or five $\Phi. K. \Psi$'s there at present.

THE invitations to Pa. Epsilon's Twenty-fifth Anniversary are out. They are the prettiest we've seen this season. A portion, if not all of the work, was executed by Bro. Bridges, '76, of Pa. E. Accept thanks from Kappa—will be there. The literary exercises attending this occasion will be given in McClellan's Opera House, Gettysburg. The address of welcome will be delivered by Bro. Geo. S. Bowers, '80, Pa. E. The orator is Prof. Sam'l P. Sadtler, '67, Pa. E., and the poet is Rev. Bro. H. S. Lobingier, '73, Va. Delta. It is to be hoped everybody that can will be present.

THE members of the Pennsylvania Beta Chapter of this Fraternity, indulged in what they designate as a "grind" on last Saturday evening. Promptly at nine o'clock they emerged from their hall in the Crawford Block and proceeded to take possession of the dining-room at the Commercial. Mr. Mechling had prepared a choice banquet, and the boys did ample justice to the good things which were placed before them. After having satiated their desires in that direction, toasts were responded to by Bros. Wilson, Culver, Ford, Tieste, A. L. Bates and A. H. Siggins. Numerous college and Fraternity songs were sung, and during the evening the Easton Sable Quartette put in an appearance and rendered some of their best selections.

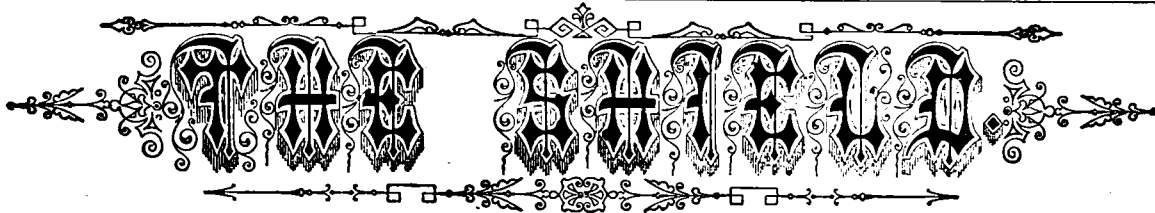
At a late hour the boys formed the mystic circle, and after singing a song in Phi Psi's praise they quietly dispersed, feeling that the occasion would be remembered as an attractive milestone in their college career.—*Daily Reporter*.

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Look out for the Grand Catalogue! Every $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ needs a copy.

ALUMNI Chapters ought to be organized immediately at Wheeling, W. Va., and Nashville, Tenn.

OVER three hundred letters were sent out this summer to the members of defunct Chapters.

Who's in favor of making the meeting of the G. A. C. Annual, instead of Triennial? Let us hear from that brother.

DON'T forget that all money intended for the SHIELD should be sent to Bro. Prof. Otis H. Kendall, 3826 Locust Street, West Philadelphia, Pa.

ONE dollar from each undergraduate member of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, in addition to our Alumni subscription list, and we will give a monthly SHIELD four times its present size, and have it illustrated with photographs of all prominent brothers, as well as with some of the immortal productions of Bro. Tom Campbell, of "Old Alpha."

THE treasury of the SHIELD is about exhausted. Many subscriptions of last year remain unpaid; the brothers who had these in charge would confer a favor upon us in remitting the cash as soon as convenient. We are prepared, too, to receive subscription money to Vol. II. This, we know by experience, is easiest paid at the commencement of the term; hence we print this early reminder. The SHIELDS actually paid for last year would astonish, by their small number, every Phi Psi. You would not believe so large and flourishing a fraternity as ours could show so small a list of subscribers to the frat. publication! But it is a glaring fact, and one that we sincerely hope will never again stare us out of countenance.

Bros. Wilson, Wood and Dale deserve the highest praise for the manner in which they arranged the Chautauqua Reunion. It was certainly work of no easy order, and is one that emphatically merits a vote of thanks from the entire Fraternity of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ Future committees will do well to consider the plan they pursued, take courage from the success following their efforts, and work with the determination to even excel this last well attended gathering. The only obstacle in the path of making these Annual Reunions successful, appears to be the getting of some central point, easy of access to both West, South, North and East. There are many reasons why Chautauqua is preferable to any Cresson Springs has been suggested. We are not able to remain until the business meeting was held, consequently can not publish their action in the matter.

AGAIN we appear before you, determined that we will exert ourselves to the utmost to render the SHIELD a welcome visitor in the many circles of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ Unassisted, it would, indeed, be slow work for us, but to $\Phi. K. \Psi.$'s do we appeal to lend their aid in the future as in the past. The verdict, wherever heard, has been, "we can't do without the SHIELD." Therefore, brothers, see to it that your mightest efforts are put forth in perpetuating the good work. Regular monthly Chapter letters are absolutely necessary. They can easily be written. A quarter of an hour each month from some brother in every Chapter and we would have a grand correspondence. Any news regarding Fraternity life at any institution would be very valuable. And don't omit the personals! We would be very happy indeed to publish the location and doings of every $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ who graduated this summer, but we can't unless the sub-Chapters act the part of assistants and furnish these data. And you can do it. See that it is done, remembering that these pages are intended to be employed in recording all matters pertaining to our honorable Fraternity. They will, in the future, be the grand authority to which we will be compelled to turn to read our history; and for this reason do we so earnestly entreat the brothers that their communications to the Shield columns be frequent and fraught with Chapter doings. We await your letters, brothers.

WE followed the injunction given in the last number of the SHIELD, regarding the investment of a little money in paper, etc., and in searching out of members and facts in the history of the Fraternity little known. The personals we will give in due time show pretty thoroughly whom we have found and their present occupations. Our line of inquiry was mainly directed to the South, although all our defunct Chapters received full attention. When the com-

plete result of our investigations are handed in, we expect to present considerable desirable matter to our historians.

The readiness with which our brothers in the South replied to our queries, and the anxious inquiries they sent regarding the present conditions of our honored Fraternity indicate clearly that although years have passed since they met around the "mystic altar," the flame still burns brightly within them, and that they are eager to see the banner of the glorious old brotherhood replanted in their midst.

We will give a few letters received from some of the brothers, in another column.

Many inquiries, regarding catalogues and the procuring of pins, were made. The appearance, too, of the SHIELD, set many to recalling the few bright years of their Fraternity life, and they ask that the little sheet may come often. So be it. From the desire expressed by many that we reorganize some of the old Chapters, we, as a Fraternity, should not turn away. Let us make this year of our existence one noted for the revival of our deserving defunct Chapters. If we are idle, others will continue to collect as they have for the last twenty years, many who would gladly enroll themselves under our banner.

We feel amply repaid for time and labor by the hearty sympathy shown in all quarters. The zeal manifested has served to make us only the more desirous of laboring in the interests of Phi Kappa Psi.

PHI KAPPA PSI AT CHAUTAUQUA AND LAKEWOOD.

A LONG ride by rail and a short sail over the lake brought us on the evening of the 9th of August to celebrated Chautauqua. Fatigued we at once sought sleeping accommodations provided for us on Asbury Ave. A good night's rest and hearty breakfast made us feel ourselves strong again, and eager to learn where the camp of Φ. Κ. Ψ. was located. With pin exposed we sallied forth and it fortunately didn't take long to discover others of the craft. In passing one of the many avenues we noticed about a hundred or more yards from us a large streamer bearing the familiar symbols—Φ. Κ. Ψ. In turning our steps in that direction we at once ran against a score of young men wearing the *Shield*. All wore, in addition to their badges, the fraternity colors with a picture of the pin printed upon it. Well, we were most heartily received, meeting many of the brothers whose names had long been familiar to us, many with whom we'd been in correspondence, but had never seen. There were List and Raff, of Ohio Gamma; the Siggins Bros., of Penn'a Beta; Hosterman, of Ohio Beta; Robinson, of Penn'a Alpha, and a host of others whom we cannot recall by name. Bro. Chalfant, of "old Alpha," who was down at Easton this summer was there in full bloom, wearing a pin of the first shield model. He entertained the boys with brilliant accounts of Φ. Ψ. doings years ago.

A register was found within the house, where we at once enrolled our names. We hope that it can be printed in another column. At the moment we scarcely had time to copy off the names, much as we desired to do it.

We were very much disappointed on ascertaining that

Bro. Burdette would not be present. His reasons, however, were such as forbade any murmuring. To in some manner fill up the breach in the programme the committee procured the services of Prof. Frank Beard for the afternoon entertainment on the 10th. Rev. Dr. Vincent before introducing the speaker made some very touching remarks regarding the absence of Bro. Burdette. He then read the letter sent by our brother, which was ordered to be printed and we give it here as it appeared in the *Petroleum World*.

BOB BURDETTE'S LETTER.

There was deep disappointment when Dr. Vincent announced that Burdette had sent his regrets. Dr. Vincent spoke feelingly and beautifully of poor Burdette, whose heart is filled with sorrow, though his pen sends hearty laughter to thousands of people who, after reading his beautiful letter to Dr. Vincent, in which he speaks so beautifully of his invalid wife, will think more of him and sympathize with the noble fellow in his affliction, and who will earnestly hope that old ocean will restore the health of his helpless wife. The seventy-five members of the society present were sincerely effected by this letter; and when Dr. Vincent suggested the "Chautauqua salute" in honor of the absent, five thousand handkerchiefs, waived by five thousand people, many of whom were affected to tears spoke a response that a king might be proud of. Following is the letter:

NANTUCKET, MASS., Aug. 3.

Dr. J. H. Vincent:

You will be pleased to learn, and it will gratify the intelligent thousands at the lake when you inform them, that I will not be there on the 10th. I can't do very much good in this world, and it occurs to me sometimes that I could do as much by keeping my mouth shut as by following my tongue's free course. I wish I had the inspiration oftener. I think if it came to me fifty times a day I would be wiser and happier. At any rate I would have fewer foolish remarks to repent of when night and penitence came on together. If it should happen that any one might feel disappointed by my failing to talk on the 10th, I am profoundly sorry for that person's mistaken sense of disappointment, and assure him that it is no novelty to hear me chatter. My flashes of silence are the brightest and rarest charms I possess. And I am not rich in them. Ah, no! I am woefully poverty stricken. Sometimes I haven't enough to go around. Let them be thankful that they will have an opportunity of hearing me when I am quiet.

Seriously, and in all "truth and soberness," I cannot come. Mrs. Burdette's health—if the poor little sufferer's combination of aches and pains and helplessness may be designated by such a sarcastic appellation—has been steadily failing all winter, and we have come down to this sea-girt island to see if old ocean and its breezes may do what the doctors and mountains and prairies have failed to do. And here we are waiting. "Her little serene highness" in utter helplessness, unable to stand alone (for years she has been unable to walk), her helpless hands folded

in her lap; she must be dressed, carried about, cared for like a baby, suffering from countless pains and aches, day and night, and I cannot leave her even for a few days. No one at Chautauqua will feel the disappointment as we do, for we had planned to go there together. If she could go with me, I would be glad enough to creep to Chautauqua on my knees. Her life has been a fountain of strength to me. In ten long years I have never seen the look of pain out of her eyes, and for more than half so long, I have seen her sitting in patient helplessness, and I have never heard a complaining murmur from her lips while she has served as those who only stand and wait, never questioning and never doubting the wisdom and the goodness of the Father whose hand has been laid upon her so heavily. The beautiful patience of her life has been a constant rebuke to my own impatience, and her sufferings I have seen and known and believed the "love that knows no fear," and the faith that "knows no doubt."

But I am tiring the busiest man in Chautauqua with a long letter when all that he wishes to know is that I can't come and lecture as I promised I would. I would like to do two or three things that I can't. With a long apology for taking up so much of your time, and a thousand wishes for a happy and successful summer at Chautauqua, I am truly your friend,

ROB'T J. BURDETTE.

During the reading of this letter the most breathless silence prevailed, and all over the vast audience women and strong men were moved to tears.

The brothers were all present at the address of Prof. Beard and very highly amused at the remarks of the speaker, who said if he did not fill Burdette's place, he managed to "rattle around in it and make an immense amount of noisy hilarity." This ended, the boys adjourned to Philosophical Hall, where all had agreed upon holding the mass meeting. Many friends, the parents and relatives of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$'s, were present. Bro. Wood, of Penn'a Beta, opened the meeting and spoke briefly of the development of the idea of holding annual gatherings and earnestly entreated the brothers that this should not be the last. That last year but few, very very few indeed, were on hand and that such a goodly crowd as had assembled on this occasion should be an inducement to continue the plan. These were undoubtedly the sentiments of all. Hon. Sam'l C. T. Dodd, "old Alpha," of Franklin, Pa., was elected permanent chairman. His remarks were directed to picturing the past and present of our fraternity. A song was called for when the following, written on the spur of the moment, by Bro. A. H. Siggins, was heartily sung:

TUNE—Auld Lang Syne.

As dwells within each human breast
A soul that cannot die
So deep within our bosom rests
The thought of old Phi Psi.

CHO.—For old Phi Kappa Psi,
My friends,
For old Phi Kappa Psi,
We take a drop before we stop
For old Phi Kappa Phi.

We leave our college haunts to roam
Where joy is ever nigh,
But oft we turn and oft we come
To meet our old Phi Psi.

Where're we go in life's vast field
To answer duty's cry,
There is a thought will always shield—
The thought of old Phi Psi.

Bro. Daniel C. List, of Ohio Gamma, now read a sketch of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ This was attentively listened to by every one present and thoroughly enjoyed. It proved conclusively that into no better hands could the writing of the history of the Fraternity have been entrusted. The little details have been satisfactorily worked up by him.

Letters of regret were now read from Hon. Carl Schurz, Rev. Dr. S. J. Nicolls, of St. Louis, Judges Moore, Jas. W. Phillips, Jenks and Herman, and Hon. W. S. Shallenberger, Hon. Frank E. Beltzhoover, Rev. Henry Schell Lobingier, Burdette, Hon. Jno. B. Cessna and many others.

A telegram of sympathy was ordered to be sent to Bro. Burdette.

Just as we were in the midst of having a glorious time, we were obliged to vacate the Hall as exercises of a religious character had been announced for that hour and place. We, therefore, adjourned to the Phi Kappa Psi Headquarters. Here we continued in session sometime and then on motion of one of the brothers adjourned to the shore of the lake and were photographed in a group. Wonder where our copy of that group is? We should hate to lose it.

The crowning event of the day and the feature of the whole reunion, however, was the grand excursion and banquet over the lake, participated in solely by the members of the Fraternity with their lovely Juliets and a select few of the press. The beautiful new steamer, "Alaska," had been chartered for the evening to carry the merry party to Lakewood, where the dancing, banquet, and other enjoyable festivities were to take place. At 7 o'clock the steamer blew her last warning, the headline was cast off, and the music of the band, mingled with the old society songs, the merry peals of laughter and the sound of tripping feet, that were wafted ashore, all gave promise of a delightful and enjoyable time. The following ladies and gentlemen were present on the occasion:

W. S. King and Miss Mattie Stewart,
A. L. Andrews and Miss Grace Phillips.
S. C. T. Dodd and wife.
Will C. Wilson and Miss Alice Whipple.
R. D. Hoskins and Miss Libbie Ingraham.
E. M. Wood and Miss Pattie A. Gilmore.
E. Y. Fullerton and Miss Belle McClintock.
W. G. Trunkey and Miss Kate McGough.
H. Kirkpatrick and Miss Sheakley.
H. W. Grigsly and Miss Ida Gibson.
E. T. Bates and Miss S. Cathers.
C. E. Evarts and Miss Goodrich.
A. J. Newell and Miss Mame Best.
S. C. Miffin and Miss Hattie Woods.
A. D. Hosterman and Miss E. F. Merchant.
D. W. Martindell and Miss S. I. Dickey.
D. C. List and Miss Alice Robinson.

Edgar F. Smith and Miss Elda Brown.
 Ed. S. Raff and Miss Mary Houser.
 F. H. Morgan and wife.
 George N. Fleek and Miss Bates.
 J. P. Brushingham and Miss L. S. Norton.
 W. W. Dale and Miss Belle Dickey.
 J. J. Davidson and Miss Wilson.
 A. H. Siggins and Miss Josephine Bates.
 A. C. Longden and Miss Ada V. Scarritt.
 J. B. Siggins and Miss Dora Klock.

These were all members of the fraternity who could possible be present on the excursion, and with a few others comprised this very jolly crowd. The ride down the lake was most delightful, the cool air of the evening, not too cool, but just cool enough, the bright decorative lights of the boat, the quick inspiring strains from the band, all served to infuse a spirit of hilarity into the party, and all seemed determined to have a jolly good time, come what might. Here a group were gathered singing their college songs; there a small circle indulging in sharp sallies of wit and repartee; yonder they were whirling in the mazy dances, while everywhere the liveliest of good humored conversation was the order, and the boat steamed on past the different points to Lakewood, carrying as jolly and happy a crowd as ever trod her decks. The company formed here in double file and marched forward to take the Lake View House—by whatever means they were capable of. They were received by the affable proprietor of the hotel, at the door, and given the freedom of the entire house. When once within the hotel the company assumed the phase of a party, and the parlors and piazzas were soon filled with the happy Phi Kappa Psi's and their ladies, enjoying themselves in the most approved American style.

At 10 o'clock the banquet, which had been prepared for the occasion, was announced, and in almost the twinkling of an eye the spacious dining halls of the hotel were filled, and all with one accord began to test the culinary art of this establishment, which was never displayed to better advantage than at that time.

The nicely printed bill of fare ran like this:

LAKE VIEW HOUSE,

Lakewood, Chautauqua Lake, N. Y.

Tuesday, August 10th, 1880.

BANQUET.

Chautauqua Lake Pickerel.

Broiled Spring Chicken.		Tenderloin Steak.
Cold Ham.	Tongue.	Corned Beef.
	Sardines Garnished.	
Lyonaise Potatoes.	Silverthorn Stewed Potatoes.	
	Parker House Rolls.	
Pound Cake.	White Cake	Diamond Cake.
	French Kisses.	
Vanilla Ice Cream.		Catawba Wine Jelly.
Peaches.	Oranges.	Layer Raisins.
Coffee.		Tea.

The above were heartily enjoyed by all, and especially us. In fact we weren't through when Bro S. C. T. Dodd gave the order to suspend the attack, and as chairman of the occasion called the merry banqueters to order.

Bro. Dodd in his opening speech said, among other things, that all were here to have a jolly time, and everyone who was not jolly should be put out. He had carefully watched the brothers and was fully convinced that they were true Phi Kappa Psi's, because they took in any dish set before them, whether gastronomical or intellectual. He then proposed the following toasts which were responded to as below.

Ohio Gamma:—Bro. Ed. S. Raff. The Chapter, in a straight forward and independent manner, pursued a course of its own, having in view perfect adherence to the principles of our honored Fraternity. As a consequence, her men took, in face of all opposition, the most desirable positions in class and society. The future prospects of Ohio Gamma were never brighter.

Ohio Beta:—Bro. H. D. Hosterman. Like her sister Chapter, she possessed a body of enthusiastic and earnest workers for $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ Commented on the healthy growth of the Chapter.

Ohio Delta:—Sister Bates. Our sister briefly commented upon the satisfactory condition of her Chapter. She was glad to meet the brothers, and next year she hoped the ladies would all be sisters. Bro. Dodd moved to strike out the word "sisters" and insert "wives," which was received with cheers by the ladies, in which the gentlemen good-naturedly joined.

Virginia Delta:—Bro. H. W. Grigsly. True to her honored mother, but heart-sick of petty tyranny displayed by certain professors, she had at last concluded to gather her band together in some more desirable quarter—to become the Alpha or perhaps Gamma Chapter of some other state.

Our Baby Brother:—W. H. Crawford, Ind. Alpha. He scarcely knew what to do. He'd been promised "Winslow's Soothing Syrup." Hoped it would soon appear. He thought he'd conducted himself like a "dear, little baby." He considered himself full grown, and longed to become a $\Phi. \Psi.$ warrior and rank among the battle-scarred veterans whom he saw about him.

As a suitable ending to this toast, and to quiet the darling and smooth down his ruffled spirit, Miss Belle McClintock sang the following:

He's a sweet Phi Kappa Psi, baby mine, baby mine;
 He can eat and never tire, baby mine, baby mine;
 He is young and full of glee.
 He's the darling, dear baby
 Of the Societe, baby mine, baby mine.

Oh, we glad to see his face, baby mine, baby mine,
 In this unaccustomed place, baby mine, baby mine,
 Like the big sunflower in bloom,
 Like the sunshine on the room, baby mine, baby mine.

We're so glad we cannot eat, baby mine, baby mine;
 We're too happy far to weep, baby mine, baby mine;
 He's the darling dear baby
 Of the Societe, called the Phi Kappa Psi, baby mine, etc.

This parody on "Baby Mine" convulsed the party from one end of the room to the other. Our sides are aching yet with laughter.

Indiana Alpha:—Bro. A. C. Longden. Chapter is good, active condition—ever ready to vie with any rival in college affairs and come off victorious.

Illinois Alpha:—Bro. J. P. Brushingham. Spoke of the State and her great men in the past and present. Of his Chapter and its influence in college, its energy and honor. Well delivered and well received.

COLLEGE SONGS.—The airs we all know were sung in the usual spirit of college men. Bro. Dodd remarked that the only songs sung in his day were: "We wont go home till morning" and "Rock her down, Sall!"

Penn'a Beta brought Bro. W. C. Wilson to his feet, who showed in a pithy speech that old Allegheny was still in the front rank. She had present the largest delegation of brothers.

Penn'a Theta;—Bro. W. W. Dale. He said he never opened his mouth but what he put his foot in it. This, Bro. Dodd denied, on account of the size of the foot. He was not very well posted regarding the active Chapter, as he'd been absent from college for some years. Her graduates; however, were in every walk of life, reflecting honor and credit upon their Fraternity.

Penn'a Epsilon:—Bro. Edgar F. Smith. We had so much to say about the "SHIELD" that Epsilon could only come in for the 1882 boom. A little house, you know—so long and so wide, etc., etc.

Penn'a Alpha:—To be responded to by the oldest and ugliest member of that Chapter present. Bro. Dodd took it upon himself, cutting out the "ugliest." He spoke concerning his college days; the advise that was freely given him when he first entered college, part of which was not to join the $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ Fraternity, and so he forthwith joined; of his initiation, of which he gave a description as he only can; of the boys who were pretty loud, and what they have amounted to. "When he was humorous, he was sublime; when he was solomn, he was grand." This was undoubtedly the speech of the evening, and Bro. Dodd sat down amid the renewed cheers of his audiance.

The Present Occasion:—Bro. Wood, Penn'a Beta. Tire-some work it had been to bring about this gathering and arrange matters for the comfort of all concerned. Yet the sight of so many new faces—representatives of our widely separated Chapters—inspired him with renewed zeal and the hope that it would be followed annually by larger and grander reunions.

We heartily advocate these sentiments, and sincerely wish that the good work begun in this way be continued. We dare not forsake the plan. It must go on.

The Ladies:—Bro. List, of Ohio Gamma, made this one of the most interesting subjects of the evening.

After another song by Miss McClintock the exercises ended, and all adjourned to the parlors, where dancing was indulged in until a late hour. It was in the midst of these final festivities, when we were compelled to tear ourselves

away from these happy scenes and turn our steps homeward. The good, social, happy hours—though too short—that we spent with our brothers never before seen, will ever be held in the liveliest remembrance, and we sincerely hope that the time is not far distant when we can again extend to each other the fraternal grip. It is a pleasure we long for. In conclusion, we would express our most sincere thanks to the fair K. A. $\Theta.$ who remembered us in the moment of our departure.

This, brother $\Phi. K. \Psi.$'s, is a hastily prepared sketch of our late doings at Chautauqua. That you will be amply repaid for all trouble, etc., if you attend the next reunion, either there or wherever the brothers may have decided to convene, we can assure every brother. Go one, go all, is our advice.

PA. EPSILON.

1855—1880.

THE 25th anniversary of Pennsylvania Epsilon passed off splendidly. The brothers of the Chapter did everything to accommodate visiting friends and the universal verdict from everyone was, "it was grand."

This Chapter, now twenty-five years of age, has always had excellent standing ever since here earliest existence. Not making college honors a requisit for membership, the Chapter has nevertheless had a brilliant record for scholarship. Just about one half of her one hundred and twenty initiates have been enrolled on the honor list of the institution. Quite a number of Epsilon's sons have become prominent in the Lutheran church and in the present board of trustees of Penna. College are six gentlemen who have worn the old shield. Two of her sons have been college presidents, one a congressman, quite a number have and do occupy various professorships throughout our state, several are at present holding the office of state legislature, and the rest are prominent in the ministry, law and medicine.

The first paper issued in the interests of Phi Kapa Psi was conducted by brother Geo. U. Porter, of Epsilon. This was the *Phi Kappa Psi Monthly*, and had it not been for Bro. Porter's sudden death we no doubt would never have seen the *Phi Psi Quarterly* nor the SHIELD, as Bro. Porter possessed the energy and spirit necessary to have made the *Monthly* a permanent affair.

Epsilon is the mother of several of our most prominent Chapters, and in all respects shown herself true to the principles bestowed upon her in 1855.

About one hundred persons assembled at the Springs Hotel, Gettysburg, Pa., on the eve of June 24th to participate in the anniversary exercises. At least half of the audience consisted of the fair sex coming from not only the town of Gettysburg, but all the adjacent boroughs and quite a number from Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. It was intended to hold the literary exercises in the opera house, but as both orator, Prof. Sam'l P. Sadtler '67 and poet, Rev. H. S. Lobinger, Va. Δ , discovered at the last moment that they could not be present in person it was

decided to hold them at the Springs. The following programme was followed:

Presiding Officer:

Hon. Adam Hoy, '56.

Address of Welcome, . . . G. S. Bowers, '80.
Poem (read by) . . . Hart. Gilbert, Esq., '67.
Oration, . . . Prof. S. P. Sadtler, '67.

TOASTS.

Our Fraternity, . . . Adam Hoy, '57.
Epsilon Alumni, . . . J. M. Krauth, Esq., '64.
Our Law Men, . . . S. D. Schmucker, Esq., '63.
Our College Days, . . . F. R. Kahler, '81.
The Ladies, . . . F. A. Kurtz, Esq., '77.
Our Anniversary, . . . Rev. W. F. Rentz, '76.
Our Public Men, . . . Hon. F. E. Beltzhoover, '62.

The speeches were first-class, and then followed dancing until about twelve, when all adjourned to the dining hall and made way with an excellent supper. Immediately after followed the toasts printed above. These finished, adjournment to the parlors and dancing hall ensued. Here the merriment and fun continued until away into the wee small hours of the morn, when a pleasant drive home closed one of the most delightful occasions ever enjoyed by Epsilon and her fair admirers.

SYMPOSIUM OF THE ETA.

DEAR EDITORS:

PLEASE score another one for the Eta. We want it scored in commemoration of our annual symposium, which we held on the 17th of last June.

Our symposium was a jolly affair. A score or so of our old members, were present (in connection with many from other chapters), with their interesting accounts of the early symposiums and life of the Chapter, which were, (the symposiums) according to all accounts, somewhat different from our last.

But as to our *last*

About the time that most people were thinking of going to bed, we assembled, to the number of forty and more, in the parlors of Michael's Hotel, to begin the ceremonies of the evening.

Bro. "Billy" Apple welcomed all to the feast in a fitting address, when Bro. Eschbach introduced the brothers; after which Bro. Hoy read the beautiful poem, which he had prepared for the occasion.

Then the line was formed for the banquet table. One by one, the different courses quickly disappeared at the instigation of the empty stomachs of the royal Phi Psi brothers and that great big Phi Psi dog Bosko (which Bro. Marshall had brought from Philadelphia with him) and when the end of the *menu* was reached, the toasts began.

The respondents to the regular and promiscuous toasts kept the hall ringing with applause, at their enthusiastic fraternal utterances and with laughter at the anecdotes, which they told of the early life of the chapter.

Bros. Marshall and Brown then came to the front and sang several comic songs, with great effect, which were highly appreciated.

Song followed song, until early in the morning, when just as Aurora showed her shining face above the horizon, all betook themselves, joyfully, to the arms of that most happy one of the gods, dear old Morpheus.

Every one seemed to enjoy the symposium, from the symposiarch (one of the founders of the Chapter), to the latest initiate, to cast from him the cares of the world and to give himself wholly up to the enjoyment of the hour; impressing upon the younger members of the Fraternity, the wonderful power of Phi Psi, which after it has once permeated the bosom of any one, clings to him through his whole life, goes with him into whatever calling he may have engaged in and leads him, eventually, to that higher place, in which the bonds of fraternal love will be drawn still tighter and the highest idea of the Fraternity be reached.

To those who were present with us, we express our thanks for their coming, to those who were not, but would have liked to have been here, (among them Carl Schurz, R. W. Townshend, H. H. Bingham, F. E. Beltzhoover, S. H. Yocum and R. J. Burdette,) we extend our consolation for the meal they missed, and to all we give a cordial invitation to join us at our next annual symposium.

C. W. C.

CONCERNING VIRGINIA DELTA.

BETHANY COLLEGE.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

LEST inquiries made concerning the temporary suspension of Virginia Delta may be left unanswered, I take the opportunity of informing the Fraternity at large of the difficulty which arose in our college during the last session, and resulted in the Chapter taking the step it has.

There had been several disturbances in one of the literary societies of a very disagreeable character, which were carried to such an extent that several members saw fit to resign their membership in the society. This occasioned hard feelings between the remaining members of the society and those that had left. Through the efforts of some of the members who felt an interest in the welfare of the society, a reconciliation was formed, and most of the resigned members returned. Another outbreak, however, occurred, in which one of our brothers was, without provocation, brutally assaulted by a member of the society, and it resulted in several injuries being inflicted. Other attacks were made on members of the Chapter, but were passed over in silence, the brothers supposing the Faculty would, without delay, unconditionally expel the gentleman who had occasioned such trouble. But, strange to say, in the absence of one of the professors, the Faculty simply allowed him two weeks vacation, calling it "suspension" from the active duties of college. The injustice of this treatment towards the injured member so enraged not only the members of his Fraternity, but also a great number of the students, that they determined at once to leave college, and not to return again. This completely covered all the members of the Fraternity, at that time numbering thirteen. So, in the judgement of the Brothers, it was thought

best to ask the permission of the G. C. to allow the Chapter to be handed over into the hands of the Alumni, until they saw fit to again replace it. This was not a hasty step on the part of the Chapter, but one of long consideration, and the result of much reflection and debate. So any further silence on the part of Virginia Delta may be accounted for from the fact of its temporary suspension. In the mean time, although scattered far and near, attending different institutions of learning, we, as loyal brothers in the Order, pray for the success of old $\Phi. \Psi.$, hoping that prosperity may smile on her course, and that the richest blessings may attend her every effort to promote her welfare; and especially may every son of Virginia Delta, wherever he may be, know that thoughtfully and cautiously was the successful course of her progress relinquished; and, in after years, we, the members of Virginia Delta, of '81, can look back with no bitter, barren regrets over the step we have taken, but with the consciousness that it was all for the best interests of the Fraternity that we did it.

In behalf of the Chapter.

GRAND OLD PHI KAPPA PSI.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., July 10th, 1880.

DEAR BROTHER.—Yours received and answered, which you will find enclosed. I regret not being able to give you the desired information as to the founding and active working of the $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ Fraternity in S. C. College. During my membership it was in full active working condition, having twelve of fifteen members, mostly of the first men in college. It stood "No. 1" among the secret societies of the college. It became dormant at the break-up in the college in 1862, and, so far as I know, has not been revived. The college was revived as a university in the days of reconstruction, but passed into the hands of the dominant party (negroes); and, of course, the whites took no interest in it, nor the members of the different fraternities in the revival of their chapters. The archives, I presume, were destroyed. I brought home with me the seals, etc., but they were stolen from my mother's residence during the war. I doubt if any definite knowledge could be had at this late date.

Trusting that the grand old Fraternity is still among you, flourishing in its glory as it was before "the late unpleasantness," when we delighted to correspond with you and other Chapters among our Northern brethren, and trusting further that the recollections of the war and its consequences may pass from your minds, and that we may go forward in the great work of advancing the interests of one common country, I have the honor to be

Very resp'y your brother in $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ bonds.

THOMAS J. MOORE.

ABOUT TENNESSEE ALPHA.

HERNADO, DE SOTO, Co., Miss.,
July 18th, 1880.

DEAR BROTHERS.—Your communication this day received. It has revived old and cherished memories. Long

years have passed since I became a member of our honored Fraternity. * * * As the records will show, ours was the Alpha Chapter of Tennessee; the institution was known as the Lagrange Synodical College. We had a good institution and a good Chapter. At one time we had the first man in every class and all the honor men of the graduating class. * * * Many of our gallant fellows went under during the war. Of all who survived to my knowledge, I only know the whereabouts of W. V. Frierson, Pontotoc, Miss.; Jno. P. Wilson, Waxahachie, Ellis Co., Texas; W. Z. Mitchell, Memphis, Tenn. and myself at this place. If there are others, I've lost sight of them. * * * I wish you would send me a catalogue. Also, if you can, inform me where Bro. Jerome Lee is. He was at Jefferson College, Pa., I think, and lived at Mansfield, Ohio. He was a brother indeed to me during the war, and I would like to know if he is alive.

Very truly yours in $\Phi. K. \Psi.$,

W. D. HOWZE.

[We have discovered some of the brothers of this Chapter. Many, however, are dead.—Eds.]

NOT FORGOTTEN.

WINNSBORO, FAIRFIELD, Co., S. C.

July 10th, 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER IN $\Phi. K. \Phi.$:

YOUR circular received and returned with answers. As you ask further information, I will give you some. It may or may not be superfluous. Other members in Winnsboro, all of S. C. Alpha, are as follows:

James Glenn McCants. Joined 1868, graduated 1869, Va. University, subsequently practicing attorney, Winnsboro.

Thomas Ross Robertson, Winnsboro. Joined 1867, graduated 1869. Attorney-at-law.

James Quentin Davis, Fairfield; '69. County Treasurer past four years.

I advise you to write to John T. Seibels, Esq., attorney, at Columbia, S. C., for a list of members, etc. I think he must have the records or knows where they are, as the Chapter is not now in existence. If you will send me a list of the members in the catalogue and those sent you subsequently, I will take great pleasure in searching up the information you require. I have lost my catalogue. If you will also let me know what length you wish your article on S. C. Alpha to be, I shall take pleasure in writing a sketch for you, which of course you will revise.

The Chapter was organized before the war, and closed when the college suspended, in 1862. Reopened, I believe, in 1866 or 1867; it ran for three or four years more very creditably. Again in 1872 it was revived, and was quite active, owing to the energy and zeal of Bro. Herman Johnson, an alumnus of Dickinson College, who was in Columbia engaged in business. At the close of 1872, the University was opened to the admission of colored students, and, for four years, was almost entirely patronized by persons of that race. The Chapter was closed and was never

reopened. The Democratic administration has, for several years, supported or aided a colored college, at Orangeburg in this State; and the old University buildings will be opened in October next for an Agricultural College for whites. Whether the Chapter will be reorganized depends upon the character of the students in the institution. We shall let it remain dormant until it can be revived with honor to the Fraternity.

These are hasty notes. I can write much more fully if you inform me what you wish. Excuse this paper; I began with the intention of giving a full sketch, but have decided to write no more at present, until, at least, I have gotten some information about the past history.

We have some eminent members, and many men who are rising.

Very truly in $\Phi. K. \Psi.$,
R. MEANS DAVIS.

We have received a neat little catalogue of *Chickasaw Female College*, Pontotoc, Miss., from Pres. Frierson. A careful perusal of its pages shows that the institution is every way thoroughly prepared to fit young ladies for any walk of life. The Collegiate Department is divided into the following Schools: Mathematics, History, English Literature, Latin, Greek, Natural Science, Mental Science, French and German. The corp of professors numbers seven. The location of the College is excellent—in one of the most enlightened neighborhoods of the State. We congratulate Bro. Frierson on the large number of students he has gathered about him, and wish him a continuation of such success. Another proof of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ ability.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

THE first subscriber to vol. 2 was Bert Kurtz, '77, Pa. E.

BRO. Luther Harmon, '57, Pa. Beta, is farming near Westfield, N. Y.

BRO. Wm. B. Holt, Pa. Beta, was one of the Managers of the Chautauqua assembly this year.

REV. Wm. G. Keady, '56, Pa. Alpha, is now at Augusta, Ky. You'll hear from him soon, boys.

REV. Bro John F. McGill, '57, Pa. A., is a Presbyterian minister at Lewistown, Fulton Co., Ills.

MAGOR-GENERAL James A. Walker, of Va. Alpha, is at present Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia.

REV. D. M. Gilbert, '57, Pa. E., received D.D. from Roanoke College at its last commencement.

BRO. Verus Metzger, '78, Pa. E., when last heard from was quite ill. Hope he has recovered fully.

BRO. Jas. B. Raby, '78, Pa. E., is the democratic candidate for district attorney of Franklin Co., Pa.

HON. F. E. Beltzhoover, '62, Pa. E., was elected a member of the college board of trustees of Pa. College.

BRO. Charlis Kerlinger, '75, Pa. E., has retired from the ministry and is engaged in business at Woodsboro', Md.

BRO. A. G. Nye, '56, Pa. Beta, has been State Senator in California. He is now a Prof. in the State University.

BRO. Rev. Walter Forsyth, also of Penn'a Alpha, is at present pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

HON. Samuel C. T. Dodd, Pa. Alpha, is attorney for the Standard Oil Co. He also knows how to run a banquet.

BRO. J. M. Krauth, Esq., '63, Pa. E., was elected Secretary of Board of Trustees of Pa. College, Gettysburg, Pa.

BRO. Luther A. Gotwald, D.D., '57, Pa. E. has three sons who wear the shield, two being members of Pa. E. and one of Pa. Iota.

BRO. Jerome Lee, '59, Pa. Alpha, can be found with the following address: Second Comptroller's Office, Treasurer's Department, Washington, D. C.

REV. Bro. E. T. Horn, '69, Pa. E., was married June 15th to Miss Harriet Chisolm of Charleston, S. C. Best wishes of every $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ go with them.

BRO. Henry Phelps, '59, Pa. A., is vice-president of a bank in Lewistown, Ills., and the assistant cashier of the same institution is Bro. G. K. Linton, '80, Pa. Epsilon.

THERE are four Phi Kappa Psi ministers in the little town of Millersville, Pa. They frequently assemble at the house of one or the other and talk about fraternity. Let this continue brothers!

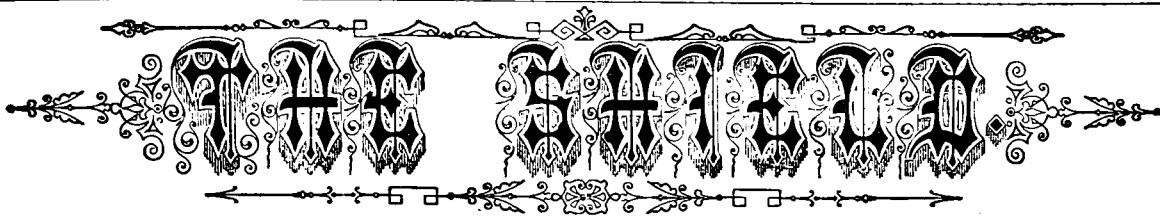
BRO. Loney, of N. J. Alpha, reports the rapid recovery of Bro. McAlpine, who was one of Princeton's sick boys this summer. Bro. Loney—please don't forget the promise regarding communication to SHIELD.

OUR lawyer brothers are constantly showing up new hands. Bro. Claybaugh, '77, Pa. E., has purchased the large estate near Taneytown, Md., which has for years been in the hands of his family, and will immediately proceed to be a farmer. Law is not, however, to be neglected.

JOSEPH E. Bowman, '72, Penn'a Eta, is local editor of the *Daily Examiner*, a staunch Republican newspaper of Lancaster, Pa. Bro. Bowman is a born journalist, keeps his department newsy and readable, and is preparing himself to take charge of the *New York Tribune* when Whitlaw Reid grows old and feeble. Joe is essentially a "lady's man;" but, notwithstanding scheming mammas and artful daughters, he is said to be still heart-whole.

BRO. Frank Graff, '79, Pa. E., has entered the flour business at Grand Rapids. The mills owned by him are the largest and do the most extensive business in that city. The flour is sent east and on a trip this way to attend such matters we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Graff for a few days. He is robust and hearty and loud in his praises of Michigan. Among all his business affairs, Bro. G. never forgets old Phi Kappa Psi. He attended the recent anniversary of Pa. Epsilon.

J. HAROLD Wickersham, Penn'a Eta, son of State Superintendent, Hon. J. P. Wickersham, is General Manager of the Inquirer Printing and Publishing Company, of Lancaster, Pa. Bro. W. is a whole-souled Phi Psi, who always gets around to the annual "feed" and expects to be appointed Government Printer by Gen. Garfield. We are sorry to state, however, that Wicky is about to wander away from the path of rectitude and celibacy; the lady is from the West. All Phi Psis invited. For railroad passes and other information, apply to Bro. W.



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THE WANDERING PHI PSI.

DAMASCUS, June 4th, 1880.

DEAR BROTHERS.—It was certainly a very pleasant and agreeable surprise, on my arrival here, to receive the first four numbers of the SHIELD, sent me by Bro. "Dug," of Pa. I. That such a paper will be a grand success, no one can for a moment doubt; and, to quote the words in the editorial of the first number, it should exist as long as the Fraternity lasts. There is one point in particular which seems to me will render the circulation of the SHIELD larger, and make it more generally read, viz., the statement that it is the intention of the editors "to devote the columns of the SHIELD purely to Fraternity matters." Many are the complaints against University magazines and papers, because they contain too much literary "stuff" and not enough college gossip, for it is very difficult to prevent the former from crowding out what to many is more interesting—college news. Starting out with the intention of excluding literary articles, the SHIELD will escape a very dangerous pitfall.

Since leaving home, over eight months ago, I have met but two Phi Psis. At Denver, I saw that Bro. Burdette was to give one of his lectures. I instantly sought him out, and it is needless to say that he gave me a very cordial greeting when he heard that I was a brother. The second Phi Psi I met was Bro. Tosui Imadate, of Pa. I. Almost immediately on his arrival in Japan, he was assigned the position of Professor of Physics, Chemistry and English Literature, in the College at Kioto. When I arrived at Kioto, the first thing I did was to seek "Imy." But where to find him? Kioto is a large city. I told the guide to take me to the largest school in the city. On our arrival we inquired if Tosui Imadate was there. The gate keeper (a fine old relic of a pre-historical Japanese period) said "No." We insisted that he must be there. Finally calling another fossil, they hob-nobbed together, and rendered their verdict: "There is a man here named Imadate Tosui." That was near enough. I knew that "Imy" never got things quite straight in America, and it was highly probable, on his return home, that he got his name twisted. After a

little delay I was taken to a building, and soon Bro. Imadate appeared. He conducted me to his private study: piled up on the table were such familiar books as "Barker's Chemistry," "Ganot's Physics," etc., etc. (I never was very much interested in those books, and only mention them *en passant*.) But what a change had come over our brother! In Iota's halls, on a cold day, one could always find him seated around the stove smoking a meerschaum (belonging to someone else). Here he was seated around a tin-lined box, a foot square, and filled with live characoals (*i. e.* the box—not Imadate), smoking a pipe which he had to refill after every puff. But enough! The greeting was cordial, and there was much to say on both sides. There is a grand future in store for the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, if it only takes the advice of a devoted brother. Let us view the plan. Every great event is achieved by degrees, slowly but surely. The most direct route from America to Japan is via San Francisco. Let us first establish a Chapter in the latter city; if necessary, grant the charter to the University of California, even though it must be recalled after a few years. From there we shall reach Japan. What a glorious field!—no rival fraternities; we can have our pick of the F. F. J.—of the sons of the old Daimios and Samurai. The Japan Alpha will be established in the university of Tokio, and the Beta Chapter in Kioto. That will probably be enough for the time being; we only wish to get them well under way to open a much larger field—to be spoken of presently. The establishing of the Fraternity in Japan will not require "The Shield" to be published in Japanese; on the contrary, our far Eastern brothers will be able to read the paper in English almost as well as ourselves. One difficulty occurs to us—the expense of sending delegates to the G. A. C. Probably the best plan would be for the G. A. C. to meet in Japan, say, once in fifteen years; and between each meeting of the G. A. C. four or five Chapters would be able, *together*, to raise a sufficient amount to send at least one delegate. On the other hand, the delegates from Japan to America would be able to combine a mercantile business with their Phi Psi interests, by importing some fine old curios, and by corresponding with some home papers. They might be able not only to pay their expenses, but to return home with their pockets well lined with the trade dollar. As I said before, Japan is merely a stepping-stone to a much larger field—China, where the same course may be pursued as in the former country. I sincerely hope that I may be sent as a delegate at the establishing of the China Alpha; the pigtailed of the Chinese will be a very useful appendage in the initiation. I cannot say whether we shall ever have any lady chapters, but, if so, there must be a modification in the building of the chapter-house in China when one is established there. We all know that the Chinese damsels have small feet—so small, in fact, that

they are unable to climb up-stairs. This will necessitate the chapter-house being only one story high (the true Chinese style); or if it has more than one story, we must send over an Otis Elevator. The former plan is the cheapest and best. In the course of a century or so, we will have conquered India, and have arrived in Asiatic Turkey—at Bagdad. I pity the treasurer of Bagdad Alpha. His accounts will be very curious to examine. Item—Jzooki Leesbonar-BACKSHEESH 10 piastres, etc., etc. No regular fees—simply *backsheesh*. And then, in regard to the ladies of Bagdad—they are all beauties; and I fear many a delegate from America will be so smitten, that he will return with a Bagdad wife. This will join the foreign chapters more closely to us. All this will come to pass, providing the same enarmored brothers ever get a chance to see their faces, which they keep so studiously covered in the streets.

It would be interesting to trace the progress of our Fraternity around the globe, but enough has already been said to show how easily the thing can be started. With the kindest regards to all Phi Psi's, and to Penna. I. in particular, and wishing "The Shield" the prosperity it deserves, I am,

Fraternally yours,

C. H. C.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

II.

I HAVE a few more words to say on this subject, and I say them hoping for better treatment at the printer's hands than I received before.*

Suppose the state of affairs suggested has come to pass; what is to be done next? If on his arrival at college the missionary who has made the first advances is ready to take him in hand, the convert that is to be will naturally be left to his direction; if not, some brother who knows of the case indirectly must step in. Now this, in my judgment, should be done boldly and, to a certain extent, frankly. It is true that, if the subject of the transaction be of ordinary intelligence, he will very likely see what his new friend is "driving at," but this is not a matter to be especially depreciated.

How he is to be managed from this time on must depend upon circumstances, but here again it is better to err on the side of zeal than on the side of over-caution. The former course may subject the chapter to failure after the disclosure of its object, which is certainly humiliating, but the latter is at the more serious risk of losing a good man.

I suppose it will nearly always happen in every college, in which a Chapter of the Fraternity is firmly established, that there will be at least one member of each entering class who is a predestined $\Phi. K. \Psi$. He has had a father or a brother or a friend in the chapter, and he falls into line naturally. Now, if he is the right sort of fellow, if he has some influence and standing in his class—if, in a word, he is a good $\Phi. \Psi$.—he is the best man to work upon mem-

bers of his own class. If such an one is not forthcoming then some member of a higher class must undertake it, and while he has, perhaps, a slight advantage in the possibility of the youngster being dazzled by the condescension of this magnificent Sophomore or giddy Junior, his position will seriously handicap him in another way. For the opportunities of unrestricted intercourse so necessary to success will, in most cases, be difficult to attainment—in colleges in which the students board, class distinctions are so sharply drawn that intimacy between the different ones is almost impossible until they are united in the same fraternity; and although this is said to be present in a less degree in city colleges, there, I should think, all intimacy between students is difficult.

Now just one more point—never let a man come in under a misapprehension as to the standing or policy, or position of the Fraternity—whether intentional or not it is very dangerous. To illustrate what I mean let me tell a little story (I shall go far enough from home to avoid treading upon any one's corns.). The Zeta Psi Fraternity had a Chapter at Harvard. Like other chapters of general fraternities, there located, it was regarded merely as a means to an end—a step towards election to "Hasty Pudding" or the other societies whose membership was really coveted. Into it were taken a number of gentlemen who declared, after initiation, that they had come in under a mistake, supposing certain men who turned out to be members of another fraternity had belonged to Zeta Psi. The old members declared that their part in the matter had been entirely innocent, and if these gentlemen insisted on severing their connection with the Chapter they would not remain in it themselves! The upshot of the whole matter was that the Chapter was disbanded. *Absit omen.*—
DEI.

THE REUNION OF 1881.

For the benefit of those Chapters and members who did not enjoy the privilege of attending the reunion this past summer at Chautauqua, a few words of explanation may not be amiss.

The morning after the excursion to Lakewood, true to their promise, all the brothers assembled at the Headquarters to settle with the committee on arrangements and to determine upon some plan for the coming year.

The meeting was the most pleasant and enthusiastic one held during the reunion. Every brother resolved there should be such reunions each year, and acting upon this a shitable place was to be selected. Some were in favor of Chautauqua, other points of interest and note were mentioned, but it was resolved that the same point was the one at which every Phi Psi should assemble the coming year.

The selection of an executive committee was next in order.

This was a somewhat difficult task, for there were so many from whom to select. Bro. Edgar F. Smith, Pa. Epsilon, one fully alive to the interests of the Fraternity, was wisely chosen. Then D. C. List, Ohio Gamma, was nominated and elected. It was thought best to leave the

* The only typographical error worth correcting is in the fourth paragraph where for "must" read "need." I should certainly never endorse the statement as it stands.

choice of a third in the hands of Pa. Beta, but as yet that member has not been made known.

It shall be the aim of the committee to make the coming reunion, more of a success, if that be possible, than the one just past. To this end they need and ask the hearty co-operation of each Chapter and member.

No plan has been determined upon, the committee desiring to first call the attention of the Order to the *fact* of the reunion, and hoping to receive suggestions from every one who may take an interest in it. We hope, therefore, that the members will not hesitate to communicate, either by letter or through the columns of the Shield, any plan they may deem advisable.

Let them hear from you, brothers, for 'tis high time to be up and doing.

THE COMMITTEE.

THE HISTORY.

DURING the past summer months the historians have not been idle, although the progress was not such as could be desired. We do, however, feel very much encouraged, and again we come to you with the same petition,—that those Chapters not having sent in their accounts, do so *immediately*. We would like, too, to obtain the address of old members, for from them we can gain much information. Many of the members have assisted us very much in this one particular, and 'tis natural we should thank them and ask for more. Do not, brothers, fail to send in your account at earliest possible date, for we must have every Chapter represented, and that, too, before going to press with the MSS.

THE HISTORIANS.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

MACON, MISS., Aug. 31st, 1880.

DEAR BROTHER Φ. K. Ψ.—Your kind favor of the 28th inst., as well as two preceding ones, came duly to hand, and I know you think I am a very lukewarm brother; but my apparent indifference is not on account of any want of love for old associations which were so agreeable to me in days gone by. I have thought, often since I received your first letter, that I would try to get up some information such as you desired, and that might be of interest to our younger brothers, but I am so much engrossed in business of so many kinds that I have been unable to do so; and I must confess that I have been through so many changes that I fear I cannot recall many facts that would interest you. Of the Miss. Alpha, I remember very distinctly that it was founded by Brother John Baxter Paine, a brilliant and noble fellow, now dead. Brother Wm. Price was my class and roommate at the time we joined the association. Wm. Price is now practicing law at Louisville, Winston Co., Miss; and I showed him your letter a few days ago, when he was here, and he promised to write you. He was an ardent lover of Φ. K. Ψ., and his memory is remarkable, and he can tell you much more than myself. I organized

and founded Tenn. Alpha at Lagrange, Tenn.; and flatter myself that it was, during the short period it existed (until the commencement of the war), composed of as brilliant talent as any association of the kind in the country. Brother A. J. Derr is practicing law in Texas, but I have forgotten his offices. Rob't J. Walker is living now in Selma, Ala. S. C. Granberry never lived here. I do not know him. I am writing you now hurriedly, at night, as I am arranging my business hastily to leave early in the morning for New York, to buy my fall stock. * * *

If I could see you, I could probably say to you many things of interest of my career during the war—marching barefoot at one time in the Reb army in your State of Pa., and then marching out quickly—our terrible ordeal here since the war, etc. I may write you from New York, if I can get time.

Yours truly and fraternally,

J. L. GRIGGS.

JACKSON, MISS., Aug. 16, 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER Φ. K. Ψ.—Your favor of the 26th ult., together with several copies of "The Shield," received ten days ago. I thank you for both, and have delayed answering your letter with the hope of being able to grant your request, in regard to reminiscences of our Chapter, in the spirit in which it was made; and whilst I still feel utterly hopelessly incompetent to give you anything of either interest or importance, I also feel that a further delay on my part would be unbecoming and ungracious. I have had very little association with Φ. K. Ψ. since I left the Univ. of Miss., in 1858, and have seldom heard the subject mentioned in twenty years, so that memory fails in regard to important and interesting details. I have always felt the liveliest interest in even the smallest matter connected with the fraternity, regarding each individual member as my brother; and I rejoice at even this epistolary connection with the order, feeling that an occasional letter from you—which I hope you can find both time and inclination to write—together with the SHIELD, will serve to keep alive memories which are very dear to me. I can, at this distance of time, only recall the following facts:—

Mississippi Alpha was organized at the University of Mississippi, at Oxford, Miss., in the session of 1857-58, with the following charter members: John Baxter Paine, Fred'k Wm. Johns, Ed. P. Williams, Augustus W. Lake, Sam'l S. Carter, Jos. L. Griggs, and Jas. T. Lester. We had many trials and struggles as a Chapter, and were but fairly organized and in working order when the war between the States commenced, and the suspension of the functions of the University soon after, broke up the organization, which unfortunately was not renewed after the war closed. Our Chapter, upon its organization, took a high stand, and was, in fact, the peer of any similar order in the University; its members being characterized, *for the most part*, by their good collegiate and social standing. The career of usefulness which seemed to be marked out for some of our brethren was blighted by the terrible struggle which so soon followed the founding of our Chapter; and the field which has been so fruitful of bright promises of future useful men has been closed against us for fifteen years, whilst our brotherhoods have caught

the prizes. Mississippi Beta was organized at Mississippi College, at Clinton, Miss., about 1860, by Bro. F. W. Johns and myself, but died as Miss. Alpha did, upon the opening of the war. The only one of the charter members whose name, even, I remember is O. C. Crum, Esq., who resides here at present, and from whom you might get some information. Both these institutions at present occupy a very high stand amongst the colleges of the country, and I should rejoice to see both Chapters resuscitated.

I thank you for your offer of aid in procuring a badge. Again expressing my sincere regrets at not being able to afford you any substantial assistance in the good work in which you are engaged, I remain,

Yours in $\Phi. K. \Psi.$,

JAMES T. LESTER.

[The preceding letters were addressed to us in reply to inquiries regarding the history of our Miss. Chapters. Knowing how eager the brothers were to get information about our Southern brothers, we publish them. We have more in store.]

IN MEMORIAM.

DEATH OF GEO. W. FLEEK.

It is our sad duty to chronicle the death of George William Fleek, of Ohio Gamma, which occurred on the morning of September 8th, at the residence of his parents in Newark, Ohio. Brother Fleek was one of the brightest and most beloved members of our fraternity in Wooster, and was held most highly in the respect and esteem of his classmates, and college companions generally. He has been President of the Junior class since its organization two years, and his untimely and unexpected death was not only a great shock to all who have enjoyed his particular friendship, but is deeply deplored by those who have merely come under his genial and kindly influence during his attendance at college.

His presence at the Phi Psi re-union at Chautauqua, last August, was a great pleasure to George, and no more loyal and sincere lover of the fraternity has ever graced its roll of members. He has not only been an ardent admirer of our beloved Order, but an enthusiastic worker for the promotion of its interests, and the loss we feel is one that can not be replaced.

After suffering nearly two weeks with a severe form of typhoid fever, and although having received constantly every attention that kind hearts could suggest or loving hands bestow, death finally severed the claim of our brother's young life and his pure spirit passed away to its happier and eternal abode.

The sorrow stricken parents and immediate relations of the deceased receive the heartfelt sympathy of all George's late friends and companions in this, their terrible affliction, and we trust their tears and anguish may be dispelled by the thought that although gone from this life of care and

suffering, the memory of the departed will ever linger in the hearts of us all as stoutly and solemnly as the last reverberation of the distant chime.

Appropriate and beautiful resolutions of respect have been passed by Ohio Gamma Chapter, the Class of '82 and by Irving Literary Society, of which latter organization the deceased was an active and earnest member. N.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Wooster, Ohio, Sept. 17th, 1880.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove by death our beloved brother

GEORGE W. FLEEK,

WHEREAS, He has endeared himself to us all by his generous disposition, genial companionship, and scholarly attainments, we, the members of Ohio Gamma Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, do offer the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That we bow in humble submission to this dispensation of a Divine Father, as to a God who knoweth and doeth all things well.

RESOLVED, That in our associations with the deceased, both as a fellow-student and a brother, we have always found him a perfect gentleman, a warm friend, and a most worthy member of the Fraternity.

RESOLVED, That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathies.

RESOLVED, That we tenderly cherish the memory of our departed brother, who "is not dead but sleepeth."

That we wear the badge of mourning fifteen days;

That a copy of these resolutions be tendered the family of the deceased;

That they be printed in the Newark papers and in the "Phi Kappa Psi Shield;"

That a copy be forwarded to each Chapter of the Fraternity.

EDWARD S. RAFF,
JOHN J. CHESTER,
C. F. M. NILES,

Committee.

CAPT. JOHN. S. CHAPMAN, PA, A., '54.

SUICIDE OF AN ALEXANDRIA LAWYER.

THIS morning about six o'clock the dead body of Captain John S. Chapman, a well known lawyer of Alexandria, Va., was found in his office in Prince street, near Fairfax, adjoining the *Gazette* office, with a bullet hole in his head extending from the right temple through to the opposite side of the skull. He had apparently been dead some hours. There was every indication that the wound was inflicted by his own hand, as a pistol with one chamber empty way lying near him. Captain Chapman was a native of Charles county, Md., and was the owner of considerable property there. He settled in Alexandria about the close of the war, and since then has had a good practice in the Alexandria courts. About two years since while on his fishing shore, he was struck on the head with a capstan bar, and his friends think that he never recovered fully from the effects of the blow. This season he had a very severe spell of sickness (typho-malaria), and for days his life was despaired of. Since then his mind has appeared unsettled at times. Capt. Chapman was about 46 or 47 years of age and leaves a widow with three children. He was a man of estimable character and had the esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

EDITORIAL.

IN the month that has intervened since the publication of No. 1 of Vol. 2 and the appearance of the present issue, nothing very startling has transpired within our own Fraternity, nor within the ranks of the Greek world. We have, however, suffered one way great loss in the death of Bro. Fleek, an account of which appears in another column. We knew him but a short time, yet we feel that his place will be hard to fill. His life was an exemplary one. His zeal and ardor in our common cause should incite us all to renewed efforts for Phi Kappa Psi.

The committee on the social re-union at Chautauqua in 1881, calls attention to a few points that the Chapters should not neglect. During the summer vacation quite a number of $\Phi. K. \Psi$'s. go somewhere to while away time in ease and inactivity, and why can they not make it convenient to assemble at some appointed place. The pleasure of $\Phi. K. \Psi$. society surely has attractions, and now that Chautauqua has been determined upon, let us rally there and make the re-union of next year a success. It would seem advisable for us to pursue some definite course in this matter, and we would suggest that before the Committee take any active steps in the affair, that the various sub-chapters immediately consider the re-union and appoint a member to communicate with the Committee. Positive information should be had as regards the number, etc., of brothers who would attend. Bro. List calls for immediate action in order that success may be insured.

How does it happen that several of our active, live undergraduate Chapters have failed to respond to the urgent petition of the historians? The proposed history of Phi Kappa Psi will be excellent in every respect, and reflect great credit upon not only the historians, but the entire Fraternity, providing some of our brothers will but bear in mind that they have a duty to perform, and that at once. Bros. List and Kinkade are waiting—patiently waiting; and, indeed, the entire Fraternity is waiting. Delinquents please read this paragraph carefully. Penna. Eta and Va. Beta, where are you?

We have been informed that a petition for a charter from the North-west will soon be submitted for your consideration. We believe it advantageous and politic for us to grant the same. Extension progresses slowly, and when the South stands appealing we should head the call and make the most of the opportunity. The letters from Southern bros., which we print in this number, give evidence that our defunct Chapters in that section were composed of sterling, enthusiastic brothers. Do we require any more potent argument to bring us to the doors of their institutions? With a watchful eye upon the doings of Rhode Island Alpha, and Garrison, at Harvard, we might safely push forward South and West. At least, we could reorganize the dead Chapters, and found new when proper. The Virginia Delta brothers have been scattered to all quarters, and to them we appeal to remember the interests of the Fraternity.

We would be delighted to learn how the various Chapters conduct their meetings. An exchange of views upon this point would be of unspeakable interest to all. Valu-

able assistance could be afforded each other in this respect. We understand that Illinois Beta is anxious to create a regular correspondence with all the sister Chapters. A good idea, and one that should be pushed forward energetically. True, there has always been a certain amount of this work conducted by the Chapters, but it has usually been confined to the secretaries. Every man should learn as much of the various $\Phi. K. \Psi$. Chapters as possible. This he will accomplish in great part by studiously perusing the Chapter letters published in the SHIELD: but this is not all: become acquainted with the brothers through correspondence.

Let Chapter communications and personals come in briskly. There is considerable material on hand at present, but a continuation is very desirable. Don't be afraid to write us all you are doing, every little item is read with interest by your brothers far and wide. The hearts of the older brothers, out in the wide world, are moved to action by the account of their Chapter's doings, etc. As a consequence the names of many new subscribers come to us. THE SHIELD is gradually drawing in the widely distributed spirits, and in time we hope to have our pages crammed with enthusiastic recollections from those long departed from college halls. Ours is not a fraternity whose hold upon a man exists but for college days—no, the honored brothers who years ago struggled to place $\Phi. \Psi$. upon a firm and lasting footing, to-day manifest the same true, loyal love for her. A detailed argument in support of this assertion is superfluous. Those who have met these spirits are convinced of it, and others can be by watching the articles that will appear from time to time in THE SHIELD during the current year.

Bro. Henry Todd, '82, Pa. Iota, has favored us with a long letter and personals. He desires the Catalogue Committee to bear in mind that he is desirous of purchasing a catalogue, and that his address is No. 127 North Ave., Allegheny City. He is eager to hunt up the brothers in that part of the world, and we can assure them "Toddy" is a "good boy." His occupation in the future will be that of clerk in the Penna. R. R. office. We take the following from his letter:—

During the summer I traveled a great deal, and thus met several Phi Psi's. I met Bro. Linton, of Pa. E., on a train recently, and put in a very pleasant afternoon with him. I spent two weeks at Bedford Springs, and there met Bro. H. J. Beatty, of Dickinson College, '68, at present living in Harrisburg, Pa. Together we found, in Bedford proper, two old brothers who had subsided into quiet old country lawyers; they were Jonathan Cessna, of Franklin and Marshall, '64, and "Mosy" Points, of Dickinson, '64. "Mosy," alias "The Frog," still sports his frat. pin (it is one of the large, old-fashioned ones), and Jonathan treats all brothers to grapes—not beer. Bro. Beatty was "Boss" of the Grand Chapter while it was at Carlisle.

Remember me to all "the boys," and tell them that whenever any of them find their way to the Smoky City, I shall feel offended if they do not also find me. Would be much obliged if you would send a copy of the June SHIELD to H. J. Beatty, Harrisburg.

Yours in $\Phi. K. \Psi$.

HENRY TODD.

P. S.—Dave Myers was the last man Beatty "took in" while active.

POTTSVILLE, Oct. 4th, 1880.

DEAR BRO. SMITH.—Now that I have settled down and the novelty of the affair has worn off, I can send you my promised extracts from Bro. Imadate's letters for publication.

CENTRAL SCHOOL, KIOTO, JAPAN.

DEAR BRO. HARRY,—I am ashamed to write you after I have been again and again putting off to do it, but I still think you will not be offended by receiving my letter at any time. Your letter which was duly received gave me a great pleasure for it contained much news which was of great interest to me. I do not know what to write in reply to your good and long letter. I believe you will be interested in my own affairs, what I have been doing and what I am doing now you may imagine. When I arrived at my native country last year I was little better than a mere stranger—I did not even know what to do with myself, I had so recently been broken away from old friends and all I see now are new faces. Well, however, after I spent nearly a month in Tokio, I went to my native home. It is far in the interior of Japan. There, however, I was warmly received into the bosom of my family, dear parents and brothers and sisters, but no cousins and aunts. This is now too obsolete and I beg your pardon. But to my great sorrow my father, who had been too anxious to see me come home, gave suddenly away to the great restraint and died shortly after my return. *He lived but three weeks to enjoy my company.*

When I came to Kioto last November I had an interview with the Mayor and Governor of the city. At his request I am now teaching elementary chemistry, physics and history at the Central School of Kioto.

I am now passably situated here, but the want of good social life is bearing upon me very hard. I have to submit to it in silence for such is our established custom. Last winter I had the pleasure of seeing our Bro. Colket. Please give my hearty wishes to our brothers. I am always glad to hear of the prosperity of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ and especially that of our dear Iota. . . . Wishing you all success, I am,

Yours in $\Phi. K. \Psi.$,

TOSUI IMADATE.

This is nearly a verbatim copy of the letter received in the spring. Not wishing to encroach upon space in the SHIELD, I will defer sending the other until later. Bro. Pomeroy, Pa. Gamma, is candidate for District Attorney of Schuylville, which, as soon do when in the course of hu of Schuylkill, and I believe will be elected.

Here I am sitting in the office cursing inwardly at the dullness of the town—my only comfort being a pile of SHIELDS, which, as soon as I finish this, will be greedily devoured. Hoping to be with you soon I am with regards to the boys,

Yours in $\Phi. K. \Psi.$,

HARRY BRIGHT.

Bro. Carl August Eggert, Ph. D. (Heidelberg), '59, Princeton College, is Prof. of Modern Languages and Literature in Iowa State University.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF B. O. II.

THE 41st annual B. O. II. Convention took place at Baltimore, Aug. 24, 25, 26. Delegates were present from 34 active Chapters, and there were about 70 visitors present from cities other than Baltimore. The headquarters of the reception committee were at the Carrolten House, where most of the guests put up; and the meetings were held in the hall of Johns Hopkin's University, the use of which was kindly tendered by the authorities.

The public meeting held the evening of the 25th was well attended, considering the extreme heat. An address on "Some Aspects and Prospects of Labor" was delivered by Rev. O. D. Kellog, D.D., of Phila. The banquet was largely attended, and took place at the Carrolten House, Aug. 26. An excursion to Bay Ridge was tendered the delegates on Friday by the resident Alumni Chapter, and was a very enjoyable occasion.

The most important business transacted was the refusal of charters to Illinois Industrial University, Illinois Wesleyan University, and The University of Cincinnati; the withdrawal of the Chapter at Washington-Lee University, and the *sub rosa* Chapters at Princeton and Howard College, Ala.; the disposal of the catalogue business, and the adoption of a set of rules of administration. A new district, comprising the Chapters at Maine State College and Boston, Brown and Harvard Universities, was erected, with a member of the Boston Alumni Chapter as District Chief.

The elections resulted in the retention of the present staff of officials, with a few exceptions. The Convention adjourned till the 23d, 24th and 25th of August, 1881, the sessions to be held at Chicago, Ill.

BRO. JOSEPH P. GROSS, '72 Pa. Z., has received the following notice of his labors from *The Literary World*, of Boston:—

"Rees, Welsh & Co., Philadelphia, have in press a unique work for the Pennsylvania lawyer, entitled *The Law of Landlord and Tenant in Pennsylvania, with an Appendix of Precedents and Forms of Procedure*, by Tatlow Jackson and Joseph P. Gross, of the Philadelphia bar. The treatise, it is claimed, will be an invaluable aid to the practitioner, as it presents the many intricate questions arising in the relation of landlord and tenant in a simplified manner. Mr. Jackson is known as the author of an able pamphlet on *Habeas Corpus*, which was called forth during a discussion, in which many prominent Philadelphia lawyers participated, of the suspension of the writ by President Lincoln. Mr. Gross is the author of the work on *The Rule in Shelley's case in Pennsylvania*, which was printed by order of the Senate of that State, and of which a revised and much enlarged edition is in preparation."

Bro. Gross practices his profession at 32 South Third st.

BRO. STEPHEN N. FELLOWS, D.D., Iowa Alpha, formerly Prof. of Mathematics in Cornell College, Iowa, is now Prof. of Mental and Moral Science and Didactics in Iowa State University.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

BRO. T. F. Reeser, Ohio B., is a Lutheran preacher at Williamsport, Pa.

BRO. John Ruhl, '82, Pa. E., is attending medical lectures at the Univ. of Penna.

BRO. Andrew J. Riley, '66, Pa. E., is one the the leading lawyers in Altoona, Pa.

BRO. James Gallagher, '67, Pa. Alpha, is a wholesale grocer at Johnstown, Pa.

BRO. Daniel Fleisher, '80, Pa. E., is at present principal of an academy at Newport, Pa.

BRO. T. Baird Halberstadt, '82 Pa. I., just returned from an extended European trip.

MANY thanks to Bro. A. H. Siggins, of Pa. Beta, for songs, which we will publish soon.

BRO. Charles S. Smith, '80, Pa. E., is in business at Emmetsburg, Md. He is married.

MRS. "Bosko" Marshall is now on her way to America, in charge of Bro. Colket, '79, Pa. I.

BRO. Martin L. Ward, '73, S. M., Iowa Gamma, is in the law business at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

BRO. Robt. E. Wright, A. B., '80, Pa. I., is thinking seriously of taking up the study of law.

BRO. ROYAL TAFT, '71, N. Y. Alpha, is doing good business at Hawley, Wayne Co., Penna.

BRO. Frank W. Hart, '69, Iowa Gamma, is an attorney and horticulturist at Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

BRO. W. F. Rentz, '76, Pa. E., was married at Lebanon, on the 30th of Sept., to Miss Sue Snavel.

BRO. Bowman, '82, Pa. Eta, is among the matriculates of the medical department of the Univ. of Pa.

BRO. Will Galloway, who joined Iowa Gamma in 1868, died about two years ago at Andrew, Iowa.

BRO. Carl O. Hering, S. B., '80, Pa. I., is draughtsman in one of the R. R. offices of New York City.

BRO. Ben McCoy, '68, Iowa Gamma, is a member of the law firm Bolton & McCoy, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BROS. Bowers and Eyler, '80, Pa. E., are attending the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa.

BRO. Julius A. Ward, M. S., '69, Iowa Gamma, is preaching at Wawkou, Alamaakee Co., Iowa. Was in U. S. A.

BRO. Charles A. Hudson, '69, N. Y. Alpha, is in the whole-sale grocery business at 59 South Clinton St., Syracuse, N. Y.

BRO. Oliver S. Houts, '70, Mo. Alpha, graduated with second honor, and is now practicing law at Warrensburg, Johnson Co., Mo.

REV. BRO. Wm. G. Keady, '56, "Old Alpha," has removed to Lagrange, Tenn. We have an excellent article from his pen for the SHIELD.

BRO. Edward O. Sheakespeare, M.D., Pa. Zeta, has just been appointed aid-de-camp of the National Guard of Pa., with the rank of major.

BRO. Sydney Strong, '80, formerly of Ohio Gamma, is now at Oberlin College and editor-in-chief of the *Oberlin Review*. Thanks for copy sent us.

REV. BRO. J. Burleigh Albrook, A.M., '70, Iowa Gamma, valedictorian of his class, is now president of Epworth Seminary, Epworth, Iowa.

BRO. Prof. Geo. W. Konig, Pa. Iota, spent the entire summer in Colorado, visiting all the mining localities. He returned delighted with his trip.

BRO. Oscar C. S. Carter, '79, Pa. I., has just been elected to the adjunct professorship of Chemistry in the Central High School of Philadelphia, Pa.

BRO. George Beckweth Warne, '67, Iowa Alpha, for two terms City Treasurer of Independence, Iowa, is now County Auditor of Buchanan Co., Iowa.

BRO. Harry Bright, '82, Pa. I., is no longer at Providence. The severe northern climate was too much for him. He is undecided as to his future occupation.

BRO. John Crumbaugh, '78, M. D. Pa., E., made a long journey West this summer, in the interests of the Lancaster, Pa. Microscopic Society, of which he is president.

BRO. James H. Smith, S. B., '79, Pa. Iota, widely known as "Iota's fair brunette," made \$40,000 at Lake City, Col., according to Dr. Konig, during the year 1879-80.

BROS. Antonio A. Arrighi, Ohio Alpha, and Wm. E. Boggs, D.D., South Carolina Alpha, were present at the Pan. Presbyterian Council, held recently in Philadelphia, Pa.

BRO. R. H. Randall, S. B., '70, Iowa Gamma, is Conductor of Musical Conventions, and one of the editors of "The Song Champion." Home address is Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

BRO. Ned McCollin, '78, Pa. I., is practising law at 419 Locust St., Philada. During his leisure hours he may be found in the Iota rooms, ventilating his views on a particular make of violin.

BRO. J. A. Pickler, Ph. B., '70, Iowa Alpha, is now a member of the law firm Hoffmann, Pickler & Brown, Muscatine, Iowa. Was Major in U. S. A., and in 1872 and '73 Prosecuting Attorney of Adair Co., Mo.

BRO. A. H. Siggins, Pa. B., writes us from Franklin, Pa., saying, "I have left college and am now studying law in this place, but I can't think of getting along without THE SHIELD." That's what we like to hear.

BRO. Commodore Perry Rogers, founder of Iowa Alpha, is now teaching school at Marshalltown, Iowa. Served in Federal army in war. He writes: "Our prairies are too liberalizing to furnish good soil for the growth of college fraternities."

HON. THOS. W. SPENCE, '70, formerly of Ohio Alpha, graduated at Cornell University, N. Y., taking Botany and English Essay prizes. Studied law; was member of Wis. State Legislature, 1877-79, and at present is Postmaster at Fond du Lac, Wis.

BRO. Charles H. Graff, M.D., '76, Pa. E., returned from Germany in June, and after spending several weeks with his parents in Worthington, Pa., he departed for the West, and is now practicing his profession with very encouraging success at Duluth, Minn.

OHIO GAMMA did herself proud this past year. While she has not made honors the chief attraction, yet with such men as composed her Chapter it was but natural they should come. Of the honors, her men too six out of a possible eight. Brothers Norm. C. Raff and J. F. Kinkade carried off first and second class honors. In the inter-society contest, Brothers Edward S. Kibler and Norm. C. Raff captured the two most coveted honors, while Brother J. F. Kinkade again took first prize as essayist in the Atheneum Society. Finally, Brother Ed. S. Raff completely overwhelmed nine other competitors and carried off the first Junior Oratory Prize.

HON. Frank E. Beltzhoover, M. C., '62, Pa. E., was re-nominated for Congress by the Democrats of the XIXth District. Of his nomination, the *Philadelphia Times* said:

"Yesterday the Democrats of the Nineteenth District renominated Frank E. Beltzhoover for Congress, and it will be of very small concern whom the Republicans may nominate. The district is composed of Adams, Cumberland and York, and every county turns up a Democratic majority as surely as the day of election comes. Two years ago Mr. Beltzhoover had 4,676 majority in the district, and will without question increase that this year. Although one of the youngest member of the House and serving his first term, he has attained a position of influence which many men of larger experience have not acquired, and the district makes no mistake when it entrusts its interests to him.

THE *Philadelphia Times*, in sketching some of the prominent divines lately assembled in this city, speaks as follows regarding two of our "Old Alpha" brothers:

REV. CHARLES A. DICKEY, D.D.

Among the prominent "young men" of the Presbyterian Council whose influence is likely to be felt is Dr. Charles A. Dickey, of Philadelphia, who was born in 1838, in Wheeling, West Virginia, and who was educated at Washington College, Pa., and the Theological Seminary of the United Presbyterian Church, in Allegheny City, Pa. He has rapidly risen to his present eminence in the Church. Genial in social life, faithful as a pastor, free and easy as an extempore speaker in the pulpit, he served the people of his first charge, the United Presbyterian Church, of Allegheny City, Pa., for eight years with eminent success and great acceptance. Thence he was called to the First Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, to succeed the gifted Dr. Nelson—a very trying position, especially for so young a man.

But the records of the Church for the subsequent seven years, as well as the many kind expressions of a devoted people, bear ample testimony to his fidelity and success.

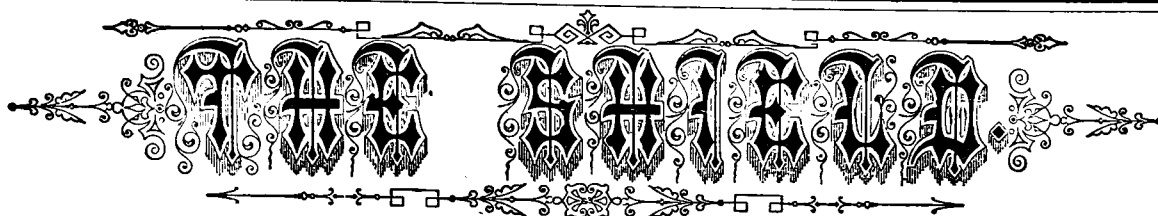
In 1875 Mr. Dickey accepted a call to the Calvary Presbyterian Church, in this city, succeeding the able and beloved Dr. Z. M. Humphrey. During his ministry in

Philadelphia "Calvary" has steadily increased in numbers and spiritual power. The seating capacity of the church has been enlarged by placing galleries in the building at a cost of about \$10,000, and no church in the city has responded more nobly than his to the entertainment of the Council and the laudable endeavors to make it a success in every particular.

During his pastorate in this city, Dr. Dickey has been prominetely associated with all the benevolent operations of the Church in this vicinity, and has greatly endeared himself to the brethren of the ministry, as well as to the Christian people generally. He has been frequently a member of the General Assembly, in which he has ever borne a distinguished part, and is now a member of the committee appointed by the last General Assembly to adjust the friction existing between some of the Presbyteries and the Board of Home Missions. The College of New Jersey, in 1872, conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

REV. S. J. NICCOLLS, D.D.

Few men in the Church, if any, of Dr. Niccoll's age have been honored with so many important trusts as he, and none have performed them with greater fidelity and satisfaction to all concerned. He was chairman of the committee appointed to promote a more intimate union between the General Assembly and the Southern Church, and probably the greatest effort of his life was made at Cleveland, Ohio, on the presentation of the report of the committee. His speech was listened to throughout with closest attention by the Assembly, and it produced a most profound impression. Indeed, he is peculiarly gifted as a speaker, both on the platform and in the pulpit. He has the reputation of being one of the best preachers in the Church. He was moderator of the General Assembly in Detroit in 1872, and his executive ability was so marked, and all those qualities which makes a distinguished presiding officer were so conspicuous, as to be commented upon by all and to carry the Assembly through its vast business with the utmost enthusiasm and dispatch. Dr. Niccolls is a graduate of Washington College, Pa., and of the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny City. He was settled for a short time at Chambersburg, Pa., but for the past fifteen years he has been pastor of the Second Church, St. Louis, Mo., one of the most important charges in the West. He went to St. Louis about the close of the war. There were adverse elements in the church as well as in the community at the time. He fully comprehended the delicacy of the situation, and with admirable skill he adjusted all difficulties and harmonized all interests, and soon became the master-spirit in all Presbyterian ecclesiastical matters, not only in the city, but throughout the Southwest—a position which he has ever since held, and by which he has been enabled greatly to promote the interests of the Church in general and the harmony and good-will among brethren who had been estranged by the war. He has stimulated his church, too, to undertake and carry forward prominent enterprises in church extension in the city, which have cost great outlay of money as well as much self-denial in personal acts of Christian beneficence among the members.



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EDITORIAL.

OUR many correspondents will pardon us for our rather late replies to their favors. We are busy—very busy. Buried head and shoulders in mathematics and chemistry—both medical and analytical—we can scarcely find time to arrange matter for THE SHIELD, yet we love the work and are willing and ready to consume the midnight oil in this enjoyable labor. To see THE SHIELD in a prosperous condition is the wish of our hearts. We've been thro' some gloomy days. The existence of our little paper looked very doubtful. We thought and worried and fussed until at last a little light dawned upon us a few weeks ago, when we were financially blessed by Penn'a Epsilon and Ohio Gamma! Then came the rambling subscriptions from brothers who are out in the world and who longed for a bit of news from their beloved $\Phi. K. \Psi$. The consequence is we are to a certain degree happier, but some handsome aid must speedily arrive or we'll again be plunged into the mire of despair. Give us ten dollars from each active under-graduate Chapter and we will surprise and delight you. We are wealthy as regards good wishes, but awfully poor as regards the mighty dollar. We desire the first and most certainly wouldn't be displeased with a fair share of the latter.

Why is it that we have not heard from our correspondents in the various Chapters? College duties are under way and surely time can be found for at least a short letter and a few personals. In our last issue we had expected to print an announcement of the appearance of the catalogue etc., but the printer failed to find space for us. The *Grand Catalogue* is a fine piece of work. The editors deserve much credit. A large volume of 346 pages handsomely bound and beautifully printed—something every member of the Fraternity should possess. The full-page engraving of our founders is quite good. Penn'a Zeta leads in the way of Chapter cuts. We have had in all 42 Chapters, but only 41 appear in the catalogue. Maryland Alpha (Johns Hopkins Univ.) has been omitted. Bro. Scott says this was due to the fact that the Chapter authorities failed to send a list of their members and the editors

couldn't well draw upon their imagination for the same. We have noticed, too, in several instances the omission of names of well-known brothers. For this we must undoubtedly censure their respective Chapters. Miss. Alpha and Beta, Tennessee Alpha and Missouri Alpha appear as in the Catalogue of 1869. Work that has been carried on during the last six months among our southern brothers will bring these down to date. Of course this information must necessarily at this late hour appear in THE SHIELD. From the period of $\Phi. K. \Psi$'s birth to the present over 3,300 names have been enrolled under her banner and it is the duty of every living brother who reads these lines to remit at once \$1.35 to Bro. E. L. Scott, Easton Pa., and procure a copy of the catalogue.

AN OLD BOY'S RECOLLECTIONS OF PHI KAPPA PSI, TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

1854-1856.

BY W. G. KEADY, PA. A., '56.

(Formerly Professor in Oakland College, Miss.)

A FELLOW Sophomore, having begun an oration, quoting from the forgotten Milford Bard thus: "Roll back the billowy wave of time," society appointed a committee to help him roll it back. What that committee failed to do has been done for me by a copy of the "Catalogue of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity;" and a year ago, at the request of Bro. Leiser of Lewisburg, Pa., I undertook to write down what I could recall of the early days of our Fraternity, as material for a future history; and now again I have been requested to put what I then wrote into a shape that might interest the readers of the "SHIELD." I have found it a delightful task, but by no means as easy as I thought. I can not assume the dignity of an historian: such dignity gets its backbone from records, documents, monuments, etc., and to such I have no access; not even to my catalogue, which has found a secure hiding place somewhere. The best I can do is to let a loving memory have her will and recall what she pleases, people the air about me with the shadows of the friends of my youth, and as one after another appears through the smoke-wreaths from my sociable pipe, bid them re-enact with me scenes which I know I shall never regret on earth, and which I should feel sad to think I might not remember in heaven. This paper, therefore, refuses at once to be considered a history, it has a livelier aim; it is simply a gossiping memorial. A gossip is always an egotist; and I will make no apology for the transparent egotism which enters into the narrative. This one can hardly avoid in writing of events in which he was an active agent, "*magna pars*." My love for and unceasing interest in all that concerns the Fraternity, the debt

of love I owe it, is my only excuse if the capital "I" seems too prominent.

I shall not write in the "Hercles vein," nor in the forced sentimental, but attempt only to be as near the truth as possible, in catching such repetitions from the past as shall give a faithful picture, yet with no better hope of success than his who would attempt to paint an Italian sunset from memory. Hoping that my "apology is sufficient," here I go "*in mediam rem.*"

I entered Jefferson College, Cannonsburg, Pa., May, 1st, 1853. On the 14th of February,* 1854, I became a member of the Fraternity. It was the occasion of its second anniversary, I remember it as if it had been yesterday. An old divine once said that there were three things that would surprise him when he should go to heaven: first, that many he expected to find there, were not to be seen anywhere; second, that many he did not expect to find there, were present; and third, that he himself was there. Such a threefold surprise met me as, one pitch-dark rainy night, at a late hour, Tom Campbell led me into his heavily curtained room. I went there against what I thought was my better judgment, and my conscience was having a lively time of it. It was the common belief at College that the "Phi Psi's" were a miscellaneous crowd of the most worthless and dissipated fellows in town; and to say a young man was a Phi Psi was to characterize him as the sum of all villainies. Now at that time I was reckoned among the moral fellows, (which was as it should be, for I was a member of the U. P. church, with the ministry in view, which I did not reach till nineteen years after). I thought I had sown all my wild oats before I left Philadelphia—alas! poor human nature! I soon found that what I had known in that line was like what Horace Greeley knew about farming. This by the way: it was with mixed feelings that I had accepted the invitation to become a Phi Psi. I believed I was doing wrong, but like Tom of Coventry, determined to go one eye on it. As I entered the room, I looked for a crowd, and no crowd was there, I looked for those I had made up my mind to meet, and they were not there, and my surprise then was at finding myself there. Around the fire sat four young men, these with Tom Campbell formed what I supposed was the entire Φ . K. Ψ . Fraternity in the U. S. in Febr., '54.

Let me try to recall these brothers as the eyes of twenty-seven years ago saw them.

T. Russ. Kennedy was, I think, the oldest, graduated in '54. He is still living, the only living one with myself of that little party. His outward appearance was something like this: short, thick-set, about five feet six in height, a round smiling face, jet black hair, bow-legged, active in movement, always well-dressed. He had good standing as a student, though a lazy one, was gentlemanly in his manners, rather well-liked in his class, but by no means popular, indifferent to public opinion, except in the case of the ladies. From my remembrance of his manner of dealing with the truth, I am inclined to think he would make a good lawyer. He was an artist in his way of stating facts to suit his purposes. He rose always above common places.

*Records give Feb. 20th, Anniversary 19th happening on Sunday, same was deferred to Monday. (C. L. V. C.)

He did good work for the Fraternity, and was the first to wear the pin on the commencement stage. He was the presiding officer on that memorable night.

N. Hallock Gillett, "alas! poor Yorick!" Hal was one of the class known as unpopular students, loved all the better on that account by his few friends. He had rather a fine face, spoiled by a large mouth and prominent teeth, rather dark in complexion, a restless eye, and was always uneasy in his movements. He was the son of a Presbyterian minister, who did not look with favor on Hal's ways and skeptical opinions. The air of his home seemed to have a souring effect on a temper naturally gloomy, and at that time Hal was in full Byronic mood. A good writer, his themes were such as gave occasion for the airing of his crude views of life. He cared little for study, and seemed destitute of ambition. Already at twenty, life had had for him, he thought, only "Dead Sea apples." How many of us have had just such a malady, taken it as we would the measles; there is no cure but to let it run its course. But alas! Hal never recovered. He had already become a slave to the appetite for liquor, and had succumbed completely. He graduated in '54, and none of us knew his whereabouts for years, though he was teaching somewhere all the time. After the war he married and settled in St. Louis. He then had given over his habit in a great measure; but though he was a member of the Presbyterian church, his hold on the religion of his father was weak, and he believed himself fated. His life was a constant fall and rising. His nervous system was so shattered when I last saw him in '74, that he could sleep only by using chloral in large doses. One night in a nervous spasm he poured out the drug for himself, not waiting to call his wife, and he never awoke again. He left one child, little Hal, who lives with his mother in St. Louis.

James McMasters is a difficult subject, for he had in his character much both to please and displease. He was young, handsome, rather foppish, self-contained and self-conceited, he seemed to confer a compliment on the world by deigning to live in it. He was a specimen of the young "blood" from Pittsburg, nay, not *from* but *of* Pittsburg, for in mind he had never left it. What he did not know of "life" was not worth knowing. One was depressed with a sense of discovered inferiority in his presence. But off from the ground of his own personality, he was a charming companion and a perfect gentleman. As a brother Phi Psi I can only speak of him in the warmest terms, as kind, considerate, helpful and honorable in all his intercourse with the rest of us, and it was not hard to make much of him. During the time of his connection with the Chapter, he was one of its most active members. He became a surgeon, U. S. N. I heard of him but seldom, once when he was appointed to the "Niagara," once again on the announcement of his marriage to Miss Kidd of N. Y., and last, when I lately heard of his death, from a captain, U. S. N., who spoke of him highly as a friend, a surgeon and an officer.

On reading over the above portraiture, I am dissatisfied, for I find that my pictures present flaws that spoil the

likeness, and I fear that the reader will misinterpret my meaning. I tried to give them the outward appearance they presented as students, when no mask was used, and the heart was worn on the sleeve. I must confess that in the case of the three brothers mentioned, my feeling had changed from disliking to liking. A man's student character is seldom the permanent one he bears or cares to bear through life into the world. His very affections are the outgrowth of sentiments engendered in the peculiar atmosphere of the college. His vices are generally surface evils, and his very faults are attractive forces. All the men and events of my story are to be judged from the college standpoint and from the student's standard. No words can express the love and admiration I feel for these friends of my brightest days, whose very faults made me love them the more. That world of the past is not a lost world, for it never was of the world: it had an existence by itself, memory embalms it; if it was faulty, yea, all wrong, still it is a fly in amber, all the more precious on that account.

The fourth brother present was Issac Vanmeter of Ky., a student of the preceding year, and on a visit at the time. I knew little of him and have heard nothing since.

Last but not least, Thomas Cochran Campbell. To this one boy (for he was always a boy,) the Fraternity owes more than to any other, excepting its founders. And one reason why I so willingly enter upon the task of fixing the traditions of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, is that I may lead the Fraternity into knowing one they ought to know, and secure for him a high place in our history. When it is disposed to bestow honors of love and gratitude I beseech a big show for Tom Campbell, just such a show as Morse gets in connection with the telegraph which he did not invent. Tom did not found the Fraternity, but he made it a working power. All his desire for fame and remembrance was in connection with $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, to which he gave the best part of the working years of a short life. At the time I speak of, he was nineteen years old. My first knowledge of him goes back some five or six years before I entered college. In '47 I think, Rev. J. R. Campbell, a missionary to India from the Reformed Presbyterian church, came to Philadelphia on a visit, bringing his children, of whom Tom was the oldest, and whom he left to be educated, when he went back. Tom was then about twelve. He had been born at sea. My first view of him was of a wild-looking boy, with piercing eyes and restless limbs, with a look as if he was on the watch. He could not speak much if any English, had no knowledge apparently of civilized life, and for a good reason. His parents were necessarily forced to leave him almost altogether to Hindoo servants, from whom his early impressions all came. From that intercourse, his mind took a cast that gave character ever after to all his mental operations. He had learned to speak and read Hindoostanee, but his reading had indirectly left no impression, if it had been in the Bible. He had no idea of God, or one warped out of all recognition by what he had absorbed in the atmosphere of the half-heathen mission servants and the wholly heathen of the neighborhood. His guardians soon found they had a young elephant on their hands.

They could not understand him, and he looked on them as his natural enemies. They found him not amenable to any ordinary moral motive, and not to be influenced by ordinary incentives. His seemingly incurable moral obliquities demanded severe treatment, so he was placed in the House of Refuge, as a peculiar case. This proved the wisest course in the end, for it brought to bear a power that the oriental mind can only understand, unbending force. Tom regarded his two year's stay there as a blessing. He was there tamed and civilized, partially at least; there he realized what morality is, and there he learned of God and made his first acquaintance with the Bible. After attending school for a year or two after, he was sent to college. I was then an apprentice in the printing office of W. S. Young, and when I was ready to go to Jefferson, one of Tom's guardians, his pastor, asked me to look after him. It was in the spirit of this charge, which had brought us together at first, that I listened to his persuasion to enter the Fraternity, coupled as it was with the assurance that he wanted me to help him put it on a better basis. But as I will have more to say of him, it is time to go back and shut the door after my first glimpse of the components of the Phi Psi Fraternity of which I had heard much, and now found I had known so little.

Well, at the sight of these five not very formidable fellows, my first feeling was one of relief, and I heartily entered into the proceedings. The ceremony of initiation was a very unpretentious one. The constitution was read, a promise on honor was given, a short address from the presiding officer, and it was all over, the secrets of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ were laid bare. The aims of the Fraternity were thus expressed in the preamble of the original constitution: "The founders, believing that by an association governed by fixed laws and regulations, they can advance, promote each other's interests and improve each other morally and intellectually, do etc." That document was a simple one, and might have answered for any unambitious literary society, and had been hastily written; yet it served its purpose till a new one was formed by the first G. A. C. held in '55 in Washington City.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

CARLISLE, PA., October 2d, 1880.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

PA. ZETA is still looking up. With the prestige of twenty-one years of honorable existence; with the successful record of her sons both at college and afterwards in the professions and different vocations; with an enviable reputation for fervor and earnestness in endeavoring to carry out and embody the foundation principles of the Fraternity; and especially with the encouragement derived from last year's exertions, the future appears bright, and intimations of greater usefulness and power urge to renewed effort.

The past college year witnessed the scoring of a series of conquests made by Pa. Zeta. I will write at present only of the honors that were taken and of the successful termination of the year's work.

According to her wont, Pa. Zeta captured the bulk of honors, and what makes it the more pleasurable to contemplate, they were the result of hard work and not of successful wire-pulling, as is often the case with college honors—though if wire-pulling is necessary, she can probably do her share, as history declares. Of the four medals that are annually awarded, three were taken by $\Phi. \Psi$'s.

In February, Bro. "S. H. Evans took the Sophomore Gold Medal given by the Belles Lettres Society for excellence in declamation and composition. In June, Bros. H. R. Robinson and E. H. Linville took respectively the Gold and Silver Junior Medal, likewise awarded for excellence in the combined merits of declamation and composition. I might say that these medals have been taken almost consecutively for the past seven years by Phi Psis.

The Zeta boys also held their own in class standing. In the Senior Class—'80—they held the first, third, fourth and fifth places.

In the Junior Class—'81—there are or rather were only two $\Phi. K. \Psi$'s, and one of these stood fourth. We have now three in the class.

In the Sophomore Class—'82—we had the first and second men.

In the Freshman Class—'83—we had the second man. Such a record we can point to with pride—it challenges comparison.

Just before the close of college, we took in two good men, Bros. J. K. Raymond and C. Nesbitt. They had been preps, and on that account had been refused admission; but as soon as they had successfully passed their entrance examinations, they were gladly received.

By the way, don't you think it would give greater tone to the Fraternity and add to its dignity, if only college men were admitted and all preps excluded? No one would think of taking in men who were preparing either at a distance or in the vicinity of the college, even though if were known that in a year or two they would attend a certain institution. The difference between such prep. schools and prep. schools in connection with a college, seems to be only in the location. As it is, do we really have an inter-collegiate Fraternity in the strict sense of the word?

The year was successfully closed by holding our Twentieth Annual Symposium. The regular time for holding our Symposium is the 19th of March, the anniversary of the founding of our Chapter by Bros. Beckwith and Townsend; but as Bro. Burdette was expected to read a poem during commencement, it was postponed until then.

On the night of the 22d of June, about 40 $\Phi. K. \Psi$'s. collected in the parlors of the Mansion House after having heard Bro. Burdette's poem. The address of welcome was made by Bro. M. D. Learned. Hon. S. H. Yocum, class-'59, who could not remain on account of illness, made a few remarks and reluctantly went to his room. After a short social time, we adjourned to the dining room, where a sumptuous repast awaited us. Bro. M. C. Herman who has presided at every symposium except one since the founding of the Chapter, was in his usual place, and on the right smiled the jovial face of Bob Burdette

When we had fully satisfied the cravings of the inner man, the "magister" announced the regular toasts. Bro. Burdette fired up on his toast: "The glory of $\Phi. K. \Psi$., her past, present and future, and gave us one stream of eloquence that held us spell-bound. It was received with great enthusiasm. The other toasts were replete with strong Phi Psi sentiment and expressions of confidence in her great future. Bro. Burdette kept us in a continual uproar by his inimitable yarns and his jolly good humor. We adjourned at a late hour, being well satisfied with the evening's enjoyment.

Bro. Burdette remained with us the next day, and won a warm place in our hearts by his enthusiasm, good nature and pleasant manners.

* * * * We started this year with fourteen men. Since the opening of college we have taken in two men. Bro. V. Collins, a new member of the Senior Class, and Bro. H. Calloway, a new member of the Junior Class. Our hopes are high and our prospects bright. But I have already written too long.

Very Fraternally Yours,

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FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

LANCASTER, PA.

DEAR EDITORS:

ONE year of college life has come and gone since you undertook the SHIELD.. Full well has your work been done. Hundreds of the Fraternity's historical facts have been put into a permanent form; they must remain as true evidence of our progress, and coming brothers will refer to them for the tokens of that love and interest which will ever give life and blood to our dear Phi Kappa Psi. You have brought distant brothers into closer communication, into a relation that attests the strength of fraternal ties, and develops all the qualities, tender and grave, which the good old Anglo-Saxon word *man* suggests. For all this we gladly give our thanks and words of encouragement, and we may increase that incouragement in a more substantial way, by saying that every member of the Chapter has handed in his subscription for the present year. And we know that a number of graduate members are doing the same.

The first number of the second volume is before us. It is read with pleasure. It offers good suggestions, and is full of Phi Psi spirit. Bro. Burdette's letter is worth more than the dollar which we pay the the SHIELD. May your work of love prosper and meet a hearty support. May the SHIELD continue to be the guiding star of Phi Kappa Psi.

We cannot forget our last meeting in June. We were assembled to bid farewell to five noble men, brothers in the truest, deepest bonds of love. We were sorry to lose them, and yet we watched their departure with pride; for we were assured what a grand manhood they bore, and we knew and felt that they would act well their part in life. They reflect credit upon our order. They are inseparably connected with the life of our Chapter. We cherish the names of Bros. Eschbach, Biesecker, Apple and Davis, all

of '80, and Bowman of '82. We bespeak for them a frequent return to assembled hosts of true Phi Psis.

Time finds us again in the pursuit of knowledge. Hard lessons engage our attention. We do good work, and strive to know our duty. Our boys are not any brighter than others; we never claim that; they are all honest students of average talents. But one thing we claim above all others: our boys have the *biggest* hearts. What more need we boast? That is, after all, the *highest* honor. It tells more than parchments ever told—it tells of love that brightens many a path. Such are the teachings of our Fraternity.

All the boys are happy, and look to the interests of Eta. One week after the opening of the present term, we initiated two Freshmen, James E. Biesecker and Walter S. Welchens. They are already growing in the spirit of Phi Psi. The former is familiarly known as "Pete," the latter as "Doc." We are still sifting the new students, and find good material which we expect to convert in Phi Psi. We have strong opponents, but by hard work we will succeed in winning good men. We hold weekly meetings. These are always well attended. They are full of life, and leave good marks upon our minutes. Bro. Ev. or Portie, The Intelligent Looking, says that these Phi Psi meetings are a good thing. He ought to know. They have exercised a good influence over him.

A few personals may be of interest.

Bro. Eschbach has entered upon a course of study in medicine. He holds forth at the University of Penna. He, in course of time, will heal all wounds of his beloved Fraternity.

Bro. Fred. Biesecker is reading law way out among the hills of Somerset. He no more wakes the echoes of Harbaugh Hall. "Billie E." will lend him shaving cups and mucilage nevermore.

Bro. Apple is reading that which he calls law. He asks Bom. the question: "What is law." He attends our meetings and shows as much zeal as ever.

Bro. Davis is in business in Mechanicstown, Maryland. His letters to the boys are encouraging. Dave was always a good boy, and the ladies called him *nice*.

Bro. Bowman, Jakie of '82, has followed Eschbach's example. These two men desire to heal some one. Hand in your aches, boys.

For fear of giving you too much at a time, we will suspend the personals at present. Our facts are exhausted, and perhaps we could do no better thing than to cease writing. With good wishes for all brothers, and a special love for the SHIELD, we subscribe

Your Bro.,
"BILLIE E."

Rev. Bro. Saml. K. Howard, '74, Pa. A., Irwin, Pa., has been called to Mansfield, Ohio. He has accepted and commenced his work Nov. 1st. Bro. Howard has proved himself a popular and enthusiastic worker, and he goes to his new and much larger field of labor, with bright prospects before him.

WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

Washington, Pa.

EDITORS SHIELD:

Dear Bros.—You want to hear from Pa. A., don't you? and I am going to see that you do, if I am only an infant, scarcely able to walk. Only last month I was adopted by these brothers, and you can scarcely imagine how kind they were before they adopted me. If I walked up the street I was sure to meet a Φ. Ψ. If perchance I strayed into an ice-cream saloon, there also a Φ. Ψ. greeted me, and very cordially paid for the cream. If I went to the presbyterian church on Sabbath evening, to my surprise a Φ. Ψ. met me there and escorted me home after church, and answered all my questions with the greatest pleasure. I began to like them, became attached to them, and before I knew it, (as if it were done in a dream) all at once the beauties and mysteries of this grand organization opened up to me and I was a Φ. Ψ. K. Ψ.

After my initiation, the brothers still kept up that same friendly feeling, but I do not think they payed for any more cream.

But, I think I see into all this now; for, shortly after my initiation, another victim came to Washington and they were just as kind to him as to me, and treated him just as if he were as good as I had been. The poor fellow could not resist either, and so he also shares his fate with us, a loyal, but democratic Φ. Ψ.

As Dido longed to have a little son playing about those golden halls, with merry ring, so old Φ. Ψ. has in this one a son who will bear the banner high in the sky as long as he has strength to do it. Our little baby brother we still nurse and take great care of, but he must also learn to walk, as soon we expect to adopt another. We now number eight—a Fraternity not strong in numbers; that is not our wish; for with only two in the senior class we defeated several other Fraternities of triple the number in that class, in the election of our beloved brother C. C. Hays as our class orator.

I hope and trust that Pa. Alpha may always be as flourishing as she is now.

Yours in the bonds of Φ. Ψ.

J. H. J.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

EASTON, PA., Oct. 12, 1880.

EDITORS SHIELD:

Quite unexpectedly the task of writing to the SHIELD has devolved upon me, and as I wish to forward my letter by the next mail, I must content myself with a short communication.

The year opens with brilliant prospects. The Freshman class is the largest that has entered Lafayette for a number of years; and with the increased prosperity of the college comes the assured prosperity of the Theta. It was feared by some that the loss of six such earnest Phi Psi's as those of the class of '80 would effect the Chapter in some more serious way than by the inevitable severance of pleasant friendships. But that fear has already passed away. Our

initiates number three: two from the Sophomore class and one from the Freshman. Besides these, two members of the class of '84 have been transferred to us from the Virginia Gamma, and a former member of our Chapter, who had left college for a year, has returned. So that numerically at least we are as strong as ever.

We expect during the winter to refit our rooms, by repapering and in part refurnishing them. When these improvements are completed we shall be better able than ever to entertain our friends: and we extend a cordial invitation to all Phi Psi's to pay us a visit. Bro. Burdette is expected to lecture here during the coming winter. If he comes we promise him a hearty welcome.

In the bonds of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$

L. R. D.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

GETTYSBURG, PA., Oct. 10th, 1880.

EDITORS SHIELD:

Dear Bros.—You no doubt well know that to do something of which one is almost if not entirely, ignorant is quite difficult. The first time is seldom a success, only attempt. Yet when so much pleasure, as in the present instance, is combined with the attempt, we are glad even to make it.

To endeavor to depict to you the many successes and, thus far, the perfectly victorious banner of *old Epsilon*, would take more time and paper than can now be given. The awarding of the honors at the close of the summer term was anxiously awaited by all of us, feeling sure that one of our brother seniors would take at least one honor. You know it would be unconstitutional to give *all* the honors to one man, so we hoped for but *one* honor. Is it necessary to state that we were not disappointed? would any one suppose that a class could graduate and Phi Psi not be represented in the honor list? Bro. Daniel Fleisher, of Newport, Pa., carried off the third honor, despite the strong inclination of the faculty to favor the $\Phi. \Gamma. A.$ Frat. boys, and at the commencement exercises he, together with our other senior brothers, Geo. S. Bowers and Clarence A. Eyler acquitted themselves nobly, and honored themselves, their chapter and the whole fraternity.

A notice of "Our 25th Anniversary" has occupied space in the previous number of the SHIELD, and hence it would be needless to repeat the story of its success. To say that it was pleasant would not be half strong enough; to say that it was superbly grand in all respects would be an infinitesimal approach to the truth. The only regret that was offered was, that it is a pity that "25th Anniversaries" don't come oftener.

College opened this fall with its halls full of new students. Notwithstanding this fact but few of the newcomers were deemed worthy by "our boys" as fit objects upon which to place the mantle of Phi Psi. We have initiated three new ones: Brothers Edwin S. Frey, Charles W. Carl and R. Caldwell Gotwald, all of York, Pa. Honest labor always brings reward. There are still several of the

strangers who are yet undecided but "almost persuaded," and we still live strongly in hope.

Quite a sensation has stirred the minds of the college students here, quite recently, by the spread of the rumor that the X. $\Phi.$ Frat. intended to establish a chapter at our college, last evening. Several of the members of their chapter at Dickinson college were expected, but none came and nothing like X. $\Phi.$ has been seen here. Time will tell. But we must close. Epsilon sends greeting and grips to you and all the brothers.

Yours in the holy trinity,

Gamma Gamma.

WINNSBORO, S. C.

October 6th, 1880.

DEAR BROTHER:

A GLANCE at the list of members of the S. C. Alpha, recalls many pleasant memories of bygone days. The SHIELD is doing a magnificent work in unearthing the treasures of the buried Chapters of the South. Many brave men lived before Agamemnon; but through Homer's divine aid, Schlieman is enabled to give this semi-mythical hero the local habitation denied to his less fortunate predecessors. How many Agamemnons may the SHIELD bring to view through its researches! Here I have been living for years in social intercourse with members of our old Fraternity without ever dreaming of the fact. They graduated and passed into the world long before my college days, and it is only by means of the catalogue I received that I am informed that they too have entered the mystic portal.

I read with interest the letter from Bro. T. J. Moore, of Spartanburg, in this State, published in your September number. Though personally unacquainted with him, I have long known him by reputation; and I will say what his modesty prevented him from mentioning, that for the next four years he will represent his County (one of the most prosperous and enlightened portions of the State) in the Senate of South Carolina. He is a practical farmer.

It gives me pleasure to remark that many of the members of S. C. Alpha are fully performing the promise of their youth. Only a few can be mentioned in this letter. One of the first members was the Rev. Wm. E. Boggs, D.D. He took second honor in a large and talented class, entered the army, in the ranks, and then, becoming duly licensed, officiated as Chaplain in the Sixth S. C. V. Here he was very zealous in ministering to the sick and wounded. After the surrender, he filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church in Columbia with great credit. Accepting a call to Memphis, he passed through two epidemics, one of cholera and one of yellow fever. When others fled, he stood to his post and worked like a hero. During the last epidemic by which Memphis was almost depopulated, he himself fell a victim, and for days lingered on the verge of the grave. Months elapsed before his final recovery. He is now located in Atlanta, Georgia, filling an extended field of usefulness.

In the list for 1858, I find the name of H. W. Rice, Jr.

He was the first honor man of his class, entered the army immediately after graduation, fought all through, came home, taught school for several years, and then engaged in the practice of law at Lexington, C. H., where he now resides. A confirmed bachelor, he is the soul of gallantry, as the following incident will show. A few years ago he was riding in a stage, in which, among others, were two ladies and a drunken fellow. The latter let slip an oath, and was warned not to repeat it. He apologized, but soon let slip another, "If you do that again I'll pitch you out of the window," said Capt. R. determinedly. Another apology, quite abject. A third oath followed after some time, when without saying another word, Capt. R., who is a Hercules, seized the offender by the back of the neck and the seat of his pants, and actually "hoisted" him head foremost out of the window. "Now drive on," said he to the driver. "Stop," yelled the fellow. "Drive on and let him walk," said the Captain, and drive on he did, leaving the fellow to make the best of his way on foot to the station.

In the same class, and second, I believe, was the Rev. W. R. Atkinson, also a member of S. C. A. Six feet and a half in height, and straight as an Indian, with a keen black eye, he is a striking looking person. An officer in the signal service during the war, he entered the Presbyterian Ministry subsequently, and preached in Virginia and in Raleigh. He is now living in Charlotte, N. C., where he has a large and flourishing female school. He is a man of decided intellect, and a close student, and his usefulness will increase with years.

Another member is Mr. W. H. Perry, a son of Ex-Gov. Perry, and himself a leading lawyer in Greenville. He will also represent his County in the Senate this year, and his friends think he may in the not distant future be called to a seat in congress.

James Simons, Jr., a lawyer of Charleston, is another of our Fraternity. His father was for many years speaker of the House of Representatives, and a high officer in the order of the Cincinnati. The son and namesake enjoys a lucrative practice.

George White, Esq., is a leading merchant in Abbeville, and a first-rate fellow.

Rev. W. W. Mills is living in this county and has charge of two churches, the congregations of which esteem him highly.

Capt. Eldred J. Simkins was, at last accounts, practicing law in Florida. He is a fine conversationalist, a man of affairs, and was in college an accomplished performer on the violin, and the leader of serenades. He made a visit to Columbia while I was in college, and delighted us with stories of old college scraps and fraternity incidents.

W. S. Monteith, Esq., is a practising lawyer in Columbia. He has a prodigious memory and can quote poetry and prose by the hour.

Richard J. Manning, Esq., is a large planter in Clarendon County I believe.

C. G. Henderson, if I am correctly informed, is a planter in the lower part of the State.

John Taylor, Esq., is a planter near Columbia. He will

represent his County in the lower branch of the Legislature. He is one of the best horsemen in the State.

The above is an imperfect sketch of some of the *ante bellum* members of the Fraternity. Being older than myself, I am not acquainted with all of them.

S. C. A.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

Bro. Woods, Pa. Θ, '80, is at Princeton Theo. Sem.

OUR thanks are tendered to Ohio Gamma for courtesies.

Bro. Chas. Wilson, Pa. Ζ, '78, is studying law in Kansas City.

Bro. W. H. Dashiell, Pa. Ζ, '71, is teaching in Cambridge, Md.

Bro. J. W. Thompson, Pa. Ζ, '70, is practicing law in Coatesville, Pa.

Bro. C. C. Hays, '81, Pa. Α, was recently chosen orator for Class Day.

Bro. James M. Ralston, Pa. Ζ, '79, is teaching at Kerneysville, W. Va.

Bro. J. Hope Caldwell, Pa. Ζ, '80, is studying law in Wilmington, Del.

Bro. Will Gibbs, of Ohio Alpha, is attending college at the Ohio State University.

Bro. M. M. Gibson, Pa. Θ, '80, has passed his preliminary law examination at Norristown.

Bro. G. E. Wilbur, Pa. Ζ, '73, is Professor in the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, Pa.

Bro. Will C. Wilson, '80, Pa. Β, is reading law in the office of Judge Bishop, Cleveland, O.

Bro. H. A. Doud, Pa. Θ, '80, after a two months trip in Nebraska, expects to study law at Scranton.

PARLE ROBINSON, light-weight of Ohio Delta, feels happy since his father has been elected Congressman.

Bro. Addison S. McClure, Pa. Alpha, was recently elected to Congress from Wooster, O., district.

BROS. Nutting, Mosher and Dun, were present at the first meeting of Ohio Delta. Come again boys!

Bro. M. D. Learned, Pa. Ζ, '80, is professor of Ancient Languages in Williamsport Dickinson Seminary.

Bro. Joshua Warfield, Pa. Ζ, '59, is Professor of English Literature at Maryland Agricultural College.

LOUIS HANITCH, Horace Allen and Ed. Vanharlinger, were initiated at the first meeting of the Ohio Delta.

Bro. J. F. Kinkade, '80, Ohio Gamma, is located at Socorro, New Mexico. Takes "THE SHIELD" of course.

OHIO Delta is booming along with 12 active members, and every month patiently awaits the appearance of the "SHIELD."

Bro. Harry McDowell, Pa. Ι, '78, is in his 3d year at the Gen. Theol. Sem., 20th St. and 9th Ave., N. Y. Give him a call.

Bro. Seth H. Yocum, M. C., Pa. Z, '59, visited his Alma Mater during the last commencement on the route to his home at Bellefonte, Pa.

Miss Josephine Bates, our representative at Chautauqua Lake, is still blooming with Phi Psi animation. Wonder who will be the happy fellow!

Bro. D. W. Humphrey, Theta, formerly of '81, has been married to Miss Whitbeck, of Scranton. He is now chemist of the Lackawanna Coal and Iron Company.

Bro. Bob Burdette and wife have moved to Philadelphia for the winter. We look forward with pleasure to the expected visit of our humorous brother to our *sanctum*.

Bro. N. A. Stockton, '79, Pa. I., is a metallurgical engineer and general analytical chemist, and has his office and laboratory at 144 South Fourth St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Bro. N. H. Larzelere, Penna. Theta, '74, was recently married to Miss Ida Loch, of Norristown. Bro. Sam. Martin, also of the Theta, assisted in performing the ceremony.

Bro. J. C. Mackenzie, Theta '78, was married on the 5th of October to Miss Ella Smith, of Wilkesbarre. He has resumed charge of his flourishing school in the latter place.

We will soon publish a poem, by Bro. Watson of Ohio Alpha. Its length has kept us thus far from inserting it. We have on hand, too, an address delivered before Ind. B., by Bro. Powers, '81.

Bro. Dan'l C. List, Ohio Gamma, has not returned to college this year. He is at present in business in Wheeling, W. Va. All his leisure hours are devoted to the writing of our history.

SIDNEY H. SHORT, Ohio Delta, '80, has gone to Denver, Col., to accept the Chair of Physics and Chemistry in State University. His brother J. T. Short, Ohio Alpha, is Prof. of History and Philosophy in the Ohio State University.

Bro. Oscar A. Small, '69, Pa. A., after having served his County, Beaver, two terms as Prothonotary, has opened a law office in Beaver. Bro. Small's genial disposition and large acquaintance in the County, will secure for him a large practice.

Bro. Clay Eschbach, '80, Pa. Eta. is a student in the medical department of the Univ. of Penna., and gave the Eta boys some wholesome advice. Let them obey this and old Eta will shine out even more brightly (if that were possible) than at present in the Φ . K. Ψ . constellation.

Bro. Hamline H. Freer, now professor in Cornell College, Iowa, writes as follows: "Iowa Gamma was marked for the scholarly character of its members, and socially they were the cream of the institution." Bro. James E. Harlan of the same Chapter, is Prof. of Mathematics in the College.

REV. EDWIN POST, Pa. Zeta, Professor of Latin in Indiana Asbury University, was married to Miss Minnie T. Jackson, (daughter of Captain Jackson, of the Red Star Line,) at Merchantville, N. J., on July 22, 1880. Bro. Post, it will be remembered, was the valedictorian of the class of '72 at Dickinson.

Bro. John G. Reading, Jr., '80, Pa. Θ ., returned a few weeks ago from Europe, and is now in Williamsport, Pa., reading law. "Slim" is as hearty as ever. In Paris he met Bros. Colket, '79, Pa. I., and Wm. Rhodes. Wis. B. He says the latter form an excellent team, and are doing Paris in grand style.

Bros. Reading and Wilbur, both of '80, sailed for Europe on the 5th of last July, expecting to remain abroad a year. When last heard from they were in Switzerland, but expected to settle down in Heidelberg, as soon as they could tear themselves from the combined attractions of Alpine scenery and Swiss barmmaids.

Bro. George Peckham Miller, '77, Pa. E., just made the degree of *Juris Utriusque Doctor* at the University of Goettingen. Bro. Miller is the second American who has obtained this degree at Goettingen, the first party having been James Morgan Hart, author of "German Universities." This is the way Φ . K. Ψ 's. do things.

Bro. Samuel Preston Sparks, '70, Mo. Alpha, joined Phi Kappa Psi in fall of '69 at M. S. University, but graduated at McKendree College, Ills. Served through the war in the Fifth Missouri Cav. Volunteers. Is now practicing law at Warrensburg, Mo., and is special Judge of the Criminal as well as Circuit Court of Johnson Co.

OHIO GAMMA has initiated the following since Sept.: Ed. F. Siegenthaler, '82, Wooster, O.; Harry A. McFadden, '84, Hollidaysburg, Pa.; Will T. Oars, '84, Brookville, Pa.; Lewis K. Miller, '83, Springfield, Ills.; Forrest K. Leonard, '84, Piqua, Ohio; Hugh F. Kemper, Jr., '85, Cincinnati, O.; and John C. Payne, '85, Avondale, O.

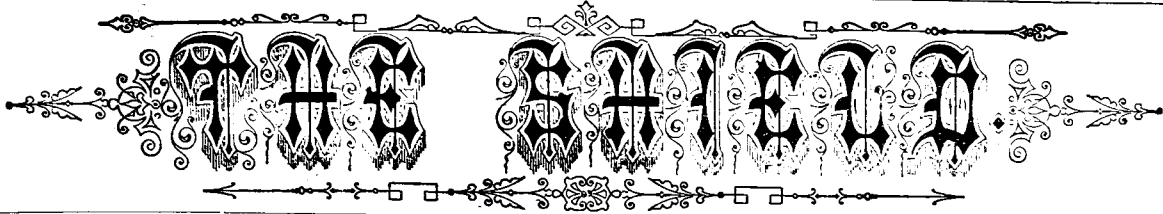
SEVEN Φ . K. Ψ 's are attending the University of Kentucky. They are principally from Va. A. Bro. Fred. V. Loos' father is president of the institution. Bro. L regrets exceedingly that rigid antifrat. laws exist, otherwise we could expect the reorganization of old Ky. A. Next year several of the brothers intend going to Ann Arbor.

A LETTER from Bro. Henry Schell Lobingier, '73, Va. A., reads thus: I hope to see you 'ere long, but just at present I am too busy to think. Hereafter you may know why; but when I tell you that "old Dave Myers" has set an example which cannot be resisted—you may imagine the rest! Shake, brother, and may the greatest prosperity be yours.

ONE of the oldest and best established book firms of Baltimore is that of T. Newton Kurtz, and we feel confident that its future success is assured, now that that energetic and business spirit of Penna. Epsilon, Bro. F. Bert Kurtz, '77, has become a member of the institution. For further information apply to T. Newton Kurtz & Son, 151 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, Md.

CAN any brother inform me through these columns of the present whereabouts of Bro. B. MacMackin, class of '74, University of Lewisburg, Penna. Gamma Chapter? Bro. M. afterwards studied theology at Crozer Seminary, Chester, Pa., and then I lost sight of him. This information will be tearfully received by a heart-broken and poverty stricken friend, who wants to dun him for a loan made years ago. There was a report that Mac, who is a Jerseyman, had succumbed to the combined influence of the watery watermelon and the musicky mosquito—but we renounce this report as a base slander.

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THIS is our Christmas number. It's a sort of venture. If we should receive the hearty, substantial aid, we have hopes of, perhaps twelve pages will become our regular monthly size.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following:
From Penn'a Epsilon—Payment for 16 subs. to Vol. II.
" " Eta— " " " " " "
" Ohio Gamma— " " 9 " " "
" Mich. Alpha— " " 6 " Vol. I.

The D. C. Alpha announces that it will shortly remit some substantial support to the SHIELD—how many more Chapters will do likewise? The election of a regular correspondent to these columns should be followed by others. We expect great things from D. C. Alpha when she assumes the robes of G. C.

We approve of Bro. C. L. V. C.'s suggestion and are ready to hear from all who will accept his proposition. It has the true Φ . K. Ψ . ring to it!

PENN'A Epsilon has appointed a committee of five brothers who will write monthly letters to each sub-chapter of the Fraternity, no matter whether they receive answers or not. Good, Epsilon!—see that it is *actually* done.

PENN'A Gamma has again become active. The banner is supported now by ten undergraduates. This delights us, and we are all awaiting your communication to these columns, Gamma brothers.

CHAIRMAN List, of the Chautauqua Reunion committee, has made all the arrangements with Dr. Vincent, and will soon send out circulars to graduates and sub-chapters making known certain matters of general interest, etc.

MARYLAND Alpha is after Bro. Scott.

A SONG OF PHI KAPPA PSI.

By ORVILLE E. WATSON.

(Read at Ohio Alpha's Banquet, June 1880.)

I.

O where but in the fertile college soil
The rank Fraternal growth so deep a root,
Could strike, and bear so fair and pleasant fruit
To be the guerdon of our love and toil?
And where but in the shaded college air,
Could all its thickly grafted branches bear
In so prolific bloom its blossoms dark,
Bearing upon the dusky, velvet fold,
In pansy-hearted lines and curves of gold,
The mystic stamp, the fair Greek letter mark?

II.

O college paths! where yet we feel the dew
Upon the time-worn ways that still are new!
Oh college world! where first we fully wake,
And with the solemn sky still full of stars,
Look out across the red horizon bars
To see the dim and dappled morning break!
Where far o'er shadowy wood and misty fell,
And wastes of intervening ages swell
The seven Roman hills, in dim outline;
And rise against the kindling gray of dawn
The dark Aeropolis and Parthenon,
While in the moving mists below them shine
In serried ranks the glittering points of spears,
That prick the purple vapors of the years.
And dimmer still, O city reft of joy,
And darkly veiled in doom, and wed to woe,
With fearful gaze upon the plain below,
Arise thy lofty walls, O leagured Troy!
And fainter still, in flush of morning pale,
There glimmers on the sight the Trojan sail
Afar upon the dusky Tuscan sea.
O college faith! where falls the dawning light
So chill upon the dying face of night,
In garments white the new Philosophy,
Like a fair priestess, comes to sacrifice,
And sends a slender smoke into the skies,
And lifts a voice beneath the morning star
Unto the new World-God who is the old.
O college hopes! that o'er the night-dews cold,
Blow like a breath from clover fields afar,
To mingle with the cool night-wind that comes
Up from the long dark corridors of tombs.
O college ties! that are too sweet to last!
And college ties, that are so fleet and frail!
But in a world where stronger things will fail,
O college ties, that hold us still so fast!
And here beneath the rustling campus trees,
And here in flush of dawn and rush of breeze,
O goddess of the shut and silent lip,
And veiled brow, and dark and shining eye,
O loyal here to thee, Phi Kappa Psi,
With fingers clasped in close and mystic grip,

With friendship pledged and held in faith and troth,
 And union gaged and sealed with bond and oath,
 We yield fidelity to thee; and start
 A flame upon thy altar dark, and swear
 To keep it ever brightly burning there;
 And raise to thee a song, with swelling heart,
 Whose silver thread shall run thro' sighs and tears,
 And light the dusky woof of future years;
 And glisten in the gloom of sin and hate,
 That darkens all the tapestry of Fate.

III.

I see the sunshine of Commencement Day;
 For after long incubatory care,
 Our loving Alma Mater, proud and fair,
 Has hatched her annual brood; and far away
 She clucks the happy news to East and West,
 And holds a banquet in the dear old nest.
 And loud a Song of Prophecy is sung,
 And celebrated well the bright event,
 With music, race and sportful tournament;
 And eloquence upon the air is flung,
 And greetings raised to those who joyful stand
 Already in the dust of arenal sand;
 Who see, all flushed with hope and crowned with bay,
 The course at last that waits their eager feet,
 Where acclamations loud and triumph sweet
 Shall drown the plaudits of Commencement Day.
 But with the joy that moves the campus trees,
 And brushes with its wings the gathered throng,
 A soft regret goes whispering to the breeze
 The running rhythm of an echoed song.
*Let no tarnish on thy shield
 Mar the polish of its field;
 Blot or blemish there will yield
 Weakness to thy purpose high.
 Let the sword of thy endeavor
 Bear upon its hilt forever,
 Graven deep "Phi Kappa Psi."*

IV.

I hear afar the sound of wedding bells;
 The red Day stands beside the sacred porch
 That hands to Love the blazing nuptial torch;
 And loud the chanted hymeneal swells,
 As Joy goes in beneath the clanging towers,
 And strews the happy way with orange flowers.
 And bursts thro' lofty nave and chancel arch,
 And rolls along the dim and vaulted aisles,
 And breaks upon the heart in tears and smiles
 The glad triumphal of the wedding march.
 But thro' the swelling theme of coming days
 A vision floats of shaded college ways,
 Where Love had eager-eyed Ambition met;
 Where Thompson peered across the town,
 O'er lines of maples green and roof-tops brown,
 To watch the blushing tower of fair Monnett,
 And with the Joy that leaps upon the breeze
 And sweeps the sunny aisles of air along,
 A soft low voice from shadowy campus trees
 Repeats the burden of a festal song.

*Heart, that throb'st to answer heart,
 Soul, that see'st thy hopes depart,
 Mind, that mourn'st that long is art
 And feet of Time so swift to fly,
 Bonds of love are hard to sever,
 Brand of love will last forever—
 Brand us deep, Phi Kappa Psi.*

V.

I see the lusty-shouldered Years at morn'
 Come forth; and sweet with song the hedges ring,
 As o'er the sunny fields they go, to swing
 Their silver scythes amid the yellow corn.
 And by the farm-house door sits calm Content,
 And looks along the way the reapers went,
 And smiles to see the path their footsteps held
 Thro' dusky caves of leafy shadows run,
 But still all barred with light and flecked with sun,
 Till lost in the shine of the distant harvest field.
 And pipes afar the shepherd's rural reed
 A strain of love and soft complaint, where feed
 The flocks upon the hillside slope, till full
 Is the balmy air with the popped breath of sleep,
 And music swoons, and the shepherd, 'mid his sheep,
 In slumber sinks, and dreams of a rise in wool.
 But oft the low and drowsy hum of bees
 That lulls the clover-fields the summer long,
 Becomes the dreamy voice of campus trees,
 And sings again a dim-remembered song.

*Sweet as clover after rain,
 Sweet as slumber after pain,
 By-gone thoughts will thrill again,
 Catch the breath and fill the eye.
 Early bonds are hard to sever,
 Bonds of youth will bind forever—
 Bind us fast, Phi Kappa Psi.*

VI.

I see the fortress walls Supply has made
 Against the clamoring armies of Demand,
 Where Commerce sits with eyes on sea and land,
 And manages the armaments of Trade.
 And high above our human needs arise
 The lofty battlements of merchandise.
 And siege-munitions of the mine and loom,
 Of quiet fields, and iron hammers loud,
 Are brought by strength of wind and steam and crowd
 The gates of custom-house and counting-room.
 And here sits Fortune by her whirling wheel,
 And draws the lots human of woe and weal
 And here the broker "bull" attacks the "bear"
 At cards, and beats him with the ace of stocks,
 And trumps his railway bonds and business blocks,
 In the wall street gambling booth of Vanity Fair.
 But often in the maze of drafts and bills
 A vision swims the ledger page along
 Of waving campus trees, and memory thrills
 To the startled echoes of a vanished song.

*Brows that burn with care and fret,
 Eyes all dim with vain regret,
 Let the weeping hours forget
 That the flowers were born to die.
 Bonds of joy are hard to sever,
 Bonds of love will bind forever—
 Bind us fast, Phi Kappa Psi.*

VII.

I see a shaft of moted daylight fall
 Thro' office windows dark, upon the grime
 And dust of ponderous legal love that Time
 Has slowly built into a barrier wall,
 Against the beating waves of lawlessness.
 And hither come the wronged to seek redress;
 And here the heavy sword of Law is thrown
 Into the scales that Justice bears, to right

The balance-pan that fraud has made too light,
And give to each the weight that is his own.
And runs the civil tape-work that controls
Our being, thro' these legal pigeon-holes.
And here we learn, with artful legal tricks,
From observation keen, and statute book,
To cast a red-tape line, and bait a hook,
And fish in the turbid pond of politics.
But in the suasive length of lawyers' pleas
A dimness comes across the listening throng,
And Memory whispers thro' the campus trees
The burden of an unforgotten song.

*Sweet as hope to those who weep,
Like a summer sail asleep,
Far upon the drowsy deep,
Gleam the thoughts of days gone by
Ties of youth are hard to sever,
Heart of love will bind forever—
Bind us fast, Phi Kappa Psi.*

VIII.

I see the light upon the marble weight
Of architrave, and sculptured forms of snow,
That crowns the lofty columned Portico,
Within the busy Forum of the State.
And here walks Eloquence with breezy tongue,
The marble shafts and gathered crowds among,
And here are they, the Men of Might who came
To raise a voice for right against the wrong,
And draw a sword for truth against the strong,
Who won, in struggle fierce, the wreath of fame,
And wrote their names among the honored great.
And hither comes the write-robed candidate,
With smiling countenance, and outstretched hand,
With compliment and honied phrases sweet,
With barrelled coin, and promises to treat
At the Civil Service soda-water stand.
But off the polished shafts and marble frieze,
That echo back the plaudits of the throng,
Transform themselves to shady campus trees,
And change the echoes to a whispered song.

*None can stand or fall alone,
No man's self is all his own,
Deed of shame or honor done,
Draws or slakens many a tie.
Bonds of love are hard to sever,
Bonds of love will last forever—
Bind us fast, Phi Kappa Psi.*

IX.

It may not be for us—Comencement Day;
And not for us that wedding bells will ring;
And not for us that sweet comfort will sing;
Our ships may far at sea be cast away;
Our swords may rust undrawn within the sheath,
And Fame forget to weave for us a wreath.
But oh! when in the dusky land at eve'
The weary Years take up their scythes and slow
Across the stubble-fields of memory go,
Up thro' the twilight soft and grey, and leave
Beneath the wings of dusk their sheaves of corn
For other hands to gather in at morn,—
O, then we'll see again this night in June,
Where Pleasure walks the sward, and music drifts
Thro' glancing lights, till Midnight wakes and lifts
Above the dark the eye of a rising moon.
It waves a beckoning hand, and the swift night flees

The smooth and polished grooves of time along;
And moonlight sifts thro' silent campus trees,
That hear afar the beat of a banquet song.

*Drink, on the fateful Future's drink!
Drink, to Friendship's magic link!
Drink, to the lavender and the pink!
Fill the blushing goblet high!
May the rushing college river
Bear thee on in peace forever—
Here's to thee, Phi Kappa Psi!*

AN OLD BOY'S RECOLLECTIONS OF PHI
KAPPA PSI, TWENTY-FIVE
YEARS AGO.

BY WM. G. KEADY, PA. A., '56.
(Formerly Professor in Oakland College, Miss.)
(Continued.)

THAT night was really the beginning of the new era of the Fraternity. An onward movement had been decided on at a previous evening. Taking me in was the first result of that movement, and I soon learned why it begun with me. Some of the men whom it was desirable to secure to the service of the Chapter could only be approached by me. I confess I did not feel elated at the prospect, for I did not believe that the prejudices of those others could be as readily overcome as mine had been. It is hard for me now to realize, much more to expect my reader to realize, the "odor" in which our now proud brotherhood lived: it was the very reverse of the "odor of sanctity." It was as much hated, slandered, abused, as were the early Christians: nothing too bad could be said or believed about it. There were only two other Fraternities in the college, Φ. Γ. Δ. and Β. Θ. ΙΙ.; the former held sway in the Franklin Society, the latter in the Philo. The organization of a third threatened the interests of both; and consequently each waved the "bloody shirt" at the newcomer, as effectual as it has been waved in these days of advanced (?) politics. Every wild student, every drinking "cuss," every blackguard, everyone under suspicion, was ranked among the Phi Psi's. If a party of fellows were drunk, it was "the Phi Psi's on a spree." Their meetings were said to be orgies, at which both tables of the law were regularly smashed, etc., etc. All this is not exaggerated; it is hardly up to the truth. Even the brothers I met that night had to come in for an exaggerated immoral character; and the very men I was expected to influence held no good opinion of them. The set I ran with consisted of the reading and studying men of the Sophomore class, those who were taking a look ahead at honors in class and society—a set regarded with complacent looks by all the Fraternities as the source of recruits.

It reflects credit on the good taste and spirit of those few Phi Psi's, and speaks of their regard for their Fraternity's future, to find them using all means in their power to better its reputation.

The meeting room lost its formality, and we resolved ourselves into a committee of the whole on the state of the Fraternity. The one thought in the minds of all was, that the time had come to make a rapid advance. Two

years had passed away since the birth of the Fraternity, and as yet nothing has been done to give it standing or influence in the college. I found that Tom Campbell had been the originator of the new departure, and had worked up the others to the sticking point. While chafing under the undeserved bad character attributed to the very name of Phi Psi, they did not deem it possible to get in the men who would achieve a better. Tom had the necessary faith, and his intimacy with me made me available for the first attempt. That having succeeded, they began to feel that all things are possible to him that believeth. Name after name was suggested—all unlikely a little while before; some were voted as desirable, others as otherwise; and all who were supposed worthy and available, that night, afterwards became brothers. I was appointed to approach several, but I stipulated only to attack one, with whom I had some hope of succeeding; arguing, that it was best to take in one man at a time, and let him have a voice in choosing the next. Fortunately, the "*festinans lente*" policy was adopted. I left the room that night with the ardor of Psi Kappa Psi enkindled in my heart; yet I did not feel very bold, invested as I was with the power to "invite" my room-mate, A. C. Armstrong, now of Augusta, Ky. A. C. was older than any of us; a solid, sober, steady-going fellow; a plodding student, but full of life; energetic, whole-souled in all he undertook; a leader in all our sophomore "sprees." It was late when I got into my room, and found A. awake, sitting by the fire, sunk in a revery, undisturbed by my entrance. I knew something was up, and I'd soon hear of it. Though by some years my senior, he was "bully" at asking advice. I expected in a little while to hear, "K., I'd like to ask your advice." My recent experience, and my fear of being suspected, made me suspicious, when I remembered seeing him that afternoon in close conversation with a prominent Delta; and I began to wonder if A. had been "invited" in that quarter. We went to bed soon. "I'd like your advice," came sure enough and it was just what I surmised. "What did you tell him?" I asked. "That I'd speak to you about it," he replied. Here goes, I thought. "Armstrong, I joined the Phi Psi's to-night." An exploding bomb could not have had a more astonishing effect. As he tumbled out of bed, I heard an expression—it wasn't "well;" but as he is now a Presbyterian elder, I may have been mistaken. After a hurried walk in the room with bare legs, he cooled down, and got back again to bed, evidently resigned. "Well, what next?" was his next remark. "I want you to join with me next week," was mine. "I once said, K., that I'd follow you where you'd go; and as you are determined to go to the Devil, I'll go with you;" and he was soon snoring. So here is an instance of a man's asking advice and following it. Armstrong left college at the end of that year, and began teaching; had charge for years of Augusta College, Ky.; married there; became a substantial citizen; was mayor of the city; representative in Ky. Legislature; and has been foremost in the educational reforms and interests of his State and county; and, when I saw him lately, was deeply interested in tobacco. His heart still grows young as we talk of those olden times. Though not a brilliant acquisition in one sense, Arm-

strong's coming gave a "boost" to the onward movement, and it was kept up unflaggingly. Every meeting, for some time, marked down an addition. John B. Young, I think, was the next after Armstrong—now John J. Young, of Chicago, his name having undergone a change for some good reason. Then came John S. Chapman (now a lawyer in Alexandria, Va.) and Sam Witson (now a merchant in Pittsburgh). Before commencement, we had entered Geo. W. Chalfant (now Rev. G. W. C.), and Geo. H. Kennedy, of Chicago, who died in '69; and, I think, A. B. Robinson.

We had been slow in our movements, cautions and secret, and it was not till a short time before commencement that it suddenly became known that the Phi Psi were still alive, and were looming up into a power that threatened the serene security of the other Fraternities. Attention had been drawn away from us by the advent of a new pin, the Phi Kappa Sigma (skull and bones). From the fact that many who had been reputed Phi Psi's "swung out" the new badge it was surmised that our "concern" had died out, and the old odium was turned against the newcomers. This erroneous idea was prematurely corrected by my having carelessly lost an "invitation," signed by me and addressed to George H. Kennedy; and its being found, copies of which were circulated all over college. Kennedy thus received the first intimation of the honor intended for him; and to say he was mad, is drawing it mild. I had, indeed, sounded him at a long distance, and had no reason to hope for success; but his room-mate, Chalfant, having become a brother, he re-considered the matter, and accepted the invitation like a brave fellow, as his refusal, he saw, placed me in an awkward position. Thus my connection with the Fraternity was made public; and many were the sad shakes of "pious" heads I received at having thus wilfully blasted my prospects, etc. Kennedy never regretted his course, and the Chapter gained a brother whose worth and work went far, very far, to raise its character and to sustain it. By commencement in '54, the Fraternity had shed its chrysalis envelope, and sailed forth on the college air with the confidence of a butterfly not ashamed of herself, so modest, so unassuming was the role in which we made our appearance. We had to combat the old prejudices for a long time, but the old slanders dared not be repeated. We had every reason to be proud of our new growth and our capacity for work, but we did not show our hands in college politics till the fall term.

Our aims and purposes took shape slowly. The qualifications we looked for in choosing members formed no constant quantity, followed no definite law. In considering whether we would approach a man, it was asked: Will he prove a congenial companion?—Is he a gentleman? Regard was had to talents, scholarship, moral character; but even these did not recommend him, if he was a *prig*. Fortunately, our brothers assimilated wonderfully. From the diversity of character displayed by those first brought together, I feared antagonisms would spring up; but the opposite was the result. We put absolutely no restraint on individuality; we had no standard to which all must conform; and so there was nothing in our association, as is so often the case—no little characteristic that, seen in a stu-

dent, would mark him as a Phi Psi. The consequence was, that we were able to have the companionship and help of men whose interest it was not to be known as members of a secret society. This was before the days when every college can count a multitude of Fraternities; and at that time there was strong opposition to such societies—opposition, in most cases, based on principle and conscience. During my connexion, we made few mistakes—mistakes that have not been repeated; yet I know only of two members taken in who proved unworthy or were expelled, and only two who withdrew on account of conscientious scruples.

Our meeting were more social than formal; even in the transaction of all business all attempts to keep parliamentary order failed. Everything likely to promote liveliness (except whiskey) was admissible. The literary part centred in "The Mystic Friend," a Ms. paper edited by Campbell, at first, and then by myself and others. Tom was an artistic penman, and the paper in his hands was a work of art. As to the articles—well, on reading some of them years after, I laughed more than I would at a "screaming farce." They are still preserved in the archives of Pa. A. (somewhere). Tom's peculiar cast of mind, especially, is to be seen in his lucubrations. What elephantine wit! what fierce and scathing denunciation of our enemies! what glowing prophecies of the future, when "the eternal principles of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ " should prevade the universe! Oh dear! a man can be a sophomore but once in a lifetime. A few more words about Tom Campbell. He was of a slight but well-formed figure, about 5 feet 6 inches in height; olive complexion, very clear; fine black hair and eyes; with a nose inclined to spread at the nostrils and point downward; a mouth with a thin upper and a full under lip. He paid little attention to his studies. His one college ambition was to excel in declamation and to be contest orator in '56. All his care, thought, and energy were for the Fraternity. As he was disposed to do the work, we let the bulk of it fall into his willing hands. Tom had literary talents, yet "in the raw," and never fully developed at college, for he had much to unlearn—a part of one's education to be accomplished only by contact with the world. I think his entire devotion to the Fraternity interests really kept him back. As I try to read the workings of Providence in the past, I have no hesitation in saying, that the one work God had for T. C. Campbell was to build up and set in order the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. It is his monument. If our Fraternity has faith in its symbol of the "All-seeing Eye," it should honor the instrument He has used. All honor to the founders—I would not distract a whit therefrom; but to Tom is due an honor *sui generis*. Almost everything that is distinctive or peculiar in the character and working of the Fraternity had its origin in Tom's brain. Even the phrases in addresses delivered afterward by others which I have heard or read, were those to which he gave currency. All the ceremonies, amid all changes, keep to his models. The cryptograms of the officers were his inventions. The seals were of his design. The rude Greek of the pass-words, etc., is his. In fact all the machinery came from his workshop—the very work most needed and least thought of. He was voluminous in

letter writing, and all the correspondence, copying, etc., were exclusively in his hands. The first attempt to plant our standard in other colleges was made by him. It was his agency that stirred up Charlie Moore to inaugurate a Chapter at Univ. Va., where M. was a law student, and Russ Kennedy at Meadville. I think the Lewisburg Chapter grew out of a conversation Tom had with a student on the cars. He was unflagging in energy, and supplied all deficiency on the part of the rest. He kept on his way in spite of rebuffs, ridicule, hindrances and opposition, unthanked and not caring for thanks. He would never recognize defeat or impossibility in anything that concerned the Fraternity he loved as the apple of his eye. It was not an abstraction to him, it was as much a personality as Brahma to the Hindoo. It is true that little of the actual work he did remains, but his spirit prevades the whole superstructure. He kept at the work till he graduated. His life after that was a beginning again. His work as a Presbyterian minister was short: his peculiarities, which we had learned to accept as a matter of course, for a time stood in the way of his usefulness; and just as he was overcoming them, gaining the confidence of his people, and reaching a position where he could do good work in his new sphere, the Master called him away. He cares not now for this late appreciation, but his name should not (will not) be forgotten by the Fraternity which is his legacy to the world.

In the fall of '54 occurred an incident that made the history of the $\Phi. K. \Sigma.$ cross ours. Among the young members of that fraternity was one who, carried away by the beauties of its ritual, read all or parts of it to his young lady friends and to some of us—a knowledge of which we made no use. The result was a disturbance in "skull and bones" circles throughout the land, a convention, a new ritual and the break-up of the Jefferson Chapter. Out of the wreck came two most excellent brothers, S. T. Murray and S. C. T. Dodd (now of Franklin, Pa.)—the latter of whom was a most efficient worker for several years.

During the winter '54-'55 it was decided to adopt a new badge. The old one had but two letters $\Phi. \Psi.$, forming a very pretty combination cut out in gold. It was not discarded officially, but it soon disappeared. A committee was appointed, McMasters and myself, to draft a new one. I think we tried all sorts of devices, becoming more undecided at every attempt, and at one time deciding to give it up. One night I was sitting with Mc in his room reading, while he was devoting his gigantic intellect to the task of whittling out a ring from a piece of channel coal. When he had finished the shield on it he handed it to me for approval (to criticise anything he did was out of the question). I liked the shape and copied it on paper. I thought I'd fill it in with some of the symbols Tom C. had made familiar. It looked well, and I concluded that the new badge was found. I made a better drawing and offered it for Jim's inspection. He decided it was just the thing. It was offered to the Chapter, which met in that room later in the same night, and was adopted. McFadden, of Pittsburgh, made the first batch. No change has since been made in it, except to give it a better finish.

(To be continued.)

KANSAS ALPHA.

LAWRENCE, KAN., November 5th, 1880.

EDITORS SHIELD:

Thinking that a few minutes spared from killing buffaloes and scalping Indians could not be employed to better advantage than by giving you a brief account of the doings of the Phi Kappa Psi's at Kansas University, I have the honor and pleasure of annexing a few personal notes, trusting that they will be of more than local interest.

We have only twelve men this year, but they are all worthy of the banner under which they are enlisted. They take a deep interest in Fraternity matters. Recently we secured six new pins and have just moved into a new hall. Such things as Chapter houses are unknown here, as the Fraternities are not wealthy enough to build one; but as the absent ones of Kansas Alpha gather in the almighty dollar, we know that they will use some of it in this way. The Chapter has just come out of a struggle for control of the college magazine with flying colors. It fought a hard fight, and force on at first powerful majority to compromise and give it an even show on the editorial board. The fight was forced on the boys and they did not falter once. Bro. Twitchell, the orator, has gone to Michigan and entered the Law school, at the same time continuing his literary course. He will be felt wherever he goes. Bro. Little is teaching a successful school in Dickinson county, and will return next year. Bro. Spangler will come back to us in January and complete his course. Spangler is one of the best men we have. Bro. Davidson is studying law at Wichita, and so it goes; all the old members are winning fame and money wherever they are.

Fraternally,
W. H. S.

MARYLAND ALPHA.

BALTIMORE, NOV. 22, 1880.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

Dear Bros.—Received the numbers of November SHIELD, which were read with much interest. Especially did that part of it in regard to Maryland Alpha not being in the Grand Catalogue attract the notice of the said Alpha. "The Fraternity is informed that the Catalogue is ready with a complete list of all the Chapters with exception of Maryland Alpha, which failed to respond to the notices sent out, and Bro. Scott was unable to imagine a list." Indeed, if Bro. Scott is a man of such transcendent genius as to be able to edit the Grand Catalogue, which consisted of mere mechanical work in compiling lists as sent in, why could he not imagine a list of Maryland Alpha? If he was unable to do that, why was the Catalogue entrusted to such as he? The facts of the case are these, Maryland Alpha never received any such notice requesting list of membership, founders, etc., to be sent to Bro. Scott or any other Bro. All correspondence as received is filed in the Chapter Record and in that no such notice appears. When Bro. Scott found Maryland Alpha did not respond to the request he should have written a second time, as miscarriages often

occur. It seems to me that Bro. Scott should have been more careful in his explanation. For as the notice appears it seems as if Maryland Alpha had neglected her duty in not responding. It must be borne in mind that I bear no ill will towards Bro. Scott, my fraternity feeling forbidding that, but simply desire to explain our conduct, and my own as well, as I have to bear all blame, as Cor. Sec., in neglecting to answer correspondents. I would be much obliged if you would insert these lines in your columns in justice to Maryland Alpha. I was unable to answer your postal of the 8th fully until I saw some of the Alumni.

Fraternally,
GEORGE F. GEPHART.

D. C. ALPHA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 18, 1880.

DEAR SHIELD:

SOME months have passed since D. C. Alpha has appeared in the columns of our paper, but it has been through no fault of ours, but simply a pressure of business and college duties. D. C. Alpha has not been asleep but on the contrary *very wide awake*, and working to fill up gaps made by some of her most worthy brothers leaving the city.

We regard the SHIELD as our surest means of communication with the other Chapters and it is welcomed heartily, and eagerly perused by the brothers.

I hope by December 1st to send a full list of subscribers and what is preferable, the subscription price.

We have now on our roll twenty-one active and enthusiastic members, and it would amply repay you to attend one of our meetings and hear our fraters hurl "points of order, et cetera, at our worthy President's head. Robert's Rules of Order is pretty thoroughly studied, and whenever a new man gets in the chair it behooveth him to study parliamentary law and usage well. Our meetings are now held weekly, each Tuesday night, and we spend from seven to twelve o'clock on Fraternity business. We have regular debates and literary exercises and have become so popular that the whole college is clamoring for admission.

Our initiates this year have been:

N. L. Burchell,	Class of 1883,	of Washington, D. C.
W. Brown,	"	"
H. S. T. Harris,	"	1884 of St. Augustine, Fla.
H. D. Cochran,	"	of Washington, D. C.
C. H. Gardner,	"	of St. Augustine, Fla.

The first two were initiated Oct. 23, and the others Oct. 30.

These are all worthy brothers and give tokens of becoming an honor to the Fraternity.

We have rented a new hall and are making arrangements for furnishing and fitting up the same, to enter upon our duties as Grand Chapter in January next.

We hope our editors will honor us with a visit about that time and inspect our new rooms. There never has been in the annals of Φ. K. Ψ., a more enthusiastic and hard working set of brothers, than D. C. Alpha carries on her rolls at present.

We are ready to do anything in our power to build up the Southern Chapters, and judging from recent letters in

the SHIELD, we see the same loyal spirit extant in the hearts of our Southern members as it was years ago. We have no doubt but that they would all lend a helping hand in the matter.

We have no luke warm members here, and when indifference take hold of any of our men we propose consigning them to the outside, as we do not intend carrying any *dead weight*.

One of our most valuable members, J. C. S. Richardson (our Jack) has gone to the far West. He is now official Stenographer to the Supreme Court of Wyoming Territory, located at Cheyenne, and we feel sure will add honor to his position.

His genial face, his enthusiastic addresses, his liberality and wonderful warm-heartedness has left a void difficult to fill.

Another of our faithful members is now at Princeton College, where we hope New Jersey Alpha will extend to him a cordial welcome. I refer to Fred. D. McKenney, a true and loyal Phi Psi.

At our organization this year the following were elected officers:

P. H. Seymour, P. G. Wales, E. C. Stott, H. L. Hodgkins, F. O. McCleary, Robt. J. Murray, Walter B. Grant, C. S. Chesney.

During the summer we met Bro. Will H. Talbott, of Virginia Gamma, and spent a most pleasant week with him. He is a true Phi Psi and now resides in Richmond, Va.

The Sigma Chi Conventon has been in session here several days and they close this evening with a banquet at the National Hotel after an Oration from Linden Kent, Esq., a member of our Bar.

D. C. Alpha will be represented in each number of the SHIELD in future as we have adopted a new By-Law requiring the appointment of a contributor each month. With best wishes for the future success of the SHIELD and hoping before the next issue to forward a more encouraging greeting.

I am, Fraternally yours,

R. J. M.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

Nov. 20th, 1880.

DEAR SHIELD:

We have just finished reading the Nov. number and are greatly pleased with it. And as we do not want to be behind the rest of our sister Chapters in the "sine qua non," I think you may look for our quota soon. Bro. W. G. Keady's communication was very acceptable and doubly interesting by the fact that his initiation took place so near us—only eight miles away—and we anxiously await the "to be continued" part of it. Our Theta brothers speak very encouragingly of their Chapter, and of the material in the incoming class; we rejoice to hear this, but cannot say that of Wash. and Jeff. There seems to be but little in this Class here notwithstanding the fact that the A. T. A.'s have captured three, the A. T.'s one, Φ. A. K.'s two, B. Θ. II.'s one, etc., etc., we have not been able to make

a choice, and, indeed, we doubt, whether the seven frat. men in that Class boiled down would make one good Φ. Ψ. A few of the fraternities here, take in men who never amount to a fig, except when the time comes for election of contests when they combine and try to run things, but this cliquing was grandly "set down on" only last night in the election of a non-frat. man for contest over a leading frat. You may imagine how riled they are this morning but it serves them right.

We have the sympathy of most of the non-frats, here, they say because we are *gentlemen* and treat them squarely, and we are also admitted by each of the other frats, to be *next to them*, so that we feel good.

During these wintry Saturdays we are going to keep our hall fired up and spend the time together "in the pursuit In haste and in the bonds of Φ. K. Ψ.,

J. H. J.

FINDLEY, OHIO, Nov. 19th, 1880.

DEAR BRO. SMITH:

By this evening's mail I received the first three copies of Vol. II, of the SHIELD, and also a duplicate of No. 3, forwarded from Spring Valley. The very first thing I did was to read from the beginning of No. 1, *secundum rem*, to the end of No. 3, personals and all, despite the fact that there were not more than half a dozen names in the whole twenty-four pages.

I had feared that again Φ. K. Ψ. was without an organ, and was consumed with desire to know if such was the melancholy fact, when a letter from Bro. List asking me why I had not written anything for the SHIELD, relieved me from further misapprehension regarding its existence, but encouraged within me a spirit to swear at somebody that I had not known the fact before. Although I had written several inquiries to Ohio Alpha regarding the matter no response came until a short time ago and the copies of the paper were delayed until to-day, when they reached me as I have above stated. If other Chapters are as negligent of their Alumni as mine appears to be, you need seek no further for the solution to your financial difficulties.

And I wish to say before going further that it is shameful, disgraceful, that a fraternity numbering 3300 names in its Grand Catalogue, cannot support their own paper without being dunned for the money.

I received a communication from my own Chapter a short time ago in which the prosperous financial condition of the Chapter was made the subject of lively congratulation, and the query now forces itself into utterance, have they paid for their copies of the SHIELD? I do not enclose the money for my paper until I ascertain whether they hold me responsible for payment of subscription there, for although I sent the money directly to you last year I received my paper through them.

As usual I come to the front with a suggestion. I will for one Alumnus hold myself personally responsible for five copies of the SHIELD, and if a sufficient number of other brothers who are out in the world battling for them-

selves will do the same, there need be no more complaint of lack of means for the successful continuence of the publication. Money comes to me very slowly, so slowly indeed that I could not afford to go to Chautauqua last August, but I have \$5 to give the SHIELD, and hope that there are many more Alumni $\Phi. \Psi.$'s whose enthusiasm may take the same direction. If but one hundred out of the positive 2000 Alumni, who remember that they were once $\Phi. \Psi.$'s, will do the same, success is assured and the additional subscriptions of active members would make a respectable list upon which to base hope for the future. I do not know what I can do with five copies, but I'll pay for them just the same. Another thing comes to my mind at this point. When in college I tried my utmost to get up an enthusiasm in the matter of inter-fraternal communications between Chapters geographically near together, but met with scant success, mainly owing to the fact that my own enthusiasm did not appear to be epidemic either with my own Chapter, to the members of which I appealed for aid in writing letters, or with the Chapters addressed. No $\Phi. \Psi.$ cherishes a warmer desire to know more of his fraternity than myself, yet I have seen but three Chapters of the fraternity, and occasionally fugitive members of some others. I do not see any hope of this condition of affairs being changed unless Findlay becomes a Mecca for the fraternity or some mammoth ship of mine which now mayhap sails the stormy waves of a distant canal, heaves in sight laden with golden ducats.

But I weary you. Good night!

Fraternally,
C. L. V. C.

OHIO BETA.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Nov. 13, 1880.

DEAR BRO. SMITH:

YOURS of the 4th at hand.

For the past two months and a half I have been quite sick with the typhoid fever and am just getting so that I can again attend to business. I have not as yet resumed my college work, being advised by my physician not to do so. It has been my place to furnish the SHIELD with news from this point but for the reasons given above have been silent. The other brothers now regret that they did not take the matter in hand. After my return from Chautauqua, I went to work to secure subscriptions to furnish a hall, and as soon as the boys returned we rented two excellent rooms and have them now fitted in fine style. We still have a debt of \$200 on our shoulders and in order to pay this we have organized a lecture course and are now working vigorously on that. We have ten first-class men, but local affairs are so pressing that they have neglected writing the SHIELD. I hope to be able to send you some money soon. We are in excellent working order now and are more than ever encouraged over the outlook of our lecture course. We expect to make over \$500.

Am sorry that we have appeared indifferent. It is not intentional.

Your Bro. in $\Phi. K. \Psi.$,

A. D. HOSTERMAN.

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

BLOOMINGTON, Nov. 22d, 1880.

EDITORS SHIELD:

IN the midst of college work and college duties we stop a moment to render an account of ourselves to the SHIELD.

Ind. B. is still doing good work and taking in good men. She is on the war-path, and the whoop of her warriors is heard in the land. We continue to get our share of the honors in college. Last year, Bro. Taylor, class '81, took second oratorical honors, and we fondly hope will this year take first. Bro. Spangler, class '80, was one of four, in a class of 28, who graduated with honor. Honors proper have been abolished in college, the highest mark at graduation being the words "Graduated with honor" upon the diploma. Bro. Spangler was awarded three degrees, and is now holding the double position of librarian and secretary of the college.

This year we returned to a renovated hall, and accordingly a smile doth cross our countenance.

The latest excitement in college is the attempt of the President and Faculty to force upon the Literary Societies, which work under a State charter, such laws and restrictions as will put them wholly under the control of the President. One of the societies flatly refused to consider the articles. The other appointed a committee to draft resolutions expressing the sentiments of the society. The committee rejected the articles, giving very sufficient reasons for so doing. That is the way the case stands at present; beyond that we seek not to penetrate the veil. The President said that if the articles were not accepted, the societies would be deprived of their halls in the college building; and as he is a man firm in his decision, and determined to carry out a resolution once entered upon, we know not what will come. The President has expressed his determination to break up the Fraternities sooner or later, but there is such a strong fraternitiy feeling here, that he does not attempt to openly combat them, but attempts to weaken them by such measures as these. This action is plainly the first move in his attempt to surround the student and get them completely in his power. But if the societies are broken up by this action of the President, we will not suffer much; for literary exercises are an important part of our meetings.

Some time ago we saw in the SHIELD a request to the Chapters to give an account of their manner of conducting the meetings. We know not what is the custom of other Chapters in regard to having literary performances, but we firmly believe in them. We do not wish to be understood that we turn our Fraternity into a literary society. We combine improvement with pleasure, and associate and improve socially and intellectually: we think it is this work, the mutual connections and suggestions of the brothers, that has caused this Chapter to make such a splendid record in a literary way. The oratorical contests were inaugurated in 1875, and Phi Psi led off at this college by taking first. In 1876, our Chapter, when there were eight contestants, took first, second and third. In 1877, we took second. In 1878, we took first. In 1879, we took third and fifth; and in 1880, we took second.

At the State contests we took first in '75, second in '76

and third in '78. We admire the class record made by Penn'a Zeta last year, but we think our oratorical record will bear comparison with any, and we attribute this to our literary exercises in Fraternity Hall.

Another and great improvement has recently been made in our evening exercises. We have established a Chapter paper. Our meetings this year have been very enthusiastic, enjoyable and instructive. We would be glad to hear from the other Chapters on this subject.

But a short time ago we had a very enjoyable social at our hall. The fair sex was there with all its arts, and many were the hearts enthralled. We have not heard from the History lately. How is it progressing? Ind. Beta has done her part toward it.

Fraternally.

B. D. F.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 4th, 1880.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

Dear Sirs—A few evenings since, I discovered by accident that Prof. Geo. B. Merriman, M.A.—the genial and scholarly gentleman who holds the chair of Mathematics in Rutgers College, and whom I have the pleasure to claim as one of my parishioners—is a member of dear old $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, having been a class-mate of Chaplain McCabe, and with him numbered among the sons of Ohio Alpha. The ties before strong, were at once strengthened, and the best Fraternity on the globe became the topic of the hour. My attention was called for the first time to the SHIELD, and a few days later the Prof. kindly handed me some copies for my perusal. I had not read far before I resolved to send in my name (and the dollar, too) for a subscription. As I read on this resolve was intensified, but another was born. For, lo! in reading the letter from my Mater Chapter, Pa. Zeta, under date of June 1st, 1880, what should meet my gaze but the impudent, villianous appropriation of my own peculiar cognomen of $\Phi. \Psi.$ memory, "Deacon,"—whose fitness first suggested itself to Bottome, now of England.

Will Bottome, God bless him! "Out of the ashes of failure shall rise the Phoenix of a noble character." How vividly do these words recall the first prayer meeting following the annual symposium, on which latter occasion "somebody" returning late to the dormitory in W. College, had great difficulty in convincing Prof. Stayman, suddenly aroused from his slumbers, that he had not gotten into "somebody's" room, and still greater difficulty in unlocking with a toothpick their own door, when found. We mention this freely now, because right nobly, as we learn, has Will made good this annual resolve.

But that title! I notice "Bottle Gross, No. 2." This is proper enough, as there are so many Grosses, and all of them good Phi Psis, there may be in time a gross of "Bottles," aught we know, and then we shall have "Bottle Gross, No. 144." But should this last personage ever appear, I am certain that he would never bring to Zeta's annual banquet, a larger avoirdupois, a greater capacity for fried oysters and boned turkey, or more of downright, manly love for $\Phi. \Psi.$, than the original, fun-loving "Bottle

Gross, No. 1." So let that correspondent hereafter sign himself, "Deacon, No. 2."

Now, must I "mix up" with this letter of indignation some personals, all relating to old members of Pa. Zeta. "Andy" Amthor, of '75, and who doesn't know "Andy," whose correspondence on behalf of the G. C., aroused all the lethargic chapters, is preaching efficiently at Tremont, Pa. In a recent letter, he portrays his first-born as "hurrah-for Garfield," and then asks, "how is that for two years and eight months?"

John Y. Doddins, '75, discourses to a large and wealthy congregation at Covington, Ky., and is bringing his gifted intellect, his marvelous oratory, and his genial nature to bear upon the problems of the ministry. He is one of the growing men of the M. E. Church.

John F. Dillion, '75, is devoting himself to the study of medicine, and is now in one of the hospitals at San Francisco.

Charley Conwell, '75, is Prof. of Mathematics in Wilmington Conference Academy, Dover, Del.

Eugene W. Manning, '77, having completed his studies at Gottingen and Paris, and his travels abroad, is now planning a short stay at Boston University preparatory to entering Wilmington Conference.

But last of all, I must mention Prof. Edwin Post, now occupying the chair of Latin in Indiana Asbury University. This devoted son of $\Phi. \Psi.$, so long wedded to literature, has recently surrendered his heart to the fair goddess, and now exclaims:

"If God be in the sky and sea,
And live in light and ride the storm,
Then God is God, e'en though he be
Enshrined within a woman's form;
And claims glad reverence from me."

And we may add, and our remark is based upon an intimate acquaintance with his bride, that, if any man is justified in repeating these lines, Prof. Post is.

But I must stop. As to myself, I can only say that since my last meeting with the Chapter, there have intervened years of hard work, brightened here and there by varied joys, among the sweetest of which have been the greetings of the brothers of the "mystic three;" and I may be allowed to say that the flame of love for $\Phi. \Psi.$ still brightly burns in the breast of

Yours truly,

DEACON, No. 1.

OUR SOUTHERN BROTHERS.

THE whereabouts and achievements of our brothers in the South, who joined the dear old Fraternity years ago, would be news that every Phi Kappa Psi in the land will hail with delight; and as the writer, for his own personal satisfaction, has spent considerable time in searching out the brothers belonging to our defunct Southern Chapters, and thinking that it would not be amiss to publish the information obtained (although not yet complete) in the SHIELD, he submits the following, hoping thereby to inspire the brothers to renewed labor in their proposed Southern extension. There is a great work before us: we must regain our old home. Twenty years have enabled many other similar organizations to secure a good hold on Southern

collegians; but the noble name that $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, bore in their institutions before the war would certainly insure us great success, if we will only accept the opportunity.

Beginning with South Carolina Alpha, we would mention that Bro. Robert Wilson, the founder of the Chapter, did not reply to any of our letters. One or two were returned us unopened. Perhaps he is no more.

Hon. Campbell G. Henderson, '59, is now residing in Walterboro, S. C. His profession is that of law. He also occupies a seat in the present House of Representatives of the State. At the date of his joining $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, S. C. College had five excellent Fraternities, and ours was not in the back ground. He mentioned in his letter "that the Chapter met regularly every week: considerable attention was devoted to the literary exercises." The Catalogue Committee will please notice that Bro. Henderson desires a copy of the Gr. Catalogue. Bro. H. was a speaker on commencement day, and served afterwards in the Confederate army, from the attack on Sumpter to Johnston's surrender at Greenboro.

Hon. Wm. Hayne Perry, '59, did not graduate at S. C. College, preferring to finish his course at Harvard. He served through the war as Captain in the C. S. A. Is a member of the South Carolina Legislature, and solicitor of the 8th Judicial District of that State.

Hon. James Simons, of Charleston, S. C., joined S. C. Alpha in 1857. "I was then in the Sophomore class. I remember the members, especially Bro. Wm. White, who was a senior, and who took the first honor on graduation; and also W. W. Smith and the Rev. Dr. W. E. Boggs, who were members of my class. Not very long after—in 1858, I think—there were troubles in the college, by which its operations were temporarily suspended. I went to the University of Leipsic, and returned a short time before the war." Bro. Simons served as an officer in the C. S. A., and at present is a member of the S. C. Legislature.

Capt. W. W. Smith, of Abbeville, is now residing in Helena, Ark. We heard of him through Bro. W. T. Gary.

Major John W. Gary is dead. His brother writes: "He was a classmate of mine, and was killed during the war. He was Captain of the S. C. College Company, and commanded it at the taking of Fort Sumpter."

Major Wm. Theodore Gary is now practicing law at 206 Broad street, Augusta, Georgia. "I have great difficulty in recalling the incidents of our meetings, now more than twenty years ago. When I left college in 1861 our was the best Fraternity in the institution. At one commencement, nearly every brother had a prominent stand in class, and I do not remember a single member of the Chapter who was not distinguished for something. We sometimes had entertainments, but I do not remember any of the details.

John M. McBryde is Professor of Agriculture and Horticulture in the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.

Bro. George White, according to Major Gary, is dead.

Bro. Thomas E. Maxwell was killed in the second Manassas battle, August 1862.

Hon. Thomas John Moore, '60, is a planter at Spartanburg, S. C. Served through the war in C. S. A., as colonel. Has been a member of the S. C. House of Repre-

sentatives, and at present is chief executive officer of the Democratic party of his county.

Richard Dozier Lee, '67, is a lawyer at Sumpter C. H., S. C.

Wm. H. McCaw obtained great distinction as an editor in Columbia, S. C., but "the brilliant meteor has passed away."

John T. Sloan, Jr., '67 and '68 is now in Columbia, S. C. Member of Legislature '74-'76; Speaker *pro tem.* of House of Representatives; colonel on Gov. Hampton's staff.

Robert Means Davis, '69, is principal of Mt. Zion Institute, and editor of the *News and Herald*, Winnsboro, Fair-field county, S. C. He is full of Phi Psi love, and will do everything possible to advance her in the South.

James Julian Frierson, '69, is farming at Sumpter C. H., S. C.

Julius Glover is practicing law in Orangeburg, S. C.

John Feaster Lyles, '68, is farming at Buckhead, S. C. He writes that he has not heard a word concerning the Fraternity, since his graduation.

Wm. Blackburn Wilson, Jr., '69, is a lawyer at Rock Hill, S. C.

We have endeavored to unearth every brother who joined South Carolina Alpha before 1869, and the above are the only ones we have heard from.

Mississippi Alpha.

When we come to look over Mississippi Alpha we will find more difficulties. The Chapter had an existence of but three years. Many of its members enlisted in the 11th Miss. Reg't at the outbreak of the war. Of these not a few fell in battle, and others have wandered away from their early homes and been lost sight of by such as could, perhaps, give some information. We have reached five of the eight charter members.

Samuel Sample Carter, M.D., (now a merchant in Goodman, Holmes county, Miss), served in the Confederate army, and was a member of the Miss. Legislature from 1876-80.

Augustus Washington Lake is a merchant at Grenada, Miss. Bro. L. says he has worn his Phi Psi pin until recently, when it was stolen from him.

Jas. T. Lester, M.D., is teaching at Jackson, Miss. He is deeply interested in Phi Kappa Psi.

William Price is practicing law at Louisville, Winston county, Miss. He is Hancock and English Elector in the 3d district of Miss. "I left Oxford, our State University, in 1858, and went to Marion, Ala., where I remained till 1860. In early manhood I became deeply espoused in the political excitements which led to the attempted disruption of the Union, and consequently in April, 1861, joined one of the first Miss. regiments that went to the front (11th, company F), and fought the war through as a soldier in the army of Northern Virginia; was wounded at the Battle of Five Oaks, severely, on the 31st of May, 1862; and also at Cold Harbor, on the 2d of June, 1864, in front of Richmond." Bro. Price is brim-full of love for Phi Psi.

Edward Packingham Williams, '60, is in law business at Grenada, Miss. Was officer in C. S. A.

Henry Ludovic Alexandria, '59, was in C. S. A., and is now practicing medicine at Waterford, Marshall Co., Miss.

Joseph Leorand Griggs, '61, founder of Tenn. Alpha and Beta, is in business at Macon, Miss. He retains the deepest love for his old Fraternity, and rejoices to hear of her rapid advancement.

Alexander Trotter, who joined Miss. Alpha in 1857 and graduated from Tenn. Beta in 1860, is preaching at Shubuta, Miss. In the course of his letter he says: "But there is *one opinion* we hold in common, and that is a love for $\Phi. K. \Psi$. Some of the sweetest remembrances of college days are associated with the Fraternity, and if it will afford to any student of years to come the pleasure it has to me, I will wish it 'God speed!'" Bro. Trotter served through the war.

Lewis Taylor Fant, of Miss. Alpha, entered the sophomore class of Miss. University in 1859, and when war was declared he enlisted in a company organized by the students, and served until his death as a private in the 11th Miss. Regt. He died in 1862, at Richmond, from wounds received at the battle of Antietam. A friend writes: "He made a good soldier, and has left an honorable record."

Wm. Lee is in business at Holy Springs, Miss.

Thomas W. Graham resides at Enterprise, Miss.

W. M. Lea was a lieutenant in the C. S. A., and was killed at Winchester, Va.

Simeon Marsh is farming near Hudsonville, Miss.

Henry Macon Rice, '60, left college with a company of students in 1861; was attached to the 11th Miss. Reg't; killed at battle of Manassas, July 21st, 1861. Lieutenant of militia before the rebellion.

Jas. Edward Wilson, '61, A.B., is in business at Russellville, Franklin Co., Ala.

Tennessee Alpha.

One of the most promising of our Southern Chapters was Tennessee Alpha, located at Lagrange Synodical College. Its life was short, becoming defunct in 1860.

Francis D. Barnes, of Oakland, Miss., was murdered by negroes immediately after the close of the war.

J. T. Bell left college in sophomore year; entered C. S. A.; became a clerk in Tupelo, Miss., where he died some time last year; cause of death unknown.

T. S. W. Frierson, '60, died from gunshot wounds, Dec., 1864. By profession he was a teacher.

W. V. Frierson, '60, brother of the above, is President of Chickasaw Female College, Pontotoc, Miss.

William Duke Howze, one of the first members of the Chapter, is now teaching in Hernado, De Soto Co., Miss. He can tell many incidents of $\Phi. \Psi$'s during the war.

P. P. Jenkins was killed during the fights around Richmond.

Walworth Zenas Mitchell, '60, is principal of an English and classical school, 303 Third St., Memphis, Tenn. For years he was Superintendent of Public Schools in that city.

John Anderson Moody did not graduate, but left college in his sophomore year. He was leader of his class. Entered the C. S. A. and became captain. He is now farming at Williston, Fayette Co., Tenn.

Henry M. Paine, of Holly Springs, died about 1871, and was at the time State Senator in Miss.

Henry Franklin Scott graduated in 1859 with first honor. Served through the war in C. S. A., and is teaching at Lagrange, Tenn.

Henry Clay Tipton, '60, is now a merchant at Newburg, Arkansas, and a member of the present State Senate. Was in C. S. A. during the war.

William E. Wiley, '60, was a farmer before the war. Connected himself with a company formed at his native place, Pototoc, Miss. Died from a gunshot wound received at Manassas, July 21st, 1861.

Col. J. Wave Smith joined the Chapter in 1860, but was at the University of Va. when the war came on, and enlisted in the C. S. A. Since the rebellion he has become a planter, and in 1878 became a member of Miss. Legislature. His present address is Grand Junction, Hardeman Co., Tenn.

R. M. White died during the siege of Richmond.

John Patton Wilson did not graduate. Served through the war in C. S. A. Is farming at Waxahachie, Ellis Co., Texas. Bro. Wilson writes that, although severed many years from active Chapter life, and not having met a Psi Kappa Psi since, he loves to refer to his early frat. days, "which were the most pleasant period of my life."

T. J. Winston was killed in 1865 by a fall from his horse.

Tennessee Beta.

Wm. D. Mims, M.D., is practicing his profession at Wall Hill, Miss.

Robert J. Walker is in Selma, Ala.

Francis Clements Usher, '68, is a lawyer at Houston, Texas. Served in C. S. A.

George Thornburgh, '68, is practicing law at Powhatan, Ark. Colonel in Arkansas militia in 1874. Twice member of State Legislature. Grand Master of Masons twice and officer in all the Masonic Grand bodies of Ark.

Augustus Weyman Houston, '71, was valedictorian of his class. At present is head of the law firm Huston & Grothaus, San Antonio, Texas, and in 1878 was elected State Senator for four years from the 30th District of Tex.

Isaac Edward Reeves, '69, is an attorney at Jonesboro, Tenn. During the civil war he was captain in the C. S. A. Elbert Clay Reeves, '69, is a lawyer in Johnson City, Washington Co., Tenn.

James Williamson Pruett, '68, formerly of Midway, Ala., now resides at Union Springs, in the same State. He was for some time Judge of Criminal Court in State of Ga.

Kentucky Alpha.

David Wilson Armstrong, '68, connected himself with this Chapter in 1865. He writes that it was practically dead at the end of the first session of its existence, and gives as the founder H. P. Thompson, a name not given in our catalogues. Bro. Armstrong is practising law at Schurmann block, Fourth and Jefferson Sts., Louisville, Ky. Has a very extensive business.

John T. Viley, '64, Va. Δ , and one of the founders of

Ky. A., graduated at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1871; but is now of the firm Payne, Viley & Co., commission merchants and cotton factors, Louisville, Ky.

With the desire of getting at the history of Ky. Alpha, we have addressed letters to all her members. A few days ago we received a postal, bearing the following:

Dear Sir:—Your letter of Sept. 15th was forwarded me from my old home, May's Lick, Ky. I am not and never was a member of Phi Kappa Psi, and hence can tell you nothing about its history. I was a classmate of D. W. Armstrong (whom you mention), at Ky. Univ.

Truly,
Mo. UNIVERSITY, Columbia, Mo. O. A. CARR.

Of the members of Miss. Beta we have not ascertained much. The only member found thus far is, O. C. Crum, attorney at law, Jackson, Miss.

CHI PHI.

THE 56th Annual Convention of Chi Phi met at Allentown, Pa., Oct. 20th, in the hall of the Allen Rifles. The officers chosen for the occasion were: Rev. G. R. Van de Water, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Grand Alpha; Oscar Meyer, Allentown, Pa., Grand Gamma; L. M. Fine, Esq., Easton, Pa., Grand Delta; Eustace B. Rogers, U. S. N., continuing in the office of Grand Zeta. The major portion of the business was transacted on the 21st. On the eve of the 20th, a social reception was held at the Fountain House, about 100 Chi Phi's with ladies, furnished by the resident members, participating. This was a new feature, and thoroughly enjoyed. The banquet followed on the eve of the 21st ult. About 125 members attended the Convention. Business was such as interested Chi Phi's only. Charter was granted for sub-charter at John Hopkins Univ. The Quarterly will be published under the supervision of Mr. L. Zweizig, Reading, Penna. The next Convention will be held at Baltimore, Md., on the third Wednesday in October, 1881.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

BRO. P. A. Heilman, '71, Ohio B., is preaching at Muncy, Pa.

BRO. W. F. Scholey, '69, Pa. F, is farming at Elimsport, Pa.

BRO. Chas. S. Rich, '70, Pa. B., is a lawyer at Lock Haven, Pa.

BRO. Wm. H. Everett, '66, Pa. F, is one of Muncy's (Pa.) attorneys.

BRO. T. B. Quigley, 58,, Pa. Gamma, is practising law in Lock Haven, Pa.

BRO. F. S. Monnette, '80, Ohio Alpha, is teaching school at Bucyrus, Ohio.

REV. BRO. A. B. Riker, '79, Ohio Alpha is preaching in Worthington, Ohio.

BRO. C. L. Van Cleve, Ohio Alpha, is Sup't. Public Schools, Findlay, Ohio.

BRO N. F. Derr, '71, Pa. F, is engaged in the legal profession at Turbotville, Pa.

BRO. Chase Stewart, '80, Ohio Alpha, is a clerk in the Census office, Washington, D. C.

BRO. Geo. W. Gross, '77, Pa. E., is acting Principal of York County Academy, York, Pa.

BRO. W. E. Wright, Ohio Alpha, is bookkeeper for Brackebush & Co., coal dealers, Chicago, Ill.

BRO. J. P. Kimber, '81, Ohio Alpha, is bookkeeper for a popular water cure at Green Springs, Ohio.

REV. Wm. Gray, '77, Ohio "A," is filling the pulpit of the Rev. Francis Davies, in Findlay, Ohio, during the illness of the latter.

BRO. Billy Wells, '80, Pa. Θ, dropped in the Iota rooms a few days ago. He reports Pottsville Φ. K. Ψ's in healthy condition. Bro. Wells is leasurly studying law.

BRO. M. Clay, '80, in the same box with Bro. Johnston, at Monmouth, is reading law at Pittsburg, and says they are going to organize an Alumni Chapter at that place soon.

BRO. W. L. Rowland, '78, Pa. I., has just finished his western trip, and is now down in South Carolina. He will very probably drop in on some of the brothers in or near Charleston.

REV. BRO. Geo. Gaul, '79, Ohio "A," is one of the four ministers of Millersville, Pa., who have worn the Shield. Hope George is appreciated by his native Pennsylvania brothers as he was by those in Ohio.

BRO. F. M. Johnston, '80, one of Monmouth's persecuted heroes, is studying law in McConnellsb'g, Fulton Co., Pa. He says he has not made a mash since going there, because there is no mash to make. He contemplates, soon, a visit to Gettysburg and Carlisle.

Not long since Bro. Charlie Carl, '84, Pa. E., came into possession of a silver dollar, upon one side of which was the inscription: C. E. L.—Φ. K. Ψ. On looking through the Grand Catalogue, we find that its possessor origionally must have been C. E. Imhoff, of Ohio Beta. Is the supposition correct? Let Ohio B. answer.

We spent a very pleasant evening recently with the Bros. Miller, '77, Pa. E., who stopped over several hours in this city while on their homeward journey. Penna. Eplison boys will be pleased to hear of their safe return from Deutschland. Peckham has grown some, and sports a moustache. Their address will be with Finches, Lynde & Miller, Milwaukee, Wis.

REV. BRO. B. MacMackin, Penn'a Gamma, is stationed at New Castle, Delaware. The item in the last number of the SHIELD asking for this information, was written in a brotherly spirit and in a joking manner, and did not mean to imply that Bro. M. was in any way indebted to the writer; but was inspired simply by a desire, on the part of an old friend to learn the brother's address.

BRO. W. B. Wilson, Jr., South Carolina Alpha, says:—"My object in writing is to send my subscription for Vol. 2 of the SHIELD, and to request that you consider me a subscriber as long as you continue to issue the paper; letting me know as my subscription falls due. I highly prize my Phi Kappa Psi associations, and will always take a keen interest in anything that may concern our beloved Fraternity." Bro. Wilson is of the firm Wilson & Wilson, attorneys and counsellors at law; offices, Yorkville and Rock Hill, S. C.

FINDLAY, O., boasts six Φ. Ψ's: Rev. I. R. Henderson, J. P. Kimber, C. L. Van Cleve, of Ohio Alpha, Geo. C. Mosher and W. Scott Humphrey, of Ohio Delta, and C. F. Niles, of Ohio Gamma. The latter is now at Wooster, attending college; the rest, except Bro. Kimber, are resident. Rev. Bro. Henderson is P. E. of the Findley District, Central Ohio Conference M. E. Church; Geo. C. Mosher is correspondent of the *Chicago Times* and *Cincinnati Commercial*, and W. Scott Humphrey is a civil engineer, with a large and lucrative business.



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KANSAS Alpha desires discussions and editorials—long ones. There are many points that might be considered but we wish the Chapters to come forward with these. The columns of the SHIELD are open to all. As to long editorials—we do not feel disposed to occupy the space that is needed for other subjects yet we have some ideas that may shortly be ventilated—then beware brothers!

ILLS. Beta need not be wrathful. We always credited her with having made the first move in the correspondence scheme and in the November issue, Vol. 2, we noted this fact, although briefly, inasmuch as our information was obtained second or third handed. Go ahead, brothers, we admire your spirit. Don't for anything drop the work. It will eventually bring some of our slow moving Chapters into activity. Learn all you can regarding your Alumni and send us the information you obtain.

WHERE are the Virginia Chapters? We penned a number of letters to each of them asking for news but Virginia Delta alone responded. When all the other Chapters of Φ. K. Ψ. are interested in the SHIELD the Virginia brothers should not stand in the back ground. Let us hear from them.

We have received the following subscriptions since our last issue:

Penna. Zeta,	8.
Kansas Alpha,	3.
Indiana Beta,	10.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

BRO. EDITORS:

BUT one moment and I'll not trouble you very soon again. Did you ever hear that some of our over-enthusiastic brothers in certain institutions—won't mention names first yet—in their eagerness to spread Phi Kappa Psi, took it upon themselves to initiate men in colleges where we didn't have Chapters, nor indeed care to have them? I've heard this, and from very reliable sources, and I think it is an outrage that should be "sat upon." It is an underhand proceeding that should be sharply censured. Did not these brothers promise solemnly and in all faith to live up to the constitution, and does that allow such liberties? If so, it has been materially changed since your humble servant ceased to take an active part in the management of old Penna. Epsilon. There we were taught to "stick to the rule," and in no way act without the consent of the entire Fraternity. Why are these initiations thus made? Obviously to prepare the way for new Chapters in such institutions. But why pursue this course? Haven't the brothers faith and confidence enough in the rest of us to know that if their petition be for a good place it will be at once granted? It is very evident that they have a weak case, and to strengthen themselves they secure a few men in an institution and think that now that they can't be refused. Brothers, why is this done? Continue, and at last you'll want to establish yourselves in every high school and academy in every State from here to California. For the sake of Phi Kappa Psi, for the sake of us all—"don't!"

Then there's another subject, the so-called honorary members. Whenever a lecturer appears in the field, meets with success, whenever a rather good, smart editor gives us a fine newspaper "puff", whenever some fellow, a good friend, happens to be elected to Congress, whenever some general or honorable is chosen to address this, that or the other literary society in college—then we must initiate them into Phi Kappa Psi—must we? I for one would like to hear what good Judge Moore or Dr. Letterman would say to such performances. I doubt very much whether they had that object in view when they founded Phi Kappa Psi. If they hadn't, why should any of us, who have entered the fold later, undertake to follow a course different from the one prescribed. How our elder brethren would rant, were they to know how many men have been initiated, because some Chapter desired a big man! Wait, brothers, until you become prominent. You are they who should give honor to our various Chapters. Now if any brother has aught to say against this tirade let appear in the next SHIELD. I have supplied myself with material, and perhaps, if necessary, can give you some items that would be interesting. In haste

AN OLD BOY'S RECOLLECTIONS OF PHI KAPPA PSI, TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

By WM. G. KEADY, PA. A., '56.

(Formerly Professor in Oakland College, Miss.)

(Concluded.)

It would require a volume to give even an outline of the college politics into which we cast ourselves that year, and I cannot now recall the spirit of the strife. Hitherto the parties had not been very definitely defined. There was a sort of division between the "Lops" and the "Short Ears." The "Lops" were the pious *par excellence*, with their adherents not so pious; the "Shorts" were made of the remainder, though it was no imputation on a man's piety to be called a Short. The Lops were generally opposed to the secret societies. In the Philo Society B. O. II. rather held the balance of power, and were generally ranked among the Lops. In the Franklin, Φ. Γ. Δ. held about the same position, and was ranked among the shorts. There was another set called Neutrals, whose votes were the object of our tactics. What are politics without spoils? The end of these college politics was the possession of office and gaining for "our men" the honors of contest. Each literary society elected a debater, an orator, an essayist, and a declaimer, to contest on the last night of the winter session. The elections were spread over the year, keeping us in constant hot water. First, a class of probationers were chosen, from whom the contest must be chosen. The debator was chosen in May, the orator in July, the essayist in September, the declaimer in December. The first trial of our strength was in December, '54, when we elected Charles W. M'Henry declaimer in the Philo society for the contest of '55. Charlie was a fat boy, round in every limb, a Saxon face, blue eyes and yellow hair. He was a younger blood from Pittsburgh, very fast for his seventeen years, and even then considered himself a good judge of whiskey. His talents were of a brilliant order; his writings were poetic in expression; his declamation was passionate. He was a dabler in poetry, but his model was the now forgotten Alexander Smith, whose "Life Drama" was then the rage (I have large slices of it in my quotation-book). When he was my roommate, he would fire daily at me a favorite quotation from Smith:

"A thousand years hence, when we both are damned,
We'll sit like ghosts upon the wailing shores,
And read our lives by the red light of hell."

I am glad to think the sentiment was a false prophecy. After a not very successful career as politician and lawyer, in Pittsburgh, he married, reformed, lectured on temperance, and, following Greely's advice, went West, and settled in Jamesville, Wis. There he died, some four or five years ago. His latter years were those of a humble Christian and he departed rejoicing in the love of his Redeemer. Ah! how often across the panorama that memory is unrolling before me, sweeps the dark wings of the death angel! But in the picture I see nothing but life, and the forms I see there never die to me.

Our struggles had only begun. The far-ahead object was to replace the older fraternities and to lead both literary

societies. The immediate object to which the energies of the winter were bent was to elect in May and July, '55, a debator from the Philo Society, and an orator from the Franklin, for the contest of '56. I never saw so much political skill, intrigue and wire-working out in the busy world as was displayed that year. And we reached our ends:—J. C. Matthews was elected debator, and Tom Campbell, orator. We took the lead at once in the Philo, and kept it till the college died; but did not get the same hold in the Franklin till after I graduated. This year one of the early brothers, who had been away, returned—S. J. Niccolls, and his return brought us added force, for though a mere boy, he had the same presence and power that have since won him a high position in the Presbyterian Church. He, Matthews, Dodd and McPherran, were our prime managers. Some things we felt ourselves compelled to do had no more excuse than much that *good* men now do to further the success of the party. We had no candidate for orator in the Philo Society; and though our personal feelings led us to acknowledge the fitness of the man proposed by the opposition, yet expediency forbade us letting him be elected. He was the late W. W. Hays, of Harrisburg, a most lovable fellow, one of my most intimate friends, and one entirely worthy of the honor. We had to find an *available* candidate outside of the Fraternity. One was found, who was a fine declaimer, but who could not write an oration. At the request of the Chapter, I wrote his probation piece—a precious piece of clap-trap it was!—and when he was elected, I helped him doctor up another piece for contest. As it turned out, he and Campbell divided the honors. The same policy had to be pursued in fall, in electing an essayist. We came near losing our ground by such a course in the former case, and it would not have been repeated had not we met with a defeat in the Franklin Society, where up to this time, it was thought, I had only to walk over the ground in the election of essayist; but I was fairly beaten, I believe—but oh! how it hurt then! It was the last defeat of Φ. K. Ψ. at Jefferson College. My class of '56 gave the first commencement honor to the Fraternity, George H. Kennedy being first honor man and valedictorian. Ever after, till '69, we had more than our share of honors in literature and scholarship every year.

In the summer of '55, the first G.A.C. was held in Washington City, D. C. John S. Chapman was our delegate. I do not think there ever was any record made of that session, and it seems the absence of records is all that can now be predicated of most of its successors. All I know of it is, that the G.A.C. had a "high old time," and formed a constitution that was but a slight improvement on the old one. So arduous was their labors, that they could not find time "between drinks" to prepare the address to the candidate in the initiatory ceremonies, and ordered the Pa. A. to have one written and sent to the Chapters. I was appointed to write it, but at that time I was not as ready to fulfil engagements as I am now, and it was hard for me to find time to attempt it: months passed by, and the other Chapters became clamorous for the address. The Chapter passed a peremptory order that I fulfil the duty imposed on me, which of course I did not obey. One Sunday, after

dinner, two brothers came to my room, asked if the address was written; and receiving a negative reply, they went out, with the remark: "No address, no supper!" and locked me in. Whether the prospect of no supper had anything to do with it I cannot say, but I know I determined not to do it, and then I concluded to do it, and went to the table and finished it at a sitting, erasing but one word. On reading it over, I was of the opinion that it was all that could be desired, and I am pleased to know that the Fraternity were of the same opinion. I do not know if it is still in use; but in '71 I found that, amid all changes, wise and unwise, made by G. A. C., that address remained unchanged, and I felt a little surprised that I could find no fault with it.

In August, '56, the second G. A. C. was called to meet at Jefferson College. Tom Campbell had chafed all the year at the incomplete and unsatisfactory work of the preceding one. He had recently become a Mason, and the Masonic ritual had taken such a hold on his imagination, that he saw a new way of making $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ a power; and that was, by so linking it with maxims of morality, it would, like Masonry, become a sort of religion to every brother, and this was to be aided by a gorgeous ritual. Here he and I came into opposition, and I believe he regarded me as a degenerate, if not unregenerate brother, opposed to the interests of the Fraternity. But I had seen enough of the world to know that the teachings of Masonry never made a moral man out of an immoral. I saw only danger in the simplicity, the breadth and the indefiniteness which *teaching* ritual. I was a firm believer in "the eternal principles of Phi Kappa Psi," but I felt that their power lay in characterizes the preamble of the old constitution. But Tom was on the committee to revise the ritual, with Matthew and Nicolls, I think. Near the end of the session their work was ready for inspection. They would not bring it before the Chapter, but required each brother to "go through" the ceremony alone. I can recall little of this great work. It made two degrees in the ceremony; the names of the degrees were not chosen till afterwards, and these I do not remember, except that "David" and "Jonathan" were proposed. I remember its length—over an hour. The fact of the candidate's being blindfolded and tied with a rope all around his body; and the oath, iron-clad, and many-jointed as a tape-worm, enumerating every possible delinquency that one man could be guilty of toward another, and every possible duty. One thing I swore, "that I would not seduce a brother's wife, or sister, or daughter"—leaving out his cousins and his aunts. Notwithstanding the opposition of some of us, the Chapter accepted it and sent it to the G. A. C. for approval. When that body met, after commencement, I was in too great a hurry to get away, and did not attend its session; I believe, however, the ritual was adopted with some modifications; but the whole thing, having been tried and found too combrous, was discarded by the next council. In '67, the last time I saw the ceremony, it still had traces in it of that formidable one.

My memory has played me one trick, at least. I have always been under the impression that there was but one Chapter in February, '54, and that the Va. A. was started shortly after. But the Catalogue gives the date of Va. A.

as 1853—I presume in the fall preceeding my entrance. It must be so, I suppose, for figures never (that is, hardly ever) lie. My delusion in this matter is so great, I can't see how it originated, except on the theory that I am growing old.

However, when I graduated, the Fraternity was on a proud basis. From the small force as I knew it, it had expanded into several flourishing Chapters. From a despised thing it had become a thing of beauty, whose smile was worth suing for. Seldom was there collected together in our college a set of youths such as formed the Pa. A., who in their intercourse with each other exemplified so many of the graces and virtues of mankind. The friendship and love then developed were more than the result of mere association. I can speak, from my own experience, of a friendship stronger than that of a Damon for a Pythias—self-sacrificing, soul-absorbing. There was a glow and an exhilaration about our Fraternity at that time which it was impossible for any after-experience, no matter how rich, to bring back. Our high-sounding sentiments and phrases, that adorned our correspondence and speeches, were but tame efforts to express what was inexpressible.

I fear I have been tedious, and yet I feel that after all I have not fulfilled satisfactorily the task on which I entered. But it has been pleasant and sad. "Did not Ossian hear a voice? Or is it the sound of days that are no more? Often, like the evening sun, come the memory of former times on my soul." But I cannot stop yet; for when I left college to go out into "the wide, wide world," $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ was not left behind. It has followed me to this hour. In the most trying hour of my life, I have always found a brother not far off—so that my love for and interest in the Fraternity was not allowed to die out, or become a mere memory. The eternal principles have stood the test of real life. When I taught school in Kentucky, after graduating, George Kennedy was near me; and when we separated, we kept up a correspondence till his death. When teaching near Oakland College, Miss., Sam. D. McPherson was in the institute, and we met frequently afterwards. Sam was a perennial boy: and glow of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ never left him. He died of consumption a few years since, in California. Ralph Mackey was also near me a year before the war. He returned to Pa., entered the army as captain, but his service was cut short by contracting a severe cold in the Chickahominy swamp, which developed the hereditary foe of his family—consumption. He died in '66. A noble fellow was Ralph, a man of unusual promise. When I was a Confederate prisoner in Camp Douglass, George Kennedy was a captain in the regiment on guard. I am proud to say Phi Kappa Psi stood grandly a test before which Masonry fell back. Jack Young, McPherran, Moderwell and others, visited me "in prison," and brought sunshine with them. I remember McP. had done himself up as a Methodist preacher, in order to secure admittance. When I lost my right arm at the siege of Vicksburg, two brothers were with me, and "ministered unto me"—C. E. Grey and A. G. Ewing, the former now at Enon Valley, Pa., and the latter in Clinton, Iowa. When on my way to get married, in '69, I went to Chicago to take George Kennedy as my "best man;" he was that day siezed with the illness that proved to be his last, for he

died in a little over a week. How little dreamed I that I should see him no more! He was a man of unusual ability and attainments, but the victim of a morbid sensitiveness and diffidence. His first speech at the bar, though a success, nearly killed him. Dear, precious George! I have a monument of him at home in the person of my oldest boy, who exhibits traits which I imagine characterized his namesake.

On my study wall hangs the emblematic picture of Phi Kappa Psi (published in the Catalogue of '67). It is more than emblematic to me, for it tells my inward history. My *soul* in silence lit her torch on the altar of Phi Kappa Psi. *Experience*, pointing upward, tells me that the "all-seeing Eye" has been upon me, not only watching, but guiding. My *lamp* of life rests unchanging on the *book* of time. The fire lit twenty-seven years ago has not gone out, and will not, till it melts into the glory of the brighter day when I shall once again feel the *grip* from the welcome fingers of those who have gone before.

The old boy's story is ended. God bless you, brothers!
LAGRANGE, TENN., Sept. 10, 1880.

ODES.

By A. H. SIGGINS, Penna. Beta.

AIR:—Tramp, tramp, tramp, etc.

In the mystic bonds we're bound,
By a cord that's very dear,
And we love our noble order's praise to sing;
And no tear shall dim our eye,
While we shout for old Phi Psi,
For we know we've friends and brothers standing near.

CHORUS

Love, love, love, our hearts are beating,
Let each fraters heart reply;
And in friendship's sacred name,
We will echo back again.
With the love that dwells within Phi Kappa Psi.

'Round the altar of our love,
'Round the symbol of our shield,
Let us stand with happy hearts so full of joy,
That we'll sing until we die,
Of our love for old Phi Psi,
And we'll cause for her all other things to yield.

Let us test the love we bear,
In whatever we may do,
By our actions with our brothers every day;
Let us show the reason why,
We have love for old Phi Psi;
And our deeds shall thus our early vows renew.

AIR:—America.

Dear brother Phi Psis we
Extend our hearts to thee
In friendship's name.
As through the world we go,
Our love for thee will grow,
And we our faith shall show
To be the same.

Oh, may we ever try
To be a true Phi Psi,

Through all our days.
And may our order be
What you would wish to see,
And then with joy shall we
Sing Phi Psi's praise.

We bid you welcome here,
By all that we hold dear,
In Phi Psi's name.
You'll find us ever true
In whatsoe'er we do,
Our love shall e'er to you
Remain the same.

AIR:—America.

Oh, Phi Psi, 'tis to thee.
Sweet cord of unity,
Of thee we sing.
To thee we've made a vow,
Oh, may we keep it now,
And thus in homage bow,
To thee, our king.

Come let us sing with joy,
Let each his voice employ,
To sound thy praise.
Let all rejoice that we
Have such faith in thee.
Thus ever may it be
Through all our days.

We love thy mystic cord,
We love each tender word,
That binds us now.
Oh, may we ever grow
In love and friendship so
That everywhere we go
We'll keep our vow.

AIR:—"Son of the Gombolier."

Come all ye noble Phi Psis, come let us sing a song,
And praise the noble order to which we all belong;
Come let us sing of Beta, the Chapter of our birth,
Which shows to all *barbarians* that we are men of worth.

CHORUS:

We're going, going, going, we'll *get there* by and by,
We're going on to glory with love for old Phi Psi;
And now that we have started in the straight and narrow
way,
We'll keep our Beta blooming though *the devil be to pay*.

Let every honest brother, who loves our little band,
Keep up our Chapters honor by lending heart and hand;
And thus our joy will brighten—we'll catch it on the fly.
And each of us will thus be helped by helping old Phi Psi.

Let every heart rejoice, that we are bound together,
To stick through thick and thin in mild or stormy weather
And though black clouds may come and darken o'er the
sky,
We'll find that they will vanish, if we cling to old Psi Psi.

CHAS. E. DAVIS, 84, Pa. Eta, has become the proprietor of a drug store in Mechanicstown, Md., where he dispenses the healing balm to the gentry, and brotherly smiles and welcomes to all Phi Psi's who may be hardy enough to venture within the fence which surrounds that secluded metropolis (?).

INDIANA ALPHA.

Dec. 11, 1880.

TO THE SHIELD:

INDIANA ALPHA began the collegiate year under the most favorable auspices, and the success thus far attending our efforts has fully met our highest expectations.

We have initiated six men this term. The Phi Gamma Delta's spiked against us on all these men but we snowed them under in every contest. The chapter now contains 27 live men well distributed throughout the classes.

Alpha is glad that the steps are being taken to establish chapters in some of the growing institutions in the West. Our success in the future depends largely upon the foothold we now gain in the institutions that will at some time become the centres of learning of the Great West. There is as favorable an outlook for many institutions in the west now numbered two hundred students as there was twenty years ago for Asbury, Ohio Wesleyan, of the North Western. The Beta Theta Pi's are making strong efforts in this direction. They have within the last five years founded many chapters in the South and Southwest; and regaining in the South what they lost during the war. We had many Chapters in the Southwest which were broken up by the war. As yet we have made no effort to gain what was lost. It behooves us to avail ourselves of every opportunity of establishing a Chapter in any growing institution of the West.

Last meeting the boys gave vent to their enthusiasm by subscribing money to refurnish the Hall. We expect to raise \$250 and will make the Hall the most beautiful in the city. We will have the work done before the Sixteenth Anniversary of the founding of the Chapter, which will be Jan. 26th, 1881. We will celebrate this occasion in splendid style.

The Chapter has arranged for a fraternity social next Tuesday evening. We will have a fine time as Alpha boys always do.

Notwithstanding our prosperity we have not been without our calamities. Since the collegiate year began three brothers, members of Indiana Alpha, have died: Bros. A. M. Kelsey, of '80; E. J. Newhouse, of '81; and Hugh Williams, of '79. Many Phi Psis will long remember the loyalty and congeniality of the departed brothers.

Fraternally,

F. P. W.

ILLINOIS BETA.

CHICAGO, ILLS., Dec. 14th, 1880.

BRO. EDITOR:

As you requested we send another communication to the SHIELD. We read every issue of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$'s organ with avidity and pleasure. Our Pennsylvania Chapters are well represented, but while we are always glad to hear from them, the inquiry often comes.—Why do we not hear from our Virginia Chapters once in a while?

As for Ills. Beta her war-cry is heard in the land. She has strengthened her hands and is satisfied. $\Psi. T., \Delta. K. E.$ and $Z. \Psi.$ know that the time of their dissolution (at Chicago) is at hand. We are having a first-rate time, have

hired a hall, initiated six men, and, unless some unforeseen accident happens, have pre-empted all commencement honors in '81. The names of our six new brothers are: G. W. Lattin, S. A. Pervine, E. T. Stone, J. A. Talbot, Perry L. Turner and Robt. L. Walker. These are all good men and with those we had before, make our Chapter the strongest in the University of Chicago.

We have received the Grand Catalogue. It makes quite a favorable impression. More chapter cuts would certainly improve it. The omission of Maryland Alpha and the faultiness of the index have been quite freely criticised. But, all in all, taking into account the manifold extra duties of the Gr. Sec., it is a very fine catalogue.

We have appointed a committee of five to look up and correspond with our old alumni. This is quite necessary and we hope to know so much about the old brothers soon, that our part of the Grand Catalogue at least, will be perfectly reliable and correct.

On the first page of the December number of the SHIELD we notice a paragraph which called forth the (to put it mildly) wrath of the boys. We love Penn'a *E.*; she is one of the oldest, most loyal and go-ahead Chapters we have got, and Ills. Beta has, we might say, a higher regard for Penn'a *E.* than for any other sub-chapter of the $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ fraternity. The reason for our affection and high esteem is a paragraph from a letter received by us Nov. 10, 1880, diametrically opposed to the paragraph in the SHIELD. After acknowledging the receipt of a letter from Ills. Beta, Penn'a *E.*'s correspondent goes on to say:

"In order to effect a more perfect union among the Chapters, you have inserted a section in the By-Laws of your Chapter in regard to corresponding with the sister Chapters, which is certainly very commendable and worthy of imitation. *We have followed your good example.*" Of course, Bro. Editor, you were simply and totally mistaken about the matter, but still, Ills. Beta wants to set herself and Penn's *E.* in the right light before the brothers of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$

How many replies do you suppose we received? Just eight, Penn'a *A. E.* and $\Theta.$, Ind. *B.* and *T.*, Ills. *A.*, Kan. *A.*, and Ohio *I.*, were the only Chapters who cared to answer. But we will keep right on, whether answered or not, and yet, if any Chapter feels annoyed by our much writing they only have to send us a note to that effect and we promise to stop.

Bro. Meservey, of Kan. *A.*, came to see us, some little time ago. He reports things O. K. with them. A letter just received from Ills. *A.* reports a slow, gentle and steady $\Phi. \Psi.$ boom in that quarter. We suppose it is just this way all over the country. May $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ ever boom!

We hope the older Chapters will pardon Ills. Beta, if she has been too forward in this correspondence scheme. Remember she is a young thing—scarce a year old, yet somehow she loves the Fraternity so much that she longs for a more sisterly feeling with the brothers. If she is wrong, just let the SHIELD say so, and Ills. Beta will shrink back covered with her blushes. The reason we write thusly is because Ohio Gamma sent us a note telling us that the SHIELD furnished them with all the news they wanted. If

this is really so with the other Chapters, young and indiscreet. Ills. Beta begs pardon for having led that stately old matron, Penn's E., astray, and hopes to be forgiven.

Rejoicing with all true $\Phi. \Psi.$'s in the resurrection of Penn'a $\Gamma.$, I remain,

Yours in $\Phi. K. \Psi.$,

"Tim Anderson."

OHIO BETA.

ENCOURAGING REPORT FROM THIS PROSPEROUS CHAPTER.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, Dec. 13th, 1880.

DEAR SHIELD:

Several weeks ago we received a letter from Bro. Smith, of the SHIELD's editorial corps, requesting an account of the doings of Ohio Beta. Whether Bro. Smith had any serious apprehensions that Ohio Beta was floundering or not, we do not know; but were this honored brother to visit Springfield, he, undoubtedly, would be agreeable surprised. Although we have for some time been silent, yet the true Phi Psi spirit is among us, and good, telling, substantial work is being accomplished. It has never been ours to boast, but we believe with one of the most eminent lecturers of the day, that "if a man has anything to be proud of, let him tell it to the world." The writer of this letter has somewhat of an extended acquaintance with the work and members of some of our other Chapters, and is satisfied that Ohio Beta is fully up to the times, and, in many respects, excels her sister Chapters.

Last year we lost three men—one by death and two by graduation. With the present year the progress of Ohio Beta has been onward and upward. The year opened with an enrollment of ten brothers—three seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and two freshmen. Soon after the term had opened, a new accession was made in Bro. Goodfellow, a man implying all that his name suggests, a member of the senior preparatory class. Ever since Ohio Beta was organized, the Chapter has been crippled from the fact that no regular place of meeting was in its possession. In glancing over our past records, we meet with accounts of various movements having been inaugurated for the purpose of securing a hall; but none of them proved successful. For the past five or six years the meetings have been held in the parlors of the various hotels of the city—a method dangerous to the interests of any Chapter. But no longer does our Chapter content itself with this great inconvenience, for now she is in possession of one of the finest Chapter halls in the west. During the past summer vacation, our resident brothers circulated a subscription paper, and, by the time that the College opened, enough was subscribed to justify the renting and furnishing of a hall. The matter of securing comfortable quarters was not long in deciding, for a suit of excellent rooms was offered and we at once rented *the entire fourth story of one of Springfield's finest buildings*—the Hamlin block. Within two weeks after the present term opened the hall was elegantly furnished and carpeted. In addition to our hall, we have a parlor looking out over the city, "just as cozy as you please." Everyone who has seen our Chapter home knows

no bounds of praise, and all say that a Chapter house could not be better arranged. We cordially invite any of our brothers who may come to Springfield, to visit our hall, and we will try and show them true Phi Psi hospitality. In this movement we have shown material progress and success. Another feature must be mentioned before we close.

In addition to the subscription spoken of, our Chapter has contracted a debt of about \$200, which we will soon pay. How to make good our financial promises was long a query with us. Until the idea of a lecture course was advanced we seemed to be in the dark. But the mist has cleared away, and beyond we see the bright blue sky of a future day dawning. No longer are we burdened, no longer are we oppressed. Lessons of this kind are often taught mankind; and the man or organization of men who can successfully dispel dismal forebodings and rise above the idea of impossibility, are the ones who, in the end, will succeed. We organized a lecture course, put our whole souls in the work, and can now see our way clear. Our course is composed of the following talent: Rev. A. A. Willitts, D. D., Nella F. Brown, Laura E. Dainty, Miss Mary A. Livermore, The Ideal Colored Musical Combination and John B. Gough. In three days we sold over 300 season tickets at \$2.00 each, and then became assured of success. We have in all sold between 500 and 600 season tickets and anticipate the sale of others. On the evening of Dec. 9th Dr. Willitts, of Philadelphia, opened the course, and a more auspicious opening could not have been wished. The Doctor's lecture was on "Sunshine," and it certainly gave us great reason to enjoy and congratulate ourselves.

But this is not all. The Doctor is one of the rising lecturers of the day, and the idea suggested itself of taking him into our Chapter. Accordingly, when the Doctor arrived, one of the members of the committee went for Dr. Falconer, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city, an earnest and enthusiastic Phi Psi—a member of Pa. Alpha. Dr. Willitts was asked and consented. Immediately after the lecture he was taken in charge, and with a number of active and ex-active brothers hastened to the hall. Upon arriving at the hall a cheerful sight met our view. The hall was brilliantly lighted, and moving to and fro about the room were our brothers in anxious expectation. The Doctor soon found himself surrounded by a bevy of young men, all anxious to take his hand and thank him for his deserving lecture. The initiatory services were beautiful and impressive. Addresses of welcome and a hearty response from our distinguished guest, now brother, then followed. The evening was most delightfully spent, and all left feeling that it was good for them to be there. We would advise all our sister Chapters to remember that Dr. A. A. Willitts, of Philadelphia, is now a loyal Phi Psi, and if he visits the cities where other Chapters are located, and a pleasant evening is desired to be spent, just invite the Doctor around and you will be surprisingly well entertained. We wish to mention one other thing and then we are done. To-day the Senior class of our College elected the officers and performers to represent them on Class day. Of the five most important positions, Phi Psi received three. The others were given to non-frat. men. Every Phi Psi in

the class received a position. They were as follows: Bro. S. E. Baker, President; Bro. O. S. Stouder, Historian, Bro. A. D. Hosterman, Orator and Secretary. To-night we expect to initiate a prize medal man. No, Bro. Smith, for active, energetic work you must ascribe a prominent place to the Ohio Beta, of Wittenberg College.

Yours in bonds of Phi Kappa Psi,

A. D. HOSTERMAN.

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., DEC. 7, '80

DEAR SHIELD:

ARE we still alive or do we slumber? Come and see us and investigate, and we will demonstrate the fact of our existence in the most emphatic manner. Our long silence in the columns of the SHIELD must be interpreted as the result of a period of earnest labor and devotion to the interests of Phi Psi at Mich. University. Many of the evidences, too, of the aggressive character of our work, as, indeed most of the other Fraternities here can testify. The Chapter is on a firm basis as regards numbers and scholarships and thus we find more leisure to devote to general college matters and to society. In a recent election for officers of the "Athletic Association" we surprised every one by proving our ability to control absolutely, more than forty votes—a power by no means insignificant or to be despised. In society, too, we are quite "immense." In fact, the devotion of some of the brothers to the fair sex is something remarkable. Our relation with the Kappa Alpha Thetas—the only lady secret society in the University—are of the most friendly nature. And this is the more the subject of congratulation from the fact that the "Kats" constitute the very *elite* of our "co-eds."

This year we have a "ranch," that is, the majority of the brothers occupy a house exclusively and enjoy a table patronized by Phi Psis only. Here we have our headquarters and can entertain to the best advantage and with the least publicity possible any prospective candidate. Many of the difficulties incident to "rushing" a man are thus lessoned or removed entirely. Besides vastly increasing the advantages to be derived from Phi Psi fellowship it adds greatly to the ease and pleasure of entertaining friends and alumni when in town. Most of the best Fraternities here are situated in the same manner, a result of the peculiar University regulations by which students are scattered all over the city and met one another at no regular intervals except in class. We justly consider that this step marks one of most important advances in the life of Mich. Alpha.

Thus far this year we have initiated two new men, Bro. J. C. Chynoweth, '82, Greenland, Mich., and Bro. George Mosher, '82, Chillicothe, Ohio. We confidently expect, however, to enroll several more first-class men before the holidays.

But this short letter would be far from complete without a reference to the Phi Psis with us from sister Chapters. At the opening of the University in the Fall scarcely a day passed but one or more would make an appearance until

there were in Ann Arbor seven Phi Psis from as many different Chapters—all true and noble brothers. But a grasp of the hand and the sound of the mystic words Phi Kappa Psi were needed to make hearts throb in unison which else might meet in the silence of strangers or but the recognition of friends.

Surely with earnest labor and true loyalty to the eternal principles of Phi Kappa Psi we can see nothing but prosperity in store for Mich. A.

In the bonds,

Fet.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

MADISON, Nov. 24th, 1880.

EDITORS SHIELD:

To you, to the brothers of the East and the whole country, Wisconsin Alpha sends a most hearty greeting. We feel elated and cannot but show it. The news of the Fraternity from our Chapter is of the best nature. Old $\Phi. \Psi.$ towers head and shoulders above organizations of a like character here, and is steadily advancing. The Grim Monster has recently visited the University, and called hence our able Professor of Astronomy, James C. Watson, yet, while we mourn his demise and the general loss, we cannot but congratulate ourselves that thus far we have been spared fraternal grief. Matrimony has claimed two of our worthy alumni; society bonds have remained intact while others have been entered into. Chas. Dudley, an honor graduate of the class of '77, and Walter Field, of '78, were married about two months since. The former is an established lawyer of Madison, with a growing practice, the latter is located at Virogna, in this state and has already attained considerable prominence at the bar of Vernon county. Several old members have abandoned college, notably among them "Jack" Sheet, W. H. Lewis and Marsh Barber, James Cole, as noted, perhaps, in a former letter to the SHIELD, last spring received an appointment to the Military Academy at West Point. These are our losses. To offset them, we cite the initiation this term, of seven members, and have others pledged. To-day the Fraternity is flourishing, the total active membership being twenty-one. Some of the old boys are sure to return next term. Fred Turner positively. The numerical loss to the society through the graduation of members in June will not be severe, as there are but two seniors in the Fraternity. The college honors conferred upon Phi Psis during the last year have not been insignificant, and materially lead those received by other societies. During the latter part of the spring term, the freshmen oratorical prize was honorably and justly won by Bro. C. D. Van Wie, of '83, and great merit attached to the same on account of the acknowledged ability of his opponents in the contest. And again, recently Grant R. Bennet, a late initiate, was selected from the freshmen class, as its representative in College Rhetorical. A majority of the officers commanding the University battalion are $\Phi. \Psi.$'s, chosen to fill their positions for superiority in drill and the manual of arms. At the Semi-Public of the Linonian literary society, which occurs on the 4th of

Dec., Frank H. Foster, another recent addition to the Fraternity, occupies the president's chair. Altogether, the condition of Wisconsin Alpha is in a most flourishing state; the membership is large and increasing, losses few, honors many, morals good. In class and society the members of Φ. K. Ψ. take a prominent stand. But, as this letter has already occupied more space than was at first intended, we'll come to an abrupt short-stop, and sign ourself,

Fraternally

O. B. D.

ILLINOIS GAMMA.

MONMOUTH, ILL., Dec. 30th, 1880.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELDS:

Dear Bros. in Phi Psi.—After reading your appeal for correspondence, I could not refrain from writing a few lines concerning us and ours of *Illinois Gamma*. Of Course after the late rumpus in Monmouth College we have to lie rather low this winter; but next winter we hope and trust our frat. will bloom again in all its glory. We once and a while meet our brothers of Illinois Alpha but rarely see our Eastern brothers; and just here I will say that if any of them ever pass through the U. P. town of Monmouth, and will step off the cars for a while, he will be sure of a hearty greeting from our boys.

I send a few personals, hoping they may be acceptable.

John Herron, of '80, is first assistant surveying engineer on the B. M. & I. R. Narrow Gauge R. R. Post Office at Peoria.

W. F. Rankin, of '82, is attending school at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

W. M. Glenn, '83, is bookkeeping in Monmouth.

W. P. McClung, '83, is with the Singer Sewing Machine Co. at this place.

H. F. Walter, '81, is teaching in Viola, Ill.

F. C. Flemming, '83, is teaching in Washington, Ind.

J. H. McClennehan, '83, is teaching school in Glalva, Ill.

J. I. Anderson (Major), is reading law in Pittsburg, Pa.

H. S. Savage, '81, is clerking in this place.

Alex McFarland, '81, is teaching near Alledo, Ill.

S. R. Boyd is teaching near this place.

The undersigned is teaching at Keithsburg, Ill.

I am Fraternally yours,

J. MITCH. JAMIESON.

PENNA. ETA.

F. & M. COLLEGE, LANCASTER, PA., Dec. 10, '80.

DEAR EDITORS:

At the beginning of another month, and that the last of the term, the Eta sends greeting to the SHIELD, and through it to all the Chapters of the Fraternity. If the Editors could see with what eagerness and delight each member reads the columns of our worthy paper, they would in a measure, be repaid, I think, for their arduous and disinterested labors. For it in fact determines the extent of our pride and joy in the Fraternity. Much as we may feel elated at, and much as we do rejoice in the progress and prosperity of our individual Chapter, it is only in the ad-

vancement and general prosperity of the whole Fraternity that consists our true joy and happiness; and as the Chapters, through the medium of the SHIELD, monthly testify to their own prosperity and seem to rival each other in their progress towards the actualization of the ideal Chapter, our heart overflows in the exuberance of our joy, and with one impulse we thank God that there exists an institution so far-reaching in its power and so noble in its influence as the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. But I must stop this, for if I begin to reflect how glorious and noble an institution Phi Psi is, this would become rather an eulogium than a simple letter bearing the news of our prosperity, as it was intended it should be. So now to a few direct remark upon the affairs of our Chapter.

Since our last letter, it has been our good fortune to add two more to our noble band, who, though young in age, are strong and active in the workings of the Chapter and zealous in their adherence to the noble principles of Phi Kappa Psi. The two that we initiated are G. K. Musselman and E. F. Stotz, both of '83. One of these was snatched from the greedy clutches of another fraternity, which, in consequence, feels much chargin and disappointment at what has proved to be their loss and our gain.

Nothing of very special importance has occurred, except, by the way, that good old Phi Psi lady away down in West Virginia saw fit to send her son a box filled with cold chicken, cakes, etc., and, of course, Bro. Portie gave the "boys" a "set out." There was something else there, too, but Portie swears he bought that. There was only needed the tall forms of Bros. Eschbach and Biescker, sitting on the trunk, to make the scene similar to the one of a year ago. It was a jolly treat. "Billy" Hoy, as usual, applied the salve to his head in order to start a new growth of hair on the bald spot, and "Bill" had to pay a barber twenty-five cents for an extra shampoo to get the butter and jelly out of his tangled hair, that had somehow—nobody knows how—gotten there. An empty box, a pile of well-picked bones and a carpet full of grease spots appeared in the morning as the visible results of portie's annual "set-out."

Bro. E. S. Boyer, '79, Pa. Theta paid us a short visit last week and was present at one of our meetings. Sorry he could not stay longer.

Our weekly meetings are becoming especially enthusiastic, and the "boys," in their zeal for Phi Psi and in showing their appreciation of her glorious privileges, sometimes rise to such a high degree of burning enthusiasm that it becomes almost devotion. And why should we not worship her? Are not her principles so noble, so holy as to call forth reverence from those who can fully appreciate them? Is not the impulse of fraternal love, that binds us all so closely together, one of the holiest of man's nature? For who can fathom the depths of a brother's love and sympathy? So strong is this bond of union that well and truly might we say to one another: "Though separated by distance, your prosperity is our happiness, your misfortunes our sorrow." But I must close, fearing that my letter has already grown too long.

Yours in the Tripple Bond,

W. N. A.

PENNA. EPSILON.

GETTYSBURG, PENNA., Nov. 29, 1889.

EDITORS OF SHIELD:

At your request for "a long, newsy letter from 'Old Epsilon' *instantly*," we hasten to send you as much of it as possible, fearing however that we will fall short, as to the length and news, inasmuch as Fraternity news around here is, indeed, scarce; and there is not much, therefore, to write about.

Nothing unusual has taken place in our midst during the past month, and we are just moving along as happily and successfully as heretofore. Our meetings have become more than ordinarily interesting; one cause, perhaps, more than any other, being the reading of a paper composed of articles of prose and poetry. The editor, in his editorial one evening quite recently, asked for poetical contributions, and the result was wonderful. The next number of the paper contained nothing but poetry. Had we space, we would enjoy sending you some, but cannot.

Several weeks ago, a committee of five was appointed in our Chapter to correspond with our other Chapters, as perhaps quite a number of them know. Since then we have enjoyed hearing letters read, received from different Chapters, which are truly encouraging. This correspondence is a good thing, and should be adopted by our whole Fraternity.

It was our pleasure to meet Bro. J. J. Rothrock, of Pa. H., who came to Gettysburg to attend a wedding not long ago. He is one of those immortal "big four" of our sister Chapter, and while among us he left the impression that he was equally big-hearted and lofty-minded. Are we not right?

In way of information, let us say that at our last election, on Saturday evening, Nov. 27, '80, Bro. H. L. Jacobs was elected as corresponding secretary, to succeed Bro. Kahler.

Our excitement, mentioned in the last number of the SHIELD, caused by the rumor that the Chi Phi's were about to establish a Chapter here at our college, was apparently without cause. As yet none of their badges are worn, but it is, by some, believed that they exist *sub rosa* among us.

At the recent election in Philo Literary Society of speakers for her biennial celebration, two of the six elected were Phi Kappa Psi's—Bros. F. R. Kahler, '81, and H. L. Jacobs, '82. This is more than any of our three rival Fraternities can boast.

But we must stop: the oil in our lamp is consumed, and so is our stock of news. Wishing ever brother a happy vacation and much pleasure, we remain devoted to all in the bonds of Φ. Ψ. E. L. D.

ILLINOIS BETA TO ILLINOIS ALPHA.

GREETING:

Whereas, In the providence of Him, who in the beginning created them male and female, and gave the command: "Be fruitful and multiply," a son has been born unto our Bro. F. W. Merrell:

Be it Resolved, by the Beta, in session now assembled:—
I. That we extend our congratulations to our brother.

II. That we send greeting to the young lad.

III. That we request our brother to report to us immediately concerning the welfare of the child.

IV. That we advise our brother to study carefully all affairs pertaining to domestic economy, especially the part which relates to the rearing of children.

V. That we commend to our brother the advice of Dr. Cheney, who said, that the way to rear a large family on a small salary, was to find out what they did not like and give them plenty of it.

VI. That we exhort our brother to rear the child in accordance with true Φ. Ψ. principles.

VII. That we exhort our brother not to be weary in well-doing.

VIII. That a copy of these resolutions be inserted in the minutes of this evening, and another copy be sent to the SHIELD.

S. B. RANDALL.

University of Chicago.

F. R. SWARTWOUT.

D. C. ALPHA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14th, '80.

RESOLUTIONS of regret at resignation of Bro. J. C. S. Richardson from active membership in D. C. Alpha Chapter:—

Whereas, The departure of Bro. J. C. S. Richardson to the far West, and thus depriving this Chapter of one of its brightest lights, has caused a void in our ranks difficult to fill; and,

Whereas, His conduct as a brother Φ. Ψ. has always been above reproach, and his social intercourse with us always been of the most pleasant character; and,

Whereas, His absence deprives us of one of our most valuable members, and one whose genial face, enthusiastic address, liberality and warm-heartedness will long be remembered:

Be it Resolved:—That we extend to him in his new position, as Official Stenographer to the Supreme Court of Wyoming Territory, our most hearty congratulations; and while we regret his loss to us, rejoice at his gain in the struggle of life.

Resolved, That we extend to him in behalf of D. C. Alpha Chapter a most cordial invitation to honor us with an essay on the subject, "Our Fraternity."

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the brother, and published in the SHIELD, our Fraternity organ.

Respectfully,

ROBERT J. MURRAY,

C. S. CHESNEY,

{ Committee.

A COMMON INTEREST.

DEAR SHIELD:

Have you room in your valuable columns for a few words from a brother deeply interested in all that pertains to his Fraternity's welfare? Taking for granted you have, allow me to speak of one thing in which we all have A Common Interest. Having been a member of the Fraternity for five years, and having had some experience in her "*modus*

operandi," there is one point upon which a word may not be amiss and may probably be of benefit, namely, the interest each individual member takes in his Fraternity, and his accountability for the same. There is no one who has tasted of the pure, unalloyed principle of the $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ Fraternity but can say, I have been benefitted by those principles and by the men who compose her ranks, nor will any one say *my* interest is greater or less than that of any other, thus leaving little space to attack the point at issue.

But of one point it can be stated most certainly, there is a "screw loose somewhere;" just where, it is hard to say. To be pointed. Many of our members have not the true idea of a Fraternity. They consider it as an institution, honored by their membership, and to which no time need be given. No greater mistake was ever made; it is not the resolution of its founders; they never intended that any one should hold such narrow views.

The Fraternity was founded when fever had laid low many of the students of Jefferson College, and personally did our honored founders and early members watch by the beds of those thus stricken.

Suddenly the $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ Fraternity become a mighty power in the College, and says Judge Moore, "no force but that of Almighty God could have destroyed it."

There are today many who have the Fraternity's interest at heart, yet it is lamentable that that interest is not exemplified more, that many of the chapters, too, are very delinquent.

It is due to a very great extent to the relation we hold between ourselves and the Fraternity.

It is right that in honoring ourselves we honor her, but why not reverse this; why not say that in honoring her I honor myself? If this were the relation we held ourselves in to the Fraternity, then would there be such a spreading of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ gospel as was never before witnessed.

We have a Fraternity of which to be proud; its ranks are filled with many noble, true men, and 'tis our privilege and duty to maintain the legacy handed down to us, even though it be to sacrifice personal ambitions. No brother will ever regret the time given to Fraternity work if devoted honestly and fearlessly to her interests.

We hail with delight the new era dawning upon us. The Annual Reunions of the Fraternity will be of great benefit in promoting this feeling. There we can meet brother with brother, and, ourselves renewed once again by memories of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, we long for college days, that, as of old, we might engage in the work so sacred to all brothers.

KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY.

Dec. 19th, 1880.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

It has been quite a while since you heard from one of your former contributors, but the present year finds him rather in a "*non ens*" position as regards Fraternity affairs; but then, you know, we are to a great extent "children of circumstances," and, as such, several humble (?) followers of Phi Psi find their lot "cast in a pleasant place" among the renowned "blue grass region of old Kentuck," and within

the reach of the legendary hospitality of our Southern brethren. It is useless to attempt to express how deeply we feel the loss of active Fraternal life, but our "blues" are to a great degree relieved by meeting the familiar faces of many brothers whom we have known in the "days o' auld lang syne," and whose congeniality we have tried and found "not wanting," but, on the contrary, we find them still the same, and as true and loyal Phi Psi's as ever.

We would extend a cordial invitation to any Phi Psi, who may ever find himself wandering within the bounds of Kentucky, to visit us at our "den" in Lexington, and we can assure him he will not be disappointed, but on leaving can truly say, "it has been good for us to have been here."

Especially would we attempt to rectify a mistake that exists among some of our Northern friends as regards the standard of Southern schools. There is no assertion more commonly heard—that is more absurd and erroneous—than that of the incapability of schools in the South to furnish such education as is necessary to fit one for active life, and their lack of proper instruction that tends to qualify one to meet the demands of society in general. By a close comparison of the prescribed courses in our colleges, both North and South, they will be found to agree in almost every particular, and equally as thorough, rendering the graduate proficient in all the studies taught and qualifying him to fill almost any position to which he may be called.

We would call especial attention to the advantages afforded by our Southern *female* schools, that we can safely say will bear comparison with any of our Northern seminaries. A few evenings since it was our privilege, as well as our pleasure, to attend an exhibition of the "Waverly Literary Society," given by the young ladies of Hamilton Female College. We have often had the opportunity of attending many entertainments of like character, but seldom did we ever enjoy such "a feast of reason and flow of soul" as this occasion afforded. We can not refrain from mentioning the names of several performers who acquitted themselves so admirably as to merit the commendation of all who had the pleasure of listening to them, and that reflected great credit not only on themselves but also on their able instructors.

We can never forget the effect produced by our diminutive little friend, Miss Loulie Rogers, of Ky., when, with that grace and beauty—peculiar to Kentucky girls—she came forward and gave the audience Bromson's "Beautiful Blue Danube." As a vocal solo, for so young a lady, we have never heard its equal. Many a "night in June" we have listened to this "Landler tune," but for melody of expression, mingled with true "girlish" ability, we feel confident long will she be remembered by her appreciative hearers. The "Correspondence," as read by Misses Everett and Johnson, was evidently the production of brilliant intellects, and sparkled with humor and real wit. The "XLIVth chapter of Chronicles," as read by Miss Hubble, of Ky., was truly prophetic, composed in a masterly way, and evinced a command of language that we rarely find in our American ladies. We have not space to mention all the performers as we feel inclined to, but as our peculiar weakness leans on Music's side, we can not omit the instru-

mental productions of Miss Frankie Fana, of Ky. Miss Fana enjoys the reputation of being one of Kentucky's most accomplished ladies, and, judging from her musical ability, we can heartily endorse the public opinion. The pieces rendered by Miss Sallie McGarvey—difficult in the extreme—were the result of both natural ability and acquired skill. On the whole, we congratulate the people of Lexington on possessing such an institution in their city; and if ever any of our friends from abroad happen to visit Lexington, a visit to Hamilton College must not be omitted. At present, the institution is under the supervision of Pres. Patterson, whose reputation as an instructor is co-extensive with the South, and is rapidly increasing in the North. He is aided by a faculty as efficient as perhaps any in the country, among whom we may mention the name of Prof. Sinclair—whom we have known in days of old. His ability as a teacher is universally acknowledged. As music teachers the services of Prof. Schultze and the Misses Baldwin and Guernsey have been procured, whose reputations are severally known to be such as will at once bespeak for the college the name of having unparalleled advantages for the study of the art of Music.

We give the detailed account of this particular entertainment only to show and prove to our brother Phi Psi's that although we are far away from the "Hub of the Universe," yet we are fully repaid for our change; and if ever again we are permitted to see the familiar faces of our old friends, we can relate many such happy occasions spent within the far-famed city of Lexington.

JOLLY PHI PSI'S.

The cordial invitation of Mr. Burdette, extended last night in the Court House, to all members of Phi Kappa Psi to collect in his room was the occasion for a very enthusiastic gathering after the lecture. A neat little spread was followed by a few impromptu and very enjoyable toasts. Of these we call the following: "Pa. Eta and Major Reinoehl," Henry Clay Echbach; "Phi Psi Teachers," Prof. Geo. W. Gross; "Medical Men," D. King Gotwald; "Penna Eta," Will Hoffheins; "Penna. Epsilon," J. Clay Tustin; "Nothing," Dr. E. F. Smith.

At an early hour the jolly meeting closed with a short and very humorous speech by Bro. Burdette. Twelve members of this Fraternity reside in our town. Bro. Rob Burdette is a member of the Indiana Gamma Chapter.—*York, Pa., Daily*, Dec. 28th, 1880.

BANQUET OF THE D. C. ALPHA CHAPTER OF THE PHI KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY.

On Tuesday evening last the Alpha Chapter of the above Fraternity, located at Columbian University, was installed as the Grand Chapter of the Fraternity. After the interesting ceremony of the installation, the Chapter adjourned to a prominent restaurant, where a feast had been spread for the fraters and their guests from the retiring Grand Chapter. Course after course of the tempting viands dis-

appeared, and finally the toasts came. They were all ably responded to, particularly "The Legal Fraternity" and "The Ladies." They were as follows: "Our Fraternity," Jerome Lee, Esq., of Pennsylvania Alpha; "The Retiring Grand Chapter," Edwin L. Scott, of Lafayette College, Pennsylvania; "The Grand Chapter," Robert J. Murray, of Washington D. C.; "The Columbian University," Philip G. Wales, of Washington, D. C.; "The Legal Fraternity," Charles S. Chesney, of Washington, D. C.; "The Medical Fraternity," Dr. L. K. Beatty, of Washington, D. C.; "Our Absent Brothers," William A. Dutton, of Washington, D. C.; "The Ladies," F. O. McCleary, of Washington, D. C.; "Ohio Alpha and the Western Chapters," Chase Stewart, of Columbus, Ohio; "Our Presiding Officer," P. Hinkle Seymour, of Cincinnati, Ohio; "The Impromptu toasts followed, and lively remembrances of the by-gone college days occupied the time until the "wee sma' hours." "Auld Lang Syne" was then sung by the company present, after which they separated, well pleased with the evening's entertainment.—*Wash. Sunday Herald*, Jan. 9th, 1881.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

A. Δ. Φ., B. Θ. II. and Δ. T. are now in Harvard. The Yale Freshmen societies have been abolished.

It is whispered that Φ. Γ. Δ. wants to enter Lafayette.

The *Record* of Σ. A. E. is reported as having suspended.

A. T. Ω. has just issued a new paper known as the A. T. Ω. *Palm*.

X. Ψ. held a reunion in New York City during Christmas week.

The governor and three congressmen of Indiana are Beta Theta Pi's.

B. Θ. II. evidently has her eye on Lehigh university, Good institution.

Φ. Γ. Δ. has established two sub-rosa Chapters recently, the Iota and Chi.

Δ. T. Δ. has entered Wooster Univ., O., and Iowa State University, Iowa City.

A dozen or more X. Φ's. are attending lectures at the University of Penna.

GALUSHA GROW, who is endeavoring to become U. S. Senator from Penna. is a Ψ. T.

The Chapter of A. Γ., at Mercersburg College, has gone over to Franklin and Marshall College.

Φ. Δ. Θ. Chapter, at Wooster Univ., has become inactive. Our Ohio Gamma has taken her best men.

B. Θ. II. has entered Madison University, Hamilton, N. Y., with a large and enthusiastic Chapter. Δ. K. E. and Δ. T. exist there.

Δ. Φ. announces her intention of re-entering the Univ. of Penn'a. The members of this Fraternity at above institution were formerly known as Diabolou Philoi.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

Bro. John Kline, '77, Pa. E., is studying law in Bellefonte, Pa.

Bro. L. D. Bulett, '80, Pa. Zeta, is now teaching at Reisterstown, Md.

Bro. John Keene fills one of the best charges in the North Ill. M. E. Conference.

Bro. Charlie Cloket, '79, Pa. I., when last heard from was in Barcelona, Spain.

Bro. Wilton G. Schock, Pa. Zeta, is in government employ in Washington, D. C.

Bro. Harry McCarter, '78, Pa. I. is in the chemical business near Philadelphia.

Bro. Harry Bright, '82, Pa. I., enters the coal business in Philadelphia, Pa., shortly.

Bro. Harvey Messer, '79, Pa. Eta, is a student in the Law Department, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Bro. Will Neff was elected by the Literary Societies to deliver the 22d of February address.

Bro. Geo. H. M. Palmer, Ohio Gamma, has entered the Pharmacy Dept. at the Univ. of Mich.

Bro. R. W. E. Twitchell, one of Kan. Alpha's prominent men is taking law lectures at Mich. University.

Bro. Charlie S. Smith, Pa. E., is married and doing a flourishing business in tobacco, in Baltimore, Md.

BRO. FRANK DEA, class of '69, was elected by the Republicans of Indiana, Reporter of the Supreme Court.

Bro. Jas. B. Raby, Pa. E., was admitted to practice in Adams Co. bar. He now resides in Chambersburg, Pa.

Bro. Horace L. Jacobs has just been elected Cor. Sec. for Penna. Epsilon. His address is Box 240, Gettysburg, Pa.

Bro. J. Clay Tustin, Pa. E., has entered the first year class of the medical department of the University of Penna.

BROS. C. F. Fester, of Va. Delta, and Will Reed, of Ohio Delta, are both in the Law Department at the Univ. of Mich.

Bro. A. H. Siggins, '83, Pa. Beta, or "Sig," as he is familiarly called, is wielding the scalpel among the "Medics" at Ann Arbor.

Bro. John W. Appel, '74, Pa. Eta, is enjoying the blessings of matrimonial life and a lucrative law practice in Titusville, Pa.

Bro. Tom Apple, '78, Pa. Eta, is teaching at Palatinate College, Meyerstown, Pa. Is professor in the Natural Science Department.

Bro. W. T. Brown, '79, Pa. Eta, was on Dec. 8th, admitted to the Lancaster county bar. We wish him success in his chosen profession.

JAY NEFF, Dan. H. Patrick, J. W. Emminson and J. W. Springer, have made themselves famous during the campaign by making speeches.

WILL N. Appel, '80, Pa. Eta, may be found quietly ensconced in Bro. Ad. Reinoehl's law office at Lancaster, poring over the ponderous volumes and wondering when the next SHIELD will be out.

BRO. Arnold Wickersham, '76, Pa. Eta, was married last Nov. to Miss Jessie Hough, at the residence of the bride, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Bro. Joe Bowman, '72, was one of the groomsmen. It was a "swell" affair.

At the last session of Indianapolis, District Conference of the South Indiana Conference, held in this city, three of the most prominent ministers present were Bros. Talbert, Poucher and Pitner (resident pastors).

BRO. Prof. J. M. McBryde has just had his report—"Experimental Work of the Agricultural Department of the University of Tennessee"—published. It is very complete, and makes a pamphlet of 110 closely-printed pages.

Bro. Herbert Jackson and Sam. Martin Pa. Θ dropped in to see us a few days before Christmas. Jack looks healthy and speaks in glowing terms of his farm in Wisconsin. Bro. Martin is gradually beginning to resemble a minister.

BRO. Geo. W. Gross, '77, Pa. E., was unanimously elected last month, to the Principalship of the York County Academy, by the trustees of the institution. This is a school from which quite a number of Phi Kappa Psi's have come, and perhaps we can now look for more.

FRED. W. Biesecker, '80, Pa. Eta, smokes his pipe over Blackstone, beneath the "parental roof tree," in Somerset Co., Pa. It is said that Fred made the woods and hills, and rocks, of that old county resound with the names of Garfield and Arthur during the late campaign.

INITIATES OF PENNA. IOTA (since September 17th, 1880).
Wm. D. Gross Jr., '83, (Dept. Arts) Philadelphia, Pa.
Edwin B. Sadtler, '83, (Dept. Science) Allentown, Pa.
Wm. Henry Bower, '84, (Dept. Arts) Riverton, N. J.
Wm. D. Hunter, '82, (Scientific Dept.) Philadelphia, Pa.
Chas. R. Matchett, '82, (Med. Dept.) Allegheny City, Pa.
Le Roy J. Wolfe, '81, (Law Dept.) Philadelphia, Pa.
George Whitney, '83, (Med. Dept.) Pottsville, Pa.

THE new G. C. has been organized and we wish them nothing but prosperity in all their labors. The position is a trying one, but with care and deliberation many seemingly insurmountable objects will disappear. The restoration of dead chapters would be a good subject for the new G. C.'s consideration. The officers chosen to fill the usual offices are:

***** Robert J. Murray.	**** Wm. A. Dutton.
***** Chas. S. Chesney.	*** William Brown.
***** Philip G. Wales.	** Chas. W. Richards.
** ** Frank O. McCleary.	* P. Hinkle Seymour.

Bro. J. A. Blair, '73, Illinois Γ, died December 30th, 1880, in the State of California, whither he had gone with the hope of finding relief from that terrible disease, consumption. By his death, a true and loyal brother has been lost to the Fraternity.



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EDGAR F. SMITH, '74 Pa. Epsilon,
University of Penn'a, W. Phila., Pa.

WHERE are the Annual Reports?

READ '80's letter on the number of men a Chapter should have.

COLLEGE annuals and catalogues would be quite acceptable to us. They assist in making up our columns.

ANY brothers who possess numbers of the *Phi Kappi Psi Monthly* and *Quarterly* can dispose of them by notifying us. We are anxious to obtain a complete file of all Phi Kappa Psi's papers—hence this notice.

THE *History* is progressing slowly. Don't be alarmed; it will be published. The brothers who are editing the same are determined it shall appear, but not until all the points have been fully worked up.

BRO. Keady has promised us a sketch of Bro. Tom Campbell. Other "old brothers," too, have consented to write us up some recollections. Those of Bro. Keady have brought out the boys—they are clamoring for more. Be patient; they'll soon appear.

BRO. Van Cleve has just remitted \$5 to the SHIELD, and Bob Burdette says "put me down for \$25." Thanks, Are there any others who care to assist in the good work? The address of our money man is, Prof. Otis H. Kendall, 3826 Locust St., W. Philadelphia, Pa.

WE have received good news from Ohio Beta. Five hundred dollars have been cleared; enough to furnish their hall, and the SHIELD will not be forgotten. That's good. There is one point, however, in Ohio Beta's letter we don't quite understand, viz: if we continue improving the SHIELD until it reaches the size of certain Fraternity journals—then, when it is their size, we "may expect a much more hearty support from Ohio Beta." We are now endeavoring, working hard, to make Phi Kappa Psi's SHIELD first class and the equal in number of pages of any sister paper, but our success depends entirely upon the support of our sub-chapters, and if we are only to receive that when we have attained a certain size, well—then we'll never reach it. No, brothers, now is the time to stand by your SHIELD. It has been well received everywhere.

WE are all desirous of seeing the lines of our Fraternity extended; and, naturally enough, the manner in which this should be done suggests itself to us as a query which is somewhat troublesome to answer. Pursuing our existing mode of advancement is slow and very frequently quite unsatisfactory, and "why can't we do this and that, is what many an enthusiastic Phi Kappa Psi has asked more than once." Such being the situation, perhaps the following will not be regarded as amiss: Could not a *Committee on Extension* be appointed by the G. C., or perhaps chosen by a vote of all the sub-chapters? Let said Committee consist of from four to five brothers—known to be whole-souled Phi Kappa Psi's, prepared and willing to perform to their utmost ability the task set them; and let their duty be the selection of proper institutions wherein our banner may be planted. They of course would allow no points of importance to escape them: for instance, when an institution is named, they would immediately examine into the condition of the latter—in fact, acquaint themselves with everything connected therewith, and, should all this prove satisfactory, then would come the selection of suitable material for membership in Phi Kappa Psi. This might, of course, be left to the Committee, and when they had once decided upon these cardinal points—suitable institutions and proper material—it would then remain for them to communicate the result of their investigations to the G. C., the judge, when a speedy and satisfactory verdict would be rendered. The time for such extension would not necessarily be confined to any fixed dates—it could be continuous, going on while the undergraduates were attending other duties.

Under our present system petitions are vetoed or granted sometimes without proper consideration, simply because the graduates are few who inquire into the character of the institution from which a petition may have come. For example, the general course of reasoning may be thus illustrated:—"Yale? Yes, I'll vote that way." Or, "St. Law-

rence? Never heard of that college. No, sir! you don't get our vote." Now there might be very valid reasons for vetoing or granting both, but undergraduates are likely to be smitten by the name, and consent; or because the smaller college is unknown to them, hurl it aside, notwithstanding it is as good or even better than their own. Let a Committee of alumni come in on such occasions, and ten to one their verdict would prove correct, and Phi Kappa Psi would gain thereby.

An *Extension Committee* would of course require funds to perform their labor, and these should be supplied from the general Fraternity treasury.

FROM INDIANA BETA.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., Jan. 21st, 1881.

EDITORS SHIELD:

One long term of the present collegiate year has passed away; and, as we take a retrospective glance over the months last passed, we can with cheerful hearts say that our labor has not been in vain. Armed with prudence, sociability and an unsullied character, we have bravely and triumphantly fought bitter opponents, and the fruits of our battles are seen in the many good men we have enrolled. During the term we initiated six men into the Chapter, and now our roll is swelled to nineteen: three seniors, four juniors, six sophomores, four freshmen and two "preps." Bro. Will Spangler, '80, college librarian, takes advantage of his leisure evenings and our literary drill to practice and improve his skill at composition. He comes to claim recognition as a regular brother.

Yet, with all this reserved power, Indiana Beta does not flag one iota in her strenuous efforts to stand supreme among her rival associates. Labor overcomes all obstacles and brings a rich reward; and in so doing we have nothing whereof to complain. Blest with a good hall, good men and good fraternal feeling, we still strive to secure success.

It seems that some of the Chapters argue "Chapter correspondence." This is very desirable and commendable. Still, we owe another, greater duty *first*. A need that has long been felt throughout the Fraternity has been supplied in the shape of the SHIELD. May this new feature be instrumental in binding more closely the sacred bonds between the various Chapters! May every Chapter lend it their entire aid and support! It needs be. I sigh to know how neglectful of this most important duty so many of our otherwise best Chapters seem to be. Let each lay new corner-stones, and henceforth prepare a structure designed by duty's hand. Then, and not till then, should those unfaithful ones attempt inter-Chapter communication. The most important and needful should receive the most attention and aid. I hope Indiana Beta tries to do her duty by both. It may be boasting, but it surely seems that if all should do even as much as we, there would be in store for all a more bright and glorious future.

There is another matter concerning which I fain would say a few words in all kindness and brotherly feeling. My ideal Fraternity must not be void of a large percentage of literary labors. It indeed pains me to know that some of

our sister Chapters have no higher ambition than to shine in the social sphere. They build their halls after the similitude of parlors, and pass the night in fitful dreams and foolish pleasures. Leisure without literature is death. Would it not be a higher and grander aim to orate, compose, declaim? Why not cultivate, together with social qualities, intellectual abilities? Why not one broad, deep-flowing channel instead of a narrow, shallow stream? Let the brothers bestow a passing thought.

Bro. Burdette has once more been among us. He seems to bring with him sunshine and mirth. Last Tuesday night he lectured the good people of Bloomington two hours on "Advice to Young Men." Afterwards he was escorted to the cheerful home of Bro. Adams. Twenty-four couples there awaited his coming. Truly a pleasant evening—around him and the festal board—was spent. Eager hearers listened to catch his every word—you all know how it is—you hear him but to hear him more. A beautiful new pearl badge of his lent an additional charm to his person. Not till far in the "wee sma' hours ayant the twa!" did we finally finish our reveling and leave, our hearts all astir with fond hopes that not far in the future we should see our brother once again.

But it is high time this rambling epistle was brought to a stand still—materials, during this wintery weather among these western wilds, being exceedingly scarce. Hoping success will attend and crown your noble work, I subscribe myself,

Yours Fraternally,

Doc.

PENN'A ZETA.

CARLISLE, PA., Jan. 24th, 1881.

EDITORS SHIELD:

The position of correspondent is far from enviable when there's a dearth of news. We might, using the good old stereotyped form, say "our experience is growing brighter, we are pressing onward and upward," but such would hardly satisfy the SHIELD's legitimate claims for Zeta's support. Besides, its late great improvement calls for a more cordial support, even at a little sacrifice.

We were somewhat surprised recently to see among us a new badge, and to learn that a new rival had sprung up. I should hardly say rival, for, judging by the character of the new men, its founders, it can scarcely be formidable for years to come. Still, we were rejoiced to see it, as it shows a healthy sentiment in the college on the subject of fraternity. I speak of a new chapter of Theta Delta Chi—new in one sense, old in another, as there existed a chapter at Dickinson up to '76, when it graduated with the graduating class of that year. The new chapter has only four men, with very good prospects of two preps whom they are persistently running.

We have six fraternities represented here now—in the order of their numbers:—Phi Kappa Psi, Chi Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta and last and least, Theta Delta Chi. They are all in good condition. There are rumors of an attempted resurrection of the skulls. Let

them come. We are still able to hold our own and maintain the record we have made.

Bro Ben. Mosser, '79, was married during the holidays to Miss Bella Hoffer, of Carlisle. Bro. Morgan, '78, was his first groomsman. Ben received the warmest congratulations of his old chapter. He is preaching very acceptably at Riverside, Pa.

The Society anniversaries come off next month. Bro. H. R. Robinson is anniversarian of the Union Philosophical Society, and Bros. E. H. Linville and V. S. Collins are two of the speakers of the Belles Lettres Society.

In the public debate between the two societies to be held Feb. 4th, three of the four debaters that will represent the Belles Lettres Society are Phi Psi's: Bros. Collins, Evans and Gibbs.

You see we are still getting our share of honors—honors that result from actual merit.

Very Fraternaly Yours,

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DIED!

January 28th.—Of "Social Standing,"

PHI DELTA KAPPA,

AGED EIGHT YEARS.

(Interment Private.)

Born Again!

In Chi Phi?

NO!

PETITION WAS REFUSED.

Born again January 29th, 1881 into a life far too pure to be enjoyed by *such burlesques on humanity*.

O "Bullets" and "Beans" are now no more—
They have crossed to the other shore;
Let us hope they'll make the landing,
Uncleansed from cheek and *social standing*.

N. B.—Two dozen scrap-iron Phi Delta Kappa Pins for sale cheap.

W. AND J. COLLEGE.

WASHINGTON, PA., January 29th, 1881.

DIED

EDITORS SHIELD:

We were all greatly amazed this morning at the appearance of a poster at our door, announcing the death of the $\Phi. \Delta. K.$ Fraternity; or rather, its metamorphosis into the $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$'s. Of the $\Phi. \Delta. K.$'s you will probably know but little, although I think they are mentioned in Baird's History. It appears that about eight years ago a student came to this college from New Castle, Pa., by the name of Chas. Curtz. Report has it that this Curtz, with two other students who had probably belonged to another Fraternity, organized this $\Phi. \Delta. K.$. At first they called it I. A. K., and afterwards, not satisfied with this, they drew a cipher around the I, making it Φ , and a base across the Δ , making Δ , thus forming the euphonious $\Phi. \Delta. K.$ —the K supposed to stand for C(K)urtz. This band never were recog-

nized here more than as being the Curtz crowd; and every one of the other Frat's was always ready to express their animosity for them.

Some time after their organization here, they founded a chapter at Lafayette, under the flying banners of A. W. McConnel, and it is said that he always joined another Fraternity. Our brothers at Easton could undoubtedly give you a correct history of the rise and fall of the Curtz Empire at that College. They could tell you how powerful this party was there, and how, after a short life, fraught with perils and inglorious defeats, they died an untimely death last June.

Another Chapter was granted the Western University of Penna. at Pittsburgh, but this met with its demise in its infancy. Bent, however on increasing their boundary, and swaying their sceptre o'er the entire world, this little band granted a charter to the University of Miss. Again did fickle fate but show itself averse, and last June all that was mortal of this unhappy lot, was clothed in the purer robes of the $\Delta. K. E.$'s.

Thus the G. Chapter was robbed of its offspring and left broken hearted in this cold and cruel world. Nothing now remained but to seek refuge under the comforting wing of some stronger sect. Accordingly they applied to the $X. \Phi.$ for membership, but were refused. Then they applied to the $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$ The G. C. immediately wrote to their Chapter here, but only two were in College, one of which had joined the $\Delta. T. \Delta.$ Their letter was answered by a resident graduate member, who used *such expressive language*, that they did not question him farther. But, notwithstanding this, they granted the request, and sent one H. L. Stahler from Gettysburg, Pa., who initiated the whole set last night. The old members of $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$ are *mad* beyond description. They will not speak to the $\Phi. \Delta. K.$'s and it is supposed that they will ask for their dismissals. The whole College is furnished with these posters, and as the $\Phi. \Delta. K.$'s pass along, they cry out *Dead! Dead! Dead!* Died from *social standing*. *Requiescant in morte!*

JERRY.

(Some years ago there existed a local Fraternity at Lafayette College, known as I. A. K. This succeeded in getting a few Chapters elsewhere, but finally was taken up by $X. \Phi.$ The Chapter at Washington and Jefferson College determined to stick it out under the old banner, but saw proper to change its name to $\Phi. \Delta. K.$ and alter its internal machinery.—Eds.)

PENNA. ETA.

LANCASTER, PA.

DEAR SHIELD:

Eta still holds on to her first love. For her Phi Psi lives and grows divine. She is true to the interests of our holy order, and never forgets to kindle the votive fires. She sends greeting to all true brothers, and would fain use the language of Ulysses:

"Come, my friends,

'Tis not too late to seek a newer world."

But where will you find this *newer world*? 'Tis *neath two*

stars. Her world needs not "myriad potentates of sky" to give forth the light of life. She feels happy and wends her way in peace, ever looking up to the shining two and golden three, and singing new songs of love and truth. Day by day her heart grows warmer. Her path is clear.

We are doing our work as faithfully as we can. We hold our weekly meetings as usual. No new conquests have been made, save that silent but powerful influence peculiar to our own dear boys. Bom. especially gets the "fluence" on his social associates, and Hoff. is an authority on many important subjects. A word from him "settles it."

Bro. Biesecker is just recovering from the measles. "Pete" was a sick boy, and longed for the sunny hills of his native Somerset. Decius was kind to him and acted well the part of an affectionate mother. Portie was the pater familias.

And now Bro. Eschbach is down with the measles, too. Portie rooms with him, and shows how big his heart really is. Surely Elmer knows by this time Ev. will make a kind man. He loves all true Phi Psi's, and loves someone who is not a member of our order. 'Tis true!

Bro. Linton, Pa. Epsilon, came over to see us a few days ago. He attended one of our meetings and added greatly to its interest. He is a lively young man, and a good, worthy representative of his noble Chapter. May he and his beloved Epsilon meet the approving smiles of the Jove of Phi Psi. The boys would be glad to see him again. Let him come and see Bom. and Jack; they need his attention.

The boys are always ready to read a new number of the SHIELD. They want some token of Fraternity life, and in our little monthly they find just what they want. A little here and there gives them a good idea of our history as a Fraternity. We rejoice over the good news from the South. The SHIELD has done a great part of the work towards calling attention to this important field.

We would like to send you more news about Eta, but cannot on account of the favor of the gods and the powers that be and rule. We work on patiently, and ever watch the non-fraternity students for some traits of character which might bear close examination, in hopes of finding a germ of Phi Psi. We are "feeling" one man now. Cannot say whether or not he will stand the test. Time can tell. We are always careful, and know our man before asking him to become a member.

If the fates spare us, we may be able to write, at some future day, a more pleasing letter.

Accept the love and grip of

"BILLIE E."

PENN'A KAPPA.

On Friday evening, January 23d, despite the storm and rain, some thirty of the graduate Phi Kappa Psi's, resident in Philadelphia, assembled in the rooms of the Kappa, and, after a good social time, adjourned to the dining hall of a neighboring restaurant and enjoyed an excellent "feed." The presiding officer was Bro. Prof. Otis H. Kendall. Of course the usual responses to toasts to the represented Chapters were indulged in, and we are positive that the undergraduates far and wide would have been pleased and grati-

fied to know that their doings are carefully scrutinized by their older brothers, who are out in life. The teachings learned by the brothers years ago are bright in their memories, and they cannot but feel anxious about the "old Fraternity homes," and eagerly scan the pages of the SHIELD at its every appearance for news from those now in charge of their Chapters. Col. Tom Chamberlain, '55, Penna. Gamma, and Bro. John Siner, '73, Penna. Gamma, ably represented their Chapter, and they wonder why she hasn't, since her revival, sent some news to the SHIELD. Pa. Zeta was represented by Bros. Dr. E. L. Evans, Will Gross, Bro. Spottiswood and Dave Myers; Pa. Eta by Bro. Clay Eschbach; Pa. Beta, Bro. Grier; Pa. Epsilon, Bro. Edgar F. Smith; Va. Delta by the Rev. Henry Schell Lobingier, and Pa. Iota by Bros. John Marshall, McCollin, Freeland, Brown, Rowland, Helme, Whitney, Gotwald, Matchett and Kendall; Pa. Theta by Dr. Evans (the founder). Some points were discussed, and one that met with a unanimous response was that these meetings of the graduates be more frequent. The next gathering will occur March 21st, 1881. Let every brother who can attend please bear this in mind. The brothers from Norristown were kept away by the unfavorable weather.

FROM '80.

PHILA., Jan. 25th, 1881.

DEAR EDITORS:

In your last issue of the SHIELD several matters of vital importance to the best interests of the Fraternity were ably discussed by several members, of whose wisdom and true conception of the spirit and letter of the Phi Psi's constitution we are well assured.

During our five years connection with the Fraternity we have had some experience in its workings, both as regards the Fraternity at large and the individual Chapters, and it has occurred to us that something might be said in regard to the number of men enrolled on the lists of the different Chapters.

In looking over the catalogues of past years, we see some Chapters recording as many as twenty-five men, or even more; and in communications to the SHIELD we notice many of these chapters seem to grade their success and prosperity by the number of men they succeed in initiating each year. Now, it occurs to us, that if some of these Chapters had a smaller membership their sister Chapters would not so often be disturbed by sundry little communications in regard to various men who have been admitted into the fold, but who, on account of a lack of brotherly feeling and interest in the Fraternity, have been "resigned over the fence." These communications are by no means pleasant—on the contrary, are very discouraging—and it always stung our little Chapter (the Pa. Eta) to the quick to receive them.

Now, is it not better for a Chapter to have but twelve men thoroughly interested in the good cause, and fully imbued with what our good Bro. Keady has happily termed "the eternal principles of Phi Kappa Psi," than two dozen lukewarm members? And is it not reasonable to suppose

that twelve men can dwell more amicably together than a greater number?

Now we are a firm believer in diversity of opinion, and in the old proverb, "Variety is the spice of life;" but too much spice spoils the flavor, and the flavor of Phi Psi is truly a delicate one. We mean by this that too large a Chapter makes too much diversity of opinion and too much variety for the health and comfort of Phi Psi. The opinions and habits of men are as numerous as the men themselves, and a small body of men can more easily adapt opinions to the individual tastes of each other than a large one.

It is safe to say that our best Chapters—those having the best material and most enthusiastic workers—are those of medium size. If, when a man is proposed for membership, each brother of that Chapter were personally acquainted with him, and would cast his vote for or against, not on the recommendation of a committee, as is done in some of the Chapters, but according to his own feelings toward the man, we believe there would be fewer and better men in all the Chapters.

From twelve to fifteen men are enough for any chapter; too many, if there is one of that number who cannot fully adapt himself to the tastes and habits of the rest. Rather let the number of Chapters in good colleges be increased than to enlarge our Fraternity by initiating many men into a limited number of Chapters: our chances of progress and true success will be made better by the last method.

Our Fraternity is already so large that we need not seek for numbers. All we need is men; with all the traits which the word suggests; "men who bear without abuse the grand old name of gentlemen;" men who can stand the full test of Phi Psi manhood.

Let the number of men in our Chapters be reduced to twelve—that is a fair average—at most fifteen. If there be less than twelve, it is all the better, so long as they are of the true stamp. We grade the character of a Chapter not by the number of men in it, but by the number of good, energetic Phi Psi's in it.

Brothers, let us not make Phi Psi a common thing by admitting too many elements within the fold, simply to gain distinction in the Fraternity world by numbers. Let it be a mark of high honor to be admitted within the sacred portals of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. Let the bond which unites brother to brother be strong enough to withstand the keen scimitar of Aladdin. Let the *Badge* be the badge of honor; the *grip* the password to good fellowship; "the eternal principles of Phi Kappa Psi" (we like that phrase) our *vade mecum*, and the guiding-star of our lives; and we will never lose sight of the smile of the gods in our efforts in the glorious cause.

OFFICE OF

SUPERINTENDENT, SPECIAL DISTRICT, No. 9 SCHOOLS,
FINDLAY, O.

DEAR SHIELD:—The communication from "74" in your last issue moves me to say a word. To the general tone of the article I say "Amen," yet concerning a point or two, I should like to communicate a few things in pri-

vate to the brother, since a discussion of them in the columns of the SHIELD would be out of place, and if he will be kind enough to send me his address, I shall be glad to talk over some of these questions of Fraternal policy. Though totally unacquainted with any of the names mentioned, it has given me the keenest sort of pleasure to read Bro. Keady's recollections, and I have lived with him in imagination those bygone and happy days. God bless the old boy!

The types made me say a ridiculous thing in my last regarding the interest which I took in the SHIELD. What I meant to convey was the thought that there were not half a dozen names in the whole number of papers that were familiar to me.

Yours in Φ. K. and Ψ.,

Lock Box 434, Findlay, O.

C. L. VAN CLEVE.

DELAWARE, OHIO.

DEAR BROTHERS:

The letter of "74" in the SHIELD of January is meant to strike some Chapter or Chapters of the Fraternity. It might seem to apply to the Ohio Alpha; but, when I attempt a brief reply, let not the brotherhood think it a response in accordance with the apothegm: "If the shoe fits you, wear it." Two specific attacks were made, each of which rightly calls forth a discussion.

The "outrage that should be sat upon"—that of initiating men from colleges where there are no Chapters—seems to be especially alarming. If any of the Chapters are indulging in such procedures because "they have a weak case," and wish to "strengthen themselves," I too say, "For the sake of Phi Kappa Psi, for the sake of us all—don't."

From 1876 to the founding of Ohio Delta, our Chapter occasionally initiated men from the State University. This was not an "underhanded proceeding," but in accordance with permission granted by the Chapter, by itself, when Grand Chapter. That it had a right to grant *itself* such a privilege is manifested, if it had a right to grant it to *any* Chapter.

All the men that were taken, were taken because of their worth. They were regularly reported as members of the Alpha, *except once*. After the State University had increased in importance and popularity; after quite a number of men had been initiated; and when, a second time, a petition for a Chapter was before the Fraternity, the brothers at Columbus were not reported in the Annual Catalogue. There was no fear of reporting as usual, but it was thought better that the Fraternity act entirely upon its opinion of the merits of the University. The fact that there were Phi Psi's in the school was not made a plea for a charter, and thus the motive in initiating them was not "obviously to prepare the way for a new Chapter." It is well that, for the once, the fact that we had brothers there was kept in the background, as the Fraternity showed that it did "indeed care to have" a Chapter there.

It is a source of pleasure to know that, already, the Ohio Delta is a peer to any of our Chapters, and the reason for this is that the active and enthusiastic boys who compose

it were spoiled as foundation-stones for B. Θ. Π., and made unfit for the superstructure of Φ. Γ. Δ., by being *already* chiseled and polished for Ohio's fourth monument of Φ. Κ. Ψ. It is not probable that any of the brothers will disturb the G. C. soon with petitions for *thousands* of charters for high schools and academies—at least, not while the question of founding four Chapters, in as many flourishing western colleges, is pending.

The brother's letter seems to indicate that all the smart editors who have ever given us a "puff," all the successful lecturers; all of our good friends who are Congressmen; and even all general and honorable gentlemen who have addressed our literary societies; have been made Phi Psi's. What an array of honorary members, then, must we have! But that picture deceives. I know not what "material" and "items that would be interesting" brother "'74" may have, but I find that we have, counting the list that begins Ill. Gamma's report in the Grand Catalogue, fifty honorary members—less than two for each year of the Fraternity's existence, less than two for each chapter, less than one for each seventy members—and yet our "elder brethren" are *ranting*; for, if they are so much concerned, they certainly have consulted the records and have discovered the charming *status* of the "big-man" mania. Some honorary members are really *active* in Fraternity associations. If any Chapter can spend an evening with Bob Burdette or Dr. Willits within its halls, and then lament that they are Phi Psi's, it deserves to be dubbed, the Chapter that don't want to laugh. Is it probable that the founders of our Fraternity are afraid that the names of Senator Sumner, Secretary Schurz, General Keifer, Theodore Tilton, Dr. Hoyt, etc., will seriously injure us? If so, why do they not speak? Ohio Alpha has sixteen honorary members on her rolls, and if any other brother is ashamed of any one of them, I at least am not. If a distinguished man has never been at college, or if he has passed through college free from obligations to any other Fraternity—fore-ordained for a Phi Psi—then, why not make a Phi Psi of him? *Why?* If it is necessary that a man "be rubbed against college walls," *when* we were, and *where* we were, before he is fit to enter the pales of the Fraternity, I have had an idea far from true. Let them who are worthy honor Phi Kappa Psi: let Phi Kappa Psi honor them.

J. N. G.

OHIO ALPHA.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIV., Delaware, O.

DEAR SHIELD:

"Know all men by these presents" that I have at last taken my pen in hand to sing of the glories and successes of Ohio Alpha. Let Virgil celebrate the feats of Achilles and Horace sound the praises of Augustus. My theme is one which Homer himself might have envied for the subject of an epic. Not to say that I propose to turn poet, *pro tem*. But if I were Homer and he were I, with such a heroic theme, so replete with masterly achievement and deeds of valor, "I would tower to the stars with my exalted head."

But I should (as the fashion is) first have prefaced this letter with an apologetic preamble—bemoaning past delinquency in duty and imploring forgiveness for sins of omission—but (as the fashion is not) I will forego any such apology and will just say that I have delayed writing you only waiting to determine more definitely our condition. This remark may seem to you to bear with it an air of mystery, so I will "rise and explain" and dispel the darkness that envelops it. For only a brief time have I had the honor of being a member of the mystic circle, and after the manner of the ordinary fledgeling have since been greatly interested in acquainting myself with the quality of the "mist." On the same evening that I "galloped the giddy goat" I was requested or appointed to write to the SHIELD, I confess I did not fully appreciate the honor or responsibility of my position, having no definite knowledge as to what the SHIELD was, but innocently concluded that this was the first duty inflicted upon every new member. Had I written at the time when I was appointed I would certainly have sent you flourishing reports of unequalled prosperity. Not to say that my enthusiasm has since at all grown cold nor that our condition is other than that indicated. Of course nothing will be of more interest to Phi Psi brethren than a report of our actual condition, and no tidings could be more agreeable and welcome than that we are in first-class shape and flourishing "like a green bay tree."

This year we have initiated six men: R. B. Lloyd, Portsmouth, O.; LeRoy Colter, Cincinnati, O.; Geo. E. Randall, Waynesville, O.; W. J. Birn, Cincinnati, O. Geo. E. Randall, Cincinnati, and E. H. Cherington, Marshfield, O. All of these, with the exception of the last, are first-class men and are an honor to the Fraternity. Several of them were bidden by some prominent "frats" in college but the grand old spirit of Phi Psi won their admiration and enthusiasm, and now we travel along together on the same royal pathway. *We are twelve*, and a more noble and valiant dozen were never united together in the bonds of brotherhood. One marked characteristic of Ohio Alpha is the unity and harmony of its members, while other "frats" around us are divided by factions and cliques Phi Psi rests secure from the blows of strife, and undisturbed by the squalls of contention. It is not a little remarkable, too, that we are so harmonious considering the variety of elements that are represented. No frat. in college is made up of so great a diversity of characters and such a marked difference in "stamp," this has been the occasion of much remark among outsiders and the fact that other boys express their surprise at such a state of affairs has had an influence to bind more closely the ties of brotherhood, and unite more firmly and harmoniously our opposite natures.

We still keep up the reputation of the frat. as society men.

The boys still like to go to the "fem." and we suppose that "as long as the heart has passions," etc., such will be the case. A certain other frat. started in this term with a large force and were determined to "leave" us completely. But the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor the victory to them that shoot the longest guns (or something like that); I reckon "we knew a thing or two."

"We routed them and scouted them,
Nor lost a single man."

And the said fraternity has yet to equal us, either in number of men present at the receptions or in the quality of the girls that answered to the cards. Oh, your humble servant can't but chuckle as he writes at the thought of how we "put it on 'em," and immediately that most truthful passage of scripture is suggested, "Man goeth forth a boasting what he will do, but he cometh back with his tail feathers a dragging in the dust."

The literary societies have elected their programmes for Spring Publics and the Junior Class its corps of Transcript Editors for next year, and we have our full share of honors. We have three men on the Spring Public programmes: H. W. Benton, President of Evening; Ed. Randall, Declaimer; and E. H. Cherington, Valedictorian. Of the Transcript Corps for next year two are Phi Psis: F. K. Patterson and J. N. Garver. But I must hasten to bring these few and feeble remarks to a close. There are probably other items of news which would be of interest to you but I do not recall any at this moment. In conclusion let me assure you that Phi Kappa Psi is most emphatically "on top" at the O. W. U. and has every indication of staying there.

In the bonds of Φ . K. Ψ .,

E. H. C.

PENN'A IOTA.

IOTA ROOMS, Feb. 10th, 1881.

MESSRS. EDITORS:

While the SHIELD receives many welcome communications from our various Chapters, however distant they may be, and are read with interest by us, it may, perhaps, seem strange to many readers of the SHIELD that news so seldom comes from Iota—except a jotting now and then that some brother has gone into the coal business, or that Bro. (?) has lost his dog. Now it's hard to get news where everything is old, especially since none of us have yet acted in the capacity of a "local reporter" to any of our daily press. Now, while I should like to say that Iota is in a state of unprecedented prosperity and fraternal jubilation, that our brothers are brimful of fraternity spirit and continually working with the utmost vigilance for Phi Psi interests—I say while I should like to be able to say so, I could not unless I had an elastic conscience. Iota is not dead—oh! no—only nodding. She has simply gone into winter-quarters, lying dormant, feeding on her own fat, and owing to the long protracted winter has not even been out on a forage. Perhaps this lethargy of Iota comes from a want of our social little B. G., which were wont to bring the boys together for an evening's friendly intercourse. Then, again, our jolly Bro. Billy E. has kept himself scarce lately, and we greatly miss his fund of jokes and songs which always were the life and spirit of our gatherings, and caused our Halls to ring with the chorus to his well-known selections. Our annual Symposium also was omitted this year, which used to stir up the brothers to a little Phi Psi feeling and bring them in contact with many of our loyal brothers of other Chapters in Penn'a. But let me say here that the omission of our symposium this year was not through any

inaction of Iota or because it was not feasible, but from a matter of policy. We shall invest the same money in refurnishing our room with all modern conveniences, and whatever balance (?) may be left will be invested in a piano, billiard table, etc.; and any brothers who may visit us will find comfortable quarters at N. E. Cor. Broad and Chestnut Streets.

Our increase in membership this year is slow. We obtained several good men from the Medical Department, one from the Law Department, and only two from the Academical Department. Out of the whole pack of freshmen we have as yet but one; but he is the *right* Bower, and with him we can safely go it alone for a while. It is here where our inaction shows itself. Out of one hundred freshmen there must certainly be some few who are worthy of a Phi Psi pin, even if Bro. P. is not personally acquainted with all of them.

As Iota has received requests from several Chapters to correspond with them, and as it is impracticable for us to hold a personal correspondence, we would suggest that such correspondence be through the columns of the SHIELD. Such correspondence might interest many Chapters not directly concerned, and as the SHIELD is the exponent of all Phi Psi matters, this might add to the interest taken in it as our Fraternity's sheet, and we have no doubt but that the Editors will grant a few columns for this purpose.

Fraternally yours,

P. O. P.

KANSAS ALPHA.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS, Feb. 7, 1881.

EDITOR OF THE SHIELD:

Kansas Alpha has entered upon the fifth year of its existence under the most auspicious circumstances. Our members are more enthusiastic and take more active interest in the Fraternity than for several years past. Since last September we have taken in six new members and they are all worthy men. At the beginning of the year there was considerable excitement here over a report that X. Φ . was about to establish a Chapter in this university. But two of the embryonic Chapter's best men were soon enlisted under the Phi Psi banner, and there was not life enough in the remainder to start the Chapter. So without even a parting kick X. Φ . perished before it was born. Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, "It might have been."

We have had several hard contests with our old rival, B. Θ . II., and have not as yet come out second best. The two literary societies here are the Oread and Oriphilian. The Oread is the representative society of Phi Kappa Psi and the Oriphilian of Beta Theta Pi. At the last annual contest between the two societies, in which two Phi Psis were matched against two Betas, the Oreads gained a decisive victory. We have a very pleasant hall fitted up in good style. At the last meeting after the election of spring officers we adjourned and had an oyster supper.

Next June we are to have a grand Symposium and hope some of our outside brethren will be here to enjoy it with us.

Fraternally,

E. C. M.

INTERESTING LETTER.

[We give below a letter from Bro. Tosui Imadati, Pa. I., '79, to Bro. Harry Bright, Pa. I., '82, feeling that it will be enjoyed by all the brothers, and particularly by those who were intimately associated with him in his college and fraternity life.]

KIOTO, JAPAN, August 12th, 80.

MY DEAR BROTHER:

Your letter of the 15th of May was duly received here on the 15th of July, just two months elapsing between dispatch and arrival. The official style of your handwriting has given me much trouble in deciphering your letter. I managed, however, to make out the meaning of the contents. I am very glad to learn that you are engaged yourself in a useful trade and you are fond of it. Indeed, however, I should imagine how you must have felt when you left behind you all familiar faces, and especially those of our boys, and found yourself among strangers. I can well sympathize with you, for I know how hard it is, and I am still suffering for it. But you must be satisfied with yourself, for you possess a far superior advantage over me.

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I have told you so very often that Japan is so strange to me, and I tell you now it is still so. As I am situated at present, I am cut off from all my friends, even with those Japanese with whom I was so intimately associated in America. I can not stand very long in this manner. I shall most likely visit America again, and go over to Europe for some special study. The only comfort for me at present is that I am living with my mother, who is now quite aged, but is enjoying good health.

Many tell me, and my mother foremost, that I ought to marry, but I try to keep that matter away from my mind as far as possible—not because I have in my mind anyone in America, but because it is a mere chance-work in our country. I consider it a grave affair, while they look at it as a mere trifle. I cannot agree in principle with them, therefore I cannot yield to their wish. I do not know when I shall be married. I must tell you, however, that you must not form a bad opinion of the established custom of Japan, on account of my making it appear so bad. You know I have an American idea, and from that standpoint, what the old people do look so ridiculous and back-aged (if there is such an expression.)

What advance Japan will make in near future I cannot tell, but the course is fixed. Ten years ago, you know, Japan was rife with the barbarism of the "Middle Ages." There were petty local governments all over Japan. Their despotism and tyranny were almost unendurable. They were kinds of military despotism. There were no laws but the will of the petty princes and the caprice of the officials. If I look back on such period, I cannot imagine how the Japanese people could have enjoyed their life.

But the reforms and regeneration of Japan, instituted by the new government, is most wonderful. I do not attempt to enumerate all the items of the reforms; but the new code of law, which is based upon the code of Napoleon, and so

constituted to best suit the Japanese custom has been enacted. Last year "The Local Assembly" was inaugurated, where the common people, who had so recently been held like slaves, assemble in deliberating the financial affairs concerning local or provincial government. This year I have personally witnessed the one which was held in this city. I was pleasantly surprised at the ability with which the members discussed all-important articles.

National Assembly is now generally talked of; everywhere mass meetings are held and resolutions adopted to solicit the central government to institute the National Assembly; and I have lately learned our government is now framing the constitution. If this is done our government will be somewhat like an European monarchy.

In regard to progress made in the direction of learning and arts, I cannot over-estimate. Along with these advancements in various directions, I expect some amelioration will soon follow. Our country is now leaping from the 15th century of Europe to the 19th. There are, no doubt, many missteps that have been made, and, among a great many obstacles on our way of progress, none will excel the foreign treaties in their insurmountability. They are the heaviest burdens under which the Japanese have to labor. They are the gross violation against our national honor; indeed, they interfere with the freedom of Japan as a nation. I cannot really understand why all the civilized powers which are holding intercourse with Japan should deal with us in such an unjust and uncivilized manner. This will be uninteresting to you, but I cannot help from telling it to you; for I know you are the lover of liberty, and so all the Americans are. As I lived in America for many years, I know how to cherish it, and I cannot remain silent seeing it violated directly against our nationality by those nations who profess to be civilized and believe in the humane religion. They seem to forget the golden text, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Well, my dear brother, I would no longer trouble you with my lecture. In concluding my letter, I wish you to remember me very kindly to all those whom you love, for they are all my good friends. Wishing you all happiness in this world, I am your brother in Φ. Κ. Ψ.,

TOSUI IMADATE.

CLEVELAND, O., January 26th, 1881.

DEAR BROTHER SMITH:—Inclosed please find \$1.00, which please credit on my subscription to the "SHIELD." From the tone of your letter to me, I fear the SHIELD is not patronized by the Bros. as it should be. If this is so, it is the result of pure and unpardonable neglect, not I am sure from any defect in the SHIELD. I have had the opportunity of reading and examining a number of Fraternity papers, but in none of them is exhibited a more earnest devotion to Fraternity interests, or more interesting and readable columns. May the SHIELD live long and be prosperous. I am well and enjoying my legal studies muchly. With kindest regards,

I am yours in Φ. Ψ.,

W. C. WILSON.

CINCINNATI, O., February 10th, 1881.

DEAR BROTHER:

I regret that I cannot furnish you the historical sketch you desire. My active connection with the Chap. was interrupted by three terms of service in the army, and many of the important events in its history took place during my absence. On this account I feel myself incompetent to prepare the sketch. My old chum and brother, Rev. J. C. Kohler, was at College during those years and took an active part in Fraternity affairs. I would, therefore, recommend him as an able and worthy brother, who could and would doubtless, prepare the history of those memorable years.

Am glad you feel encouraged in your new enterprise, and certainly your work thus far is most excellent.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I remain,

Fraternally Yours,

H. W. McKnight.

P. S.—Bro. K's address is Hanover, York Co., Pa.

PENN'A ALPHA TO PENN'A EPSILON.

CONONSBURG, May 26, 1858.

DEAR BRO. GILBERT:

Your favor of April 12 was received about the 5th inst., when I returned from home (April being vacation month). Since I returned I have written and delivered a probationary debate, this, up to the present week, has completely occupied my time. Let this be my apology for not answering sooner.

We were, indeed, glad to hear from Penna. E. and we trust that our communications in the future shall be frequent. The difficulties under which you labor on account of not having a suitable place in which to hold your meetings are such as we once experienced ourselves. For a long time we met where best we could, when the time for meeting arrived. But now we have a very good hall.

Our Chapter is at present in a flourishing and, at the same time, a critical condition.

All the honors of the present graduating class are in our hands—and our prospect for all the honors for two years to come are very flattering.

Thus we are flourishing. These honors are distributed by the faculty, and here the talents and merits of our brothers meet with their due reward.

But in the Lit. Societies we are not so fortunate. There are at this Coll. four other secret societies—Φ. Γ. Δ., Φ. Κ. Σ., Β. Θ. Η., and Σ. Χ. These are all combined against us, and we have to fight them single-handed and alone. In the Franklin Society on last Friday evening, an election for Debater for next contest was entered into, and resulted in the defeat of our candidate and the choice of a Φ. Γ. Δ. by a majority of 1. 111 votes were polled. In Franklin Society the Φ. Ψ.'s are 10 in number—the other four number not less than 35, and they were all bitter against us. These four, with their 35 certain votes and with the influence of 35 men, were able to defeat us, with our 10 certain votes and with the influence of our 10 men, by a major of only

one! No one—no two—in fact, no three of the secret societies here are able to contend with us—they all dread and hate our power and influence and thus they have combined *en masse* to crush us. Our position is critical, but we think that by judicious management, we will yet be able to guide our gallant boat safely into harbor. Our position in Philo is even worse than in Franklin, but of this we will speak in another letter, which will be written in a few weeks. Until then,

Yours in Φ. Κ. Ψ.,

CY. E. GUY.

PENN'A GAMMA TO PENN'A EPSILON.

LEWISBURG, April 27, 1858.

DEAR BRO.:

Your letter would have been answered sooner, but it was not received until a short time ago, when I returned from a vacation trip to New York, Boston, etc. I spent several days in your city, and should have been very happy to have seen you there and learned in person something of the E. Chapter. We are heartily glad to hear that, though you are few in numbers, you are yet strong in your attachment to the Fraternity, and hopeful for the future. Our experience a year or two ago was very similar to yours—we were in an unsettled condition, and considerable disaffection existed on the part of some of our members; but we lived through it, and to-day we are strong—as firmly bound together as ever—have an excellent hall, well furnished; are entirely free from debt, and are flourishing beyond our expectations. We hope that you may be as successful in overcoming any difficulties by which, as a Chapter, you may be surrounded, as we have been. Do not suppose that I write this in boast, for we have done no more than the noble character of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity demanded of us. * * *

You have no doubt been informed of the existence of a flourishing Chapter at the U. of Miss., situated at Oxford, in that State. We received a communication from them towards the close of last session, containing a gratifying account of their organization and doings. We have also had intelligence from the G. C. recently, proposing a call of the G. A. C. this summer, but you have most probably received the same information.

Bro. Milton Upp is our Cor. Sec., to whom you will please direct, and be assured that we shall be pleased to hear from you as often as possible, and that your letters will be punctually answered. The brothers send their kind regards and best wishes for the welfare of the Epsilon.

Hoping that you will not be discouraged in your efforts to secure accommodations for meeting and get things settled,

I remain,

THOS. CHAMBERLAIN.

LEGBERGE, TENN., Feb. 14th, '81.

DEAR BRO:

My wife, in looking over her *treasures* today, brought to light an old Valentine—which recalls one dear to us both, who died a week after we were married. It is by an old Φ. Κ. Ψ. of twenty-five years ago;—and as I have used his

name in my "Recollections," don't think it would be out of place in the SHIELD. I am sorry that I have so little on paper to preserve the memory of the old boys; the war played havoc with my papers. This and his valedictory (first honor) is all I have of Kennedy. Yours,

"OLD BOY."

A VALENTINE—ACROSTIC.

BY GEO. H. KENNEDY, PA. A., '56.

(Died April 28th, 1869.)

Tho' worldly hopes that time hath blasted
Often warp the thread of life,
Many joys, sweet while they lasted,
Are with after sorrows rife,
The human heart holds like a miser
To the hopes that love inspires;
In vain deceived, it ne'er grows wiser,
Ever hopes, and ne'er despairs.
Friendships true may be forgotten,
Rival friendships soon are sown;
Of loves a second's ne'er begotten,
Mortal heart can hold but one.
Ah! the soul with love enraptured
Makes no effort to be free,
Asks not, hopes not, when once captured,
That it loves not—liberty:

"One slave who wears with hope the silken chain,
Receiveth more of joy than ten who know not love."

Canonsburg, Feb. 14th, 1855.

NOTICE.

We have had two or three communications from different brothers commending us for having enlarged the SHIELD, etc., for all of which we are very thankful and all that; but we have to say this one thing that we haven't the time or ability to grind out the material for even half a number, and besides the readers of the SHIELD want Fraternity news.

Why in the world don't you fellows sit down and write us, if only a few lines, once a month and help us to fill up our pages?

We have been looking over our file to see what chapters have done their duty by us and which hadn't, and we found that

Pa. A. had written 3 times; Pa. B., 3 times; Pa. F., none; Pa. E, 5 times; Pa. Z, 4 times; Pa. H, 9 times; Pa. Θ, 6 times; Pa. I, 6 times.

Va. A, B and F not at all; Va. Δ, 3 times.

Ohio Δ, twice; B, 4 times; F, 3 times, and Δ once.

Indiana and Illinois Chapters pretty well.

D.C. Δ, 3 times, and most of the other Chapter 2 or 3 times each.

Now remember this is 15 numbers, so we can say that Pa. H is about the only one who has done her duty.

Don't try to write a lengthy communication, unless you have news to fill it, but give us a short letter once a month, and let them come along by the 7th at the latest.

Bro. Hosterman, accept thanks for the check.

EDS.

PHI KAPPA PSI.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

EVANSTON, ILL., February 1st, 1881.

Whereas, In the providence of Almighty God, our beloved Brother, **Carl Moellmann**, was removed by death, January 29th, at Manteno, Ills., and

Whereas, In the death of Brother Moellman we have lost a warm hearted friend and a loyal member of the Fraternity, we, the members of Illinois Alpha Chapter, of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, do offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That while we deeply feel the extent of our loss, we bow in humble submission to the dispensation of the Divine Ruler.

Resolved, That to the untiring efforts of the deceased in behalf of the Chapter, is due much of its present prosperity.

Resolved, That during his connection with us, he has always proved himself a sincere Christian and a generous friend.

Resolved, That our heartfelt sympathy be extended to the bereaved family and friends in this their hour of deep affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our lamented brother;

That a copy be transmitted to each Chapter of the Fraternity, requesting that all brothers wear the usual sign of mourning for the time specified in our book of constitution;

That they be published in the "Phi Kappa Psi Shield," and inscribed in the minutes of this evening.

J. A. MATLACK,

WILL H. LACY,

JOHN N. HALL,

Committee.

Memorial service at the First M. E. Church, Sunday, February 6th, 10.30 A. M.

TO ILLINOIS ALPHA.

DEAR BROTHERS:

Whereas, It has pleased All-wise Providence to take from among us, in the bloom of youth, our beloved friend and brother, **Carl Moellmann**, a gentleman noted for his sterling virtues, brilliant scholarship and good fellowship; and,

Whereas, While we bow with humble submission to the impenetrable acts of our Divine Ruler, we deeply feel the loss sustained both by our sister Chapter and the whole Fraternity; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in this sad hour of affliction we extend to Ill. Alpha our most heartfelt sympathy and condolence, and sent to the SHIELD for publication. Signed,

F. L. ANDERSON,

L. WEINSCHENK,

F. W. BERBER,

Committee.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

Δ. T. Δ. has entered Kenyon College, Gambier, O.

THREE of Beta Theta Pi's Chapters are arranging to build chapter houses.

Δ. T. Δ. held a State Convention at Akron, Ohio, in the latter part of January.

Α. T. Ω. *Alm* was forty-eight pages and promises very well. We like its style.

THE Φ. Γ. Δ. organ, the *Phi Gamma Delta*, is edited and published at Delaware, O.

Σ. X. has entered the literary world. The name and style of the journal is not yet known.

Α. Δ. Φ. is trying to enter Ohio Wesleyan University. The *Star and Crescent* is typographically first class.

THE *Mystic seven*, at the University of Virginia, have adopted a new badge—a jewelled monogram made by placing the letter "E" over the letter "M."

Δ. Φ. held a large convention last November in New York. On the evening of January 4th, 1881, they held their annual dinner at Delmonico's, and had a good turn out.

Φ. Δ. Θ. granted a charter to Westminster College, Missouri, and refused one to South Western Presbyterian University, Tenn. A new constitution and ritual have been adopted.

OHIO Wesleyan University has nine Fraternities, which are as follows in order of time since last founded: B. Θ. II., Σ. X., Φ. K. Ψ., Φ. Γ. Δ., X. Φ., Δ. X. A., Δ. T. Δ., Φ. Δ. Θ., and K. K. Γ.

X. Φ. refused charters to North Georgia Agricultural College, Dahlonega, Ga., and Washington and Jefferson College, Pa. The name of the Troy Chapter, *Eta Deuteron*, was changed to *Theta*.

Δ. X. A. (ladies Fraternity) has organized a Chapter at Beaver, Penn., and another at Granville, Ohio. This young but prosperous Fraternity originated in '78, at the Ohio Wesleyan University.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

Bro. Wm. Bryer, '79, Pa. B. is at present in Altoona, Pa.

Bro. R. A. Ballinger, Kan. A., has just entered Williams College.

Bro. Harry Bole, '80, Ohio Alpha, is successfully pedagogueing it.

Bro. Jack Owen, '80, Ohio Alpha, is studying law at Norwalk, O.

Bro. Ed. Brandeburg, '80, Ohio Alpha, is studying law at Delaware, O.

Bro. W. C. Peoples, '74, Ohio Γ, is teaching school in Johnstown, Pa.

Bro. Will Morrow, '75, Ohio Alpha, was recently admitted to the bar.

Bro. Frank Vance, of Cincinnati, is the last initiate and the sixth this year.

C. E. Everett, Penn'a B. '81, is Editor-in-chief of the *Campus*, at Allegheny.

Bro. George Brinton McClellan, '83, Pa. E, is rusticationing in Williamsport, Pa.

Bro. Lem. Cherington, '83, Ohio Alpha, is traveling for a western business house.

Bro. Herv. Johnson, '80, Ohio Alpha, is editor of the *Frederictown (O.) Herald*.

Bro. E. C. Little, Kan. A., is now principal of the high school at Enterprise, Kan.

Bro. W. H. Simpson, Kan. A., has an important position on the *Kansas City Journal*.

Bro. V. D. Lawrence, of Ohio Alpha, class of '75, died at his residence, in Gambier, Jan. 14th.

Ohio A has twelve active men, doing good work as students, and in society are among the first.

Bro. Ike Brubaker, Pa. Eta, will graduate at Jefferson Medical College (Phila., Pa.) next month.

JOHN P. Carr, '80, Ind. Beta, is sole proprietor of a Benton County paper. He reports prosperity.

ON the eve of January 22d, Penn'a Epsilon initiated Robert E. M. Harding, of Gettysburg, Pa.

Bro. Prescott Smith, '78, Ohio Alpha, was admitted to the bar in Dec., and is now a Cincinnati lawyer.

Bro. Gene Carpenter, of '82, Ohio A, is studying law at Cleveland, Ohio, in the firm of Foster & Carpenter.

Bro. W. G. Raymond, Kan. A., is with a surveying party between Springfield, Mo., and Harrison, Ark.

A. B. Colter, Penn'a B, '80, is an ardent student of Pills and Physic, in the Bronell Street Medical College, Cleveland, Ohio.

CHARLES HARRIS, '78, Ind. Beta, contemplates a trip to Europe next summer, and a winter's work at the University of Berlin.

E. W. Poindexter, '78, Ind. Beta, has been made the happy recipient of a boy. He rejoices in the name of James Garfield.

W. D. Robinson, '78, Ind. Beta, is Principal of the Owensville Graded Schools; and in connection has a large class in shorthand.

S. S. Ford, Penn'a B, '81, has been elected Class Day Orator by a unanimous vote of his class. "Sir Oracle" is always solid on elections.

Bro. "Bottle" Gross, "No. 2," Pa. Zeta, was admitted to practice in the courts of Lehigh County last month. He is a constant reader of the SHIELD.

Bro. Frank B. Drees, '82, Ohio Alpha has propagated a few Burnsides, and has (therefore) been elected Cor. Sec. His address is Lock Box 920, Delaware, O.

Bro. Richard Montgomery, '79, Pa. I, reports a goodly

number of Phi Kappa Psi's in Princeton Theological Seminary. Who are they, "Gunny?" Thanks for sub.

BRO. Gibbs has received his credentials from Ohio Alpha to join Ohio Delta. He has been a true and loyal brother, and Ohio Delta has gained what Ohio Alpha has lost.

R. D. Culver, Penn'a B, was recently elected cashier of the Bank of Straitsville, Ohio. Ben will be happy to assist any dead-broke brother—for a small remuneration.

A party of Pa. Epsilon boys, while on a sleighing party, discovered Rev. Bro Dittmar, '69, Pa. H. at St. Clairsville, Pa. They report him looking well and deeply interested in $\Phi. K. \Psi.$

BRO. P. J. Laubach, '79, Pa. Eta, is engaged in merchandise in his native hamlet—Stenton. "Petie" always sports the old badge, and never tires of singing the glories of the triple queen.

DR. Charles Sumner Musser, '78, Pa. Eta, who graduated last March at Jefferson Medical College, is practicing the healing art in and about his native town, Centre County, ably sustaining the fair reputation of his venerable father.

OUR genial brother, Jesse Wambold, '79, Pa. Eta, familiarly known as "Wamie," or "Bomie," who left college during his sophomore year, handles the yard-stick in Quakertown, is married and has a little Phi Psi to trot on his knee, and to whom to warble his favorite *Tra-la-lou*.

BRO. J. B. Cessna, Esq., Pa. Eta, writes: "I owe you a dollar for the SHIELD—enclosed you will find the same. I enjoy the reading of the paper and do not wish to be without it. It has become a valuable and interesting publication. I would like to see more letters of the character of those of Bro. Keady." Bro. Cessna has just met with grand success in an important lawsuit. All the attorneys concerned are $\Phi. K. \Psi.$'s.

REV. J. C. Bowman, Pa. Eta, who has for some years ministered to the religious wants of a flourishing charge in Shepherdstown, W. Va., has gone to Florida to see what orange blossoms and balmy breezes can do toward restoring his former health and vigor. Bro. John is one of Eta's good boys, and we hope his present trip may prove beneficial to his health, that his Chapter may long be cheered by his occasional visits.

BRO. T. Baird Halberstadt, '82, Pa. I., called on the editors for a short time on the 25th ult. He is looking well and reports having had an excellent time abroad, but we observed that notwithstanding the desperate attempt of the Italian barber to make his moustache grow it blushing concealed itself in the background. The buying and selling of grain will be the business, and Chambersburg, Pa., very probably the home of our young brother.

BRO. C. H. Brown, M. D., Pa. H, read quite a lengthy and instructive paper on "Near-Sightedness," before the Lancaster County Teachers' Institute at its last session. Bro. Brown has made the diseases of the eye a special study, and no one who carefully reads his lecture can fail to see that, for a young man, he has made excellent use of his opportunities for study and observation. The *New Era* (Lan-

caster, Pa.) says: "it deserves the careful perusal of every parent and teacher, and all those charged with the school training of children.

The *Bedford Gazette*, Jan. 14th, contained the following: "J. B. Cessna, Esq., and his wife have been visited with more than their share of trouble for the past two weeks. Father, mother and two children have been confined to the house by sickness, and on Sunday morning, Marguerite, a beautiful little girl of two years, closed her short life on earth. She was a particularly bright and interesting child, and her loss is the source of deep grief to her parents. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon. Revs. Henderson, Sterrett and Kremer conducting the services." Bro. Cessna and his wife have the sincere sympathy of the Fraternity in their sad affliction.

THE Franklin (Pa.) bar recently got up an immense banquet in honor of Bro. S. C. T. Dodd, "Old Alpha," who leaves his home to go to New York City. It will be remembered that in Franklin Bro. Dodd was attorney for the Standard Oil Company. He makes the change in the interests of this company. There were many toasts and fine and feeling speeches. In the closing and farewell address Bro. Dodd, in speaking of his appointment, said:

"Why, then, do I go away? Well, as the ministers say when they get a call to a higher salary, it seems to be the Lord's will. I expect New York has need of me—but I expect New York will be a long time finding it out. Boss Tweed is dead; John Kelly has fallen, Jay Gould seems to be busy with his little stock affairs, and Beecher lives in Brooklyn. It seemed to me there ought to be somebody living in New York. I have not, so to speak, planted my Standard there, but the Standard has planted me there. I am the last, and least, victim of that monopoly. If there is any one, besides my creditors, to lament my taking off, let them join the producers' army and d—n the Standard.

"And now, my brothers of the bar, in departing from you to enter upon new scenes and new labors, to mingle with new faces in new forums, I go ever mindful of your friendship and your kindness, and shall ever say of each of you as Poor Joe continued to say of the only friend he ever had—'he wos werry good to me—he wos.'"

Other members of the bar responded informally when called out. Among the happiest efforts of this kind was that of Judge Taylor, whose quaint humor and pointed sallies kept the company in the finest spirits.

During the exercises telegrams were received and read, expressing regards, regrets and good wishes from Messrs. Roger Sherman, S. T. Neill, F. B. Guthrie and Julius Byles, of Titusville. Also the following dispatch from Judge Trunkay:

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 14th.

Have just received invitation to complimentary reception to Mr. Dodd. Too late for acceptance or suitable expression of my sense of the ability and worth of Mr. Dodd and the loss Franklin must suffer by his removal. Present him my best wishes and congratulations that, his services are required at the metropolis of the country.

JOHN TRUNKAY.



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Our thanks are due Bro. Rothrock of Penna. H. for the numbers of *Phi Kappa Psi Monthly* and *Quarterly*, which he so kindly sent in reply to our request made in last issue.

The G. C. has been so busy in arranging the business of their new office, that the appearance of the Annual Reports will be somewhat delayed.

PA. KAPPA is looking forward to a grand time on Monday the 21st inst., when she will have a most superior B. G. You shall hear most of it in our next. We expect Bros. Mart Herman and H. H. Bingham.

EDITORIAL comments have been called for by several correspondents to these columns, and though duties crowd us on every hand, we have determined to express opinions, now and then, on some questions of Fraternity policy, which have been suggested by some lovers of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$

The comments made in the February number on the subject of extension, have awakened quite a good deal of interest in some Alumni brothers, and we are in receipt of letters of the most encouraging character.

Let us look at the question candidly and coolly. Ought we to extend our borders, and if so, how may it best be done? The ideal Fraternity is one in which the best thought and energy will ever be directed toward the conservation of individual Chapters, and only the surplusage of enthusiasm will be in the channel of broadening already wide borders. The best $\Phi. \Psi.$ is ever the man whose first

thought reverts to the happy days of Chapter experience in his Alma Mater, and whose purse is first responsive to her calls of need. There can, we think, be no dispute concerning the wisdom of our statement, when we say that the strength of a Fraternity lies in the excellence of its Chapters, rather than in the number of its members, and all projects looking toward the upbuilding of those Chapters already existent, should be fostered, and if their practicability can be demonstrated, should be utilized.

If the energies of all loyal $\Phi. \Psi.$ s. have not already been expected in making the weak places strong, we invite their attention to this subject of paramount importance: Are we broad enough? and then to this one: Are we strong enough within the boundaries?

There are now in the Fraternity 42 Chapters extended over quite a wide area, and there have been petitions looking for the establishment of five more, under consideration recently. We disclaim the slightest wish to prejudice the prospects of any of these petitions, yet can not refrain from saying that such an accumulation of petitions represents any thing but a sure index of the high regard in which $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ is held by the college world.

That our G. C. has received during the present college year so many petitions for the establishment of new Chapters, that five should be under consideration at once, is by no means an infallible proof that our Fraternity is preeminently popular, or even that it is the first choice of the petitioners. During our college career a series of incidents happened which may not be strange to many readers, and if perchance any have never heard of such schemes, we wish to assure them that they are by no means rare in their occurrence. There were in the college some three or four fellows, whom no Fraternity would have, and who were very anxious to become secret society men, for the many excellent reasons which induced us all to don the "Shield," and which need no repetition here. These fellows had a few friends who were Fraternity men and who were not of necessity loyal, and a gorgeous plan was concocted to establish a new Chapter of some first class Fraternity. For the furtherance of this end a petition was sent to one of the most influential of our Eastern Fraternities, representing in glowing colors the situation of affairs and offering many weighty reasons why at just that time a new Chapter could be inaugurated with every chance of success. Their petition was treated with contempt. Nothing daunted, they tried again, and again failing, a third effort was made. The third petition came very nearly being granted, and one of our best Fraternities would have been hopelessly disgraced, had not the plan leaked out through the indiscretion of one of the conspirators, and as might have been expected none of the disloyal Fraternity men would acknowl-

edge their connection with the plot, and the matter was dropped.

There is another point which we wish to discuss before expressing our convictions regarding this subject, and that is the carelessness with which petitions are presented and acted upon by the Chapters. More than one instance has come to our notice during the past few years, where local prejudice has had a very marked effect in regard to the action of Chapters respecting the establishment of new ones, remote from themselves, and one instance we know where one of our most flourishing Chapters was, a few years back, almost refused a charter, through the stubbornness of one man, whose influence in the Chapter was much more powerful than it should have been.

Again, what care or discretion does it show, when a Chapter votes "aye" on several petitions, if leading members cannot even tell the names of the colleges where the new Chapters are expected to be located, when asked a week afterwards regarding it? Is it not time then to call a halt on granting petitions for charters, until we can look around us and see what sort of colleges we are asked to enter, as well as the class of men who are the petitioners? We are not standing at the door of any college begging admission, nor are we simply waiting for the nod from any fourth-class institution to plant our banners against those of foes unworthy of our steel. A Fraternity with 4000 members, and 450 of those actively associated with Chapter affairs, cannot afford to take any but the highest stand regarding this matter of extension.

We are under no necessity of establishing Chapters here, there and everywhere, to die on our hands as so many have done for us and for many other Fraternities in the past, and it will not be taken amiss we hope if we thus express our honest opinion.

Despite all the obstacles which are before us, we favor extension, provided it be in the right direction and under encouraging auspices. We have had occasion before to call attention to the South. There is a great field opening up there and our rivals are taking advantage of it rapidly. Let us look then to the importance of strengthening ourselves as we already exist, and with a watchful eye for favorable opportunities as they arise, we may broaden our territory and extend our influence so that fervent love of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ shall penetrate the whole college world.

SINCE writing the editorial on extension we are in receipt of a letter which encourages us to amplify a hint dropped in a previous article. Briefly then, we must have money to accomplish the best results along the line of widening our influence, and that money should be carefully invested so as to yield the best results. The brother who wrote us, and who does not care to have his name mentioned at this time, proposes this plan for consideration, and asks discussion of it, favorable or unfavorable:

"Let there be a committee appointed by the G. C. whose business it shall be, as you say, to consider the advisability of the establishment of Chapters in certain localities, and whose business it shall be to acquire all information possible regarding the merits of petitions presented. Let the

G. C., when in their judgment a petition is worthy of serious consideration, elect an ambassador from the nearest available locality, on whom they can rely, and let him be sent to look up the college, meet and measure the petitioners and report to the G. C. and the Chapters. Let his expenses be paid from a general fund, and he then will feel the responsibility of discharging his duties faithfully and impartially. In the furtherance of this proposal I offer to be one of twenty to give \$5 yearly to a fund which shall be religiously devoted to extension. Should the Fraternity deem \$100 a year insufficient for such a purpose, I will increase my offer to \$10, and if all the others will do the same, we may realize a sum sufficient to meet the expenses of all ordinary years."

Now, brethren, here is a practical suggestion full of loyalty to the Fraternity, surely there are nineteen other Phi Kappa Psi's as generous and as enthusiastic as this brother. Let us hear from you on this subject.

A WAVE of inactivity appears to have struck some of our Chapters; the earnest appeals directed to them for substantial support and editorial assistance have received no notice from them, yet they expect THE SHIELD to appear regularly. We can't do it, brothers, unless you lend your assistance. We are no longer within college walls and our time can scarcely be designated our own, and it is all we can accomplish to get together matter for each issue. Had we time we would gladly bore you with lengthy editorials, and perhaps suggest topics that might call forth the opinions of our various Chapters. The discussions begun on admission of honorary members and the number of men that should constitute a Chapter, are subjects that should meet with a more general consideration on the part of Phi Kappa Psi's, because they are points that materially affect our existence as a Fraternity.

It is our opinion that the various Chapters should never initiate any person excepting college students. This evidently is the desire of the Fraternity at large upon the subject, otherwise the various edicts of all our G. A. C's. would not be so emphatic in their injunctions to the brothers upon this very point. This then being undoubtedly the situation of affairs, a Chapter that will initiate any but under-graduates commits an error and deserves even more than censure. Brothers, let us follow our guide—our constitution—and in no way depart from its instructions. We are growing constantly, and need be careful that nothing occurs to jar the machinery of such an immense organization as Phi Kappa Psi, we should work for Phi Kappa Psi, not for ourselves.

What should be the number of men constituting a Chapter? A dozen. Some of our city chapters will reply: we cannot sustain ourselves with that number. Our expenses are great. Our answer would be: accommodate your expenses to your number, where there is unity there is strength. With twelve noble, true-hearted $\Phi. \Psi.$'s., who are thoroughly imbued with the teachings of this grand old Fraternity, you can safely defy any opposition. Your hall need not be on some prominent street, need not be richly furnished, but let assemble in it the choice spirits of college,

convened to do $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ good, and the rooms will rapidly assume such an appearance as need not shame any one. Go there to worship at the Fraternity altar, not while away precious hours, that might be devoted to making your Fraternity a thing worth living for. Choose men for your associates and members to pay accompanying expenses will not be required. A college located in a country town very rarely possesses sufficient material from which more than eight to ten congenial spirits can be chosen. You choose men for *brothers*, let them be that in all its meanings; not brothers for a few hours but such for life, through all its stages and vicissitudes. It touches a *true born* $\Phi. \Psi.$ to the quick to hear a man say: "oh yes, I believe I did belong to that Fraternity, I'd almost forgotten it." Such men let us not bring up in our ranks. Make every initiate learn *all* of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, to do this encumber not yourselves with members: if you do, the work will only be half done, and you will have injured $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ deeply.

THOMAS C. CAMPBELL.

By "AN OLD BOY."

The sweet-minded, but almost forgotten Hartley Coleridge sang:

"Let me not deem that I was made in vain,
Or that my being was an accident,
Which Fate, in working its sublime intent,
Not wished to be, to hinder would not deign.
Each drop uncounted in a storm of rain
Hath its own mission, and is duly sent
To its own leaf or blade, nor idly spent
'Mid myriad dimples on the shipless main.
The very shadow of an insect's wing,
For which the violet cared not while it stayed,
Yet felt the lighter for its vanishing,
Proved that the sun was shining by its shade;
Then can a drop of the eternal spring,
Shadow of living lights, in vain be made?"

In trying to write down my imperfect "Recollections of Phi Kappa Psi, Twenty-five Years Ago," in spite of all my efforts I could not avoid the appearance of egotism, though my main idea was to claim a preeminent position for the name which stands at the head of this paper. In thus elevating Bro. Campbell, I did not and do not wish to do so to the depreciation of the work done by others for the up-building of our Fraternity in its young and formative days. I wish I could put in words the noble efforts of the old boys of my day in giving $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ a worthy place among the fraternities; whose ranks were filled, as year after year they thinned out, by others who worthily took up the order of conquest and victory. But I cannot do it. McMaster, Watson, poor Chapman, Sam Murray, Kennedy, Chalfant, Dodd, McPherran, Niccolls—were workmen that need not be ashamed; and there was scarcely a single brother at that day who did not add his quota to the advancement of our Chapter and Fraternity. Nor did I give prominence to Bro. Campbell's work because he and I were in close friendship, for we were not, except for a little while. There was much in us that was diametrically in opposition, for neither could always understand the other. I think I can under-

stand him better now—because he is dead. I can only remember him as the *boy*; I know him only as such; he has not changed and I have, and so as a man, who could not help learning something of human nature in twenty-five years, I can do him justice. His work for the Fraternity was *sui generis*; it was what none other of us was fit for, or would have done if we had been. To him Phi Kappa Psi was a beloved entity, a cherished abstraction, and no slights nor sneers nor opposition from individual brothers could shake his faith in and love for his idol. Hence it is that the Fraternity has so many features in it that recall him. I do not wish to repeat what I said in my "Recollections." I believe every brother of that day who has read them will agree that I have indeed fallen short of the truth. I often would wonder what Tom Campbell was made for; his characteristics seemed to me such as rendered his horoscope a mysterious one. But, as Horace says, *Nil me officit unquam, Ditiior hic, aut est quia doctior; est locus unicuique suus*. His life was short. I doubt if he found a place after he graduated, for he went out into a world that has no place for a man it cannot understand. But he *had* found his place, and filled it well; and his work being ended, his Master called him up higher. I feel satisfied that, in doing what I have done, I have fulfilled his earliest wished-for hope—that of having his name ranked next to Moore's and Letterman's as organizer of the Phi Kappa Psi; it was all the fame he craved. While we thank God for the prosperity of our loved Fraternity, let him whom He used as an instrument claim a thought and a "God bless him."

"All service ranks the same with God:
If now, as formerly he trod
Paradise, His presence fills
Our earth, each only as God wills
Can work—God's puppets, best and worst,
Are we: there is no last nor first."—*Robt. Browning*.

I have made good my claim to the title of "Old Boy" by being garrulous. I intended only to give the views of another, not a brother $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, about him of whose fame I am the self-appointed custodian. Here is an obituary notice that appeared in the *Presbyterian Banner* shortly after his death in 1862. A few of the minor details are faulty, but they do not affect the general truth. I have the slip pasted in my autograph book, opposite to his name, so I give a copy:

"In 1836, the Mission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church was established at Saharunpur, India. Among the founders was the present venerable James R. Campbell, D.D., (since dead) and his wife, Mrs. Mary Campbell. Dr. C. was a native of Ireland, but educated in the United States; Mrs. C. was also from Ireland. These parents were blessed with six children, of whom three daughters are in India, one in the missionary service. One son has recently graduated at Williams College, Mass., and one is at school in Belfast, Ireland (both are now Presbyterian ministers).

"Their eldest child was Thomas Cochran Campbell. He was born in an American vessel, on the Indian Ocean, the 12th of March, 1836. He remained with his parents in India until he was twelve years old, when he was brought

to this country to be educated. Though deprived of the tender care of his parents, and cast among comparative strangers, a kind Providence watched over him. He went to school in Philadelphia. He subsequently entered Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa., where he graduated with credit in 1856. The same year he entered the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa., where he completed the regular course of studies in April, 1859. About this time he received flattering calls to several fields of labor. He finally accepted an invitation to Sandusky City, Ohio. On January 24th, 1860, he was married to Jennie M., daughter of Jas. Gormley, Esq., of Allegheny City. He remained in Sandusky eighteen months. During the spring and summer of 1861, and until February, 1862, he filled the pulpit of the Westminster Church in Cleveland, during the absence of the pastor, Rev. F. T. Brown. Soon after leaving Cleveland he went to Marion, Ohio, filling the pulpit of the absent pastor, Rev. H. B. Fry, until death terminated his toils and trials and triumphs, on the morning of Sabbath, the 8th of June last. He had "greatly endeared himself to the people of the congregation by his earnest preaching and his amiable and genial manners." As much may be said of his residence at other places.

"Mr. Campbell's natural talents were good, and they were well cultivated. He loved books, and knew, beyond many, what to do with them. He was very methodical and exceedingly industrious. He has left two hundred manuscript sermons, prepared with great care. Whatever he did, he did well. He had laid out a good plan to guide his studies for years to come. Most of his literary remains are highly finished.

"His natural disposition was remarkably free from envy, jealousy and the malignant feelings. Religious culture and Divine grace had sweetened his temper yet more. He carefully eschewed harshness and severity. To his friends he was very confiding. He was candid and fearless. He hated all double-dealing. His disposition, though friendly, was retiring. His life was spent in hard labor. His end was peace.

"Dear as thou art, and justly dear,
We will not weep for thee;
One thought shall check the starting tear,
It is, that thou art free.

"Triumphant in thy closing eye
The hope of glory shone;
Joy breathed in thy expiring sigh,
To think the fight was won."

Have I wearied your patience, readers of the SHIELD? I hope not. I have done imperfectly a labor of love. I have revived the memory of a boy who was a Phi Kappa Psi all through; it is thus only I would remember him, and the above from another friendly hand shows the *man* did not disprove the *boy's* worth. The lesson of his life for you and me, is—

"Remember, every man God made
Is different; has some deed to do,
Some work to work. Be undismayed
Though thine be humble: do it too."

Lagrange, Tenn., Feb. 10th, 1881.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

GETTYSBURG, March 9th, 1881.

Dear Bro. Editor:—If there be any one sentence in the last number of the SHIELD, received not long since, which we stamp with the mark of appreciation, it is the first one in Zeta's Communication: "The position of Correspondent is far from enviable, especially when there's a dearth of news." However, situated in a similar predicament, we will make a trial at least, since it was none other than the eminent Rousseau who said that "To write a good letter, you ought to begin without knowing what you mean to write, and to finish without knowing what you have written," and that suits us to a "T."

"So we grasp the oar
And launch from the shore."

Nothing remarkably remarkable has stirred our minds since last you heard from us, but, in the even tenor of our way, we strive *together* for the planting of our pure shield high over the various ensigns of our rivals.

Fraternity spirit has, during the past month, been quite high, caused by a dissension in one of the literary societies of college. Quite fortunately, we have not been called upon to take a very active part in the trouble, owing to the fact that only two, from our twenty bros., belong to the factioned society. It has rather been a strife between the Z. X.'s and the Φ. Γ. Δ.'s, and let me say that, as usual, the "Delts" are being beaten, and badly beaten, too. "Sic semper tyrannis."

It was with no little pleasure that, upon entering our hall on last Saturday evening, we were greeted by a genuine Phi Psi grip, from Bro. Harry Clabaugh, '77. It affords him and us much pleasure when he can run away from his busy home, and gladden us, as well as instruct us, by his sound and mirthful talks. We would be glad to see him oftener.

Having adopted the inter-collegiate Chapter-correspondence, by passing several new by-laws to make it obligatory, we now, at almost every meeting, enjoy a letter from some one of our sister Chapters. We differ with those who deem the SHIELD correspondence sufficient; and at the same time we venture the assertion that there is not another Chapter in the whole Fraternity which enjoys and appreciates our monthly messenger, more than we do. As one of our brothers lately wrote: "we love the SHIELD, and would do anything for it," but if each chapter were to make a trial of this correspondence, they would not fail to adopt it. The cold form of the lead most certainly takes some of the warmth from the letters, and leaves us to supply what has thus been stolen. But letters, scarcely dry, coming from the heart of a distant brother, directly to us, require us not to supply this lacking element.

Not long since we had the pleasure of hearing letters from Penna. A. and Va. A., the oldest Chapters of our order, and we can assure you that, written to and for us only, they were appreciated more than if they had been printed in the SHIELD. We think the movement of Chapter-correspondence a splendid one, although we do not claim to be its originators, and hope, yea urge, that every Chapter

will take it up. We are required to write at least once in every two months to each Chapter, whether our letters be answered or not, and we will do it unless we are requested to stop.

Bro. Linton gave a very glowing and entertaining account of his visit to Lancaster, several weeks ago, and made us more firm in our belief that Eta is a Chapter of which we may well be proud. Let us predict a second visit to see "the boys."

The most general inquiry among us is "When will the Annual Reports be out?" Who knows?

Fraternally yours,
DAN.

ILLINOIS BETA.

CHICAGO, ILLS., Feb. 25th, 1881.

From Ills. Beta to Shield:—We are very much interested with the articles in the SHIELD, especially in the last numbers. Our excellent paper is certainly improving, and, although we don't cry for it, yet we always hasten to read it as soon as it arrives.

We were especially interested in the article by "Doc," of Ind. Beta, in the last number. Although it was excellent, we are afraid that a wrong impression might be given by his remarks in reference to the SHIELD and "Chapter-correspondence." Ind. Beta, we know, from her excellent letters, is a warm supporter of the latter and would not have the correspondence among the Chapters cease.

We have followed this plan for the last four months, and we find that instead of interfering with our interest in the SHIELD, it greatly increases it. By corresponding we become better acquainted with the members and surroundings of the different Chapters, and therefore take a double interest in what is said of them in the SHIELD. After perusing a letter from Bro. Bridenbaugh, of Pa. Eta, we read with far more pleasure any article from that excellent Chapter; and we might say the same of all the many other Chapters with which we correspond. We would conclude from articles from several Chapters, that they thought those, who favored Chapter-correspondence, opposed the SHIELD. We wish to say that Ills. Beta is a warm supporter of our paper, and is willing to do anything she can to assist it.

The future of Beta is very bright. We have four or five strong men in our nets who will be ready to take the place of our four stalwart seniors.

Although the Δ. K. E.'s, Ψ. T.'s and Z. Ψ.'s vote solid against us, yet we think next year our influence will be greater than all combined. We agree with Pa. Eta that new men should be chosen with the greatest of care. No man should become a member of our Fraternity, be his morality, intelligence, and sociability faultless, unless he is a firm friend to each of the members of the local Chapter, not a mere acquaintance.

In conclusion we would say, that Ills. Beta is heart and hand in every movement which will forward the interest of her much-beloved Fraternity. Yours fraternally,

Ed.

INDIANA GAMMA.

WABASH COLLEGE, Feb. 21st, '81.

Dear Shield:—Your regular visits have reminded us of our tardiness. It is only a little matter to write a few lines for our Organ, but little matters are sometimes overlooked.

Indiana Gamma is not dead! we say this much to begin on; and more, she is not thinking of dissolution, but rather of new effort and new victories. However, we have had the misfortune (?) to lose two men, both with good qualities, but neither a success as a Fraternity man. We now have twelve men.

Bro. Burdette was here Jan. 19th. We gave him a reception, which proved to be a very enjoyable affair. There is a very marked improvement in his power on the rostrum, compared with three years ago. His tone is becoming more and more elevated above mere fun. His lecture was interspersed with some of the finest flights of language and oratory that has been heard in Crawfordsville for many a day.

To-morrow night is the contest exhibition between the literary societies. Bro. Hargrave is the Φ. Ψ. representative and well is she represented. He will also be a speaker in the Primary Oratorical Contest, on the last Friday night of the term.

In the SHIELD of February you ask for short letters once a month. We have said what we wanted to say and will promise another short note another month.

Fraternally,
DEACON.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

February 18th, 1881.

DEAR BROTHER EDITOR:

I hope you do not attribute our delay in communicating to THE SHIELD to any lack of fraternal feeling or to a lack of interest in THE SHIELD.

Bro. Wilson, as you have been before informed by Bro. Sheetz, wrote one communication which was not published, and for some time the cause of this was not known. However, your explanation was eminently satisfactory, and I will do all in my power to see that Va. A. is represented in the columns of our paper, and if I can find the time will send you a short communication myself. In the meantime I think one of our boys will write to you. Virginia Alpha is prospering and our boys are worthy Φ. Ψ's.

Fraternally yours,
C. W. KENT.

PENNA. BETA.

SALMON CREEK, Pa., Feb. 28th, '81.

Dear Bro. Eds.:—I have just finished reading my SHIELD for this month, and it does me so much good and arouses my Fraternity spirit to such a degree, that, unless the pressure is partly removed, I fear bad results. Perhaps, if you could understand my position, it would to some degree explain matters to you. I am located at a saw mill in the wilds of Forest county, fourteen miles back from my post-

office, getting my mail semi-occasionally. With no Phi Psis nearer than Franklin,—where, by the way, there is a jolly lot of them—do you wonder that I eagerly read the SHIELD? Of course I am interested in the welfare of my own Chapter, Penna. B., and yet the brothers have been too busy (?), so far this year, to have a single communication. Would they could realize my longings.

With all praise to your labors in producing an enlarged paper, I am

Yours in Φ. K. Ψ.,

R. D. HOSKINS.

PORT GIBSON, MISS., Oct. 30th, 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER IN Φ. K. Ψ.:

Your circular came while I was away from home, and I have no means of knowing how long it has lain in the P. O. here. If this answer has been unreasonably delayed, the above will explain it.

My name is Edward Howard Stiles. I was born in Clairborne County, Miss., and am now 36 years of age. I joined Φ. K. Ψ. in 1859, at the University of Miss., Oxford, Miss. I joined the Confederate army in 1861—and at the surrender was a private in Co. K., 12th Regt. of Miss. Vols., Harris' Brigade, Mahone's Division, A. P. Hill's Corps, A. N. Va., commanded by Genl. Robt. E. Lee. My studies thus interrupted were never resumed, hence I did not graduate. A lawyer by profession; belong to no church; have no honorary titles; belong to no literary body. In 1867 was County Attorney of Clairborne County. In 1868 a member of the Constitutional Convention of Miss. In 1868 elected a member of the Legislature of Miss.; again elected in 1869. Served until Nov., 1871, when I was elected District Attorney of the 3d Judicial District of Miss.; again elected in 1873; defeated in 1875 by the combined influence of Smith & Wesson pistols and double-barrel shotguns. Have held also the position of U. S. Commissioner and Special Commissioner of the Southern Claims Commission. As to your last query with reference to the "founding and active working of my Chapter," I can give you no information; I do not even know whether that Chapter is in existence.

If, as I conjecture, you contemplate publishing a catalogue, I would be glad if you would send it to me.

Fraternally yours,

E. H. STILES.

HONORARY MEMBERS, ETC.

DEAR BROS.:

My grumbling letter did not arouse one Chapter; but I freely confess I did not intend my remarks for Ohio Alpha, yet as Bro. J. N. G. has come forward and acknowledged that perhaps they were included in the list of Chapters acting contrary to the regulations of our Fraternity, let them receive what is truly their reward. Perhaps Ohio Alpha, as Gr. Chapter, was entitled to give to herself the privilege of initiating any men she chose; but when this was done in the face of the Fraternity's vote, she acted, to say the least,

meanly. The fact that our Ohio Delta brothers are "the peer of any of our Chapters," and "active and enthusiastic boys," certainly should not have justified our brothers of Ohio Alpha in acting in direct opposition to our Constitution. This is the point I'm endeavoring to make: non-violation of these laws by which we are supposed to regulate all our doings. Violation of these, even for the best of purposes, will eventually react against us. Examples of this are at the present moment not wanting in our ranks. The only way to preserve harmony and unity of action consists undeniably in our strict adherence to Fraternity laws. I feel confident, if our Chapters will consider a moment and recall points that I'd rather not cite here, they must agree with me in every particular that I've written in my former article.

Bro. J. N. G. admits that Ohio Alpha's Chapter roll is headed by the names of *sixteen honorary members!* The Chapter having been founded in 1860, her present age would be 21 years; and according to that, she has initiated an honorary member almost each year of her existence. Rapid work. Let me ask this question: What is the object of a Fraternity? Is it not to bring in close union spirits of like nature? And these we surely find among our companions—our classmates—persons in whom we confide, who will ever be *brothers* to us. And this is exactly what we should do when initiating a person—make sure by long and close scrutiny that he will be a *real* brother for life. To such the letters Φ. K. Ψ. have a meaning. When, then, we choose a man occupied in the affairs of the great world, we lose sight of the true aim of fraternity. To him, Phi Kappa Psi can never be what it really should. The consequence then would be, that he would bear the honor lightly; therefore, better never have had it! The teachings of our many Edicts are sufficiently explicit to indicate the view of the Fraternity, and to defy them is an outrage!

In the early days of our Fraternity—at the period when it was in most need of assistance—when perhaps the fact that Gen'l so-and-so or Hon. this-and-that was a member would have benefited us some, we find that those noble spirits, Moore, Keady, Campbell, Chalfant, Kennedy, and many others working alone; they knew each other, were *brothers*, required not false reputation to help them along, but loved Phi Kappa Psi and labored in her interests and for her advancement as we have never done. If we desire our Fraternity to make the same progress in the coming quarter of a century as she has in her past under the guidance of those who appreciated her eternal principles, we must lay aside all show, adhere to our organic law, and work. Honors will come soon enough, and old Phi Kappa Psi be more highly honored thereby.

Yours in the triple bonds, '74.

PA. THETA.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, March 4th, '81.

DEAR BROS.:

As the close of the term draws near, and Theta's most promising sons are poling their mathematics and languages, in which it is but fit to say Bros. Miller and Taylor (old

buddies) lead off, I deemed it my duty to inform you of Theta's well-being.

The only thing that has marred the pleasure of the Chapter during the term was the sudden, although, I am happy to say, not prolonged illness of our dear "Mother." This was caused by indulging too freely in the delightful "Old Judge;" and if you had seen her as she lay upon her virtuous couch, you would have judged her sick.

Theta is rather partial to fish, and by the time this has reached you we will have enrolled the name of Herring upon our list of members.

The Chapter has at present twenty active members, distributed among the classes as follows: Seniors five; Juniors three; Sophomores seven; Freshman four. We not only glory in our membership, but also in our strength, for as we have in former years taken our share of the honors, so this year we are confident that we will not be behind.

The bicycle fever has reached "Lafayette." A club has been formed in which we have the largest representation from any fraternity.

Bro. Jackson, '75, smiled in upon us at our last meeting. Bro. Jack is looking well and carries with him the physique which characterizes a gentleman farmer of Western Minnesota. Considering all things, we think the late "G. C." in a prospering condition, and with the best wishes for $\Phi. \Psi.$, I remain,

Faternally,
O. K. S. C.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

LANCASTER, PA.

The Eta sends greeting. Each number of the SHIELD is received with a hearty welcome. All the brothers are active and take a lively interest in the welfare of the Fraternity. Each one feels the support of fraternal sympathy, and instead of a quivering mass, we are a happy family. We feel that the *union* of hearts and hands can do what none of us could accomplish singly. Such *union* not only brings to a point forces which before existed, and which were ineffectual through separation, but it rouses new feeling and interest, becomes a creative principle, calls forth new forces, and gives the mind a consciousness of powers which would otherwise have been unknown. It is in our little *family* that we seek shelter, that we have a home in which we are reared and protected. Here it is that we learn that there is always something to work on, a germ to be unfolded. Each one endeavors to make himself worthy of the name of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ and strives to strengthen and perpetuate its heaven-born principles by his own virtues.

Since our last letter we have initiated D. T. Bauman, '82, Zwingle, Iowa. "Dodge" is delighted and so are we all.

Bro. W. T. Brown, '79, (better known as "Brownie") who was admitted to practice at the Lancaster Bar, in December, rejoices in the fact that his first client was a $\Phi. \Psi.$ He says he "didn't get a fee," but accounts for it by saying: "I don't charge $\Phi. \Psi.$'s anything."

Bros. Eschbach and Bowman spent several days with us.

They were on their way home. "Eshie" attended our meeting and it seemed quite natural to see him there. Bro. "Jakie" could not stay, he had to go to see his mother. Both brothers are studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. We wish them much joy in the prosecution of their studies, and a very lucrative practice when once they are M.D.'s.

The blight of our happiness is keenly felt, because we cannot say that all the brothers are enjoying good health. Bro. "Pete" Biesecker has been very sick since our last letter. He has all our sympathy, and we do all in our power to relieve him. For "a brother's sufferings claim a brother's pity." Our hands "smooth his pillow, and administer the soothing balm," and we earnestly hope that he will very soon be restored to us.

Our letter has already become too long and we will therefore stop at once.

Yours in the mystic three,

J. J. R.

OHIO DELTA.

COLUMBUS, O., March 5, '81.

MY DEAR SHIELD:

FOR some time the Ohio $\Delta.$ has been silent, but now she desires to say a few words through the SHIELD concerning the Fraternity in general, her sisters and herself.

We were much interested in many sentiments expressed by the various communications in the last number, and are ready to echo many of the thoughts therein contained.

We agree that there should be a committee appointed to look to the extension of the Fraternity to institutions where Phi Kappa Psi is not now represented. There are many colleges in which we have as yet no Chapters, and such as all the Chapters would vote "Yes" for if they knew more concerning them. On the other hand, petitions are sent in asking for Chapters in institutions which, judging from the catalogue-names of faculty and curriculums, we could not say it was to the best interest of the Fraternity to vote Yes, because they do not possess that intrinsic value which should characterize them. They have not the facilities for making men that Phi Kappa Psi desires.

Phi Kappa Psi should ever demand of her institutions that they furnish the very best facilities for making men who will be leaders in the future—men who will wield an influence in the world such as may be known and recognized. If an institution possess these qualifications, we can conscientiously vote "Yes" when a Chapter is asked for. But, brothers, do not ask us to vote for Chapters in institutions of doubtful worth. Let it be somebody's business to look after this matter.

How many men shall constitute a Chapter? We say emphatically twelve—few more, few less. No institution numbers among its 200 to 1000 students in any one year more than two to three dozen men who are of sterling worth, and wherever we have Chapters there are not less than two Fraternities represented; so that we cannot get more than about twelve good men—men who possess marks of individuality, qualifications which will enable them to be

influential factors in their own schools, be an honor to the Chapter and a credit to the Fraternity at large. Let such men as these alone be enlisted under the banner of $\Phi. K. \Psi$. Let us not hear as an argument, "he has money;" "he is a jolly companion;" "he stands high socially;" "some other Fraternity is after him;" reiterated in our ears as a reason for making anyone a Phi Psi. Let each man stand or fall by his own merit. If he is a man who is going to stand high in his class—be a leader in literary society—occupy a prominent place as a student in the institution, or make his mark in the world as a man of positive worth—a man with whom to associate is a privilege to be sought—a man whose influence over us will make us the better for having been his companion: if these are his qualifications, make him a Phi Psi if you can. Such men, while though they may not be our boon companions when admitted to our ranks, yet we can always feel that we can profitably recognize them as our brothers. With such men in our Chapters, we would cease to receive notices of expulsions.

With views such as these the implied criticisms which appeared in the January number of the SHIELD, and ably replied to in February number, would be entirely wanting.

As members of the Ohio Δ , and students of O. S. U., we feel that we have here an institution in which it will be a credit to any Fraternity to have a Chapter. Inasmuch as the institution is young, a few brief remarks concerning the nature of it may not be unacceptable to the distant brothers. O. S. U. has an endowment of about one million—over \$500,000 of which forms a sinking fund for payment of faculty—a farm of 350 acres, two buildings (one a main building, the other a mechanical laboratory of 7 rooms, well equipped). The main building has four good working laboratories—physical, chemical, mineralogical and physiological.

It numbers among its faculty men of national reputation. Prof. Tuttle, a prominent leader in the American Microscopical Society; Prof. Mendenhall, who three years ago received a call from the Japanese Government to the chair of Experimental Physics in the Imperial University of Japan; Prof. John T. Short, a true Phi Psi, who has gained a world-wide reputation by the publication of his work on American Antiquities. All the members of the faculty, fourteen in number, are specialists in their departments. In such company and with such environments, though young, Ohio Δ hopes not to be the least among her sisters. Of herself, she has nothing to say, except concerning her absent members. Prof. Sidney H. Short, of the class of '80, now occupies the chair of Physics and Chemistry in Denver University, and is Vice-President of the institution. He is winning golden opinions in his new field.

In the O. S. U. are two literary societies, the Alcyon being the best and the only one in which fraternities are represented. The $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta$'s our only rivals, have, since their existence here as a Chapter, run the society and made their boasts that they would continue to do so. They have eleven men in society and we have four. At the last election we elected Bro. W. K. Cherryholmes President, Bro. Howard Secretary, and could have elected another brother Censor. The other offices being filled with non-frat. men,

we could have thus completely ousted the Phi Gamma's—as it is we broke their backs.

On the College Lantern (our college paper) the Phi Gamma's succeeded when they were in the ascendancy in Alcyon in electing two of their men editors, and succeeded in defeating a Phi Psi from the class of '82. But we had already retaliated in the class of '81, where there were three Phi Gamma's and only one Phi Psi, by electing our Phi Psi editor for the class. The non-frat. editor of '82 resigned, and we then defeated the Phi Gamma's, electing Bro. Fassig.

At the beginning of the year a committee of students was appointed to select a uniform for the college battalion. Men were nominated to represent all the elements in school, four college classes, one preparatory, those who had uniforms and kickers, seven in all. The Phi Gamma's nominated and voted straight through for Phi Gamma. The Phi Psi's nominated and voted for Phi Psi's, and we elected four men out of the seven by popular vote, while the Phi Gamma's elected one. Then we made him chairman of the committee and thus tied his hands behind his back.

Ohio Δ has been looking also to personal comforts, she has a hall in one of the finest business blocks in the city, 16 by 25. This has been carpeted with a fine brussels carpet and the walls and ceiling papered, making a handsome room. As we grow older we expect to get good furniture and decorations, but that is a matter for the future. Already we have drawn this letter to too great a length.

Yours,

J.

IN MEMORIAM.

Zeta Chapter, Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove by death our beloved brother

CHARLES WILSON,

WHEREAS, We are deeply afflicted by the loss of a brother who, by his social nature, his talent, and his fraternal zeal, has won our love and high esteem; therefore be it

Resolved, That in him we recognize the loss of one who gave promise of being an honor to his Fraternity, as well as to any position he might take in the great fraternity of mankind.

Resolved, That while we humbly submit to the Divine will, we deeply sympathize with the friends of the deceased in this great affliction.

Resolved, That we, members of the Zeta Chapter, wear the badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the relatives and friends of our lamented brother;

That a copy be transmitted to each Chapter of the Fraternity, requesting that all brothers wear the usual sign of mourning for the time specified in our book of constitutions:

That they be published in the "Phi Kappa Psi SHIELD," and the Carlisle papers.

E. H. LINVILLE, }
H. B. DEALE, } Committee.
J. V. CHAMPION. }

Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 26th, 1881.

VA. ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF VA., March, 1881.

BRO. EDITORS:

We now break the long maintained silence of the Va. Alpha which has been the cause of some comments and censure from other Chapters. That no communication this session has been sent you from this place, is not to be explained on the hypothesis of a lack either of fraternal interest or of Chapter success, but is mainly the fault of the present writer. Several months ago he was appointed by the Chapter to write a letter to the SHIELD, and for his failure to do so, sickness and consequently crowded duties offer but a partial excuse.

Our Chapter has no reason to be ashamed to compare her work this season with the record of the other Chapters whose actions are made known to us through the SHIELD.

We have initiated four members since the beginning of the session, making our total number twelve. To this number we may yet make some additions, though we find it sufficient to render our meetings an unfailing source of social pleasure, and to maintain the honorable and influential character which our Fraternity has always enjoyed at the University.

We meet every other Saturday night. After the regular business has been transacted, we spend an hour or two in discussing, in an informal and social way, the general interests of our Chapter and the Fraternity at large. We all agree in one opinion of the SHIELD, namely, that it is the best of the Phi Psi journals with which we have had any acquaintance, being always filled with much and varied entertaining and valuable information about Fraternity matters, and that its editors deserve the support and esteem of all good Phi Psi's.

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In the early part of the session we received several letters from our sister Chapters, inviting us to a friendly correspondence. We approved of the scheme, which Ill. Beta so indignantly claims the credit of originating, and our secretary was instructed to write appropriate answers to the communications which had been received. Although we consider the SHIELD a capital source whence to obtain information about the other Chapters, yet we believe that intercourse with each other is the best means of engendering and fostering fraternal feeling. The reading aloud of such letters would, moreover, be a pleasant feature in the club meeting. We, therefore, regret that we have not received more evidence of the general approval and adoption of this plan.

After an hour or two spent in conversation upon topics exemplified by the above, we generally "cut" for suppers, and adjourn to an eating house near by.

We wish to introduce some changes in the conduct of our meetings, and we solicit, therefore, from other Chapters some account, in their letters to the SHIELD, of what they do when they assemble and meet together. Thus, doubtless, we may learn of many things which we can emulate with profit; and information on such an important subject cannot fail to be of mutual benefit to us all.

This letter, we fear, has reached an undesirable length, and hence we bring it to a speedy, even abrupt close.

Fraternally,

J. P. B.

EXTENSION.

THERE is an increasing desire manifested by the Fraternity to enter new fields and to acquire more power and influence. This points in the right direction. It has the true ring. But consider for a moment. Should we, looking with bright hopes to the future, forget what has occurred in the past? Scan the list of our Chapters, and notice the number of dead Chapters. Is it not our duty to revive these before we enter other institutions? We hear no more from Miss. A., Tenn. A. B., Ky. A., Mo. A., N. Y. A. P., etc., etc. These are dead. Would we not better our condition and gratify the wishes of the brother members of dead Chapters by reorganizing them than by grasping at something new? Let us regain these lost Chapters, and bring them back again into the fold, before we attempt further extension. Do this and then establish new Chapters. Perhaps some may say the Fraternity does not desire to re-enter this college and that University. Glance at the list of brothers belonging to the dead Chapters. Many of the brothers have filled places of honor and trust, and if the Fraternity is ashamed of them, we do not want to revive "these" Chapters.

There is no material at the institutions where once we flourished. Please remember that there are as good fish in the seas as there ever were. We know we speak for the brothers enrolled in the list of these dead Chapters when we say revive "these" before establishing new Chapters. If, as suggested in last issue of SHIELD, a *Committee on Extension* be appointed or elected, who will endeavor to revive the dead Chapters as well as to found new ones, then we think there should be such a committee. The power invested in such committee would obviate a long and tedious routine of petitioning, voting, etc., etc., which at present is unavoidable.

Revive dead Chapters: then spread our wings. '82.

UNIVERSITY OF TENN.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Nov. 18, '80.

DEAR BRO.:

Sickness in my family has prevented an earlier reply to your favor of the 4th ult.

I regret that the information in my possession as to the So. Ca. Chapter is very meagre. You have catalogues which give you the names of members of that chapter. None of its records are in my possession, or its history subsequent to my withdrawal from the So. Ca. College, in May, 1860. I went on to the University of Va. in Oct., 1860, and connected myself with the Chapter there, a very flourishing one, which still lives. I left the University Jan'y., 1861, on the secession of my State, So. Ca.; and joined the 1st So. Ca. Reg't, and subsequently the 1st Reg't So. Ca. Cavalry. In 1862, ill-health compelled my acceptance of a position in the C. S. Treasury Dep't, where I rose to be

Chief of Division in the War Tax Bureau. The war prevented my taking any degrees. Immediately at its close, I commenced farming and continued my studies. In 1874, I was elected president of the Belmont Farmers' Club (Albemarle county, Va.), and, in 1875, a member of the Miller Board of Trustees of the Agricultural Dep't of the University of Va. In June, 1879, I was elected to my present position—Prof. of Agriculture, etc., in this institution.

W. E. Boggs, a member of So. Ca. A., is a distinguished Presbyterian divine, now in Atlanta, Ga. W. R. Atkinson is a minister of same church, now living in Raleigh, N. C. Dick Manning is a wealthy citizen of Baltimore, Md. H. W. Rice is a lawyer in So. Ca.; so is W. S. Montieth, who lives in Columbia, S. C. Richardson is a Baptist preacher somewhere in So. Ca. W. T. Gary's whereabouts you know. The present whereabouts and fortunes of the others are unknown to me.

I fill out blank as far as possible. I heartily approve of your laudable purpose, and regret my inability to give you more detailed information. Will be glad to be of further services.

Yours fraternally,

J. M. McBryde.

HONORARY MEMBERS, ETC.

DEAR BRO.:

Yours was received a few days—also the extra copies of the SHIELD. You ask me what I think “of the initiation of big men who have not been in college.” The present generation of Φ. K. Ψ.'s are more able to decide among themselves what is best than *we* are, who have almost forgotten that we were young and hero-worshippers too. There ought to be a law on the subject; if there is, it ought to be enforced. At all events, there should be and can be harmony of thought and action. Let the matter be discussed fairly, as there are, of course, two sides to the question—but use your power as Editor to see that it is done with delicacy. '74 is intemperate, but is, I think, on the right side. The Fraternity from the beginning has stood on its own merits—“asking no favors and shrinking from no responsibilities.” It needs no adventitious aids of any kind. Its true field, its best field, is the college. Its “eternal principles” do not need endorsement from great men or little men. Its aim is to take the college student at the time when his friendships form a large element in his real education, and lift him out of isolation and selfishness into an atmosphere he can breathe without shame all his life long. The honor and reward it seeks is to look back at the career of its “old boys” and be able to say, “I helped to make that man.” It cannot say that of a public man who has already won a name and fame. What do we expect in initiating him? To make a brother of him? That is impossible—an adopted brother seldom has a kindred feeling. His heart and ours are not in tune. Do we need his help? He cannot give the help we need. Then do we want the honor of claiming him? On what ground? What have we done for him? Nothing. Then the honor is

shoddy, and we are flunkys. True, there are some whom we can get up a brotherly feeling for, and who, in their good nature, can find room for a brotherly feeling for such as form our Fraternity—men like Bob Burdette and Dr. Willetts; but there are others with whom this is not the case. J. N. G. says such names will not injure us; true, nor can their connection with us injure them. *That is all* that can be said. Neither can do a particle of good to the other. This is a mere negative purpose; our Fraternity has a positive purpose. I would most emphatically deprecate the initiation of *politicians* in office or out, on the general principle that *no* politician is worthy till he has personally proved himself so. It is not in good taste for *me* to appear as dictating or even seeming to do so.

Yours fraternally

'56.

MICH. ALPHA.

ANN ARBOR, March 13, 1881.

EDITORS OF SHIELD:

Dear Bros.—If you find it convenient, I would like to occupy a small space in your columns with a few remarks relative to Michigan A. and some of her actions:

There have been several foreign brothers here this year attending college, and I have asked some of them concerning the standing of Mich. A. with our other Chapters. They have told me that it is somewhat marred, yet fair; and one specified some reasons why we do not stand higher in the estimation of the other Chapters.

One reason was the large number of resignations that we sent in during the years '78-'79. That ought not to have any weight; because, first, it is now nearly two years since the last resignation; and, secondly, we were only purging the Chapter. Only one resignation was unwished for by a majority of the Chapter; and, with the exception of two, all the men that resigned would have been expelled long before had we felt ourselves more firmly established.

Another reason for the disfavor in which we stand was our few contributions to the SHIELD. The lack was noticed and its cause was attributed to weakness on our part. That conception was entirely wrong, as can be shown easily.

1st. We are a young Chapter, struggling for life among nine others in the literary department. [There are two not yet represented on the Palladium.] Besides having the necessary impediments of youth to contend with, we have had a considerable amount of discord, caused almost wholly by foreign brothers. I might say in this connection that the majority of the brothers who have come here from other Chapters have been a hindrance and an injury to us, rather than a help; some even descending to deception and underhanded means to harm us. Of course there have been and are honorable exceptions, and they are fully appreciated and remembered I can assure you. Among these I wish to especially mention Bro. Yost, our founder, and Bro. H. B. Dahl, both of whom stood by us last year during our severest trial like real sons of Mich. A.

To attend to *home* matters under such circumstances made great draws on our time; nevertheless, according to

last year's calendar, we were the second Fraternity in college in amount of work accomplished. We having completed 104.6 per cent. of the work required for us to take standing in our respective classes; while one Fraternity led us by one per cent., and we led the third by about four per cent. And we were the only Fraternity that did not have at least one man behind in its work.

With these demands on our time, the SHIELD was necessarily neglected, which I sincerely hope will not be the case in the future.

We have at present thirteen men, all in the Literary Department, and have been associated more or less with eight foreign brothers, who have cheered us with their presence, kind advice and good wishes. We have had our first ranche this year, which we are about to exchange for one more conveniently located and more pleasant in its appointments. We initiated six men during 1880 and one in '81, and have ordered eight pins for Mich. A. boys and one for Bro. Reed, all of style 13.

I write this from my memory of the past three years, and on my own responsibility, without any instructions from Mich. A., of which I am now an alumnus.

Yours in $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ WILLIAM S. HILL.

PENN'A IOTA.

UNIVERSITY OF PENN'A, March 15th, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:

Once more have we sat down, under the editorial spur, to scrawl a few lines for our journal. Pa. Iota has been moving quietly along in the even tenor of her way, and has, since our last, gathered two lambs into the fold of beloved mother $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, Bro. Lichenthaler, of '81, Med., and Bro. W. M. Hornor, of '82, Arts.

Bro. C. R. Matchett, '81, Med., got 100 all round, and Bro. D. King Gotwald, '81, Med., 99.7, for their annual averages, Nos. 1 and 2 in their class. And Bro. Hornor, our baby, with "Tommy" Finletter, form two-thirds of the class who elected Mathematics and sit three hours a week under the lucubrations of Bro. Prof. Otis H. Kendall. Bro. Barnhurst, '81, Arts, and Tom and Will Hunter, '82, T. S. S., together with two or three others whom we hope soon to see decorated with our dear old Shield, are practicing hard at rowing on the river when the weather is decent, and when not so, on the rowing machines in the college gymnasium, so as to get on their respective class crews, as well as for the "Varsity Four."

Bye the bye, there seems to be a prospect now that our "Four" may go over to the Henley regatta, and if they do $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ is pretty sure to be represented by at least two sturdy oarsmen, Barnhurst and Tom Hunter.

Accept the grip of

Yours in the bonds of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$,
S. D. L.

By the time this number reaches the various Chapters, a petition from an honored and high standing institution will be placed before you for consideration. The applicants are of the class that $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ desires, and the opportunity now given to make another move in a much desired direction is at our door. Personally we are heartily in favor of Yea.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

$\Theta. X.$ held its Annual Convention at Hoboken, late in February.

Dr. Pepper, the new Provost of the Univ. of Penna., is a *Zeta Psi*.

B. $\Theta. H.$, Z. $\Psi.$, X. $\Phi.$ and A. K. E. flourish at Univ. of California.

RICHMOND College has Chapters of B. $\Theta. H.$, K. A., $\Phi. A. \Theta.$, A. T. $\Omega.$ and Z. $\Xi.$

The Mayor of San Francisco, Kallach, who has become notorious, is a *Zeta Psi*.

SECRET Societies of Michigan University held a combined reception, Feb. 18th.

HON. W. J. Samford, who represents 3d Alabama District in U. S. Congress, is a member of A. T. $\Omega.$

$\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$ has tried to enter Wittenberg College. They will hold their next convention at Chautauqua.

THE fourth annual convention of the Delta Beta Phi Fraternity will be held in Philadelphia on April 29th and 30th, under the auspices of the Sigma Chapter, located at the University of Pennsylvania.

THE new catalogue of Phi Kappa Psi is very nicely gotten up and is a credit to the compilers. It is marred, however, by the lists of honorary members at the head of some of the Chapters. We trust that for the sake of the Greek world at large Phi Kappa Psi will discontinue the practice. —*Beta Theta Pi.* for Feb., 1881.

AT the late congress of A. T. $\Omega.$ (convened in Macon, Ga., Dec. 29th, 1880) much solid and beneficial work was accomplished. The Chapters were well represented, and progress will certainly attend the well-laid plans for advancement. We can't help thinking that A. T. $\Omega.$ is bound to flourish—it is nothing more than the natural result of the spirit in which she labors. The following are the newly elected officers: Worthy Grand Chief, Hon. Thos. G. Hayes, Baltimore, Md.; Worthy Grand Chaplain, Right Rev. C. T. Quintard, LL.D., S.T.D., Sewanee, Tenn.; Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer, Dr. M. D. Humes, Beltsville, Md.; Worthy Grand Scribe, C. McD. Puckette, Sewanee, Tenn.; Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, Jos. R. Anderson, Jr., Richmond, Va.; Worthy Grand Usher, W. H. Lamar, Jr., Auburn, Ala.; Worthy Grand Sentinel, H. C. Riley, Esq., New Madrid Mo.; Worthy High Counsellor, J. B. Green.

The next congress will be held in Washington, D. C. The orator for the same will be Hon. John W. Childress, Tenn., and the poet Dr. W. P. Orr, of Ky. A. T. $\Omega.$ has fourteen chapters.

FEB. 19th, the delegates from the various Chapters of K. A. $\Theta.$ (ladies) convened with the Ohio Alpha Chapter, located at Wooster Univ., Wooster, Ohio. Representatives from seven Chapters were present. Considerable business of peculiar interest to the Order was transacted. Several new charters were granted, and the Chapter at Greencastle, Ind., made the ruling Chapter for the next two years. At the close of the convention a grand banquet and ball were held, at which all of our Ohio Gamma Chapter were present.

The Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity was the first of the ladies' societies organized with principles and methods similar to those of the regular Greek-Letter fraternities, and since it was founded, in 1870, at Indiana Asbury University, its career has been one of unusual progress and prosperity. It has eight or nine large flourishing Chapters, located at the following schools: Indiana Asbury University, Indiana University, Moore's Hill College, Butler University, Illinois Wesleyan University, Wooster University, Ohio University and at Cornell and Michigan Universities.

The society's colors are black and gold. The membership at present is between 400 and 500, and is rapidly increasing.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

THE Ohio Δ has thirteen active members.

BRO. W. C. Saugfitt is now at West Point.

BRO. Jacob Wieting, '60, Pa. E.,—where is he? Who can tell?

BRO. G. Wilds Linn, Pa. Zeta, is one of the lecturers at Philadelphia Hospital.

BRO. F. Albert Kurtz, '77, Pa. E., was recently confined to the house by sickness.

BRO. Henry Clay Tipton, '60, Tenn. Alpha, is Pres. of State Senate of Arkansas.

BRO. Marcus Felton Dunlap, Iowa Alpha, is engaged in the flour business in O'Fallen, Mo.

BROS. Hays and Johnston, Pa. A., are on the editorial staff of the *Washington Jeffersonian*.

BRO. James H. Kimber, Ohio Alpha, has taken charge of a large jewelry store in Findlay, Ohio.

BRO. Geo. Thornburgh, '68, Tenn. Beta, is Speaker of the House of Representatives of Arkansas.

REV. BRO. Sam. P. Linn, '59, Pa. Δ, is pastor of Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

BRO. Clark Mosher, Ohio Δ., is attending lectures at the Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville, Ky.

BRO. Harry Todd, '82, Pa. I., is at present Ticket Agent at Penna. Depot, 32d and Market Sts., Phila., Pa.

BRO. Parle Robinson leaves the O. S. U. at the close of the winter term, to run a level on the A. & C. R.R.

BRO. Sam'l Martin, Pa. Θ., was married recently to Miss Porter, daughter of Dr. Porter, Lafayette College, Pa.

BRO. S. H. Short has just been appointed electrical expert for the Denver Electric Light Co. and city chemist.

BRO. Prescott Smith, '78, Ohio Alpha, is lying very ill of typhoid fever at 277 W. Seventh St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

BRO. J. B. Reimensnyder, '61, Pa. Eta, has accepted a call to a church in New York City. His address is 237 E. 17th St.

BRO. Joe Bowmann, '72, Pa. Eta, has resigned his position on the editorial staff of the *Lancaster Daily and Weekly Examiner*.

BRO. Will K. McFarlin has concluded not to return to O. S. U. this year. He is running a transit on the N.Y.C. & St. L. R.R.

BRO. Chas. M. Wing is bookkeeper for the Franklin Bank in Newark, O. He is preparing himself for Secretary of the Treasury.

BRO. John Bridges, '76, Pa. E., says he will call the little fellow John, because he is good-looking. He'll be taught printing, etc.

BRO. Geo. Clabaugh, '78, Pa. E., expects in a few weeks to purchase a ranche in a western territory and occupy it. Success be thine, George!

BROS. Keeley and Ryon, Pa. Θ., dropped into Iota rooms lately. Have they reminded their Chapter of the communication we requested?

BRO. Prof. W. L. Parson, '67, Pa. E., late of Univ. of Tokio, Japan, will deliver a course of lectures before the students of Penna. College shortly.

BROS. H. L. Jacobs, '82, and Frank Kahler, '83, were Penna. Epsilon's representatives at the recent biennial exercises of Philo. Lit. Society, Penna. College.

VIRGINIA Delta is not dead. And she won't die. Address Bro. Curran Palmer, Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va., who will be glad to say "more concerning Va. Delta."

BRO. Harvey McNight, Pa. E., is recovering from an attack of sickness. His love for Phi Kappa Psi did not weaken with his body. It was inversely as the square root, etc.

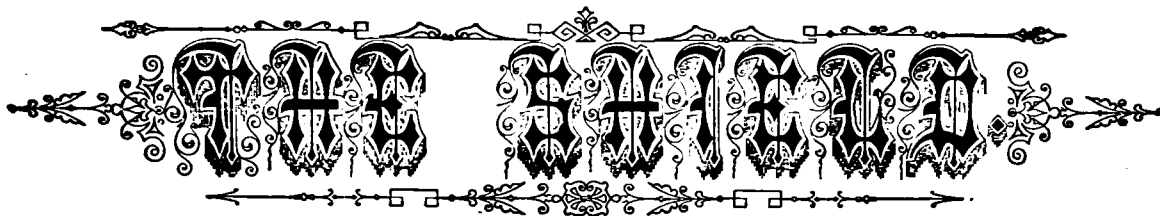
BRO. J. S. Humphrey, of the class of '79, is now assistant engineer for Hancock county. It is quietly whispered that Scott is going to take unto himself a better-half soon. Such is life!

BRO. Dan'l Fleisher, '80, Pa. E., recently read a paper on "Plant and Animal Life" before Perry County Teachers' Inst., which called forth some severe criticisms on account of its "evolution" leanings. Lookout "Danie."

BRO. John T. Short has lately had the degree of Ph.D. conferred upon him by the University of Leipsic, in honor of his work on American Antiquities. Bancroft, the historian, has requested him to revise the first volume of his United States History, which work he has nearly completed.

BRO. Joshua Miner, '77, Pa. Θ., and Bro. Zach. Boyer, '81, Pa. Iota, received their M. D.'s at the late commencement of Univ. of Penna. Bros. Matchett, Gotwald, and Lichtenthaler, Pa. I., and Wentz, Pa. E., pass into the third year, while Bros. Eschbach and Bowman, Pa. H., and Bros. Ruhl and Tustin, Pa. E., and Geo. Whitney, Pa. I., become second year men.

A LETTER from Bro. David E. Jiggitts, '57, Miss. Alpha, reads: "I joined Phi Kappa Psi at Oxford, Miss., Nov., 1857. In the summer of 1858, I went to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. Finding no Chapter of our Fraternity there, and no material left from the other secret fraternities to build up a Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, I, being solicited, joined a secret society known as Z. A. E. There was another Phi Kappa Psi at Chapel Hill—Bro. Andrew Prudhomme, who only remained one session. I am now located at Vernon, Madison county, Miss.; am a farmer and justice of the peace. Yours in the bonds of Phi Kappa Psi."



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—FOR 1881.—

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University of Penn'a, W. Phila., Pa.

AN Extension Committee and Extension Fund.—Do we want them?

THANKS to Bro. Burdette for the missionary labor he is performing in our behalf.

VIRGINIA Alpha suggests an entire change in our Constitution. Suggestions!

THE day of Reunion for Phi Kappa Psi's, at Chautauqua, will be August 18th, 1881.

THE SHIELD treasury is not overflowing—oh, no! There is sufficient vacant space to stow away quite a quantity of greenbacks—or kindred stuff. We believe, too, *some* Chapters continue indebted to our account.

We are under obligations to Bro. Fred. Grant, of Ohio Gamma, for a copy of "The Index" for 1881. It is an excellent annual, full of life, numbering over 100 pages. Phi Kappa Psi makes a splendid show. Of the six Fraternities at Wooster University, five are represented on the editorial staff: Φ. K. Ψ., B. Θ. Π., Σ. X. and K. A. Θ. and K. K. Γ. (ladies' Frats). Bro. Grant is our representative.

We regret very much that we must announce to the sub-Chapters that Bro. Murray, of the G. C., is not yet able to go out. He is confined to his bed most the time,

but amid all his suffering, in the few moments when he is able and feeling better, he may be found at work for Φ. K. Ψ. We have before us three or four letters from him written while in bed. We should not wonder, then, that the G. C. is somewhat hampered in its movements. Let us hope that our next issue will find him up and at work.

We are all going to Chautauqua—at least we want to go, and ought to strain every point to be on hand. The Committee has about completed its arrangements for board, etc., and will shortly announce the same through these columns. Judge Moore, Hon. Geo. A. Jenks, Bob Murray of the G. C., and many other loyal brothers will be on hand. A regular old-time Φ. K. Ψ. gathering is expected. Nothing preventing, a good delegation from this section of Phi Psidom will be found present. Don't forget the expense the Committee is subjected to; let each Chapter contribute its mite towards defraying the same. Any such assistance will be most thankfully received.

THE annual private catalogues have not yet appeared. The G. C. is not in fault this time. Several of the sub-Chapters, although requested repeatedly, have failed to send in their report. Brothers, this seems to be a weakness of Phi Kappa Psi and should receive prompt attention. Very often we've been obliged to sit and wait, simply because some Chapter had not been punctual in attendance to assigned work; very often the granting of charters, etc., is delayed, because some Chapter or Chapters are not on time; very often we hear complaints about the tardiness of the G. C., but *very often* the trouble is *not* with the G. C., but with the sub-Chapters. It is chronic with us; we heard it years ago when we were in active Chapter work. It is a *bad habit* into which some of us have fallen, and the sooner we amend our course the better for us all.

P.S.—We have just received our copy of the private catalogue, and print the list of Corresponding Secretaries, with some additions of which the G. C. had not been informed.

PATIENTLY we have watched the mails. We've been expecting news and we are happy in announcing to the brothers far and wide the birth of California Alpha in the University of the Pacific. Brothers of Ohio and Michigan Alpha have brought about this event. We extend to the new brothers our heartiest welcome. The

triple bonds are new to them, but it will not be a great while before they will be able to cope with any of us.

A more detailed account of the young Chapter will be given later. But this is not all. In the recent message of the G. C. to the sub-Chapters mention was made of the granting of a charter to one of our defunct Chapters. That Chapter now lives. On the 27th day of March five loyal, sterling young men enrolled their names under the old banner and are quietly at work. At their express desire they will remain *sub rosa* for a short time—until they become a little acquainted with matters and fix a few plans of importance to us. We find it difficult to restrain ourselves from mentioning the name of the noble brother who was instrumental in effecting this re-organization. He has been at work a long time and has secured the best of material. The thanks of every loyal $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ are due him. As soon as our brothers are ready to come forward, we hope to publish a complete account of all the events connected with their entrance into $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ The Chapters should at once send letters to our young companion. The address of the re-organized Chapter can be obtained from us, or the G. C. will shortly communicate the same, as they have other points to bring up for your consideration. The outlook for the recovery of our defunct Chapters is at present very encouraging. The only difficulty in our way is the tardiness with which petitions are considered. This naturally suggests the founding of an *Extension Committee*, an idea we proposed several months ago and concerning which we would be delighted to have the Chapters speak. Our movements to insure success must be rapid: we dare not hesitate two or three months, otherwise golden opportunities are gone from us forever.

The Eastern move, now before us, is unquestionably worthy of our most favorable support—it will be the means of our entering institutions upon which we looked with favor some years ago, but of which we failed to take possession. The petitioners have the true spirit to them, and we would be pleased to lay before the Fraternity the communications from them. They show that we are dealing with an element that $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ always desires.

THE REUNION.

At last the committee are able to report to the Fraternity that they have secured August 18th, as the day for the reunion, and unless some unforeseen circumstance occurs, we hope to see a large gathering of loyal Phi Psi's upon that day.

Arrangements are fast being completed for boarding, Fraternity headquarters, mass meetings, banquet, etc., all of which will be published in the columns of the SHIELD as soon as perfected. The committee are doing all in their power to make this reunion a success, but they

cannot without the hearty support of each Chapter and member.

One thing they need just now, and that is *money*—for without it they can do nothing.

Brothers, see to it that you send us some remembrance to encourage us. We do not ask any great amount, *only small* favors are appreciated. If everyone would send just what he can spare, there would be no cry for more.

The members can see that the printing of circulars, arrangements for decorations, securing of lecturer, correspondence, etc., require more ready cash than the committee can spare, so we appeal to every brother to send us *immediately* a remittance.

Any person desiring information can be supplied with it by writing to any member of the committee.

THE COMMITTEE.

D. C. ALPHA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2d, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:

ONCE again I wield the pen in behalf of Alpha to endeavor in my poor way to represent it in the SHIELD, provided the lead pencil is unobjectionable. If it is, you must wait for the next number, as I am still confined to my bed and cannot use ink.

The Chapter so far as I can learn "flourisheth," and although no additions have been made lately, we are as strong and loyal as ever.

Since the cloak of the G. C. has fallen upon us, we are kept very busy, and it seems are occupied most of the time in considering G. C. business.

Our meetings are held weekly each Tuesday evening, and from 7.30 to 11 and 12 o'clock our new hall is occupied by as loyal a Chapter of honored $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, as ever graced a Chapter hall. By the way, we have furnished our hall and are now under a full pressure of Phi Psi steam. After completing any business that may be before us, we spend from one to two hours in debate, the literary being a principal feature in our exercises. After which we have a social converse until time for adjournment.

If our National legislators could have heard *free trade* and *protection* discussed at one of our meetings, I have no doubt but they would have been highly edified, and new thoughts and ideas on the subject of the tariff entered their *colossal intellects* and enabled them to present a *bill* that would meet with favor from the country.

The extension of the broad principles of our loved Fraternity is always uppermost in our thoughts, and as soon as able, I shall attempt to secure a correspondent at Virginia Gamma. That ***** is now alive and flourishing, is beyond question, and although I am in favor of new Chapters, I am at the same time heartily

in accord with the sentiments expressed by "82" in the March number of the SHIELD.

Your paper fills a void in college life, and although many years have passed since my college course ended, I feel that I could not do without the SHIELD. It has become doubly welcome to me in my long illness and is eagerly and impatiently looked for each month.

The suggestion of a correspondent in March number of SHIELD, as to a fund for expenses attending investigations of petitions for new Chapters, is a most excellent one and has the true $\Phi. \Psi.$ ring. I unite with him most heartily in his plan and desire to be considered number 2 in the twenty called for.

There is no lack of $\Phi. \Psi.$ enthusiasm and love for the SHIELD here, and the fact that no communications have appeared in the SHIELD, in the past few numbers, is only due to sickness and pressure of business.

If I am permitted to be out before the next issue of the SHIELD, I promise you a communication from an able pen and one worthy of a place in your interesting paper. For the present,

Adieu,

R. G. M.

ILLINOIS BETA.

CHICAGO, March 28th, 1881.

EDS. SHIELD:

BEING on the sick-list and having nothing else to do, I have concluded I cannot employ my time more profitably than in writing to THE SHIELD.

They say that when the body is out of tune, the intellect "follows suit." If this is so, then may the Lord have mercy on the readers of the SHIELD, for at best I'm but a poor correspondent.

The "sick-list" of our Chapter is a great and influential institution; before becoming $\Phi. \Psi.$'s, we were a pretty healthy set of fellows, but since then we've been "up a stump" most of the time. This is an outgrowth of pure love for $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ After organization, the idea of working up a strong "fraternal spirit" became predominant and we went at it with a will. About the same time one of our number came down with an attack of something or other, I've forgotten what the doctor called it, anyhow it was a perfect Godsend to those fellows who were always croaking about "fraternal spirit." It gave them a chance to set up nights and deal out sugar-pills every half hour and show what a glorious thing it is to be a Fraternity-man and be sick. Well, the boys soon came to the conclusion that being sick is a very acceptable condition, especially when a crowd of fellows are willing to do everything for you in their power, and as a consequence, our sick-list has waxed lengthy and "fraternal spirit" has grown to such an extent that we now sit up with a man on proof of his having a sore

throat. When the boys introduce the custom of furnishing "wine and cake" for the "watchers," then I expect to join the "croakers" and put in my claim for a little "fraternal spirits."

I am confined to my room with an inflammation of the parotid gland, the scientific name of which is "mumps." I was unfortunate in my choice of a disease; this is not a good chapter for mumps, or rather, it is a very good chapter for them, but few of the boys having been afflicted and they don't intend to be. Bros. Anderson, Stone, Talbut, Weinschenk, Persons, Perrine, Lattin and Swartwout are fighting them at long range and making their calls by proxy. Next time I shall try small-pox, perhaps that will strike the boys more favorably.

I had a very pleasant call the other day from Bro. Ohls, of Michigan Alpha. As one side of my face resembled a modern foot-ball, when inflated to its utmost capacity, and the other was all bunged up from an attack on a certain stove, in which the stove came out ahead, I don't suppose he had a very good opinion of your correspondent. I noticed, notwithstanding the fact of my telling him how the stove affair occurred and demonstrating how easily it might happen to anyone, that he looked suspicious and glanced around as though expecting to find the bottle of "fraternal spirits" that did the job. I'm happy to state that he was unsuccessful. I won't say the bottle wasn't there, but he didn't find it.

Bro. King, better known as "Rex," calls regularly and discusses his latest scheme—he always has a new one. "Rex" is becoming an inveterate schemer. The time was when he wore a sanctimonious expression on his face, because he was pious and good—he wears it now, because it aids him in his schemes, gives him an appearance of honesty and sincerity. But I must treat "Rex" well, because he schemed your correspondent into the President's chair of K. K. K. literary society at a recent election. Bro. Seward drops in every afternoon and we struggle vigorously over the chess board. "Ora" is ahead at present and liable to remain there. Bros. "Jim" Anderson and "Sam" Randall also battle with the pawns and are giants at "go-bang."

Bros. Barber, Stone, Talbut are working hard over their orations for Junior X, which comes off the 31st. They have our sympathy—we were there last year.

The SHIELD of March contained some very interesting discussions, on what I consider two of the most important questions that can engage the attention of any Fraternity: Honorary Membership and Extension. To the first I say "no" most emphatically! If we have no "big guns" in our Fraternity, it is our own fault. We should rear them with more care. If we want "big men," we must begin at the foundation and so improve our Fraternity that we can get the best men out of every college class—and then give them time. As to the sec-

ond question I am not so well prepared to render a verdict. I say go in and revive our dead Chapters whenever we can, but advance with caution—by this I do not mean to reject a petition from good men, students in a good institution with everything in favor of establishing a Chapter, as was recently done in the case of the Illinois State University—but exercise a reasonable amount of care and beware of worthless colleges. I do not think we need have any fears about our Fraternity becoming so large as to trouble us much—I think the greatest fear is to be experienced in regard to the colleges, in which we would place new charters being up to a high enough standard.

I notice a number of brothers request information as to the manner of conducting a Chapter meeting and the character of the exercises. The Illinois Beta has the following "Order of exercises":—

Call to order; prayer; roll call; minutes; "The Beta Shield"; Chapter and Fraternity business; recess of 15 minutes; call to order; call for bills; consideration of bills; adjourn at 10 o'clock, and after eating and singing go home when we please. "The Beta Shield" is our weekly Chapter paper and is edited by different members of our Chapter in turn. After recess the "call for bills"—is a call for such resolutions and motions as may be brought up for discussion in our Senate—under this head they are read and then filed for discussion when their turn comes. Under the "consideration of bills" is the discussion of such bills as are reached in their turn. We begin our meeting at 7.30 p. m. each Wednesday and adjourn at 10 o'clock sharp. This gives us plenty of time for all Phi Psi business, and if necessary our debates under "consideration of bills" can be crowded out of existence whenever we have much business. We enjoy our meetings very much and seldom leave before 11 o'clock.

Well, I fear this letter is growing quite lengthy—

Yours in Φ. K. Ψ.,

"MUMPS."

PENN'A BETA.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, MEADVILLE, PA.,

March 28th, 1881.

DEAR BRO. EDS.:

Perhaps you have asked yourselves the question once or twice during the past six months, as to what has become of Penn'a B? Wherefore this long silence and absence of Chapter letters? If you never made that mental interrogation, the scribe of this has done so. On my return to college, a few days ago, I commenced a series of questions as to the reason of the apparent failure in duty, and must confess the explanation was far from satisfactory. In a nutshell—each individual member thought his neighbor would attend to it, and, conse-

quently, the old adage, "What is everybody's business is nobody's business," came true. Perhaps the entire fault arises from having no one person whose duty it should be to look after this important branch of Fraternity work. In the future—but hold, let our actions be the evidence of an awakening.

When college opened after the summer vacation, of the twenty three active members present the previous term, twelve were absent. Eight had graduated with the highest honors of their class, and the remaining four were detained here and there. Though late, it may be well to assist some future historian by recording their residences and vocations. A. L. Bates is in the city, perusing Blackstone. E. T. Bates works up art, natural history and the like for the city association. Colegrove accepted a chair in the Williamsport Seminary, where he instructs in writing and drawing. Colter delves in medical works in a resident physician's office. Miner has pastoral charge of the Kearney City, Neb., M. E. Church. Mrs. Miner is there also. A. J. Newell is a district manager for the Western Publishing Co., Chicago. "A. M. Sheltito, Attorney and Counselor at Law, El Kader, Iowa," represents the sign of another brother. Williams chose Cleveland, Ohio, as his residence and place for legal studies. So much for the ex-seniors. Drafts on the Straitsville, Ohio, Bank will be paid by Cashier Culver. J. B. Siggins breathes the air of a University of Mich. medical lecture room. A. H. Siggins writes poems and takes part in legal "quizzes" at Franklin, Pa.

As a partial balance to such a loss, Bros. Everett and Cooper were on hand after an absence of a few terms, making thirteen fraters to commence the work of the collegiate year, '80-81. Thus far four men have been initiated, and one has arrived from Va. Δ and a hostile faculty. Drink to Bros.

J. H. Grangier, Greenville, Pa.;

W. C. Davis, Oakland, Md.;

W. W. Huffman;

F. M. Currie, Fowler, Ohio;

C. T. Fox, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

Of honors this year we are receiving our share. Bro. Everett is Editor-in-chief of the *Campus*, the official college paper. Ford, the "Oracle," has been class-day orator. Cooper represents one of the four literary societies in an inter-oration performance. And by way of parenthesis, I will add that he is the only Fraternity man chosen.

After a number of futile attempts "Roaming Robert" reached us, and on the evening of March 17th delighted an appreciative audience with "The Rise and Fall of the Moustache." A pouring rain rendered his hearers fewer in numbers than would have been with more propitious skies; those attending, however, were amply paid for their bravery in facing the storm. Of course a grand banquet at the best hotel in the city (how about the beds,

Bro. B.?) terminated the affair. Thirty hungry Phi Psis, including the Rev. Geo. Whitman, lawyer Hume, editor Morgan, resident members, and Trunkey of Franklin, attacked the "spread," and continued in "the same, old, reliable place for two hours before adjourning to the parlors, where old and young made the air resound, as true and loyal wearers of the Shield should. Our paper was not forgotten in the general merry-making, and through the missionary labors of Bro. Burdette seven subscriptions were made. And with the first rays of morn this happy convivium broke up.

Bidding the brothers good bye, I am

Yours in Φ. K. Ψ.,
R. D. H.

MARYLAND ALPHA,

JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, BALTIMORE, MD.,
March 30th, 1881.

MY DEAR "SHIELD":

To write a letter, when there's a dearth of news, is, to use a trite comparison, like the play of Hamlet, minus the character of the gloomy Dane: but we are determined to drop you a few lines if it is only to inform you of Maryland Alpha's health and prosperity.

We are now comfortably and cosily settled, surrounded by a band of earnest and congenial brothers, all thoroughly imbued with the true Φ. Ψ. spirit.

Just here let us express our cordial sympathy with the views of the majority of your correspondents as to the proper number of brothers in a chapter—twelve, or at the most fifteen, are amply sufficient to advance Φ. Ψ. interests; but, as is often the case elsewhere, money is essential to grease the wheels of the Fraternity with, and, in order to procure this, we must either increase the pro rata, or the number of members. Now of the two, the former would, perhaps, be preferable, if the "needful" were as evenly and justly distributed as our communistic neighbors desire, but this is, fortunately or unfortunately, not the case. Therefore, the only alternative left to enlarge our revenues, is, to enlarge our numbers, and it often happens that a black sheep enters the fold, in spite of all precautions to the contrary.

But while increasing the quantity, let us also have an eye to the quality, and remember the old saying, in "unity is strength."

Bro. Gephart having been raised to the post of Pres., the office of Sec'y has devolved upon yours truly, who, in discharging his duties, feels very much as a fish might be supposed to feel, when out of the water.

Yours in Φ. K. Ψ.,
D. S. G.

BRO. M. C. HORINE, '61, Pa. E., is spoken of as the successor to Dr. Schmucker in St. James' Lutheran Church, Reading, Pa.

TO MEMBERS OF PENN'A EPSILON.

SEVERAL present active members of this Chapter have been laboring for some time to procure a complete set of photographs of their graduate brothers, which are intended for the Chapter album. Many have replied to the letters sent, while many others have not been reached. Each brother sending his photo, card or cabinet, is requested to place his autograph and date of graduation on back of same.

Address, in reference to this matter,

BRO. GEO. D. GOTWALD,
Pennsylvania College,
Box 356.
Gettysburg, Pa.

INDIANA BETA.

I. S. U., BLOOMINGTON, March 22d, 1881.

EDITORS SHIELD:

Yesterday's mail brought the ever-welcome SHIELD. Expecting to find our Chapter represented, at least by a short communication, and finding none, I was considerably disappointed. Unauthorized, even unasked, I again attempt to perform a pleasant duty and answer, as best I can, some points presented in the last number of the SHIELD.

Illinois Beta fears a misconception of "Doc's" article on Chapter-correspondence. Let him repeat. As the soul is the entelechy of the body, so should the SHIELD be an actuating principle animating the ever widening sphere of Phi Psidom. Our faithful Fraternity organ can not "move and have its being" if stingy brothers withhold a helping hand. Other objects receive rich bounties. Billiard tables ornament our halls, brussels adorns our floors, paintings beautify and make glad our papered walls, gilded chandeliers swing from frescoed ceilings; yet a few pence to further the interests of an ill-paid paper are enviously begrudged. Rather, I say, let all these gaudy trappings vanish into thin air and be forgotten in the right pursuance of a worthy duty than to be their lawful owners and still permit a pleading cry for help to rise from a wronged, but well-deserving paper. Chapter-correspondence is clearly a secondary matter. Not at all that I oppose it—Indiana Beta has not been idle in that direction—but that we are apt to leave neglected a much higher obligation. While Chapter-correspondence is productive of vast and varied good, while it may, to a great degree, "foster fraternal feeling," yet the SHIELD, as the representative of a common weal, the up-builder of our cherished hopes, and the gauge of Chapter harmony, should be first and supreme in our minds, and, as the custodians of its success, we undoubtedly owe it our unrestricted and undivided aid. When the different Chapters shall have done their duty to the SHIELD, then, and not till then, let them enter

the fruitful fields of inter-collegiate Chapter-correspondence. Let both duties, well performed, be the wings whereon we rise.

Success crown your efforts.

Doc.

OHIO GAMMA.

WOOSTER, O., April 5th, 1881.

EDITOR SHIELD:

Though Ohio Gamma has not reported through the SHIELD lately, she flourishes and waxes stronger. Starting in September with seven members, since then eleven new men have been initiated. Two have left, which leaves us at present sixteen active members, united in advancing the interests of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ Our latest loss is Bro. Fred. Grant, who goes to Lafayette. The brothers there will find in Fred. a most worthy Phi Psi. He goes carrying the best wishes of Ohio Gamma.

We have recently made extensive improvements in our hall, the latest being a fine new Brussels carpet, and are now in position to maintain the reputation of the Chapter as becomes it. K. A. $\Theta.$ recently held its convention here, and at the banquet given by the ladies the laurels were conceded to $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, which had more representatives than all the other Fraternities combined. Our social supremacy at this institution, blest as it is with co-education, is undisputed. The brothers are united in their determination that the chapter's reputation shall be kept up in this as in all other respects. A serenading quartette is on the *tapis* at present.

In the matter of college honors we are in the front rank. Of the three performers chosen by Irving Literary Society to represent her at the annual society contest in June, two are Phi Psi's; Bro. Ed. S. Raff, who took the junior oratorical prize last year, will be the Orator, and Bro. A. I. Findley the Essayist. The Senior class, in its choice of four performers for class day, honored itself and Ohio Gamma by selecting two from the Chapter. Bro. W. J. Mullins will be the class Orator, and Bro. Findley will deliver the address to the lower classes. This indicates our standing in college, but there is every prospect that the end of the year will show further honors. One of the class honors at commencement, it is conceded by the Faculty, will fall to Bro. Mullins, and the chance for some member of the Chapter taking the junior oratorical prize, as has been done the three past years, is excellent.

We are favored with occasional visits from Bros. List, West and Kibler, who find attractions to lure them back to Wooster, and whose constancy fills us with the hope of future Phi Psi's.

Fraternally,

C. M. P.

PENNA. ZETA.

CARLISLE, PA., April 1st, '81.

TO EDITORS OF SHIELD:

Dear Bros.—A lady once asked Bro. Bob Burdette, upon a warm, sultry summer day, when he was obliged to shut himself up in a close room to finish an important production for that evening: "Mr. Burdette, how do you manage to get up sufficient energy for such work when circumstances are so much against you?" "Well, I'll tell you how it is," replied Bro. B. "I get all my materials ready and go away into some quiet room to myself. I then lock the door and place my materials upon the table all ready for work. Then I begin to think what a shame it is for me to be shut up here in a hot room when everybody else is outside having a good time. The more I think of it the madder I get, and in about five minutes after I have gone in I am mad enough to go to work." This is a very good plan for a hot summer day, but he didn't say what he would do upon the first day of April, with the snow and sleet beating against the windows, and the prospect that spring won't have time to "open up" to let summer in. But whether spring comes or not, or whether I am able to get up a considerable degree of energy or not, I must write a letter to the SHIELD. Since my last, we have had the pleasure of reading a letter published in its columns from the pen of an old Zeta, now bravely doing battle almost within the shades of classic Rutgers; who rather vigorously insists upon the retention, as his own individual property, of a *nom de plume* behind which he once masked his greatness, but which he certainly was too generous not to have bequeathed to Zeta in common with his other legacies, when he left her for wider fields. Of course, it awakened considerable enthusiasm—almost enough to cause one to write a letter to the SHIELD, but as it didn't happen to be my time to give our Order generally an opportunity to feel Zeta's fraternal pulse, I had to wait, and as I waited my ardor cooled. But imagine my surprise and righteous indignation when I read in your last issue a letter from Indiana Gamma, to which the correspondent affixed the signature "Deacon." I am now thoroughly aroused, and hasten to announce to the Chapters generally, and to Indiana Gamma particularly, that Penna. Zeta has "Deacon" both patented and copyrighted, and "all infringements of the same will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law." The difficulty between "Deacons" of '76 and '82 will have to be settled the first time they meet. Since her last letter, Zeta has been flourishing as usual, with very little to break the monotony of her work. We have had several visitors recently that have given us considerable pleasure. Bro. Halberstadt, of Penna. Iota, stopped off a few days ago on his way to Chambersburg, where he proposes to

welcome every brother that chooses to call upon him. Unfortunately, his pressing engagements compelled him to leave us before the evening, so that we hadn't the opportunity to "lionize" him as we might have done had he remained longer.

Bro. C. T. Dunning, '75, has been in town, and spent an evening with the "boys" a short time since, relating the glories of Phi Psi when Zeta numbered him among her active members. He is a loyal Phi Psi and may be found at Beach Haven, Penna. Bro. Mosser, '79, is here quite often, and always finds time to call upon some of us. Ben is doing remarkably well in the ministry since he got married, and may yet get to be a Phi Psi Bishop—who knows? He has been recently appointed to Mercersburg by Bishop Andrews. Bro. Mumper, '79, has also been to see us. Bill is busily engaged imparting to the pupils of Pennington Seminary some of the lore with which he became acquainted during his college life. Bro. Learned, '80, who dreams in Ionic since he began to fill the chair of Ancient Languages at Williamsport, has made it a point to visit us at Dickinson as often as possible, and each time impresses us more and more with the fact that no accumulation of dignity will make of him anything but our "Muggus." May he live long to reflect honor upon his Chapter and Fraternity and to enjoy the love and esteem of all those with whom he comes into contact. We have heard frequently from our Epsilon brothers, and have been glad to get their letters; but we have not been as energetic as they in the matter of correspondence. But they must kindly forbear; for if they knew how much effort it takes for a Zeta to write a letter, they would appreciate still more their own compulsory laws. But a party of us have been talking for some time about visiting some of our neighboring Chapters, and it may be that when we get started we shall drop down upon Epsilon, Eta, Theta, Iota—indeed, there is no telling where we may stop. A good, hearty grip with Bro. Shirk, of Eta, a short time since, on my way through Lancaster, convinced me that we shall receive a hearty welcome there.

Yours in Phi Kappa Psi,

Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

"DEACON, JR."

PENN'A ETA.

LANCASTER, PA.

DEAR EDITORS:

THE last number of the SHIELD has been read and enjoyed. It gave us many a new thought concerning the welfare of the Fraternity. The letters on Honorary Members afford good suggestions which ought to rule out old practices. You did well in calling attention to the necessity of more earnest work at home. We must labor within legitimate boundaries. Let us make the weak places strong and the strong stronger. Let us raise the dead Chapters to life, and infuse into the living a grander

depth of feeling. After the well of love has been exhausted at home, we will go abroad. But we are not ready yet to supply a new stream of life. Have we not some streams in the South whose flow is idly spent among the weeds of cruel neglect? Years ago they flowed as proudly and as truly as any. Circumstances of war nearly ended them. There are still precious drops remaining. Here and there they sparkle fair in the light of Phi Psi love. Will we pass by in careless mood? That is not a part of our manhood. You cannot urge this matter too much. Many a brother would like to see the old altars blaze with new fires. May Phi Psi energy feed anew its struggling life in the South! 'Tis the heartfelt wish of our boys. We may sometimes gain a good home in strange places, but 'tis better far to love and cherish the old. Let us make new efforts for our unfortunate Chapters. A rich mine is there.

We are glad to write that Bro. "Pete" Biesecker is on a fair road to health. For nearly three months he was unable to leave his bed. He often had great pains, but showed manly patience. We boys did all in our power for his comfort. Phi Psi love prevailed, and "Pete" is daily gaining strength. We long to see him once more in our meetings. His happy smile used to be contagious.

A few days ago Bros. Jacobs and Brown, Pa. Epsilon, came to Lancaster and made us happy. It certainly is a pleasure to know such big-hearted young men. Epsilon has surely been a noble mother. Her sons have the genuine in their composition; their shields are pure. Jacobs, come again. Brown, do thou the same. Linton, why did you fail to come to Eta? Was Gettysburg too attractive for you?

Rev. D. N. Dittmar, our own dear brother in Eta, recently spent a few days with us. He has found a new field of labor at Littlestown, Adams Co. He is a faithful minister of the Reformed Church. He loves the church, but that love only seems to make Phi Psi interests the dearer to him.

We have just entered a new term of study. Our only Senior, Birdie, fully sustains in his class the reputation of our Chapter. We poor Juniors dig away at the Greek and Latin roots, and try to understand the true Senior dignity that awaits us. But the poor sophs! What of them? Ah! wait till they have passed or failed in the final Sophomore Test. Eshie, Walter and Pete bring up the verdancy and inexperience of the class fondly termed "Freshie" by Port and Nev.

Eta sends love to all.

"BILLIE E."

Bro. J. P. Hentz, '61, Pa. E., of Germantown, Ohio, is writing a history of the Lutheran Church of that place in connection with historical notes of the early ministers in Miami Valley.

PENN'A EPSILON.

PENN'A COLLEGE, GETTYSBURG, PA.,

April 11th, 1881.

DEAR EDITOR:

A vacation of over one week having been spent since writing our last, and most of us having been then separated, not much has happened which would be of general interest. We were much pleased several days since to see in our town paper that Bro. Bob Burdette will lecture in Gettysburg some time next month. "Advice to Young Men" is the subject, but we hope to have a little of his advice after the lecture.

Bro. Jacobs spent a few days with the Eta boys last week, and as usual enjoyed himself very much. He reports that some of their number intend to return the visit on Easter Monday. Let them come.

Bro. Allen Brown, who was in the drug business in York, was present at our meeting on last Saturday evening. Pill-making seems to have suited "Brownie," for he looks better than ever. Please address his copy of the SHIELD to Gettysburg.

From all we can learn, we are led to believe that the charter spoken of in the last number of the SHIELD will be granted. This, we think, is quite fortunate, since the College from whose students the petition is sent, is one in which we ought to be established. If all the work is done promptly, the Chapter will be in running order before another month has passed.

Epsilon sends her Easter greeting to all her sister Chapters. Fraternally,

GEO. D. G.

JACKSON, MISS., March 13th, 1881.

DEAR BRO. SMITH:

It is unpleasant to imagine what you may have thought of me as a correspondent in the past few months, but I am sure you will overlook my seeming neglect when I tell you that for months past I have been almost blind. I had hoped to go to New York this winter and spring, and promised myself the pleasure of visiting you, and on this account postponed writing much longer than I would otherwise have done; but I cannot go, and so find much pleasure in writing to you, although the effort costs me considerable pain. I have suffered for a long time, less or more, with some affection of the eye, which our doctors seem not to understand, as each one has a new name for the trouble, and none of them affords me much relief, and I fear it will eventually cost me one or both of my eyes. I can read very little, and scarcely ever attempt to write at all. My sight grew very much worse soon after I wrote you last.

I had hoped very ardently to be able to render you some substantial aid in the preparation of the history,

and have been trying to collect some data, but fear I will have to give it up altogether, as I have no hope now of being able to give the matter the necessary attention and labor. It would indeed have been a labor of love to me, and if I could have accomplished it, it would always have been a source of pride and pleasure to me, and I relinquish the hope with a regret which I can find no words to express. I hope sincerely you will not be disappointed, and that some one has done long ago all that I would have liked so much to do.

I hope to hear from you frequently, as your letters give me great pleasure. I will write when I can.

Believe me always

Yours in $\Phi. K. \Psi.$,

J. T. LESTER,

Miss. Alpha, '57.

CARBONDALE, ILL., April 14, '81.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

Through kindness of some Indiana Beta brother, I received the March number of the SHIELD. Two or three points you will permit a Phi Psi of ten years standing to comment upon.

1. Your views concerning "extension" are exactly right, and mainly for the reasons you urge. During my four years with Indiana Beta, I never knew her members to be hasty concerning an application. They were generally slow about acting, except in connection with Wisconsin Alpha, where they took matters into their own hands and made some honorary members. I am convinced that the Fraternity should now strengthen its boundaries, and be very careful about extending them. Better a few excellent, *superior*, Chapters than many dead or inferior ones.

2. There is too much anxiety to secure members. Many measure a Chapter by the number of members. Five years of experience out of college have convinced me that we made many mistakes in this matter. A classmate once made this argument to me: "You are going out this year, and the boys who remain all want him. You ought to waive your objections and allow his initiation." To this I finally yielded, and in a year or two the person so admitted was expelled for immorality. Such cases are not rare, I think. They should be exceedingly uncommon; for a true Phi Psi, as an alumnus, cannot forget, or lose interest in, his Chapter, and the expulsions are painful reminders of mistakes which could easily have been prevented.

3. Will our brethren who are in active connection with the Chapters stop writing of the petty contests with some other Greek Fraternity, where "our boys" elected the president of some college society, or the editor of some college paper, or carried off any other such trivial honors? There are triumphs where actual merit wins. Let's have

more reports of such as these, instead of successes where chicanery and rascality win oftener than true worth does. The lowest order of political trickery is not in place among those who base their actions on "conscience, honor and truth as on foundations of adamant rock."

4. I will be one of the 20 to furnish \$100 for Fraternity expenses. You may so inform the brothers whose name you withhold, but withhold my name from all others. If the matter is thus placed in the hands of our more experienced membership, it will work quite well. At Madison, Wisconsin, the applicants themselves paid Bro. Nat. Hill's expenses from Indiana Beta.

Anything that will remove much of the foolishness from our Chapters, and substitute a leaven of wisdom, will be welcome news to me.

Yours fraternally,

S. E. H.
Indiana B., '76.

EXTRACTS

FROM SUB-ROSA CHAPTER LETTER.

APRIL 14th, 1881.

DEAR BROTHERS:

With much pleasure I answer your appreciated letter. Every communication from any of our older brothers seems to give us a great deal of strength and much pleasure. I am constrained to believe already that Phi Kappa Psi is the noblest fraternity in the land. I am sure that I will at all times try to vindicate our cause. I don't know anything about how our Chapter ranked in the Fraternity in years past, but we will try and place it on as high level, as long as we remain in college, and I will do all I can in after years to keep it there. I have noble young men for brothers who will help me sustain our cause. We have only initiated three young men since organization, and will probably initiate one more this term. We don't wish to have very many men to start off with, and only such who, I know, can stand any criticism from the college community as intelligent, moral, social and lovely fellows. There is an honor man in school I am sure we could get, but from a little want of congeniality I suppose we will not take him as a brother.

I am sure that you will remember your first connection with Phi Kappa Psi, but hardly think you experienced the cares that your humble servant has so soon after initiation. My cares have been awakened not from any wrong feature of Phi Kappa Psi, but because I want to place the noble banner in its proper place and in a becoming manner to commence with. Newly initiated members with old Chapters have not this care, but only have to enter the ranks of noble brothers who have made for Phi Psi a name. I am very sorry you could not announce our birth in the SHIELD, and am almost sorry that we have remained *sub rosa* so long. I think, how-

ever, that it will not be any disadvantage to me or the Chapter.

I have not received a Constitution nor seal from the G. C. If the seal does not come in time for us to get our badges when we need them, we will have to trouble you with them.

We are glad to hear from you at all times.

I remain yours in Phi Kappa Psi,

EDUCATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS.

BY AN OLD BOY.

So, Sammy, my boy, you tell me you've joined the "Eat a pie" Fraternity, and I suppose that gilt pie-plate on your lappell is the badge—and "they're all tip-top fellows" too—I congratulate you and therefore you must listen to a homily, my boy. You went to college for an education, you have now gone into the "sworn friendship" business, hence my text. Archdeacon Paley says, "Education, in the most extensive sense of the word, may comprehend every preparation that is made in our youth for the sequel of our lives," and in this sense I use it—I would suggest a question you perhaps have never thought about: what part will my friendships play in my education? I know I never gave it a thought, when like you, I wore my heart on my sleeve and gave my love out as freely as water, and lived best in the sunshine of my friends smile. But as I look back I can now see how much I owe to my friendships of what my culture really is; this is a part of a man's education which cannot be provided for in a curriculum, and it has been too much left to chance. Many a student, of good character, good intentions, good capabilities, has been marred morally, intellectually and spiritually for life, by the friendships which have been forced on him, or which he could not evade; and on the other hand, many with the reverse characteristics have been saved from themselves, by associations that kept their evil tendencies in check, and enabled them to tide over the season when evil unchecked ends in shipwreck. I have known students who as scholars stood high, with minds gloriously trained, who yet went out into the world babes in human feeling, barbarians as to the social instincts, because no friendship had caught hold of that part of their nature that was unawakened. Here we have a power machinery in education which our education-tinkers have not yet put their hand to—one that no moral school has put in harness—I feel thankful they have not.

Now your "Eat a pie" Fraternity, Sammy, sets me thinking. This is an age that runs to co-operation societies, mutual insurance, etc.; an age that is full of the milk of human kindness in providing for the wants of the people, and it will even create a want in order to provide for it. Even oleo-margarine meets a want; every one knows what butter is to a boarding-house keeper. Well, our college friendships have been recognized as educational apparatus, by students if not by professors, and the student mind, in harmony with the spirit of the age, has met its own need. In this, I suppose, is to be found the secret of college fraternities, or secret societies. They used to be regarded with fear or dread, or horror, in my young days, as begotten of the devil. But I am now convinced they are begotten of a felt need in

the student's life. They provide and offer to the student entering college *ready-made* friendships, and generally furnish good material. You cannot make too much of your college friendships; my boy, but remember that they are educating you, in spite of yourself. Your Fraternity has given you friends ready-made; you take them on trust; but don't trust blindly. You can still choose. Having chosen, then, go it blind—give out all the best of your heart; it won't exhaust your capacity.

"The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
Grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel."

The human heart needs to love, and must love some one or not. It is not a good thing for a student to be "falling in love" with every pretty girl that hits his fancy for a moment. It is not a part of his education, and does him more harm than good. Don't look at me so queerly, boy, as if I was arguing against human nature. The love of a good woman is a grand boon, and is to be sought after as one would seek diamonds. If it comes, meet it like a man with your whole soul. But wait patiently; a boy is not in love every time he thinks so, and many a student has found it out to his eternal shame. Such college loves, leave a stain on the conscience, if not on the soul. They come to naught, and the heart carries with it a bed of ashes where they once bloomed. But a college friendship is a different thing. It is only at college they find their true soil in the abnormal life of the student: abnormal because it is a life within prescribed limits, with a beginning and an ending. Every thing that enters into that life leaves its mark on the mind, but at the same time it is only part of the scaffolding within which the character has been building up; and in leaving college, the scaffolding is taken down and is no more seen. Into that scaffolding goes much of our friendships, but not always all—warm, heart-entwining, self-sacrificing, undying they were, and what is better, they remain so. It is an empty head and a rancid heart that sneers at the "undying friendships" of school boys and girls. They are undying in the best sense, for they belong to an ideal world—a world of beauty without decay. We sail away from it on the busy sea of life; but in hours of calm the soul goes back to it, as truly the real amid all the fleeting and the unstable in what is falsely called real life. Some of the dearest friends of my soul have gone beyond the river. Dead? not a bit of it; they are as much alive for me as ever they were. Why, boy, they're part of myself. We live together and will never die. Others, as dear, whom I have hugged in warm affection, who knew my heart in all its throbs and whose heart I read as a book, I have not seen for twenty-six years. They are scattered over the land. I hear of them occasionally, but I dread to see them. Why? I don't want to lose my ideal. They are different beings now from what they were; have changed every atom of their bodies several times, and their mental frame has changed too. So it is with me. Don't expect an old friendship to glow as of yore, after a long separation. A new friendship may spring up, but the old one remains a separate entity; and the new one is often nothing than a pretty tombstone with the inscription of "Sacred to the memory

of a lost love." So, make all you can of your friendships *now*, Sammy; and don't expect too much of them. Don't hope they'll keep on growing; they can't—they're full-grown now. While you have them, put your whole soul into them; your soul will carry the impress forever, and your friendship, though shortlived in appearance, will be undying. But I must not weary you with my paradoxes—yet the old boy loves to live over his old life in fits; it is our way of keeping young.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

Δ. T. Δ. approves of the Chapter periodical.

THERE are twenty active Chapters on Chi Phi's list.

THE Western Reserve College Chapter of B. Θ. II. has lately been revived.

Φ. Δ. Θ. was incorporated March 12th as State organization at Cincinnati.

THE last convention of Zeta Psi was held at Toronto. Fifty Zeta Psi's were present.

THE faculty at Butler Univ. recently rusticated three members of the Σ. X. Chapter.

CHI Phi's Iota Chapter at Mercer University is thinking seriously of passing in its charter.

THE Chapters of Δ. K. E. and Ψ. T. at Columbia number respectively 51 and 62 members. How's that?

Α. T. Ω., in addition to founding a Chapter at Univ. of Pennsylvania, has placed a *sub rosa* Chapter at another institution and revived its Mu Chapter at Kentucky Military Institute.

CHI PSI held its annual convention Feb. 24th, at Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City. About thirty delegates from various Chapters were present. The Columbia Chapter (Z.) was revived.

THE *Chi*, one of Φ. Γ. Δ.'s *sub rosa* Chapters, has come out. It is located at Racine College, Wis. The next annual convention of the Penn'a Chapters will be held in June, 1882, at Gettysburg, Pa.

Φ. Γ. Δ.—The second annual State Convention of the Pa. Chapters was held in Pittsburg, April 1st. The publishing of song book is again receiving some attention. The importance of revival of dead Chapters and the opening in the South are also being discussed.

THE *Crescent* of Δ. T. Δ. proposes a Fraternity Press Association, and remarks: "We think that much good could be derived from such meetings and such an association, and that the present system of fraternity journalism would be raised in dignity and importance."

BRO. Wm. Davis, 74, Pa. I., who carried off the med. prize at his graduation, studied long enough in London to become a member of the Royal Society of Surgeons, spent some time in Paris and recently capped the climax by carrying off an M.D. at the University of Gottingen in one semester.

THE work of organizing State Alumni Associations goes bravely on. Alabama has the high honor of leading in the work. She is now fully equipped, and is cultivating

a fruitful field. Georgia nobly follows, and the Carolinas, Tennessee, Virginia and Maryland are preparing to organize.—A. T. Ω. *Palm* for April.

B. Θ. Π.—Catalogue is in press. The A. Ψ. Chapter located at Butler University has returned its charter. The subject of initiation of "preps" is being freely discussed, and the general idea is to "sit on them." Enthusiastic alumni meeting recently held in N. Y. City, at which Hon. M. S. Latham and Dr. Sims, Chancellor of Syracuse Univ., were present.

RUMOR announces the entrance of Φ. Γ. Δ. into Wittenberg College; and the Δ. T. Δ. *Crescent* states that the same fraternity is making a hard strike at University of Pennsylvania, one of its prominent men having gone from New York to Phila. to work up the matter. Several medics who on their entrance last fall into the med. department were non-frats, now sport the Φ. Γ. Δ. badge.

A. T. Ω. has just entered the University of Penn'a with excellent material and prospects. Welcome and success. The University has now seven Fraternities and over 1000 students in its various departments. The course in the Towne Scientific School extends through five years—Freshman, Sophomore, Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior. The classical is the usual four years, the law two years, each extending from October to June. The medical extends through three years of five months each. During the summer medical lectures are delivered, and these are largely attended by the students who remain here.

THE correspondent of Φ. Γ. Δ.'s X Chapter at Gettysburg, writes as follows in the April number of the *Phi Gamma Delta*: "We are in a prosperous condition, with a membership of seventeen. During the last term, X has weathered a stormy gale, but has ridden safely into port. In plain language, we have had to fight a strong combination which left no stone unturned that it might harm us. Bills were posted around college concerning us; mean squibs written on the walls; but we have come through it safely, with the best non-fraternity men on our side, and without once losing our temper and descending to the level of our assailants. All resulted from mere jealousy."

PHI Delta Theta has lost her Chapter at Wooster. Four of her members joined Phi Kappa Psi—the rest went to other colleges, one of whom having entered Ohio Wesleyan, is now a member of our Chi Chapter. Phi Delta Theta, at its last convention, divided its Chapters into five provinces, and a president was appointed for each province, who is to have special charge of the interests of the fraternity therein. Provision was also made at that time for the publication during 1881-82 of an elaborate biographical catalogue, which is expected to equal, in arrangement and completeness, anything in

that line ever published. Very stringent rules were also made against letting the *Scroll* fall into the hands of non-Phi's. It is just such a policy as this that tends to degrade a journal to the rank of a mere party "organ," and this in turn deludes the members into an idea that other fraternities are dreadfully beneath notice, while their own is a model of perfection,—an idea that is only dispelled when such a calamity as happened at Wooster falls like a thunderbolt upon them.—*Chi Phi Quarterly* for April, 1881.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

OHIO Delta entertained the Ohio Alpha brothers March 25th.

WILL GIBBS and Fred Hubbard have left the Ohio State University.

FRED SHEDD, '80, Ohio Delta, has returned to college after several weeks' illness.

BRO. John M. Young, '62, Pa. E., is a successful practitioner of law in York, Pa.

BRO. W. Wirt Witmer, '63, Pa. E., is said to be editing on the Santa Fe R. R. (N. Mex.)

BRO. W. T. Hill, '63, Pa. E., is again occupied as C. E. a newspaper in Iowa City, Iowa. Doing well.

BRO. Jim Bergstresser, Pa. Theta, was married early in this month to Miss Clara Duffy, of Philadelphia.

BRO. Wm. H. Adams was recently elected Corresponding Secretary of Indiana Beta, Bloomington, Ind.

BRO. James H. Matthews, Pa. A., '56, is in the banking business with Wilson & Hanna, in Lafayette, Ind.

BRO. H. M. Evans, Pa. Z., '74, was, on March 31, united in marriage to Miss Laura Beetem, of Carlisle.

HARRY DAHL and Walter Miller are again "at home" with the Ohio Delta boys, after an absence of some time.

BRO. J. M. Krauth, '64, Pa. E., is postmaster at Gettysburg, Pa., and has every prospect of a re-appointment.

BRO. D. C. List, '81, Ohio Gamma, has entered the manufacturing business with his brother, at Wheeling, W. Va.

BRO. Stephen Baldy, Pa. Epsilon, of Catawissa, was married during the Christmas holidays to Miss Dollie Reifsnnyder.

BROS. E. Morris Campbell and Frederick William Lord were among the recent graduates of the law department of Michigan University.

BRO. Prescott Smith, '78, Ohio Alpha, is slowly recovering from typhoid fever, at his residence, 277 W. 7th St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

BRO. H. R. Robinson, Pa. Z., '81, was admitted into the Phila. M. E. Conference at its late session in Pottsville and is appointed pastor at Kennett Square.

BRO. Dr. Charlie Baum, '74, Pa. E., assisted Prof. Agnew, of the U. of P., in getting out his classic work on Surgery. Bro. Baum is collecting the statistics for Vol. 3.

BRO. F. W. Clarke, N. Y. Alpha, now Professor of Chemistry in Univ. of Cincinnati, has recently published an interesting chemical paper on "*The Tartrates of Antimony.*"

BROS. Sam'l P. Sadler, '67, Pa. E., and W. L. Rowland, '78, Pa. I., published a paper in last number of the *American Chemical Journal*, on "Preliminary Notice of a New Vegetable Coloring Matter." In a previous issue of the same journal, Bro. Geo. A. Koenig, Pa. I., published two papers on new minerals. Bros. Marks and Freeland, of Pa. I., are frequent contributors to the various mathematical journals of the country.

THE Williamsport (Pa.) *Daily Banner*, of April 5th, contains the following notice of Bro. Metzger, '78, Pa. E.: "Verus H. Metzger, a son of Hon. John J. Metzger, was admitted to the bar this morning, Judges Cummit and Mayer on the bench. He passed his final examination last evening before the committee, composed of Messrs. Brighard, Allen, Meredith and Beeber; Mr. Bentley of the committee being out of town. We learn from some of the committee that Mr. Metzger passed a very creditable examination, not missing a single question of the many put to him. This examination is said to have been one of the best ever before the board, who were greatly pleased at the manner in which he acquitted himself. Verus is a young man of excellent character, and gained quite a reputation during the late Presidential campaign as a political speaker. We are quite sure that he will make his mark in the world as an attorney, for he has in him the grit as well as the ability to succeed in his chosen profession. We could hardly say anything more complimentary than that 'He is a chip out of the old block.'"

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- PA. GAMMA, Ernest L. Tustin, Lewisburg University, Lewisburg, Pa.
- PA. EPSILON, Horace L. Jacobs, box 240, Gettysburg, Pa.
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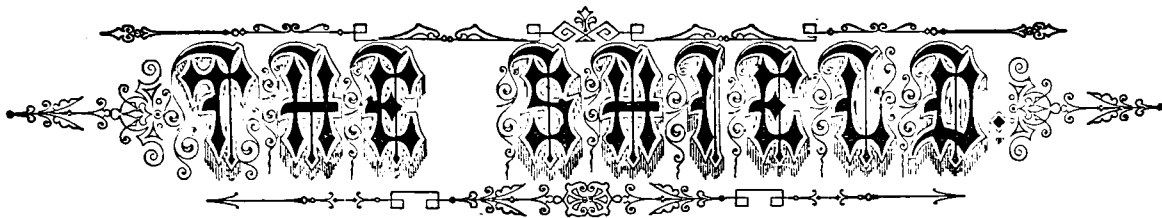
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CAL. ALPHA, Washington, D. C.

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CHAUTAUQUA!

AUGUST 18th, 1881.

Bro. List will give important information concerning Reunion in our next issue.

LET each Chapter send us a short communication for the last number of Vol. II. Please oblige us, and don't forget the personals. Let all copy be in our hands by June 6th.

WE desire to direct the attention of the brothers to the *Φ. K. Ψ.* waltzes, composed by Bro. Ed. S. Raff, Wooster, O. A few copies remain, and the brothers who wish them had better send in their orders at once. The orchestras in Cleveland and Cincinnati are playing "The Legends of the Rhine," lately published by Bro. Raff; the people rave over them. Send in your subscriptions.

THOSE brothers who are not in college, and wish THE SHIELD, will do well in sending us their address per postal. We learn that some are grumbling because of the non-appearance of their paper. When any irregularity occurs, please notify us and the trouble will be speedily adjusted.

In view of the great delay, and the trouble our historians experience in their work of preparing the History, we would suggest to the Fraternity at large the advisa-

bility of creating a new office—Grand Historian of the Fraternity. In addition there should be Chapter Historians, whose duty it would be to send in an annual account of all that has occurred during each year in their various Chapters. These reports the Grand Historian might preserve as such or alter so as to conform with some general plan without in any way sacrificing any of the important points. Had we had such an arrangement in former years, the work of compiling a history would not be near so laborious and emphatically more reliable.

CORRESPONDENCE intended for California Alpha should be addressed for the present to Bro. Dr. C. W. Breyfogle, San Jose, Cal.

BROTHERS please don't omit sending THE SHIELD copies of your college catalogues and annuals. They furnish us with data that can be employed in getting up our columns.

THE G. C. desire the petition placed before you to be acted upon without delay.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

NEW YORK DELTA.

Welcome all!

NAMES to be remembered—

WM. DUKE HOWZE, '59, Tenn. A.

DR. C. W. BREYFOGLE, '60, Ohio A.

WM. ALLEN JOHNSTON, '76, Mich. A.

JOHN E. RICHARDS, '77, Mich. A.

S. D. AYRES, '65, Ind. A.

HORACE L. JACOBS, '82, Pa. E.

WE present the above to the Fraternity feeling that every true Phi Kappa Psi will say with us—well done! To the old brothers we extend thanks, and to the young brothers who have cast their lot with the "honored three," we bid a hearty fraternal welcome. The following letters will no doubt be received with joy.

MISS. ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
 OXFORD, Miss., April 30th, 1881.

DEAR BRO. SMITH:

Your highly appreciated letter came to hand a few days since, and found Miss. Alpha still living and doing well. We have not initiated any new members recently, and I suppose we will not initiate any more before we make ourselves known. Mr. ——— is a nice young man, and I think he would be very suitable for us, but don't know how his election would result were I to propose his name. I rather think I will do all I can for him after a few weeks. We room in the same hall. My brothers are in every class from Junior to the Preparatory department.

Bro. R. F. Greer and I are Juniors, Bros. East and Park are Sophomores, Bros. Farley and Gray are Freshmen, and Bros. Waugh and Taylor are Preparatory students. This may seem that we selected them in this way purposely, but we did not. I am glad, however, that we have some in each class, as we thus make our footing sure.

I cannot give you any very accurate information about ———, but think it is doing first rate. There is a young man in my class this year who graduated there last year. I will try and give you full information when I write again. Bro. Howze kept your badge; he proposed to leave it with us, but as we could not make ourselves known we thought it useless to keep it. I sent you ——— to-day with which to procure three badges. Sent by P. O. order. I have only heard from Bro. Allen Smith (Penna. Epsilon); he wrote me a lovely letter. I would be glad to hear from all the Chapters.

I also received a letter from G. C., but have not received a constitution yet. Bro. Smith, it is really amusing to see how things change in the consideration of college boys, especially in regard to elections. * * *

Bro. Greer and your correspondent were elected Junior speakers to-day for Commencement; one other Junior of our society was elected for the same purpose. Your humble correspondent was also elected Junior response in the society exercise for June.

The SHIELD—such a welcome and highly appreciated messenger. I liked the contents splendidly, and will not be without a copy for Miss. Alpha. It gives us a great deal of splendid information, and seems as a fresh current of fraternal love continually flowing from Chapter to Chapter. * * *

We have not formed a special order of exercise yet, but spend the time in laughing and seeing who can tell the most pleasant jokes. We have had to be so very secret, we were afraid to appear united in any way, as there is some suspicion of a new club on the campus.

You ask for our home address and class:—

Richard Foot Greer, Vaiden, Carroll Co., Miss.
 William Jasper East, Sardis, Panola Co., Miss.
 John Franklin Park, Sardis, Panola Co., Miss.
 William David Waugh, New Port, Attalla Co., Miss.
 L. J. Farley, Hernando, De Soto Co., Miss.
 R. W. Gray, Water Valley, Yallowbushie Co., Miss.
 A. B. C. Taylor, Taylor's Depot, Lafayette Co., Miss.
 W. Terrell Rush, DeKalb, Kemper Co., Miss.

The classes are given above. I will send you a catalogue of our school as soon as they come out for this year. As I do not care to weary you I will close.

I gave directions concerning badges in the letter which contained P. O. order. I think some of the other boys will send in a few days. Write soon to

Yours in the true bonds of Φ. K. Ψ.,
 W. T. RUSH.

UNIV. OF MISS., May 14th, 1881.

EDITOR SHIELD:

Thinking that probably the readers of THE SHIELD would like to hear from their *sub rosa* brethren of Mississippi Alpha, and as the time is now near at hand when we will throw aside the disguise in which we have been clothed for some time past and come out in full Phi Psi regalia, I have concluded to give you a few *dots* from this point.

As you are well aware, we were organized on the 26th of last March, by Bro. W. D. Howze, of Hernando, Miss.—a man thoroughly imbued with the true spirit of Phi Kappa Psi, to whom we of Miss. Alpha will ever remain grateful for the many invaluable services he has rendered us—and at that time numbered five members, viz.: W. T. Rush, W. J. East, L. J. Farley, R. W. Gray and your humble correspondent. Since then we have made three valuable additions to our number, in the persons of Bros. R. F. Greer, W. D. Waugh and A. B. C. Taylor, all whole-souled, open-hearted, intelligent boys.

We have had several disadvantages to contend with; for our organization being effected late in the session, a greater part of the most intelligent boys had already been selected by the other Fraternities (which are seven in number: Σ. X., Δ. K. E., Χ. Ψ., Δ. Ψ., Β. Θ. II., Φ. Δ. Θ. and *Rainbow*), although there is plenty of good material here yet. Then, again, our *sub rosa* condition has been another disadvantage, and we have more than once been accused of being club men, but have generally managed it so skillfully that there is only suspicion as to our existence. But, notwithstanding all our disadvantages, we are determined to make Phi Kappa Psi a glorious success at this place, and to give her that position among the Fraternities she so richly deserves.

Yours in Phi Kappa Psi,
 JOHN F. PARK.

CAL. ALPHA.

SAN JOSE, CAL., May 2d, 1881.

EDITOR OF THE SHIELD.

Dear Brother.—You know the history of our effort to establish a Chapter of the dear old Fraternity at the Pacific University. There has never been a secret organization in this fine institution, and we felt that it would honor our Fraternity to gain an entrance there, and we knew they would feel honored by membership in $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, even as we do.

But I have not said who *we* are. An enthusiastic trio—J. E. Richards and W. A. Johnston, lawyers (and good ones, too), of San Jose, graduates of Pacific University and of the Ann Arbor Law School, and members of Mich. Alpha; and yours, humbly, of Ohio Alpha, one of the three who organized that Chapter 20 years ago. Not a trio, either, for we soon became a quartett by finding Bro. Ayers, of Indiana Alpha, who resides near here and is a host in himself.

We laid the matter before the Faculty, and after consideration they gave their assent, and *Dr. Stratton, President of the University, wrote a letter to the G. C., soliciting a charter for us.* Then began a long season of waiting, which was very trying. Months passed, the last term began, most of our candidates were seniors, and we really feared (our quartette, I mean) that $\Phi. \Psi.$ discredited us. At last you, Mr. Editor, wrote us the good news of success, and we lost not a moment's time in notifying the rest. This was three weeks ago. Thank you, dear brother, for your promptness, and your appreciation of the welcome we would give such news. Bro. Richards wrote at once for charter, seal, etc., to be sent. Day before yesterday I received official notice from Bro. Murray, and, as it takes seven days for a letter to cross the continent, I telegraphed him last night to hurry the documents. To-day he replied by telegraph that he would mail them this afternoon. Another week, and Cal. Alpha will send greeting across the continent to the brethren, and, though so far away, we guarantee a Chapter which shall do honor to the name. Look out, brother, for an eventual petition for a Chapter in China or Japan. The arms of $\Phi. \Psi.$ Brotherhood have reached 3000 miles over rocky summit and sandy plain, and may yet cross the broad Pacific Sea. As *you* first spoke us into being, so you shall first receive us, and I shall telegraph you as soon as organized. You will probably receive the telegram about the time this letter reaches you. The SHIELD has done much to tide us through the long delay, each copy being generally circulated. Greet the brethren with a kiss for the new-born.

I have written this because I recognize a well-merited rebuke in the April SHIELD just received. I should have acknowledged the kindness of your letter, but must plead as excuse, that I sent it at once to the University,

so missed it from my letters unanswered, and pressure of business prevented even politeness. Please accept my hearty apology and be assured that I shall not be guilty again. I will see that the boys write you full account of first meeting.

I enjoy The SHIELD, but I must depend on you to remind me when my subscription expires, as I kept no minute of time, and I do not want it discontinued. We have a splendid lot of students ready for $\Phi. \Psi.$ honors. I am anxious to renew my youth in the old time way.

Yours Fraternally,

C. W. BREYFOGLE.

THE LATEST.

SAN JOSE, CAL., May 14th, 1881.

EDITOR SHIELD, 112 N. Twelfth St., Philada:

California Alpha organized to-night with fourteen charter members.

C. W. BREYFOGLE.

OUR REPLY.

Hearty welcome and long life to California Alpha.

THE SHIELD.

A BREEZE FROM THE N. Y. DELTA.

HOBART COLLEGE, Geneva, N. Y., May 8th, '81.

DEAR SHIELD:

I suppose that in most letters there are generally a few remarks, "preliminary and antecedent, preparatory to the initiation of a commencement." N. Y. $\Delta.$ thinks she has found hers in Dryden:

"On what new happy climate are we thrown,
So long kept secret and so lately known?
As if our old world modestly withdrew,
And here in private had brought a new."

$\Phi. K. \Psi.$ is indeed a new world for us, it heralds days of reconstruction; of relegation of old thoughts and a new criterion; in the same manner as the primary trinity of colors combine and produce the clear white, so our mystic trinity clothes all nature in a garb the pureness of which can only be appreciated by true $\Phi. \Psi.$'s. Am I enthusiastic? Please ascribe it all to Bro. H. L. Jacobs, of Pa. E. His enthusiasm for $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ is contagious. Soon after his arrival here, Friday, April 29th, we adjourned to the G. A. R. rooms, where we were "swung." We were five: F. E. Easterbrooks, J. B. Blanchet, J. C. Flood, G. F. Irish, and your humble "Baby," J. D. Kennedy. Bro. Irish was evidently afraid the goat had prong'd horns, at any rate, he proceeded with an extraordinary amount of caution. The rest of us had life insurance policies. I think the remembrance of that evening will remain with us long. I cannot speak too highly of Bro. Jacobs as a gentleman and as an expounder of $\Phi. \Psi.$ truths. Omitting nothing, he explained all in a simple earnest manner. N. Y. $\Delta.$ con-

gratulates Pa. E. upon her good fortune in possessing him. Saturday we passed in showing up Geneva and her surroundings to Bro. Jacobs. If perchance he communicates to the readers of THE SHIELD certain startling adventures, in which a red "cow" and your correspondent figured promiscuously, I beg of you to accept such account *cum grano salis*. I need say no more. Our founder left Geneva for Gettysburg on Monday, May 2d. A hearty good-bye and N. Y. A. stood alone. We have not been idle, however. Already we have secured a cosy suite of rooms, which we can shut completely off, and we intend to make them the embodiment of pleasantness. About June 1st we shall have our opening. If any of our $\Phi. \Psi.$ brothers are about we'll try and make it an object for them to call upon us. Bro. H. V. L. Jones, Dundee, N. Y., sent congratulations the other day, full of $\Phi. \Psi.$ ring, too. We are saving up change for The SHIELD, and through its columns we heartily thank Bros. Smith, McCleary and Kendall, and Pa. Iota, Kappa, Epsilon, as well as the G. C. for their interest in us. I am no prophet but I am pleased to believe that the fantastic figures in the curling smoke from my pipe mean nothing but interest well deserved and prosperity for N. Y. A. This much I may say that $\Phi. K. \Psi.$'s sons at Hobart will try to be worthy of the "eternal principles" they have assumed. We cannot hope to fulfill those principles but we may be, at least, asymptotes of $\Phi. \Psi.$ progress, ever nearing and nearing the origin of her heaven-born trinity—though we may not attain to it. Our Salutatory is ended.

Yours in $\Phi. K. \Psi.$,
J. D. KENNEDY.

As arranged the charter members of N. Y. A. met the Ambassador in the G. A. R. Rooms, Geneva, N. Y., at 7 P.M., April 29th. After the credentials were read Messrs. John Baptist Blanchet, Francis Eugene Easterbrooks, John Clarence Flood, George Meriweather Irish and John David Kennedy were initiated into the mystic bonds of "The Trinity." Immediately after initiation the constitution was explained and commented upon. Officers were afterwards elected and duly installed, whereupon the chapter was declared established as the legal and constitutional N. Y. A. sub-chapter of the $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ Fraternity.

The chapter proceeded to the consideration of business and by motion by-laws, etc., were drawn up and adopted. Speeches were made by the new brothers.

All expressed their gratification
With their new and glorious relation
In $\Phi. K. \Psi.$'s mystic fraternalization.

The Chapter adjourned to meet at Bro. E's Saturday 7½ P.M. The following day was spent in riding on the

lake and seeing the places of interest in and about Geneva.

A banquet was given in honor of the occasion. It was enjoyed very much by the boys.

The meeting at Bro. E's was particularly interesting. Letters and telegrams of congratulations were read and greatly inspired the bros. Speeches were the order of the evening. The meeting adjourned a little before midnight. Thus in brief was N. Y. A. established. Let me add a few remarks. The fraternity and neutral element at Hobart College in some manner learned that a Chapter of some frat. was soon to be established. On the walls and blackboards B. $\Theta.$ II. and the diagram of pin were printed, but another rival appeared— $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ entered. It was really interesting to notice how eager the students were to catch a sight of the pin. One instance in particular was interesting—a frat. asked Bro. Blanchet for a match to light his cigarette at the moment when he took one from his match-box. They have received the hearty congratulations of the body of students at H. C. Allow me in behalf of N. Y. A. to thank the Fraternity for the honor conferred upon them. That she may live a long and glorious life ought to be the desire and wish of every brother.

"God's blessing rest upon us all
And lead us onward to the goal"

is the fraternal wish.

'82.

D. C. ALPHA.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2d, 1881.

EDITORS OF SHIELD:

It has been customary in our Chapter to appoint each month a contributor to The SHIELD, and last month I fell a victim to this law, which is as unalterable as any the Medes and Persians ever enacted—so far as the appointment is concerned. I believe, however, that notwithstanding all these appointments, the letters from D. C. Alpha are like angels' visits, few and far between. One reason, no doubt, is that it is a difficult thing to write a letter if there is nothing to write about. I certainly have as little to write about as the others have had. Yet I intend to make an attempt. Byron has said—

"A book's a book, although there's nothing in't,"
and I am encouraged to believe, on the same principle, a letter's a letter. Perhaps I have been influenced by the first line of the couplet—

"'Tis pleasant, sure, to see one's name in print,"
or the initials either. So I write.

Our Chapter is, I think, somewhat differently situated from the majority, in that, while it is accredited to Columbia College, a large portion of its membership consists of persons who have long since graduated, and its hall is several miles from the college itself. These grad-

uates, busy with the affairs of life, have not had time to give to Φ. Ψ. the attention necessary to keep the D. C. Alpha in the front ranks. But lately we have had large additions from the college itself, and I doubt if now any other Chapter is in a more flourishing condition.

This infusion of new blood has made vigorous every department of the Chapter. Especially is this improvement apparent in the literary department, although one is occasionally startled by information received in debate, the existence of which he never before dreamed of. For instance: One of the brothers, speaking of the assassination of the late Czar, remarked that *two of his legs* had been cut off by the murderous shell thrown at him, conveying the idea that his majesty was a sort of Imperial thousand leg to whom the loss of a couple of legs was an immaterial matter, and would not have the slightest effect toward lessening his speed in a six days go-as-you-please. But that is not quite as bad as another young orator who, when the Indian question was up, referring to the destitute condition of poor Lo, exclaimed, "Mr. President, see the poor Indian roaming *naked* through the *forests with his hands in his pockets*." Notwithstanding these lapsi, I think the D. C. Alpha can show as fine a set of debaters as the next one, and as I sit and listen to their eloquence, I sometimes wish arrangements could be made for a series of debates between the Chapters lying within a certain distance, and by this friendly rivalry make the members better acquainted and promote good-fellowship. But I suppose the idea is impracticable. The next best thing is the Chautauqua re-unions. By the way, D. C. Alpha expects to be at the next one in force.

Our social feature has been neglected during the winter. This has been largely due to the illness of Bro. Murray, who is our "society man." He was taken ill about the 8th or 9th of January; is just able now to leave the house. Notwithstanding his long confinement in doors, he still leaves an impression on the beholder that he is a man of *weight*.

Bro. Beatty, another active member of long standing, has lately been made an M.D., and has gone to his old home in Iowa to recuperate before he commences to operate on his patients *secundem artem*.

Bro. Grant, who has been listening for some time to the call of Mother Rus,

"Come back to your mother, ye children, for shame,

Who have wandered like truants for riches and fame." is about to yield obedience, and will be absent for several months.

Bro. McCleary, so well known to the Fraternity at large, has thrown to the breeze his shingle, and we are fearful (while we heartily wish him all success) that the rush of clients will so engross his time that Phi Psi will suffer.

Still, we have a large working force left, and these brothers will all be with us again in the Fall, when the D. C. Alpha hopes to do more glorious things than have yet ever been dreamed of.

But see what a long letter I have already written. If it is found too long, I would suggest a part be published at a time, taking care to break off in the most exciting portions, *a la Bonner et al.*

Yours fraternally,

C. S. CHESNEY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5th, 1881.

DEAR BRO. SMITH:

Your letter of the 3d inst. just received. We are doing all we can for the Fraternity, and I am now working hard on Virginia Beta, at Washington and Lee University. Expect to have it fully under way by next session. Am afraid there is no hope of re-establishing Beta at present. I have heard from * * *

* * * * * and received a letter from Alpha this morning. Neither letter gives any encouragement. The G. C. decided not to act on any college except upon petition, so only passed University. Please urge the Chapters to vote on it at once. Bro. Chesney promised to send his subscription to The SHIELD in the same letter as communication. I enclose mine and hope Saturday night to collect several more for you.

Phi Psi is now booming, and it shall never lack a boost from the D. C. Alpha.

I have received several most excellent letters from Miss. A. and Virginia A.

With love to all the boys,

I am fraternally yours,

ROBT. J. MURRAY.

ILLINOIS BETA.

CHICAGO, ILLS., May 3, 1881.

DEAR BRO. EDITOR:

As you seem to think that about nine letters a year is the quota of a Chapter, I take the liberty to contribute one more letter from Ills. Beta.

It may please the brothers throughout the Frat. to know that Bro. "Mumpsy" Mott has recovered and that our sick list is at present a vacuum. The Chapters have heard 'ere this of the withdrawal of Mr. Persons and Mr. Barber from our Chapter. This is one of the best things that ever happened to Ills. Beta. We are now for the first time entirely unanimous and harmonious. No chapter is more red hot for Phi Psi than Ills. Beta is to-day. To tell the exact truth the one was entirely n. g.; and the other, though a good fellow, was a kicker from the beginning.

I have read with great interest the letter from an In-

diana Beta graduate of ten years' standing. He seems to have had the dyspepsy when he wrote. Why! what would Ills. Beta do without college politics? How could we sustain life without a big fight and a total defeat about once in two months? Alas, we would die of inanition, of sheer laziness and lack of vital principle. What! not have a friendly battle with our dear Psi U's and Dekes about once in so often. Perish the thought! Now, after reading the foregoing, our Ind. Beta man may think we are wholly given over to the "tricks that are vain," but let him read on and he will hear of "triumphs where social merit wins." Our college faculty has introduced the marking system and the ten best men of the class orate on commencement. The first two are called the Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Well, we have four seniors, Bro. Sam. Randall is Valedictorian, Bro. Seward is Salutatorian, Bro. Bob Mott is third and Bro. Terry is fourth. How is that for high! Besides this, Bro. Ed. Stone got honorable mention of Junior-ex. Ind. Beta must be a good and great Chapter. They speak of having gilded chandeliers, frescoed ceilings, etc., now if Ind. Beta has a few such things to spare, she will greatly oblige Ills. Beta by sending a few to Chicago.

The Psi U's are in high glee. They are going to have their convention at Chicago this year. According to them, it will be a larger convention than the one held by the Republicans last summer. They will have Vice-President Arthur and a few other ousted custom house officials, to make speeches and catch the multitude.

Ills. Beta is now booming in all its glory and hopes her sister Chapters are doing the same.

Yours in Phi Kappa Psi,

"TIM."

INDIANA GAMMA.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA, May 2, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:

Again your return has enlivened our weekly meeting. Saturday night we might all have been seen delving into the midst of your well filled pages. As I read—cautiously—interestedly—I suddenly struck a stump in the fiery indignation of our dear brother from Pa. Zeta. Copyright have you? Well now! Wonder if your humble servant has not from his entrance into college had the sobriquet "Deacon" applied to him—and not as a mantle falling from the worthy shoulders of an absent brother, but as an undisputed possession uninherited—original. So much in self-defence.

Thursday evening the Baldwin Prize Contest is held in chapel of the college. This is our best exhibition, and the senior whose name is put in catalogue as a Baldwin Prize Essayist, is regarded by his less fortunate mates with envious eye. For four years Φ. Ψ. in Wabash,

has each time had two representatives, and this year the same rule holds, Bros. Hargrave and Ward having that honor. One of our men took the prize in '79. In '78 we came second and so on. In my next we can tell how it is this time. We have great hope rested in our lower class men, in the coming commencement exercises. Of the prize men for declamation, essay and field sports, we will no doubt be well represented. In alliance with B. Θ. Π. and Φ. Δ. Θ., we have this year run an opposition college paper, styled the "*Lariat*." So well has it been run, that we are having overtures made us from our opponents to admit them into our combination. Thus far we have said "no." They are fighting among themselves—we will watch the fun. At risk of life, limb, and "honah," I subscribe myself

DEACON.

PENN'A GAMMA.

LEWISBURGH, UNION Co., May 2, 1881.

DEAR BRO. IN Φ. K. Ψ.:

Yours of the 28th ult. at hand and greetings. Need I say many thanks for your cordial welcome? Surely it is not necessary, yet "so say we all of us." Bro. Leiser has been very busy and no doubt overlooked your request with regard to our Chapter. We are all glad to have joined ourselves with such representative men and so grand a Fraternity; many of us long opposed to secret Fraternities, have been won by this our dear Φ. K. Ψ., and so much greater the glory for her, for so great a victory. It is our hope that we may bear honor to her and her name, and in seeking the truest and highest aims in life, add to her crown a gem at least. Of course excepting present company lest we appear egotistical, we have according to one of the Faculty the "cream" of the college; I think the honor men for '82, '83 and '84, and so we hope to keep up the standard of the old Chapter. The old prejudice against us being removed, we feel free and are about fitting up a hall in town as good and central as possible to obtain, and expect soon to have our "home" ready for occupation. "Bob Burdette" will be in town the 25th inst., and we hope to extend him a welcome. The names of the Chapter you will find in the annual report just issued, and address same as above (L. University). All for the present I remain,

Yours Fraternally,

S. B. MEESER.

PA. GAMMA'S ROLL:

Howard H. Baldrige, Hollidaysburg, Pa.
Wm. J. Coulston, Plymouth Meeting, Pa.
Aaron W. Hand, Cape May C. H., N. J.
Henry J. Hamilton, Phila., Pa.
Millard F. Harley, General Wayne, Pa.

Owen B. Jenkins, Lansdale, Pa.
 Henry Madtes, Phila., Pa.
 S. B. Meeser, Phila., Pa.
 A. R. Querns, Phila., Pa.
 A. L. Tustin, Bloomsburg, Pa.
 Ernest L. Tustin, Lewisburg, Pa.

OHIO GAMMA.

WOOSTER, OHIO, May 9th, 1881.

EDITOR SHIELD:

Since my last communication to the SHIELD, we have initiated two first-class men, Bro. Cal. E. Spear, class of '85, Wooster, and Bro. E. D. Fulton, Indiana, Penna. class of '84. The prospects for next year are flattering. We expect to refurbish our hall and fit it up in style, becoming our reputation as the leading Fraternity of Wooster University.

Besides Bro. Grant, who went to Lafayette, Bros. Forest K. Leonard and O. E. Johnson have not returned to college this term. Bro. Leonard is in business with his father at Piqua, Ohio, and Bro. Johnson is also in business at Wilmot, O. He finds time to run over to Wooster occasionally.

The University Base Ball Nine has been organized for the season. It is conceded to be one of the crack college nines of the State. Phi Kappa Psi's supremacy is shown here as well as in the intellectual arena. It has five of the nine, as follows: Bob Lowrie, p. and Captain; E. D. Fulton, W. T. Darr, Pizarro Douthett and Guy Kemper. There is a probability that Bro. Jack Payne will soon be added to the nine.

Musical circles are exercised over the "Turkish Patrol," a serenading trio consisting of Bros. Ed. S. Raff, W. J. Mullins and A. I. Findley. The brothers' singing is winning golden opinions from the lady students of the University, and is adding to the Chapter's laurels in that quarter.

Bro. Cary W. Kauke, Ohio Alpha, '70, who is engaged in the banking business at Wooster, recently betook himself to Washington, D. C., and returned with Minnie Phillips, one of the Capitol City's loveliest belles, as his bride. This week the Chapter will give Bro. Kauke and wife a reception, which it is expected will eclipse anything of the kind ever given in Wooster.

Since Bro. Grant's removal to Lafayette, Bro. W. T. Darr has become Sec'y. Chapter correspondents will please take notice.

Bro. C. Fred M. Niles, represents leading Cincinnati, Cleveland and Pittsburgh papers at Wooster, and is making his mark as a journalist. The University will probably have a college paper next year with Fred. at its head.

Bro. John West, '81, is at present in Colorado, engaged in the mining business.

Bro. Ned Kibler, '80, is studying law at Newark, O.

Bro. Jack Martin, '83, is in business at Pittsburgh.

Bro. D. C. List is among us temporarily, and is enthusiastic over the prospects for the Chautauqua reunion. Ohio Gamma will have at least eight or ten representatives there.

Fraternally,

CHAS. M. PEPPER.

PENN'A BETA.

MEADVILLE, PA., April 27th, 1881.

EDS. SHIELD AND ALL PHI PSI'S:

August is drawing near, and with it our annual reunion. The committee desire to make this gathering a grand success, and no doubt our brothers wish to see it such; but in order to realize our desire, we must have the co-operation of every member who loves Phi Kappa Psi and its prosperity. Since this reunion has been inaugurated, no true and loyal Phi Psi would wish to see it fail. Considering that last year was our first attempt in this line, we may well call it a success, but we shall endeavor to make the coming reunion one of intense interest to the Fraternity, so that in the future this day shall be one of the features of Chautauqua, and a day in which all of our brothers may divest themselves of worldly cares "and turn our thoughts to themes of interest to all Phi Psi's." Hon. C. P. T. Moore will be with us, and his presence should certainly attract a large number of our Fraternity, for we all long to see the founder of our beloved order, to give him the fraternal grip. Arrangements are being made for a tent, that we may all be together, also for day board. The expenses will be very light and accommodations first class. Let every one who can, be present, and we will guarantee a good time. We ask the active members to exhibit more interest in this matter, each Chapter work up the alumni, and when a communication is received from the committee, please answer it. The committee is, of necessity, under considerable expense, and the sub-chapters would favor us if they would contribute as much as they can conveniently. The money may be sent to either member of the committee, and it will be duly credited. Bro. List, chairman of the committee, has prepared the following programme, subject to change.

PROGRAMME.

Morning Session—9 o'clock.

(Children's Temple.)

ADDRESS OF WELCOME,

Song.

ANNUAL REUNION,

L. Edward Tieste (?)

RECOLLECTIONS,

Hon. C. P. T. Moore

THE FRATERNITY,

Edwin L. Scott

THE SHIELD

Edgar F. Smith

Song.

FRATERNITY EXTENSION, C. L. Van Cleve
Miscellaneous Addresses.

Lecture, 2 P.M.

ROBT. J. BURDETTE (?)

Excursion and Banquet, 7.30 P.M.

The reunion will take place August 18th.

L. E. T.

PENNA. THETA.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, May 2d, 1881.

DEAR BROS.:

As we will soon welcome the May flowers so we are anxiously looking forward to the day when we shall welcome the May number of the SHIELD. And as you have not heard from us for several months. We thought possibly some information regarding the Chapter would prove interesting.

We have just had our rooms handsomely and neatly papered and, with our new chandeliers and fresh paint, we now deem it a pleasure to frequent them. We held our first meeting, since the improvements, last Saturday night. If any of our Alumni had favored us by their presence they would have been impressed with the fact that Phi Psi spirit prevailed. One thing that makes our meetings so interesting is the music by our quartette, who, by their melodious voices, have reduced our rent and are now thinking of raising money for the Chapter by giving concerts. However, the concerts will not be given until the citizens have departed for the seashore.

It gave us great pleasure upon our return to College to welcome Bro. Grant, of Ohio I. He, with Bro. Chester who preceded him, have added greatly to the interest of our meetings; Gamma's loss being Theta's gain.

Bro. Maxwell, '81, who has been sick most of this year, returned to College this term and will take one of the honors.

It is rumored that the $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$'s will organize a Chapter this week, we pity them, as there are at present eleven fraternities represented in Lafayette.

We purpose having our Annual Symposium this year and have completed all arrangements for the same. We expect it to be the best one we have ever held and cordially invite all Phi Psi's to our banquet.

Fraternally yours,

O. K. S. K.

OHIO ALPHA.

DELAWARE, OHIO, May 7th, 1881.

DEAR BROTHERS:

It behooves the Ohio Alpha to give at least one more indication of life before the hot weather, the picnic season, and commencement work and wildness come on, or the SHIELD might at last conclude that we had began

"to sleep the sleep," etc. We wear no semblance of dead men.

At the beginning of the term, Watson and "Corp" came back to college. "Corp" always leaves "intending to stay out," but "agreeably surprises" us—as he thinks—by returning in a term or two. Besides these we have two new men, Frank Rondebush and Ed. O'Kane. We now have fifteen men, three of whom will be graduated—"Bump," "Bun" and "Cherry."

I paid the Ohio Beta boys, at Springfield, a visit not long since. That Chapter is in a good condition. They lose three men also by graduation—"Sip" Baker, "Os" Stouder and "Doc" Hosterman, who is widely known through Phi Psidom as an active and enthusiastic brother.

A number of questions of Fraternity policy have been brought out through the SHIELD, and I presume we all have sentiments in regard to them.

I believe in the Chautauqua Reunion, and am anxious for the boys who attend to "make the most of it." I believe in extending the Fraternity in suitable locations, but consider it impolitic to give preference to the re-establishment of old Chapters. Many colleges where Chapters never existed are to-day better endowed, better attended, than some where our Chapters are dead. The West is as good a field as the South. We must look to the future, not to the past. If all the facts regarding a college where a Chapter is desired can be best obtained by having an Extension Committee, let us have it. But would it not be better for every brother who knows anything about the circumstances to take it upon himself to make known what he knows, whether it be for or against a charter? Bro Jacobs has set a good example in that line.

I do not believe in trying to get a large number of members in a Chapter, but circumstances should determine the limit. If a Chapter begins a year with ten men, and ten men of equal talent and equal congeniality, all worthy of wearing the *Shield*, present themselves to notice, I would choose them all, rather than close my eyes and catch two by chance.

Bro. '74 mentions acknowledgments that *were not made* in my former letter. One who is certain that our Chapters "*must agree with him in every particular*" of a former article, ought to have the best of reasons for saying that any Chapter has acted "meanly," "contrary to regulations" and "in opposition to our constitution," or he ought not to affirm at all. We have not defied any edicts. There are none to hinder taking honorary members. There are none that forbid taking *sixteen* such members *in twenty-one years*, or in one year, for that matter. Unless the later edicts are *ex post facto*, all of our honorary members have been taken in accordance therewith. Where then is the "outrage?" "The teachings of our many edicts are sufficiently explicit to indicate" that the view of the Fraternity is in favor of

honorary members, within certain limits. Many of these members consider that they comprehend the meaning of Phi Kappa Psi. Most of our brothers are "occupied in the affairs of the great world," yet they have not lost sight of the true aim of the Fraternity.

The experience of this Chapter, which is as extended as that of any other, is not that there has been any need of Generals and Honorables to help it gain the prominent place which it holds among its rivals; but, to say the least, such members have not hurt us, and I could name instances in which they have been of actual benefit. Honors will come soon enough, certainly. They have been coming and are coming still, but I have seen no reasons yet why they would come less rapidly while the Fraternity has an excellent honorary membership, nor have I seen wherein the detriment of such a membership consists.

Yours in Phi Kappa Psi,
J. N. G.

A PROPOSITION.

ED. SHIELD:

Dear Sir and Bro.—I cannot realize the fact that a Frat., whose annual membership is over 300, cannot support a fraternity organ, whose current expenses do not exceed \$300 per year. I cannot believe that the Chapters are so indifferent to the demands and interests of THE SHIELD. We hear of this sub-Chapter expending \$50 and \$60 at commencement on a banquet; of this Chapter laying out \$25, \$30 and \$40 for a supper in honor of some brother. This is all well and good, but when they are requested to send \$1.00 per capita to THE SHIELD they fail to acquiesce. I think the whole thing lies in this—that the brothers of a Chapter have all their interest within their respective Chapter and will not allow it to take to other external interests. In other words it is always for No. 1. We receive letters from Chapters speaking in glowing terms of their prospering condition, their beautiful halls, etc., but they can never say that each brother has given yearly one dollar to the Chapter's treasury for the G. C. and one dollar for the SHIELD. No, you hear them say we like the SHIELD, think it a good institution and therefore we all take it, etc.

* * * I have a proposition to make to you, it is this: Have at the place of publication an Editor-in-chief and Manager (General), then divide Phi Kappa Psi territory into four divisions, namely:

Eastern—comprising Penna., Maryland and New York Chapters.

Central—Ohio, Mich. and Indiana Chapters.

Western—Ill., Wis., Kan. and Cal. Chapters.

Southern—D. C., Va. and Miss. Chapters.

Select some enthusiastic brother who will devote all

his leisure time to the matter from some good Chapter in each division who will be editor and manager for that same division. He shall see to the writing of letters for the SHIELD by the Chapters in his division and also to the payment of subscriptions. He may have also personal acquaintance with the Chapters in his division, thus he can exert an influence on them.

I know you can find at least one good brother in each division who will willingly undertake the work.

I think the above proposition should be tested next year. If you approve of this propose it to the brothers controlling the SHIELD and let them choose a brother from each division who will do this work. I think the plan is deserving a trial and I feel confident it will prove entirely satisfactory. Fraternally yours,

'82.

WINNSBORO, S. C., 1881.

DEAR BRO. SMITH:

I received a few days since from the Ohio Chapter a request for that sketch of S. C. Alpha, which I rashly promised you last year. One of my young Phi Psi's (æt. 2½) tore the letter up and I lost the address. I must therefore ask you to forward this reply.

I regret that I have been disappointed in my desires. The fact is that my college life began in 1867-8, and the Chapter was founded ten years before, while the four years war and the subsequent chaotic condition of affairs, scattered the old Phi Psi's so that I know only a very few of the older members, and they are all abroad. I wrote to one of the first members, a distinguished divine, and he told me he had forgotten all the particulars. The founder of the Chapter is off somewhere in another State, and I don't know where to find him. Neither can I tell by whom the Chapter was organized in '66, as that set of students have all gone off, or else I know very little of them.

So you see I can give the merest skeleton of a sketch, in place of the good one I had desired to send. With a school and a newspaper keeping me busy day and night, I have very little leisure time, and politics the last fall took all my leisure time as President of a Democratic Club. This is my excuse—a poor one I must contritely confess.

I see California has a Chapter. In 1870, when the University of that State was first organized, I did my best to inaugurate a Chapter. The ground was yet untrod and some capital material was there. I wrote to S. C. Alpha to start the ball, but I could never get a license, and, while the golden moments passed, another Fraternity slipped in and got the men I had had my eyes upon. Otherwise Phi Kappa Psi would have been the oldest. Lt. Sears, of the U. S. Engineer Corps (and I think the recent prosecutor in the Whittaker trial), was in San Francisco at the time—a Phi Psi, from Ohio

Alpha, I think. My "Shield" was worn constantly at the University by my present wife, then unmarried, and her father and uncle, the Professors Le Conte, were in the faculty, and one of them now President of the University. So, you see, I could have swept the field and bunged out all opposition, if—if the Chapters had not been as slow and dilatory then as they now are about considering applications. I only mention this to show how golden opportunities are lost. I only hope the California Chapter will yet occupy the first rank, for the University is a big thing, and I know by experience that California has the finest kind of material, physical and intellectual. Success to the baby Alpha.

This is only intended privately for yourself. It would not do for publication; but you can jog up your G. C. and subordinate ones on the matter of acting on applications. I find I have digressed widely from my subject.

What I can tell you about the Chapter I will put on another piece of paper, and you can forward.

I have been much interested in the SHIELD, and especially in the reminiscences of the old boy who wrote so touchingly about "Tom Campbell."

Excuse this ramble.

Fraternally yours,

R. MEANS DAVIS.

[We publish the above to show the brothers that we are not alone in asking for speedy action upon all subjects of interest to Phi Kappa Psi. Bro. Davis will care for S. C. Alpha's interests.]

PHILA., May 12th, 1881.

BRO. EDITORS:

Again the "growler" is heard. But he *growls* for your benefit and the benefit of the SHIELD. Then let him *growl*. I wish to address the active members of the Fraternity. During the past year I have been thrown somewhat intimately into the company of the "Fathers and Guardians" of the SHIELD, and have ascertained the true financial status of the organ. Brothers, shame on you that you do not give your *dearest helper* the proper support. Have you any idea what it costs to run the paper? Do you appreciate its value to the Fraternity at large? If you did, you would certainly not, as last year, and as the outlook is for the present year, allow the Editors to shoulder about one-third of the expenses.

I recall the whole list of our Chapters, who boast of fine Chapter-rooms, of elegant banquets, of how they beat the other Fraternities in "whipping the devil around the stump," and of all these noble, flourishing, highly enthusiastic, freshly exuberant, over-boastful Chapters of Phi Psi, how many have done their whole duty toward the SHIELD? The voice of the records, as though ashamed to "give it away," feebly whispers "Four." How

many have made even a show of duty? Again she sighs, "I should blush to murmur a true answer." I should feel very much ashamed of my mother Chapter, if she were derelict in her duty toward the SHIELD. How can a true Phi Psi stand it, to be reminded by his conscience every month, as he reads the SHIELD, that he has not given a cent towards its support?

Brothers, if you can give \$5.00 for a "belly-grind," surely you can give \$1.00 for the SHIELD. Can we afford to do without the paper? If so, stop it, and don't rob the poor Editors of time, energy and cash, to perpetuate a scheme of no value. But if you cannot afford to do without it, and all acknowledge this to be the case, then, for Heaven's sake, for Phi Psi's sake, for the sake of us all, support it as you ought and are able to do.

The "growler" ceaseth.

"'80."

FOOD FOR REFLECTION.

THE subscriptions received from undergraduates to Vol. II of THE SHIELD are as follows:

Penn'a Alpha,	\$ 9 00
" Epsilon,	18 00
" Zeta,	8 00
" Eta,	32 00
" Iota,	5 00
Ohio Alpha,	7 00
" Beta,	14 00
" Gamma,	14 00
" Delta,	8 00
Indiana Beta,	13 00
" Gamma,	5 00
Kansas Alpha,	3 00

Total, \$136 00

representing the contributions of 120 members (the Pa. Eta pay \$2.00 a piece). The Annual Report, received last month, shows an active membership of 400.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE,

MEADVILLE, PA., May 13th, 1881.

DEAR BRO. EDS.:

A glance at my calendar admonishes me that the 15th is almost here and no Chapter communication prepared. In my last I preached regular letters, and now consistency behooves me to put this doctrine in practice.

During the past month two more have left the ranks of the "barbarians" and placed themselves under the folds of the Phi Psi banner. We proclaim

Harry Stoner, Berlin, Pa., class '82,

Sam. R. Mason, Mercer, Pa., class '84,

as entitled to all the rights, titles and privileges of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. And now for a few personals:

Bro. R. C. Bole has just returned from a winter's sojourn among the Bermuda Islands.

E. Y. Fullerton, at present located in Parker City, Pa., found business in our midst one day last week.

Bro. Geo. Whitman has just entered upon his third year as pastor of the Baptist Church in this place. He will "splice" Phi Psi's at a moment's notice.

Frank H. Morgan has sold his paper in this city to a contemporary and accepted a position on the Cleveland *Daily Herald*. However, his duties are not so arduous but that he can run down to our Chapter meetings occasionally.

Three of our men, Bros. W. P. Grant, Davis and King, have been called away from college for the balance of the year. They expect to return in the fall and resume their labors.

The following we clip from *The Campus*:—

James George, A.M., '75, made a short visit in town recently.

Rev. W. O. Allen, '76, is pastor of the M. E. Church of Sugar Grove, Pa.

J. O. McClintock, A.M., '72, is among Meadville's most accomplished attorneys.

B. L. Millikin, M.D., '74, is surgeon in Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia.

C. M. Coburn, A.M., '76, is completing his third year as pastor at Spartansburg, Pa., with many evidences of success.

Rev. N. H. Axtell, A.M., '60, was a delegate to the last General Conference of the M. E. Church. He is now stationed at Elgin, Ill.

We acknowledge the receipt of several letters from the advocates of the inter-Chapter correspondence scheme. If they are not promptly answered, please do not think it is on account of a lack of interest. The brother detailed for this work is very busy writing and sending out communications in regard to our Reunion at Chautauqua. On behalf of him, I say confer a favor by answering them at once.

Commencement season is fast approaching, and many of us are making preparations for the event. In many colleges it is the custom for the different Fraternities to wear ribbons with their name or device printed on them. And right here the point of colors comes up. As a Fraternity we have none, and in this we are the exception. The great majority of our sister Greek organizations have adopted a shade to be used by all Chapters, and we see no reason why Phi Kappa Psi should not have one. We are in favor of some such move, and would suggest the combination of pink and lavender. Let us hear from the Chapters in regard to this.

It becomes our sad duty to record the death of Bro. **WESLEY COWLES**. So short a time has elapsed since he left college that it hardly seems possible that he is lost to us on earth forever. We mourn for one who was ever alive to the welfare and advancement of our brotherhood, and by his demise, a void is made in our midst which will be difficult to fill. He passed away at his father's residence in Jamestown, N. Y., after a short illness. A large number of friends mourn his early removal from a life full of bright assurances for the future. Appropriate resolutions have been spread upon our minutes and printed.

R. D. H.

LIST OF COR. SECRETARIES FOR 1881.

PA. ALPHA, Wm. F. Wise, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa.

PA. BETA, L. E. Tieste, box 1250, Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

PA. GAMMA, Ernest L. Tustin, Lewisburg University, Lewisburg, Pa.

PA. EPSILON, Horace L. Jacobs, box 240, Gettysburg, Pa.

PA. ZETA, Jos. V. Champion, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

PA. ETA, A. P. Shirk, 236 King Street, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.

PA. THETA, W. Scott Harlan, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

PA. IOTA, Milo D. Baldy, N. E. cor. Broad and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

VA. ALPHA, C. W. Kent, University of Virginia, Va.

VA. BETA, W. C. Preston, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

VA. GAMMA, J. H. Herbener, Hampden Sidney College, Prince Edward Co., Va.

VA. DELTA, Curran Palmer, Bethany, W. Va.

VA. EPSILON, R. B. Smithey, Randolph and Macon College, Ashland, Va.

OHIO ALPHA, Frank B. Drees, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

OHIO BETA, A. D. Hosterman, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio.

OHIO GAMMA, W. T. Darr, Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio.

OHIO DELTA, Fred. Shedd, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

IND. ALPHA, P. W. Smith, Asbury University, Greencastle, Ind.

IND. BETA, Wm. H. Adams, State University, Bloomington, Ind.

IND. GAMMA, W. P. McKee, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.

D. C. ALPHA, Robt. J. Murray, Gunton Building (Columbian University), Washington, D. C.

ILL. ALPHA, Will H. Lacy, box 1082, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

ILL. BETA, Edw. T. Stone, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

ILL. GAMMA.

WIS. ALPHA, C. D. Van Wie, State University, Madison, Wis.

KANSAS ALPHA, E. C. Meservey, State University, Lawrence, Kansas.

MICH. ALPHA, J. C. Chynoweth, State University, Ann Arbor, Mich.

MD. ALPHA, D. Sterrett Gittings, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

CAL. ALPHA, F. B. Mills, San Jose, Cal.

MISS. ALPHA, W. Terrel Rush, University of Miss., Oxford, Miss.

N. Y. DELTA, John B. Blanchet, Hobart College, drawer 29, Geneva, N. Y.

SEC. OF G. C., Frank O. McCleary, Lock Box 401, Washington, D. C.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

Φ. Γ. Δ. has entered University of California.

Δ. Β. Φ. has entered Johns Hopkins University.

Φ. Δ. Θ. has revived her Chapter at Wooster Univ., O.

X. Φ. has an embryo under-graduate Chapter at Johns Hopkins University.

NEXT annual convention of Δ. Τ. Δ. will be held Aug. 17th., at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Δ. Γ. (ladies Fraternity) held its recent convention at Oxford, Miss., May 14th.

Σ. X.'s long expected paper, *The Sigma Chi*, appeared shortly after we printed our last issue. It is a neatly printed book (28 pp.) and will appear bi-monthly. Its publication is in the hands of the Theta Chapter at Gettysburg. C. R. Trowbridge is editor-in-chief and W. L. McPherson business manager. The contents of the first number are very readable, and we say welcome and success to it. The next convention of Σ. X. will be held in Chicago in 1882. A chapter has been organized at Champaign, Ill. Hon. Alpheus Felch, Ex-Gov. of Mich., and at present Tappan Professor of Law at the University of Michigan, was admitted as an honorary member of the Theta Theta Chapter in 1879.

PHI KAPPA PSI, notwithstanding the boasting communication which a newly-initiated senior made to THE SHIELD, in regard to their enviable condition, has seen fit to expel one member, while another, whom they paraded about as a "lifted" Phi Gam. last year, not liking the company into which he, under false inducements, had cast himself, takes no part in their proceedings, and refuses to wear either badge or colors. It is not our custom to speak lightly of sister Fraternities, but when a Chapter of as distinguished a rival as the Phi Kappa Psi conducts itself in so unbecoming and so undignified a manner as the one at the O. W. U., we believe it calls for some public expression of condemnation. Nor is this expression prompted by jealousy, for no one of the present membership of that Chapter ever received or ever could receive a "bid" from Phi Gamma Delta, while in our own Chapter we count seven brothers who have received pressing invitations to accept the hospitalities of Phi Kappa Psi. In brief, Phi Kappa Psi at the O. W. U. is an organization without any definite object in view, except to scheme for positions on programmes, which they are not capable of filling, to misrepresent sister Fraternities to outside parties, to send communications to the Fraternity's journal that are void of sense or propriety, and to pursue a diabolical course of conduct that well merits the embarrassment they have encountered, but at the same time brings reproach on the name "Fraternity."—S. M. T., in May, Phi Gamma Delta.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

Bro. Joe K. Owen, '80, Ohio A., has taken unto himself a wife.

S. F. Gorham, Esq., D. C. Alpha, is practicing law in San Francisco, Cal.

P. Hinkle Seymour, D. C. Alpha, is running a Division in the General Land Office.

BRO. A. E. Dolbear, Ohio A., is a frequent contributor to the columns of "Science."

W. A. Dutton, Esq., D. C. Alpha, is assisting the Solicitor of the U. S. Treasury.

DR. J. B. Gregg Custis, of D. C. Alpha, is practicing his profession in Washington, D. C.

CHAS. S. Chesney, Esq., D. C. Alpha, is stenographer in Chief of the National Board of Health.

GEO. B. Edwards, D. C. Alpha, is clerk to the Senate Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment.

BRO. Harry Huber, '75, Pa. E., has sold out his drug store in Waynesboro and is at present in Gettysburg, Pa.

BRO. Dan'l Fleisher, '80, Pa. E., will be married this month. The well wishes of all Phi Kappa Psis go with him.

DR. L. K. Beatty, D. C. Alpha, is making a tour of the West before beginning to practice his profession in Washington, D. C.

D. C. Alpha is making preparations to attend the reunion at Chautauqua, and hopes to have a large representation from the G. C.

THANKS to Bro. Fred. Shedd, Ohio Delta for a copy of the Tenth Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio State University.

BRO. Wm. Helme, '78, Pa. I., has been very sick with typhoid fever, we are happy to announce, however, that he is slowly recovering.

F. O. McCleary, Esq., D. C. Alpha, has taken a desk in Bro. Murray's office, and is prepared to secure a patent on anything and everything.

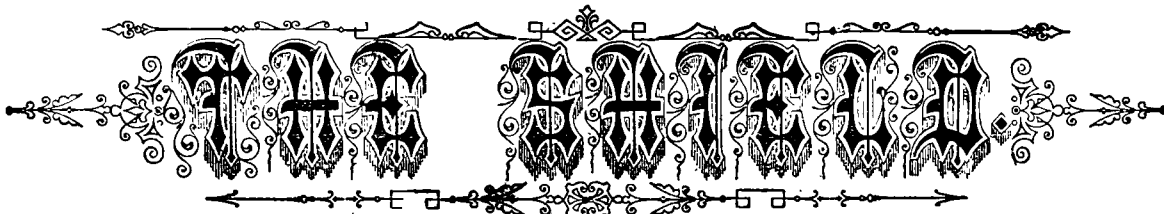
THE orator before the Alumni Association of Lewisburg University for 1881 is Hon. S. P. Wolverton, '60, Pa. Gamma; and Rev. Dr. A. J. Rowland, '62, Pa. Gamma, alternate.

BRO. Percy S. Fuller, '77, Wis. Beta, to whom we recently addressed a letter is pursuing his law studies at the Albany (N. Y.) Law School. He will return to Racine before commencement.

IN the boat race between the four classes of the U. of P. Iota had five representatives. The stroke of the winning crew, '81, was Bro. Barnhurst. In the Univ. four picked to row Columbia and Princeton in June there'll be at least two Iotas.

BRO. H. V. L. Jones, '69, N. Y., Alpha, formerly School Commissioner from Seneca Co., N. Y., is now practicing law in Dundee, N. Y. He wrote the brothers of New York Delta a very interesting letter after their initiation into Phi Kappa Psi.

BRO. Orville Clifton Crum, '61, Miss. Beta, who is now clerking in Jackson, Miss., sends us the following addresses of brothers of his Chapter: J. D. Hall, Andrew Chapel, Madison county, Tenn.; S. C. Granberry, Austin, Texas; Joseph Buckels, Meadville, Franklin county, Miss.; E. W. Brown, Hazelhurst, Miss.; W. J. Marcellus, Liberty, Amite Co., Miss. The Committee on Frat. History, perhaps, might do well to look up these brothers.



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BRO. W. H. LETTERMAN, M.D.,

PENN'A ALPHA,

DIED MAY 23d, 1881,

AT

DUFFAN, ELAM CO.,

TEXAS.

A NEWSPAPER sent by some thoughtful brother, brought the sorrowful information noticed on our first page. It seems that after retiring from the army, Bro. Letterman resided some eight or ten years in Baltimore, but eventually, owing to ill health, removed to Duffan, Texas. He died from heart disease, and leaves a widow and two children. In a future number we hope to be able to present to the brothers, far and wide, a full record of our noble founder's life. Let every Phi Kappa Psi, who may read this, crape his badge, not waiting for official notice. At the time of his death Bro. Letterman was about fifty years of age.

THE invitations to the Symposium of Ills. Beta are the finest we have seen for some years. Thanks for ours, brothers of Beta—we were only too sorry we could not be with you.

THE Ills. Beta brothers hope to be well represented at Chautauqua.

THANKS to Penna. Beta for invitation to her Symposium to be held the 20th.

EVERY Brother doubtless has firmly fixed in his memory the date of our reunion at Chautauqua. Let each one see to it that he will spare no effort to get there. We all desire to look one another in the face and together review the labors of the past year. This to us appears to be one of the most forcible arguments in favor of these annual reunions. Ideas and suggestions presented in the SHIELD can be fully and thoroughly discussed, and thus consequently retained in mind until the meeting of the G. A. C. To wait until the lapse of three years is tedious and how many brothers who attend one G. A. C. get there the second time? Very rarely are any but Juniors and Seniors delegated to represent the Chapters and when again there's a G. A. C. they are out in the broad world. Perhaps they may through others learn that such meetings are held. But to the Annual or Chautauqua Reunions many can go almost every year. And what a treat it is to be there! A good sociable time and the true fraternal friendships that are formed cannot be overestimated. The SHIELD during its two years' existence has brought to light many points of vital interest to the Fraternity at large—let us recall these while at Chautauqua, together discuss their every phase and then frame our conclusions, and forward the same to the G. C. to be presented and acted upon at the meeting of the next G. A. C. Thus will the graduate members be given an opportunity to express themselves and it will also afford them a greater part in the working of our Fraternity. To be successful, to insure the continuance of our present prosperous condition we require this oversight of the elder brethren.

We expect at our coming Re-union to meet many brothers who have done much for our Fraternity in its infancy. From them we can learn the true spirit of the letters Φ. K. Ψ. To meet these pioneers is something we should strive for.

We had the pleasure of attending one such a gathering and our advice is: "Go, by all means, don't remain away if it can possibly be prevented; you'll never cease thinking nor tire talking of the happy hours spent among the loyal sons of Φ. K. Ψ. Brother go to Chautauqua, August 18th, 1881.

OUR last issue carried to the Chapters joyful news—the birth of three Chapters. Properly speaking but two are new, the third is a revived Chapter. Here let us pause. We are advocates of extension and we think we observe in the action of the Fraternity that among the sub-Chapters there exists a correct idea as to what shall be our extension of territory, viz.: the granting of charters to none but the *best* institutions. This no brother will object to. But haven't we neglected several points? What is to become of our defunct Chapters? Will we permit them to remain so? Some of us say no emphatically. We took one step in the proper direction when Mississippi Alpha was re-organized. Brothers our other defunct Chapters in the South are looking for us to notice them. Right here we beg leave to say that we candidly believe that in no part of Phi Psi-dom do more loyal brothers than those of the South exist. Our statement is based upon what we have ascertained through correspondence. We want to perpetuate such spirits as those of Griggs, Paine, Howze, Price, Moore, and many others. To do it we must go back to their old Phi Psi homes. They exist no more; but can we who boast of great love for our mother Φ. K. Ψ. suffer this state of affairs to continue? Let the remaining months of 1881 be the witnesses of renewed labor in and for our Southern Chapters.

The South is not alone in its appeals to the Fraternity. Recall, as you easily can, the former homes of our Fraternity; but few of them are unworthy of our attention and why are we idle? Can it be, must we confess that it is only in and for us that Φ. K. Ψ. exists? Don't tell us we are over enthusiastic—weigh the subject for yourselves. The institutions are in good condition; the material is excellent and abundant; other fraternities see the treasures there and are slowly gathering a rich harvest and what are we doing?

CHAUTAUQUA POINTS.

READ AND DON'T FORGET.

FOR fear some of the brothers may think the expense at the Reunion will be great, the committee desire to state that such will not be the case.

Let no one remain away on this account, for they guarantee that the expense shall come within the means of all. They are doing all in their power to see that this Reunion be made what it should be, yet no one need fear to attend on this account.

The committee would be pleased to have all brothers who expect to attend the Reunion, to communicate with them, in order that they may have some more definite idea

of the number who will be there. Already many have done so, and, judging from the enthusiasm of those heard from, they look for such a gathering of Phi Psi's as never before have assembled at any one time. The committee promise not to disappoint any one.

Let all the brothers report themselves at Headquarters—Simpson Avenue—as soon after arriving as possible. Some one of the committee will be there from the fifteenth, so that if any should wish to come before the Reunion they will find comfortable rooms and a cordial "grip" by calling.

Look out for THE SHIELD and you cannot go far astray.

Arrangements have been made with Miss Birch, Simpson Avenue, Chautauqua, for boarding and rooms, price \$1.50 per day. We would advise all who can to avail themselves of this opportunity to get good comfortable rooms and meals. Those who were there last year can testify to Miss Birch's kindness and interest in the meeting. You will also meet there many Phi Psi's, and the committee urge all to engage boarding at this place.

The Pa. Eta boys will find Hon. A. C. Reinohl at the Reunion. He has promised to be there, and we shall hear words of wisdom from him, such as he has often given to the Fraternity.

Bro. Judge Martin Herman, of Penn'a Zeta, will preside at the banquet, etc., at Chautauqua.

MACON, MISS., May 30th, 1881.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD, PHILADELPHIA:

Dear Sirs.—Enclosed find \$1.00, amount of my subscription for the SHIELD for one year.

Yours truly

J. L. GRIGGS, Miss A., '57.

WHEELING, W. VA., May 26th, 1881.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD, PHILADELPHIA:

Dear Sirs and Brethren.—I send herewith \$2.00 on account of my subscription to THE SHIELD. Please discontinue sending when the time paid for has expired, as I do not wish to owe any "newspaper man."

Our city papers of this morning contain announcement of Judge Moore's resignation as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals of this State. This resignation has been compelled by the demands of his private business, the necessity of his giving personal care to the management of a large estate recently left to him by the decease of his uncle, who has been to him from childhood *in loco parentis*. But he has not resigned any portion of his interest in and love for the members of the Φ. K. Ψ. Fraternity.

Apropos with the above item may be mentioned the fact that at the election held to-day for Judge of the Municipal Court of Wheeling, George W. Jeffers, a loyal Φ. K. Ψ., one of the founders of the Penn'a B, has distanced his competitor nearly 600 votes. While the Fraternity loses one

Judge from the list of its Alumni, it thus gains another and "Honors are even."

Yours fraternally

O. S. LONG, Penn'a B, '56.

[We thank the brothers for their remembrance of us. Undergraduates please notice the above.]

INDIANA ALPHA.

GREENCASTLE, IND., May 17th, 1881.

EDITORS SHIELD:

Some time has elapsed since my last communication to you, during this time we have labored under many necessary disadvantages. We contracted for the remodeling and refurnishing of our Hall, and the carpets, chandeliers, etc., were delayed shipping, so that our room could not be occupied regularly, although as often as possible the brothers met. The completion of our Hall is a cause of rejoicing to all of us. We have, I can say without hesitancy, the finest Greek Fraternity Hall in the city. The room has been furnished like a parlor, the decorations and furniture are splendid. The cost of the improvement was about \$300.

Ind. Alpha soon took steps toward the appointing of a "Correspondence Committee." We hope by the exchange of brotherly greetings and fraternity news, to receive much good and new zeal in the carrying forward of the work of the Fraternity. There seems to be some hesitancy, however, in answering. We trust that this will not be, and that soon all the Chapters will be in pleasant and profitable communication.

Several of the brothers are striving for "Honors" in the different departments of the University, with almost a certainty of success.

The Chapter has at present 25 active members, distributed through the classes as follows: Seniors four; Juniors ten; Sophomores five; Freshmen four; Preps. two. We are full of enthusiasm and proud of our numbers. For all that has been said against large numbers in a Chapter, we feel that this is no barrier to our success—indeed it is a great help—or to the growth and expansion of fraternal love. We are strong and hold our own in the many college contests, and do not fail oftentimes to secure the "lion's share" of the spoils. The Chapter is in a most prosperous condition.

Bro. W. T. Neff, '81, has received and accepted a call from a charge in Kansas City, Mo. The hearts of the brothers go with him, for he has been a valiant Φ. Ψ. May his life be one of success commensurate to his high and pre-eminent abilities.

We have seven theological students in the Chapter. Bro. T. J. Shannon and Bro. M. S. Marble are President and Vice-President of the Y. M. C. A. here. It is a subject of remark that in the Junior morning speeches at Chapel our boys are eclipsing all others.

Fraternally yours,
"DAN."

INDIANA BETA.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY,

BLOOMINGTON, May 31st, '81.

DEAR EDITORS:

Let the Chapters pardon me this once, for I must unburden my mind—the vindication of our Chapter requires it, the rightful claims of a loyal brother demand it. Levity and timidity must yield to necessity. On these grounds excuse the tenor of the following.

Either innocence or ignorance continually causes Illinois Beta to criminate herself. When a Chapter as young as Illinois Beta, with *no* record, *no* history, apes the dignity of older Chapters and presumes to criticise such men as “an Indiana Beta of ten years’ standing” they are treading on treacherous ground. The aforesaid brother is not one to be held in light esteem—his words should not “fall before swine.” In the honest sincerity of his brotherly heart he counseled the Chapters to keep the history of their paltry college strifes among themselves; to rejoice over it, if needs be, in their own midst—not to end it all and “die of inanition and sheer laziness;” and to send something to the SHIELD worthy of a place, notice, thought and debate. College politics interest only individual Chapters. What care we what foreign fraternity suffered defeat at your hands? It is not trifling victories that animate the heart of true Phi Psi-dom, but the abundance of genuine ability sent from her halls to engage in life’s vocations. Were more of us to accept this brother’s wholesome counsel we would be better benefitted. But Illinois Beta, like Horace’s “beardless youth, impatient toward advisers,” snatches at a chance to strike a blow at a man never before so charged—making manifest her jealousy. What did he say against Illinois Beta more than other Chapters? We are *all* guilty, yet Illinois Beta was personally aggrieved and brands the “Indiana Beta man” as “being dyspeptic when he wrote”—a harsh epithet. It would show more fraternal feeling were Illinois Beta to scorn all such petty and insignificant concerns and strive all the more earnestly to build up its Chapter by taking the advice of men educated by experience and cognizant of Chapter necessities. When a brother offers to be one of twenty to give the Fraternity \$100 and then withholds his name from print, we may be sure that he is actuated by no selfish motive, but from a fraternal spirit—a spirit alive to the best interests of Phi Psi and eager for her advancement in the scale of being. Such loyalty dares not be questioned. Advice from such men—he is not the only one—is worthy to be received kindly, and of such heartfelt admonitions it is utterly unjust and improper for infantile organizations to criticise and condemn.

Again, were Illinois Beta to read the SHIELD carefully and thoughtfully, and then re-read it wisely, her liabilities to make such bold errors, as the passage relating to the “gilded chandelier” sentence indicates, would be lessened. Such mistakes are easily explained from the fact of the scarcity of SHIELDS at Illinois Beta. No doubt this “Tim” never saw one and wrote his article by guesswork. Illinois

Beta should do even as little towards the support of the SHIELD as did Indiana Beta, who failed to do *her* duty.

In my feeble attempts to make clear my ideas of what is just and right I hope to have offended no one. I have said my little say actuated by the kindest of feelings—but I do think that Illinois Beta did wrong in some of her communications—seemingly ignoring the sincere instructions and advice of a wholesouled Phi Psi, when speaking for the best interests and the welfare of that which for four long years he labored, earnestly and well, to build up and augment—and to which he now proposes to give \$100.

Yours fraternally,

Doc.

INDIANA GAMMA.

WABASH COLLEGE,

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., May 31st, '81.

EDITOR SHIELD:

We had almost feared you had forgotten us, but at last late on Friday and in time for our weekly meeting the SHIELD made its appearance in our P. O. Box, and gladly was she welcomed as always. Finishing what we began in our last concerning Baldwin—Bros. Ward and Hargrave did themselves great credit. We intimated that we had high hopes rested on our lower classmen. We were not disappointed unless it was favorably. Of our five Preps or Sub-Freshmen, four are prize essayists and the other—our punster, Harvey—is ready and waiting for the last Friday eve. of this term to walk away with the prize for declaiming. So you may see that there is among our lower classmen a *class of men* which will and do honor Indiana Gamma and our dear $\Phi. \Psi.$ At the risk of being accused of unduly magnifying the importance of the “Deacon,” he will add that his name is among those of the four Soph. speakers.

Bro. E. P. Thomson, who has been attending Auburn Theological Seminary for two years, is now here and last Sunday, May 22d, preached a remarkably fine sermon for so young a “hand.” Sunday 29th, he delivered the afternoon lecture in chapel. It is safe to say that for years no one has kept the attention of the boys better than he. Ind. I. may well be proud of such a member.

Bro. A. B. Anderson, '79, here, started for his home in South Western Kansas yesterday morning, to be gone a month. I suppose that before we shall have the opportunity of writing again for the SHIELD the rest of us shall have scattered widely, too. I had almost forgotten to say that the Senior class is now taking an extended trip through Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, will be gone ten days.

Yours Reverently—as ever.

DEACON.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

SAN JOSE, CAL., May 14th, 1881.

EDITORS OF SHIELD:

Dear Bros.—Our Cal. Alpha after much delay is at last organized. Bro. Breyfogle, of Ohio Alpha, was the duly

appointed representative for that purpose. Our present membership is fourteen. The old bros. are: C. W. Breyfogle, from Ohio Alpha; John E. Richards and W. A. Johnston, from Mich. Alpha; and S. D. Ayres, from Mo. Alpha. The new bros. are: W. O. Dickson, J. M. Arthur, F. B. Mills, E. P. Dennett, J. W. Rea, J. N. Martin, R. P. Gober, F. W. Blackmar, Herbert E. Cox, and yours humbly. The new bros. are all highly pleased and enter heartily into the spirit of the Fraternity.

Two more members are soon to be brought in and then the Chapter will be on an excellent footing for next year. Four of our members are Seniors but there will be left splendid material to take their places.

We hope for great things from our Chapter for we consider that we have the cream of the college within our precincts and the prevailing sentiment is, that we want nothing but the cream in the future.

Our organization is too young to afford much news, but we express our thanks for the kindly interest manifested by you and the Chapters in our birth and welfare and are anxious that we may become a Fraternity light on this coast.

Yours in $\Phi. K. \Psi.$,

H. M. ALEXANDER.

VIRGINIA GAMMA.

HAMPDEN SIDNEY COLLEGE, May 27th, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:

In response to many invitations and inquiries about us, I send you the following letter. Old Gamma still holds her head up proudly, not only as one of the oldest but as one of the best of our Southern Chapters. It is true, indeed, that she cannot vie with some of our Northern sisters in wealth or importance, but she yields the palm of none, Northern or Southern, for loyalty to old $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ It is our misfortune to exist in a college small in numbers and poor in endowment, and also to battle against four other fraternities; you see from this that we do not lie on a bed of roses, and that success only follows hard work on our part. We are, however, aided in our work very much by the good name of our Fraternity at large, and this we find of much service. Gamma has this year twelve members who pull together and against each other by turns, but who, on the whole, are banded together for the good of the Fraternity. Among these are some very successful workers, whose praises it is meet that I should sound in the columns of our paper. Bros. Moore and Graham are particularly efficient in this way, and what our Chapter would do without them I know not, for most of our boys are rather reserved with strangers (that is to say with those of the masculine gender.) Through the efforts of these and other brethren, we are enabled to maintain thus far the good name of our Chapter in this college, where it has always ranked among the first. * * * * *

We have every reason to be satisfied with our success this year, as it far transcends that of any other Frat. in college, and though we say it "which oughtn't to," we are doing well. It becomes us to make a few remarks on our

pecuniary condition (for have we not been repeatedly dunned by the G. C.?). Suffice it to say that we have no Vanderbilt or Gould among us; indeed, I think no member of our little band is overburdened with that very necessary "root of all evil"—money. We are sons of those * * * * * who, for the most part, started life afresh sixteen years ago. But in spite of all this, strenuous efforts are being made to discharge our debts, and soon, in all probability, we will be free. Collections are being made, and many a son of old Gamma groans under her exactions, but she must be released from her liabilities, and I am sure that every one of her boys will come forward nobly to the rescue. When next we communicate with you, doubtless it will be in a more joyful strain, for we look forward to next session with bright hopes and anticipate brilliant success. Some schemes are already made for our advancement, busy brains are even now at work, for the sons of Gamma are well convinced that "if the sons of Priam sleep Troy must fall." And thus we work and hope that our beloved State may be freed from repudiation and from its apostle, * * * * * Wm. Mahone, for upon this depends the future of our college and hence of our Chapter. With the best wishes for the prosperity and success of the SHIELD,

I am yours fraternally

J. H. FLOOD.

PENNA. ZETA.

DICKINSON COLLEGE, June 3d, 1881.

EDITORS OF SHIELD:

Dear Bros.:—In compliance with your request in the last summer of THE SHIELD, the duty has devolved upon me to write a letter for its columns. Our Chapter did not have one in the last number; but that was because Bro. Linville had been selected to write it, and he hadn't made up for his loss of sleep during the Christmas holidays; so that he could never get time to write it.

Three of our Sophomores, Bros. Conover, Eckels and Gibbs, went on the annual Sophomore contest of the Belles Lettres Society, and came off again without the medal. Outside of a small number of persons (the judges included), the prevailing sentiment was, that it ought to have gone to one of the three.

Within the last month, at different times, the greater number of our boys have been over visiting the Epsilon boys, and have been entertained as Epsilon boys know how to entertain.

Bro. Horace Jacobs spent Tuesday, May 31st, with us and gave us an account of his trip to Geneva, N. Y., and of his experience with the newly-founded Chapter.

Those letters in THE SHIELD from our new Chapters show a zeal that makes every true $\Phi. \Psi.$'s heart warm with joy. It should be the duty of every member of our beloved order to hail with gladness the entrance of such loyal hearts under the banner of our trinity. No one needs to fear that they will not become an honor to that order with which they have so recently united themselves.

We expect to hold our symposium on Tuesday night,

June 28th, and we will be only too glad to meet around the friendly board all those who are interested in the welfare of our Chapter. I do not want to make my letter too long, for I suppose there will be a large number of them for this number of THE SHIELD.

Bidding all brothers farewell for this college year, and hoping to hear from many of them next year through the columns of THE SHIELD, I remain,

Yours in $\Phi. \Psi.$,

A. C. S.

OHIO ALPHA.

DELAWARE, OHIO, June 3d, 1881.

EDITOR SHIELD:

Ohio Alpha reports continued prosperity. Her members maintain the high position in the respect and confidence of the faculty, to which integrity and fidelity to duty have raised them. The people of Delaware regard Phi Psis with much favor. Our outlook for next year is extremely promising. Twelve loyal sons expect to answer to Phi Psi's first roll-call. Twelve men united in effort may hope to win the laurels of great achievements.

Bro. Van Cleve, of '79, has been spending this week among his numerous friends in Delaware. The ardor of "Van's" fraternal enthusiasm has not waned and a hearty welcome always awaits him, here.

Bros. Shedd, Hubbard, and Allen, of Ohio Delta, were with us a short time, a few weeks since. We enjoyed their visit greatly.

The 11th of this month is a day which the Phi Psis of Ohio Delta and Ohio Alpha propose to render memorable. A spot upon the green banks of the Scioto—about midway between Columbus and Delaware—has been chosen as a rallying point for the two Chapters. Bros. Hosterman and Baker, of Ohio Beta, will also picnic with us.

The May number of the SHIELD reached us in due time and was read with accustomed interest. The article from "Phi Gamma Delta" truly is exceedingly bitter and savors of maliciousness. My surprise, however, in reading it, by far surpassed my mortification and both were relieved when I recognized the signature, it being that of a defeated candidate for a position, to which superior merits won for a Phi Psi a large majority. We congratulate ourselves on being the target of so unfounded a tirade—from a rival fraternity—as we recall the well-known aphorism, "Envy loves a lofty mark."

Yours Fraternally,

E. T. B.

ILLINOIS BETA.

CHICAGO, June 4th, 1881.

EDITORS SHIELD:

Dear Brothers.—The lot falls to me this time to inform you and all your handsome readers of Beta's bonny boom. Items of interest accumulate and especially in the last month, so that I feel confident they will interest. In the last letter from B, our brother informed you of the coming Psi U. Convention. It is now in the past, and was a great

"give-away." It was such particularly, as they bragged it up to be equal or superior to any Internat. Conv't, Jubilee or what-not. To the public, no doubt, the fearful farce, when *done*, brought a relief. When we have one, we will have care not to awaken too much folly of expectation by inflation or "*blowing*." Phi Psi generally has and always will do her parts in quiet, and then she will receive praise for what she does so well. She proceeds, planted on that principle. Only yesterday, in the election of our college paper editors, the D. K. E.'s and Psi U.'s combined against us and we were mostly defeated, though out of five elected one junior editor is of us. And we don't care much. We keep all right, O. K., No. 1 with the Faculty, and these petty humbuggy honors, what be they!

Beta is noted, we believe, for schemes. Her Senate scheme is, was and will be a grand success. She has now a scheme in embryo, whereby she can secure an *Alumni Chapter*.

Another new feature is the "*Phi Cap o' Size*," as our *Volante*, college paper, puts it. A skull cap, Fraternity affair, which is a neat one and distinguishes us from the "*half-breeds*" around.

Did you hear what an error was played on our characteristic letters? Q. K. 4. is what the *Volante* put for $\Phi. K. \Psi$. The joke has gone the rounds. Sophomore declamation Ex. was held 24th ult. It was a close contest and an excellent *Ex*. The first prize (\$15.00 better than nothing) was well won and awarded to Bro. Sam King.

And the summer months having come, bearing thirst, dusty throats, hunger and huge appetites, we must needs have a *Symposium*, without the drinking (save ice water), according to true Phi Psi principle. Last eve., June 3d, it was held, as the invitations sent to the "*Chaps.*" indicate, in the Palmer House. The First Annual Symp., last year, was a joint one of Alpha and Beta. This was *ours* alone. Some three alumni were present last year, and twelve were present this. Thirteen of our boys—two being away—made a neat company of *twenty-five*. The alumni were in raptures over Phi Psi spirit. They praised our invitations and our singing. Now as the Penna. Theta has notice of her prospected poverty from *sporting* or *being supported by* a singing quartette, we wish to write of our songsters. We have two men who could sing as quartette at any time, in any place—yes, one who could, with just a little drill, sing a sextette all by himself, and another who can hold one note on one low key to the dawn of the Twentieth century. Well, with some good help from our brothers, after supper was done justice to, we varied the programme with toasts and songs. Alumni Springer, Frake and Culver were there, with Bro. Piper from Ill. Alpha; Bro. Hays, an alumnus of Mich. Alpha, was ready to speak in her behalf. Brethren from Ind., Wis., and letters from various Chapters, which could not be represented—all went to prove that in Phi Psi exists a bond of unity, *lasting, manly and sincere*.

The spirit is elevating, as shown last evening, and may we and the whole Fraternity have many such recurrences.

Fearing I have trespassed on your space,

I am, and remain true and sincere,

"SWART."

PENNA. ETA.

LANCASTER, June 6th, 1881.

DEAR BROTHER EDITORS:

THE SHIELD has been received and perused. It is needless to say it was enjoyed. Eta enjoys all good things. Our correspondent, "Billie E.," being rather Democratic in his principles, thinks there should be a change. Hence through his earnest request your humble brother relieves him. The change, I fear, will not be for the better.

During the past month the two College Literary Societies celebrated their forty-sixth anniversary. On the programme of the Goethean, Phi Psi had two representatives. Bro. "Bridie's" oration on "War as a Civilizing Power" was one of the gems of the evening. He was followed by "Billie E.," who read a poem on "Echoes of the Conestoga." The poem was simply beautiful. On the programme of the Diognothian, Bros. Bomberger and Shirk were representatives of Phi Psi. "Bom" declares that "Shirkie" "took the cake" and "Shirkie" says that "Bom" "took the cake." No matter which one shone the brighter, Phi Psi most surely was victorious.

Eta regrets very much that she is not to have a Symposium this year. We expect to substitute for it a "grind," which we will make approach as nearly to a Symposium as possible. We expect a number of our Alumni and some other Phi Psi's to be present, and insure a pleasant time to all Brothers who may chance this way.

Bro. "Billy" Apple returned to Lancaster yesterday from Titusville, where he has been reading law. On his way home he visited Bro. Fred. Biesecker. He, Fred., and Bro. "Decius" Musser, who was likewise visiting Fred., spent several very pleasant days in surveying Somerset Cor., and, in the meantime, frequently held sage converse on the Fraternity's weal. At the close of the Seminary Bro. "Rodie" returned to his home, but expects to be with us at Commencement. Bro. "Decius" Musser was graduated at the last Commencement of the Theological Seminary. He has accepted a call at St. Clairsville to succeed Bro. Dittmar. The attractions for him in Lancaster were so great that the boys sat up for the 2.40 train several successive nights on which he was expected to leave.

Our lone star of the Senior Class, "Bridie," finished his test-examination some time since and is now enjoying his senior vacation. The "Sops" having likewise finished their test, the Juniors and "Freshies" are alone in College. The "Sophs" are anticipating a camping expedition. They will set out to-morrow with Bro. Musselman as Chief of Cooking Department.

An article in the last issue of THE SHIELD which ought to touch every Brother was that of the growler. Would that there was no need for growling! To read the first issues of THE SHIELD one would think from the rejoicings that such an organ had come into existence, that it would be imperishable. Even now the interest of the Bros. does not seem to have lessened in the least. But why do they not support it? Certainly not because it is of no value, for it is the life of the Fraternity; not because of a lack of interest in the Editors, for they have improved it and only

want support to improve it still more. The value of THE SHIELD is known to all who read it, but more especially to those active members among us who were members of the Fraternity when there was no Fraternity organ. At that time if they knew how many and where the Chapters were in the different states, that was the extent of their knowledge. What is more pleasant than to hear each month of the prosperity of our beloved Fraternity spread, as it is, over the North, South and West? THE SHIELD is certainly the best medium for this communication. We will only know what benefit THE SHIELD has been to us when it no longer exists. It is generally acknowledged that THE SHIELD is just what it should be, and all wish it success, but kind wishes will not support it much longer. Knowing this to be true, I say with the growler, "For Heaven's sake, for Phi Psi's sake, for the sake of us all, support it as you ought and are able to do."

Fraternally Yours,
E. E.

A GANG OF PHI PSI'S.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEAR EDITORS:

We're a "gang" of Phi Psi's, living (some of us temporarily, others permanently) in this city, and what is more, we are *paying* subscribers to our paper—THE SHIELD. We meet very frequently and our only topic is the Fraternity. There's not a line appeared in THE SHIELD since the latter's debut that we haven't read. Some of the subjects presented met with our hearty approval; other we have—well, we will omit the expression. With your permission we will mention a few thoughts. We congratulate you on the courage you've had to publish a Fraternity paper in the face of the sad end of its two predecessors. Then, too, you began without the sanction of the G. C. This prevented some of the Chapters from giving their aid—pecuniary, I mean. If we remember correctly it was Ohio Beta that was so particular, so conscientious; but we observed in No. 8 that this Chapter had nobly redeemed itself. Brothers of Ohio B., we now feel proud of you.

When THE SHIELD began, Pa. Theta was the governing Chapter, and if we were correctly informed, promised good, substantial support, but we confess we have not noticed many communications from her, and in No. 8 she is not credited with any subscription money. What is wrong in that quarter? Can it be that we have no more Reddings, Eysters or Gibsons in that Chapter?

Look, please, at Pa. I. She hasn't inherited much of her founder's spirit, or her communications would be more enthusiastic and her money bag for THE SHIELD full. Rumor has it that there's an unruly spirit entered her fold; it sits on all that is good and squelches every move made in the interests of the Chapter. It is presumed this non-entity or spirit longs for the day when it will sit in every office, constitute Iota's entirety, and then fly to Washington and lead Bob Murray out of his lofty position. Brothers, throw off this apparition, be men and work for your Chapter and Fraternity.

Penna. Alpha evidently is slumbering or dreaming. She, of all the Fraternity, should be alive in this grand move. Beta, of this state, has found herself napping, but grandly came out with a few letters and promised financial support. Turn the wheel more rapidly, brothers.

Bro. Leiser, who is noted for deep love for $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, manned Gamma with 10 good men, but he's omitted to train the brothers in. It was only last week Bro. Smith informed one of us that he'd been writing Bro. L. frequently, urging him to start Gamma up. But no reply. Finally a few letters to the Chapter's secretary drew out their letter in No. 8. And it tickled us all. Now a little sand, brothers; let the fine chandeliers and magnificent hall be until you've squared yourself on Fraternity matters.

The Epsilon and Eta of this State are the only Chapters that have done their duty to THE SHIELD. Of Eta we haven't anything to say. Of Epsilon we'd only remark that her letters are too full of $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$, etc. Don't they do anything in that Chapter?

When we get to Ohio we meet storms—high head winds—coming principally from Delaware. How are they going to answer the Phi Gam? We think the brother (J. N. G.) at Delaware is off the track on the honorary membership business. True some very noble $\Phi. \Psi.$ spirits have come from that Chapter, but they'll acknowledge that these same of whom we are proud were *not* honorary members. Isn't it so Bro.? They have a large Chapter there, we understand, but in No. 8 we saw but \$8 credited them—singular.

Down at Wooster the brothers are too much on "society" and Ohio Delta is sleepy. Such a wealthy Commonwealth, Bro. Eds., ought certainly roll up your bank acc't.

Down in Virginia they were slow in awaking. Indeed, only two of the Chapters in that section have been heard from. Can't the G. C. ring up the rest? When they get started they do well. We would be delighted to see them in the SHIELD. In Illinois and Indiana it occasionally blows, but in some cases backs it up right liberally. The hard cash though don't seem to come. Guess they have too many state oratorical contests and large Chapter Halls to fix up.

In Michigan there ought to be a revival—an out-pouring of spirit.

In Wisconsin they've done well while working but we see no dollars recorded them.

How can Bert Kurtz read No. 8 of the SHIELD and see his child—Md. Alpha—not recorded among the faithful? With their communications, too, they could be more liberal.

But when we get to Washington we stop and think. Is the G. C. doing her duty?

The cheering words from N. Y. Delta, Miss. Alpha and Cal. Alpha, published in your last, give indications of new and enthusiastic workers for $\Phi. K. \Psi.$

We are ashamed of the brothers advocating honorary membership.

We desire more alumni representation in the government of the Fraternity. We favor re-organization and extension—the latter especially in the South and a few places, very deserving, in the West and Northeast.

The articles of "An Old Boy" were superb.

The division of the Frat. into sections for better work is good.

We believe in Chautauqua Re-unions but think every effort should be made to put this paper on a secure financial basis. Have frequent Chapter letters, etc.

"THE GANG."

HOBART COLLEGE.

THE HOME OF NEW YORK DELTA

Is situated on the bluff at the north end of Seneca lake, in the village of Geneva, Ontario County, N. Y., a railroad station about equi-distant between Buffalo and Albany, on the Auburn branch of the New York Central Railroad. Geneva is connected with the Erie Railway, at Waverly by the Geneva, Ithaca and Sayre Railroad, and at Corning by the Syracuse, Geneva and Corning Railway; with the Northern Central Railway, at Watkins, by steamboat; and with the main New York Central line, by the Geneva and Lyons Railroad.

The College owes its existence to the wise forethought and energy of the gifted prelate whose name it bears. The death of Bishop Hobart occurred in 1830, only four years after the organization of the college. The work, however, thus auspiciously begun, was effectively carried on by the efforts of the Rt. Rev. William Heathcote DeLancey, D.D.; LL.D., D.C.L., Oxon., who, from the time of his consecration in 1839 to the day of his lamented decease, endeavored to make the College worthy of its origin. Under the able management of his co-adjutors, the Rev. Presidents Hale and Jackson, the College speedily reached a condition of efficiency and financial soundness, which is at once the pledge of its permanence and the promise of still greater usefulness in the years to come.

It has a large fund, permanently invested in loans upon real estate, the legacy of the late Hon. Allen Ayrault, of Geneseo, yielding an income sufficient to guarantee aid to *twenty-three* postulants for the ministry to the amount of \$100 each annually.

"Trinity" and "Geneva" Halls have been entirely remodeled, and supplied with gas, steam-heat, water and other modern conveniences.

A handsome stone building has been erected during the past year and is now in occupation. It will be used for the Chemical and Philosophical Departments: ample provision having been made, in chemicals and apparatus, for thorough technical instruction in both these branches. The building is of Waterloo stone, point dressed, 35 by 70 feet, and contains, in the basement, a working Laboratory for the Metallurgical Department, and on the first floor a large octagonal Lecture Room for the Chemical Department, and side rooms for offices, balance and apparatus. The second floor is appropriated to the Department of Physics, and contains a large Lecture Room similar to that on the first floor, with working rooms adjoining. The authorities have been enabled to erect this long-needed building, mainly by the munificent donations of the Hon. Wm. C. Pierrepont, of Pierrepont Manor, and of an unknown benefactress, who

through Mr. W. B. Douglas, of Rochester, donated five thousand dollars for the purpose.

A large and convenient Boat-House has been provided by the citizens of Geneva for the pleasure of the students, which has been placed on the College grounds at the base of the bluff.

A Gymnasium is in process of erection which, it is hoped, will contribute greatly to the comfort and pleasure of the students. It will be furnished with the proper appliances as soon as practicable.

A design for a new central building, connecting the two Halls as wings, has been adopted by the trustees. It will be four stories in height, with two towers, containing the College clock and chimes. The building is arranged so as to contain not only a sufficient number of Recitation Rooms, which are imperatively needed, but provision is likewise made for the Library and for Reading Rooms, Museum, President's Rooms, etc. The third floor will be arranged for an Alumni Hall, to be used likewise for Lecture purposes, College Exhibitions and public gatherings.

The fraternities having Chapters at Hobart are: Σ. Φ., K. Α., Θ. Δ. Χ. and until recently Χ. Φ.

The annual publication issued by the Junior Class is "The Echo and the Seneca." The copy published by '82 is before us. Its contents are excellent.

The *Hobart Herald* is the regular college monthly paper of 14 large sized pages. Among the names of the editorial corps we notice that of Bro. J. B. Blanchet.

The Trustees of Hobart College grant a *free tuition* Scholarship to that student from the Union School of Geneva, who shall pass the best entrance examination for the Freshman Class. This was awarded in 1880 to Bro. John C. Flood, '84.

ACONDENSED HISTORY OF INDIANA ALPHA, PHI KAPPA PSI.

[We reprint the following sketch of Indiana Alpha, believing it will be new to the majority of our readers. It originally appeared in the *Phi Kappa Psi Quarterly*, Vol. I., No. 1, 1877.—Eps.]

To the brothers of the Fraternity, and especially the graduate members of Indiana Alpha, this article is devoted. The history of our Chapter during the years '65-'67 was gathered and formed by Bro. S. R. Downey, from whom we propose to take the substance of this article.

In looking back over the history of our University, we find that the first collegiate secret society which gained a foothold here, was that known as the Beta Theta Pi. If we may regard the Greek date upon the visible badge as a true exponent, this order was founded in 1839, at Miami College, Oxford, Ohio. This was the fourth Chapter of their order, and was called the Delta. It was organized about the year 1845, and having no opposition, it had a fair chance to move and spread itself, having the entire body of students from which to select its members, and many men of ability were Betas when in college. For several years this fraternity was quite successful throughout the Western States, but in 1854 came a rival Chapter,

a branch of the Phi Gamma Delta Society, and from that time there was a double claim to supremacy.

Hastening on we meet, in 1859, with the foundation of a third association, that of Sigma Chi. The origin of this Fraternity, we have authority for stating, may be "dated on the 28th of June, 1855." We are also told that it is an offspring of Delta Kappa Epsilon. Six men from Miami having been expelled from D. K. E., formed a Sigma Chi. Being new; it gained a good position beside its predecessors and enrolled under its banners some men of creditable abilities, but for some reason it was not able to sustain itself and, after two years of miserable existence, it became extinct.

To one entering college in 1864 and having no previous knowledge of the character of Greek societies, the students would have presented the appearance of two political factions headed by the members of the Beta and Delta Chapters. Many days would not have passed before he was the subject of an operation, known in collegiate phraseology as "Spiking," and if eloquent persuasion or underhanded slander could at all move him, he was soon allied to one or the other factions, and laboring energetically for its interests. Entering the meetings of the two literary societies—Philological and Platonean—he would have seen this political spirit raised to the highest pitch, and struggles continually occurring between the two parties. As to the relative standing of the two fraternities, an estimate could scarcely be made. The Deltas had good working men, and so had the Betas, although in number the former exceeded the latter. Both seemed to restrict themselves in the selection of initiates, and in the preservation of secrecy regarding their *subs*. Sigma Chi had, as an organization, entirely disappeared, and a member of '67, while on a visit to Bloomington, was inveigled and initiated into the Chapter at that place, and returning sported his badge in *solitary grandeur*. But his efforts to resuscitate the lost glory of the mystic cross, were very unsuccessful. Many of our charter members received personal applications to "take up the cross, and follow him," but they didn't see it, although the virtues of the institution and its renown were persistently brought to their notice. Such then was the state of affairs, in the autumn of 1864. Betas and Deltas flourishing, and Sigma Chi making a desperate endeavor for life.

There was a spirit of restlessness, *very* manifest among the better class of adherents to both fraternities, and it was evident that the disaffection, existing as it did, must result in a change. A new order of things was soon inaugurated. Some, for instance, made a neutral, "Anti-Greek" movement, and made a failure in the attempt to make it a permanent organization. Supporters of the Deltas conceived of the idea of establishing a new Chapter. Friends of the Betas were agitated by similar thoughts. It became well understood that to form a *successful* Chapter the best men were to be gained from both parties, no matter what might have been their previous feeling, or political standing. Under these auspices, in this confusion of plans, was started *the one* which resulted in the association of our charter members and the foundation of *Ind. Alpha of Phi Kappa Psi*.

It is somewhat difficult (*We quote Bro. Downey, verbatim.*) to find, even after the lapse of but two years, the correct date of the agitation of this matter for the first time, and to give credit to the proper persons for the part which they took in the matter and movements. The following seems to be the origin and manner of procedure:

About the middle of October, 1864, Bro. Johnson Pittman was rooming with Mr. J. W. Rector, the latter, as the former, belonging to no secret organization, and Bro. Pittman having had a quarrel with Mr. H. J. Dunbar, leader of the Betas in Plato, the conversation turned on the foundation of a new order in Asbury. Bro. W. F. Walker, happening in, the matter was mentioned to him and met with his approval. Bro. Pittman held to the idea and immediately commenced investigating. Visiting Bros. Shirley and Wicklow, he found them favorable to the enterprise and willing and ready to "go in." He next sought and obtained Bro. Obenshain's consent to become a member of whatever might be chosen. They talked for a short time of Sigma Chi. But this was very soon dropped. A meeting for consultation was held at Bro. Walker's, at which the following named brothers were present: R. N. Allen, W. F. Walker, C. A. Obenshain, H. W. Shirley, O. H. Wicklow, and J. Pittman. Also, after a time, D. W. Thomas. All present at the beginning took an oath of secrecy. But Mr. Thomas declined the oath, taking instead, an *honor pledge* of secrecy.

Bro. Obenshain was appointed to talk with Prof. B. T. Hoyt, and ask the possibility of getting a Phi Upsilon. The conversation was had soon after, and Prof. Hoyt, although a member of Psi Upsilon, recommended the Phi Kappa Psi, saying that his brother was a member of that order, and that he himself would become one.

This met with favor in the association and Prof. Hoyt was asked to write to Ohio Wesleyan, the seat of a Chapter, and inquire whether a Chapter would be made in Asbury. Favorable answers were received, and the correspondence was kept up. Meanwhile, Mr. Thomas had divulged to the Betas all the knowledge he had gained of the proceedings and was left out of the number. Where were Bros. Poucher, Gillmore, Tennant, Richey, Eastburn, Dice and Yates? Considerable anxiety was felt for the success of the plan, and frequent meetings were held for deliberation. The Betas having received information as to the plans on foot, endeavored strenuously to defeat them. Several brothers received propositions to enter the Beta society, but, though *urged* to do so, they declined the persistent requests. Under these circumstances there seemed to be a need for prompt action. The names and arrangements having been made, were sent to Ohio Alpha for election into that Chapter, and were as follows: J. Pittman, H. W. Shirley, O. H. Wicklow, W. F. Walker, John Poucher, W. Fred. Gillmore, R. N. Allen, G. W. M. Pittman, R. S. Tennant, D. J. Eastman, Newton Richey, C. A. Obenshain, W. J. Yeates and F. M. Dice. Proceedings had now to be *laid over*, but were taken up in January, 1865, with the opening of the next term and carried, as will be seen, to a successful termination, and to the establishing of a Chapter. Several

letters having passed, it was determined at a meeting, late one Friday night, that Bro. W. Fred. Gillmore should go to Delaware and make the necessary arrangements for the initiation and incorporation of the Chapter by charter. Immediately on receipt of the appointment, Bro. Gillmore visited Prof. Hoyt, and having procured from him a letter of recommendation, started by the midnight train for Delaware. Arriving there he was kindly received by the members of Phi Psi, and initiated into the mysteries of this grand and glorious order. Upon his return from a trip successful in every particular, a meeting was held for consultation by the proposed initiates. Judge R. N. Allen's was the place of meeting, and the evening was the 2d of January. Much enthusiasm prevailed among the members, and "*Phi Kap*" was repeated by many with a great degree of pleasure and satisfaction. Those whose names had been sent to Ohio Alpha were present except Bro. Dice. The names of Salem Town, S. R. Downey, and Albert B. Yohn were presented, and by consent they were sent for. The pledge of secrecy having been taken, the proposition was made to them. Bros. Town and Yohn accepted it. Bro. Downey declined at that time. Soon after Bro. A. S. B. Newton came as a delegate from Ohio Alpha, to initiate and found the Chapter.

In the afternoon of January 24th several were initiated, and in the evening of the same day the remainder (except Bro. Dice) were "*taken in.*" Judge Allen's was the place of meeting again. Much energy and interest were displayed by all in commencing their new relations, and in meeting the obligations incurred on entering the mysteries of our now much beloved order. Their earnestness called forth commendations from Bro. Newton. The first thing that presented itself was, "How shall we make our first appearance?" and as there were but four badges among them all, it was soon settled, that "as all could not 'come out' at once, Bros. Gillmore, Poucher, J. Pittman, and Obenshain, should on the 26th of January present themselves with the escutcheon of Phi Psi." Accordingly the aforementioned brothers *appeared*. Wonder and astonishment were apparent on all sides. Many remarks were made by outsiders, and some of the Betas and Deltas made confidential comments to the UNKNOWN brothers, only to be more surprised at beholding the shield of the new order shining forth in all its beauty of effulgence and glory upon the bosoms of their late confidants. During the two or three days succeeding all had worn the badges. And in order that the small number of the pins might not be detected, a very neat little ruse was adopted. Each one wearing a badge when he left the street, would give his badge to another brother going out, so that all the boys appeared as wearing badges at the same time. A few evenings subsequent by Bro. Frank M. Dice was initiated.

We have thus, in as clear a manner as possible, and as briefly as might be, sketched the labors and success of the charter members, in founding the Chapter. Our duty will be to give hereafter the history of a fully organized body.

E. M. C.

LINES FROM OTHER JOURNALS.

THE SHIELD, a quarto of twelve pages, issued by the *Phi Kappa Psi* Fraternity, ten times a year, at Philadelphia, Pa. The last three numbers are before us. We have been brought up to think well of this Fraternity—in fact, we have known and loved so many Phi Psi's that we could not but think well of it, and now, since we have made the acquaintance of *The Shield*, we can say our good opinion of this Fraternity has been strengthened. *The Shield* is an excellent monthly, almost entirely devoted to Chapter intelligence. "An Old Boy's Recollections of Phi Kappa Psi, Twenty-five Years Ago," concluded in the last number, is an interesting contribution to $\Phi. K. \Psi.$'s early history.—*The Alpha Tau Omega Palm*, Feb., 1881.

THE $X. \Phi.$ *Quarterly*, of July, 1880, speaks thus of *The Shield*: "The editors invite the discussion of matters pertaining to the welfare of Phi Kappa Psi; and the intention of conducting the journal "with malice towards none, with charity towards all" has thus far been very creditably carried out."

THE SHIELD of *Phi Kappa Psi* is occupied with interesting letters from the various Chapters and notes of general interest to *Phi Psis* and Fraternity men in general—*The S. A. E. Record*, May, 1880.

THE SHIELD of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ * * * * * The matter is good and is marked by enthusiasm.—*The A. T. A. Crescent*, April, 1881.

THE *Phi Kappa Psi Shield*, the successor of the *Quarterly* and *Monthly*, issued by this society, is a neat and newsy little sheet, with no particular characteristic save vim and fairness. It is a new enterprise and is doing Phi Kappa Psi much good.—*Beta Theta Pi*, Jan., 1881.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

Is $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$ looking towards Texas?

THE *Diamond* of $\Psi. \Gamma.$ is again alive.

$Z. \Psi.$ has one man at Chicago University.

$\Delta. \Gamma.$ will probably enter Denison University.

$\Phi. K. \Sigma.$ has some trouble in keeping her Chapters alive.

THE $\Delta. \Gamma. \Delta.$'s are turning their gaze towards Pittsburgh.

$\Sigma. X.$ talking of inaugurating an Alumni Chapter at Cincinnati.

$\Delta. \Delta. \Phi.$ and $X. \Phi.$ were not successful in their work at Hobart College.

$\Delta. \Gamma. \Omega.$ is supposed to have a *sub rosa* Chapter at Mississippi College.

$\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$ will probably not enter Wooster University now that her representative has departed.

$K. A.$ (Southern) and $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$ were inspecting Alabama Mechanical and Agricultural College.

PRES. Bascomb of the Univ. of Wisconsin will deliver the address at the approaching $B. \Theta. \Pi.$ Convention.

AND now $\Psi. \Gamma.$ has refused a charter to students at the University of Cincinnati. $B. \Theta. \Pi.$ acted similarly last year.

THE authorities at Purdue Univ., Lafayette, Ind., have been putting the screws down pretty hard on the Chapter of Sigma Chi located there. Brace up boys.

THE Fraternities now in the University of Pennsylvania are in order of establishment: $Z. \Psi.$, $\Phi. K. \Sigma.$, $\Delta. \Psi.$, $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, $\Delta. B. \Phi.$, $B. \Theta. \Pi.$ and $A. \Gamma. \Omega.$ and $\Phi. \Delta. \Phi.$ (Law)

THE Chapter of $B. \Theta. \Pi.$ at Madison has as rivals $\Delta. K. E.$ and one local society—the Aeonian. $B. \Theta. \Pi.$'s new catalogue bids promise of being the finest publication of the sort ever issued.

THE Alpha Sigma Chapter of $B. \Theta. \Pi.$ (Dickinson Chapter) has purchased a boat, and will at an early day issue the "Minutal"—a publication giving information of the college, other Frats., etc.

ALLEGHENY College has a local Fraternity called the "Phoenix Club." The badge is a gold shield bearing the monogram $P. C.$, with the letters $D. V. V.$ below and an eagle above.—*The A. T. A. Crescent*.

FIFTEEN Chapters were represented at $\Delta. \Delta. \Phi.$'s recent Convention held in Providence, R. I. President Chase, of Haverford College delivered the address. On May 18th they revived the Chapter at Columbia.

$\Delta. B. \Phi.$ has just appeared in the ranks with the Delta Beta Phi *Quarterly*. This Fraternity has Chapters at Columbia, Cornell, Lehigh University, University of Pennsylvania, Lafayette and Johns Hopkins University.

THE $\Delta. \Gamma. \Delta. Crescent$ contains several illustrations, one of which pictures the relations existing between our Ohio Alpha Chapter and the Chapter of $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$, quoting the lines in regard to ourselves which we printed in our last under "Other Fraternities." The picture alluded to represents two fighting cats on the top of a rail fence. Each one seems eager and desirous of being "me big Injun."

THE reception given by the Beta Theta Pi (University of Kansas) to the Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the year. After a pleasant season of hand-shaking and social conversation at the Beta Hall, both societies formed in line, and, headed by the Arion Quartet, marched to Porter's restaurant and partook of an elegant supper. Toasts were responded to as follows: *Our University*, F. A. Stocks; $K. A. \Theta.$, Scott Hopkins; "I. C.'s," Leo J. Barr; "The Lion and the Lamb shall lie down together," C. F. Scott. Mr. H. T. Smith delivered the address of welcome. It was an occasion that will long be remembered by those present.—*Kansas Review*.

$\Psi. \Gamma.$ Upsilon's Forty-eight Annual Convention met in the club room of the Palmer House, Chicago, on Wednesday, May 18th, at 10 A.M. Ira H. Rubel, of Omega, was elected temporary Chairman, and A. B. Seaman, Recorder. Harvard was the only one of Psi Upsilon's eighteen Chapters not represented by a delegate; of the others, Columbia was the only one not represented by an undergraduate. The entire gathering, with resident alumni, numbered about 200.

The open exercises were held at Central Music Hall. President Olson, of Chicago University, made an address, defending college secret societies, and Judge Tourgee read a poem. Several other great men were expected but were "detained." In the evening a very brilliant reception was tendered the Convention and visitors by Mr. Perry H. Smith, at his beautiful residence. Upwards of 500 ladies and gentlemen were present. At the next day's meeting the following Executive Council was elected: Hugh B. McCauley, Delta, '74; Charles W. Smiley, Xi, '74; H. L. Bridgeman, Gamma, '66; Ward McLean, Theta, '43; H. B. Gross, Upsilon, '76. At the afternoon session the only business outside of the secret work was the consideration of applications for the foundation of new Chapters. The petitions from the University of Minnesota and Wooster University of Ohio, were dismissed for at least one year. Those from Lehigh University and the University of Pennsylvania were referred to committees. After appointing the next annual session with the Phi Chapter, at Syracuse, N. Y., the Convention adjourned *sine die*. In the evening the Greeks dined and wined at the Palmer House. Hon. Henry Booth was President, and Rev. D. R. Sheppard Toast Master. Toasts were replied to by Judge Tourgee, Hon. H. L. Bridgeman and Hon. J. T. Wentworth, followed by a toast and reply from each Chapter. Letters of regret were read from many figure heads. The Convention was one of Psi Upsilon's most successful ones.—A. T. A. *Crescent*.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

GEO. B. McMetzger, '80, is studying law in Williamsport, Pa.

W. M. RIGHTMEYER, '62, has his legal shingle swung in Reading, Pa.

BRO. Maj. A. C. Reinoehl (founder of Pa. Eta), will be at Chautauqua.

BRO. Ed. Boyer, Pa. Θ., is doing a flourishing tobacco trade in Pottsville, Pa.

W. WIRT WITMER, '63, is successfully editing a newspaper in Des Moines, Iowa.

BRO. Ned McCollin, '78, Pa. Iota, is suffering from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

BRO. Josh Miner, M.D., Pa. Θ., will hang out his shingle in Wilkesbarre, Pa. Success to him.

BRO. Dr. Jack Marshall goes to Mount Desert for the summer. "Bosko" will accompany him.

MANY thanks to Bro. Frank P. Wilson, of Ind. Alpha, for catalogue of Indiana Asbury University.

BRO. O. C. Crum, '61, Miss. Beta, reports Bro. Jos. T. Moore, of the same Chapter, located at ———, Texas.

BRO. "Rodie," of Pa. Eta, has been up in the mountains of Penna. preaching. He's a success in his profession.

BRO. F. M. Dice, '68, Ind. Alpha, formerly State Senator, is reporter of the Supreme Court, Indianapolis, Ind.

BROS. J. D. Brown and Lee Roy Wolf, Pa. Iota, graduate in the law department of Univ. of Penna. this month.

BRO. Baird Halberstadt, '82, Pa. I. (the traveller), paid us a visit a few days ago. He is bright and happy as usual.

At the recent commencement of the Theol. Sem. at Lancaster, Bro. Cyrus Musser, '78, Eta, was made a *Reverendum*.

BRO. Alva W. Atkinson, formerly professor of mathematics at Moore's Hill College, is now preaching at Charles-town, Ind.

BROS. Carpenter, Harris, Smith, Taylor, and Adams will accompany Dr. Jordan to Europe to spend the summer. All of Indiana Beta.

D. L. McKENZIE, '65, is rumored to have accepted a call to the Luth. Church, at Mercersburg, Pa. Glad to get him nearer home.

BRO. Harwood is Master of Ceremonies and Bro. Will Durborow is Orator of the reunion of 1881 of the Indiana University, class of '76.

PA. KAPPA's last meeting was attended by the usual crowd. The familiar faces of Bros. Evans, Meyers, Gross and Brown were missing.

BRO. Wm. D. Marks, Pa. I., (ex. Σ. Δ. X. of Yale), now professor in the U. of P., has been offered the Presidency of a school of science in the west.

PA. ETA will not hold a symposium this year, but the festive board will be spread and the brothers are cordially invited to drop in about the 16th of June.

REV. J. C. Kohler, '62, is very much liked by the members of his congregation, in Hanover, Pa. Recently they presented him with a purse of 130 dollars.

BRO. Prof. Geo. A. König, Pa. I., will pilot the Junior Mining Engineers of the Towne Scientific School through the coal regions of Penna. during the summer.

BRO. "Chiner" Elwell, '78, Pa. Iota, declares he's going to Chautauqua. Boys, call for his songs, "Letterman and Moore" and "The Bold Candidate." They're rich!

BRO. Frank Freeland, '79, Pa. Iota, expects to go to Denver, Colorado, this summer. For two years he has filled the chair of *Instructor in Mechanics* in the Univ. of Penna.

BROS. Felix Schelling, Barnhurst, Gross and Fox graduated from the classical dep't of the U. of P. Bro. Schelling was *Poet* on class day. He sails for Europe soon. Bro. Barnhurst will row in the 'Varsity Four.

MEDICAL studies appear to agree with the following Phi Psis: D. King Gotwald, Joe Tustin, Clay Eschbach, and "Acy" Wentz. We find them regularly engaged in the dissecting room and other places of amusement about the University.

BRO. W. L. Rowland, '78, Pa. Iota, intends leaving for Lower California about 15th, and will most probably drop in at San Jose. Our California Alpha brothers cannot meet a more loyal son of Φ. K. Ψ. Bro. R. is just recovering from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism.