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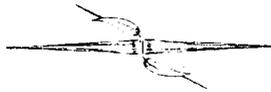
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No. 1.

EDITORIAL.

WE are very sorry to have to announce that our dear Bro. Dr. E. F. Smith has been compelled, by moving away from Philadelphia, to give up his active superintendence of THE SHIELD. But he will still work for it as much as he can.

WE are very sorry to be so late in getting out the first number for this year, but we could'nt help it. Matter did not come in soon enough, and we are not able, even if we were willing, to fill half a number ourselves. If letters come in in time, we shall get the next number out on the 15th proximo.

THOUGH not a matter which comes in the scope of THE SHIELD, we can't help saying a word as to the great loss which we as citizens of the United States have suffered. The man who has been taken from us, was pre-eminent in the possession of those qualities which every true Phi Psi holds in the highest estimation and strives to cultivate.

WE propose in our next number putting four pages for advertising after the reading matter, and we expect to have them filled with the professional cards of our legal and insurance brothers. We propose to divide the page into twelve parts, and to charge 50 cents for an insertion or \$3 for the rest of the year, and will put them in in the order of receipt. So send in your orders and the stamps therefor as soon as you can.

IN this number of THE SHIELD, the opening of a new volume and the first in the new form, it behooves the editors to say several things, some pleasant and some very much the contrary, but all true. First we greet you all with a good hearty grip, hoping that you have had a pleasant and profitable summer, that the active brothers will do their work with renewed strength and put in "big licks" for our common mother, and that those of us who have gone out into the world, either lately or years ago, will look back with fondest recollection to the time of active membership, and the friendships formed therein. Second, as you will see we have (though not justified by the pecuniary result of our last years work) altered the shape of THE SHIELD, to one more suitable to binding and preservation and considerably more expensive, hoping that our brothers will give more *substantial* evidence of their appreciation than formerly. Third, we want a communication, short or long, from *every* Chapter at least once in two months.

CHAUTAUQUA REUNION.

AUGUST 18th, 1881.

AN all night ride in a crowded railway coach scarce fits one for the appreciation of natural beauties, yet reinforced by a bounteous breakfast at the Sherman House, Jamestown, the SHIELD representative embarked, in a fairly impressionable mood, upon the outlet of the far-famed Lake Chautauqua in the steamer Shattuc, one bright morning in August, for Fair Point Assembly Grounds, the place appointed for our Phi Psi Reunion.

Guide-books to the lake are numerous and the pictorial representations of its attractions are easily obtained and are sufficiently accurate to preclude the necessity of any description more or less vivid of that delightful morning ride through the tortuous creek out upon the lovely expanse of clear water, hemmed in by undulating hills covered with meadows and waving grain.

Since this letter is to be valuable alone to Phi Psis, if at all,

all impressions, grave, gay or grotesque, deserve mention, and whatever things of interest which came under our observation will be chronicled.

We made our trip from Jamestown on the morning of the 17th and expected to surely meet many Fraternity men on the way, since the Phi Gamma Delta's Annual Convention was to be held at Chautauqua and the Point opposite, commencing on the 17th, as well as our own more modest Reunion on the day following.

We were very much disappointed to find no evidences upon cravats or vests of the presence of the diamond or shield, but after carefully scanning the faces of the passengers, we mentally agreed that one pensive, poetic youth leaning upon the forward guards, main deck, was a $\Phi. \Gamma.$ Whether he is or not we had no means of knowing, since we did not see him again during our stay.

At the Kent House Landing, at last, a young man in jaunty clothes, cigarette in mouth, sporting a diamond-shaped pin with the legend $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$ thereupon, passed lightly over the gang-plank and from his station on the forward main deck waved smiling adieus to two charming ladies upon the pier, until the boat, which waited some minutes for belated passengers, again took up her journey.

After the exhaustive process of watching his protracted leave-taking, we felt hardly equal to the looking for any others of the Greek world, and just as we were about to seek a vacant spot on the deck, whereon to lie and recuperate, we stumbled upon Bro. Wood, Pa. Beta, Chairman of last year's Reunion Committee. We had but fairly got acquainted when the boat landed at Fair Point and we disembarked to fall immediately into the hands of a ribboned mob, upon the lapels of whose coats were fluttering the ever dear lavender and pink. With so noble and numerous an escort we took up our march toward Miss Burch's, Simpson Ave., and after a brief pause there followed our guide to the Fraternity headquarters, a commodious tent opposite the Amphitheatre, within which was kept the register, printed matter, stationery, pen and ink, for the

use of the Fraternity. Scarce had we ornamented the page of the register with our bold sign manual, when a cheerful young gentleman politely relieved us of some flimsy paper and gave in return some very small, yet beautifully shining bits of silver coin.

“General expenses” the cause, D. C. List the agent of the transfer, a lightened heart and pocket-book the result.

After the exhilaration of first greeting was over, we confessed a feeling of deep disappointment at the fewness of our numbers, and when later we learned that six toast responders, all of whom were confidently expected to be present, had sent word that they couldn't come, or else were unheard from, disappointment deepened almost to despondency.

There were a pitiful few of us at dinner that day, but before the afternoon of Wednesday had worn away, somehow, somewhere, a host of $\Phi. \Psi$'s had sprung up and we were continually running across the shield and as often heard such salutations as these: “Well! who are you?” “I am Blank from Kansas Alpha” (safe enough in the name and location, since no Kansas man was there).

By nightfall, there were nearly if not quite sixty registered, and the Fraternity Headquarters, decorated with flags, a huge shield and Chinese lanterns, presented a beautiful appearance. Next door to us was the tent where the $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta$'s had their headquarters and, though erst while bitter foes, we sat under the shade of the same oaks and exchanged pleasant converse, with never a sneer or innuendo.

For some reason the orator who was to address the $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta$'s failed to put in an appearance and they were obliged to telegraph for their ever ready brother, Ridpath, of Greencastle, Indiana, who responded to their call and lectured before them Thursday evening, on Alexander Hamilton.

Thursday morning came and with it the cheering news to all of us that Dr. A. A. Willitts was on hand, and that, coupled with the gratifying presence of Judge Moore and several others of the speakers who had been despaired of, made satisfaction the ruling motive of our experience.

Judge Moore's presence among his "boys," as he fondly called us, was a main spring of enthusiasm which never ceased to actuate feelings of joy and thankfulness that we had determined, a short week before, to hazard future shabbiness of apparel, that our eyes should behold the scenes of the second Re-union of our loved Fraternity.

It was no uncommon sight to see the Judge flanked on either side by several of his "boys," promenading the grounds or seated upon the piazza of the hotel, giving graphic pictures of the incipency of the Fraternity, and dwelling with increasing fondness upon the memories of our grand old Tom Campbell.

Though nearly thirty years have passed since the events occurred which he related to us, no single detail seemed doubtful and, with a vividness and accuracy inspiring to witness, he gave us the dear experiences of a race of *Φ. Ψ.*'s now scattered and gone.

Pursuant to a call of the Chairman of the Committee, a meeting for the consideration of the Fraternity's interests, was held Thursday morning in the children's temple. Live and enthusiastic debates were indulged in on colors and song book, and a unanimous expression of interest in, and determination to support the SHIELD closed the morning session. Quite a gratifying sum was subscribed for the SHIELD and the boys then showed their appreciation of Judge Moore's liberality by hearty applause, and in the afternoon through the same means encouraged Dr. Willitts in his support of the chain which binds us all together.

It does not come within the design of this article to give the proceedings of that meeting and the adjourned afternoon session in detail, since the Secretary will no doubt have provided for that ere this reaches you, yet it does not go beyond our province to say that a series of resolutions on the late death of our beloved co-founder, Dr. Letterman, were presented by Judge Moore, as Chairman of a Committee appointed for that purpose, and adopted with a unanimity and heartiness that showed in what esteem his memory is held.

The resolutions were couched in elegantly simple language

and were expressive of the tender memories which shall always cluster around the name of the brave and patient sufferer, who, for years burdened with disease, has been hastening to the grave where his body now rests, while his pure spirit has winged its heavenward flight. In a letter to Judge Moore, his widow says that though twenty-five years had passed away since he had actively engaged in Fraternity affairs, with his dying breath, he cherished fond wishes for its increased prosperity.

At two-thirty P.M., Thursday, above fifty *Φ.Ψ.*'s, headed by the handsome figure of Bro. R. J. Murray, of the Grand Chapter, marched into the amphitheatre, where we were addressed by our brother, Dr. A. A. Willitts, on "Sunshine." Upwards of two thousand people participated with us in the pleasure, and evinced their appreciation by frequent and hearty applause.

Rev. Bro. Barnitz, of Wheeling, introduced the speaker in a few well chosen sentences, and Judge Moore occupied the platform with them. Bro. Barnitz said a few words regarding the rise and progress of the Fraternity, and announced to the audience that its founder was upon the platform. In response to the hearty applause which followed this announcement, the Judge rose and bowed his acknowledgments, after which Dr. Willitts began.

The first five or ten minutes of his address was a model little Fraternity speech, and the lecture which followed, despite the sultriness of the atmosphere, sent all away cheerful and happy.

Immediately after the lecture, as many as could be found, assembled before the Fraternity headquarters and were photographed. Some of the boys were so much distressed for fear the ladies, whose society for the banquet in the evening they earnestly desired, would give them the slip, that they stayed close beside them until tea-time, and the result was that but forty-three were in place for the picture. The other dozen or more will have an awkward time explaining during the rest of the year to their home girls, how it happened that they failed to be "took."

With very few exceptions, the boys reported at the lower

dock in the evening, accompanied by ladies, where that most elegant steamer, the "Moulton," was waiting to convey us down the lake to the Kent House, ten miles below.

The steamer was gaily decorated with many colored lanterns, and the the saloons, with their elegantly appointed furniture, made the ride restful and luxurious to the few who chose to remain within; but many sat upon deck and watched the twinkling lights upon the shores, which we glided by in the soft moonlight. A few took advantage of the small fore deck and danced to the music, thoughtfully provided by our indefatigable Chairman.

Arrived at the Kent House, we marched in a body up from the pier and through the main entrance, filled; except a bare passage way, with the richly dressed guests of the house, to the dressing rooms furnished for our accommodation.

Messrs. Frisbee & Sliney had given us the freedom of the house, and the greater portion of the company adjourned to the ball room, where the dancers, gracefully and ungracefully, moved over the boards to the sound of the orchestra belonging to the house for some two hours, when supper was announced.

Down the long dining room we marched, following the Chairman and his lady, past the huge fish, to our places at the three tables elegantly served and tastefully arranged.

Two long tables were placed at either side of the dining room, presided over by Judge Moore and Dr. Willitts, while at a table joining these, across the end of the room, sat the Chairman with his lady and two of the toasters with their company.

Of the banquet which followed we wish to keep discreetly silent, since any detailed account would betray our ignorance of fashionable repasts, and would necessitate quotations from the *Ménu*, a fearful temptation to throw into the way of ambitious Sophs. who elect the modern languages; for where is there a Soph. who does think he is a master even of Hotel French?

There were seven courses, which, when disposed of, fitted each one admirably to listen to after-dinner speeches.

D. C. List, of Ohio Gamma, is supposed to have made the greatest effort of his life in his address of welcome, and although Dan is *par excellence* a business man, he charmed even himself into silence with his own matchless oratory. Seriously, Dan made a short, sensible speech, putting everyone at ease, and himself most of all, and prepared us for the first regular toast of the evening: "Recollections," by Judge C. P. T. Moore, Penn'a Alpha. For twenty minutes the Judge held the minds and hearts of the boys captive with his graphic reminiscences of the days gone by, and many a soul felt the thrills of joy and sorrow when he recounted with faltering voice the deeds of Tom Campbell, Gillette, Keady, Letterman and others.

Charles R. Matchett (pronounced Mashay, if you please), Penn'a Iota, responded to the next toast—"Special Friends." Really, now, we have no ill-will against Bro. M., but it seems only right that we should utter solemn warnings to the lady friends of the Fraternity, some one of whom has the future of this benighted brother in her hands. When a man talks about Uncle Isaac (he of the three golden balls) and Mrs. O'Hooligan and others of like character, as being his special friends, what has anyone a right to expect of his character?

Robert J. Murray, of the Grand Chapter, then spoke of "The Fraternity." Bro. Murray's commanding presence and careful utterance gave weight and dignity to his practical suggestions regarding the Fraternity, its present and its prospects; but we incline to suspect that the seriously attentive face of "Joe," his boy, who was the youngest $\Phi. \Psi.$ present, had a sobering influence upon his jovial nature, and he wished to have his son understand that when he should arrive at the years when the lavender and pink might bedeck him of right, the world would demand of him earnestness, honesty and integrity.

William W. Dale, Pa. Theta, read a poem next, illustrative in poetical numbers of the principles which we love and cherish, and if the friends present could have looked beneath the boyish exterior and have seen the heart throbbing with

hidden emotion, they would think the lines read were no foolish fantasy.

The fifth toast, "Past and Future of Phi Kappa Psi," was responded to by Chas. L. Van Cleve, Ohio Alpha. If we may believe a near neighbor, Van's friends did not anticipate much to come of his appearance as a toaster, and we charitably hope that their expectations were agreeably disappointed. The first toast rather prevented the speaker becoming historical, and as he politely declined to give free rein to his imagination, his toast was composed of introduction and close. The close was beautifully worded and delicately expressed and was written by James Russell Lowell. Concerning the introduction, we can say that it was very much like the ordinary introduction, "Ladies and Gentlemen, etc., etc.—not used to make—therefore hardly know how to begin—hope to receive your charitable attention—shall do the best in my, etc., etc."

Ben S. Allison, of Ohio Gamma, put everybody into a good humor with his toast, "Our and other Fellows' Sisters." If ever there was a man with enthusiasm enough to toast the ladies, Ben is the man. Why! his rotund figure fairly seemed to expand with the pride and glory he felt in being permitted to publicly discourse upon a theme so near his heart. Ben told us with consummate delicacy that from his own experience he found it was worth a man's while to love some other fellow's sister, and with all the energy of his intense nature he urged an immediate advance on the strongholds of the feminine heart. We were almost moved to tears, or matrimony, under the glowing eloquence of his lips, and if any Phi Psi's shuffle off this mortal coil of bachelorhood soon after the Re-union may we not, in a measure, hold Ben responsible?

The last toast of the evening was a fitting climax and was truly a saving of the best wine until the last of the feast. Dr. A. A. Willitts responded to "The Platform" and made a strong and stirring appeal to the young and educated men of to-day to be up and doing, seizing every opportunity presented to make and shape public opinion.

The programme was interspersed with music by the or-

chestra, and the thoughtfulness of the proprietors in providing this and other means for our comfort was acknowledged by the passing of a vote of thanks.

Fifty-three couples sat down to the tables and arose in two hours and three-quarters to adjourn to the boat, which with steam up was impatiently whistling for us as we came upon the pier.

A weary yet happy party disembarked at Fair Point as the eastern sky was becoming reddened by the approach of the sun, feeling that a jollier and more congenial party had never before met and wishing many happy returns of the night.

The early birds told your correspondent that the Phi Psi places at early breakfast were generally vacant, and when we arose, the grounds, cottages and headquarters, where one short day before had been jolly wearers of the Shield were deserted.

By boat and by train, singly and by twos and threes, the boys silently, after hearty good bye's, went homeward with hearts anew kindled with love to the Fraternity, promising themselves a return next year, with companions, every one.

If we mistake not, fifteen or sixteen Chapters were represented, and the sixty who were together in '81, are of small influence, if, when they return next year, they do not find their numbers increased to one hundred. Let us all make it our business to talk about Chautauqua and the reunions, until every loyal Phi Psi will be seized with an uncontrollable desire to go. If one goes once and can get money enough together the next year to pay his railroad fare, it is pretty safe to guarantee his presence.

The Second Reunion has come and gone; many of us have there experienced our only Fraternity enthusiasm since leaving college, and we realize more truly than ever before, the necessity of bringing the young and old Alumni Phi Psis' together, to cheer us and aid with their experience and advice.

Annual Reunions are the grandest and best means of re-kindling slumbering enthusiasm—therefore, with the Phi, Kappa and Psi aglow with zeal for our dear Brotherhood, let us yearly gather together to gaze into each others faces and

clasp each others hands, confident that the tie that binds us now, will strengthen and support us more and more firmly as we meet and converse face to face.

CHAUTAUQUA CHIPS.

LET every brother make up his mind, now, to go to Chautauqua next year and meet Judge Moore and his family, which he intends bringing with him.

BRO. Murray showed himself to be the sensible young married man. He brought his wife and boy along to the Reunion, and purposed staying two weeks.

BRO. Fred Niles knows moonlight exceedingly well! As the boat neared Mayville, 5 A.M., on its return from the banquet, he was seized with unbounded admiration at the reddened eastern sky and rushed into the cabin, crying, "Oh! Dan, do come and look how beautiful the moonlight is on the water!"

ON all sides were heard expressions of disappointment at the absence of Bros. Kendall, Smith, Hosterman and Burdette.

WILL the friends of Bro. Berne please inquire how his lady enjoyed the banquet?

BRO. List will be under many obligations to all brothers who will write to him for a description of the big fish.

BRO. Horace Allen, of Ohio Delta, is supposed to be authority on the best routes from Dayton, Ohio, to Chautauqua.

BRO. Hoskins was known to be in secret pining because Ern Crumrine suggested that Hoskins was a brunette. The group picture will throw light upon the complexion of this point.

BRO. Chas. Matchett wants it distinctly understood that he knows how to pronounce his own name and declares that Mashay is the only approved style.

BRO. Miffin's opinion on Mayville iced tea is worth all he will charge you for it.

ARE YOU D. C. List? Oh! and a painful pause as each new comer looked down on Dan's small frame, told more, by far, of the power of silent speech than a half hour in the dark with one's girl.

N. Y. DELTA was represented. Bro. Blanchet brings good news from the young Chapter.

ASK Bro. Drees when you have opportunity, how a Chautauqua bed compares with eider down and spring mattresses.

DR. Willitts promises to return, under any circumstances, if it be but possible.

BRO. King, with his ready kindness in the use of his yacht, made many friends.

THE Fraternity headquarters were visited at various times by members of other Fraternities. The Alpha Delta Phi, Zeta Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi were represented.

THE Delta Tau Deltas, in convention assembled at Pittsburg, sent fraternal greetings by telegraph, and Bro. Hoskins returned the kindness with the best wishes of Phi Kappa Psi.

NEW YORK DELTA.

GENEVA, N. Y., JUNE 8th, 1881.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

When New York Delta made her last—which was also her first—appearance in your pages, she was not fully fledged, as she is now. Our working powers have had but little chance to develop themselves on account of the delay, unavoidable on the part of the G. C. in getting our “essentials.” Last week, however, they arrived and we held a regular meeting Friday evening, June 3d, with all members present. The proceedings were of great interest to us all, although the amount of business on hand prevented our having any literary features in the programme. In fact we had so much to do that at a late hour we adjourned until Monday evening. Among transactions

which may be of interest to the brothers at large was the adoption of lavender and pink as Chapter colors. If so small a child may venture to speak on the question put in the *MAY SHIELD*, the Delta would say adopt these as Fraternity colors, by all means. The combination is pretty and many Chapters already use it.

We have selected Wednesday for our meetings, as that day suits the brothers best. About the pleasantest feature of our meeting has been the reading of communications from sister Chapters and from brothers. We received very interesting letters a few days ago from Miss. A. and Bros. Tieste, Pa. Beta, and Anderson, Ill. Beta.

Bro. Blanchet, while in Syracuse not long ago, called on Bro. Chas. A. Hudson, N. Y. Alpha, and found him alive to the interests of the Fraternity.

We have secured a handsome suite of rooms, consisting of vestibule, ante-room and hall, and had them completely fitted up. We expect to occupy them shortly.

Of course we are all eager to go to Chautauqua and will do our utmost to get there. The prospects are that at least three of us will succeed. Those who fail will be "present in spirit," if not in body!

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

G. M. I.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

LANCASTER, PA., Sept. 13th, 1881.

MY DEAR EDITORS:

AT the opening of a new college year we extend through the "*SHIELD*" a loving greeting to all our sister Chapters. Our boys have about all gathered in and our home is now full of joy and rejoicing. After an absence of over two months, they have come back with hearts brimming over with an intense love for $\phi. \Psi.$, and yearning for the satisfaction and pleasure that can be derived only from a life in an active Chapter. The mutual benefits, and the harmonious union

and loving communion of our common home—our Chapter home—this is a subject upon which we love dearly to dwell—and what a kind and loving home it is, too! What a tender mother our Fraternity has proved herself to be to us! With what affection she received us into her loving bosom when an infant! With what maternal love she nourishes and protects us in our manhood, and with what solicitude will she shelter and comfort us in our old age! Truly a Chapter is a model home—a fit emblem of that family where all kindred and tongues shall be united in one living communion with each other. At the altar of *Φ. Ψ.* we consecrate all our energies and impulses, praying that they might be guided and directed by her noble principles. From her holy shrine the flame of ambition derives a purer glow and burns brightly for the glory and honor of *Φ. Ψ.*

Oh! *Φ. K. Ψ.*, what a noble institution! What a fountain of joy and comfort to a heart broken by the cruel deceits of the world! What a mighty power working in us, dethroning that hideous demon, selfishness, from its seat of tyranny and placing in its stead the guardian angel of love—love for our fellow-man—love for our brother. And if a Chapter fails to bring about such a revolution in the hearts of its members it falls far short of its true mission. A pure unselfish love for your brother—if you once have that and exercise that high and noble impulse in active work your Chapter will be doing a powerful work. Be filled with love for *Φ. Ψ.* Be devoted to the interests and welfare of your Chapter, and all else will come right.

But enough of this. I can't write of *Φ. Ψ.* and her merits without being carried away in my enthusiasm.

The boys are all still more earnest in the cause of *Φ. Ψ.* What a royal time we had last week. Our dear little (?) baby Charley Reed paid a visit to the old homestead to take a pull at the bottle (of milk I mean) which still belongs to him. He knows he is always welcome, for it is his home. We hope he will always be as proud of his Chapter as we are of him. He brought along with him our Brother Kendall and if his enjoy-

ment of the four days that he spent here was any comparison with our's he must have had a good time. We will look for him soon again.

Bro. Clay Eschbach, our jolly, good brother from Limestoneville, could not come within fifty miles of Lancaster and not come to see us, so we had him to love for a few days. What a comfort it was to have old Clay about, it seemed so natural—so like the times gone by. Oh! how proud we were of our Chapter those few days! How we wished that all the brothers could see how happy we were and be happy with us.

We have another "Billy" Brown with us. He comes from Gettysburg and a "boss" fellow he is, too, I tell you.

The Chapter is in an excellent condition for work and they intend to pitch right in for $\Phi. \Psi.$

The last number of the "SHIELD" was a fine one. Let every Chapter read, and reflect over that capital and well-timed letter from the "gang."

Would like to write more but can't now. We promise you a better letter next time and we hope that this disconnected and disjointed scrawl will be hastily passed over.

We wish you abundant success during the coming year and promise you that "though the heavens fall" we will "stick" to you and you can count on the Penna. Eta for our monthly letters and what's more for money.

With a heart full of love for all $\Phi. \Psi.$'s,

Your brother,

W. N. A.

ILLINOIS BETA.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, JUNE 27th, 1881.

BROTHER EDITOR:

When I read Doc's article in the June SHIELD, I was filled with astonishment, nor have I yet ceased to wonder. My only offence was that I said that an Indiana Beta graduate of ten years standing must have had the dyspepsia, when he wrote to your ever welcome journal, advocating silence in regard to

victories in college politics. Now when I said he must have had the dyspepsia, I meant only that he must have had a fit of the "blues," or if that is still too metaphorical for Doc, a mind filled with dejection. Now I never thought of accusing the graduate of any crime when I said he had the dyspepsia; it is no sin to have that disease or any other. And right here I beg Doc's pardon, and also the graduate's, for even seeming to imply by the irritating word any more than a decided disagreement with the graduate's views and a little pleasantry thrown in.

I understand that fraternal feeling means sympathy in the broadest sense of the word. The Bible tells us, that sympathy consists in "weeping with those that weep, and rejoicing with those that rejoice;" surely a good definition. Now, Illinois Beta is always glad to hear of the victory of any sister chapter, she is always sorry to hear of a defeat. Such a spirit, it seems to me, is dictated by the love and sympathy which should fill the breast of every loyal Phi Kappa Psi. It does us good to know that some other chapter is filled with happy hearts; Indiana Beta, we understand, is always in that condition, being on the winning side as a general thing, and she cannot appreciate how much joy another chapter's victory brings us, who have never yet won a straight-out fight, except by exceptional popularity in one candidate.

Now Doc's letter reminds me of a way the Syrians have of doing things: when they get mad at a man, they curse his grandmother. Doc gets mad at me, "actuated with the kindest of feelings," and then just "wades into" Illinois Beta. Let me assure Doc, that my honored chapter allows her appointed correspondents the fullest liberty, and is responsible for none of the opinions expressed by them. So, Doc, if you want to hit back in the October number, "shoot, if you must, this old gray head, but spare my Beta dear, Tim said."

If I wished to say something mean about Doc, or Indiana Beta, I think I have plenty of provocation. But I will say again, as I said in my last letter, that Indiana Beta is a great and good chapter. Doc is a pretty good sort of a fellow no doubt, and really I am not either a savage or a villain.

Doc accuses Illinois Beta of being young; it is a most venial offence, we can't help it, we would be older if we could and indeed we are growing older every day. Doc says we have "no history." Well a history is sometimes a bad thing to have. That is what ails the *Δ. Κ. Ε*'s at Chicago, they have too much history. Yet I think we have a pretty good history. Starting out, a new chapter, without friends or alumni, most bitterly opposed by *Ψ. Υ*'s, *Δ. Κ. Ε*'s, *Ζ. Ψ*'s and Oudens, we have succeeded in making a record of which any chapter might well feel proud. In 1880, we took first and second prize on junior ex. and had two speakers on commencement. In 1881, we took third honor of junior ex.; first prize, soph. ex.; first, second, third and fourth honors on commencement; and our only man in the law department took the first honor in the junior class of the department. If Indiana Beta ever did as much in any eighteen months of her history, we should be rejoiced to hear of her good fortune.

Doc accuses us of jealousy, but with such a record, you, Mr. Editor, can see how it would be impossible for us to be guilty of such a sin as jealousy. I will not degrade my dignity so much as to answer the slurs cast upon me personally by Doc. He doubtless wrote them in haste and did not really mean what he wrote. I will inform him, however, that Illinois Beta is well supplied with Shields and pays just as much cash for them as Indiana Beta does. I assure Doc that he has "offended no one," and that I never implied that our graduate was not a whole souled Phi Psi.

Hoping that Indiana Beta will ever hold Illinois Beta in as high esteem as Illinois Beta holds her,

I remain yours in Phi Kappa Psi.

TIM.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

YORK, PENN'A, Sept. 4th, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:

A natural hesitancy comes upon me when I think of writing you a letter, since my last two efforts have been thrust into

the waste basket, and my entire correspondence has received the severe criticism of containing "too much of *Φ. Γ. Δ.*" I find no fault with you for treating my late letters so justly by casting them aside. It is exactly what *I* wanted to do with them, and what I asked you 'to do—but the above-mentioned criticism is entirely unjust, a fact which an examination of *all* my former letters will prove.

As Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, does not open her Fall term until the 8th, it is impossible to tell as fully as we would like what Epsilon's prospects are for the coming year. We are certain, however, of losing five boys who were with us last year. Bros. Frank R. Kahler, who graduated last June with second honor, Dave McIlhenny, '83, Will Brown, '83, James Hill, '82, and John Wingard, '84. Bro. Kahler has been honored by an election to the Superintendency of Public Instruction, at Millersburg, Pa., his home, and he expects to enter upon his duties at once. Bro. Hill has decided to be a dentist and to enter the Dental department of the University of Penna. Bro. Brown has entered the Junior class at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., and will worship at the altar of *Φ. Κ. Ψ.* with the *H* boys. Bro. McIlhenny is at his home in Martinsburg, W. Va., and Bro. Wingard at Kelley's Station, Pa.

As our Chapter was very—in fact *too*—large last year, much as we shall miss these boys, we shall not be set back beyond recovery by their departure, since we shall begin with fifteen brothers, including two graduates, who, we hope, will be active.

Look at their names and addresses:—

George S. Bowers, '80, Ellerton, Md.

Charles W. Carl, '84, York, Pa.

Charles S. Duncan, '82, Gettysburg, Pa.

Will M. Duncan, '82, Gettysburg, Pa.

Clarence A. Eyler, '80, Waynesboro, Pa.

Ed. S. Frey, '84, York, Pa.

Robert C. Gotwald, '84, York, Pa.

George D. Gotwald, '82, York, Pa.

Reuben M. Linton, '83, Johnstown, Pa.
Clinton D. Hoover, '83, Smithsburg, Pa.
Robert M. Harding, '85, Gettysburg, Pa.
Horace L. Jacobs, '82, York, Pa.
Will A. McLean, '82, Gettysburg, Pa.
Allen J. Smith, '83, York, Pa.

With such a list of names we need fear nothing. Indeed, we do not want to add many to it, for we are about convinced that from ten to fifteen congenial, social fellows can do more, yea twice more, than twice so many boys would do. Nor will our number fall far short of the number of members in the Chapters of sister Fraternities here. Sigma Chi has ten men; Phi Delta Theta has sixteen men, and Phi Gamma Delta has fourteen. All these Chapters have nicely furnished rooms. The hall of $\Phi. \Delta. \theta.$ adjoins ours, thus giving us by no means unpleasant neighbors.

But we hope to leave our present quarters and seek a still pleasanter Arcanum. Our Chapter House fund is increasing, and although we *may* not be able to have the House ready for dedication by June, 1882, the celebration of our Alma Mater's fiftieth birthday, we *will* have it done before many days later. What we want to do before we begin to build is to enlist, more fully than ever, the interest of all our graduate brothers. To do so, we shall, it is expected, issue a monthly or bi-monthly sheet, called "Epsilon's Echo," or something to that effect, giving the full Chapter and general college news—just such a thing as, we hope, will interest all Alumni members. And we would recommend this plan to all the Chapters, not as originating with us, but as one worthy to be copied by every member. It is by this means that we hope to enliven our graduate brothers and thus they will feel an interest in us and be glad to contribute to the House fund. "Yours Truly" is treasurer of this fund, and if any graduate *from Epsilon* should see this and feel inclined to lend a helping hand, we would be glad to hear from him at once.

There is a request I wish to make of the different Chapters and it is this: Will not each SHIELD correspondent send to

the editor for publication in the next number a full list of initiates whose names do not appear in our 1880 Catalogue? Let New York *A*, California *A* and Mississippi *A* give a list of *all* their members. If this is done by each one before the middle of October, we will have a complete supplementary catalogue in No. 2.

It is with much sorrow that we are called upon to record the death of Col. D. McConaughy Armor, of Pittsburg, Pa. He was at one time Colonel in the United States Army, and for some time previous to his death had been President of the Fifth Avenue Bank, in Pittsburg. As an earnest worker in the Lutheran church of that city, as a kind and devoted parent and husband, and as a warm brother in Phi Kappa Psi, he will be mourned and missed by many. The present prosperity of Penn'a Epsilon to-day is largely due to the energy and activity of this brother, who was one of the earliest and best workers.

It is rumored that *X. Ø.* will be represented next year at Penna. College by five men from Muhlenburg. 'Tis true, it's only a rumor, and we had a rumor once before that *X. Ø.* was amongst us, although they did not come out with the jeweled monogram; but we now believe both rumors to be true. All who were supposed to be Chi Phi's last year were Seniors, with the exception of one Junior, who was indefinitely suspended some time ago; and it is probable that the expected five from Muhlenburg College are coming to fill their vacant places. We'll see.

And just let me add that Pennsylvania College is in a *most* prosperous condition at present. Her halls are full to overflowing and the future of "Old Epsilon" never was more glowing.

We had six members from our Chapter at Chautauqua last month—and they all had a nice time. We owe much to the efficient Committee of Arrangements and are saying much when we express the wish that our 3d Reunion may be as well prepared for. Epsilon is anxiously awaiting the SHIELD in her new dress. Be sure it hasn't too much *waste* room.

Devotedly yours

in Phi, Kappa and Psi,

George D. Gotwald.

PENNSYLVANIA THETA.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, EASTON, PA., Sept. 13, 1881.

DEAR BROS.:

Another college year is before us and Theta's prospects seem very bright, for although it has only been a little over a week since our return, we have initiated three men from the Freshman class which we believe to be in every respect up to the standard of $\phi. \psi$. Bro. Porter is from Trenton (son of Rev. J. W. Porter), Bro. Green from Easton (son of ex-Judge Green, Supreme Court), Bro. Statt from Washington (son of E. C. Statt, D. C. Alpha). We also expect another Freshman, and then we shall allow them to carry on the music for us.

Bro. Eyster and Boyer, '79, were present and helped to enliven our first meeting this year.

Bro. Kendall and Sadtler, of *I*, paid us a short visit a few days ago, and assure us of the prosperity of *Iota*.

With the best wishes for the prosperity of the SHIELD, *I* remain,

Fraternally,

O. K. S. K.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

BRO. Ed. Farber is the editor of one of the Baltimore county papers.

BRO. Chas. A. Hudson, '69, N. Y. *A*, is a prosperous merchant at Syracuse, N. Y.

BRO. David Armor, '56, Penna. *E*., cashier of a Pittsburgh bank died about the 1st of August.

BRO. S. B. Randall, Ills. *Beta*, '81, has spent his vacation very pleasantly travelling in Europe.

L. W. TERRY, '81, Ills. *Beta*, enters the Theological Seminary at Morgan Park, Ills., this fall.

BRO. Rev. Jacob Weidman, '56, Pa. *E*., is pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem, Pa.

BRO. J. B. Kershner, '57, Pa. E., until recently professor in Mercersburg College, is now farming near Emmittsburg, Md.

AFTER a summer's sojourn in Canada, Bro. Prescott Smith, Ohio Alpha, has returned to Cincinnati and the practice of law.

HALF dozen of Penna. Epsilon's oldest boys were back to commencement and heartily approve of the Chapter house project.

BRO. D. McC. Gilbert, D.D., '57, sent Pa. Epsilon's historian a very interesting and valuable letter, which will be published later.

BRO. Jas. A. Walker, Lieut.-Gov. of Virginia, was before the Democratic convention of Virginia, as candidate for the Governorship.

BRO. Pete Hecht, '77, Pa. E., is earning laurels as a *doctor* at Raritan, N. J. Pete did'nt forget THE SHIELD or Epsilon's Chapter house.

BRO. "Mother" Rowland, S. B., Pa. I., '78, has been doing chemical work in the laboratory of the University of California during the summer.

BRO. Spieker, of Penna. E., together with Dr. Jacobs (*Φ. Γ. Δ.*) of Penna. College, has published the translation of a prominent German theological work.

BRO. Sidney H. Short, of the Colorado University, was married this summer to a lady of Columbus, Ohio, and has returned to his work in the West.

BRO. Clark Mosher, Ohio Delta, has returned from the Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville, and is reading with his uncle, Dr. Hurd, in Findlay, Ohio.

BRO. A. B. Riker has closely followed the example of his classmate, Bro. Gaul. About the middle of August last he married Miss Martin, of Dublin, Ohio.

THE West Pa. Synod will hold its annual meeting at Hanover, Pa., Sept. 8-13th, in the church of which Rev. J. C. Kohler, Pa. E., '62, is pastor.

BRO. J. B. Reimensneider, '61, Pa. E., has lately written a book entitled: "Dawn Eternal." Pres. Porter and other celebrities speak highly of the same.

L. D. JACOBS, Pa. E., '62, is Chairman of a "Committee to devise ways and means" for the erection of a \$20,000 Masonic Temple at Emporium, Kansas.

BRO. Rev. I. C. Burke, '61, Pa. E., is pastor of a large Lutheran congregation in Baltimore, Md., as is meeting with great success. Address: 312 N. Eden Street.

BRO. Judge Foraker, of Ohio Alpha, was urged to accept the nomination as Lieut.-Governor of his State by the Republican party. Declines because of his desire to continue practice.

BRO. J. H. Kimber, Ohio Alpha, who has been suffering for six months past with sciatica, is about to remove to Green Springs, Ohio, hoping to receive some benefit from the treatment there.

BRO. E. T. Stone, Ills. Beta, '82, has been spending his vacation at his home, Ottawa, Kas., and reports that he has met many *Φ. Κ. Ψ.*'s there. He says he was never so delighted with any set of men in his life.

BRO. Jos. H. Kershner, '66, Penna. Eta, who, until recently, was professor of mathematics in Mercersburg College, died about the 14th of August. He had been during his life one of the contributors to London Mathematical Journal.

O. P. SEWARD and R. S. Mott, '81, Ills. Beta, will enter the Union Law School, Chicago, this year. W. H. Alsip and Geo. W. Lattin, of the same Chapter, are in the Senior class there. Bro. Lattin, we are glad to hear, took the Junior class prize last year.

GEO. A. Jenks, Pa. A., 57, is as warm a Phi Psi as ever. He recently met one of "the boys" on a train, paid for the SHIELD and expressed a desire to procure a pearl pin and one of our '80 catalogues. Wish he would take time to write us a few *Φ. Ψ.* reminiscences for the SHIELD.

SAM'L B. Barnitz, Pa. E., '59, was the author and proprietor of the "Lutheran Headquarters" at Chautauqua. Until '81 this ecclesiastical denomination had no such headquarters. Bro. Barnitz was with the boys who attended the Reunion—had his photograph taken with us and proved himself a good Phi Psi.

BRO. Jas. Deshler, Pa. H., is doing a flourishing law business in Allentown, and takes a great interest in fraternal matters. Other brothers who are located at same place, are Dr. Sam Apple, Pa. H., Bro. Luckenbach, lawyer, Bro. Tom Gross, Pa. Z., lawyer, and Bros. Garber and Seip, professors in Muhlenberg College.

IN reference to Geo. W. Gross, Pa. E., '77, we clip the following from the "York Daily" under date of Aug. 30th: The York County Academy, Prof. G. W. Gross, Principal, opened yesterday under favorable auspices. A larger number of pupils were present than on the opening day for some years, and the prospects for a prosperous year are very flattering.

BRO. Bert. Kurtz, '77, Penna. Eta, has purchased the interest of the heirs in his father's estate, and is now the head of the publishing house—T. Newton Kurtz & Son, 151 W. Pratt St., Baltimore. It is said Bert. desires the brethren to brush up their "spiketail" coats, as he will want them around soon, when we'll welcome a new sister. Lookout, too, for his Monumental Fluid Pen, excels anything of the kind heretofore in the market.

BRO. Geo. Gaul, Ohio Alpha, sent the following card to his friends some months ago; It is explicit.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. George Gaul,

AT HOME,

After June 16th, 1881.

GLEN MOORE, CHESTER CO., PA.

Miss Amanda Watson.

George Gaul.

The Shield

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EDITORIAL.

ONCE more we come out very late, but it really is not our fault. In the new form we have to get through with our last proof at least six days before publication; so when our Chapter letters, without which we don't feel disposed to do, don't come in until the 11th or 12th of the month, we can't be expected to get out before the end; so please, in future, get your communications in by the 1st of the month.

As only one professional card has come in we are afraid the brothers don't think the notoriety given them worth the price asked, so we will come down a peg or two. Will begin next month and put the price for the eight months at \$1.50.

IN sending subscriptions by draft, check or registered letter, direct to Otis H. Kendall, 3826 Locust street, Philadelphia, and in sending by money order have it payable at Station B., West Philadelphia, as Saturday is almost the only day we can get down to the main post-office before three o'clock.

WE extend our pages to 32 for this number in order to accommodate a mass of matter in reference to our deceased founder Dr. W. H. Letterman. We would be glad to continue at this size, and would do so if we were quite confident that our brothers would come up to the scratch. But in order to do it we shall have to have over 400 *paid* subscriptions.

WE publish, in this number, a communication from Mr. W. Raimond Baird, which we recommend to the thoughtful consideration of the members of the Fraternity. We suppose that the book will come out either with or without our cö-operation, and it is very very important that we should have a reliable account of our Fraternity in a book which will have such of the other Fraternities. We will be one of the fifty ourselves, and hope to hear of a full list being made up very quickly.

WE very much fear that one of our Western brothers is angry with us, but wish to rise to a personal explanation. After being out of town for several days we went up to the office, and found there a letter containing two names of new subscribers and the money therefor, and also (dated several days later, but post-marked two days earlier) a postal asking very curtly (and to our mind discourteously) why we had not acknowledged the receipt of them. We must say it made us *mad*, so much so that we very wrongfully tore up the letter, and made up our minds the offender could wait for his answer, not thinking that there were two innocent brothers being punished with him. So if Bro. S. will be kind enough to send us those names again we shall be very happy to do our duty. The moral of all of which is: (1), that we don't like such messages sent on *postals*, and (2), that it is safe to allow occasionally for a possible delay in the mail, and also for an absence from the city on the part of the editor.

WE give below two sets of resolutions with reference to our deceased founder Dr. Willie H. Letterman, one from the Chautauqua Reunion, and the other from the Grand Chapter, and also a set passed by Pennsylvania Eta in reference to Bro. Kershner, and print almost the whole of two letters from Mrs. Letterman, one to Judge Moore, and the other to Bro. R. J. Murray, feeling sure that they will be appreciated by the brothers.

TEMPLE, August 18th, 4 P. M.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Van Cleve, the committee to draft resolutions on the death of Dr. Letterman reported as follows:

WHEREAS: On the 23d of May, 1881, it pleased Almighty God to remove from earth our brother Dr. Willie H. Letterman, one of the founders of this Fraternity; we deem it proper at this reunion to express our sincere sorrow at his death, our appreciation of his high worth as a member of the Fraternity, as a citizen, and as a physician, in all of which relations he bore himself with the utmost integrity, and in thus honoring himself, he has honored the Fraternity, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That in his death, we recognize the loss of one whose great interest and zeal in behalf of the Fraternity and high character should be emulated by the brothers.

RESOLVED: That we extend to his bereaved widow and children our profound sympathy.

RESOLVED: That these resolutions be published in the SHIELD and the Chautauqua papers, and that the Grand Chapter be requested to preserve them in its archives, and that a copy of the same be sent to his family.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. T. MOORE,
ROBT. J. MURRAY, } Committee.
B. S. ALLISON.

To the Grand Chapter Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 1st, 1881.

WHEREAS: It has pleased divine Providence to remove from earth one of our founders, the late Dr. Willie H. Letterman, and

WHEREAS: By his unblemished character, noble dealings with his neighbors, and a true love of our heaven-born principles, faith, honor, and truth, he has gained the esteem and admiration of all, and especially of our brotherhood. We, the Grand Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, do offer the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That we bow in submission to the decrees of a divine Father, who doth all things for the best.

RESOLVED: That whilst our associations with the deceased have not been those of a fellow-student, still they are those of a brother, and we have always found him a genial gentleman, a warm friend, and a devoted admirer of our glorious Fraternity.

RESOLVED: That we extend to his bereaved widow and children our heartfelt sympathies.

RESOLVED: That we cherish the memory of our departed brother.

RESOLVED: That the whole Fraternity at large be directed by circular letter to wear the badge of mourning thirty days. That our Temple shall be draped in mourning thirty days.

RESOLVED: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and to each Chapter of the Fraternity, that they be printed in the SHIELD.

Respectfully,

ROBT. J. MURRAY,	} Committee.
FRANK O. MCCLEARY,	
C. A. CHESNEY,	
WILBUR BROWN,	
JAMES H. SPAULDING.	

Resolutions of Respect on the Death of Prof. Joseph H. Kershner, A. M.

PHI KAPPA PSI HALL,

September 17th, 1881.

WHEREAS, it has pleased an all wise Creator to remove by death our worthy and honored brother Prof. Jos. H. Kershner, late Professor of Mathematics in Mercersburg College, and

WHEREAS, we stand with uncovered head submissive before this visitation of divine Providence, and are bowed down in grief and sadness at the untimely death of our brother, who has proved himself a warm Phi Psi, a refined gentleman and a Christian scholar.

RESOLVED, by the Eta Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity that we grieve for him as a loving brother near and dear to us all by all the ties of our brotherhood.

RESOLVED, that in respect for his memory we drape our badges and our hall for a period of thirty days.

RESOLVED, that these resolutions be printed in the Phi Kappa Psi "SHIELD," and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

WM. NEVIN APPLE,	} Committee.
WM. E. HOY,	
CHAS. W. CREMER,	

Louisiana, Pike Co., Mo., August 2d, 1881.

JUDGE C. P. T. MOORE.

DEAR JUDGE:—Knowing the love my husband (Dr. W. H. Letterman) entertained for you, I felt it my duty, though a very painful one, to inform you of his death. He departed this life on the eve of the 23d of May at 4.30. I should have written to you at once, but was taken sick and for some time the physicians despaired of my life. The last of June my mother came to Texas and brought me home. I am now improving slowly and hope soon to regain my usual strength. Last winter Doctor seemed to enjoy much better

health than he had for a number of years and gained wonderfully in flesh. The last of February he complained of having a dead weight in his stomach, but not until the last of March did he give up, though he seemed to realize from the first that death was fast approaching. He would often speak of his condition to me, but almost in the same breath would say something ridiculous, which, I know now, he only did to keep me in good cheer. He was, indeed, a great sufferer for two months. I had seven physicians attending him, all of whom pronounced his disease "organic affection of the heart." His lungs were entirely restored after moving to Texas. The physicians advised me the last week of his life to have a camp wagon outfitted and take him to the Gulf, it being the only hope of his life they could give me. Thinking and hoping an out-door life and eating wild meats would be of much benefit, I, anxious to do all in my power, and he, desiring so much to go, we started, Doctor, Mr. Ritchie Letterman (his brother), a little boy, myself and two children, on the 15th of May; but Doctor was too far gone. He expressing a wish so often to die in his own home, we turned back, reached home upon the eve of the 22d, and, on the eve of the 23d, the angel of death came and wafted his soul to a better land. Oh! Judge, only those who have suffered like affliction, can sympathize with me in my bereavement. But I have the sweet assurance that he was resigned to the will of God, was conscious to the last, and died without a struggle. I had a short funeral service at the house and gave his body up to the Masons, who interred his remains in the graveyard at Duffan, Erath County, Texas, with all honors. He had worked faithfully since we moved to Texas, and had built up a fine practice; he left many warm friends who mourn his loss deeply. During his sickness, he spoke of you, his society, and the "SHIELD," and was much interested in the behalf of all; and if the Editors have not heard of his death, will you please favor me so much as to notify them, also the publishers of "*The History*," and I will be under very many obligations, if you will see that I get a copy when finished. I see in the "SHIELD": "Any one desiring one of Judge Moore's photographs, by requesting, I can assure them they will receive one." Now, Judge, it would please me very much to have one. I can assure you I would prize it, knowing you were one of my husband's most intimate friends. I have two little children, a little girl 5 years old and a little boy 2, who is very much like his father, in every respect, and I am anxious they shall know of their father and his friends. Hoping I have not requested too much of you, with kindest regards

I am very respectfully,

MRS. W. H. LETTERMAN,

Care PROF. A. SLAUGHTER.

Louisiana, Pike Co., Mo.

LOUISIANA, Mo., Aug. 22d, 1881.

MR. ROBT. J. MURRAY.

Kind Sir.—By this evening's post I was made (quite to my joy and surprise) the happy recipient of a very kind little messenger from you, with an "artistical view" enclosed; also received three papers—for all which words are inadequate to express my thanks, and to prove my gratitude I respond at once, that you may hear from me before leaving Chautauqua.

Please extend my appreciation and thanks to each of the gentlemen photographed, accepting the same for yourself.

You cannot conceive how grateful I am for the sympathies expressed, and your *VERY kind* offer of assistance—"if needed;" allow me to thank you with all the sincerity of my heart. There is *no* one who is more deeply interested in the prosperity of your Fraternity than I, having heard my good husband speak of this Society so often;—I indeed feel like I am one of you—repeatedly did he pray for your success, and desired so much to meet with you all once—but this was denied him here.

It seems so hard that he should strive with unexhausting labor to win the highest prize in his profession, and just as he was in the full career of success, stopped so short, leaving myself and two little children to mourn our loss, and sadly feel the need of him; it is a sweet comfort, however, to know he was honored and loved by all who knew him, and we have many friends who mourn and sympathize with us. How deeply I feel the responsibility that now rests upon me, the care and training of my children; I ask the prayers of each and every member of the Fraternity, and may my little son be as warm in the cause of the Phi Kappa Psi as his father.

I have written to Judge Moore asking him to send me a copy of the History. I am anxious to receive it for two reasons—First, to get a photo' of my husband—that some day I may have a painting enlarged from it and because I will cherish it for his sake. Should Judge Moore fail to send it to me, I will be greatly indebted to you if you will attend to this for me—as the only good photo' I had of him I sent to the Editors, with "promise to return it," which I never received.

I shall remain at McCune College this year—a catalogue of which I will send you—indeed, I would be delighted to have yourself and wife visit me here, or any member of the Fraternity. I will also be glad to hear from you and of your success.

May the Lord bless you, and each member, is the prayer of one who is interested in your behalf.

Excuse haste as I only had a few moments to write in order to send by return mail.

May I ever remain your friend,

Laura Letterman.

Care Prof. A. Slaughter.

WINCHESTER, VA., May 20th, 1881.

MR. GEO. D. GOTWALD, Penna. Epsilon.

My dear Brother.—I owe you a thousand apologies for my inattention and apparent indifference to two or three brief communications received from you, in the interest of *Pa. Epsilon* Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi. I have *not* been indifferent, but various matters demanding more immediate attention, have conspired to put out of mind from time to time, or caused me to defer my duty with regard to what you have written. I was forcibly reminded of it, however, this morning, by coming across the enclosed in a bundle of old papers, which I had occasion to examine. I send it to you, as, perhaps, likely to be of some little historic interest to the brothers who constitute the Chapter to-day, though I am conscious, of course, that there is nothing in it, or connected with it, that can affect you as it did me. It carried me back in thought 25 years, and brought up very vividly, many precious memories of college days and of intimate college associates, some of whom have been long done with the joys and sorrows of life. The brief paper itself will indicate to you pretty plainly what it is, and the occasion for which it was written. It was our custom at that day—however it may be now—to have certain parting exercises at the Chapter meeting, immediately preceding Commencement, with the brothers who were about to be graduated. This was the *first* meeting of that kind in *Epsilon* Chapter (held in the north-west corner room, 2d floor, of the Theol. Seminary), that we might have a formal leave-taking with our brothers of the class of '56. The Chapter records will, no doubt, give you accurately the proceedings. My recollection is that the bright, witty J. S. Cutter (who found no place for witticism in that hour, and who so gallantly met his end during the war) made the brief valedictory on behalf of the brothers of his *class*, whilst I had been appointed to say a parting word and express good wishes for them in the name of the *Chapter*. The enclosed, which was prepared and committed for the occasion, reminds me that the Chapter might have

made a much better selection amongst the brothers of that day, for the duty asked at my hands; yet I send you the little production just as I found it to-day amongst my papers, trusting that it may not be void of interest, notwithstanding the imperfections and short-comings that a critical examination of it will disclose. As one of the *old* brothers of the Chapter, I send it in all fraternal confidence, to my *young* brothers of to-day, though never having looked upon their faces, without a fear of *unfriendly* criticism; and with the single remark, that in '56 my standing was much better, perhaps, as regarded *good fellowship*, than for anything of scholarly or oratorical ability.

The photograph requested some time ago, I will keep in mind the next time I have a "counterfeit presentment" of myself made. With warmest fraternal greetings to the brothers of the Chapter, and again begging that you will excuse my seeming negligence of your communications, I am hastily, but *always* very

Truly your friend and brother,

D. M. GILBERT.

"Brothers: In this sad hour of parting, it would be out of place, nor would it be consistent with the real sorrow which I feel, to indulge in a long or an elaborate speech. My remarks, therefore, shall be brief and plain.

It is a solemn thing, indeed, brothers, to think that we, who have been so long and so intimately bound together by the ties of friendship—which ties have been lately strengthened by this Fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi,—are assembled together probably for the last time. You, our brothers of the present graduating class, are about to go out into the world to struggle with the *realities* of life; we are to remain yet a little longer, and then will follow you. If it is true, as it has been said, that our college days are peculiarly adapted to the formation of friendships, and that the after-contact with a cold and selfish world tends to loosen the bonds which bound us together, and to estrange us from one another, I could wish that we were

always college-mates. But, let us hope that this will not be the case with us. Let us rather hope that these fraternal ties will increase in strength as years roll on, and that the sacred flame of friendship here enkindled in our hearts, may burn with undiminished ardor till the close of life. You members of the class of '56, *the founders of this Chapter*, now leave it in our hands. We trust that we feel the weight of the responsibility resting upon us, and we shall ever strive to prove worthy of the trust committed to our care, always endeavoring to advance the interests of the *Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity*. It has now become your duty to seek a wider field of action. And whilst *we* are endeavoring *here* to do our duty to ourselves and credit to our Chapter and the Fraternity, we feel assured that *you*, in whatever professions you may toil, will always reap honor for yourselves, "and as you honor yourselves, you do also honor her."

In the name of the Epsilon Chapter, then, I am to bid you God speed. Go forth into the busy scenes of life, each one resolved to do his *whole* duty to his country, his fellowmen, and to his *God*.

"In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle,
Be ye *heroes* in the strife.

But, brothers, I feel it out of place for us to venture upon a word of advice, even if you needed it. But you do not need it. From our knowledge of your individual attainments, we know that you are all well qualified nobly to act your parts in the great drama of life. From our intimate knowledge of your characters, too, we are assured that all your aims will be high and ennobling. Add to these a strong and persevering will, and with the aid of the Heavenly Father, you cannot but succeed. This Fraternity, and especially this Chapter, which you yourselves have planted and nurtured, will always be interested in you, and will always be ready to aid you; and when in future years your minds shall wander back to these

scenes, and busy memory shall call up reminiscences of college days, then think that we, whom you now leave behind you, were, are, and always will be, indeed, your *brothers*. Nothing, then, remains for me to do, but to assure you in the name of the remaining brothers, and in my own name, that you will ever have our sincere wishes and prayers for your temporal and eternal happiness. We wish you all the comfort the world can give. We wish you all the joy and consolation consequent upon a life spent in the service of your country and your *God*; and when you shall be gathered home to your *Fathers*, and "the places which now know you, shall know you no more forever," may it stand as a record to each one of your names, that your life was profitable and your death triumphant. Allow me, then, in the name of our Chapter, to bid you an affectionate *farewell*."

D. M. GILBERT.

FRANKLIN, PA., Oct. 3d, 1881.

EDITORS SHIELD:

It has not been long since I left the classic shades where first I felt the influence of Phi Kappa Psi, yet in the brief interval that I have been wrestling with the realities of life, I have observed a deficiency in our Grand Catalogue which it seems to me ought to be remedied when the next one is issued. When we have said "a long farewell to all our (college) greatness" and go forth into the wide world to battle with fate, it is comparatively seldom that we have the pleasure of meeting with brothers of the mystic tie. True, we have members living in most of the cities and towns throughout a great part of the United States, yet in our travels we fail to meet them often; nor is this strange when we reflect that we have no adequate means of knowing where but few of our brothers live. Now the idea that I have to put forth is this: When the next Grand Catalogue is issued let there be an alphabetical list of all the places in each State where *Phi Kappa Psis* may be found, and, if possible, the resi-

dence of each. I am sure that Phi Kappa Psi have an attraction for each other, and can you imagine anything more pleasant than going into a strange town and meeting with those who would extend to you the right hand of "Phi-Psi ship" and bid you welcome? Or can you think of anything that would relieve the monotonous routine of your daily life so much as to have some visiting Phi Psi suddenly step into your office and cause you to pleasantly while away the time conversing on fraternal and other topics? A fraternity is unworthy of the name whose members are not ever happy to meet each other, and in my experience I have yet to learn of a case where one member of our noble order has not rejoiced at the meeting of a brother.

Nor would the arrangement I speak of be merely beneficial to those who travel. Frequently one member is in need of information concerning some business or other affair in a particular locality, and it would often be to the advantage of both to correspond on the subject. In a lawyer's business, especially, it is of almost daily occurrence that he writes to lawyers in other parts of the country for information or assistance; and in this way one Phi Psi might often give another profitable work to perform.

Surely no farther arguments are necessary to show the benefits that would be derived from such a classification. The only possible objection would be the extra labor in compiling the catalogue, and as to that, the increase in the demand for the book would certainly more than compensate for the additional work bestowed upon it.

Hoping that these suggestions will meet with the approval of all concerned, and that the idea therein contained will be carried out by the next committee on publication of the Grand Catalogue, I remain as ever,

An ardent Phi Psi,
A. H. S.

LETTER TO SHIELD.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 10th, 1881.

DEAR SIR:

Having frequently been urged to issue a revised edition of "American College Fraternities," I feel that sufficient time has elapsed since its publication to make a revision valuable if not necessary. I shall reprint the articles upon several of the prominent Fraternities, being aided by some prominent member of such Fraternities, and shall issue a list of corrections, bringing the book down to date. Does *Phi Kappa Psi* wish to secure the opportunity thus offered of correcting errors and supplying omissions? If so, I will state that, in order to pay for the necessary alterations, I will have to raise the price to \$2 per volume, and will need at least fifty *Φ. K. Ψ.* subscribers at that price to enable me to make the proper changes. As the edition thus prepared would be of permanent interest, chiefly to the Chapters, I suppose you would have little difficulty in securing fifty subscriptions. Such subscriptions may be forwarded to me by postal, and the book will be issued within a very short time of the receipt of the requisite number of names.

Very Respectfully,

WM. R. BAIRD,

P. O. Box 1848, New York.

 PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 10th, 1881.

DEAR BROS. IN PHI PSI:

We don't care to mention names in this connection, but a certain *stout gentleman* has taken it upon himself to designate us as the "growler," therefore we will once more give a low grumble upon our favorite topic the SHIELD.

Now that we have started on a new college year, can not the Fraternity do something to be proud of? Our beloved paper has been clothed in a new garb. Now let the Chapters support her financially and *otherwise* as they ought. So many of the Chapters have not done their duty toward the

SHIELD in the past. Will they not make amends now? For two years our dear, large-souled editors have been spending considerable time, energy and ducats to make the SHIELD a success. That they have done so all will allow. Have they done the work from any selfish motive? Hardly! The Fraternity at large has received all the benefit of this scheme, and how selfishly have some of the Chapters appropriated the benefit. Every brother seems to enjoy the SHIELD and to be grateful to the noble brothers who started it, but how comparatively few are grateful to the extent of one dollar.

None of our Chapters are so poor that they cannot afford to contribute at least \$1.00 for each member of the Chapter toward the support of the SHIELD, and that amount would put the paper in excellent shape financially. We know one Chapter, poor as the celebrated fowl owned by the patient man of old, which last year contributed two dollars for each active member, and they still wear just as good clothes as ever, and the genial Phi Psi smile they wore of old, grows to an actual grin when the SHIELD is mentioned. The extra contribution made them no poorer, and we believe it did make them happier.

Brothers why not begin the year well? Heaven smiles upon the virtuous, and surely the tutelary Deity of Phi Kappa Psi will shower blessings upon all who are faithful to the vows made at her shrine.

We believe the SHIELD is doing a good work. In fact we could not do without it or its equivalent. But we must not expect a few brothers to cater to our needs without any effort on our part.

We can do so much good with so little effort that when the good is left undone it must be on account of thoughtlessness. Certainly we all love the Order, and we all love the SHIELD, but we need to show our love in some substantial manner occasionally.

Let us help on the good work, not only by hard work for a certain Chapter, but work for the general good. Only then are we faithful to our vows. Only then do the stars smile

their merriest, the lamps burn their brightest, the gods bestow their choicest blessings.

Yours in the bonds of the Fraternity,

GROWLER.

NEW YORK DELTA.

GENEVA, N. Y., October 9th, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:

I have very little of interest for you this month, but will send a list of our members up to date, as suggested in Pa. Epsilon's communication last month. Here it is:

John B. Blanchet, Kankakee, Ill.

F. E. Easterbrooks, Middleport, N. Y.

John C. Flood, Geneva, N. Y.

George M. Irish, Amsterdam, N. Y.

John D. Kennedy, Amsterdam, N. Y.

A. O. G. Stordner, New York, N. Y.

Charles C. Proffitt, Newark, N. J.

The incoming class was a huge disappointment to everybody, and we were not able to make additions to our number as we had hoped. May we have "better luck next time."

Our meetings are more enjoyable each week. We have speeches and readings, and our paper, the "Delta Shield," delights to get off any available hits at the boys. Bro. Proffitt (called "C. C." for short) fills the editorial chair admirably.

We like your new form very much. Success attend you.

Fraternally,

G. M. I.

PENN'A. BETA.

MEADVILLE, PA., October 10th, 1881.

DEAR BRO. EDS.:

Another college term has opened and with it comes the reuniting and gathering together of the supporters of Penn-

sylvania Beta. Of the twenty-five members present during the past year, but twelve responded to their names the opening night. But this number was reinforced by the addition of Bros. R. C. Bole and R. B. Black, the latter transferred from Va. 4., making a total of fourteen. Their names and addresses are as follows:

- T. H. Taylor, '82, Richmond, Ohio.
- Harry Stoner, '82, Berlin, Pa.
- Geo. O. Calder, '83, Bruin, Pa.
- W. P. Grant, '84, Parker City, Pa.
- C. P. Robinson, '84, Parker City, Pa.
- E. M. Robinson, '84, Parker City, Pa.
- W. S. King, '84, Ashtabula, Ohio.
- W. W. Huffman, '85, Greensburg, Pa.
- F. M. Currie, '85, Latimer, Ohio.
- C. T. Fox, '85, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
- C. W. Deane, '85, Stoneboro, Pa.
- R. B. Black, '85, Canterbury, New Zealand.
- R. C. Bole, '—, Meadville, Pa.
- W. J. Ford, '—, Richmond, Ohio.

We are pretty well distributed among the different classes, as will be seen by the above: Seniors, 2; Juniors, 1; Sophomores, 4; Freshman, 5; Preparatory, 2. Thirteen of last session's number remain to be accounted for and are distributed over the country, "here, there and everywhere."

Bro. W. J. Armstrong spent his summer in a school house, at the closing of which he intended entering the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. Bro. Oracle (Simpson Socrates Ford) acquired muscle and strength as a farmer up till October 1st, when he entered a law office in Richmond, Ohio, and will devote his attentions to Blackstone. Bro. M. F. Compton had a ministerial charge in Cranford, N. J., during the summer months, and is now one of the students in Drew Theological Seminary. Bro. Hume is in the picture business in this city for the present. He will commence his legal studies with the advent of the new year. Bro. Charles E. Everett is teaching at Glendale, one of the suburban towns of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bro. Tieste, our worthy corresponding secretary for the past three years and to whose pen was confided the task of communicating with the SHIELD, is a medic in the University of Michigan. Bro. A. T. Cooper is at the same institution, in the law department. These two brothers are recommended to the tender mercies of Michigan Alpha. Bro. A. L. Andrews is at home in Youngstown, Ohio; J. H. Granger at Greenville, Pa.; W. C. Davis, Oakland, Md.; Sam. R. Mason, Mercer, Pa. Bro. J. N. Apple has gone east, his exact address not known. The writer of this may be addressed at Tionesta, Pa., where the lumber business claims his attention, a little trip to his *Alma Mater* giving him the chance to furnish the above facts.

While wandering around the past summer we heard from many of our old members, and perhaps it would prove interesting to some if a record was made of our observations.

Just what our prospects will be for the coming year, it is of course hard to tell. A large amount of new material is in attendance, and some men whose membership would be an honor. The fraternities of Alleghany all run high, numerically. Delta Tau Delta generally holds twenty-five. Phi Gamma Delta the same, and Phi Delta Theta, though only two years old, crowds twenty. All have been reduced as much as we, and if the old numbers are retained, quite a strife will ensue for the "cream" of the new classes. Whether we will get our men remains to be seen, We have secured them in the past and will try hard for the future.

If any brother would like to exchange college annuals with the undersigned, just address me as designated above. And with this remark I close the story and trust it will be continued in the next by abler hands.

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

R. D. HOSKINS.



OHIO ALPHA.

DELAWARE, OHIO, Sept. 19th, 1881.

DEAR BROTHERS :

A voice from each Chapter at the beginning will be to the brotherhood, at least, an evidence of life, therefore I shall make a few statements. The Fraternities begin this year under a new *regime*—a rule of the authorities prohibiting any preparatory students from connecting themselves with the Frats. Such a plan had been suggested among the Fraternities before this action was taken, and the result remains to be seen. It is safe to conjecture, however that the general effect will be good.

The ladies' Fraternities, by an edict of the "powers," are not, but there are eleven of the *K. K. Γ.* girls here, and of the *K. Α. Θ.* girls there are five. The latter Chapter was till the day before commencement the *Δ. of Δ. X. Α.* Whether the abolition of these Chapters is just, is a question and the success of such a step remains to be seen. Of many a loyal Kappa, and Theta it might now be said:

"Tears from the depth of some divine despair
Rise in the heart and gather in the eyes,
In looking on the happy autumn fields,
And thinking of the days that are no more."

The numbers in the seven Frats in the University range from six to thirteen. We have thirteen men faithful to old Phi Poi, but of these Bro. General Carpenter and Bro. Bent. Lloyd are detained at home by sickness, "Carp." may not return for several weeks.

To make our number what it is, Ohio Beta has contributed two valuable men in the persons of Bros. Ed. and Will Brewster, who are gladly welcomed by the Alpha. To the Fraternity and the SHIELD we wish unbounded success. There will be matters of importance arising as in every year of the past, and we hope that the same prudence may mark all actions of the "grant old Frat."

The boys were highly pleased with the Chautauqua Re-

union, and we who were not there rejoice with the rest at the success of the undertaking.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

LEWISBURGH, Sept. 15th, 1881.

EDITOR OF SHIELD:

Dear Bro.—Since last we wrote to you many pleasant things have happened, all of which we want our SHIELD to know. We opened with all active members present. Only one has left us, being now a post graduate member, but still at our University, having been at once selected as an assistant to G. G. Groff, our Professor of Natural Sciences. He stood preeminently above the rest of his class, and of course took the honors. Honor men, however, are not always the ones who make the most of life, but that he will do this is also assured; we speak of Bro. William Freer. We had begun to mourn the loss of estimable Prof. George Phillips, but finding he was going to a brighter place and one more congenial to his nature, we rejoiced. He was called to the Principalship of West Chester Normal School. Our pleasure was increased to know that he advanced only to let another worthy $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ step up higher; Prof. W. E. Bartol our present instructor in mathematics. Our institution ought to appreciate the worth of the Society for it has furnished four of her ablest professors, three of whom are still with us.

But *the* event of the year for us was our annual symposium on the 28th of June last. Many of the old and distinguished members were present; among others Hon. John I. Mitchell, U. S. Senator from Pennsylvania, Hon. Charles S. Wolfe, Dr. A. J. Rowland, of Philadelphia, Dr. Robert Lowry, of Plainfield, New Jersey, J. K. Bogart, Editor *Union Leader*, I. Merrill Linn, R. Martin Bell, Bright Miller, J. A. Siner, L. L. B., A. A. Leiser, Samuel McDonald, Rev. George Whitman and G. C. Stahl, W. E. Hoy and D. E. Eschbach, of Pennsylvania Eta.

Hon. John I. Mitchell was once a member of this University and we initiated him as an honorary member; he had just

delivered an excellent oration in Commencement Hall before his initiation. A few minutes before the above Hon. Charles S. Wolfe, who is making such a stir in a noble cause just now, was re-admitted to the Society, he having resigned only on account of the oath and "embargo" placed upon the University boys in relation to our Chapter. Then as now, honest and true, he resigned and waited (and that by the by should be remembered as a mark of his sterling character), but we must be careful lest here we turn this letter into a stump speech. He was heartily received and a glad welcome extended him.

After initiation, which I purposely omit, and the rounds of that which "maketh the heart of man to rejoice," had been passed, remarks pointed and witty were made, and peal after peal of laughter ensued, until we felt as though we could eat all over again; (you know the effect of a good laugh on a meal). Nearly all of the above gentlemen spoke and not a few good things were said. Bro. (now) Mitchell new and untrained in those awful epithets hurled at the officers, addressed the chair as "Bro. Grand Mogul, or what ever that name is."

Old times and scenes enlivened the "old boys," and the magic influence of joy and the sight of their pleasure enthused us. Mr. A. R. Queerns, G. P., answered on behalf of our Chapter in brief and fitting remarks.

Adjournment was late, but all enjoyed the reunion. Bro. J. K. Bogart, Editor of *Union Leader*, of Wilkesbarre, is a prominent candidate for nomination for State Treasurer by Democratic party; success may not be his, but we see how highly our men are held in the esteem of the people.

Some new men have come in and we want to make things "buzz" this year. We like the SHIELD and appreciate its value as a common bond between the Chapters; and to give you tangible evidence of such appreciation we send, to begin with, money for three subscriptions. Inclosed find money order for same. Hoping soon to write again, remain

Yours fraternally,

S. B. M.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

OXFORD, MISS., Oct. 12th, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:

Having spent a pleasant summer we are again assembled at the University. Five out of our membership of eight have returned, and another will be in soon. We cordially greet all $\Phi. \Psi.$'s and wish success to them individually and collectively for the incoming year. Many thanks for several copies of the SHIELD. Will return thanks in a more substantial form before long. We meet once a week, and a merrier, happier company than we, can not well be imagined. I think it not possible that more true, brotherly love could be found existing, even among $\Phi. \Psi.$'s in any other place, than is felt and shown among our little band. All the Fraternities regard themselves as in danger of being abolished in June of '82. The Trustees passed, (but immediately rescinded their action) a law abolishing all clubs last June, and will consider the matter again in June '82. I do not believe they can totally abolish us, but can, of course, render our existence less pleasant. We have taken in no new members yet. Have several in prospect. Our number now is as large as that of most any other Fraternity here. We are truly sorry that one of us was not at the Reunion. Hope it may be possible for some one of our number to be at the next. At the request of Penn'a. Epsilon, do give below the names of our members, and also their addresses.

Jno. Franklin Park, Sardis, Miss.
 W. Terrell Rush, De Kalb, Miss.
 L. J. Farley, Hernando, Miss.
 W. Jasper East, Sardis, Miss.
 R. W. Gray, Watervalley, Miss.
 R. F. Greer, Vaiden, Miss.
 W. D. Waugh, Goodman, Miss.
 A. B. C. Taylor, Miss.
 Chas. Caffall, Greenville, Miss.

With the best wishes for all Phi Kappa Psis, wherever they may be, I am yours in fraternal bonds,

R. F. GREER.

INDIANA BETA.

BLOOMINGTON, IND, October 12th, 1881.

DEAR EDITOR:

Three sultry summer months have passed rapidly by and again the halls of our Alma Mater are replenished with many a joyous face—some eager for work, happy in the prospect of mental improvement; others only too glad to be beyond the reach of parental criticism for a short season.

Indiana Beta entered the lists of manly (or knavish) competition at the opening of the present collegiate session with hope and confidence, and now she enrols six additional brothers—making a sum total of twenty. The six are Charles Egner, a Bowser, Harry Burnett, Percy Burnett, Chapin Wagner, and McCormick (Cyrus?). From some unknown cause other Fraternities have met with ill success—their bad fortune has been unprecedented.

Our Chapter failed to send a delegate to Chautauqua this summer. We are sorry to be negligent twice in succession. We are sure to make amends for our backsliding next year. Although Chautauqua is difficult of access, from its remoteness, to us of Central Indiana, yet a good thing ought and must be encouraged and set upon a sure foundation.

We are glad to welcome Bro. J. L. Pitner, '71, back in our midst. He was one of our charter members and most assuredly he still holds an enviable place in the hearts of those who reverence that which he aided to establish.

With well wishes for the SHIELD and success in its new shape this rambling letter will close.

Yours in Phi Kappa Psi,

SOPH.

PENN. IOTA.

October 18th, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:

Penn'a. Iota still pursues the even tenor of her way. With her right and left Bowers she thinks she can stand against all

comers. Wm. T. Field, '83, T. S. S. is our baby and a right strong healthy child he promises to be. Bro. Tommy Hunter now rules over the destinies of '82 as its President, much to the chagrin of the Zeta Psis.

Our long absent and much travelled Bro. C. H. Colket, returned last week as funny as ever, and sporting such a moustache that Pomp thought he was a Turk on his way to Yorktown.

85, upon several of whom Iota already has her eagle eye seems to offer a good opportunity to swell our ranks.

Bro. Matchett, who by the way is a candidate for the presidency of '82 medical, a few meetings ago gave us a graphic account of the Chautauqua meeting and the doings of our worthy Judge.

Iota looks forward with a great deal of pleasure, in fact we are all on the "*qui vive*," to welcome Bro. Burdette, and to show our friends of Kappa what doughty knights of the trencher we are, for we know who is at the head of the committee from Kappa.

I open my letter to state that last night we welcomed among us Samuel J. Fort, '82, medical, who is of the stuff to make a staunch Phi Psi.

Wishing the SHIELD long continued success, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

W. M. H.

ILLINOIS BETA.

CHICAGO, Illinois, Oct. 16th, 1881.

DEAR EDITORS:

It is with honest pride that we greet the third volume of the SHIELD in its new and becoming apparel. It was a wise change and will be appreciated by all of its admirers. The component parts of Illinois Beta, though scattered all over the country during the summer, have been again drawn together by the attraction of fraternal affinity and congealed into a body "solid" for Phi Kappa Psi's interests.

Bros. Seward, Terry, Tim and El Anderson spent a portion of the summer East.

Bro. Terry said that he was going to Chautauqua; but alas, his Chautauqua was not the $\Phi. \Psi.$ Chautauqua; he preferred to journey to the bosom of the——“deep blue sea.”

Bro. Sam Randall had a very pleasant time roaming about “auld” Ireland.

Bros. Weinschenk, Mott, Perrine, Crawford, Griffith, Latin and Talbot spent the summer in the vicinity of Chicago.

Bro. King spent his time in teaching the people of Iowa geography according to Haskell’s map.

Bro. Swartwout had a most pleasant time in Nebraska.

Your humble scribbler went to Kansas where he met Bro. Mechem, of Pennsylvania Beta, now a prominent citizen of Ottawa, Kansas.

Bro. Milner, Pennsylvania Alpha, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Ottawa; also Bro. Altman, of Ohio Beta, of the same place.

At Lawrence he met quite a number of the Kansas Alpha boys who were busily engaged in procuring news for the *Lawrence Journal*.

At the same place, he also met Bro. George Mosher, of Ohio $\Delta.$, one of the most enthusiastic $\Phi. \Psi.$ ’s in the Fraternity. Bro. George loves “ice-tea.”

Our Beta Chapter, assisted by the generous Alumni, who soon hope to be known as members of Illinois $\Delta.$, is now occupied in fitting up a hall in the University. We have procured two suites of rooms, making altogether seven apartments. The larger rooms we have united into one by cutting away the intervening partition. The smaller rooms will be used for committee rooms, cloak rooms, etc.

When we have finished the necessary improvements and have furnished the hall, Illinois Beta, we think, will possess a beautiful and comfortable home, where every $\Phi. \Psi.$ will be welcomed and cared for.

We think also of furnishing one or two of the smaller rooms with beds where brothers from distant parts of the city can

rest there tangled brains after sustaining the excitement of one of our meetings.

We are glad to welcome Bro. Durburrow, of Indiana, who has become a member of our Junior Class.

Bro. Lacy, B. G. of Illinois Alpha, made us a very pleasant call a few days ago. Sorry we could not take him to our rooms; but, come again, Will.

We noticed in the SHIELD but a very few articles from the various Chapters. Probably the deficiency is owing to its being the September number; certainly the editors are not to blame, for they did their duty.

Why does not every Chapter send communications to the SHIELD? Where is our neighbor Michigan Alpha? and our *mater* Illinois Alpha?

We heard that Wisconsin Alpha was going to be more active in corresponding this year.

There is no influence in our Fraternity so powerful to bind the hearts of brothers together, who are scattered all over the United States, as the influence exerted by our paper. It is by this that we become acquainted with each other, and by this that we learn to love each other. There are some Alumni brethren who know nothing about $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ except so far as it pertained to their Chapter. We have met some who did not know whether they were $\Phi. \Psi.$'s or not, but remembered belonging to some college organization. Evidently that organization might just as well have been a local society, for there was not enough $\Phi. \Psi.$ in it to make any impression.

What we most need is a general exchange of fraternal feeling throughout all the Chapters.

There is another deficiency which we would like to speak of, and that is the majority of the $\Phi. \Psi.$ Alumni are unfortunately ignorant of everything that has pertained to $\Phi. \Psi.$ since they left school.

Every Chapter should consider it its duty to inform and interest its Alumni; when this is done, $\Phi. \Psi.$ will be a far more influential and united brotherhood than at the present time. Hoping the SHIELD may be crowned with success, I remain

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

ED.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

THERE are three *K. A. θ.*'s at Cornell.

X. φ. meets in Baltimore next October.

THE *Δ. T. Δ.*'s enjoyed themselves at Pittsburg.

φ. Δ. θ. has entered the University of Minnesota.

A. T. Ω. has entered Emory and is also looking Northward.

THE new President of the University of California is a *B. θ. Π.*

A. φ. Δ. at Williams has captured the late President Garfield's two sons.

Δ. T. Δ. looks towards Gettysburg. There's plenty of room and a good institution.

IT is rumored that *φ. Γ. Δ.* is anxious to throw off her Chapter at Muhlenberg College.

THE ladies' Fraternities (*K. A. θ.* and *K. K. Γ.*) are being persecuted by the professors at Butler University.

X. φ. held her convention, the 10th of this month, at Baltimore. The Chapter at Johns Hopkins will most probably be set on foot.

THE convention of *φ. Γ. Δ.* held at Chautauqua, August 17th, *didn't* have the 250-300 members which the last number of their paper mentioned would be there.

THE Chapters of *Δ. B. φ.*, located at the University of Pennsylvania and Lehigh University have handed over their charters, and at present are languidly gazing towards the fold of *ψ. Υ.*, as a local society *φ. T. A.*

THE *Σ. X.*, at Hampden-Sidney, will probably suspend next year as three out of their four men will leave at the close of the present session. June *B. θ. Π.* and *Δ. T. Δ.* initiated several students at Western Reserve.

WE know nothing of Phi Kappa Psi at the Ohio Wesleyan University, but wherever we have seen and known her Chapters, we have invariably found them to be composed of the

highest type of men—men whom *A. T. Ω.*, or any other Fraternity, would have been proud to enroll under her banner.—*A. T. Ω. Palm for June.*

A *Φ. Γ. Δ.* at Pennsylvania College told a number of non-fraternity men, who were endeavoring to obtain a charter from a certain Fraternity, that he had resigned from his Chapter, and that a *B. Θ. Π.* had requested him to start a Chapter there for that Fraternity. By false representations he had almost succeeded in carrying out his plan, that of making a laughing stock of these men, when he was exposed. Comment is unnecessary.—*The Sigma Chi.*

“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 embarrassments they have encountered, but at the same time brings reproach on the name “Fraternity.”—*The Phi Gamma Delta.*

Σ. X., during the late war, had a Chapter in the Confederate army, known as the Constantine Chapter. The idea was to preserve the Order in the Confederacy, and “for purposes of relief in distress and communication in case of need with our Northern brethren.” The third number of Vol. I. of their paper is filled with interesting matter. A move has been made against the initiation of honorary members. The advisability of publishing a song book is being considered. The alumni Chapter at Cincinnati is established.

“FOUR students who were suspended from Purdue University, Indiana, for not complying with a new regulation requiring all students to pledge themselves not to be members of Greek letter societies during their college course, have brought suit in the courts to test the authority of the faculty to make such a regulation!” We clipped the above from a

daily journal. Since then Judges Coffroth, $\Sigma. X.$, and Ward, $\Phi. \theta. \Delta.$, have voluntarily offered their services to these students, who, of course, are Sigs, and the "end is not yet" . . . The question is one of peculiar interest, and is the culmination of the fight at Purdue. The result will establish a precedent one way or the other.—*The Sigma Chi.*

THE third number vol. 1, of *Sigma Chi* contains an interesting article on "Fraternity Journalism." After speaking of the *Beta Theta Pi* and *Chi Phi Quarterly* the writer continues: "Chronologically the next periodical of this kind which appeared was the *Phi Kappa Psi Quarterly*. In appearance and style it was much akin to the *Chi Phi* organ. In 1877 it became a monthly, and in 1878 it suspended for lack of support. In November, 1879, some of the Alumni in New York and Philadelphia, began to publish a Fraternity paper anonymously, calling it *The Shield*. This has been quite successful * * * *. It is a lively and entertaining sheet and is issued monthly, being chiefly devoted to Chapter-letters and reminiscences". Our friend is slightly in error, inasmuch as *The Phi Kappa Psi Monthly* was our *first* paper and appeared January, 1875. No mention is made of the $\theta. \Delta. X.$ *Shield* which was published in 1868, and afterward changed to *The Star* or to the *A. K. E. Record*.

THE *Record* of $\Sigma. A. E.$ is out again. This Fraternity held its last convention at Atlanta, June 30th and July 1st and 2d. It was the largest gathering they ever held. A resolution was adopted to organize the whole body of Alumni into a society having a basis like that of the Knights of Honor and Knights of Pythias, providing for the payment of a premium on the happening of the death of any Alumni member of the Fraternity of a sum of money to the family or personal representatives of the deceased, etc. The Alumni Chapters can initiate whom they please. The editor remarks in his portfolio: "There are several other Fraternities waiting around to pick the bones of $\Sigma. A. E.$, but we will go to *their* funerals yet! $\Sigma. A. E.$ is not dead, and not going to die; *please don't forget*

that. We are not even sick. It's very complimentary to be always receiving offers of union with other similar bodies, but it is very destructive to a Fraternity which means to live to sit down and discuss such offers, or to listen to them. The *Σ. Α. Ε.* henceforth will hear nothing of such offers—of any offers that have not for their sum and substances an offer to come to us. * * * * * When we sit down to our funeral feast we'll invite you all—just wait till we do!" "The charter of the Alpha Mu was withdrawn last Fall, at which time the Chapter numbered ten members. For some reason they became disheartened and dissatisfied, and the Grand Chapter at once suspended the charter. Immediately afterward all save two joined *Φ. Δ. Θ.* by which act they of necessity were expelled from *Σ. Α. Ε.*"

THE late reunion of *B. Θ. Η.* at Chicago, was a pronounced success. All the Chapters but five were present. Judge A. P. Carpenter of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire presided. The ovation was delivered by President Bascom of the University of Wisconsin. His subject was "The Historic Sense." "The Greeks of the Mediterranean America" was the subject of the poem prepared by Judge Stone of Colorado. The banquet or "dorg" was held at the Grand Pacific Hotel. Among the speakers was Hon. Schuyler Colfax. At the business meeting a new seal was adopted for the use of the Chapters. The officers for the following year are: Eugene Wambaugh, Cincinnati, Ohio, general Secretary; J. S. Goodwin and E. J. Brown, historiographers; Major Ransom, presiding officer, and C. J. Leman, catalogue agent. J. F. Newman (*Φ. Γ. Δ.*) of New York, was made an additional jeweler to the frat. W. R. Baird, (author of *Am. Coll. Fraternities*) was elected Editor of the *Manuel* published by the Fraternity. During the year alumni Chapters were organized at San Francisco, Kansas City, and Cleveland, Ohio. The Charter of the Chapter at Trinity University, Texas, was withdrawn. Petitions from three colleges, one east, one south, and one west were laid on the table. Resolutions were passed declaring it unconstitutional to initiate preparatory students, and also that

the Fraternity should in every way discountenance the practice of the Chapters in forming combinations with Chapters of other Fraternities for college political purposes. The next convention will be held on the last Tuesday, in August 1882.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

LADIES' Fraternities are prohibited at the O. W. U.

THE *A.* Chapter of *A. X. A.*, has been taken by *K. A. θ.*

HARRY RENTON, Ohio A., '81, is in the Cincinnati Law School.

BRO. Ed. Siegenthaler, '82, Ohio Gamma, is not in college this year.

No more Preps are to become Fraternity men at the Ohio Wesleyan.

ED. RANDALL, Ohio A., '85, has gone into business in Xenio, Ohio.

BRO. A. W. Southward, Ohio Gamma, '83, is in business in St. Louis.

E. S. WHITE, Pa. B., '76, wields a pedagogue's emblem of authority at Kirby, Pa.

BRO. Ed. S. Raff, Ohio Gamma, '81, is studying law in Canton, Ohio.

BRO. J. H. Maxwell, Penn'a Theta, '81, is studying law in Pottstown, Pa.

E. T. BUNYAN, Ohio A., '81, contemplates a trip to the Western Shores.

BRO. Jack Morrison, Penn'a Theta, '81, enters Columbia Law School in October.

BRO. H. A. McFadden, Ohio Gamma, '84, has left Wooster and entered '84 at Lafayette.

BRO. Dr. Sam Apple, '61, Pa. Eta, lost his only son recently. Bro. A. resides in Allentown.

A. N. CRAFT, D.D., Pa. B., '61, will be found at Jamestown, N. Y., during the present year.

BRO. Frank Kahler, '81, Pa. E., has been elected principal of the Mifflinburg Public Schools.

TOM LEE, Ohio A., '81, has been roaming about this summer, having a good time generally.

A. B. COLTER, Pa. B., '78, has just entered upon his second year of medical lectures at Cleveland, O.

BRO. Chas. H. Kibler, Jr., Ohio Gamma, '76, is proprietor of a stove foundry at Newark, Ohio.

REV. W. O. ALLEN, Pa. B., '74, has exchanged his abode from Sugar Grove, Pa., to Sherman, N. Y.

E. Y. FULLERTON, Ex., Pa. B., '80, is running a mill for manufacturing box boards, at Parker City, Pa.

BRO. E. L. Scott, Penn'a Theta, '81, has accepted a position as professor in Wilkesbarre Academy.

BRO. John Palmer, Ohio Gamma, '76, was prostrated by the heat in St. Louis during the July heated-term.

A. E. COLEGROVE, Pa. B., '80, enters upon his second year as instructor in Latin and drawing at Williamsburg Seminary.

W. P. GRANT and C. W. Deane, both Pa. B., '83, spent their summer at Saratoga and on the Hudson. Report a good time.

BRO. J. L. Pitner, '71, I.S.U., has been called to the pastorate of the Bloomington, Indiana, Methodist Congregation.

BRO. Ned Kibler, Ohio Gamma, '80, and Miss Anna H. White, *K. A. θ.*, were married at Sandusky, Ohio, June 29th, 1881.

E. H. CHERRINGTON, Ohio A., the Orator of last season, by common consent, is principal of the Chesterville, Ohio, High School.

W. C. WILSON, Pa. B., '80, was one of the leading reporters at Chautauqua Lake this season, and won many encomiums as a journalist.

GEO. O. CALDER, Pa. B., '83; has been appointed by the Faculty of Allegheny College to the position of Assistant in the laboratories.

BRO. Arthur Mr. Shellito, Pa. B., '76, is practicing law in Independence, Iowa, and, according to his own account, meeting with success.

BRO. D. C. List, Jr., Ohio Gamma, handsomely entertained Bro. C. L. Van Cleve, for a week after the Reunion, at his home in Wheeling, W. Va.

BRO. W. S. Jones, '82, Ohio Delta, has left College temporarily and is with a party engaged in surveying for the N. Y. C. and St. L. R. R., in Indiana.

BRO. Dan Fleisher, '81, Pa. E., reports a large attendance of students at his Academy in Newport, Pa. By the way, Dan desires Bro. Bob Burdette's address.

LAST week Chris. Miller, '77, passed his final examinations and was admitted to practice law in the courts of Crawford county. He will locate in St. Paul, Minn.

ED. T. BATES, Pa. B., '80, has embarked in a commercial enterprise and furnishes artists' supplies, pianos, jews-harps and fiddle-strings to the inhabitants of Meadville.

BRO. Harry Rabbitts, Ohio Gamma, '74, is a candidate for Clerk of the Courts of Clarke county, Ohio. He is sure of an election, as the county is overwhelmingly Republican.

C. M. COBURN, Pa. A., '77, for three years pastor of the First M. E. Church of Spartansburg, leaves, in a few days, for Boston to complete his education at the Theological department of the university in that city.

THE recent session of the Erie Conference, M. E. Church, located some of our Bros. of Pa. B., as follows: R. S. Borland, '58, Girard, Pa; R. N. Stubbs, '61, Forestville, N. Y.; W. W. Painter, '65, Conneautville, Pa.

BRO. F. S. Monnet will study law in Washington, D. C., this winter, and it is hoped that the G. C. can give "Monny"

something to do, for his talent for scheming in Fraternity matters is remarkably well developed.

BRO. J. W. Grayfield, M.D., '77, Va Gamma, was married August 30th, to Miss Crockett, of Shelby county, Ky. He goes this fall as Medical Missionary to Northern Mexico under appointment of the Presbyterian Board of Missions.

BRO. Wm. Duke Howze, '59, Tenn. Alpha, has been nominated for Superintendent of Public Education in Mississippi. We sincerely hope our brother will be elected, for he is the man for the position. The honor was a great surprise to him.

VERY flattering accounts reach us concerning Bro. Chas. R. Rees, '77, whose home is in Friendville, Neb. He has just refused a position as superintendent of a silver mine, with a salary of \$2,000 per year, rather preferring the control of the public schools in his place.

WM. B. CORNWALL, Ex., '81, has just departed "single blessedness" and joined his fortunes with a young lady of Toledo, Ohio. This is a genuine case of "love at first sight. While traveling in the Southern States a few months ago, Willie met his fate and with no delay the ceremony was pronounced, which made one more Phi Psi Benedict.

REV. BRO. A. B. Riker, with his new bride, neé Miss Davis, has gone to Columbus, Ohio, to serve the people of Third Street M. E. Church. "Pop" made his influence felt for good in College, both in the Fraternity circle and elsewhere, and his rapid advancement in his profession is a matter of congratulation among his friends and not one of surprise.

BRO. W. K. Cherryholmes, '81, O.S.U., and Bro. Newt. Anderson, lately with Bell Telephone Company, Liverpool, Eng., are back among their brothers of the Ohio Delta. Bro. C. is assistant in the department of Zoölogy and Comparative Anatomy to Prof. A. H. Tuttle, and Bro. A. holds the same position in the department of Physics with Prof. T. C. Mendenhall.

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EDITORIAL.

PLEASE give us communications by FIRST of December, we want to get out by the 15th, if possible.

WE have received very earnest requests that our former colleague, Edgar F. Smith be made the representative of our Fraternity in the revision of American College Fraternities.

THERE are a few things, which, as a Fraternity, we should carefully guard against. The first is a foolish assumption of superiority over all competitors. Such a disposition is the sheerest folly and to all whose disposition it is to indulge in vain boastings we wish to say briefly, a kind word or two.

If we are to be a growing and therefore aggressive Fraternity, it must be by a generous recognition of competitors worthy and honest, with whom we may cope and battle for the supremacy. We shall occupy a very unenviable position in the Greek world if we acquire a reputation for being narrow-minded and bigoted.

Phi Kappa Psi represents to us a pure and lofty ideal toward which we all strive, yet while we love her and reverence her above all other social relations, we may have as students and young Americans, let us not forget that there are a host of other men, who are equally zealous in their affection for their Fraternity affiliations, and who in all probability are as high minded and discerning as are we.

Every Fraternity man knows how difficult a thing it is to see virtue in a rival, but if the younger members will profit by our wider experience, they will readily recognize how truly we have spoken, when we say that we shall have more power and win greater and more lasting victories if we acknowledge to ourselves, and if need be, to the college world around us, that we have many worthy opponents, to overcome whom is creditable, if pursued by honorable and lofty means.

We do not know but that these are the views of the Fraternity at large, and we speak not so much of things existent, as of those anticipated.

THERE is a sure means of increasing the power and influence of our Fraternity; and that is to labor with persistent zeal to arouse the attention of every Alumnus of whom we have any knowledge, to the merits and necessities of the **SHIELD**. Let active and energetic Phi Psis every where labor to increase our circulation by at least five hundred this year. Now that we are in our third volume as a monthly organ of the Fraternity, no man need have fear of insisting upon a subscription, on the ground that the paper may collapse, for you have had proven to you by more than two years of constantly increasing merit, that we made no vain boast when we said we had come, and come to stay.

WE think it high time to take notice editorially of the criticisms of the Phi Gamma Delta upon our Ohio Alpha Chapter. We were much pleased with the quiet and dignified reply made some time since to their ungenerous accusations. The tone of a recent clipping from the organ above named is similar to the one which gave our Ohio Chapter such just grounds for offense, and so we have been at pains to inquire carefully into the merits of the case and the fact that we have published the offensive comments is sufficient evidence to prove that we were inclined to be fair and to show no undue favor to our aggrieved Chapter, and we doubt not that many other Chapters of the Fraternity have had bad impressions made upon them by these clippings.

Some two years ago the Phi Gamma Delta initiated a young man whose standing at the O.W.U. for honor and high-mindedness was unimpeached. He was warmly attached to some members of the Theta Denteron Chapter of $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$ and kept up his relations with the Chapter for some time, hoping that some unpleasantnesses which occurred early in his experience with them, would die away. When he saw that this was not probable, he quietly withdrew from active participation in Chapter affairs and sent in his resignation. After having waited in vain for that kindly treatment which he should have received, he insisted, but to no purpose, on having his resignation acted upon; he was then approached in a frank and honorable way by the members of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity and after looking the matter over fairly, he accepted their proposal and joined the Chapter at the O.W.U. The Phi Gamma Delta then published the ungentlemanly article which we quoted last year.

That article and the one recently published are ungenerous, undignified and untrue; for there never has been a shadow of distaste and uncongeniality since the day when the brother entered the Ohio Alpha. As Phi Kappa Psi's representatives upon the Spring Publics at Delaware last year did themselves great credit, so much so that Bro. Cherrington, valedictorian of the Zetagathean Society, was universally praised as having made the finest speech heard at the O.W.U. for years, their ill-natured criticism falls to the ground.

Ohio Alpha's record is no mean one, for the character of the men she has sent forth and we have positive knowledge that she is and has been in years past strong and flourishing, ready to meet her opponents and to combat them fairly and honorably. We hope to see in the future a higher-tone in fraternity journalism than has recently been shown by the Phi Gamma Delta.

BRO. "Zeb" Linville, Pennsylvania Zeta, '81, is to be found in the office of the Board of Church Extension in Philadelphia.

INDIANA GAMMA.

WABASH COLLEGE, *October 10th*, 1881.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD.

We again begin a new year under auspicious omens. Indeed, our Chapter has not been in better condition since I became a member three years ago. We number ten men, all in the college classes, and although we are few yet we are active and alive to the interests of $\Phi. \Psi.$

At the beginning of last year two Fraternity combinations were formed here. One consisting of the $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$, $\Sigma. X.$ and $\Theta. \Delta. X.$; the other of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, $B. \Theta. \Pi.$ and $\Phi. \Delta. \Theta.$ The former combination having the most men, elected all the officers and editors on the *Wabash* (the only college paper here), not giving us a single man. We then looked around to see what could be done; thinking, although they outnumbered us, yet we were a match for them in the editorial field, we started a semi-monthly called the *Lariat* in opposition to the old monthly called the *Wabash*, and as a result we started in at the beginning of this year with double the number of subscribers that the opposition have, and have succeeded in destroying the other combination. One of them, the $\Theta. \Delta. X.$, giving up its charter to join the fast growing cemetery of that Fraternity. We now have in our combination one majority in a college vote and would offer this as an excuse for not paying more attention to the Fraternity at large. But now, as we have things all our own way after a two years struggle, we will try and devote more time to the entire Fraternity. I think the editors of the SHIELD can appreciate our condition, knowing the time and means it takes to run a paper. If any of the brothers are connected in any way with a college paper, the *Lariat* would be pleased to exchange with them.

In reading the first number of the SHIELD for this year, I noticed an article on the Chautauqua reunion, and must confess that I am ashamed, and think every other Chapter that can and did not send a representative should be, that we have not had a representative at either of the reunions. But I will

promise your humble servant as one and may possibly bring two more with me to represent our Chapter at the next reunion.

Fraternally,

E. W. H.

PENNA. EPSILON.

PENNA. COLLEGE, Gettysburg, *October 20th*, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:

Having been so fully, in fact, we fear, *too* fully represented in last number, we hastily send a few lines to assure you of our life and activity. The size of Vol. 3, No. 1, is much more convenient than the old style. We all like it, but, to be very particular, we don't like the color of the cover. Can't it be improved? As to the contents, we will not say much. One brother from Ohio remarked that he had, with his Chautauqua account and some personals supplied half the contents. But we fully appreciate the difficulty of getting news at the beginning of the session and hope for better.

In accordance with the request we made in our last letter and which we hope has been complied with, we give the names and addresses of all members initiated here since the '80 catalogue was issued.

Charles W. Carl, '84, York, Pa.

Robert C. Gotwald, '84, " "

Edwin S. Frey, '84, " "

Robert M. Harding, '85, Gettysburg, Pa.

We would also add the name of Brother John N. Ruhl, of Middletown, Pa., '78, whose name was omitted in the catalogue. As yet we have initiated no new members, but do not feel at all "left," since all we have asked have not gone back on us. Begging the pardon of "the gang," we would say that $\Sigma. X.$ and $\Phi. \Delta. \theta.$ have each initiated one new man, and $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$ has swallowed eight, but two of whom were asked by another Fraternity ($\Phi. \Delta. \theta.$). They are supposed to be preparing for their State Convention which is to meet here next June.

That's one way of doing business. Not ours. One of their members recently went to some non-frat's., reported that he had resigned from $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$, and signed his name to a duly drawn up petition to the $B. \theta. \Pi.$ for a Chapter. He succeeded in procuring quite a number of names. And wanted to have them apply to $B. \theta. \Pi.$ for a charter which, I understand, some of them have done. No doubt this was occasioned by the existing ill-feeling between $B. \theta. \Pi.$ and $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$, as it was done to try to have the Beta's grant a charter to a set of fellows who would honor no frat. $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$ has thus made many enemies in college and has become unpopular.

Our Chapter House project is almost ready for completion, and we hope, as before, to have it finished by next June.

Epsilon Echo, a copy of which has been sent to each Chapter, is in its infancy and of course presents an infantile appearance. We hope to be able to improve it.

It was the great pleasure and privilege of three of our Epsilon boys to visit N. Y. Delta last week, and we found it in a much better condition than we expected. It is true, their number is quite small, but they are the most active, warm-hearted set of boys we've met for many a day, and have a nice suite of rooms fixed up in nice style. Surely, we may be proud of N. Y. Delta, and should do everything in our power to prosper her.

Let us make a correction here of something which appeared in the *Echo*. Brother J. B. Kershner, who, we said, was dead, is not dead, but, as the last number of the SHIELD says, is living on a farm near Emmitsburg, Md.

The rumor in regard to $X. \Phi.$ entering Pennsylvania college was not false, but those who expected to come failed to do so. It is now rumored that some boys from this place wrote to $\Delta. T. \Delta.$ to see if there was any possibility of obtaining a charter from them, and they replied that they do not establish Chapters in such colleges as ours. The boys were quite surprised to hear this come from $\Delta. T. \Delta.$ We don't know why unless it was oh!

B. CAWS.

OHIO GAMMA.

UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER, O., *October, 20th, 1881.*

EDITORS OF SHIELD:

Feeling that the many Chapters of old $\Phi. \Psi.$ would like to hear something of Ohio Gamma, she called her members together last Saturday eve., and instructed them to elect a correspondent for the SHIELD, which office has fallen to the lot of your humble servant. Therefore, in the name of Ohio Gamma, we greet you.

Thinking that something pertaining to college matters might interest you we will say, that the University is in a flourishing condition. There are upwards of 250 students in the collegiate department and also about 200 of soulless preps.

There are seven Fraternities here. In the order of establishment they are the $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, $B. \theta. H.$, $\Phi. \Delta. \theta.$, $\Sigma. X.$, $\Delta. T. \Delta.$, $K. A. \theta.$, $K. K. \Gamma.$, the latter two being ladies Fraternities.

Last Tuesday evening the Phi Psis celebrated the election by giving an elegant reception in their Fraternity hall.

Schuck, with his superb orchestra, discoursed strains of celestial music, and the viands set before the fifteen couples of Phi Psis, by the ladies of the Lutheran Church, were such as had never before been seen by Woosterites.

BRO. E. S. Raff, of '81, is now reading law with his father, Judge G. W. Raff, in Canton, Ohio.

WE are daily looking for Ed. to put in an appearance here, for we know there is a strong attraction here in the shape of ——! humanity.

BRO. W. J. Mullins, of '81, has just entered the journalistic profession, and will wield the pen for the *Philadelphia Press*. Walter was one of our best boys and we shall miss greatly his genial face.

BRO. A. I. Findley, of '81, is also engaged in editorial duties in the sanctum of the *Interior* at Chicago. Although offered the religious management of the paper *Al.*, with his cus-

tomary modesty declined, and is now conducting the secular department.

BRO. Chas. Pepper holds forth in the journalistic profession on the *Chicago Times*. Success to Charlie.

BRO. E. S. Kibler, '80, of Newark, O., has taken unto himself a fair protector. Ohio Gamma wishes them all the joys imaginable.

BRO. I. W. Taylor, '79, has been admitted to the bar, and is building up a lucrative practice at Denver, Col.

BRO. L. W. Miller, '83, failed to return on account of the sickness of his father. We extend to him our sympathies and hope to have him amongst us next year.

BRO. J. E. Harris is snugly ensconced in the office of the *Farm and Field*, Louisville, Ky., and occupies the responsible position of business manager.

Our Chapter is in a flourishing condition. At *present* we have only 12 members. Of these 2 are Seniors, 2 Juniors, 3 Sophomores, 4 Freshmen and 1 Preparatory.

BRO. Niles, the gentleman who loves moon-light excursions so well, will most likely have to postpone them now, as our President, Rev. A. A. E. Taylor, D.D., has issued the command of the Sanhedrim, stating that all students must be in their rooms by 10 o'clock.

BRO. Lowry, our noble Roman, will appear before us in the State Oratorical Contest, where he hopes to come off victor. Bro. Lowry was elected last Friday evening to the honorable position of President of Irving Literary Society, Bro. Douthett being assisted to the Vice-President's chair.

On the same evening Bro. Payne was elected to the office of President of the Philomathian.

Hoping these few remarks may be of some interest, we will close.

Respectfully your brother in ϕ . Ψ .

J. C. P.

BRO. J. S. Kennedy, '81, New York A., is studying theology at the General Theological Seminary, New York.

KANSAS ALPHA.

LAWRENCE, KAN., *October 22d*, 1881.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD :

Owing to the late election of our officers and other causes, we were unable to be represented in the September number of the SHIELD, but will endeavor to the best of our ability to keep the Fraternity posted about "Kansas Alpha" business. We are not dead; not even sick but are flourishing like a sunflower in a corn-field.

We regret very much that we were unable to be represented in the Chautauqua reunion. From the letter and comments and squibs, we concluded that the boys had a "picnic." But we consider it a reflection upon our individuality to say that every stranger who presented himself, announced that he was "Mr. Blank from Kansas Alpha," and produced no further credentials. Next year we propose to send a big delegation, and if that fails we will have a grand reunion at Bismark Grove on our own responsibility.

Last June, during commencement week, we gave a big symposium. All the big bugs and notables of Kansas were present. Brother Ralph Waldo Emerson Twitchell, *alias* Alphabetical Twitchell, delivered a little speech full of pith and humor; as Mr. T. described it to us: "I broke them all up." Toasts were proposed and were responded to by our boys, and the party broke up at a late hour, all expressing themselves as highly entertained and wishing many happy returns of the evening.

Our boys propose reciprocating the banquet given by the Betas last spring. In that event we all anticipate a good old fashioned time.

We have initiated five new boys this fall into the mysteries of the Fraternity. One youngster, during the impressive ceremonies, undertook to stand on his head, which exhibition resulted very disastrously for him; black eye, mashed nose, cut lip, and minus four teeth. He is all right now and as chipper as a cricket.

As we are new, we have not yet cultivated the acquaintance of the familiarly used names, "Doc," "Tom," "Ben," "Sam" and "Jim." No doubt they are all solid boys and we hope, ere long, to have the pleasure of shaking hands and exchanging greetings with them through the SHIELD.

Although our Chapter has been unable to be represented in the past reunions, our enthusiasm is as strong as ever, and we are all "aglow with zeal for one dear brotherhood." Hoping that before many years we may be represented,

I remain,

Fraternally yours,

E. A. B.

INDIANA ALPHA.

GREENCASTLE, INDIANA, *Oct. 23d*, 1881.

EDITOR OF THE SHIELD:

It is with much pleasure that I send a few words from Indiana Alpha. We are having a glorious year. Everything seems to prosper under our hands. Our Chapter is in good working order, full of life and fraternal love. We have 8 Seniors (two more coming in next term), 6 Juniors, 5 Sophomores, 6 Freshmen, 2 Senior Preparatory and one Middle Preparatory, making 28 in all. Large as we are I suppose that we were never freer from cliques. We initiated six new members and have two or three more under observation, all first-class, men of ability and talent.

Perhaps it would be pleasant to the readers of the SHIELD to know of some of our honors and successes. One occurred during the memorial services in honor of our late President. Bro. Emison, '82, had prepared a speech on Garfield, and had delivered it before one of the literary societies. So enthusiastic was its reception that the committee having in charge the memorial services invited him to deliver it upon that occasion which he did, and suffered nothing from a comparison with an ex-member of Congress, who spoke at the same

time. Bro. Emison has the reputation of being one of the leading orators of the college, if not *the* leading orator.

Our Chapter had the great honor of an invitation to the *K. K. Γ.* banquet at Bloomington, Sept. 3. Eight of us attended and had a most enjoyable time. Our Chapter was the only one represented outside of the State Universities except the Kappas. There were about seventy-five gentlemen at the banquet and over *half* of them were Phi Psis.

Bro. Will Neff, '81, is preaching with much success in Kansas City. Within three weeks after his arrival there he had built him a fine church.

Bro. Neal Leard, '81, is presiding over a young educational institution at Holden, Missouri.

Bro. Bob Smith, '81, is attending a law school in New York.

Bro. A. L. Longden is going to a work in India.

May the remembrances of Phi Kappa Psi ever cheer them and lighten their labor.

On the evening of Oct. 18, we held one of our usually grand socials. It is told us by those who attend other socials than ours, that we have the most enjoyable ones, that everybody comes away more pleased than at any of the others. This one was no exception. We had a full house. Everybody left cold dignity at home and came in for all the fun there was and got it.

In Philological Literary Society the combination of which Phi Kappa Psi is a part, came out ahead by a vote of over two to one. These society elections are always bitterly contested, and victory then is victory.

Bro. W. P. Smith, '82, is editor-in-chief of *The Asbury Monthly*.

Bro. Shannon, Marble and Payn represented the Y. M. C. A., of Asbury, at the Richmond State Convention.

Bro. M. S. Marble filled the M. E. pulpit at Knightstown this summer with remarkable success.

Bro. Ed Hinds, '83, carried off the "Kunear-Mormette" prize in debate last commencement.

Bro. Chas. Peterson, '82, carried away the "Curnick" Greek prize. Bro. Jim Emison, '82, a declamation prize, and Bro's Level, '81, McNeff, '82, Longden, '81, Cunningham, '82, took honors.

We have just added a piano to our already beautiful hall, and it is becoming more and more of a home to us.

Bro. Taylor, '82, has been quite sick but is now nearly well.

Bro. Pitner, Ind. Beta, last year's pastor of Locust M. E. Church in this place, has been moved to Bloomington, which must please him, as it is his college home.

Last year we derived much pleasure and benefit from the corresponding committees that were started. I hope they will soon be resumed.

We are all greatly taken with the new form of the SHIELD. It is so much better than the former style. I hope to forward to you in a few days several names and the money for the SHIELD.

Bro. Dr. Willits is in the Asbury lecture course.

Bro. Fred Lord, '79, was married this week to Miss Emma Henry, who formerly belonged to the class of '82.

Well, my letter is growing long and I must close. I think I can say that we were never in a better condition. We have more of the Phi Psi spirit, the spirit of progress, of humanity, of unselfishness and fraternal love, than Alpha has enjoyed for some time.

I remain, yours in Phi Kappa Psi.

VIRGIL.

ILLINOIS BETA.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, *Nov. 4th, 1881.*

DEAR BRO. EDITOR:

AS I see in your October issue that henceforth the matter must be in by the first of the month, I make haste to write. Since last May we have taken in five new members:

E. R. Anderson, '85, Chicago, Illinois.

J. H. Crawford, '85, " "

A. A. Griffith, Jr., '85, " "

D. J. Lingle, '85, " "

J. P. Topping, '84, Delavan, Wisconsin.

The first three were "slung" commencement week, and the last two were initiated October 21st. They are all good men and are working in finely. We have now in college 4 Seniors; 1 Junior; 2 Sophomores, and 4 Freshmen, total 11. Bros. Mott and Seward, of '81, are actively associated with us, and Bros. Randall and Terry, of '81, occasionally call around. The latter two are always on hand when there's anything to eat. Bro. Sam King, '83, perhaps the most popular man in the college, an ardent Phi Psi, was taken with typhoid fever after being in school a week or two, and after four weeks of suffering recovered sufficiently to go home to get well. A great loss to us, but Sam promises to be back next year. Phi Psi has now eleven men in college; Psi U. five; D. K. E. four, and Zeta Psi two.

Our Chapter has paid the SHIELD up to date, and hopes to pay pretty soon this year's tax; but, Mr. Editor, you must not be too hard on us. We have come down all around for the furnishing of our new hall, and it probably takes more money to run our Chapter than any other in the Fraternity, except, perhaps, Pennsylvania Iota and Maryland Alpha. There was a promise made by our boys at Chautauqua that he would go around and see the Alumni to get subscriptions for the SHIELD, but as we had to get five dollars apiece from the Alumni for our hall; it is hard to go around and ask a dollar more.

Our hall is well fitted up, thanks to Bro. Lucius Weinschenk, whose untiring labor can not be too much praised. The Alumni in the city did well by us and we thank them. If any visiting brother will step in, we will treat him well, and make him feel glad he has not passed us by.

It has always been the boast of Psi U. at Chicago that they were the boys for the young ladies, but this year Phi Psi

seems to be gradually slipping into their place. A most enjoyable social was held at the home of one of the Seniors last evening. Ten of the fairest fair of Chicago University accompanied by ten noble Phi Psis; also, a few noble Phi Psis, whose courage failed when called upon to say: "May I have the pleasure of your company?" also a few who got left when they did say it, spent the evening in social converse, eating and drinking (water and coffee) and playing games. The sociable ended with the singing of some good Phi Psi songs. One of the girls wanted to know why we did not take in young ladies. Another demanded some Phi Psi colors, and would not be satisfied till the lavender and pink were given her. But I have written too much, yet, one question, what has become of the song-book committee appointed at Chauauqua? Mr. Editor, stir 'em up.

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

TIM.

NEW YORK DELTA.

HOBART COLLEGE, GENEVA, N. Y., *Nov.* 4th, 1881.

DEAR BRO. EDITORS:

Much to my discomfiture the task of writing a letter to the SHIELD has somehow fallen upon me, and that too, on extremely short notice. And was it not for the recent and righteous appeal of the editing brothers with regard to the seeming unavoidable delay in Chapter correspondence, I should be exceedingly tempted to put it off "*until to-morrow.*"

The October number of the SHIELD reached us this morning, and though a little late, I am sure that its contents were well worth our, perhaps, too impatient waiting.

Since our last little tribute to our dear SHIELD much has transpired in our midst that has been of great interest to us. College and class elections were then in order, and there was much anxiety on the part of some, as to how they would turn out. It will suffice to say that, in every particular we were most happily disappointed. Phi Psi received a far better rep-

resentation than I had expected, and the beauty of it was that such results came about as a matter of course.

On October 5th, the astonishing news reaches us that four '82 Phi Psis from Pennsylvania Epsilon, namely, H. L. Jacobs, G. D. Gotwald, W. A. McLean and C. S. Duncan, intended to visit New York Delta in the following week. Although this piece of news was indeed a joyful surprise, it is not to be compare with the happy greeting and meeting which took place ten days later. But much to our sorrowing disappointment Bro. Jacobs, our founder, was unable to reach Geneva. It is needless to say that the few hours which these dear and jolly brothers passed with us, were of the most interesting character, and delightful enjoyment. Ever would we feel grateful and honored by the presence of any brother in our midst. Traveling and wandering Phi Psi's, now and then, are said to have passed by us without our having the least knowledge of it, a fact much to regret.

Our meetings are becoming more and more interesting each week. We publish the New York *Delta Shield* (a weekly which is read before the Chapter at each meeting, and to which each brother is expected to contribute his little article). We also engage in short debates, original speeches, readings and the like. After the business is over, we spend an hour or so in singing college and Phi Psi songs and in having a good time in general. Thus, have we already learned to long for the return of the appointed night. In our little band English, French and German are spoken as "mother tongues," and one of the Bros. (K.)? is said to be reading Syriac for his "own edification."

The "Irish" subject is daily before us. To the "East" we look for counsel and sunshine. Independent of Vennor, the predictor, we have our own "Proffitt" and "Meriwether," saying nothing of "John (the) Baptist and the Flood." I should not omit saying that Pennsylvania Alpha has written us a couple of letters full of encouragement and Phi Psi ring. Neither is our "parent" Pennsylvania Epsilon dilatory in writing to us. We hear occasionally from Bro. Edgar F.

Smith, whose letters are always read with great interest and appreciation. We are also indebted to Bro. Anderson, Illinois Beta, for a copy of a few Phi Psi songs, which help in making the home of New York Δ . more pleasant. But already this uninteresting epistle of mine I fear is too long and tiresome. I hope in our next communication to the SHIELD to be able to chronicle the birth of a new brother.

I am, your brother in the triple bonds,

J. B. B.

PENNA. ZETA.

CARLISLE, PA., Nov. 5th, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:

Two numbers of the SHIELD have appeared without a communication from Penna. Zeta. We are sorry, but it can't be helped. The appointment of a correspondent was somehow omitted at the time it was to have been made, and as we supposed it was then too late for the second number, we concluded to save up our energies for a vigorous attack on the Phi Psi through the medium of the November issue.

The boys were much delighted with the first number of the SHIELD in its new dress; but we think we are safe in saying that the pleasure and satisfaction with which the last number was received, far exceeded that produced by any previous one. The whole Fraternity seem to be getting more and more into sympathy with the paper, and according as this comes to be the case will both prosper.

But we have too much to tell to occupy any more space with our own reflections. And first, as to the close of last year. We lost three of our brothers by graduation. Of these, one took the second honors of his class. The gold medal, for the Junior contest held during commencement week, was carried off by Bro. Coulston. At our last meeting, in June, we initiated two brothers—J. A. Strite, '84, and J. M. Cummings, '85, the latter having come from the

preparatory school and just passed his entrance examinations for college. Our Symposium was a grand success.

The opening of this term found every man at his post, with the exception of Bro. Conover, '83, who is engaged in "teaching the young idea how to shoot" amid the wilds of Jersey, and will return to college next year. The fall campaign has been close and vigorous, and the returns are now almost all in. We extend our sympathies to New York 4, for with us also the class of '85 was by no means a success. However, it furnished a few men whom we considered worthy of the shield of $\Phi. \Psi.$ We have initiated three men—Bros. C. S. Pardoe, R. L. Johns and Theodore Stevens. There are two men in college yet whom we want, and another prospective victim will enter next term. The competition for men is very sharp, and although we have held the first place for years, and will doubtless continue to do so, we have two well-established rivals. The Fraternities stand numerically as follows: Phi Kappa Psi—18; Phi Delta Theta—13; Chi Phi—12; Beta Theta Pi—12; Theta Delta Chi—10; Sigma Chi—7.

We have had several opportunities already of meeting with $\Phi. \Psi.$'s of other Chapters, and would be glad to have many more. Some of the members of our Chapter paid Gettysburg a visit recently, and found the Epsilon boys still wide-awake. We were also favored with a short visit from Bro. Musser, of Penna. Eta. The announcement that Bob Burdette would lecture in Chambersburg, on the evening of October 29th, caused a general investigation of finances among the men of Zeta; but when train-time came only four were found "sufficient for these things." The first man we struck in the car was Bro. Burdette. After a ride up with him, which we shall not soon forget, we took in the lecture, and then proceeded to Bro. B.'s room, where some simple refreshments were disposed of. We were few in number, but strong in spirit—seven in all, consisting of Bro. Burdette, Bro. McDowell, Pa. A, Bro. Eckels, Pa. θ , and Bros. Brown, Champion, Eckels and Cummings, of Zeta. It would be

cold-blooded to say simply that the evening was enjoyable. What it really was, only those who have been present on similar occasions can understand.

But we have already trespassed too far on the editorial limits. We will try in the future to "let ourselves off" at shorter intervals and not allow so much to accumulate. With heartiest good wishes of Zeta,

Yours in the bonds,

MINIMUS.

PENNA. ALPHA.

W. & J. COLLEGE, *November 7th*, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:

You will be surprised when I tell you that Pa. Alpha received the October number of the SHIELD before she received the September number. Every day for a month as we met one another the cry would go forth: "What in the thunder is the matter with the SHIELD?" And as oft, the reply would come from our good B. G., "Well, I'll have to see about this delay." The fault, however, was not yours. But, the first number being addressed to Bro. Hays,—who is now an Alumnus and consequently not here—was lifted from the P.O. by his cousin, a *Δ. T. Δ.*; and he gave them to one of our boys as soon as receiving them. But this was *fair* day, a gala occasion here, and "Wink," eager to get to the grounds and see the fair Sems who are wont to *sally* forth on such days, hurriedly threw them in his bureau-drawer where they lay for a month. Do not blame him, for one is excusable on occasions like this. Even "Coon" would be liable to do such a thing. Our prospects are very bright. We number nine: having initiated two men, one a new Junior and the other a new sophomore. Our Freshman class is very large this year; but strange to say there are very few "frat." men in it. We have not see fit to take any one from it yet, but perhaps will as it gets a little older. The *Φ. Γ. Δ.*'s seem to like the style of them as they have already five from that class. We greatly

admire the SHIELD; and while we love to read the cheerful letters from all our sister Chapters, we hardly admire so much of the boasting character as some of them contain. A little victory now and then over other "frats." is pleasant, but not so very interesting to distant brothers, and rather disgusting to other fraternity journals. I often wonder if the editors of other papers read all these letters, if they do they can easily make them known to their Chapters. We offer no advice, however, and are highly thankful to you for your undying interest in the welfare of our order. In the sacred bonds I am

Yours truly,

J. H. J.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

DAVIS A. WELLS succeeds Garfield as president of $\Psi. \Upsilon.$

$A. T. \Omega.$ is said to have "swung out" at Stevens' Institute with four men.

THE old Phi Sigma League of Illinois is gradually being absorbed by Phi Delta Theta.

BETA Theta Pi's Chapter at Beloit is in a very precarious condition.—Phi Delta Theta *Scroll.*

BETA Theta Pi says: "Of our rival Fraternities at Delaware Chi Phi is at present ranked first and Sigma Chi last."

SOUTHERN $K. A.$ held its convention at Atlanta, Georgia, July 26th. The attendance was very good.— $\Sigma. A. E.$ *Record.*

THE $\Psi. \Upsilon.$'s at Brown, recently called out the fire department by the fire-works used in an initiation of some "greenies."

PHI Delta Theta has entered Iowa Wesleyan University and refused a charter to students at Mt. Union College, Ohio.

ZETA Psi's last annual convention was held with its young but prosperous Chapter at the University of Toronto, Canada.

$\Sigma. A. E.$ has placed its *Omega* Chapter at the University of the South Sewanee, Tenn., and the *Upsilon* at Charleston College, S. C.

COL. Robert D. Allen, superintendent Kentucky Military Institute, has begun an excellent article on "College Secret Societies," which is published in the *Σ. A. E. Record*. The colonel is not a member of any Fraternity.

SIGMA Chi was founded at Miami University by several ex-Δ. K. E's, one of them, Major B. P. Runkle, now a theological student at Gambier, O., has returned to his first love and became a Delta Kappa Epsilon again.—*The Beta Theta Pi*.

It is but just to say that the clipping from the *Phi Gamma Delta* relative to the Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at Delaware, O., published and illustrated in our last number, was written by a defeated candidate for a position won by a Phi Psi. The editorial pen of the *Phi Gamma Delta* might have been run through the paragraph very appropriately.—*The Crescent*.

FOUR or five of A. Δ. Ψ's Chapters are about erecting Chapter houses. That Fraternity has just issued its song book and is making efforts to complete in becoming style their semi-centennial catalogue. Next year they will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary. In their paper they devote a page or more to "Alpha Delta Phi in the Library," where all publications of members are duly noticed. Could we not devote some space to the literary labors of Φ. K. Ψ's?

FROM the fact that the Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon, who are continually bringing into prominence the statement that their respective associations contain nearly all the literary and political talent of the country, had each the mortification of having their chosen orator in the one case, and their presiding officer in the other fail to appear at their convention, we arrive at the conclusion that it would pay the societies better if they chose men for such positions, not because they happen to occupy a prominent place in the public eye at the time, but because they take a real interest in the Fraternity, and will do the work which they are appointed to do for the love of it. It surely is of more importance to a Fraternity to have a good address delivered and a firm chairman to con-

duct the meeting, than to parade a big name before the public for several months, and then have the gentleman fail on account of "previous engagements."—*B. θ. Π. for June.*

BETA Theta Pi has nine districts this year. The general secretary makes the following report: 43 active Chapters; total active membership, 601; initiates for the last year, 256. Regarding the prospects of the 43 Chapters the secretary reports 20 as "very good;" of 13 more, "good," and of 10 "fair." Four of the Chapters are in New England; 10 in the Middle States; 10 in the South, and 19 in the West. Ohio has the largest number of Chapters, 7; New York comes next with 5. The correspondent of the Alpha Gamma Chapter at Wittenberg College says: A student, whose name is Mann * * * * threw himself athwart our path. We viewed him and said, "He is a man." The other Frat. thought so too, for a carriage owned by one of their number frequently took him to and from college * * * * But Mann said, "To remain a man I must ally myself with men." We laughed! * * * * About ten minutes after he'd promised to become a Beta, one of our opponents * * * * *even besought his mother* to induce her son to do otherwise, etc. * * * * Behold the next morning in arrivals the congregation of the disappointed * * * * They are now entirely unable to do anything.

BRO. Jim Kimber of Ohio Alpha, has fallen upon troublous times. It has been mentioned before in these pages that he was quite ill with sciatica, and now he has lost his best earthly friend by the death of his mother. She died at Green Springs, Ohio, where she was in attendance at his bedside, on Tuesday, Nov. 8th, of spinal fever. Her sweet and lovely character rest like a benediction upon all who knew her best, and her death makes a grievous charm in the life of Bro. K. and his father, for her presence was as the genial light of day to them. Those who knew Jim best will mourn with him now, and weep the tears of sympathy for his lost joy.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

BRO. Carrol, Virginia *Γ*, is at Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N. J.

BRO. J. M. Ralston, Pennsylvania Zeta, '79, is teaching near Kearneysville, W. Va.

WE hear Bro. Will Trunkey of Pennsylvania Alpha has been admitted to the bar.

BRO. John A. Browning, N. Y. Gamma, is now one of the instructors in Columbia College.

BRO. Jno. L. Shelley, Pennsylvania Zeta, '71, is successfully practicing law in Mechanicsburg, Penna.

REV. Jacob Todd, D. D., Pennsylvania Zeta, '68, was a delegate to the Ecumenical Council in London.

BRO. Coates Caldwell, Pennsylvania Zeta, '80, is a professor in Wilmington Conference Academy, Dover, Del.

A VERY encouraging report reaches us of Bro. E. M. Wood, Principal of the Sin. Clairsville Schools, N. Y.

BRO. C. W. Hillman, Pennsylvania Zeta, '73, has left Chambersburg and is now in business in New York city.

BRO. Wright Eckersley, Pennsylvania Zeta, '76, is now engaged in teaching in the Long Branch Institute, Long Branch, N. J.

BRO. J. M. Hartley, Pennsylvania Zeta, '77, is preaching at Elmer, N. J. It is rumored that he is writing another book.

A VOICE from Nebraska announces Bro. Chas. Reese as candidate for County Superintendent of schools. Success, Charley!

BRO. A. O. G. de Stordeur, New York *Δ*, is the composer of a Phi Psi song in German to the air "The Watch on the Rhine."

BRO. King, who has been out of college for some time, on account of sickness, has returned again, to finish his course with joy.

BRO. James J. Patterson, Pennsylvania Zeta, '59, is one of the principals of Airy View Academy, Port Royal, Juniata Co., Penna.

"TOMMY" TAYLOR and "Lish" Robinson, our soldier boys, have been appointed to the rank of Lieutenant in the College Cadet Corps.

BRO. Hays, '81, Pennsylvania A., is now to be found at the W. T. Seminary in Allegheny City. He is taking homœopathic doses of theology.

BRO. List, Ohio Gamma, frequently slips up to Washington from Wheeling. He says the Washington girls beat the Wooster girls all to pieces.

BRO. Fil. Compton, we are glad to learn, has recovered from sickness and again resumed his duties as student at Drew Sem., and pastor at Crawford, N. J.

BRO. H. L. Bowman, Pennsylvania Zeta, '68, is with H. L. Bowman & Co., 43 S. Fourth Street, Philadelphia, sole agents for the Shapley Steam Engines.

BRO. C. C. Proffitt, '83, New York Δ., represents the Chapter as editor on the annual publication at Hobart College, known as *The Echo of the Seneca*.

BRO. F. E. Easterbrooks, '81, New York Δ., is awaiting his Bishop's convenience to be admitted to the Order of Deaconate in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

BRO. W. N. Mumper, Pennsylvania Zeta, '79, has gone to Johns Hopkins to pursue special studies. We hope the brothers in Baltimore will find "Bill" out as he is a royal *φ. ψ.*

BRO. Harris Archer, Pennsylvania Zeta, '60, is a member of the firm of Barnes & Archer, proprietors of a warehouse at Lapidum, Md. His post office address is Churchville, Harford Co., Md.

BRO. Prescott Smith, '78 Ohio Alpha, having recorded completely from his recent severe illness, has reopened his office for the practice of law at the corner of Fourth and Vine streets, Cincinnati, Ohio.

REV. DR. L. A. Gotwald '56, Pa. E., is travelling through Kansas, Nebraska and the West, in the interest of the Board of Home Missions of the Ev. Luth. Church. Brother S. B. Barnitz, '61, is with him.

BRO. Wise, Pennsylvania Alpha, on reading an account of some of the natural eloquence at Chautauqua last August declares that he will be there next season. The committee must not fail to look him up.

BRO. Hood Siggins, although deeply engaged in his legal studies, found time to wander back once more to old Allegheny. He has lost none of his ancient zeal for the cause he espoused early in his college life.

BRO. Billy, Morrow, Ohio, A. is rooming in the same house as Bro. Prescott Smith, No. 339 Longworth street, Cincinnati, Ohio. Billy used to be a strong Phi Psi and we think still, has the same old five in his heart.

BRO. Jos. E. Stuffs formerly editor and publisher of the Phi Psi Quarterly is now acting as Professor of Ancient Languages and Literature in Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio. His love for Phi Psiism is still warm and glowing,

BRO. F. M. Johnston, '80, Ill. Gamma, is a rising man in the law at McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania. He is coming west this winter and intends calling on Pennsylvania A., and probably will get on as far as Wooster (?) before returniug.

BRO. Cook, Pennsylvania E., a graduate of Lancaster of several years, is a very successful physician at Webster Mills, Fulton County, Pennsylvania. He is still very enthusiastic, and when he meets one of the boys he always offers a toast to the good of the Fraternity, as he drinks a glass of mountain water.

BRO. J. Frank Graff, Pa., E., '79, is in business in Grand Rapids, Michigan. But what was wrong with him, while on a flying trip East, that he did not call on his // Brothers at the University of Pennsylvania, when in Philadelphia. He might easily have sacrificed *one* day out of the week, which he spent with the Lancaster Brothers and *Sisters*, to pay us a call. But we infer that business is pressing, and soon hope to receive an "*invite*" to a B. G. Lat.

BRO. Rev. Harry McDowell, Pennsylvania Iota, '78, graduated from the General Theological Seminary, New York, last June and, after having a summer of rest, has entered upon his duties in Orange, N. J. Rumor has it that before many months are over he will leave the ranks of the bachelors. If any brother gets anywhere near Orange, it will do him good to go to see Bro. Mac. "Hairy" will extend a hearty grip to any Phi Psi visitor. Bro. Morrison, look out for him.

BRO. H. D. Waddell concerning whom many rumors have been afloat in the days gone by, on Thursday Nov. 10th, placed the stamp of approval upon the current reports by marrying Miss Jean B. Parker, at Leesburg, Ohio. The Rev. L. F. Van Cleve, D. D. performed the ceremony and now "Wad." is afloat upon the restless tide, which for him we fondly hope will be ever at the flood and sweep him high and dry upon festile shores of prosperiy. Long life and happiness say his many Fraternity brothers to him and his wife.

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EDITORIAL.

PLEASE send us some communications, brothers, as soon as you get back from your Christmas holidays, so that the January number may not be very late.

WE have received the second number of Epsilon's Echo, published by the Pa. Epsilon Chapter for the purpose of arousing their graduate brothers, and hope it will prove as successful as they can wish.

WE present in this number another communication from our dear "Growler," to which we beg our brothers to give their attention, as it "materializes" the spirit of many remarks of our old graduate and young undergraduate brothers.

THE "step-mother of Presidents," as Ohio is called, in imitation of the old name for Virginia, has come again to the front, and this time it is one of Ohio Beta's sons that is honored. Bro. J. Warren Keifer, '68, is the Speaker of the House of Representatives. We hope, in an early number, to give some particulars of his career.

WE are delighted to have a communication in this number from Maryland Alpha, and we think our cup would be about full if with it we could present them from D. C. Alpha and California Alpha, and from some of our Virginia Chapters. Bro. Murray writes us once in a while that a communication will be on its way very soon, but that is all.

THE *A. T. O.* Palm in its last number contains a very fine and well-deserved tribute to our dear Bro. Dr. Edgar F. Smith, which we should have been very glad to insert in this number of the SHIELD if we had had space, but as it is we shall have to leave it until some future time.

Bro. Smith writes us to say to all inquiring brothers that he will NOT be the one to write up the Fraternity for the new edition of Mr. Baird's book, though we can't help hoping he may be induced to lend a helping hand to the work.

IN view of the several resignations which have taken place lately, and notably those from one Chapter, it seems to devolve upon us to say a few words. 1st, as to resignations in general, and 2d, as to those in particular of which mention has just been made:—

First: As to the question of the propriety of resignations we must say that although our constitution seems to bear a different construction, yet we are in accord with the authorities of the *S. A. E.* Fraternity, whose views are given in the last issue of their Record as follows:

1. That a *Chapter* cannot demand the resignation of any member.

2. That resignations *so demanded* and *accepted* would be null and void, of no effect, and that the members so resigning would be still members of the Fraternity and the Chapter.

3. That a Chapter *may* allow a member to withdraw from active participation in its affairs, *i. e.*, cease to be a member of *that particular Chapter*, for reasons which seem to the Chapter sufficient and good.

4. That no member of the *S. A. E.* can be disgraced without due process of law according to the provisions of our Constitution, *viz.:* trial must be had, as provided for fully therein.

5. That any member not possessing the necessary qualifications may, after trial and conviction, be expelled from the Fraternity.

6. A Chapter may lawfully expel a member for the following causes:

- a. Refusal to attend the meetings of his Chapter.
- b. Refusal to appear before the Chapter in answer to charges brought against him.
- c. Expressing a desire to join another college fraternity, or actually joining one.
- d. Voluntarily offering his resignation as a member of the Fraternity because he does not wish to continue a member of it.

Second: As to those particular resignations we would say that having received a long letter from one of the men, attempting to justify himself and his fellows for their action, and having had a long interview with one of the other members of the Chapter, whose sympathy was most strongly with those who went out, we saw no escape from the conclusion that those who resigned wilfully violated the solemn oath they took when they came into the Fraternity, and should be regarded as having been *expelled* from the Fraternity. This feeling has been intensified by the subsequent action of the late brothers in joining a rival Fraternity so soon as to render inevitable the conclusion that they had formed a determination to do so before they presented their resignations; than which it seems to us there is hardly any crime more heinous against the Fraternity.

We shall be very glad to hear from some of our Brothers on the point, whether they agree or disagree with us.

PENN'A. BETA.

MEADVILLE, PA., *November 7th*, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD :

Our Chapter has imposed upon me the humiliating duty of furnishing material for your waste-basket. With a trembling hand I assume the task.

As Bro. Hoskins stated in his last letter, we began the year with fourteen members, deploring very much the draft the class of '81 made on our ranks.

Notwithstanding this temporary drought, recent "freshets"

have again placed our Chapter in a very flourishing condition.

The newcomers are Will Everett (brother of Charley), Frank Wade, Sion Smith and Walter Hotchkiss. Of course, they are fine fellows and promise to become stalwart *Φ. Ψ.*'s.

We miss very much this year, the lively wag of Bro. Hoskins' jaw. He has given up college life and embarked on life's tempestuous sea.

Whenever you meet Rob, whether among the tall pines of Forest Co., or in the halls of Congress, you will find a true friend and a loyal brother.

On the evening of October 17th, our Chapter gave a complimentary farewell banquet to Bro. C. A. Miller, '78, mentioned in the last number of the SHIELD. He has been a devoted member of our Chapter for over seven years, and now begins life anew in the far West.

The banquet was given at the Budd House in Col. Clark's best style. After complete justice had been done to substantialists the following toasts were responded to with a spirit peculiar only to *Φ. Ψ.*'s, "*Φ. Κ. Ψ.*" Bro. Curry, "Chris. Miller," Bro. A. L. Bates, "Budd House," W. P. Grant (not U. S.), "The Ladies," Bro. Black, showing he knew all about the subject. "Recollections of *Φ. Ψ.*," Bro. C. A. Miller, full of good wishes to "Betas" prosperity and regret that he was to leave her. Expressions of kind regards and hopes for future success in his western life were tendered our Bro. by the Chapter. At a late hour we dispersed with a hearty cheer for Chris. Miller and the Beta Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi.

Yours in the bond,

Allegheny College.

W. P. G.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., *November 9th*, 1881.

DEAR BROTHERS OF THE SHIELD:

Some one in your last number inquires for Michigan Alpha, and we can assure you we are not only alive but flourishing.

We have no hesitation in saying that we enter upon the present year on a firmer basis and with brighter prospects than ever before in the history of the Chapter.

The Phi Psis in town number twenty. Our literary students occupy a new house only one block from the University, and here are the Fraternity headquarters. Let no Phi Psi pass through Ann Arbor without giving us a call at No. 21 Maynard Street.

Of the professional brothers, the Law Department claims six, Medical four and Pharmacy one. Among our foreign brothers who are with us this year for the first we would mention Brother Frank L. Webster, of Kansas Alpha, who enters the junior literary class, Brothers Tieste and Cooper, of Pennsylvania Beta, Brother Edwards, of Indiana Beta, and Brother Davis, of Ohio Delta.

Brother Hill, literary '81, is still with us and is taking the law course in the University. The three remaining '81 brothers, Cole, Pelham and Buchanan, are all teaching in Michigan, at Lyons, Michigamme and Douglas, respectively.

We should be glad to hear from other Chapters with regard to their literary exercises. The paper has proved, with us, the most successful form of such exercise. And we cannot refrain from mentioning the brilliant success of the poetical department, under the management of Brothers "Jack" and "Twitch." But let us hear from some of you, what forms of literary programme succeed best.

We take a deep interest in *THE SHIELD*; have preserved, in the Chapter archives, a complete file, dating from the first number, and regard the paper as one of the most important helps toward binding together the various Chapters. It serves to inform all members, not only of the welfare of individual brothers, but provides us with what we can obtain in no other way, namely, a general and constant view of the progress of the Fraternity, the purposes and every-day life of the various Chapters and the contemporary history of other Fraternities.

Yours in $\Phi. \Psi.$,

University of Michigan.

F. G. C.

PENN'A. THETA.

EASTON, Nov. 11th, 1881.

EDITORS OF SHIELD:

Compelled by command of the chapter, it becomes our part to let the readers of the SHIELD know of Theta's doings, to discuss what pertains to the interest of the Fraternity, and to express opinions without fear, irrespective of the Chapter's views. And first, let all know that she is alive and although it must be confessed that last year she was derelict in duty, yet she hopes in some measure to atone for her sloth and seeming indifference, by sending monthly communications with substantial material aid: however, if Theta has thus neglected her privileges, yet steadily she makes a record at Lafayette. Last year she took her usual honor man and three speakers from six brothers, who are now engaged in pursuing professional studies and in business life. We felt keenly the loss of these brothers, who contributed so much to the prosperity and high standing of our Chapter; now we number nineteen—three Seniors, eight Juniors, five Sophomores, three Freshmen. We feel proud of our Freshmen, who stand high both in scholarship and influence among their classmates. Besides, it should be mentioned how hospitable our "boys" can be—that is at the Fraternity Club. Your correspondent who lives in town, was taking supper with the club the other evening, and really the way the fishballs were heaped up on his plate, suggested the probable appearance of Neptune's plate, and certainly argued a hearty reception to any brother who may *chance* to stray hither. Enough of this.

Would it not be well for the prosperity of THE SHIELD and the Fraternity at large, if reminiscences and communications from elder brothers were to appear more frequently in the columns of THE SHIELD. Surely, all must have read with pleasure and profit the reminiscences that were published last year. Furthermore, could not a great interest be aroused and much useful knowledge imparted with practical benefit to the Fraternity, if older brothers and active undergraduates could

be induced to contribute short articles on Fraternity aims and principles? Certainly. Fraternity exercises the widest kind of influence on the collegian: his associates, his friends are in his Fraternity, and his modes of thought, self-knowledge, accuracy of mind, habits of strong intellectual exertion, and hence his pursuit in life and future influence depend in a very great degree upon the character of his friends, and, therefore, upon the Fraternity, as it is the means of forming his Friendship. Let us then have this topic—aims and principles of Fraternities—ventilated. But grim duty calls:

Farewell, happy fields
Where joy forever reigns? Hail, horrors, hail,
Infernal world.

Lafayette College.

R. W. M.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

LANCASTER, PA., Nov. 15th, 1881.

DEAR BROTHERS:

Pa. Eta sends greeting to all, and is happy to report steady progress. Her members are harmonious and enthusiastic for the cause, and her prospects are as encouraging as could be desired.

Since our last letter we have made some additions that have considerably swelled our ranks. Bro. Frank Shroeder, who was compelled to quit college in '78 on account of his eye-sight, has returned, and is now active again. Bro. Billy Brown, formerly of Gettysburg and a member of Epsilon, but now living in Lancaster, has entered the junior class of F. and M., and will, we trust, soon become an Eta man by transfer. Besides these we have initiated three "worthies" from Frederick City, Md., somewhat to the chagrin of some of our rivals. Two are twin brothers, so nearly alike that we have hardly learned to distinguish them apart, even after two months' acquaintance. John and Ed. Goldsborough and Richard H. Dutroe, "Dick" for short, make up this trio.

All the boys are highly pleased and proud of **THE SHIELD** in its new form. The second number was eagerly read. Its delay seemed to sharpen their appetites for Phi Psi news, so that its contents scarce sated them. Pa. Eta wishes true success to **THE SHIELD**, and means what she says. Long since, after due consideration, she decided that a paper of this kind is to the best interests of the Fraternity, and resolved then to give it her true support. More than doubly has she been repaid for what she has done to aid it, as will every one who reads its monthly numbers and has at heart the welfare of Phi Psi.

The Eta boys who lately spent several days with the brothers in Philadelphia are still talking of their trip. We take this opportunity to invite the brothers to return the visit soon. Yours truly in Phi Psi. H. S. B.

Franklin and Marshall College.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

MADISON, WIS., *Nov. 16th, 1881.*

EDITOR OF **SHIELD**:

DEAR BRO.—I believe it is some time since you have heard from Wisconsin Alpha, either officially or privately. I see in looking over the last number of **THE SHIELD** that Illinois Beta has heard that we of Wisconsin Alpha are to be more active in the matter of correspondence this year, and to verify the truth of the statement, I take it upon myself to start the ball rolling, although I am not properly the one to represent the society in this direction. I hope the boys will excuse the liberty I am taking.

I was very much pleased with the October number of **THE SHIELD**, and hope it may grow in size and prosperity. I fully realize the situation, however, and know from a little experience that a paper cannot succeed without help in the shape of subscriptions and contributions of a literary character. I wish more of our boys would look at it in this light, and I will endeavor to do my best to awaken them to the fact,

that in proportion as we help THE SHIELD it will in turn help itself and each of us individually. I hardly think it is necessary to give the *status* of our Chapter. We have eighteen, live, enthusiastic men, all holding very prominent positions in college circles and politics. We have a controlling interest in both college papers, etc., all of which goes to show that the Phi Psis of Wisconsin Alpha are just as energetic and come to the front in as good shape as Phi Psis do the world over.

We have plenty of opposition here in the *X. Ψ's.* and *B. Θ. Π's.*, but have never failed to lead the van and make it doubly interesting for them.

The *X. Ψ's.*, who are young here but quite lively, claiming this as their third best Chapter, I believe, have this year imitated the scheme of older eastern Chapters of having a Chapter house, with this difference, that they have rented a moderate sized house instead of building one themselves. The scheme is a new one here and I cannot deny but that they show quite a degree of enterprise in trying it. I feel certain, however, that it is a little premature and presumptuous on their part, and don't think they can retain it.

We western Chapters as a rule are not old enough, have not alumni enough, and are not sufficiently wealthy individually to entertain such projects for some time to come, though I earnestly hope and am sanguine that some day Wisconsin Alpha will be proud to say that she has as neat a Chapter house as there is in the west.

Another thing that particularly pleased me was in reading the communication from Penna. Gamma, to find such a good word spoken for an old friend of mine, Prof. W. E. Bartol.

Once upon a time before I ever dreamed of going to college, I had the good fortune to have Prof. Bartol as an instructor, and a finer man and better teacher I never have had. Anything that Penna. Gamma may say in his favor I can substantiate.

I should think that Ohio Alpha would take the opportunity to nail that slander of "The Phi Gamma Delta" on the spot.

Well, I am afraid that I have already taken up too much time and space. Enclosed find subscription for THE SHIELD for coming year. Another of our boys has just concluded to do likewise.

I think it very essential that $\phi. K. \psi.$ be well represented in the new fraternity book, therefore consider E. S. Moe and E. B. Priest as two of that fifty. Please send our names to Mr. Baird. With best wishes for your success,

I am yours in $\phi. K. \psi.$

State University.

E. S. M.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

EVANSTON, ILLS., Nov. 21, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:—The long silence of Illinois Alpha has not been ominous of misfortune or disaster, and the no-news has been good news. Last scholastic year closed successfully and auspiciously with us. Our sum total of prizes won last year exceeds that of any other fraternity here. The "Mann" first prize in declamation, the "Kedzie Essay Prize" and two of the "Deering Essay Prizes" were gathered in by the brethren.

We had our choice of men in '85, and modestly took five—four of whom were elected to speak on "Preparatory Commencement Exhibition." The four ladies who participated in the exercises loyally wore the shield—such were "the infants."

Our slate is this: Chas. E. Piper, '82, Chicago; Frank W. Merrell, '82, Paw Paw, Ills.; R. W. Temple, '83, Buckley, Ills.; A. R. Solenberger, '83, Polo, Ills.; W. E. Wilkinson, '83, Plattville, Ills.; Chas. Horswell, '84, Armstrong Grove, Iowa; W. H. Crawford, '85, Wilton Centre, Ills.; G. C. Mars, '85, Galena, Ills.; Rush McNair, '85, Blackberry Station, Ills.

Brothers G. H. Horswell, '79, a member of the Preparatory Faculty; Brushingham, Matlack and Lacy, '81, in the

Garrett Biblical Institute—the theological department of our university—meet with us frequently in the hall and keep themselves ablaze with $\phi. \psi.$ enthusiasm. Since the year began we have lost John N. Hall, '83, who was compelled to return to his home, Mankato, Minn., by reason of ill-health, and Arthur C. Axtell, Kankakee, Ills., who was called home by an unfortunate combination of circumstances. The former we expect back as soon as recovered, and the latter will surely enter freshman next fall. Brother Axtell is the “worthy son of a noble sire,” Rev. Dr. Axtell, $\phi. \psi.$, Penn. B. Also for '86, we have Ed. A. Schell, Steele City, Neb., one of our last commencement infants, who has laid aside his books for a year to engage in business; and thirdly, our wee infant, Stuart P. Edmondson, Sumner, Ills., initiated just a few days ago. Bro. Edmondson is a matriculated freshman, but has accepted the pastorate of a Prophetstown, Ills., congregation for the ensuing year and so will not enter school until fall.

Rev. Joseph Cummings, D.D., LL.D., ex-president of Wesleyan University, is our new president, and Northwestern University is advancing with long and rapid strides.

The freshman class, in College of Literature and Science, numbers over seventy, and the whole number of students in the university will not fall far short of a round thousand this year. Prosperity for N. W. U. means prosperity for Ills. A.

We require a high standard of excellence from all candidates for a ride on our goat, as our aim is not quantity but quality.

Nearly all the boys are doing work outside of school duties, and are a hard-working generation.

Bro. Merrell is No. 1 on the Life Saving Crew, a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Quartett, and anon rocks the cradle in which lieth the year old acme of all his “hopes for future years.” Piper “runs” the largest “club” in town, is No. 2 on Life Saving Crew, is Evanston correspondent to the Chicago *Inter-Ocean*, has just received an appointment to do night work in the Chicago post-office, teaches classes in elocution, is president of Hinman Literary Society, one of the

business managers of the College Journal, makes political speeches, and keeps up a lively correspondence with a select Iowa maiden. Temple does work for the W. U. Telegraph Company. Solenberger provides excellent hash for the "Clark Street Club." Wilkinson is working up the prize debate for the "Gage Contest," and is trying to bend the mind of his *A. Y.* chum in the way it should shoot. Chas. Horswell "assists" in the university library and tutors "townies." Crawford is business manager of the college paper. Mars upholds the dignity of the freshman presidency, and McNair has charge of the university department of *The Evanston Index*.

We are contemplating several improvements in our hall, and before next commencement we expect to have the best furnished hall of any of the frats. here

The evening of Nov. 18th was an event in our annals, for at that time the venerated *Φ. Ψ.* brother, Rev. Dr. Willits, of Philadelphia, opened the senior course with his lecture on "Sunshine." Nothing but the highest praise is heard for the Doctor's effort, and in the opinion of many students and citizens it was the best lecture ever delivered in Evanston.

The Doctor honored us by accepting the banquet we tendered him. We were further honored by the presence of Rev. Dr. R. M. Hatfield, well known to the theological brothers from his connexion with the Thomas heresy trial, by brothers Stone, Weinschenck and Topping, Ills. B., and Munson and Durborow, Ind. B. The banquet only lacked the presence of the *Φ. Ψ.* ladies to make it a veritable Ills. A. symposium. Bro. Merrell responded to the toast, "Our Guest." McNair, Ills. A.; E. T. Stone, Ills. B.; L. Munson, Ind. B.; Edmondson, "Our Baby;" Piper, "Our Fraternity;" Dr. Hatfield, "Our University," and Dr. Willits in an eloquent address, lofty in thought, full of good counsel, interspersed with happy allusions, gave expression to the love he bore the common brotherhood and his faith in the principles of *Φ. Κ. Ψ.*

I would wish to tell you of the other frats. here, especially of "fair *A. Φ.*," and of other nice things, but already I have

more than our space spoken for and even fear lest the brothers should begin to entertain a desire to “*jam me,*” as an old Roman said, for my garrulity. But—more anon.

Ever in ψ . Ψ .

Northwestern University.

DONEC, '85.

PENNSYLVANIA KAPPA.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25th, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:

In response to an order from your editor, which cannot be disobeyed, we will give a few words in reference to our Graduate Chapter, and its last and most successful grind on the 27th ultimo. It should have properly been held on the third Monday, but was postponed in order to gather in our dear Bro. “Bob,” of the *Burlington Hawkeye*. When the Iota boys heard of it they immediately asked to be allowed to join in the festivities, so they did; and then came word that three or four of the Eta boys were coming down; and then arrived Bro. Meeser, of Pa. Gamma.

The lecture was, of course, immense, filled with “advice” not only to “young men,” but to old ones, and afterwards “Bob” was taken in hand by an admiring gang of brothers and escorted to the Pa. Iota rooms, where a few moments were spent in chat, and then the gang wended its way to Finelli’s, where, to the number of fifty, they lined the two sides of a long table, headed by Bro. S. P. Sadtler, of Pa. E.

A considerable time was occupied in clearing the dishes, and there was very little noise save that of knives and forks, with the occasional pop of a *soda-water* cork; and then Bro. Sadtler called upon the guest of the evening, who made a—well, a *Bob* speech, to coin a new adjective, the force of which needs no explanation. Then Bro. Lobingier, Va. Δ , '69, gave us a stirring speech, whose only fault was that it was too short. Bro. Fox, Pa. Iota, '81, made some remarks on the Phi Psi in foreign lands, but was, we are sorry to say, griev-

ously interrupted in his effort by his *disorderly* class-mates, Schelling, Gross and Barnhurst.

Bro. "Chiner" Elwell was forced to give us "Barbara Frishie *mit out some fear*" and the "*Muel*," and then after some singing the majority of the "boys" left; while a small company of five adjourned to a down-stairs room, where they stayed till nearly 3 A.M.

We hope very soon to be able to chronicle some more serious work on the part of Pa. Kappa, knowing the material of which she is composed. Yours in the bonds,

S. D. L.

OHIO GAMMA.

WOOSTER, OHIO, *Nov. 26th*, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:

The November number of THE SHIELD lies before us, and as you wish all communications to be in by the first of the month, we make haste to respond.

This term we have taken into the Fraternity three men, viz.: Bro. S. E. Smith, '84, Lebanon, O.; Bro. K. A. Flickinger, '86, Defiance, O.; Bro. W. M. Gallagher, '85, Hollidaysburg, Penn. Our boys are working very well this term, and so far have had admirable success.

Nov. 18th, Irving elected her men for the contest, and the *Φ. Κ. Ψ.* Fraternity obtained four out of six officers.

Bro. Lowry was elected orator of Irving; Bro. Smith essayist; Bro. Douthett, declaimer.

For the entertainment in June, Bro. Niles was elected first orator.

It is with pride that we will always look back to Thanksgiving eve.

The company here of the 8th regiment gave an exhibition drill, after which a competitive drill of the non-commissioned officers. Out of nine contestants a *Φ. Ψ.*, Bro. Clemens, '79, came off victorious, and is now able to present to his fair one a fine gold medal.

Bros. Niles and Lowry, "our seniors," left us last Tuesday to spend their short vacation at the palatial residence of the former, so they "told us," but lo! what's this! a letter from Oberlin comes to your correspondent, wanting to know who these fly gentlemen are. We informed that person that they are of the elite of Wooster society. We expect our dear brothers home next Monday.

Bros. Kemper, McDonald and Gallagher spent Thanksgiving in Canton, O., "at the request of some lady friends." Thanks brothers, that you left us the privilege of having *one* full meal in your absence.

Bro. O. E. Johnston put in an appearance in Wooster on turkey day. We are always glad to see the genial face of Johnnie.

If any of our brothers of sister Chapters would take the trouble to surprise us by paying a visit to Ohio Gamma, we would astonish them by the amount of literary work that is done in our Chapter, and we will guarantee them an enjoyable time.

I would like to say to Illinois Beta that, although Wooster is by far the smaller city, the expenses of $\phi. \psi.$ are not less here, "this year," than they are in Illinois Beta. We have refurnished our hall and thus have drained the pockets of our $\phi. \psi.$'s, but ere many days we hope to send in to THE SHIELD about eleven dollars.

Bro. Sigenthaler is clerking in his father's store. We expect Ed. will soon be taken in as a partner. Success to Ed.

In the State Oratorical Contest, the $\phi. \psi.$'s expect to have a man that will carry off the prize. Whatever man Wooster sends to Delaware will at least not lack for company, for after canvassing the $\phi. \psi.$ brothers here, we have found eleven men who will take through tickets to Delaware.

It is the sincere wish of Ohio Gamma that she may hold a fraternal correspondence with some of our sister Chapters, and they will confer a great favor by addressing the B. G. or the writer. I will close.

Resp'y yours in $\phi. \psi.$,
University of Wooster.

J. C. P.

INDIANA ALPHA.

GREENCASTLE, IND., Nov. 28th, 1881.

BRO. EDITOR:

At present I am feeling supremely happy. We have just recovered from a banquet, which was the event of the season. When we were at Bloomington last September some of the boys promised to visit us Thanksgiving. So we resolved to try to show them our gratitude for their kindness to us, and arranged for a banquet Thanksgiving evening. Everything worked to a charm. Thursday afternoon, the 24th, ten fine looking $\Phi. \Psi$'s of I. S. U. arrived, and we felt proud of them as we marched through the town. The afternoon was spent in forming acquaintance. At about eight we began to collect with the beauty and talent of the young ladies of Greencastle in the parlors of Geo. J. Langsdale, editor of the *Greencastle Banner*. The rooms were handsomely decorated with vines, wreaths and flowers and a beautiful Phi Psi badge, about 18 inches in diameter, beneath a bow of the beloved pink and lavender, was prominent upon the wall. The rooms were somewhat crowded, yet, owing to the noted good nature and sociability of our boys, a most enjoyable time was experienced till ten, when we began to leave for the restaurant, where was found one of the most elegant and luxurious suppers ever served in this city. To describe it would be impossible. The guests, about 80 in number, filled two long tables. After raging hunger had been taken away, Bro. Post, professor of Latin, I. A. U., proceeded to announce the toasts. The first, "Fraternity," was responded to by Bro. Emison in one of his best strains. The next was "Individuality," by Bro. Marble. Then came "The Bloomington Boys," by Bro. Pruitt, answered by Bro. Robinson, of Bloomington. Then "Woman," by Bro. Shannon, which showed that he fully appreciated his subject, and loved to dwell upon it. But the turkey, that emblem of good feeling, was not omitted, and its case was carefully handled by Bro. Hendee.

Then we adjourned to the hall. There Bro. Cook delivered

an eloquent welcome address to our invited guests, after which ensued one of the grandest times Alpha ever enjoyed with her friends. Everybody was at his best. The ladies in their beautiful dresses and sweet smiles, were most captivating. Everybody forgot the past, and let the future take care of itself. *Then* was the important time, and merriment, jollity, rollicking fun and pleasure reigned till half-past two, Friday morning. It was a glorious time. Nothing ever before was like it.

Friday and Saturday were spent in calling, and Saturday afternoon the last of the noble boys from I. S. U. left us. Bro. Buskirk, one of their number, the "Liliputian," weighs 230 pounds, and is 19 years old and a Sophomore. He is immense! Words will not do him justice. Bro. Bowser is a case. He is tall, wears a Roman nose, and resolutely refuses to allow a heavy (?) moustache to grow. His forte is hard study. Bro. Egner is his twin brother. They are remarkably (?) alike. Bro. Egner is a young ladies man, dapper and fastidious. Each hair must be in its place or he feels a deep unrest. Bros. Adams and Kidder are "mashers." One glance from their burning eyes will melt the coldest heart. They are real handsome, especially Adams, who has a beautiful moustache. Bros. Parker and Rogers are a couple of solid men. Quiet, non-talkative, and dignified, they represent the conservative element. They don't go much in society, but find their chiefest pleasure in their books.

Sam Smith and Charley Smith are *cute* little fellows; with the exception of their monotonous names, no defect can be found in them; *modest, retiring*, kind, generous, self-sacrificing they are *model* students, and undoubtedly they are the examples followed by their friends. Bro. Terhune is too deeply interested in the girls; he has too much heart; a smile attracts him; a word draws him close; a touch of the hand and he is fastened. But he is a sort of a flirt and none get the best of him.

November 24th, 1881, will long be remembered. Then Alpha and Beta first felt the mutual fraternal love almost as

members of the same Chapter. Indiana Beta is ever welcome to our hall, and will never come but she will be met with extended arms and greetings of love. But enough of the banquet.

Last Thursday night, November 22d, Frank Carpenter, of Warsaw, was initiated, making five boys from that place in our Chapter now. Two of our lady friends sent up cakes, rich, beautiful and luscious. One was a first attempt, and that it should be consecrated to Phi Psi gives us pride. Bro. Walter Furgeson, Rockville, formerly of '84, attended the banquet.

Bro. Chas. Thompson, '82, has returned to college.

What about those committees on correspondence that were started last year? I would like to hear something in regard to them.

The Chapters in this State are all on one railroad, the distance from Beta to Alpha being forty miles, and from Alpha to Gamma twenty-five miles. Yet we never hear from Gamma. She seems to consider herself too pure to be placed in contact with us. We never have a visitor from there. It is a kind of "terra incognita" as far as we are concerned. It seems to me that when we are so near together and facilities of communication are so great, the three Chapters should be almost as united as one Chapter and as well acquainted.

As ever yours in the triple bonds,

VIRGIL.

Indiana Asbury University.

MARYLAND ALPHA.

MESSRS. EDITORS:

A note from an esteemed brother of Pennsylvania has strengthened a more than half formed resolution to communicate with our sister Chapters through the medium of THE SHIELD. But first allow us to extend our congratulations on the improved appearance of your paper, which is an evidence of the growth and prosperity, not only of THE SHIELD, but of the Fraternity at large.

During the current year we have initiated eight new members, all of whom bid fair to become an honor to $\Phi. \Psi.$ in general and Maryland Alpha in particular. Their names and residences are as follows:

W. K. Cromwell,	Baltimore.
B. B. Gordon,	“
W. L. Glenn,	“
P. M. Prescott,	Chicago.
T. H. Randall,	Annapolis.
Geo. D. Penniman,	Baltimore.
W. J. Guard,	“
R. A. Liebig,	“

This makes about twenty-two members initiated since 1879, when the Chapter was established, and considering its youth this is not a bad showing. We would not be so much elated if we had mere numbers to boast of, but the “boys” are the pick of the ’varsity, and pull admirably together.

A foot-ball club has lately been organized here, and deserves mention as being the first effort in the direction of physical culture since the foundation of the J. H. U. Of course the $\Phi. \Psi.$'s are taking an active part.

In your last number, “Tim,” writing from Illinois Beta, gives us a sly poke in a very vulnerable rib, viz., our bank account. We pity Illinois Beta if she does not require more money to run her than Maryland Alpha, which at present is conducted on the most economical principles. One enthusiastic individual did make a little speech the other night, in which the words “banquet,” “champagne,” “terrapins,” “canvas-backs,” etc., might be distinguished, but as our treasurer, whose office, by the way, is almost a sinecure, had his say on the subject, the aforesaid E. I. hid his diminished head and the idea was ingloriously abandoned.

Bro. E. J. Farber has been elected to the State Legislature, and promises to become an useful as well as an ornamental member of that body.

Bro. Alex. Brown is the M. F. H. of the Elkridge Fox Hunting Club, and renews the pleasant recollections of his college days on his polo “pony.”

And now, Messrs. Editors, I fear that I have already taxed the columns of THE SHIELD to an unwarrantable degree, and must therefore bring my pen to a standstill.

Yours in $\Phi. \Psi.$

D. S. G.

Johns Hopkins University.

THE GROWLER'S DEN.

December 1st, 1881.

DEAR BRO. EDITOR :

The Growler is afflicted with a chronic disease known unprofessionally as a "nagging tongue." Perhaps, we should designate this disease as *periodic* rather than *chronic*, since the outbreak of it is generally preceded by longer or shorter intervals, during which the mind keeps up "a devil of a thinking," which intervals might be called "periods of incubation."

The brethren will please excuse medical terms.

This time we growl at "them durn literary fellers." We constantly read in the letters from some of the Chapters of the literary work done by them in the Chapter meetings, of essays, debates, orations, and regular literary exercises. As long as this continues it will be hard to disabuse the mind of the Fraternity world of an impression that has somehow got abroad that we are a literary society. Be it emphatically understood *now* and *henceforth*, that we *are not, never were, and never will be*. But that we are exactly what our honored founders intended us to be, a *purely social institution*. The idea of a literary society was as far from the minds of our founders, when they laid the foundation of this social fabric, as the north pole is from the south.

Every college of good standing provides in its curriculum and in its literary societies all the necessary advantages for literary work. These advantages if followed up will give us that preeminence in literary culture which we should strive to obtain.

The one night in the week devoted to Fraternity meeting should be a relief from all college or literary work, and should be given strictly to the interests of the Fraternity and the enjoyment of the privileges. It is certainly not too much time to devote to the discussion of Fraternity topics.

A band of congenial spirits can profitably spend one evening a week in the cause of Phi Psi, in discussing her interests, in singing those *booming* songs commemorative of her worth, and in social chats.

Oh, those halcyon Fraternity days! when with royal sons of Phi Psi we surrounded her altar, and gave vent to our enthusiasm in hot discussions of her future plans and prospects, in almost splitting our throats "in singing her glories," and then quietly sitting down and reviewing the past, telling stories, cracking jokes, and all the time loving one another like birds in mating season. Give me those days ten times over in preference to all the musty literary discussions wise men can invent.

I believe I am only acting as mouthpiece for a large majority, when I say that we do not care to hear anymore about these literary exercises, least of all through the columns of THE SHIELD.

Mr. W. Raimond Baird, in his little work on "American College Fraternities," says that our exercises are principally of a literary character.

With all deference to that gentleman, that assertion is not true. He has, or had at that time, a wrong impression of our Fraternity, and undoubtedly received it through just such letters as we have been reading in THE SHIELD.

Let our Chapters honestly and fairly do their literary work in college and they will find no occasion to drag it into their Chapter meetings. And in all conscience let us have a rest on the literary business in THE SHIELD letters.

Yours Phiternally,

"GROWLER."

PERSONALIA ET CÆTERA.

A brother in Illinois Alpha facetiously suggests that the above heading be made to read "Pennsylvania Et Cætera."

BRO. E. C. Hornor, Va. A., is in a bank in Helena, Arkansas.

BRO. Rev. J. F. Thorne, '72, Ill. Gamma, is preaching at Winfield, Iowa.

BRO. Rev. Geo. S. Miner, Penna. B., '80, is now stationed at Plumb Creek, Neb.

BRO. D. B. Heiner, '79, Penna. B., has been admitted to the bar at Kittanning, Pa.

BRO. W. M. Beyer, '80, Penna. B., is laying in a stock of law knowledge at Tyrone, Pa.

BRO. Henry C. Thompson, Jr., '83, Penna. Iota, has just been elected president of his class.

BRO. A. W. Kahl, Penna. B., is teaching school and reading medicine at Renn Farm, near Oil City.

BRO. A. M. Shellito, '79, Penna. B., is engaged in business, and when last heard from was at Postville, Ia.

BRO. R. H. Dabney, M.A., Virginia Alpha, '78, is engaged in instructing the youth of New York City.

BRO. J. W. McKinley, '79, Mich. A., has been admitted to the bar of Lawrence county, at New Castle, Penna.

BRO. Samuel Martin, Penna. Θ., '77, has received a unanimous call to the Presbyterian Church at Annapolis, Md.

BRO. J. H. Shakspeare, Penna. Z., '67, will take unto himself a better-half on the 14th of December. Good luck to you, Bro. J.

PENNA. B.'s Baptist brother, Rev. Geo. Whitman, has been appointed by his church as agent for educational fund in western Penna.

BRO. A. N. Craft, D.D., Penna. B., '61, visited Meadville a few weeks ago and preached, morning and evening, in the First M. E. Church.

BRO. J. P. Blair, M.A. of Virginia A., '75, is now professor in academic department of Louisiana State University, at New Orleans.

BROS. C. C. Henshen, Penna. θ., '76, and W. G. Wells, θ., '80, form the professorial corps at Tremont Seminary, Norristown, this year.

BRO. T. Woodrow Wilson, '79, Princeton, and afterwards of Va. A., will commence the practice of law, the first of next year, in Atlanta, Ga.

THE name of W. H. Jordan, ex '81, Ills. A., appears among the list of instructors in the catalogue of Simpson Centenary College, Indianola, Iowa.

BRO. Huffman, one of Penna. B.'s most active members, has been off duty for several weeks on account of sickness. We hope soon to see him in his accustomed place.

WE hear that Bro. A. L. Coulter, Penna. B., '80, after finishing the lectures at Cleveland, this winter, will begin the practice of medicine in Meadville, Pa., as a partner of Dr. Lashell.

BRO. Robert Baird, Ills. A., '69, and Chas. W. Pearson, Ills. A., '71, were elected to the professorships of Greek and English literature and history, respectively, in the Northwestern University.

BRO. C. C. Bragdon, A.M., Ills. Alpha, '72, principal of La Salle Female Academy, Auburndale, Mass., recently, accompanied by Mrs. Bragdon, made a short visit upon his alma mater and relatives at Evanston, Ills.

Two old college chums — Bros. M. D. Learned, Pennsylvania Zeta, '80, and J. H. Caldwell, Pennsylvania Zeta, '80, — now hold positions in Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport. Bro. A. E. Colegrove, Pennsylvania Beta, '80, teaches in the same school.

BRO. Rev. W. P. Kane, founder of Ills. Gamma (Monmouth College), has been appointed, among others, by the General Assembly of the U. P. Church, to prepare a book on the "International S. S. Lessons" for the use of S. S. teachers in that denomination.

BRO. L. F. Springer, Penna. *θ.*, '73, left his lucrative law practice in Independence, Iowa, for a short time this summer and spent his vacation among his Pennsylvania Fraters in Norristown and elsewhere. He reports Bros. Bruckart and Wilson, of Independence, as at the top in law and "medicine" there.

BRO. Rev. John Ellis, Ills. Alpha, '67, Hinsdale, Ills., is president of the alumni association of N. W. U. Bro. Chas. K. Bannister, Ills. A., '69, Evanston, Ills., one of Uncle Sam's Int. Rev. officials, is the treasurer of the association, and Bro. Geo. H. Horswell, Ills. A., '79, instructor in N. W. U., is one of the executive committee.

BRO. Wilber J. Andrews, 'ex '82, Ills. Alpha, submitted to the inevitable last August 17th at Evanston, Ills. The new Phi Psi was Miss Ada Redfield. Bros. C. E. Piper and J. N. Hall were the groomsmen, and other members of Ills. Alpha were present. An elegant parlor-chair was the gift of Ills. Alpha. Bro. Andrews will enter the Union Law School, Chicago, and also will complete his regular college course in '85.

BRO. John P. Brushingham, '81, Ills. A., recently made a journey to Olean, N. Y., and there "swore his hand." The young benedict has found a cosy home at Ravenswood, Ills., one of the suburbs of Chicago, where he is the pastor of a flourishing M. E. flock. He daily goes up to Evanston to attend recitations in the theological school. The people of Bro. Brushingham's church received him on his return from his successful matrimonial venture, and the members of Ills. A. and their lady friends came down from Evanston to assist, and among the gifts was a set of silver cups and saucers from his old fraters.

BRO. Edward Lamay Parks, A.M., D.D., Ills. Alpha, '73, president of Simpson Centenary College, Indianola, Iowa, by his vigorous measures has raised the debt which has for several years been crippling that institution. During the two years' presidency of Bro. Parks the number of students has increased at the rate of over twenty-five per cent. each year, and Simpson Centenary is now recognized as one of the first colleges in Iowa. There are a number of Phi Psi boys at S. C. C. who are working hard to secure a charter. Bro. Piper, Ills. Alpha, recently spent a number of days at Indianola, became acquainted with these boys, and, as he considers them the best Fraternity men in the college, sympathizes with them in their efforts.

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CHAUTAQUA REUNION COMMITTEE FOR 1882.

ROBERT J. MURRAY, D. C. Alpha, '68, Washington, D. C.;
Daniel C. List, Ohio Gamma, '76, Wheeling, W. Va.; R. D.
Hoskins, Pa. Beta, '81, Tionesta, Pa.

EDITORIAL.

IN this number we follow out a hint given by one of our correspondents and clean out our letter-box with the exception of our communication from Mississippi Alpha, which we do not use, having another letter from them already in type. So then brothers will please take notice and send us letters by the 1st proximo for the next number. By the way what has become of California Alpha? We have not heard a word from them this year. What is the matter Bro. Breyfogle? Please notify us of any changes in the list of corresponding secretaries.

WE suppose it may cause a good deal of surprise in our brothers to see the number of criticisms made by Chapter correspondents and magazine editors in reference to some of our Chapters, which we publish in this number, and so we feel that a few words in explanation may not be out of place. Our reasons were two-fold: 1. To let our brothers know how they are viewed by their fellow-students, members of rival

Fraternities, in order that if the criticisms were justified by the facts our brothers might set to work to remedy the defects, and if unjustified they might be on their guard against those who were maligning them. 2. In the hope that the editors of our cotemporaries will follow us in a step which we will now take, *i. e.*, we hereby give notice that hereafter any hostile criticism of a Chapter of a rival Fraternity will be rigorously excluded, unless accompanied by legal proof.

WE have received from Bro. Murray, of the G. C., a statement of the establishment of Wisconsin Gamma at Beloit, Wisconsin, with the following founders and members:

C. D. VAN WIE, } Wisconsin Alpha.
 FRED. J. TURNER, }

Edward M. Bergen, '82; Rufus G. Collins, '82; Walter F. Cooling, '82; Edward D. Howe, '83; Willis P. Cleveland, '84; Fred. E. Holmes, '84; Edwin J. Smith, '84; Frank Dunshee, '85, and John H. Knapp, '85.

We welcome this "little stranger" with great joy, and trust that she may develop as great strength and beauty as any of her older sisters.

WE have received one communication, written before the writer had read the note of our dear "Growler" printed in the last number, and which, for reasons the author will very well understand, we cannot publish, without either, on the one hand, cutting it all to pieces, or on the other, appending such editorial comments as might not be agreeable either to the writer or his Chapter. Try again, but don't do it in that way any more; we would remind this correspondent that while *THE SHIELD* *might* be made more interesting to him and his Chapter by devoting a large part of its space to the publication of prize essays and speeches, etc., it would not be to the vast majority of its readers, and further, that the editors started with the idea of making it a *Fraternity Magazine* and not a *literary* one, just as we hold that our Fraternity is in no sense a "Literary" Society.

WE are sorry to say that the brothers, or at least some of them, don't seem to pay much attention to our past editorials; in vol. III, No. 2, we made the request that postal orders should be made to order of Otis H. Kendall (3826 Locust street) Station "B," West Philadelphia, and yet at least one was sent to Bro. Smith (how happy we should be if he were only editor still!) and one to the Globe Printing House. Of course this seems a small matter, but when the brothers realize that it means going twice or three times a distance of from four to five miles, besides involving considerable waste of time, they will not wonder at our speaking of it now. And while we have our hand in on the money question we may as well state that the change in form of *THE SHIELD* involves an additional expense of about two-thirds; that we have received substantial aid from but ten of our Chapters (very small from three or four of them), and that quite a large number of our Alumni have failed to send in their subscriptions.

WE print below a communication from the Chautauqua Reunion Committee, to which we wish to call the especial attention of the brothers, as it would be a great shame for us to have a less successful reunion this year than last.

CHAUTAUQUA REUNION 1882.

The committee having the reunion in charge for this year are making every effort to make it a grander success than last year's.

Our noble founder, Judge C. P. T. Moore has promised to be with us again and bring his family. Dr. Willits will also be there, and the committee are endeavoring (with strong hopes of success) to have Bob Burdette with us.

The committee wish every Chapter to be represented, and trust our Southern brothers and those from the West will put in an appearance this year. Those who were present last year will not miss the opportunity of again meeting so many brothers and learning what a pleasure it is to be among brethren united by the ties of Phi Kappa Psi. In the next

number of the SHIELD the committee will submit some remarks on the coming reunion. In the meanwhile let every Chapter and every member strive to be on hand next August at Chautauqua and we feel assured they will not regret the effort.

Keep the reunion on the *boom*.

Yours, etc.,

R. J. M.

PENNA. GAMMA.

LEWISBURGH, Nov. 30th, 1881.

BRO. EDITOR :

I want to first thank you for the kind reception extended to our Chapter through that stray visitor in Philadelphia, on October 27th. Perhaps that "stray visitor" owes an apology for sudden exit on that evening, but oh! you are such *awful bad boys*, he could not stand it. We had a splendid meeting the other night, the best we have ever had, and we all feel like double $\Phi. \Psi$'s now. "Dumrix" told us he loved all the boys and their — younger sisters; he has a glowing heart, big enough to take in the boys and their families. We elected two new men, and no men we have ever so heartily received; both fine fellows. The freshman class this year hasn't much valuable stuff so we must wait.

We are going to make desperate efforts to have our hall entirely fixed by the holidays. It is large and heavy for a small Chapter, but we will make or break. By the way, if you come across Bro. Queerns of Gamma Chapter, just whisper you are a Phi Psi and watch his eyes, and look out for the grip. Bro. Q. has left us on account of sight failing, and we were sorry to lose him. And wont you just call the attention of the Grand Chapter man, that sends out bills, to the fact that this is but the second year of our existence as an undergraduate Chapter. Some of the boys are arousing the curiosity of the ladies with their "pretty shields," and they want to know the grip. "Helvatus" would not tell her even though he is so desirous of having a sure grip upon her. We

were pleased to know that Dr. Musser of Aaronsburg was in town and met some of the boys. Bro Hoy, of Penn'a. Eta, came to see us one Saturday just when we were "*sweeping out*" and we fear it was a dusty reception, but he wouldn't stay long enough for anything further. We still like THE SHIELD and the boys have lectured me for waiting so long before writing, so if this letter is late, blame,

Yours Fraternally,

S. B. M.

University at Lewisburgh.

ILLINOIS BETA.

CHICAGO, ILL., *Dec. 4th*, 1881.

DEAR BROS. OF THE SHIELD:

If you and the remainder of the Fraternity will pardon my seeming arrogance I should like to offer a word of criticism in regard to the communications which we read from the various Chapters. While the letters are always highly interesting and no doubt eagerly scanned by all the brothers, still, it seems to me, they partake too much of a personal and local nature. It may be well enough for the Chapters to state their victories over rivals, but what does it interest the entire Fraternity to know that Bro. Smith was elected Secretary of the Ψ . Society, or that D. K. E., or A. D. Phi. have lost a few men? Let us be more general in our correspondence with each other. Let us state as far as possible such matter as will be of interest to the whole Fraternity. By so doing the value of the letters will not only be enhanced, but we may possibly get our Alumni to read them once in a while, which might materially, perhaps even financially aid this, our valued organ.

No doubt all noble Phi Psis congratulated themselves when they heard of Bro. J. Warren Keifer's nomination as Speaker of the House. As the other Fraternities constantly "blow" about their great men, we will now (provided Keifer is elected) have one to point to who shall be next only to the Vice-Presi-

dent in authority, and we shall be compelled to fall back on our honorary members, notably Carl Schurz or Bob Burdette who in themselves are excellent, but cannot boast of a genuine solid membership. Our Fraternity is yet very young in comparison to some of its most prominent rivals, and hence it is to be expected that they can show more prominent men than we, as ours are hardly old enough to have fully developed in the bright galaxy of statesmen, still I think if we enumerate our noted men with reference to the years of our respective existence we can fully come up to the oldest. Still of what account are these men to us other than as a mere advertisement? Let us bear in mind that Phi Kappa Psi is what *we* make it, and if we allow it to run down our "big" men will never revive it.

I find that we have at present the following Phi Psis in the House of Representatives: From Delaware, Bro. Edward L. Martin, of Virginia Alpha; from Illinois, Bro. T. J. Henderson, of Penna. Alpha; from New York, Bro. P. H. Dugro, of New York *F.*; From Penna., Bro. F. E. Beltzhoover, of Penna. Eta; Bro. W. S. Shellenberger, of Penna. *F.*, and Bro. H. H. Bingham, Penna. Alpha; from Ohio, Bro. J. W. Keifer, of Ohio Beta. There may be more, but from the meagre resources I had to gain my information from (a Phi Psi catalogue and a list of the Representatives) these were all I could find. Their names will no doubt be of interest to the brothers.

I was very much interested with a letter in the October SHIELD signed A. H. S., as he mentions a plan which always was a pet scheme of mine, namely, to make out the grand catalogue with reference to towns. I started to do this last summer and made out the States of Virginia and Maryland, Tennessee and Illinois, but for lack of time went no further. It seems to me if the Chapters would take hold of this work it could be accomplished very easily, and I propose that in the next SHIELD you, Mr. Editor, assign a State to each Chapter, and that each Chapter pick from the grand catalogue the names and addresses of all Phi Psis who may reside in the

State assigned to them and arrange the same in alphabetical order. It would only be a few hours work and would certainly prove of great advantage to all Phi Psis. These lists might be sent to you, or to such persons as you or the majority of the Chapters shall agree upon, and thus the work might be completed by the 1st of February.

In looking over the personals in the SHIELD it was noticed that the great majority of brothers mentioned were from the Pennsylvania Chapters. Now we don't blame you Mr. Editor for this, as you no doubt have no way of hearing from us and our Alumni out West here, but we have a scheme to propose to you to obviate the difficulty. Why not appoint a local editor for the States of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and the States west of the Mississippi, whose duty it shall be to furnish you with notices and news from our brothers in the prairies? We submit this plan to your consideration, hoping you will pardon us for making so many suggestions. While we are a young Chapter, scarcely two years old, our interest in the Fraternity is so great that we are always on the lookout for plans to better our condition. Not to say that we are in poor condition by any means, but you know there is always room for improvement.

A decision was recently rendered in one of the Circuit Courts of Indiana which must be of interest to every member of a Greek-letter society. A young man applied for admission to the Purdue University and was denied the privileges of the school on the ground that he was a member of a Fraternity. He brought the case before the court, and it was decided by the judge in favor of the Faculty. No doubt the judge was a non-society man and one of those bigoted persons who can never understand how anything can be of any advantage to any one, unless they can lay their big eyes upon it. At any rate it is to be regretted that at the present enlightened age a college should make such a rule, or a judge such a decision. It seems indeed as if the age of superstition and bigotry had not yet died out.

But I fear I take too much of your valuable space. Illinois

Beta is doing well. Its members are all hearty and anxiously waiting for the next SHIELD and for Christmas. By the way, we wish all the brothers a merry Christmas and a real happy New Year. Would that we could give each the grip and wish it personally, but "whatever is is right."—Vale!

Yours in *mysticis signis fraternitatis*,
University of Chicago.

LU.

PENNSYLVANIA THETA.

EASTON, PA., *Dec. 7th*, 1881.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

DEAR SIRS:—Before this, doubtless, reports have reached you concerning the recent troubles of the Theta, and we deem it due both to you and to ourselves to furnish you, if not with a full account, at least with a partial statement of these troubles and their probable results to our Chapter. Some weeks ago seven members of the Fraternity tendered their resignations which were promptly accepted. Of these men, six at once entered the Chi Phi Fraternity, and one the Sigma Chi. This is a bold statement of the facts in this case which are known to all.

It would be useless and well nigh impossible, within the scope of this communication, to detail all the causes which contributed towards the final result. They could, at any rate, only be understood by one thoroughly conversant with the affairs of the Chapter. We are far from attempting to attribute all the blame to those who have left us, yet we claim that our errors were mistakes, theirs intentional wrongs.

For some time past, a lack of harmony had been manifest in the workings of the Chapter, due partly to our inordinate size and partly to the natural antipathy existing between some of our members. Things went on from bad to worse, mountains were made of mole hills, and a general spirit of discord prevailed, which, it was evident, could end only in an open rupture. This at length came, when seven members out of our eighteen severed their connection with this Fraternity.

As to the future, we wish especially to avoid speaking too sanguinely of our prospects. This much at least, however, may be said: Whatever may be affirmed to the contrary, the Theta Chapter still lives. As an instance of her vitality it may be stated that within five days after these resignations had been accepted, the requisite amount of money had been subscribed among ourselves, and a fine billiard table had been ordered from Philadelphia and set up in our rooms, and has since been in constant operation, furnishing a new incentive to draw us together.

Our present number is eleven, three of whom are Seniors, leaving eight who expect to return at the beginning of next college year. Without dilating upon our other good qualities, we may say, without boasting, that we are thoroughly united, thoroughly in earnest and confidently expect to maintain the old standing of the Theta. It is not improbable that we may initiate one or even two new men before the year is over, and if we do, we assure you that they shall be men in every way worthy to wear the shield and give the grip of Phi Kappa Psi. We know our past mistakes, and feel our future responsibilities, and will hereafter guard against our old errors. We trust that this brief epistle will explain our present position, and let our brethren of other colleges know that we are still alive to the interests and principles of Phi Kappa Psi.

Lafayette College.

L. R. D.

PENNA. EPSILON.

GETTYSBURG, *Dec.* 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:

After various threats from various brothers of old Epsilon's hall, we have been driven to this duty of writing our monthly quota for you—a duty not at all unpleasant, but one from which our extreme diffidence and sense of modesty has alone kept us thus far—we hardly think Epsilon will believe this though.

Penna. Epsilon has, as you no doubt all know, decided to

have a house of her own. Acting under this determination, she has been soliciting from her graduate members contributions for this purpose, and can now say that her dream of nearly a year will soon be a reality. We intend, unless something to the contrary should occur, to build on the college campus, providing that we get from the proper authorities rights that will fully protect us and our hall. From the historic Culp's Hill or Round Top, or some other noted spot, the granite will be procured that is destined to hide the secrets of Phi Psi from the outer world. When all this is fully accomplished you shall see the first and only Chapter Hall in Gettysburg. The $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$ fraternity has been throwing out hints of a coming millennium for them also; but to tell the truth we hardly think it will be in as near a future as ours, judging from their own remarks. The $\Delta. \Gamma. \Delta.$ "Crescent" has, we see, given us credit with having a "chapter badge" without our consent or knowledge. However, it seems to us that some of these Frat. journals are too omniscient and far-seeing for their own good, and often see things where they do not exist. Penna. Epsilon is satisfied with the Phi Psi badge as it is. This same society had the supreme "gall" to kindly tell a lot of fellows from this institution who were so green as to send in a petition to that extremely self-conscious organization, that " $\Delta. \Gamma. \Delta.$ did not desire to enter *such colleges* as Penna. College. Noble Romans! She condescended, however, to flame up in Indiana Normal School, Morgantown Academy, Waynesburg College, Hillsdale, Mt. Union, Abingdon and such. We don't say anything about the crowd that petitioned $\Delta. \Gamma. \Delta.$, but would say that she cannot stoop when she enters Penna. College, as that institution compares favorably in every way with the average American college, especially in her curriculum. Our last number of the *Echo* was not, as intended, sent to the various chapters, as there was but little in it that would be likely to interest them, almost the whole sheet being taken up with chapter house business.

We noticed in the last number of the Sigma Chi, a little statement to the effect that we "had taken in but one man,

having evidently learned by experience that there is not always strength in numbers." It is true we have taken in only one man, and a royal, good fellow he is—by name James Kay Philips, of Philadelphia; but with regard to the rest of the statement, we hardly agree. That numbers are not strength we have learned, but we could hardly say by experience—at least in our own chapter, Epsilon, for the large numbers she used to sport, has always been remarkably free from dissension; yet, seeing the evil that this self-same thing has caused elsewhere, she decided to put the probability of its occurrence still further from her, and to become more conservative in the future. We have elected but three men this fall; one of them has been initiated, another pledged for after the holidays, and the third has made no decision as yet. Bro. Philips had invitations from $\Sigma. X.$, $\Phi. \Delta. \theta.$ and $\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$, but old Phi Psi prevailed, and he is now our babe. But our letter has become already too long, although but little has been said. So with a fraternal grip for the brothers, and a "God bless you" for THE SHIELD herself,

We remain your brother in $\Phi. \Psi.$,

Pennsylvania College.

N. N. H.

P.S. Bro. Clint. Hoover is our corresponding secretary for the coming year. His address is Gettysburg, Pa., P. O. Box, 323.

D. C. ALPHA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *Dec. 8th*, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:

Having fully realized the fact that unless I wielded the pen for D. C. Alpha, the fourth number of THE SHIELD would appear without her letter, I have stolen time belonging to other duties to devote to loved $\Phi. K. \Psi.$

Many years have passed since I first pinned our noble emblem, the shield, upon my breast, but the same heart beats beneath it as then, and the love of $\Phi. \Psi.$ still lingers there.

THE SHIELD in its new form commends itself to all the

brothers, and I hope the subscription list, *i. e.*, paying subscriptions, will run into the hundreds.

The article on the Chautauqua Reunion was well written, and I think the Ohio brother deserves the thanks of the whole Fraternity. D. C. Alpha is in good condition and hopes to improve in the course of the year. There is always room for improvement and we are not in that condition to say we are perfect.

We have added no new names to our roll this year, as the collegians deem it unwise as yet, although we hope for one new member this month.

We contemplate a lecture course this winter, and hope to have brothers Burdette and Willitts on the programme. This we add to our usual socials.

The Grand Chapter seems to be very busy and it looks as though three new Chapters in the beloved sisterhood would soon make their appearance.

Bro. Murray, chairman of the next year's Chautauqua Reunion committee, thinks **THE SHIELD** should give Chautauqua a prominent position in its issues, and keep the matter before the "boys" so we could have a *big* crowd on hand next summer to greet Judge Moore and his family. He is full of Chautauqua and I expect will take a large delegation from D. C. Alpha with him next year.

As the Penna. Epsilon requested in the letter of Brother Gotwald, I give the following as our list of members this year:

Wilber Brown,	Washington, D. C.,	1884.
N. L. Burchell,	" "	1883.
Charles R. Cleaves,	Portland, Me,	1884.
Henry D. Cochran,	Washington, D. C.,	1884.
C. H. Gardner,	St. Augustine, Fla.,	1884.
Walter B. Grant,	Milwaukee, Wis.,	1883, Law Dep't.
Wm. E. Handy,	Washington, D. C.,	1883, Medical Dep't.
H. S. T. Harris,	St. Augustine, Fla.,	1883.
H. L. Hodgkins,	Washington, D. C.,	1883.
Wm. B. T. Keyser,	" "	1883, Law Dep't.
C. W. Richardson,	Washington, D. C.,	1883, Medical Dep't.
M. N. Richardson,	" "	1883.
James H. Spalding,	" "	1883, Law Dep't.

Frank W. Stockstill,	Sidney, Ohio,	1885.	
Philip G. Wales,	Washington, D. C.,	1883,	Medical Dep't.
Edwin C. Stott,	“ “	1883.	

ALUMNI MEMBERS.

Charles C. Chesney,	Washington, D. C.,	1875,	LL. B.
William A. Dutton,	“ “	1875,	LL. B.
George B. Edwards,	Toronto, Can.,	1880,	LL. B.
Frank O. McCleary,	Washington, D. C.,	1879,	LL. B.
Robert J. Murray,	“ “	1871,	LL. B.
P. H. Seymour,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	1880,	LL. B.
L. K. Beatty,	Washington, D. C.,	1881,	M.D.

We hear occasionally from our absent brothers and mention with pleasure the success of Bro. J. C. S. Richardson, of Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, who has just been admitted to the bar of that territory. We feel safe in predicting his return in a few years to Congress from that territory, as one with his whole-souled genial manner, and wonderful eloquence and ability will make friends and rise to a prominent position in whatever community he may live.

Bro. W. A. Simmons, of 1869, is still teaching the young idea how to shoot, and never forgets old $\Phi. \Psi.$ He is at Norfolk, Virginia, and is the same genial “*bricktop*” as of old.

In a letter from Mrs. Letterman which Bro. Murray received a short time ago, she thinks it would be an excellent idea to have a record of members in each State, with business and address of each. By the way, Mrs. Letterman is a truly noble-hearted woman, and possesses all those qualifications which make her dear to every Phi Psi.

We also think with her that it would be very desirable, and if each Chapter would send a full list to you, it would be just the thing, provided the list is not too long, and then you might publish one list each number.

We are often in our travels belated or compelled to remain a day or two in a strange city, and might pass a $\Phi. \Psi.$ by and never know him, except he wore the shield or recognized ours. Those who visited Chautauqua from this section of country, know something about delays and missing connections, and the wonderful manifestation of TRUTHFULNESS dis-

played by the New York R. R. officials and employees. As I have already stretched this letter to an unseemly length and occupied much more time than I anticipated, I close by subscribing myself,

Yours in the bonds.

Columbian University.

M. J. R.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

OXFORD, MISS., *Dec. 10th*, 1881.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

As Mississippi Alpha looks forward with so much pleasure to the reception of THE SHIELD, and as the perusal of the articles from the different Chapters affords us pleasure, our Chapter thought it a duty to respond. I know that we are not so prompt in this communication as you requested, and hence will reconcile myself if it reaches its final destiny in the waste-basket, hoping only that our news-box would be more than full by the time we have another chance to address you, and some of the news would be lost. First, I am glad to say that we now number seven, two additions being made since our last communication in the persons of Messrs. W. P. Tackett and W. G. Bowen, who are good jolly fellows.

It seems that some of the young ladies in Oxford think the $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ badge a beautiful one from the way they wear them and speak of them. I fear that we will lose some of our boys, as the ladies Fraternities seem to have such strong hold on them. The Christmas holidays will soon be on hand and most of us expect to have a gay time, but will soon be recalled to the University to resume duties and enjoy the beauties of $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ Our Chapter is in good working condition, and we enjoy our exercise. Now, Mr. Editor, if this communication will let the brothers know that we are still in Phi Psidom and are still enjoying the Phi Psi breeze, I believe I will consider my task finished, and close with feelings of warmest fraternal love from Mississippi Alpha to all brothers, and as a slight

token of our fraternal feeling you will find enclosed five dollars for the support of THE SHIELD.

I remain, yours fraternally,
University of Mississippi. W. T. R.

P. S.—Bro. W. D. Howze, our founder, was in Oxford a few days ago, but did not get out to the University. We were glad to meet him and give him the grip.

OHIO ALPHA.

DELAWARE, O., *Dec. 23d*, 1881.

DEAR SHIELD:

In looking through the last few numbers of THE SHIELD, my attention was called to the fact that Ohio Alpha has not been represented by a letter in the last two numbers. Convinced that this should not be, although not authorized to do so, I take it upon myself to see that if January's number does not contain a communication from Ohio Alpha, it will not be because one was not written. Hence this scratch.

The past term has been a pleasant one for our Chapter. Nothing has occurred to mar its happiness, while on the contrary many things have added to its pleasures. The reception tendered us by Prof. Semans and wife, at his residence, was one not soon to be forgotten by our boys and their ladies. The Professor had his house tastefully decorated with flowers, among which the lavender and pink held a conspicuous place. The evening was occupied chiefly by games of various natures, interrupted only by an elegant repast. The Professor knows just how to entertain a company of young people, and surely nothing was wanting to make the evening a most enjoyable affair.

The term we are entering upon bids fair to be one of success. The principal feature of it will be the reunion of the four Ohio Chapters, to be held here at the time of the State Oratorical Contest. The Chapters have all promised to turn out big, and we say to them come. We think Delaware will hold them all.

In reply to our brother from Wisconsin Alpha in regard to nailing the slander of "The Phi Gamma Delta," we wish merely to say that we consider that article far below our notice, and we shall never give it countenance by an answer. "Phi Gamma Delta" gained nothing by publishing it, and "Phi Kappa Psi" lost nothing.

We have been very much pleased with THE SHIELD in its new dress. We would like to suggest, however, that if it be possible the cover be improved by the lavender and pink. We always look with eagerness for the arrival of THE SHIELD, and in the future we promise to manifest our loyalty by frequent communications.

L. S. C.

Ohio Wesleyan University.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

AURORA, ILLS., *Jan. 3d, 1882.*

BRO. EDITOR:

I am at home now enjoying my holiday vacation and not being very busy will write you a short letter about matters and things at Ann Arbor.

Friday night, the 16th ult., our Chapter had a "set up" at "Hank's." After we had eaten our fill of the good things set before us, we gave our attention to the toasts. Bro. Coldren responded to the toast always first in order, "Our Fraternity." Bro. Teter spoke in behalf of our brothers in the Law and Bro. Tieste for those in the Medical Department. Leland did full justice to the "Senior Lits," Rhoades to the "Sophs," and "Holly" to the "Freshmen." Bro. Ohls responded to the toast, *K. A. Θ.*, in some charming verses, which he sat up till one o'clock the night before to complete. This finished our programme, and after a social talk all around, we went home feeling that we had spent a very pleasant evening.

Wednesday, the 21st ult., just before coming home, the *Palladium* for 1882 came out. Bro. Coldren is our editor. The number is unusually good and fills one hundred and seventy-five pages with the society and class lists, jokes, cari-

captures, etc. The many cuts are the special attraction this year. The frontispiece is a photograph of the ten editors. Among the Fraternity lists, a new society is represented this year, viz, *K. A. Θ.* We went into the *Palladium* with twenty-three members, four of whom are Freshmen. One of them, Bro. Fleischer, hails from an Indiana Chapter. Another, Bro. Blin, has joined us since our last letter to THE SHIELD, coming in just in time for his name to appear in the list. I think it would be a good scheme for each Chapter where a publication similar to the *Palladium* is issued to exchange with the others, so that each would have on file all the publications in which *Φ. K. Ψ.* is represented.

By the constitution of the *Palladium* no Fraternity is represented in it until its Chapter has been in existence here two full years. *Δ. T. Δ.* not having been established quite that length of time were therefore excluded. The Chapter published a neat eight page pamphlet giving its list and an account of *Δ. T. Δ.* in general and the *Δ.* Chapter in particular. This they distributed among the society men in college. The step has been variously commented upon in college. For my part I do not see anything especially out of the way in it. It was probably taken mainly to explain their position to their other Chapters.

We hear from Wisconsin Alpha that our new Chapter at Beloit is finally established, and we hope to hear from it through the medium of THE SHIELD soon. *X. Ψ.* has just started a Chapter at the Iowa State University.

Here *Σ. Φ.* has just bought Prof. Tyler's residence to use for a Chapter house. It is rumored that *A. Δ. Φ.* has \$16,000 for a Chapter house, and will begin work upon it in the spring. With us every frat. but the *B.*'s and the *Δ. T.*'s live together.

It is very important that the necessary changes be made in the account of our Fraternity in the new edition of Baird's book. Our Chapter has subscribed and five of the boys, I think, have agreed to take copies.

I agree with "Growler" in considering *Φ. K. Ψ.* mainly a "social institution," but I do not see how meetings can be

made interesting if you take away all literary exercises. We need a song book.

I do not agree with your editorials of last month in thinking that a Chapter cannot demand the resignation of a member, nor do I think it is a safe policy to allow a member to become inactive to the extent of not paying dues, and in this matter I think I express the feeling of Michigan Alpha. But this letter is so long that I cannot dwell upon this subject now.

Yours fraternally,

University of Michigan.

F. H. H.

PENNA. IOTA.

PHILADELPHIA, *Jan. 5th*, 1882.

DEAR BROTHERS:

Penna. Iota sends her greeting to all.

Judging by several letters we have received we have no doubt that some of the brothers assign laziness to be the cause of not having heard from Penna. Iota for so long.

We hope that the said brothers will receive our apology, that our scribe having left college, and our scribe pro tem. was not fully acquainted with his duties, and consequently no letters or communications of any sort were sent to THE SHIELD.

Penna. Iota has suffered several slight losses, but her gains far outweigh her losses, as any one acquainted with the parties concerned will know.

We had the honor of having our baby reach the high and exalted, if not comfortable, position of Bowl Man for the class of '85.

Any brother who wishes to hear more on the subject of how he fared in the fight can do so by enquiring of brother Faries. *Φ. Ψ.* still holds her own with us, as she has the class president of '82, arts and sciences; '82 medical and '83 arts and science besides several minor officers among her number.

Hoping that the brothers will not have to wait as long for the next letter as they have for this one, we remain as ever.

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

E. B. S.

University of Pennsylvania.

PENNA. ALPHA.

WASHINGTON, PENNA., *Jan. 5th, 1882.*

DEAR SHIELD:

You want your communication as soon as possible for the first volume in 1882. We have just returned from our various homes recuperated and ready for another term's hard work. And our first wish is, a Happy New Year to the Fraternity in general and THE SHIELD in particular. And if all the Chapters are unanimous in this wish and zealous in backing it up, we cannot help but grow during the year upon which we have just entered. While at home I met several of the boys in Pittsburg, some of whom are at the seminary and others at the law. Bro. Yost, by the way, one of our most ardent members and founder of Michigan Alpha is making marked progress at the bar in that place. In his first case before the Supreme Court a few days ago he won a very important case, and so eloquently and precisely did he present his case that both judges and lawyers paid him the highest compliments. Bro. Yost you will remember had a movement on foot last year which an Illinois Chapter vetoed on a trial submission to the Chapters before submitting it to the Grand Chapter. He consequently let it drop for the time, but the same students are still so anxious for favorable consideration by us that you will likely hear from him soon again on the same matter. We are thankful for the help of our Alumni. The Betas owe their perfect organization to the assistance of their graduate members, and we if we can only infuse new life into our graduates must meet the same result.

Hearing that Burdette was to lecture in Cannonsburg on last Tuesday, I hurried out from the city and listened to his

"Funny Man's Pilgrimage" with great interest. I spent an hour in his room and found him the same true loyal boy he was last year. He says there is fine material at—— for a new Chapter, as he has met the most of the boys. This is the same college referred to above.

Our Pittsburg boys expect to make extensive preparations for our meeting there next year.

With happy greeting from Pennsylvania Alpha to you all,
I am yours in the bonds of Phi Kappa Psi,

W. & J. College.

J. H. J.

OHIO DELTA.

COLUMBUS, O., *Jan. 7th, 1882.*

DEAR SHIELD:

Fearing that some of our sister Chapters might conclude that the Ohio Delta was about to give up the ghost and be numbered among the things "as were," inasmuch as this Chapter has not been represented in the columns of *THE SHIELD* this college year, we hasten, finally, to allay all such fears by giving in this letter an evidence that we must still be classed among things animate. I am inclined to think, however, that the financial editor of *THE SHIELD* has not reported us as being very seriously indisposed, for I learn that quite a number of subscriptions are now placed to the credit of Ohio Delta, which is possibly evidence enough that we have no intentions of going very far with the process of dying at the present time. No, Mr. Editor, we are still alive, and the brothers are as enthusiastic in Fraternity matters as ever. The fact remains, however, that we have not taken any new brothers this college year, and from this it might be inferred that we are in a somewhat shaky condition. The reason that we have not taken in any new men is two-fold; in the first place we are not at all weak in numbers at present, having nine active members on the roll; in the second place we have been waiting to see good material develop from the new men, and are just now about to "commence hostilities" on some,

of whose good qualities there can be no doubt, and I think that I am safe in making the assertion, that in the course of a "moon" the sun will rise some fine morning and bring into view several new Phi Psis, and good ones too, among the ranks of the Ohio Delta.

Our only competitor, the Phi Gamma Delta, has taken into its fold this year several new men, and though I would not be guilty of attempting to disparage anything done by our Greek letter friends, still, I hope I may be permitted simply to remark that they met no opposition from us in the pursuit of their good work, and still further I should like to remark that so long as they continue in taking in the same sort of material, they will have a field to work in which will be conspicuous principally because of the absence of Phi Psis, for whom there will be no attraction in any such place.

The O. S. University so far has been able to boast only of two Fraternities, but if we mistake not the signs of the times, the day is not far distant when there will be another one of these organizations claiming recognition. We are led to this belief from "pointers," both open and secret, and some which are but illy concealed. We refrain from saying anything further on this subject excepting to add that unless some Beta Theta Pi pins soon flash in our surprised (?) faces, we will be more or less disappointed.

Our brothers here were all glad to see your editorial in a recent number of THE SHIELD vindicating the Ohio Alpha. We were rather surprised that you would even notice such an unbecoming attack as that of the *Phi Gamma Delta*, and were more than surprised when we saw a part of the same attack published a *second* time in the columns of THE SHIELD. If all the Chapters were as well acquainted with the strength of the veteran and honored Alpha as our Chapter is, then all such manifestations of jealousy in the shape of an attack, *more or less in the dark*, would count for nothing, but the danger is that harm may be inflicted where none is intended.

In concluding this letter, I assure you that the Ohio Delta is in full sympathy with THE SHIELD, and that the brothers

here delight in reading all the accounts of Phi Psi successes as furnished by our Fraternity paper, and I think that you can depend on our being more prompt in the future in the matter of "dropping you a few lines now and then."

I remain, yours in Phi Kappa Psi,

UN D'EUX.

Ohio State University.

OHIO BETA.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Jan. 9th, 1882.

EDITOR SHIELD:

It has often been said that the beginning of a new year is a good time to reform, and since Ohio Beta has not had a letter in *THE SHIELD* this college-year, we will avail ourselves of the favorable time of reforming, and promise hardly ever to do so again. In view of the fact that our Chapter has been reported as "being unable to do anything," it may be advisable to give a little account of the Chapter and her doings.

In the beginning let it be known that she is alive, her members as enthusiastic for the cause and success of Phi Psi as ever. We started in with a larger membership than we have ever had before at the opening of the college-year, two Seniors, four Juniors, five Sophomores, three Freshmen. On account of our large number at the start, we were not driven to the great extremity that our competitor was, either of "having our charter taken away," or of initiating a number of new men before we learned anything concerning them. Owing to the financial success which crowned our Lecture course last year, the members agreed to continue the work during the present season.

From the proceeds of last years' course we were enabled to fit up one of the finest halls in the West. The probabilities are that Wittenberg College will be moved to Mansfield, Ohio, before long, in that event we will have secured sufficient money, through our course of entertainments this year, to go with the college, furnish a new hall immediately, and be in

good working order from the start. We have initiated during the year Wm. Hull, of 84, and B. Chorpening, of 85. Of course, Ohio Beta had much rejoicing when it was announced that J. Warren Keifer had been elected Speaker of the House, inasmuch as he was one of Beta's honored sons. While we do not desire to enter into any discussion concerning the propriety of initiating honorary members, we truly believe our Chapter will never regret her action in this. Ohio Beta has three honorary members, viz., J. Warren Keifer, Judge White of the Supreme Court, and Dr. A. A. Willitts. If any of the brethren opposed to initiating honorary members think either of these gentlemen lacking in the spirit of Phi Psi, let them call upon either of these, and be convinced of their mistake.

A few words in regard to the article concerning our Chapter, in the November number of *THE SHIELD*, taken from the correspondent of the Alpha Gamma Chapter of the Beta Theta Pi. The principal points of interest in the article seem to be that "they have initiated several men of wonderful ability, that we wanted these men, that we are now unable to do anything." We believe, the editorial in the same number of *THE SHIELD* contains one of the grandest principles a Fraternity can endorse, viz., "that a disposition to boast of the superiority over all competitors is the sheerest folly." While we are well aware that we do possess that superiority, yet, had we not been attacked, we should refrain from saying a word concerning our competitors. Concerning the abilities of any men whom they have initiated, we have little to say, inasmuch as we do not think a Fraternity journal a proper place to discuss anyones abilities and least of all their inabilities and egotism. Suffice it to say that this "MANN" has been in attendance upon other colleges where the number of Fraternities was so great that any person of ability is immediately taken in. But this "MANN" was never touched. As regards our having lost men whom we bid, we would reply that of the host our opponents have initiated, but one has ever received a bid from our Chapter. This one, not of the number mentioned in the article, was bid last year, since when, for

various reasons, he was never approached upon the subject of Fraternity. In regard to our "being unable to do anything," we presume the first of our article would be sufficient; but in addition to this, we will insert a remark made in our hearing, not long since, by one of the most popular neutral men in college. "You Phi Kap's have a good Chapter this year, but if these Betas don't look out, they will soon have a Chapter of children and preps." When we remember that the charge was made by a Chapter which, only this fall, was in danger of having its charter taken away, we are almost ready to forgive the writer, since we have no doubt, but that he thinks such articles will raise the standard of his Chapter. When we again remember that the Chapter which made the charge belongs to a Fraternity which held a reunion last August at Chicago and passed resolutions, declaring it "unconstitutional to initiate preparatory students," we are led to believe that the writer must certainly have been driven to a great extremity to write something encouraging concerning his Chapter, since of the eight members his Chapter has initiated since the reunion, four belong in the preparatory department.

Thinking this a sufficient explanation, I remain yours in
Phi Kappa Psi, A.

Wittenberg University.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

K. A. Θ. has entered Allegheny College.

CHI Phi is considering Michigan University.

DELTA Upsilon will soon enter the field of journalism.

PHI Gamma Delta's Williams Chapter has entered Zeta Psi.

A. T. Ω. has expelled *six* members, of whom two are now dead.

JOHNS HOPKINS University has lately received a Chapter of *Φ. Δ. Θ.*

SIGMA CHI's Chapter (*K. K.*) at Champaign, Ills., is flourishing nicely.

PHI Delta Theta may publish a song book in the early part of 1882.

A. T. Ω.'s Alumni meetings held recently in Georgia and Alabama were a success.

THE Diamond of Psi Upsilon, although opposed by some of the Chapters, really exists.

SIGMA CHI's Hampden-Sidney (Σ. Σ.) Chapter is working hard to keep its head above water.

B. θ. Π. is endeavoring to establish a Chapter at Ohio State University, Ohio.—*The Crescent*.

It is rumored that Ψ. Γ. would be happy to "shake" her Chapter at the University of Chicago.

SIGMA CHI's Lewisburg University Chapter opened up with two men last fall; at present the membership is five.

REV. Dr. David Swing, of Chicago, says he is not a Phi Delta Theta, having left the latter frat. in 1860 to join Alpha Delta Phi.

A. T. Ω. is minus a Chapter. The members of its Va. M. Inst. Chapter at Lexington have surrendered their charter.—*Φ. Δ. θ. Scroll*.

PHI Kappa Psi is reported to be in a feeble condition at Franklin and Marshall College.—*The Crescent*. Let our sixteen arise and explain.

Φ. Γ. Δ. at the University of Indiana, expects to occupy the old Φ. Κ. Ψ. hall when vacated. "The one they now have is too rich for their blood.—*Φ. Δ. θ. Scroll*.

Φ. Γ. Δ. is no longer represented at Williams College (Mass.). She has placed her Gamma Chapter at University of California, and the Kappa at Baylor University, Independence, Texas.

THE six men who left Phi Kappa Psi at Lafayette joined Chi Phi. The Chapter nevertheless remains quite strong.
* * * The men who deserted are all good men and place Chi Phi in good trim.—*The Crescent*.

PHI Kappa Psi at Lafayette has had dissension in the ranks, five men of '83 and two of '84 having resigned. Six of these have joined Chi Phi, thus giving a new lease of life to a rather tame Chapter of that Fraternity.—*The Scroll*.

THE Phi Psi's have not been here long enough yet to make themselves a reputation, either good or bad, as the Chapter was only started at the beginning of last June.—*Correspondent of Sigma Chi at University of Mississippi.*

A CHI PSI from Wofford College is organizing a Chapter at Vanderbilt University. He is selecting the rowdy element among the students. It will be the only Chapter there excepting our own.—*The Scroll of Φ. Δ. Θ.*

WE wish it understood, once for all, that the squib going the rounds of the various Fraternity organs about our Alpha Chapter having but five men, and all Preps. but one, is simply untrue. We hope this will stop it.—*The Sigma Chi.*

THE *Scroll*, in speaking of why *B. Θ. Π.* removed her Chapter from Trinity University, Texas, says: "The Chapter was withdrawn on the pretext that the institution had degenerated, but really because Phi Delta Theta had worsted Beta Theta Pi so badly there."

THE *Φ. Κ. Ψ.* Chapter, at Wittenberg College, gave a very pleasing and successful course of entertainments in Springfield, Ohio, last winter, and will continue them during the present season. * * * * These Phi Psi boys must be an enterprising set.—*The Sigma Chi.*

THE appearance of THE SHIELD last year was such as to suggest for it the name of "The Phi Kappa Psi Sunday-School Paper," but this year it appears as a small magazine of twenty-four pages. It is *sub rosa* (very, ED.), and published, monthly, in Philadelphia.—*The Scroll of Φ. Δ. Θ.*

IN the recent Purdue University trouble, Prof. C. L. Ingersoll (*Φ. Τ. Δ.*) and also Prof. D. G. Herron (*B. Θ. Π.*), both members of the faculty of said institution, in their sworn answer to complaints, allege that the tendency of Fraternities is injurious and hurtful. It is said the suit will be carried to the Supreme Court.

SECRET societies have been abolished at Missouri University. All students upon matriculating, are required to sign a pledge not to join any society whatever, except those sanctioned by the faculty, and those belonging to Greek Fraternities are required to sever their connection immediately.—*The Crescent of Δ. Τ. Δ.*

THE $\Phi. \Gamma. \Lambda.$ correspondent at Hampden - Sidney, writes: "In general estimation the fraternities rank here, $\Phi. \Gamma. \Lambda.$ first; $B. \theta. \Pi.$, second; Phi Kappa Psi, third; $\Sigma. \chi.$, fourth, and $\chi. \phi.$, last." And again: "After our Chapter, I think Phi Kappa Psi has initiated the best men, and they are certainly in a better condition than they were last year."

SIGMA CHI'S correspondent at Wooster University, writes: "And just here is the best part of the story. Every Frat. in college have bid one or more of these men (seven in number), a few of them being bid by three different Fraternities, and every one of them joined Sigma Chi. In other words $\Sigma. \chi.$ fought every other Frat. and was never defeated."

$\Sigma. \chi.$, in the Northwestern University, at one time one of the best Chapters in N. W. U., is in a precarious condition. There are but three men in college, all in '84, and three Preps. A misunderstanding having lately arisen, one of their best men bears the white cross no more. Its numerous and influential alumni are endeavoring to hold up the unfortunate Chapter's hands.

THE college is fuller now than it has been for many years back, but, as seems to be the complaint everywhere, there is little material to work upon. Phi Kappa Psi has taken in but one man, having evidently learned by experience that there is not always strength in numbers. * * * * We dislike self-glorification but are willing to stand or fall, staking our position on the conception of Frats. noticed in the last number of this journal.— $\Sigma. \chi.$'s *Gettysburg Correspondent*.

ONE of Sigma Chi's founders writes as follows, in No. 4, of *Sigma Chi*, regarding the early days of that Fraternity: "In the year 1854, I was initiated into the $\Delta. \kappa. \epsilon.$ Society at Miami University, in this state (Ohio). * * * For reasons not now important there was no harmony in the society and but little friendship among the members. The result was that six of us determined to be the founders of a new society, and we accordingly organized according to the usual methods adopted and on the same general principles as other secret societies, to which we gave the name Sigma Phi, signifying a chain of friendship. Under this name we organized and existed for a short time. * * * The other secret societies were envious. The $B. \theta. \Pi.$ were particularly so, and some of their members broke into the room of our secretary and stole our constitution and by-laws, and thus obtained our se-

crets, grips, etc. This did them no good and us but little injury. We immediately adopted a new constitution and new by-laws, determined on new grips, etc., etc. We then adopted the new name of Sigma Chi."

"It is rumored that the *Φ. Γ. Δ.* is anxious to throw off her Chapter at Muhlenberg College." What the source of such information is we do not pretend to say. This much however, is certain, that prior to seeing this note, not even a rumor to this effect had reached the *PHI GAMMA DELTA*. It is a report with no foundation whatever. The originator of this note must have been gifted with an imaginative mind. *The Phi Gamma Delta for Nov.*

WE sincerely regret to announce that Anti-Fraternity laws have recently been passed at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama. We are at a loss to understand the reason, for we are assured that the Fraternities there are in good standing with the authorities. The members of *A. T. Ω.*, we know, are highly esteemed by the faculty, many of them having received distinguished honors at their hands. There is not a college in Alabama now that permits the presence of Fraternities. What *fogyism!*—*A. T. Ω. Palm.*

SIX members of Phi Kappa Psi's Chapter at Lafayette have joined Chi Phi. At the opening of the term Chi Phi was in poor condition, but the recent addition makes the number of active members twelve.—*The Phi Gamma Delta*. The same paper says: "Since writing the above we learn another member has resigned and joined Sigma Chi. This leaves eight members to hold aloft the banner of Phi Kappa Psi."

X. Φ. has over five hundred subscribers to the *Quarterly*. We congratulate our sister journal and hope she may always be so prosperous. This Fraternity has three alumni Chapters located in New York, Baltimore, and Louisville, Ky. The charter of the Iota Chapter (Mercer University) was formerly revoked at the last convention. Chi Phi's correspondent at Lafayette College writes as follows: "The best remains to be told. It had been known for some time that the Phi Kappa Psi Chapter at this place was troubled with internal dissensions. The matter culminated in the resignation of all their good men, six in number, on Saturday evening, Nov. 12. The matter spread very rapidly next morning and, although it was Sunday, the brothers were alive to the wel-

fare of our dear Fraternity, held a meeting, eight resolved to give them a bid, which was accepted, and the whole number was initiated Monday evening, Nov. 14." And the O. W. U. correspondent writes: "Notwithstanding this guide-post to truth and fairness, Phi Kappa Psi persists in showing its colors, still ignoring the fact that, to knowing minds, evil tongues cannot defame the good repute of honorable opponents. The fountain of slander is the source from which most of its numbers draw their supply of eloquence and argument. * * * These enterprising "mashers," these gamblers in innocent and unsuspecting love forced down other values * * * the faculty have forbidden the girls walking with gentlemen on the streets. * * * This cruel action of the "powers that be" naturally arouses great sympathy for these 'pre-eminently society-men.'"

In the Aftermath of the Chi Phi *Quarterly* we notice the editor remarks as follows regarding the above:

"While we endeavor to prevent the publication of offensive Chapter items in regard to rival Fraternities, we feel that circumstances warrant all that is said by the Zeta of Chi Chapter, in regard to our two rivals at Ohio Wesleyan. We need not enter into detail, but our exchange list proves that those rivals merit all that is there said by their action in regard to both college regulations and the unwritten though implied code of Fraternity intercourse." The only other Fraternity journal who has said a word against our Ohio Alpha is the *Phi Gamma Delta*.—[ED.].

In the April number of the PHI GAMMA DELTA was a letter from the $\theta. \Delta$. Chapter, O. W. U., in which sentiments were expressed which reflected somewhat upon the general character of the Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at that university. THE SHIELD published a portion of the article in the May number, and the same article again in the October number with no comments.

We presume this second appearance is either for the purpose of awakening sympathy, or else the new editor of THE SHIELD was not aware that the article had been published previously. The writer of the letter was at that time simply Chapter correspondent, and it is not his intention now, as Assistant Editor of the PHI GAMMA DELTA, to dwell long upon the merits of his efforts at that time. Suffice it to say that we have no corrections or explanations to make. But as some of our exchanges have called into question its propriety,

we will give them the benefit of a consideration of their comments.

The *A. T. Ω.* Palm acknowledges that it knows nothing of Phi Kappa Psi at the O. W. U., but speaks highly of the fraternity wherever it is acquainted. We spoke only of this Chapter, not of the whole fraternity, and of this Chapter as it then existed; and otherwise we might offer the same compliment to Phi Kappa Psi as the *A. T. Ω.* Palm. But the Crescent is more outspoken and says that it "was written by a defeated candidate for a position won by a Phi Psi. The editorial pen of the PHI GAMMA DELTA might have been run through the paragraph very appropriately."

As to the first assertion, that was the very plausible reason given by the correspondent of *THE SHIELD* from the Chapter at the O. W. U. Whether the writer was defeated or not, those persons who are unprejudiced and in a position to judge best do not think this the sole reason. As to the latter assertion, we would say, friend Richmond, that the Editor-in-Chief *being present*, and well acquainted with the facts, gave the article his unqualified endorsement, and he, perhaps, knew better than you, in this case, where his "editorial pen" should be drawn.

But as there seems to be some doubt as to the matter, we clip from the correspondence of the Chi Phi Quarterly, of last July:

"The Phi Kappa Psi this term is the largest, having three Seniors, five Juniors, one Sophomore, one Freshman and five Preps. When Phi Kappa Psi wants a man she generally gets him—perhaps because no other fraternity wants that kind. Phi Kappa Psi seeks honor and cliques to get it. She expelled one man last term." In these brief sentences will be discerned about the same sentiments as our own. No doubt had the writer (who, by the way, was not a defeated candidate) had sufficient space, he would have been as explicit as we. With these remarks the matter rests with us.—*The Phi Gamma Delta for Nov. 1881.*

REV. OTIS A. GLAZEBROOK, founder of *A. T. Ω.*, met with a very serious accident last July, caused by the wrecking of the train on which he was returning home from a visit to the Alabama Epsilon Chapter. Has since been removed to St. Luke's Hospital, New York City, and although confined to his bed he has accomplished much important work for his Frat. in the North. We sincerely hope he may soon be restored to perfect health.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

BRO. C. J. Howard, Ohio Delta, is studying law at his home in Barnesville, O.

BRO. J. G. Erskine, formerly of Virginia Delta, has been transferred to Ohio Delta.

BRO. Wm. Morrow, of Ohio Alpha, is teaching Latin at Chickering's Institute, Cincinnati, O.

BRO. L. D. Bulett, Pennsylvania Zeta, is teaching school with much success in New Market, Baltimore Co., Maryland.

BRO. W. C. Preston, Virginia Beta, is manager of the *College Magazine*, published at Washington and Lee Universities.

BRO. W. C. Spangler, Kansas Alpha, is editor-in-chief of *The Kansan Review*, and Bro. F. D. Hutchings is one of his managers.

BRO. Fred. Hubbard, Ohio Delta, who has been confined to his bed on account of serious illness for several weeks, is rapidly recovering.

BRO. J. K. Miller, Ohio Beta, visited his relatives and friends at Cross Roads, York Co. He was entertained by the York Phi Psis.

BRO. C. E. Davis, Pennsylvania Eta, is engaged in the insurance business in Hanover, Pennsylvania. He expects soon to return to Maryland to enter the drug business.

BRO. W. S. Jones, Ohio Delta, is "about to take unto himself a better half," at least so report has it, and it begins to look as though the report was correct. He is at present on an engineering corps in Indiana.

SMITH—EDGERTON. What do those two names mean written thus? It means that on the 22d of Dec., brother Prescott Smith, of Ohio Alpha, took unto himself a wife, Miss Edgerton, of Delaware. May peace and happiness be theirs.

BRO. C. M. Wing, Ohio Delta, was married a short time since to Alice M. Townshend, '80, O. S. U., a daughter of Prof. Townshend of the State University. Charley was one of the charter members of the Ohio Delta, and we sincerely hope that prosperity and happiness may attend him always in his new relation.

WE clip the following from an Allentown paper, feeling sure it will interest all our brothers:

“The Chair of Natural Sciences in Muhlenberg College.”— At the June meeting of the Board of Trustees of Muhlenberg College that body, finding that the bequest of the late Judge Packer, together with the liberality of some gentlemen of this city, had placed them in position to do so, decided to establish an independent professorship of the natural sciences, to be styled “The Asa Packer Professorship of the Natural Sciences.” To this chair Prof. E. F. Smith, Ph. D., late assistant in Analytical Chemistry in the University of Pennsylvania, was unanimously elected. In order to make proper provision for the work in this department, the carpenters and other artisans have been, for some time, busy in fitting up apartments for the laboratory, apparatus, etc., and a full stock of chemicals and the necessary laboratory appliances have been procured. The physical apparatus, of which there was a fairly good set, has been rearranged and put in the most efficient condition. The mineralogical cabinet has been renovated and the minerals arranged according to the best methods for efficient class-room use. Additions to the collection have been promised by Dr. Koenig, of the University of Pennsylvania, and by other gentlemen. In the laboratory provision is being made not only for a full and complete illustration of the regular course in chemistry, but also for the accommodation of special course students, for making of analyses and for original work. Among the special students are two post-graduates, one of the chemical department of the University of Pennsylvania and the other of Muhlenberg College. We understand also that several gentlemen of our own city intend taking a chemical course. The want of an independent professorship in this branch of the college work, so as to enable each professor to devote his attention more exclusively to the duties of his own department, has been one of the pressing needs of the college and seems to be now filled in a perfectly satisfactory manner. In other respects the prospects of the college are good, an increased number of students being expected in the fall.

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CHAUTAUQUA REUNION COMMITTEE FOR 1882.

ROBERT J. MURRAY, D. C. Alpha, '68, Washington, D.C.;
Daniel C. List, Ohio Gamma, '76, Wheeling, W. Va.; R. D.
Hoskins, Pa. Beta, '81, Tionesta, Pa.

EDITORIAL.

WE wish to call the especial attention of our brothers, both active and alumni, to the following list of amounts received by us from the various Chapters, which, in some cases, include the subscriptions of alumni as well as of undergraduates. Up to the present writing we have received from:

Pa. Gamma,	\$ 3.00
Pa. Iota,	10.00
Pa. Epsilon,	11.00
Pa. Zeta,	12.00
Pa. Eta,	18.00
Pa. Beta,	8.00
Ohio Delta,	11.00
Wis. Alpha,	3.00
Va. Alpha,	5.00
Ills. Beta,	5.00

Three or four more of the Chapters have notified us that they would send us some before the end of the year, which is

very pleasant news, of course, but does not enable us to pay the printer with the promptness we could wish for. And further, the list of alumni subscriptions has sadly diminished instead of increasing, as we think it should. Of course, we know this is not on account of lack of interest on their part, but simply because it can be done at any time, and what can be done at any time is very apt not to be done at all.

Nothing would delight us more than to be able to furnish our brothers with a magazine of twice the size of THE SHIELD, but unfortunately, instead of being wealthy, we are a poor, underpaid professor, so that by the time we have given THE SHIELD all the time it needs, we can't afford to do much more, though the first two years wound up with our having to put our hands into our pocket and bring them out again with a great many times our own subscription. Shall we have to give even more of our time, in sending out bills to all of the delinquents? It hardly seems as if it ought to be so.

AND now there comes to us the agreeable duty of putting ourselves into the place of the repentant sinner or the small boy, who has been very naughty, and has to promise that he won't do so any more. We are very sorry, but we are only human, and, we are afraid, very fallible, for when we got a number of letters that were disagreeable to us, and criticised us on one account or another, we got mad, and forgot that in punishing those who had displeased us, we were also punishing a great many more who had done nothing to deserve it, but quite the contrary; and when, at last, we came to our right mind again, it was so near the time for the March number, that we concluded to make that 48 pp, instead of making two separate numbers.

WE publish a short communication from the Chautauqua Reunion Committee, and commend the attention of our brothers to it.

DEAR EDITOR :

Your Chautauqua Committee are hard at work for this year's reunion.

The Hotel Athen has been finished and the rates are \$3.00 per day or \$17.50 per week. We are arranging to secure a cottage where *all* the Phi Psis may board at a reasonable figure, and hope by the March or April number of *THE SHIELD* to announce the rates. We hope to get Wednesday or Thursday of the first week of the Assembly, and thus enable the members who wish to attend to make the trip inside of a week.

We are negotiating with Bro. Burdette for the lecture, and we hope to have many of the alumni members with us.

The officers at the lake are very kind to us, and I am sure will do all in their power to make this year's reunion a success.

We, however, need some money for incidentals—printing, postage, etc.,—and we ask that each Chapter send us a contribution to that end. We will write fuller for next number.

COMMITTEE.

PENNA. ZETA.

CARLISLE, *Jan. 14th*, 1882.

DEAR SHIELD:

Once again has our horn been exalted! At our last meeting we initiated the "prospective victim" spoken of in our last letter. Our new brother is A. A. Arthur, of Reading, Pa. We had girded our loins for the strife when, to our pleasant surprise, we carried the fort with very few blows. Behold the advantage in having warm, enthusiastic Phi Psi professors in seminaries. Bro. Arthur has been attending Williamsport Seminary, where Prof. "Muggus" '80, presides in all the splendor of his re—pardon—auburn beard. By the way, Profs. Learned and Caldwell, '80, paid us a visit just before Christmas. We were in the midst of examinations but were very glad to see them. We found that their old love was still warmly cherished.

We feel quite elated over our present condition. At the

beginning of the college year we were somewhat fearful lest we should leave the boys next year in a rather weak condition. But our success during the year has dissipated our fears and justified our hopeful expressions. We now number nineteen—the largest number since I have been connected with the Chapter. We have not aimed at mere numbers, as our care in the selection of men proves. What further proves it is the harmony and unity among us. Not only is the number the largest since I have been connected with the Chapter, but there is more harmony, more true fraternal spirit among the boys than I have ever known. We are not divided into parties, as the tendency is in large Chapters, but we are one party—“one in purpose, one in hope and one in charity.” We can leave at the end of the year confident that we are leaving the Chapter in good hands, and assured that old Zeta will continue to maintain her recognized place among the Fraternities at Dickinson.

Our progress in getting new men has not been one triumphant march. Candor compels us to confess that we have had one or two set-backs. We have been compelled to lower our plumes in a few cases; but defeat also brings its lessons, and the wise profit thereby. We have two well established rivals whom we acknowledge as “foemen worthy of our steel.” But on the whole, we have occasion to rejoice because of our prosperity.

We have received a very warm letter from Bro. W. Bortome, '73, who is now a clergymen at the Established Church at Rochester, England. He is gaining quite an enviable reputation as an eloquent divine. Bro. B. promises us a visit in '83.

Bro. “Bob” passed through town a week ago. Several of the boys met him at the station looking around for a sight of the familiar shield. He is as jolly as ever.

Our boys were well pleased with the “Growlers” growl in the last number of *THE SHIELD*. He expressed sentiments we have long entertained. Don't, for Goodness' sake, let the impression prevail that we are a mere literary society. A

few more such growls will be acceptable and probably beneficial.

Rev. J. Blackledge, '76, is going to reinforce our Chapter in Japan. We learn that he is to go as professor of Greek and Hebrew to the Theological Seminary recently established in Yokohama for the education of native preachers. Zeta extends her best wishes to Bro. Blackledge.

We are about ground out, and in our present exhausted condition will have to yield to the weakness of the flesh.

Very Fraternally.

Dickinson College.

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PENNA. EPSILON.

GETTYSBURG, *Jan. 12th*, 1881.

EDITOR OF SHIELD:

We know not why, but we boys here at Gettysburg have in some unaccountable manner gotten the idea into our heads that Phi Kappa Psi needs some more systematic form of government. Not that we find fault with either our present or past rulers; for under the circumstances with which they have to deal, better action could scarce be expected. The immense amount of labor to be performed in carrying on an organization of the size and character of our own is not to be sneezed at by any means. Just think of it—extending as we do from the Atlantic to the Pacific, scattered north and south, some thirty active and three or four graduate Chapters, what a load it must be for a single Chapter of college boys to drag through with the additional burden too of their regular college duties! It is almost too much to ask of them. Then too look at the habitual though almost unbearable slowness with which any important general Fraternity business is attended, and must be from sheer necessity under the present condition of circumstances. The actual amount of time consumed in considering a petition is almost two or three months.

Hail to Wisconsin Gamma! Penna. Epsilon sends her greeting and welcome the Beloit boys into Phi Kappa Psi.

It must have been at least two months and a half before the granting of this charter during the holidays, that the petition was submitted to the Chapters. Rather a long time, not? It was rumored too that the students of the University of the Pacific now constituting California Alpha were on the point of disbanding in despair of ever getting their petition granted, when a timely letter from the East bearing the congratulations of a Phi Psi to California Alpha and the information of their success gave them new vigor and saved our first and only Chapter in the land of the Golden Gate from death before birth. What think you of these matters, Bro. Editor?

Our G. C. is elected every three years, a space of time profitably consumed in learning to be, and to act properly the role of a G. C. By the expiration of the term of office, the retiring G. C. is just beginning to be well posted on the government of a Fraternity, just beginning to be able to do the business up in style, and then must step down and out of the chair to give place to another inexperienced crowd, and to the same old bungle. Remember, nothing personal is meant, we are speaking in a general manner. If any of our illustrations fit one party more closely than another, it is only because they are the freshest in our memory that we use them. So don't feel hurt, anybody. Penna. Epsilon has never tried on the G. C. shoe, but if she should, there would be as much pinching as ever.

But we suppose you are all grumbling and growling by this time, and wondering what is meant by all this gabble. What is this fellow driving at anyhow? Well, it is this, we feel the want of a more modern government, one by which this great, sluggish mass of Phi Psidom can be rendered more active and less unwieldy, and we want to know if there are more than ourselves in this same of feeling. We have plans that would in a measure at least remedy the matter, but there is no use of stating them until we see that we are not alone in our wishes and wants. We need more of the prevailing spirit of the age, we want more snap about us. We would like to hear through the medium of the SHIELD, if deemed advisable,

the feeling our other brothers have in this matter. Is this desire that Penna. Epsilon feels general, or is it only this individual Chapter that has such a desire? If general, let us remedy it; if not, let Penna Epsilon work along as best she can under the old flag.

But of other matters, we expect to initiate two new boys into the crowd next Saturday night, both splendid fellows. We will then have four men in each class in college. We sanctioned the last petition after a little grumbling and are waiting patiently for further developments. During the holidays we had the pleasure of meeting quite a number of frat. brothers unknown to us before, among whom was Bro. Jim Miller, of Ohio Beta, who growled gayly at his inveterate Wittenberg foes the Beta Thetas, and beamingly turned upon us a countenance wonderfully like Bro. Bob Burdette's. Does he need more recommendation than that?

By the way, it just occurs to us that we are not fond of writing letters—especially long ones. The longest as a rule are intended to replenish our purse, and it is a rare thing for us to bore any one with a document such as this has grown to be.

With best wishes for each Chapter's welfare, and a prayer for Phi Psi's prosperity, Epsilon bids you good day.

Yours in the Trinity of Phi Kappa Psi,

Pennsylvania College.

N. N. H.

KANSAS ALPHA.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS, *Jan. 14, 1882.*

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD :

By the action of this Chapter in December last, Mr. Richard A. Ballinger was dishonorably expelled from the whole Fraternity. Mr. Ballinger wished to resign his connection with the Fraternity in order that he might join the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity at Williams College. The feeling against Mr. Ballinger was very strong, and we unanimously agreed that any one guilty of such perfidity—than which it seems to us

that there is hardly any crime more heinous against the Fraternity—"ought to be uncompromisingly kicked out." We agree with THE SHIELD that it is an act that should brand such a person with ignominy and contempt. There are some characters—as those, for instance, who gave rise to the editorial in the December SHIELD—who are capable of any amount of this kind of duplicity, fraud and double-facedness. They will go from one college to another and be "lifted" by opposite fraternities with as much indifference and unscrupulousness as they would have in joining some college literary society. They believe that secret societies exist for mere personal aggrandizement—a sort of caucus. They are incapable of loyalty and fidelity to any Fraternity, and the sooner we sift this class of selfish and egotistical things from our Fraternity, the better it will be, not only for the reputation of Phi Kappa Psi abroad, but for the good feeling and fellowship that exists within her walls. We but echo the sentiments of our Chapter, which were displayed in our action against Mr. Ballinger.

Bro. Edwin G. Brown, an old and faithful member of Kansas Alpha, has been invited to join the Penna. Beta. We regret to part with Bro. Brown, who is endeared to us by many ties of friendship, and can truthfully say we envy Penna. Beta in their new and valuable acquisition.

All is pleasant and calm in Kansas Alpha. Even if unpleasant zephyrs rudely ruffle the serenity of the scene, in the end good sense and sound judgment herald the return of peace and harmony.

Just before the holidays we were agreeably surprised to meet Bro. Hill, of Indiana Beta. He espied a badge of Phi Psi, and rushed into us with wide-spread arms, declaring that he never let a Phi Psi pass him without saying "Hello." He was as delighted as a kid with a whistle to meet brothers away out in the "wilds" of Kansas. We were as glad to see him as if he were a long-lost brother, and would at the slightest provocation have wept down his back with entire satisfaction. We were going to kill the "fatted calf," but he thanked us very heartily and said he regretted it very much, but would be obliged to leave on the afternoon train.

It is truly pleasant to meet one, an entire stranger, yet a friend and always a welcome friend bound to us by this mystic and beautiful tie, old Phi Kappa Psi. When one of the brothers in a late SHIELD asked for the philosophy of secret fraternities, we referred to this incident which struck us as almost the key-note to the question. As an illustration of this point, we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Arthur A. Hargrave, of Indiana Gamma, at Kansas City, Mo. We found Mr. H. a very courteous and sociable gentleman; it was not many meetings before our acquaintance ripened into confidence and friendliness. The noble sentiments in our hearts are debauched and perverted when we cannot be rekindled into fresh love for old Phi Kappa Psi by just such insignificant and unimportant occurrences.

We wish to extend our tithe of congratulations to the editors for their efforts in increasing the size and appearance of THE SHIELD. We hope before many months have rolled away to see it come forth illumined with a fine steel cut on the first page.

With our best wishes for the success of THE SHIELD, we remain,

Fraternally yours,

State University.

B. G.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

EVANSTON, ILL., *Jan. 20, 1882.*

DEAR SHIELD:

Permit your correspondent to generalize briefly before he proceeds to "give away" his beloved Alpha. Firstly, there's "Growler," and we rather like his growls. That was a soul—or less metaphorically a pocket stirring growl on the Chapter's duty to THE SHIELD, and it sounded an echo in our own bosom. Each Chapter, of course, is the true judge of its own capability as regards financial matters, and since a Chapter is the possessor of a "free moral agency" it should do its duty conscientiously. We appeal to the theological brothers if this is not a fair conclusion. We Illinois Alphas have ex-

pressed our sentiments upon this point in a tangible manner once this year, and expect to speak again before commencement. This matter of support to our fraternity organ depends very largely, I think, upon the efforts of the Chapter correspondents. Since, in looking at a SHIELD of last year, we read that Penna. Eta was the banner Chapter in financial support to THE SHIELD, we read her communication with redoubled interest and imbue something of her lofty enthusiasm. Why, it is alone worth a V to get Bro. Kendall's autograph.

Secondly, Dear Bro. "Growler," in his last rather goes back on the "literary fellers." The brothers have discussed this "growl," and while nearly agreeing with our sweet tempered monitor we differ slightly. We think that Bro. F. H. H., Michigan Alpha, gave the correct opinion when he wrote in the January SHIELD: "I agree with "Growler" in considering Phi Kappa Psi mainly a "social institution," but I do not see how meetings can be made interesting if you take away all literary exercises." As our number is small a weekly literary programme of great length would be impossible, but we are successfully carrying on a course of literary work. Each evening two of the brothers are expected to produce a brief programme of their own selection. In this way we do not conflict with the college literary societies, but, as each brother endeavors to anticipate his work in the literary societies and receives the strict criticisms of his fraters. in this preparation, it transpires that when a Phi Psi appears on the programmes of the societies he is doubly prepared. These exercises are limited in length and then sufficient time is given to discussion of frat. interests. Although we possess considerable musical talent we spend little time in singing "booming songs," for the reason that we have not yet seen that "song book" we have heard so much about. Illinois Alpha, as far as my knowledge goes, has contributed but one Phi Psi song, but we love that lone effort and would wish to see it in the collection when those long looked for songs shall be published. Nevertheless, good "Growler," we *are* a social institution and not overmuch "durned literary."

Thirdly, As suggested by several correspondents, let us have occasional reminiscences by the "old boys," and suggestions from the editorial quill.

We wish we might hear from the Virginia Chapters, but can almost excuse those boys in the belief that they are busily engaged with Mahone in putting the finishing touches on the bourbons of the Old Dominion.

The Fraternities at Northwestern University in order of strength are, Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Upsilon, Phi Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi. The ladies Fraternity of Alpha Phi made its appearance last spring term, has initiated thirteen of Northwestern University's fairest, and is enjoying rare prosperity. There are ten Phi Psis, twelve Beta Thetas, plus two Preps., twelve Phi Kappas plus two Preps., fourteen Delta Upsilons plus one Prep., three Sigma Chis plus three Preps. in the 'varsity.

While Illinois Alpha was taking her eight years snooze Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Sigma and Sigma Chi entered the field where Phi Kappa Psi had formerly been monarch of all she surveyed, but since the refounding of the Chapter our boys have assumed the leadership. You will see by the above list that Illinois Alpha boasts no preps. It has been considered undignified by our members that preps should be initiated. Beta Theta Pi declared the same opinion, but has found it advisable to break her law. It is our custom to pledge preps at any time during their third year, but not to initiate them until our symposium late in spring term or at commencement. One of Beta Theta's jewels glittered among the elementary prep classes. We recognize the Beta Theta Pi's as our strongest rival. They recognize only Phi Psi as a rival. We acknowledge the compliment and recognize also Delta Upsilon. Delta Upsilon, "*congestaque eodem Non bene junctarum discordia semina rerum,*" founded two years ago is working hard to gain a name at Northwestern University, but must to a great extent trust to the future. We never quarrel with our Phi Kappa or Sigma Chi friends for men, and in a converse sense neither do we contest with "fair Alpha Phi." For the

Alpha Phi's were originally Phi Psi sympathizers and wore the shield ere they sparkled the emblem of Alpha Phi, and now though loving Alpha Phi more they are not less gracious to Phi Psi, meanwhile ever preserving a dignified womanly independence. We remembered the editor's warning against assuming undue importance in contrasting forces with rival frats when we headed the list with Phi Psi. We did so because plain, modest, unvarnished truth so ordered it. Said one of the professors in conversation with a brother: "Unquestionably your boys stand first among the Fraternities represented here;" at another time it was asked by a member of the faculty: "How was it that you boys got the start of the other Fraternities so in the lower classes?" But all the Chapters here are quite prosperous, except Sigma Chi, which is now reaping the harvest which the indiscretion of several late members had sown. On the whole the prospects of all are promising, as the material to make frats is on the increase and healthy oudens are numerous. Bro. Merrell has assumed the chair in Hinman Literary Society which Bro. Piper just vacated. Bro. Wilkinson is President of the College Christian Association which is vigorously engaged in the good work.

Bro. Johnnie Hall is recovered from his late illness and will re enter classes next term. It was Johnnie of whom the poet wrote:

"There was a young man from Mankato,
Who lived on beefsteak and potato,
When he opened his throat
He gets off a stale joke—
This pious young man from Mankato."

Bro. Axtell is "the young and mashing teacher" over a district of young suckers at Chebanse, Illinois.

Bro. Wilbur J. Andrews will gladden us by his presence next term.

Dear editor, wherefore dost thou so sit down, as it were, on old Ohio Alpha?

We extend a hearty grip to Wisconsin Gamma, may she know the blessings of a joyful existence.

I think no Chapter can be more united than is Illinois Alpha, never yet have we expelled a member, or been asked to accept a resignation. A genuine bond of affection binds us into one happy fellowship. Our prospects are very bright and brightly burns our enthusiasm in the bonds of our brotherhood.

Good night brethren, its almost to-morrow morning, and mingled with our Phi Psi meditations are drowsy thoughts of Hannibal toiling through intricate, awful passes, of Socrates' subtle irony and the abstruse idiosyncrasy of one Sturm.

Vale, vale, brothers,

Northwestern University.

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NEW YORK DELTA.

GENEVA, N. Y., *Jan. 21, 1882.*

EDS. OF THE SHIELD:

The January SHIELD has just made its appearance among us, and the Delta correspondent feels that he must "take a brace." Our non-appearance for the last two months was, however, intentional; for we decided to give THE SHIELD and its readers a little rest, as far as we were concerned.

Now comes the dilemma: We mustn't boast of ourselves and our deeds (what a fruitful theme ruined!), for "that is clearly nonsense;" nor must we chronicle struggles with other Fraternities, that's altogether too "local." Moreover, we must be on our guard against being "personal" or "literary." What the—mischiet—is to be done, then? If many more topics are debarred, the only recourse for the unlucky correspondent will be a bottle of laudanum or a couple of yards of first-class rope.

The end of the holidays found us all back and trying to express the warmth of our feelings by the energy of our grip.

We succeeded quite well last term. Shortly after our last appearance in THE SHIELD, we added one more to our number, L. C. Holcomb, '83. At Sophomore exhibition, Dec. 21, of the two Phi Psi's who appeared, one was awarded the sec-

ond prize and the other an honorable mention, so we didn't feel at all left, considering there were eleven speakers. The first prize was captured by a Theta Delta Chi.

We are beginning to look forward to our first anniversary. Think of it! Yet it isn't very far off. We intend to celebrate in a way that would not dishonor Thanksgiving, or "any of the rest of 'em."

The Delta sends hearty wishes of happiness and prosperity to all Phi Psidom during the new year.

Yours in the bonds,

G. M. I.

Hobart College.

PENNA. ETA.

LANCASTER, *Jan. 29, 1882.*

DEAR SHIELD:

Penna. Eta sends her greeting to all. The January number of THE SHIELD has been received and read with interest. We think its appearance improved by the change of color for covering. Our meetings are interesting and well attended. We have had with us for a few days Bro. Boyer, of Penna. Theta. He is a genial fellow, and a warm Phi Psi. Bro. Kendall made glad the hearts of all Phi Psis here by making his long-expected visit.

The brothers are eagerly looking forward to the close of the medical term of the University of Pennsylvania, when we expect a number of brothers from that quarter, including Charley Reed, so a jolly good time is expected.

For some time we have been discussing in our meetings the propriety of a change in the general government of the Fraternity. This is a subject worthy of the consideration of every Chapter. For several years it has been felt that the government of the Fraternity is not just as it ought to be, and we hope that at the next meeting of the G. A. C. a change in this direction will be effected.

We notice the following in a late number of *The Crescent*:

“Phi Kappa Psi is reported to be in a feeble condition at Franklin and Marshall College.” The members of this Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity in making such report were certainly speaking ironically. However, the only trouble it gives us is the necessity of denying it. This report has its origin in slanderous jealousy. Brothers, the Eta Chapter has never been stronger than at present. If they regard a membership of nineteen an evidence of weakness, what do they think of their own condition with a membership of twelve? We have nineteen active members, twelve of whom expect to return at the beginning of next college year, while they will return with six members. Out of fourteen positions on the programmes of the two literary societies, seven are filled by Phi Psis. If such are indications of feebleness, we are satisfied to remain feeble.

Bro. “Pete” Biesecker, who left college because of ill health, writes that he expects to return at the beginning of the spring term. Eta will be as glad to receive him as she was sorry to part with him.

Of late we have not been as prompt in our communications to *THE SHIELD* as heretofore, but promise to do better in the future.

With my best wishes for the prosperity of *THE SHIELD*,
I remain yours fraternally,

E. E. P.

Franklin & Marshall College.

NOTES FROM THE INTERIOR.

DEAR BRO:

You want a letter. Well, now, Ote., old fellow, you forget that I can scarcely find time to perform satisfactorily the work you've already imposed on me, let alone scribbling a communication of any respectable sort—one fit for *THE SHIELD*. We, that is the Phi Psis around this section, read our paper with very much pleasure. Indeed, I know one brother who reads each number over and over again, and is so

eager for more that an hour after the arrival of each copy he inquires, "When will the next number be out?" Couldn't you have THE SHIELD make a weekly appearance? The new form is excellent. The first cover pleased me, but "as variety is the spice of life," I suppose you thought you could safely apply it to the paper. The correspondent in your last issue says he is anxious to have the alumni of Phi Kappa Psi become interested in the Fraternity. If my dear brother will consider a moment, he'll find that Phi Kappa Psi Alumni are about as enthusiastic and do as much as any alumni for their Frat. Who founded New York Alpha and Gamma, Penna. Theta and Iota, Md. Alpha, D. C. Alpha, Cal. Alpha, Miss. Alpha and others? Most certainly the alumni. Who set THE SHIELD on its feet, and who for two years have paid out the most money for its support? The alumni. Not such a bad showing after all for those graduate brothers who do not enjoy the pleasures of Phi Psi meetings, etc. It strikes me that our alumni haven't forgotten the "triple bond." Are the under graduates doing as well? Are they carefully guarding the treasures placed in their keeping? Mr. Editor, some one suggests that individuals be appointed here and there through the country to act as assistant editors, so that you do not get so much Penna. news in your columns. Why appoint any particular person? Cannot every brother provide you with news? Let each one forward whatever Phi Psi items come to his notice.

Another Chapter (Wis. Gamma) is added to our list. Long life to it. There are several other institution in the west in which we ought to place our banner. And it does seem that we advance slowly in the south. Perhaps the foolish behavior of so many of the Boards of Trustees of Southern institutions has deterred the brothers from taking advantage of opportunities offered. Will we permit the great northwest to lie untouched? The Keystone and Empire states, we believe, offer opportunities for extension.

We are seven and think some of asking for a charter. We meet frequently and all are interested in the welfare of Phi

Kappa Psi. Our average height is 5 ft. 11 in.; average weight 190 lbs. One of us is a divine, three are attorneys-at-law, one a physician, and two something else. Four out of the seven are married and the other three want to be. As to good looks—"modesty forbids us to mention." As to work we have performed in behalf of the Fraternity—we pay for THE SHIELD, *i. e.*, our share. Hoping you'll consign these lines to the waste basket and come out and see us frequently, I subscribe myself,

Yours in Phi Kappa Psi,

JUNIOR.

ILLINOIS BETA.

CHICAGO, ILLS., *January 31, 1882.*

DEAR BRO. EDITOR:—Our Chapter is progressing about as usual. We have one man less this term than last, Bro. Johnnie Crawford, '85, having left school. We, however, expect to have Bro. Sam. King, '83, back again before this term closes. We are as peaceful and serene as a summer's day and never pass anything except by a unanimous vote. In politics, we are about as unsuccessful as usual. However, Bro. F. L. Anderson is president of Tri Kappa Literary Society this term, and Bro. E. T. Stone has been elected Tri Kappa's representative on the occasion of Washington Supper. At our last Chapter election Bro. F. R. Swartwout was elected corresponding secretary for the year 1882.

Now, Bro. Editor, I wish it to be distinctly understood that those who write from Illinois Beta, write on their own responsibility, and in writing this letter, I, not my Chapter, am personally responsible. I see by your editorial column that some one has taken the pains to reply to "Growler" in his advocacy of the motto "Death to Literary Exercises." I see also that your Editorial Majesty vigorously sat down on the aforesaid Anti-Growler. May a like fate not seize me! Allow me, Bro. Editor, in sweet, strong terms to dissent from our growling brother and give my reasons therefor. I well know

many of Phi Psi's Chapters have these literary exercises and that "Growler's" letter was not an expression of the feelings of all loyal Phi Psi's. Many believe that literary exercises are essential to the preservation of a good Chapter. So I shall not feel alone in taking up the cudgels against "Growler."

I believe in the first place that some of the best fraternities are very literary. Alpha Delta Phi, the best of eastern fraternities, is such avowedly. They make no secret of it and say it is of incalculable benefit to them to have such a reputation. It attracts to them men of real culture and respectability. I am glad to say that Phi Kappa Psi too has quite a reputation in the same line and in our Chapter at least, we have many who were attracted to us on this account, while we never have lost a man on account of objections to it. Mr. Editor, I appeal to any one who knows much of the Frat. whether the literary Chapters or the social Chapters stand the best. Which kind of Chapter is the most prompt in payment to the G.C. and THE SHIELD? Which kind turns out the most large-brained, big-souled Phi Psi's? I do not think any one will say that the literary Chapters are backward in these respects. Such Chapters as the Pennsylvania Epsilon, Indiana Alpha and Beta, and Illinois Alpha and Beta, are not in a dying condition. We must not overlook the good it does the individual Phi Psi. There are men, now good public speakers, who took their first lessons in Illinois Beta's hall. The fact is this, while our Frat. has as its corner-stone Phi Psi love and brotherhood, the superstructure can not be raised without the strong cement of literary work. In other words, if a meeting is to be simply a good time, jokes, feed, etc., there are many times when a good, loyal Phi Psi even will feel it his duty to stay at home, but if he knows there is to be beneficial literary work and the fun thrown in, how often he will go, when it seems as though he ought not. Now, I am not advocating going around with a sign board attached to our pins, saying "Phi Kappa Psi is a literary society." It is not. But nevertheless, the literary work is the elixir which makes

Chapters robust and strong, and individual Phi Psi's able to cope in the intellectual arena with the mental giants of other societies. I am sorry, Bro. Editor, that I have written so long a letter, but I feel strongly on the subject. Though Illinois Beta is not responsible for this letter, I think she would subscribe to it pretty unanimously.

Yours in Phi Kappa Psi,
University of Chicago.

TIM.

INDIANA ALPHA.

GREENCASTLE, IND., *February 2d*, 1882.

BRO. EDITOR:

The banner of Indiana Alpha is still floating on high, and her fraternal love takes in all the Chapters. This brotherly love is stronger than it has been for two or three years, and keeps on growing.

Since last I wrote, we have initiated two new men, Ed. Graves, Warsaw, Indiana, '85; Charles Funk, '86, of the same place. They are both good men and will honor the brotherhood. On the night of Bro. Funk's initiation, two of our warm lady friends sent up cakes, which added zest to the occasion.

Bro. Edwin Post, Professor of Latin, has been blessed with a babe which arrived January 14th. The students had bills struck announcing the fact, and a song for the occasion was issued at Chapel exercises, Monday the 16th, his entrance was the signal for uproarous applause, and upon the conclusion of prayers, the song was sung by a choir of 300, and then they marched to his room and extracted a speech which closed with the wish that they might all have a baby as nice as his.

Our Chapter has adopted the strict construction of the constitution, and hereafter will allow no girl to wear the Phi Psi badge. It is a useless and foolish practice that frequently leads to trouble, and if it is ever beneficial, the same object can be even better accomplished by the colors.

“Lu’s” letter from Illinois Beta in the last SHIELD was very interesting. I am heartily in favor of a catalogue formed upon the plan advocated by him, *i. e.*, with reference to residence. It is something that is needed very much. What he says in regard to “Locals” in the Chapter correspondence will hold good in most cases, yet the positions the Chapter fills, the prizes taken, the successes and good times enjoyed by it, are interesting to the Fraternity as a whole, and should not be omitted.

Perhaps it would interest the brothers to know the Fraternities represented by the I. A. U. Faculty, which, as given by the *Asbury Monthly*, are as follows: Vice-President Ridpath, of the Chair of History; Dr. Earp, of Modern Languages, and Dr. McNutt, of Mathematics, are members of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. Prof. Post, Latin, is a Phi Kappa Psi; Dr. Gobin, Greek, is a Beta Theta Pi; Dr. Baker, Chemistry, and Prof. DeMotte, Principal Preparatory Department, are D. K. E’s. Drs. Martin and Mansfield, Col. Hamilton and Prof. Downey are non-Fraternity parties. We now have 32 members, seven being from Warsaw. All this year our Chapter has been large, and we do not find it uphill work. Indeed we can hardly see how we could do with less. Cliques are unknown, and everything works smoothly.

With love to all, I remain yours in Phi Kappa Psi,
Indiana Asbury University. VIRGIL.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

SAN JOSE, *February 13, 1882.*

DEAR SHIELD:

In your editorial you inquire after California Alpha. We always feel interested in anything that concerns our fraternity. Some delay has been necessary, yet probably some blame could be justly laid at the door of your correspondent. We are expecting to increase our numbers this year; the Sophomore, Freshmen and Junior Classes have some fine material.

Commencement will take away some of our best members; while we shall miss them from our meeting, yet we like to see the spirit of Phi Kappa Psi permeating our state. How proud we should be to become the hub of a wheel taking in this coast.

Bro. Breyfogle is well and tending his immense practice. Bro Richards has a fine law office and is doing nicely. By the way, he has monopolized one of California's rare jewels; we wish him much joy. Bros. Johnston and Ayers call around once in a while; they still carry their usual warm hearts and loyalty.

We have a nice room in the University and feel very proud of our Order, and cordially invite all brothers who are or may come in the state to call and see us, — we should feel honored, and will make it as pleasant for them as possible.

Yours in Phi Kappa Psi,

University of the Pacific.

J. M. A.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

OXFORD, MISS., *March 2d*, 1882.

DEAR SHIELD:

Owing to intermediate examinations we were unable to represent our Chapter for last month in THE SHIELD, if indeed there was an issue, for we have not as yet received the same. We have made an addition to our number of Phi Psis here since our last communication in the person of H. L. Standley. He is our "baby member" in years as well as in the mysteries of our Fraternity. He bids fair to become an earnest and zealous, as well as an able advocate of the heaven-born principles of our glorious Fraternity. Our meetings are as pleasant as seven hearts brim-full of brotherly esteem and good feeling for each other can make them. Since our organization there never has been a jar or discord of any kind among any of our members. It is very rarely the case that any of us forego the pleasure of "Guy" even to visit our "girls." This is true even of Bro. Farley, who is a great lady's man (?).

Bro. Editor, I wish to offer a thought in regard to subscriptions for THE SHIELD by the active members of Phi Psi, and it is this: That appropriations be made by the different Chapters for the support of our Fraternity organ yearly, rather than trust to individual subscriptions. Every Chapter can make a yearly appropriation of such an amount as their finances will permit. Each can give at least five dollars. Many, I doubt not, will feel able and disposed to give more; surely none should give less. When the different Chapters leave this matter to individual members, it very often must happen that subscription is put off from one time until another and finally not sent at all, merely from sheer negligence. If the subscription was made by the Chapters, that THE SHIELD would receive its dues, is, I think, much more certain. Of course I would not exclude private subscriptions. This is intended merely as a hint which I would be glad to have the brothers think of, and probably some one can amend or change the plan in some way as to make it useful.

Yours ever in Phi Kappa and Psi,

NEDIAR.

OHIO BETA.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, *March* 8, 1882.

DEAR SHIELD:

I know not how often a Chapter should write you, but if Ohio Beta sends you too many letters, there need no one tell you what to do with them. The sentiments of our "Growler" have doubtless met the hearty approbation of the majority of the Chapters, but of none more than ourselves. Our literary work here is very thorough and exacting, and to make our Fraternity a literary brotherhood would not only most flagrantly pervert its aims, but make it an unendurable bore. Yet the fact that we are not a literary organization does not exclude any literary performance that may be offered as an entertainment. But the laying down any certain literary work, or looking upon him as a shirk who may fail to comply

to any literary duty, is assuredly a false interpretation of our Constitution. With this Websterian dissertation on constitutional duties, I withdraw from the contest to themes more local.

Our winter term ends this week, and I must say nothing has marred the sublimity of the peace of our Chapter. No; not even the fiery thrust of Beta Omicron Tau. Such a puerile composition as Alpha Gamma sent to their organ excites more ridicule than indignation. At the greatest, it aroused us to no sense of injury. Since our last letter to THE SHIELD, we have initiated two more into the mysteries of Phi Kappa Psi—Robert J. Miller and Wm. Donnell, of Springfield. They have caught the spirit, and are as enthused as the oldest. The course of entertainments instituted by us this winter is completed, and proved a decided success in more ways than one, but especially in a financial way. The talent employed was the very best, and although it came high, we would have it. So much time was occupied in attending to it, that the Faculty kicked, but time and Faculty were, and, if I must say it, are secondary to Phi Kappa Psi. If our hall isn't a twin to Vanderbilt's palace car, it's no fault of ours. The brothers returned from the State Reunion, held at Delaware, enthusiastic over their entertainment, "Sems.," etc. They report the brothers of Gamma and Alpha as quite "too-too," appearing in their claw-hammer coats, tight pants, plug hats and white kids. No such order was telegraphed our boys, so they were compelled to join the procession with all their imperfections on their back, unable to cut the "propah capah." I am informed that Ohio Beta owes THE SHIELD some money, and I have half a mind to believe it. But before your next issue this glaring neglect will be remedied. This letter has imposed on your columns enough, so I will close, remaining

Faithfully yours in Phi Kappa Psi,

Wittenberg College.

E. L. A.

MEADVILLE, *Jan. 9th*, 1882.

DEAR SHIELD:

The "boys" have been so circumspect in their lives since returning from the parental roof, that personals are scarce. The oracles seem to smile upon us as we assemble once more around the banner of Phi Psi after enjoying the festivities of the season. We have returned to college with new zeal for the cause we have espoused, and each determined to labor more earnestly to sustain the ancient dignity of our ancestors.

We welcome Bro. Will Huffman with us once again, but miss very much the genial face of Bro. W. S. King, who will sojourn during the winter among the orange groves of Florida, making his headquarters at Jacksonville. He expects to enter Ann Arbor next year.

Since our last letter we have initiated Will Hoage and Glenroie McQueen, besides receiving Bro. E. A. Brown, of Kansas Alpha, who is attending the Unitarian Theological Seminary.

Bro. Apple, who was in college last year, is attending Pallatinate College, Myerstown, Pennsylvania, and Bro. Mason business college, Pittsburgh.

Bros. E. M. Wood, '79 and A. J. Newell, '80, spent the holidays among their friends in Meadville. Bro. Wood is still engaged in teaching, and Bro. Newell general agent for the Standard Publishing House, of New York.

Simpson Socrates Ford, the "oracle" of '81, has accepted a position as professor of mathematics in Richmond College, Richmond, Ohio.

Bro. W. P. Grant, business manager of the *Alleghenian*, would be pleased to exchange college annuals with any of the brothers; address Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Cards received announce the marriage of our late lamented Bro. A. E. Colegrove, '80, to Miss Margaret McCullough, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on December 21st, 1881. The firm of Colegrove & Co. will continue to disseminate light from the classic halls of Williamsport Seminary. Bro. Chas. B. Harper is a victim to the same snare, Miss Lyde Coburn,

of Meadville, is the happy bride. We heartily congratulate these brothers of increased responsibilities, and wish them long years of happiness.

A PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL.

A passage in an editorial in the last *Beta Theta Pi* touches upon a theme which has long been of interest to the writer, and upon which he gladly embraces the opportunity of recording some of his thoughts. The passage is this: "That action in concert upon matters of common interest may be looked for as one of the incidents of the near future in the Fraternity world, can hardly be doubted. Indeed, we look forward with confidence to a not distant time when an ecumenical conference of Fraternity men will be held, and arrangements made which will greatly strengthen the good feeling now developing so rapidly."

That precisely this end—the holding of a general council of Fraternity men, and the formation of a friendly alliance among all the American College Fraternities—might one day be obtained, has long been a cherished hope with the present writer. And he knows this hope is held, not only by other Betas, as is evidenced by the editorial just quoted from, but by members of many other Fraternities as well. The reasons that make such a consummation desirable must be evident to any one who will consider the question. Suppose we go over some of them:

In the first place, let us dispose of the objections with which such a proposal is likely to be met at the outset—the objection, namely, that the rivalry necessarily existing among the several Fraternities would make such an effort at concentrated action wholly fruitless. The existence of any such spirit of antagonism is, in point of fact, a myth. It may possibly have been a real thing once, but it positively is not now. Rivalry there is, and always will be, among the several Chapters located anywhere at the same institution, though even this, under the influence of the better feeling that character-

zes the relations of the general Fraternities to each other, is, we hope and believe, being in most places rapidly divested of its bitterness, and reduced to the condition of a manly and genial emulation. But as to the relations of the general Fraternities themselves, they are and cannot but continue to be, thoroughly cordial and friendly. Their common interests are many and universal, while their grounds of jealousy are few and local. As Betas we can and do rejoice in the prosperity of our sister Fraternities. Why not? And why not they in ours? Their gain, if not directly ours, is at least not our loss. There is room for us all; and the room will be the more ample as we jostle each other less.

Among the subjects that might profitably be discussed by a Pan-Hellenic Council are: The protection of college politics from Fraternal interference; the adjusting of a uniform code of rules, determining the requisites for admission, and settling of the "prep. question" and kindred problems; the means of suppressing "lifting," or at least of making it an art free from dishonorable features; measures securing the repeal of anti-Fraternity laws, and removing whatever prejudice still exists against Fraternities anywhere, and, in general, all themes bearing upon the welfare of the Fraternity system and the development of kindly feelings among the several Greek peoples. Among the incidental advantages attendant upon the successful execution of this plan would be the drawing together of colleges and college men, and the strengthening of that good feeling of solidarity in the ranks of the best and most cultured men in the nation, upon which depends in so large a measure the purity of our political life and the wholesomeness of our civilization.

That in these and other ways very great good might be made to result from the establishment of such another Amphyctionic League as this would be, seems well nigh certain. The steps necessary for its formation need not be difficult. Let influential representatives of half a dozen of the strongest Fraternities prepare a circular giving in brief the reasons that make such a conference desirable, and calling upon the con-

vention of the several Fraternities to appoint each a member of a committee on arrangements. Before being presented to the conventions of the respective Fraternities, it should be sent around for signatures among the officers of all Fraternities, and a copy of the circular with all its signatures should then be furnished each Fraternity Journal for publication, so as to insure intelligent action by the conventions.

It would, probably, be best not to name a date earlier than '84 or '85 for the meeting of the council. That would give time for the report of the committee on arrangements to be acted upon by the conventions of '83. Special attention might be obtained from Fraternities whose conventions meet only biennially. As to the basis of representation to be adopted, the committee of arrangements might safely be entrusted with the decision of that and other questions of detail of which we need not treat here; as, for instance, the kind and extent of the powers the Fraternities should be asked to confer upon their delegates to the council; the advisability of providing for more than one session, or of a permanent organization with periodical sessions, etc., etc.

Some such plan as this, followed out by the right kind of men, would, it seems to me, be very likely to meet with the approval of all the best Fraternities of the country, unless I have wholly misconceived the spirit that pervades the Greek world. I only hope the men will be found to take the initiative in so advisable an undertaking.—*Beta Theta Pi*, December, 1881.

JOSEPH WARREN KEIFER.

On Monday, December 5th, 1881, the House of Representatives elected the Hon. Joseph Warren Keifer Speaker of the same for the Forty-seventh Congress.

He is comparatively a young man, having been born January 30th, 1836, in Bethel Township, Clark County, Ohio. He was educated in the Common Schools of Clark County and finished his education at Antioch College. He began the

study of law in 1856 at Springfield, and in 1858 was admitted to the bar, being successful from the start.

He was practicing his profession when the war broke out in 1861. He abandoned his practice and entered the Union Army April 26th, 1861, as Major of the Third Ohio Infantry. His military record is an excellent one. He took part in the early battles in West Virginia, receiving special mention for his gallant conduct at Rich Mountain in July, 1861, and Cheat Mountain Elkwater in the fall of the same year.

February 12th, 1862, he was promoted to Lieut. Colonel of his regiment. He bore a conspicuous part in General Mitchell's brilliant campaign along the line of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad. In September, same year, he was made Colonel of the 110th Ohio Infantry.

He was conspicuous for bravery in the field, and was wounded four times. Two of his wounds were slight and did not keep him out of his saddle very long, but he was severely wounded at the Battle of the Wilderness, May 5th, 1864. Although wounded he remained on the field until the battle was over. His wound compelled him to return home. Contrary to his surgeon's advice, he joined the army again in August, 1864, and was brevetted Brigadier General, November 30th, same year, for gallant and meritorious services in the battles of Opequan, Cedar Creek and Fisher's Hill, and in October he was commissioned Brigadier General by President Lincoln. His corps was remarkably successful during the closing months of the war, and on July 1st, 1865, he was made Major General by brevet, three days after he had been mustered out of the volunteer service.

At the close of the war he returned to the practice of the law at Springfield.

His political career began in 1868 when he was elected to the Ohio Senate, and served two years. He is a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, having been elected Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the organization, May 8th, 1872. He was a delegate to the Cincinnati Convention in 1876, and was elected to the Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth and

the present Congress by good pluralities. He has been a trustee of Antioch College since 1873.

In 1868 he became a member of the Ohio Beta, sub-Chapter of our glorious Fraternity, and is one more noble $\Phi. \Psi.$ who has honored the Fraternity by his glorious conduct in the field and his gentlemanly behavior on the floor of Congress.

General Keifer in his personal appearance is above the medium height, and strong and powerfully built. He has a round full face fringed with a brown beard. His hair is black, well sprinkled with gray. He is an eloquent speaker and has frequently made the house ring with his display of oratory. He is thoroughly conscientious, and will acquit himself in his high position with ability and credit.

R. J. M.

ADDRESS BEFORE THE G. A. C.

DEAR SHIELD:

In examining some of my Fraternity documents, I found among other things a copy of the address delivered by Bro. Major Ad. Reinoehl before the G. A. C. convened at Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1871: "The Ideal and the Real in Life." The closing part I thought might interest some one, so I give it here: "In conclusion, I would speak of the ideal and the real character of college Fraternities, and especially ours. Among college authorities a 'secret society' is generally regarded with suspicion and disfavor, and periodically, like the breaking out of the rash among the children of a neighborhood, some faculties issue proclamations of extermination as fearful as the thunders of the Vatican and about as effectual. These Chapters are regarded with hands uplifted, by their opponents, a certain fossilized class of professors, and by the subdued young men who live and move and have their being in the faculty's approbation, and who in the touching language of 'Ben Bolt,'

'Weep with delight, when they give them a smile,
And who tremble with fear at their frown.'

The societies are accused of being hot beds of college vices, the schools of disorder, and the sources of rebellion and violation of law. The student on being initiated, is supposed to be taken secretly up a dimly-lighted stairway. On each step, a disguised member holding a glittering dagger, mutters to the trembling candidate: 'Beware the traitor's doom.' Gleaming skulls grin from ghostly pedestals, and the blindfold is removed, amid peals of demoniac laughter, and the crash of gongs, while from some hidden source a voice administers a fearful oath, which draws drops of bloody sweat on the brows of the most daring candidates. The ceremony of initiation is invariably closed with fearful debauchery, which the newly initiated is always compelled to pay for with money previously wrung from the paternal exchequer on the plea of contingent expenses. The downward career of a young man joining a secret society is by these opponents always predicted as certain. He will either die a drunkard, become a gambler, or be elected to the Common Council or the Legislature.

"That such a state of affairs exists only in the fevered imagination I need hardly say. If Chapters were only Bacchanalian clubs, or dens of dissolution, men who, in after life, attain high honors in Church and State, and whose names are prominent on 'change and at the bar, in riper years, when youthful effervescence has subsided, and the sober manhood of real life is reached, would not seek to revive the associations of college. No; the principles taught by our Fraternity inculcate a sound morality; they cultivate the virtue of self-denial, and foster unselfish love of man for brother man. They seek to develop the noblest impulses of our hearts, the highest ambition of our souls, to arouse each faculty of the mind. They teach us confidence in fellowman, and however others may seek to deceive us and betray, in our creed, is taught, 'No false heart can beat behind a true Phi Psi grip.' Conviviality may exist in many Chapters, but it is not the result of organization, but of individual character. The disposition is to check, not encourage riotous conduct; to kindly reclaim and subdue; not to develop recklessness. In the

Chapter Hall are stored, as in a museum, all the memories and associations of college life; and here each Commencement Day the 'old boys' come back to mingle with the young 'uns, and to wipe the dust from many incidents piled in the Fraternity store-house.

"And, while in some colleges, Faculties, actuated by blind bigotry and fanatic zeal, may seek to crush out Fraternities by ostracism, merely because they are Fraternities, and not on account of improprieties or lawlessness, the student who has once worn the golden shield, and felt the enthusiasm of Phi Psi sublimity, cannot be easily severed from his devotion to its banner and its cause. The badge may disappear from public eye, the Chapter may be temporarily disbanded, but

'You may break—you may shatter the vase if you will,
The scent of the roses will linger there still.'

Neither the ministerial duties, the cares of State, nor the pursuit of wealth and ambition, can ever so totally absorb us as to make us forget our reunions, symposiums and councils. Let us ever make them cherished events in the history of our lives.

"The weary traveler struggling through the sandy wastes of the desert, stifled with blinding clouds that whirl across his bewildered pathway, with blood fevered by the sun that burns so pitilessly in the blazing sky, harrassed by plundering Bedouins, more hostile than nature, hails with beaming eye and bounding pulse, the green oasis that greets him in the distance. And when at nightfall the haven is reached, and the camels crouch on the verdure, when from the depths of the cool wells the blessed water is drawn and the face of the tropic moon looks kindly down through the waving palms, the terrors of the day that is past are forgotten, and the unknown dangers of the morrow are unthought of. And so we who leave the shades of Alma Mater and journey on, traveling sometimes in companies, but oftener fighting on alone, feel how pitiless and how rude is the world through which we pass. Difficulties in clouds whirl around us, blinding our footsteps. We sometimes almost faint under the heat and burden of the day, and

on every side we encounter men as heartless as Bedouins, and as cruel as Arabs. But on occasions like these we reach the green spots of life's Sahara; and in these Phi Psi oases, from the depths of fraternal hearts, we quaff anew invigorating draughts.

"And, as the ancients hung shields among the trees, whose notes as they clashed together were interpreted by the priests, we seat ourselves beneath the palms, and hanging the branches full of golden shields, of Phi Psi shields, each one of us a priest of Fraternity's order, leads but one interpretation to their music as they meet—UNSELFISH BROTHERHOOD"—'74.

IN MEMORIAM.

GETTYSBURG, PA., *February 28, 1882.*

Whereas, In the providence of Almighty God our beloved Brother,

CHARLES WEISER CARL,

was removed by death Feb. 27th, at York, Penn'a, and

Whereas, In the death of Brother Carl we have lost a warm-hearted friend and loyal member of the Fraternity, we, the members of Pennsylvania Epsilon 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 this dispensation of the Divine Ruler.

Resolved, That in him we recognize the loss of one who was an honor to his Fraternity, and gave promises of being a bright light in the great fraternity of mankind.

Resolved, That during his connection with us he always proved himself a sincere Christian and generous friend.

Resolved, That our heartfelt sympathy be extended to the bereaved family in this deep and sudden affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our lamented Brother; and to each Chapter of the Fraternity, requesting that the usual badge of mourning be

worn for the time specified in the Grand Book of Constitutions, and

Resolved, That these resolutions be inscribed on the minutes of this meeting and be published in the Phi Kappa Psi SHIELD, *York Daily*, and *Penn'a College Monthly*.

H. L. JACOBS,
G. D. GOTWALD, } Committee.
C. D. HOOVER, }

Penn'a Epsilon Chapter Hall.

From a private letter sent to a friend in this county, we learn that Bro. L. M. Haverstick, Penna. Zeta, '59, died at Rock Island, Illinois, on November 25, aged forty years. He was sick for about six months, with "quick" consumption, but was never confined to bed by it, and was only confined to his room one week. His remains were interred at Rock Island on November 27.

Deceased was a native of this county, and removing to the west, he became the publisher and the editor of the Rock Island *Union*, which he conducted with much ability for years, but finally sold out and engaged in other enterprises. He was married to a daughter of Henry Frantz, formerly of Paradise township, this county, but latterly of Maryland. His wife and four children survive him. He was an excellent man in all the walks of life, and the news of his death will doubtless prove a great shock to his hosts of friends in this county who had no knowledge, even, of his impaired health. —*New Era*.

BRO. Prof. S. S. Hamill, Penna. Delta, '59, is engaged in a successful tour of Missouri and Arkansas, in giving readings and teaching elocution. Bro. Hamill has two sons in the preparatory school of the Northwestern University, who are highly accomplished in their fathers profession, and a younger son in the Evanston public school. Bro. Hamill has given Illinois Alpha the grip.

PRESSING THOUGHTS.

Is anything being done in Iowa?

WILL our defunct Southern Chapters ever be revived?

ALL Chapters should send greeting to Wisconsin Gamma.

ANNUAL reports due January 1st, but we've not yet seen them.

THERE is still room in Pennsylvania for Chapters of our Fraternity.

WOULDN'T it be well for the brothers who are interested in New York Gamma to look up *all* the $\Phi. \Psi.$'s in the city?

OCCASIONALLY a stray letter from some Virginia Chapter is observed in THE SHIELD.

LARGE Chapters are not the best thing for any Fraternity—Phi Kappa Psi not excepted.

WHERE'S all the extension—what direction, when and if not too much trouble let us know.

THE accounts of some of the Chapters with the G. C. would appear better if they were balanced.

WHAT is the Fraternity color? Is the cover of THE SHIELD slowly revealing to us what we are seeking?

SOME of the largest Chapters in Phi Kappa Psi pay the least amount towards the support of the Fraternity paper.

PROMPT payment of subscriptions to THE SHIELD are always received with joy and thanks. Thus it would appear to us.

FOUNDERS of Fraternities semi-occasionally favor the journals of their Order with accounts of the "good old days"—how is it with our founder?

"THERE'S the History and there's the Song Book;" they'll probably be out *in futuro*. The respective committees will report progress at the next G. A. C.

How leisurely we Phi Kappa Psis *do* perform our work. We are just about as happy and well satisfied a band as could be found in a thirty year's hunt.

LET every loyal Phi Psi adjust his spectacles carefully so that he reads aright the account of THE SHIELD's finances when they are reported.

COULDN'T the G. C. favor the sub-Chapters with a few letters? The same would be most heartily welcomed. We would probably then learn something new.

THE remark of Epsilon's correspondent in January issue regarding Δ. T. Δ. is decidedly uncalled for. If Δ. T. Δ. doesn't desire to enter Pennsylvania College that's her business, not ours.

WAS there anything done at the last Chautauqua Reunion of interest to the Frat. at large? The readers of our journal who did not have the cash to take the trip would doubtless be pleased to hear the news.

SOME of our under-graduate brothers are said to be working up something *grand*; they will revolutionize Phi Kappa Psi. Hadn't they better first inform themselves properly, lest they strike a snag, and—
Ω.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

Ψ. Υ. has \$500 in its treasury, and Δ. Γ. Δ. \$800.

Δ. T. Δ. favors an inter-fraternity convention.

CHI PHI is running a *sub rosa* Chapter at Columbia.

PHI GAMMA DELTA has entered University of Kansas.

SIGMA CHI may get *Alpha Sigma Phi*, a local society of Marietta.

THERE are over 43,000 names in Beta Theta Pi's new catalogue.

THE new catalogue of B. Θ. Π. is out. Prices range from \$3.00 to \$5.00.

Δ. T. Δ. publishes the photo. of one of her prominent members in the December issue.

IT is said a Δ. Β. Φ. from Cornell has re-established the Chapter of that Fraternity at Lafayette.

BETA THETA PI and Sigma Chi, of Denison University, will issue an "annual" in the spring.

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON has withdrawn its Chapter from Asbury University.—*The Beta Theta Pi.*

$\Delta. T. \Delta.$ has come to the conclusion that her expressions of sympathy for the Chapter of $\Sigma. X.$ at Purdue University were rashly uttered.

$Z. \Psi.$ held her convention January 5th, 6th and 7th in New York City; her Chapter at Williams' thinks of erecting a Chapter house.

BETA THETA PI'S Alumni Chapters are at New York, Baltimore, Wheeling, Cleveland, Louisville, Chicago, Kansas City, San Francisco and Indianapolis.

$\Phi. \Gamma. \Delta.$ is regarded as the *balance-wheel* of Allegheny College.—*Cor. for Phi Gamma Delta.* But $\Delta. T. \Delta.$ is the *fly-wheel* of the college.—*The Crescent.*

MR. PARK VALENTINE, who together with his wife perished January 13th in the Hudson River Railroad disaster, was a charter member of the Upsilon Chapter $\Delta. T. \Delta.$

$\Phi. K. \Psi.$ which used to have the most prominent position at Wooster University, is rapidly falling from its high place on account of internal dissensions.—*\Delta. T. \Delta. Crescent.*

THERE are two Chapters of the ladies society of $A. \theta.$ —the $A.$ Chapter at Syracuse and the $B.$ at Northwestern University. Both Chapters are in a most flourishing condition.

$\Delta. T. \Delta.$'s Chapter $\Delta.$ at Michigan University not being represented in the *Palladium* (because the Chapter is not yet two years of age) has published a very neat little account of itself. Thanks, Delta Tau, for the copy so kindly sent us.

No. 1 of vol. 2 of $\Sigma. A. E. Record$ is before us. It continues to publish good sound articles on general Fraternity topics and carries much information of special interest to *Sigs.* It deserves the hearty support of every member of the Fraternity.

OUR rival Fraternities are the Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Gamma Delta. The former are no mean rivals, and one thing

that can be said to their credit is that, with all their antagonism, they do everything openly and above board.—*Kansas University Correspondent of Beta Theta Pi.*

THE $\Phi. \Delta. \theta.$ Chapter at Vanderbilt University is a non-secret reading club. Its members, however, are pledged to join Phi Delta Theta at the commencement—when they graduate, or previously if they leave the university. Thus they get around the anti-frat. laws.

B. \theta. II. intends entering Columbia University of Nebraska and Vanderbilt, and has initiated men at each. The Board of Directors sent their general Secretary from Cincinnati to Nashville in December to give the Vanderbilt Betas a start, and also to look after the Chapter at Cumberland which is in a somnolent condition.—*\Phi. \Delta. \theta. Scroll.*

THE *Crescent* of *\Delta. T. \Delta.* touches up *The Scroll* of $\Phi. \Delta. \theta.$ and says to the latter: “In regard to your slur on our Chapter at Michigan University, it is unnecessary for us to pronounce it false, for the reputation of your paper stamps it as such without the necessity of even a denial on our part. We are not of a betting character, yet if any one would offer it we would be willing to go two to one that there are no rattles on the tails of the serpents displayed on your coat of arms, because you never warn before you strike. A rattlesnake always does. Now we started out to be frank and mild in this article, and if we warmed up slightly as we copied off the slur on our Chapter Delta it was nothing more than human nature. We would like to be at peace with all the Fraternity organs, but ‘*nemo me impune laeessit.*’”

THE following appeared in *The Beta Theta Pi* for January and February:

ZETA PSI HOUSE, WILLIAMSTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS.

December 4th, 1881.

DEAR SIR:—As our late action may be of interest to you and as you may desire to hear our version of it as well as any you may obtain from any other source. I would state that on November 2d, 1881, the Iota Chapter withdrew from Phi

Gamma Delta and returned its charter. Our reasons for so doing were: (1) general dissatisfaction with that Fraternity and a feeling that internal harmony would be endangered by remaining longer in it; (2) the belief that we had been deceived as to the real character and standing of the Fraternity by the agents who persuaded us to unite with it; (3) that groundless hopes were given us of its immediate growth in the East; that (4) promises of financial aid were made which they were never able to fulfill, and (5) that we held an anomalous position by being connected with a distinctly Western organization in a college as distinctly Eastern, and that this fact hampered us in competing with other Fraternities in our college.

After withdrawing from Phi Gamma Delta, we applied for admission to Zeta Psi, and were received therein November 21st, taking their old Chapter letter and considering ourselves a re-establishment of their old Chapter established here in 1848. Our action in both cases was entirely unanimous. *

* * * Very sincerely yours,

G. H. B.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA. ♦

BRO. JAS. FRAKE, Ill, Alpha, '66, recently lost a child by death.

BRO. E. S. White, Pa. Beta, '78, is preaching at Waynesburg, Pa.

BRO. John F. Williams, Pa. Zeta, '66, is practicing law in Baltimore, Md.

BRO. Dave McIlhenny, Pa. E., '78, is at Poughkeepsie in the business college.

BRO. C. A. Miller, Pa. Beta, '78, attorney at law, St. Paul, Minn., tells his story.

BRO. Rev. F. A. Gould, Ohio Alpha, '77, was moved from Hayesville to Gambier, O.

BRO. Geo. Wilds Linn, Pa. Zeta, '67, is practicing medicine at 18th and Arch streets, Phila.

BRO. W. F. Spottswood, Pa. Zeta, '71, has a good position in the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

BRO. Wesley Bradford, Illinois Alpha, '84, is roughing it in Colorado for the benefit of his health.

BRO. W. W. W. Wilson, Pa. Zeta, '72, is pastor of the M. E. church, Frederica, Kent co., Del.

BRO. James L. Norris, Pa. Zeta, '61, patent lawyer, has one of the finest law offices in Washington.

BRO. J. Harry Huber, Pa. E., '71, now resides in Gettysburg, and sports the pin on state occasions.

BRO. Harry M. Clabaugh, Pa. E., '73, lately became the happy father of his first. Congratulations in order.

BRO. R. W. TEMPLE, Ill. Alpha, ex '82, has a good position in the Chicago office of the Mutual Union Telegraph Co.

BRO. J. Warren Keifer has appointed Bro. F. E. Beltzhoover, Pa. E, '59, to his own old place on the Election Committee.

BRO. Rev. J. B. McGuffin, Illinois Alpha, '64, is enjoying the second year of a very successful pastorate over a M. E. congregation at Geneva, Ill.

BRO. Frank L. Webster, Kansas Alpha, spent the holidays in Lawrence, but has again returned to Ann Arbor for the purpose of pursuing his studies.

BRO. John Bovier Phillips, Pa. E., '75, is said to have died several days ago. Epsilon boys have no positive knowledge however. Hope it is false.

BRO. J. Frank Graff, Pa. E., '73, has taken unto himself a wife; Phi Psi has another warmhearted Sister in Mrs. Carrie Graff neé Brown. Congratulations.

BRO. J. W. Hoy, Pa. E., '59, practices medicine with success in Bloomville, Ohio. Bro. Hoy still has a warm corner in his heart for *Ø. Ψ.* and Phi Psi's.

BRO. H. C. Longnecker Pa. Zeta, is said to be one of the best dentists in Philadelphia, and is rapidly taking the lead in his profession. His office is 1513 Walnut street.

BRO. Geo. E. Chamberlain, Virginia Beta, '72, is practicing law in Albany, doing a good business; is a member of the Oregon Legislature; has a Frau and two young ones.

BRO. W. C. Cremer, Penn. Eta, '82, was called home on account of the sudden and very dangerous illness of his father, Rev. W. C. Cremer, Penn. Eta, 61, of Chambersburg, Pa. Bro. Cremer is back at school again and his father is getting well.

BRO. J. M. Young, Pa. E., '62, still holds forth in York, Pa., as law expounder. You can find him in his office opposite the court house, where consultations on Φ . Ψ . may be held with him gratis.

BRO. G. C. Stahl, Penna. Eta, '83, has a very pleasant position as principal of the McEwensville Academy. Franklin and Marshall boys who desire to teach find little trouble in getting good positions.

BRO. M. B. Winn, Va. Beta, '73, is practicing medicine in Memphis, Tenn., and was a member of the Howard Medical Association in '78, and battled against the "yellow jacket" during the epidemic in Memphis.

BRO. G. C. Smith, for the past year city editor of the *Lawrence Journal*, has given up his work here to accept the position of literary reporter on the *Kansas City Journal*. G. C. has given himself to journalism and we are glad to learn of his success.

BRO. Rev. N. H. Axtell, Penna. Beta, '58, is stationed at Kankakee, Ills., this year. Bro. Axtell is counted one of the ablest preachers in the Rock River M. E. Conference, and was by appointment one of the counsel for the defense in the late Thomas heresy trial.

BRO. Joseph P. Gross, Pa. Zeta, '68, has his new book in press. The title is, "A Practical Treatise on the law of Landlord and Tenant in Pennsylvania, with a complete discussion of Ejectment and Replevin," by Tatlow Jackson and Joseph P. Gross, of the Philadelphia Bar. 1 Vol., 8 vo, sheep, 825 pp. Price, \$7.50. Rees Welsh & Co., Phila.

LAST week the existing secret fraternities were very much exercised over the report that they were to have a new rival among them. It is supposed that a chapter of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity was organized at that time, but no public announcement has been made to that effect. Come boys don't be ashamed of yourselves, but come out like men, we will assure you a fair chance with the other fraternities.—*Kansas Review*, Jan., 1882.

BRO. Wm. McD. Bottome, Pa. Zeta, '69. From a recent sketch in an English paper of St. Matthews Church, Borstal, Rochester, England: "The present curate in charge is the Rev. W. M. Bottome, a gentleman of American birth, who has taken his degree in an American University, and was ordained by the Bishop of Ripon. There is no more eloquent preacher than Mr. Bottome in the whole of the Rochester area." Mr. Bottome has sent us *ten dollars* as his subscription for DICKINSONIAN. He proposes to visit the United States again in 1883.

The Field

Vol. III.

APRIL.

No. 7.

CHAUTAUQUA REUNION COMMITTEE FOR 1882.

ROBERT J. MURRAY, D. C. Alpha, '68, Washington, D.C.;
Daniel C. List, Ohio Gamma, '76, Wheeling, W. Va.; R. D.
Hoskins, Pa. Beta, '81, Tionesta, Pa.

EDITORIAL.

We are delighted to be able to give our readers a communication from our Virginia brothers, and wish to explain to the writer that we are sure *Donec* meant his remark in the same spirit as we took it, simply as a joke; and further, that we suppose he will understand the reason for our excision from his article.

We wish to call the especial attention of the brothers to two communications, one from the Historians, and the other from the Chautauqua Reunion Committee; but particularly the former, for several reasons: First, in that those who have been to Chautauqua at either of the former reunions, will need nothing to persuade them to go again, nor to induce them to use their utmost influence to get others to go; and secondly, because (as we are sorry to say has been our own experience) it seems to be a great deal easier to spend a dollar or two on fun of various kinds than to do so for something which they enjoy, or at least *say* they do. We are sorry to have to un-

derscore that *say*, but see no way out of it, for notwithstanding the fact that we have over 400 active members, we have, so far, received certainly not more than 150 subscriptions from them. Now brothers, don't treat the Historians in the same way but go ahead, send in your names and your money too, or at least lay it by, so that there will be no doubt of its being ready when the history is.

As to the Chautauqua Reunion, we can only say that if we possibly can we shall be there, and you all ought to echo the sentiment.

Since the issue of the last number, we have sent out quite a number of bills, some to alumni, who, though getting *THE SHIELD* regularly, have neglected to pay for it, and others to almost all the Chapters which were much in arrears, stating the number of copies of each issue sent, and the amount of money received therefor, with a suggestion, that perhaps some of those who had been enjoying *THE SHIELD* for two or nearly three years should pay up their back subscriptions. Some of those to the alumni have already borne fruit, but the only answer I have had to one of those to the Chapters was of such a nature as to make me feel it necessary to quote part of it with some remarks, in order to remove some erroneous ideas expressed in it, and to guard against the existence of such ideas on the part of others.—

— April 3d, 1882.

MY DEAR SIR :

My attention has been called by Mr. ———, of ——— (the present Corresponding Secretary of the Chapter), to your bill for subscriptions to *THE SHIELD*, Phi Kappa Psi, for Vols. 1, 2 and 3, \$30.00, less credits \$3.00, balance \$27.00, with addendum by yourself referring ——— to me and calling my attention to "¶ 2, p. 133":

Just what "¶ 2, p. 133" may stand for I am not able to say and ——— could give me no information. Its reference to your "bill," however, I shall be much pleased if you will kindly send me a copy of its order, from the ——— Chapter, Phi Kappa Psi, to yourself or any one else for ten copies of *THE SHIELD* for Volume 1-2, or 3, one or all, giving date of same, etc., etc., in full. I confess to having no recollection of sending such an order. When solicited to subscribe

and obtain subscribers my recollection is that I forwarded my own subscription, and also stated that if it would be of any service to the editors of *THE SHIELD* I would undertake to distribute a number of sample copies, and that if any subscriptions came in in reply they would receive the benefit thereof. As to any subscriptions by or on account of the —— I think you will find yourself wholly in error.

After a time some subscriptions were sent in, I am informed, but I do not know of any order for ten copies. The fact that you sent your *SHIELD* out under the above circumstances—you being fully acquainted with all the facts, and the distribution having been made by myself as agreed to be done—does not imply that I have made or ever intended to make myself responsible to you for the copies thus distributed. Again, I am not certain that ten copies were regularly sent.

Quite awhile ago I sent to Dr. Smith for my bill, but none was returned. In your statement I find no credit given for my own subscription sent in.

As to the number of copies of *SHIELD* sent and received since * * I do not know, but I believe you will find no order for ten copies nor any authorization for sending such number.

Your publication, as all others of the kind, was a business venture. If non-supporting it were well dropped. To make it support itself by sending ten copies when one was ordered—except as sample copies for distribution—and then to expect me, after devoting time and postage stamps to your service as a gratuity, to foot the bill, is to say the least, somewhat cool.

I am willing to pay for one copy from No. 1 to date, deducting subscriptions already paid by me, but no more. This is my ultimatum.

1st. “¶ 2, p. 138,” stands for paragraph 2, page 138 of Vol. III of *THE SHIELD*, the natural place to look for such a reference.

2d. The brother is quite right as to his legal position which is certainly impregnable, he having abstained from guaranteeing anything, by not sending any order for so many copies of *THE SHIELD*. He is in error as to one important point. We have never received his subscription for the first, or second, or third volume either.

3d. The brother, not satisfied with putting himself entirely in the right (so far as law, but not equity, goes), has seen fit to wind up his letter with a gratuitous insult, which calls most emphatically for rebuke. Not only Bro. Smith

and myself, but dozens of others with whom we conversed on the subject, know, that if it is a business venture to expect to give a large share of our time for as long as the thing lasted, as well as for the first year or two to have to put our hands into our pockets, with a hope that perhaps the third or fourth year we should be able to hand over a small balance to the G. C. for either some special purpose or for the general expenses of the Fraternity,—if such a thing constitutes what is technically known as a business venture, then ours was one, if not we are justified in feeling grossly and wantonly insulted by the next to closing paragraph quoted above.

We have avoided saying anything to lead to the identification of the writer, but unless we hear something from him in very different strain before the end of the year, we shall have something further to say about it.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

HISTORY OF PHI KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY.

The History of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity is now ready to place in the hands of the publishers but, before an edition is printed, the historians wish to know how many brothers desire copies and the exact number that each one will take. They do not feel warranted in issuing a larger edition than can be disposed of immediately, and therefore earnestly request all the active members to give their names, number of copies desired and post-office addresses to the corresponding secretaries of their respective Chapters, to be forwarded to the historians. All the Alumni brothers, who may be at a distance from active Chapters, will please send their names, etc., directly to the undersigned.

The History will be a complete record of the Fraternity from its organization to the present time, and will contain full and interesting accounts of the founding of each Chapter, its growth, "struggles and triumphs," and present condition. Also, a large number of biographical sketches of the many

loyal Phi Psi's who have distinguished themselves and honored their fraternity; and other matters of general interest to the brothers. The History will contain in the neighborhood of two hundred and fifty pages, be neatly bound in cloth and will cost about \$1.25 per volume. It is hoped that all the brothers will see the necessity of subscribing for the History at once, in order that there may be no further delay in its publication.

Address all communications to

Lock Box 1262.

C. F. M. NILES,
Wooster, Ohio.

CHAUTAUQUA REUNION COMMITTEE.

TIONESTA, PA., *April 10, 1882.*

DEAR BRO. EDITOR :

Chautauqua is to be my theme in this brief communication partly on account of the hint given in the last issue under the caption of "Pressing Thoughts," but more because the time for unfolding our plans through the columns of the SHIELD is growing rapidly to a close. As a committee we have not said much to the fraternity at large thus far, but, nevertheless, the arrangements are being made as rapidly as possible. First and foremost, the day and date of the Third Annual Reunion has been fixed for Thursday, August 17th, 1882. Let all Alumni and undergraduates paste that bit of information in their hats. Dr. Vincent has designated that time and considers it the most pleasant part of the Assembly, which opens on Tuesday, August 1st, and closes Monday, August 21st. This puts our day very near the end, but that is considered a good time, as it is the policy of the management to crowd all the extra things possible into the last week of the meetings. We are not hired to give Chautauqua a puff, but we will say, for the benefit of those brothers who are undecided about going, that unprecedented attractions will be presented this year. Lovers of music can listen to the Royal Bell Ringers and Gleemen of London; the child violinists; Signor Vitale and con-

certs under the direction of Profs. Case and Sherwin. Our literary men can take delight in lectures by John B. Gough, Bishops Simpson and Warren, Dr. Thomas, Chaplain McCabe, Frank Beard and others. The pleasure loving portion can revel in social gatherings, camp fires, excursions on the lake, and attendant attractions.

The arrangements about board have not been fully perfected, but no one need have any fears that the cost will be excessive. Prices will range from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per day. We shall have headquarters at some centrally located place and accommodations looked out for all who come. Let all avail themselves of cheap railroad fares, pleasant quarters at a moderate price, contact with the brightest thinkers of the day, cool lake breezes, pretty girls, and all that would tend to make hot August pleasant, and be on hand to participate in the exercises of August 17th.

PENNA. THETA.

ALLENTOWN, PA., *March 14, 1882.*

EDITOR SHIELD:

Seeing so many opinions expressed by sister Fraternity journals regarding our Penna. Theta Chapter and having heard rumors of the latter's precarious condition and hints that Phi Kappa Psi at Lafayette didn't amount to much, I concluded to investigate. I went, I saw and was pleased beyond description. Why rival Fraternities cannot give their fellow laborers in this field of education their just dues I cannot comprehend. Why the universal custom of decrying each other must prevail is to me an enigma. We have a common object and why isn't this recognized? Try and impress this upon our brothers. Well, to return to Theta; she has a membership of eleven men who are as good as will be found anywhere in our Fraternity. They are enthusiastic and alive to all our needs. They are working nicely and we need not fear for Theta's future. The departure of seven former members to a sister Fraternity hasn't in the least crippled them. They

are now united to a man, and if they do not do some surprising work in the near future I'm sadly mistaken in the men. The hall of Theta is nicely furnished, and their new billiard table serves somewhat to keep the brothers constantly together. To be brief, if you wish to find a live active Chapter of our Fraternity, and enjoy a good time with gentlemen who know the true meaning of our Phi Kappa Psi, let me advise you to visit Penna. Theta. Any reports contrary to the above may be considered false. The Alumni of Theta can feel proud of those now bearing their colors. You're expected, Mr. Editor, to be in Easton shortly. Don't disappoint the boys.

Yours in Phi Kappa Psi,

EDGAR F. SMITH, Ex-editor of THE SHIELD.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

SAN JOSE, CAL., *April 1, 1882.*

EDITORS SHIELD:

Greeting in Phi Kappa Psi.

The March number of THE SHIELD has made its appearance among us, and been received and read with pleasure. The members of California Alpha who formerly were connected with some eastern Chapter, scan its pages eagerly, if perchance, they may find the name of some brother dear to them in days gone by. Those who know only California Alpha, find in THE SHIELD one of the strongest ties binding them to their eastern brothers; so to all it comes with a blessing.

Our Chapter is in the full vigor of a strong and lusty youth. We are preparing for our First Annual Symposium, to be held at our college commencement time, early in June. We will make it a notable affair, and only wish that some of our eastern brothers could be with us. If any such are contemplating a visit to the Pacific coast, let it be made at such a time as to bring them to our rally and reunion, of not only the initiates of California Alpha, but if possible of all Phi

Psi's in the State of California. Full particulars will be given THE SHIELD at the proper time.

With a greeting to all the Chapters of old Phi Psi from California Alpha, we remain,

Yours in brotherhood,

JOHN E. RICHARDS.

University of the Pacific.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

BLACKBERRY STATION, ILLS., *April 4, 1882.*

DEAR SHIELD:

Spring vacation at N. W. U.,—but it is ever a pleasure to speak or write of Phi Kappa Psi, and your correspondent's constitutional proclivity for inaction is excelled by his devotion to Phi Kappa Psi.

Since our last letter Illinois Alpha has made some history worth recording.

We have added to our number Charles O. Graves, '85, Odell, Ills., and Joseph H. Hill, '86, Emporia, Kansas. We had a hot contest with our worthy rivals for these men, but the sequel speaks for itself. We are not always successful brethren but we only ask a fair chance. Bro. Hill is an enthusiastic Kansas Prohibitionist, and boasts his first vote cast for this great reform. By request of the Evanston W. C. T. U., Bro. Hill addressed an audience gathered under its auspices on the theme: "Prohibition in Kansas." The professors just dote on "Gravesy." We are proud of our "infants."

Bro. Merrell, '82, was accorded one of the "Deering Essay Prizes," which gives him a position on the "Kirk Oratorical Contest." This Kirk contest is the most important contest in the whole course. Prize, \$100. Fellers, listen for something to drop next commencement hereabouts!

We have just placed two fine pieces of furniture in our hall; one, a neat black walnut secretary with drawers and cupboard; the other, a French plate mirror, size 36 × 48 inches, in a beautiful frame. The where-with-al for purchasing the former

was earned by the sweat of our jaw, *i. e.*, we gave an evening entertainment at a church in the suburbs, and walked off with half the proceeds—a little scheme for earning cash which we intend to work up henceforth. The latter was secured mainly by gifts from outside friends. These innovations “set off” our rather modest appearing hall nicely.

We have just placed a portrait of Bro. William H. Morrison, the founder of the old Illinois Alpha, in the hall. Beside him beams the countenance of Bro. Valorous P. Brown, our resurrectionist in '78. From a second wall the noble, inspiring face of our dear lamented brother, Carl Mœllmann looks down upon us. Opposite, is the framed group of the charter members and their first prep. contingent.

Adjoining our hall on the south is the hall of the Δ . Υ .’s—overlooking an expanse of drug and grocery store back yards with all their usual wild æsthetic beauty. We have for neighbors on the east the Upsilon Chapter of Φ . \Kappa . Σ ., which is one of their most flourishing Chapters. Directly across the street is the hall of the Σ . X .’s. The ladies “Frat.” of A . Φ . occupies a room in the same block with us, Phi Psi’s, the Phi Kappa’s and Delta Upsilon’s. And less than a block down the street the Beta Theta Pi’s gather around “Wooglin’s” shrine.

A Chapter of Delta Gamma is fully organized here now and recognized as a power. Kappa Kappa Gamma is known to be at N. W. U., but at the present writing is still *sub rosa*. Thus we have three Sororities and five Fraternities at N. W. U.

A mild attempt was recently made by resident Alpha Delta Phi’s alumni to place a Chapter of that Fraternity among us. The movement was mostly confined to preps., and it was reported that they were to run the Chapter four years when a charter was to be granted, but several of the embryonic Alpha Delta Phi’s were “lifted,” and to-day the movement is *defuncta est in toto*. Psi Upsilon “has an eye” to N. W. U., and Phi Delta Theta has made several unsuccessful attempts to project a Chapter into N. W. U.

Omega’s “Pressing Thoughts” in the March SHIELD are indeed pressing.

The question, "shall we extend the borders of Phi Psi westward?" is pertinent. We say yes, but only in the best institutions. Yet, it is true, that the Johns Hopkins, the Michigan and Northwestern of the West is to-day but a humble institution. Wise discernment should then be employed. But many have a successful future assured. We believe that at the same time the borders of our Fraternity may be widened and that each Chapter can work just as hard to make itself the first in the institution in which it finds a home.

We wish it could be so arranged that the western Chapters might meet in convention at some central point—Chicago for instance—about commencement time to consider the western field and other important interests of the Frat.

If we were nigh unto death we should turn a last "longing lingering" towards the G. C., to our Hoosier, Peninsular and Badger brothers—to the G. C. and our neighbors. To whom did those Virginia Chapters look for succor? Would we not do well in imitating Beta Theta Pi in having a "general agent" or some such an institution who should be a sort of a guardian angel over the Chapters?

On the evening of March 2d, Illinois Beta extended an invitation to us Alphas and our lady sympathizers to meet themselves and ladies in their hall. All the upper classmen were otherwise engaged for the evening, but we four freshmen accompanied by an equal number of loyal Phi Psi girls enjoyed a most delightful evening with our Beta brothers and sisters. Why should we speak euphemistically of such pleasures? The delights of sociality—why, only the gods above and Phi Psi's on this earth ever see such an elysian spread or such a company as Illinois Beta hall saw that night. We will soon return the compliment to our Beta brothers and sisters, and then—well, we'll do our best.

Although the distance from C. U. to N. W. U. is only fifteen miles, yet, owing to the fact, that a great city lies between us, and each Chapter has been so busy heretofore with home affairs, we have scarcely known one another. But we tacitly agree that henceforth we will meet each other at least once a

term, and expect to gain much, both for our own Chapters and for the whole Fraternity, by an exchange of opinions and discussion of Phi Psi projects.

Illinois Alpha has grasped the poet's thought and has "dip't into the future far as human eye can see." Our Chapter now is on a solid foundation, and the future is anticipated with all pleasure, for it shall see the consummation of plans laid so deeply and surely for that "sweet purty soon."

Ever in Phi Kappa Psi,

DONEC.

Northwestern University.

VIRGINIA GAMMA.

HAMPDEN, SIDNEY COLLEGE, *April 5, 1882.*

MR. EDITOR:

We have noted with much pride the desire of our brethren to hear from Virginia's sub-chapters. The cry has been for a voice from the South; those who are inclined can hear; credit due Illinois Alpha; she has dissipated the epistolary slumber of Virginia Gamma by referring to the appalling darkness, torpor and despair which is enveloping Virginia through the plebeian fascination and corrupt influence of a man, whose name uttered is nauseating.

Virginia Gamma is repentantly sorry that her scribe has not sounded by reflection on THE SHIELD. Her silence has been owing to our impression that we had nothing to say that would to any degree interest or edify the Fraternity at large, or that would at all peer, rival or eclipse the productions of our much beloved sister-chapters. Especially grieved are we that a political outcry should arouse the Irish of Virginia Gamma; we are all very inoffensive creatures and are on the whole, as the past will indicate, inclined to hide ourselves in a corner until our principles are assailed, and then our hearts beat high with resentment; we don't proclaim our existence until tread upon, then we are on the defensive; still we are so loving, tender and true that if no offence was meditated we

will again subside if it so pleases you into our accustomed silence.

Virginia Gamma now wags its puerile tongue to greet its older and more sage-like brothers with much love; we would not have our interest in and enthusiasm for the prosperity of our much honored Order and the affection we bear all who are reared by the same teachings, estimated by our silence, unless silence was the universal standard for computing these traits; we have felt hitherto unequal to the occasion; after furnishing this letter we will have to say as the man who on Monday gave his horse half a bushel of oats: "There you old devil, that will last you till Wednesday night." I guess this will last you for five years to come.

The extract from the *Ψ. Γ. Δ.*'s correspondent of H. S. Coll., cited in THE SHIELD of January, excited here a great deal of hearty laughter for its absurdity and just indignation at its supercilious impudence; we endorse heartily, Mr. Editor, your view that in announcing the prosperity of our Fraternity we should not degrade and cast slurring epithets on the names of those dear to others; further, we earnestly trust that all envyings, ill will and jealous rivalries may be swiftly extirpated, but justice both to ourselves and other Fraternities here represented, constrains us to contradict the *Φ. Γ. Δ.*'s statement, and what is here stated will be, if necessary, substantiated by *B. Θ. Η.*'s, *Σ. Χ.*'s and *Χ. Ψ.*'s here represented and by the general estimate of the community at large. What the correspondent stated to the general stand of the several Fraternities was, I doubt not, true in his own and his Fraternity's esteem, but in no others. It is to be expected that we should occupy the first position in our own narrow egotistic understandings; every crow thinks its own crow is the whitest. I hesitate to utter for fear of engendering unfriendly feelings, that the *Φ. Γ. Δ.*'s do not enjoy by one-fifth the position to which they have unjustly laid claim. For such statements, as the *Φ. Γ. Δ.* correspondent asserted, which in relation to his own Fraternity contain not the first feature of truth, to be diffused through the Greek-lettered world is capable of impressing all Frater-

nities with assertions which have not, do not, nor never will exist. The *B. Θ. Π.*'s Chapter has the finest set of men that she could boast of for many years; they are a splendid band of gentlemanly fellows, united with the proper spirit and nourishing deep love for their brilliant Order; they were fortunate in procuring the most cultivated and highly gifted man in college, a man who stands intellectually, but destitute of application and energy, head and shoulders above all here—W. H. Bocock. As a Fraternity they peer any here; their clanishness is an element so objectionable that it prohibits them from social intercourse; this feature is a recent development and it is to be desired, as short-lived as its birth. The *X. Φ.*'s enjoy a healthy reputation and embrace our finest students. The *Σ. X.*'s have only two men belonging here and owing to a disturbance with our African populace have been persuaded to pass the vernal equinox in an unknown locality.

When members of other Fraternities are questioned as to the merits and reputation of other than their own club, they universally, without hesitation, declare that save their own they prefer the *Φ. Ψ.*'s. Now, as the judgment is so absolute, we are inclined to credit that we must be in the estimate of other Fraternities of some repute, at least second on the list; this is their testimony.

We are nine as jolly, true *Φ. Ψ.* hearted fellows as ever displayed the colors; nor have we failed in securing our share of college honors; we carried off both the gold medals given to the senior orators by the literary societies and will graduate $33\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of this year's graduates. We are expectantly looking forward to the time when all the Hellenic orders will be bound together by the relationship of mutual sympathy; when all jealousies, ignoble combinations and rivalries will be abandoned; when we shall be reconciled and aiding as those endeavoring to attain the same haven and common end. Penna. Eta has touched the chord that should vibrate throughout our entire Order; we are with them hand and glove and we have organized for a more expeditious mode of transacting

business; we reserve our ideas until older heads are heard from. *Exeunt omnes.*

Fraternally yours,

QUAM OB SEM.

NEW YORK DELTA.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., *April 8, 1882.*

DEAR SHIELD:

The last charge the bros. gave me when I left to spend the spring vacation at home was, to be sure and write something for the April SHIELD.

We had a great deal of fun over the mumps last term. By "we" I mean those who didn't get them. Bro. "Holkies," who was fat enough already, increased at least one-half—at any rate his head did. Yours truly tried to catch them as the examinations drew near, but didn't succeed.

I think all the boys will agree with me when I say that the Delta holds the same opinion on the literary question as "Tim" of Ill. Beta fame. We do not wish to be and are not, by any means, considered a literary society. Our literary exercises are not extensive and we take care never to have them become burdensome. But we couldn't, and wouldn't, do without them altogether. In fact, next to reading communications—and sometimes they are "conspicuous by their absence"—our literary exercises are the pleasantest feature of the meetings.

We voted in favor of the last petition, but we were all in a fog until a brother interested in the work wrote and gave us some information. Why shouldn't some regular plan be followed *in every case*, of letting the Chapters know the leading facts about the college and the petitioners? As it is now, in many cases we are completely ignorant in the matter and vote blindly. To say the least, it would be a great satisfaction to know the size and standing of institutions that Phi Psi has an idea of entering.

Bro. Easterbrooks, who graduated last year, was ordained deacon at Middleport, N. Y., March 4th. All brothers who

have any consideration for his feelings will hereafter prefix "Rev." to his name, in writing to him. He at once received a call to the parish at Middleport and has accepted it. At present he mourns the loss of his bicycle, which departed this life in the burning of the Opera House block, where the unfortunate machine reposed. "East" expects to be present at our Anniversary on the 29th, if sufficiently recovered from the calamity by that time.

Yours fraternally,

'84.

Hobart College.

OHIO GAMMA.

WOOSTER, O., *April 10, 1882.*

DEAR EDITOR:

AS two or three numbers of THE SHIELD have been issued since Ohio Gamma was last heard from, we will now indulge ourselves in the hope that we are entitled to a short space in our beloved paper.

In perusing our March number, we noticed an article clipped from the *A. T. A. Crescent*, stating that "Phi Kappa Psi, which used to occupy so prominent a position in Wooster University, was rapidly falling from her high position on account of internal dissensions." Although there is no necessity for answering this article, I will do so for reasons that will be apparent.

In behalf of Ohio Gamma, I would state positively, that we are working together in utmost harmony, and are doing effective work. We have twelve as good men as any Chapter could desire. I call on the Ohio Chapters to bear witness to the above statement. We are not a literary society, nor are we desirous of enrolling members by the wholesale that we may have a full treasury, but we are a Chapter of a Greek Letter Fraternity with a finely furnished hall and money in our pockets to support our cause. With all regards to the "Powers that be," I would state that the class of students that are now attending here is not the same as those of former

years, and we are content to take the one out of the hundred, and leave the ninety and nine to *A. T. A.*

It is our pleasure to chronicle the fact that our Historians are hard at work. At most any time you may find Bro. C. F. M. Niles in his office, deep in thought, and surrounded by many indications of his most arduous taste. While the genial faces of his assistants, Bros. Charlie McDonald and Guy Kemper, loom up behind their desks and ever have a pleasant word for brothers in distant fields.

As the committee on a Phi Psi song-book have been somewhat tardy in their work, the Chapters in Ohio have taken upon themselves the task of issuing an unpretentious song-book, which will soon be ready for publication.

In the latter part of March, Bros. Darr, Smith and Kemper gave a turkey-roast to Ohio Gamma. After supper, music and speeches was the order of the evening, and at a late hour, the brothers dispersed, filled with the good things set before them and the good thoughts that arose within them.

During the holidays, we met Bro. Bane, of Alpha. Billie is a true Phi Psi.

We also met an enthusiastic Phi Psi in Rev. James P. Porter, of Class '66. We missed the pleasure of meeting Bro. Edward Merrick, who had just returned home from visiting Bro. Porter in his Avondale home.

Before we close, let us thank Ohio Alpha for the hospitable manner in which she entertained us; during our visit to Delaware in attending the State Oratorical and our State Convention. I know our brothers of Ohio Alpha will be pleased to learn that Bro. Niles has a new set of words for the Chinaman's song, in which many allusions are made to the beautiful "Gems."

Hoping that these lines may be deemed worthy of perusal,
I remain yours in Phi Kappa Psi,

J. C. P.

University of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio.

INDIANA ALPHA.

GREENCASTLE, IND., *April 10, 1882.*

DEAR BRO. EDITOR:

It again becomes my pleasing duty to write concerning Indiana Alpha. Our success since last I wrote has been, if anything, greater than usual. Commencing with Feb. 22d; that afternoon, Bro. James Emison delivered the annual commemorative oration in honor of Washington. It was a fine effort, the equal of any speech ever delivered by a student within Mebarry Chapel. In the evening occurred the contest for the Kunear-Monnette prize, in debate and dissertation. Bro. Small was the representative of Plato in dissertation, and won. The subject was tariff, and on the following Saturday, his paper was published in the *Indianapolis Journal*. So much for one day.

On the 27th, we initiated a new man, in spite of all the Betas, Phi Delta Thetas, Sigs, and D. K. E.'s could do. Let me introduce him. Brothers, this is Mr. C. R. Cameron, of Quincy, Ills., Class '86, I. A. U., Phi Kappa Psi; six feet of brain and muscle, ornamented with a "perfectly lovely" black moustache.

On March the 9th, occurred the Oratorical contest of I. A. U. branch of the Indiana State Oratorical Association. There were ten contestants, Phi Psi furnishing four. These with their subjects were Bro. Emison, "The Architecture of American Statesmanship"; Bro. Hendee, "The Liberty of Law"; Bro. Cook, "England and America"; Bro. Pruitt, "The Growth of Civil Liberty." May be our hearts didn't jump with delight, and the old Phi Psi spirit bubble right over when Bro. Emison carried off the first position. And on the day following, more was added, for it was found, that, although through some mistake the second position had been awarded to a D. K. E., yet, according to the marks of the judges, Bro. Hendee should have had it, and one of the judges was strongly in favor of so announcing it in Chapel exercises.

Now, you may talk as much as you please about "them

durned literary fellers," but Indiana Alpha will still cling to her mental exercises. Those that are opposed to them, had better study the essence of our Fraternity a little more and find out its real composition.

Bro. Wilson, '84, has been compelled to remain out of college for the remainder of the year, on account of deafness caused by catarrh.

Bro. Will Furgeson, '87, will remain out next term to attend to a branch of his father's business.

Bro. Dosz, '83, has left to attend to his law business at Owensville, Ind. He is a graduate of Ann Arbor law school, and has quite a practise.

We will try and comfort ourselves in the meanwhile in the anticipation of their return.

Speaking of colors, I can say that Indiana Alpha and Beta use lavender and pink, and I think Gamma does the same. The colors harmonize well and are very pretty.

The Sophomore performance took place at the close of last term. Phi Psi had three representatives (two not speaking), who tried to do her justice.

Bro. Walter Furgeson, Rockville, Ind., formerly of '84, but now out of college, paid us a visit. We were glad to see him.

There is no doubt but what some method should be adopted for expediting the workings of our Fraternity government. Let the statesman of the Fraternity come forth, and point it out. I guess we are all willing.

Yours, with fraternal love,

VIRGIL.

Indiana Asbury University.

PENNA. ETA.

LANCASTER, PA., *April 12, 1882.*

BRO. EDITOR:

Nothing of importance has happened in the Eta since our last letter, save, perhaps, that we have added somewhat to our

material welfare by the improvement of our hall. We have no acquisitions to report nor any dissensions to conceal. We enjoy peace and prosperity and the high respect of both friends and rivals.

THE SHIELD, though somewhat delay'd, has been received, and its contents have afforded us some very pleasant reading. This last number is, we think, the best we have ever read. Its superiority amply compensates for its delay. Its managers deserve far better encouragement than they receive for their gratuitous work. The list of subscriptions from the Chapters is nothing for a Fraternity as large as ours to be proud of. It is far from what it should and can, and we trust will be. It is a reproach that the editors are forced to publicly remind us of such neglect. Why THE SHIELD does not receive more generous support is a question which the Eta cannot solve. We cannot admit that the brothers are careless of the Fraternities' interest, and we think no one will deny the usefulness, the indispensability of such a means of inter-communication among the Chapters. Certainly the subscription is not great in itself, and by no means an equal to the pleasure and profit it purchases. Our Fraternity was never more intelligent as to its true condition, its strength and its weaknesses, or its members more loyal and fraternal than since the start of THE SHIELD. It seems to us that the simple duty of each chapter, exclusive of the assistance of the alumni, could make THE SHIELD one of the most complete and successful organs of its kind. It is undoubtedly destined to be such, but the degrees by which it at present is attaining this end, are unworthy of its readers, and ungrateful to those who have given more than their time to its publication.

The suggestion in our last letter that some change is needed in the general government of the Fraternity, we are happy to see has also occurred to Penna. Epsilon. It is something that should claim at once the earnest attention of all the Chapters. We have been discussing the subject for some time, but as yet have arrived at no definite conclusion. It is a step that should be well debated, so that at the next

meeting of the G. A. C., each Chapter can be able to express intelligently its views upon the subject.

The sentiments of the *Growler*, which we are glad to see has received the second of so many Chapters, is heartily endorsed by Penna. Eta. We will not repeat his argument against the literary element in the meetings, but we do protest against and sincerely hope its publication in THE SHIELD may cease. It has given rise to a prejudice with which we find it not easy to contend.

With Eta's congratulation to our new Chapter and her best wishes for Phi Psi, I remain yours in the bonds.

H. S. B.

Franklin & Marshall College.

OHIO ALPHA.

DELAWARE, O., *April 10, 1882.*

DEAR BROS:

At the request of the Chapters I write. This term opened without any special activity among the Frats. Not much good material in the form of freshmen has come to the top. In college, however, the boys are active. Senior "plugs," freshmen and preps. military suits, together with the junior and Soph. "Oxfords," which were donned last term, are indications enough that the O. W. U. boys are at the front. Our Chapter is in a healthy and prosperous condition. All is calm on our sea, whilst storms rage on the surface of adjoining waters. It would be in place now for the *Crescent* to amuse us again with their duet of cats, and name one Phi Gam and the other Delta Tau, this time; and journals which have heretofore spoken so complimentarily of what they considered the highest purpose of Phi Psis, had better train their non-Frat. colleagues not to "give away" publicly their own complicity in clique and scheme. When we remember about the "mote" and the "beam," it is not surprising that others, being greatly solicitous, warn us loudly of the saw-log labyrinth into which they think we are going headlong, and in their concern, do

not see that they are about to "run up a stump." Look out for your stumps and leave us to get around our saw-logs.

Our Springfield, Wooster and Columbus, have assured us time and again, by word, letter and elaborate resolutions, that the State reunion and symposium were heartily enjoyed by them. We are glad they were pleased, and in regard to the delegation from other Chapters, we can say they helped to make the affair the biggest thing of its kind held here within our recollection. We doubt whether ever a State reunion of any Fraternity had all its Chapters better or more largely represented. Gamma and Delta both report some good accessions since the reunion. The former has found it necessary to eradicate some unhealthy material, and is in good health and happy. Delta sports a piano. They offer to us the joy their cup will not contain, but we don't need it. Let the Chapter in need apply at once. We were pleased to see several of the Beta boys in vacation, and assisted in "putting it all over" their G. P. Post up, "Al," all you need is more practice.

The \$15.00 remitted for THE SHIELD about a month before we received the "twin" issue ought to have been credited us in that number. What think you, Bro. Editor?

[It should have been and would have been, if the editor was a gentleman of leisure; as he is'nt, he hopes to be forgiven.—
ED.]

Yours in Phi Kappa Psi.

S. N. G.

Ohio Wesleyan University.

NOTES FROM THE INTERIOR.

DEAR BRO. OTE:

Life in "the Interior" is endurable so long as the ever expected visitor, THE SHIELD, makes a regular appearance, but when its face isn't seen for almost two months one grows sort of uneasy and naturally wonders "what is up." You seem to have had a slight difference of opinion with some one, but

then, my dear fellow, there are hundreds with whom no trouble existed, and why should they suffer? May THE SHIELD continue a punctual caller in all Phi Psi homes! With us, the idea of a change in our government as hinted at by Pa. Epsilon and Eta, found warm friends. We heartily approve of such a course, but just wherein alterations should occur and exactly what they should be, perhaps ought not be published in an open paper. Private communication between the Chapters should be resorted to at once on the subject. The subject of literary exercises in Chapters has evoked several opinions; among them may be mentioned one from Ills. Beta. The brother writing cites Pa. Epsilon as one of our old Chapters, which has always favored the "literary." As there are three or four old Epsilon boys here the subject was polled, and we discovered, even back in 1863-64, and ever since, the literary feature wasn't in favor with them, and indeed, regularly omitted from the usual exercises. There's one Epsilon here who was in the Chapter from 1872-74, and according to his statements there was a position assigned to the "literary" on the roll of business, but whenever that item was reached some dear brother always moved a "postponement," etc. Thus we can hardly class that honored Chapter among those favoring the "literary." Indeed, I doubt very much if any of the Penna. Chapters approve of the idea advocated so strongly by some of the brothers. But then, let each Chapter be its own judge in the matter, and do that which will produce the best Phi Kappa Psis, and make the dear old Frat. an honor wherever she may be. "Growler" has stirred up the boys and we're thankful for it. He is one of the best sons of Phi Kappa Psi that ever lived; he's a worker, and when he growls we all can afford to pause and listen. He's down in Maryland now pursuing his medical studies. How you must have startled any good Beta Theta Pi's who, perchance, glanced through the "Other Frats", in your last by saying that their Frat. catalogue contained over *forty-three thousand* names! Of course it was only a typo—but—. By the way, the new Beta Theta Pi catalogue is one of the finest

publications of the sort that it has been our lot to gaze upon. It is certainly a model for all future catalogue makers to build upon. It is a work that every Beta will want, he must have it; it is a condensed history of his Fraternity. The biographical briefs after almost all the names show how wonderfully successful many Beta have been. The Chapter cuts are nearly all fine. Well, we hope when Phi Psi issues another catalogue she'll not hesitate to take this recent work as an example worthy to be imitated. We're not Betas, but we think they deserve great credit for what they've done, and we add our little mite in the above. We're prospering, indeed growing somewhat like yourself, and as our say is said, we subscribe ourselves,

Fraternally yours,

JUNIOR.

PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

BRO. S. S. Hamill, Pa. Delta, '59, will teach a summer school in elocution at Evanston, Ills.

BRO. "Hood" Siggins, Pa. Beta, has grown fat on Blackstone. Was admitted and goes West soon.

BROS. L. E. Tieste and A. T. Cooper, of, Michigan Alpha, spent a few days with the Pa. Beta "boys" in Meadville.

BRO. "Will" S. King, Pa. Beta, has returned from the South and his girl informs us, will enter college this Spring.

BRO. A. C. Coulter, Pa. Beta, '79, just graduated from Medical College, is practicing medicine in Meadville with Dr. Laschell.

BRO. C. W. Stephenson, Ind. Alpha, '72, a rising young lawyer of Wabash, Ind., has been nominated for mayor by the Republicans of that city.

BRO. E. T. Bunyan, Ohio Alpha, '81, is one of the proprietors of the San Francisco *Vanity Fair*, a weekly paper of note, on the Pacific slope.

BRO. Sion Smith, Pa. Beta, who has been dangerously ill for some time, we are glad to learn is rapidly improving and will soon resume his college duties.

THE Asbury Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon still flourishes, though the report of its illegality has been confirmed by a letter from Baird. Why this "thusness?"

BRO. W. T. Neff, '81, Ind. Alpha, and now minister in Kansas City, was married during the late conference at St. Louis to Miss Selles, of Ontario, Canada.

BRO. D. Wilbur Hume, Pa. Beta, '81, has gone the way of all the earth. Miss Bertha Loudon has gone with him. Bro. H. expects to practice law soon in the far West.

BRO. James D. Harvey, Ill. Alpha, ex-'83, is working with a surveying party in Montana Ty. and like many of the bros. thinks the West a good home for Phi Psi and Phi Psi's.

BRO. R. B. Black, Pa. Beta, has left college for the remainder of the year on account of his health and will ruminate for a season at Spencer's Mills, Munroe Co., Pa. Expects to return next year.

BRO. W. M. Beyer, Pa. Beta, '79, has finished his course and his sign reads "Attorney-at-Law and Real Estate Agent, Altoona, Pa.," his motto—"Soc et tuum." That's right, "Bihly," we expect to meet you in Congress.

BRO. M. C. Springer, '64, Ill. Alpha, has a fine position in the U. S. Internal Revenue Department, with his office in the Custom House at Chicago. Bro. Springer is a staunch supporter of his own Chapter—Ill. Alpha.

BRO. Charles E. Piper, Ill. Alpha, '82, was elected Supervisor of "South Town," Chicago in the late city elections. His votes footed up over 6500—about 1000 majority over his opponent. In his own ward, the 5th, he ran ahead of his ticket. Not bad for a senior in college and a voter for only three years.

THE Pa. Beta "boys" recently gave a banquet at the Commercial in honor of Bro. Geo. Whitman, pastor of the Baptist Church, who has accepted a call to the Cedar Street Church, of Buffalo, N. Y. In his farewell remarks, Bro. Whitman spoke of the recollections of Phi Psi, of his acquaintance in her halls with some now in the highest position of trust and honor in the nation, of the many cherished memories of the past, and his hopes for her in the future.

ARMSTRONG, Armstrong, we wouldn't have believed it of you, and then to attempt to conceal it from the *Campus*; that indeed was unkind. But didn't you know that the press was omnipresent, that it's envoys were always around to unearth secrets? A special correspondent of this journal writes that "our old collegemate, Will J. Armstrong, Pa. Beta, '81, was married at Derrick City, Pa., to Miss Hattie A. Bell, at the residence of Mrs. A. J. Coldren, sister of the bride. The deed was accomplished on Tuesday, March 15th, '82. Rev. Chas. W. Cushing, of Bradford, officiating."