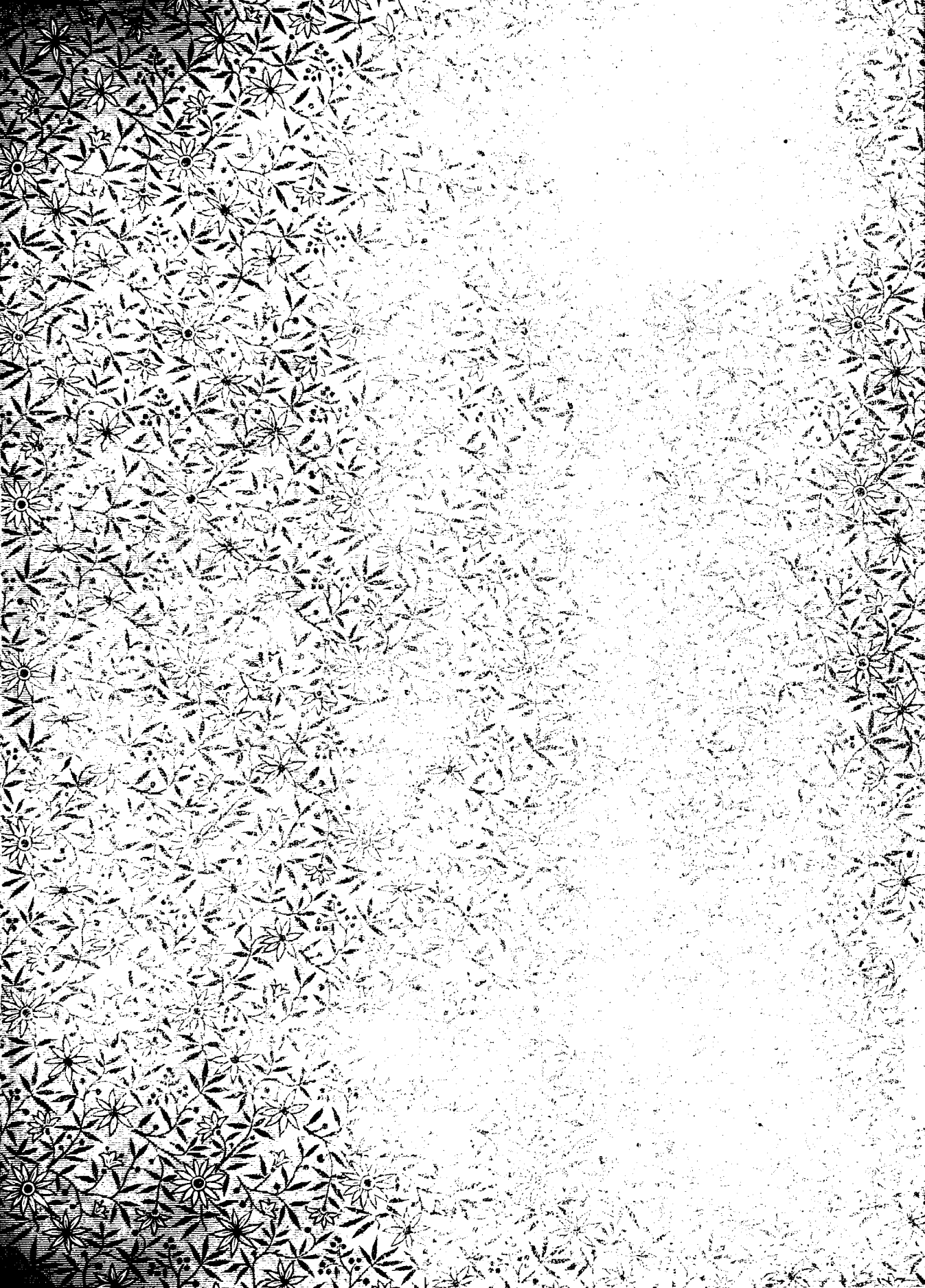


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IN assuming editorial charge of THE SHIELD, we are not unaware of the responsibilities incumbent upon us; nay, rather, are so well acquainted with our cares and duties that nothing but the necessities of the case would seem to justify the temerity of the undertaking.

The successful conduction of a fraternity journal to our mind, is one of peculiar interest and difficulty, since it necessitates the preparation of reading matter of sufficient interest for a restricted, and often, one might say, exacting class of readers; though the recent changes in the attitude of rival fraternities towards each other have rendered the success less problematical. To interest the few, one must be of the few, and if the active

members of the fraternity rally not loyally to the support of the editors, the chances of success are rendered poor indeed. That each must feel and act upon the feeling, that the success of his fraternity journal depends upon his personal interest and active co-operation with those in charge, passes then without question, and the measure of our success will be in proportion to the extent in which we secure this assistance.

The business managers will say that money is the pre-requisite; the editors will say news; the reader will say live management; and we are of opinion that all are correct in their estimate; though some slight differences may exist as to the relative importance of each several factor.

We are all aware, however, that prosperity seldom attends the undeserving and if faithfulness to Phi Kappa Psi loyalty to the principles she inculcates, enthusiasm for her advancement, clean typography, and a lively desire to please, will bring us what we desire, a full meed of success is already ours.

We are conscious that we follow illustrious predecessors, whose advice and assistance we cannot well lose, and if the mantles of Stubbs, Smith and Kendall cannot fall on our respective shoulders, we, at least, hope that the fire of their zeal, may so inflame us, that we shall enkindle in all loyal Phi Psi hearts an unquenchable desire to do her honor and promote her welfare. With such earnest ambitions, we present No. 1, of Vol. IV, crying, *Salve!*

WE are in receipt of a communication from the Grand Chapter to the effect that the petition for the establishment of a chapter at the University of Georgia, to be known as Georgia Alpha, has been granted. We learn from private sources that of the five chapter members, two are on the Editorial Staff of the Campus, their College organ, and another is one of the business managers. Welcome, Georgia Alpha, thrice welcome!

WE wish to suggest to correspondents a thing or two which will be of great assistance to us and save us an immense amount of labor in copying matter for publication: Please write on one side of the paper; please write all proper names very carefully, if convenient printing the letters; please punctuate so as to make your meaning clear; and, above all, please use the Dictionary if you have any doubt as to the correct spelling of any word.

At the recent G. A. C. a committee on Necrology was appointed of which Brother George D. Gotwald, of Pa. E was appointed chairman, and it was made the duty of the Corresponding Secretaries to report all deaths occurring among active or alumni members to them, promptly, with such facts regarding the life and occupation of the deceased as would be of interest to the fraternity. We hope that this matter will receive the ready and careful attention of all those whose duty it may be to thus preserve the annals of the fraternity.

It will be of great assistance to us, if the Corresponding Secretaries of the various chapters would send us marked copies of their College papers, indicating personal notes and other items of interest regarding Phi Psis. The personals of a fraternity journal must make up much of that which is of interest to the Alumnus, and if we are to have a large subscription list made up from ex-active brothers, we shall be obliged to make the paper of profit and interest to them. Do not let this request pass by unheeded! Be instant in season and out of season for the

welfare of our beloved order and make the SHIELD replete with interest and profit to every man who has ever worn the emblem of Phi Kappa Psi.

THE SHIELD, as soon as it shall have become acquainted with Phi Psis in its new form will be published on strictly business principles;—no pay, no paper. If there are three hundred paying subscribers our issue shall not exceed that number, if more, well! if not, bad!

We shall issue at the beginning upon the basis of prompt obedience to the mandate of the G. A. C. seven hundred copies and hope to be able to continue at that figure. Promptness in paying subscriptions will largely contribute to our success. See to it then, that your money comes *now*, not next term or next fall, but at this present time, for though we have plenty of hold on, we must have munitions of war.

ESPECIAL attention is called to the fact that this number is largely made up of matter growing out of the G. A. C. recently convened in Pittsburg, and while having sufficient confidence in the desires of all true Phi Psis to assist in the success of THE SHIELD, we wish it to be known that communications on any topic of general interest to fraternity men, are earnestly solicited from active and Alumni members, besides the regular chapter communications. If the classicists do not too seriously object we wish to paraphrase a well known stanza of Longfellow:

"Heights by frat. journals gained and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight;
But their managers, while their companions slept,
Were soliciting subscriptions in the night,"

This is atrocious if called poetry, but most excellent wisdom is inculcated therein. We need not think that other frats. have no troubles to overcome in securing solid financial support for their journals, since of four well printed and well gotten up papers of rival fraternities lying on our table, there is not one which does not raise the money question in nearly every issue.

But, these succeed and are a credit to the organizations, whose mouth pieces they are,

and we need not expect that good wishes and tons of enthusiasm will pay printers bills, stationery and postage.

THE recent Grand Arch Council held in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, judging by the full accounts in the "Commercial Gazette," of that city, was exceedingly enjoyable, and we more than ever regret that we were not able to be present. We are gratified to notice several things: Eleven States were represented; delegates from remote chapters, were present; many chapters sent full delegations; and the intervals between recurring Councils was shortened.

We are inclined to favor even more frequent gatherings of the Supreme law-making body than this, and since our Chautauqua project seems to have lost its hold upon the interests of the fraters, we think it not prejudicial to the interests of the fraternity to hope that annual gatherings may soon be the rule. It may not be amiss in this connection to note the fact that all the other fraternities, except $\Phi \chi \theta$, $A T \Omega$ and $\Phi K \Psi$, hold their conventions annually. We are sure that more than one hundred would be in attendance at our Grand Arch Councils were their recurrence more frequent, and many who have never had the pleasure of seeing and associating with brothers from distant chapters, would thus be enabled to broaden their acquaintance and strengthen the bonds of their fraternity interest. On one occasion we believe the G. A. C. had an attendance of two hundred, but that was several years ago, and now in the heyday of her prosperity it looks strange that $\Phi K \Psi$ cannot muster that number or more.

A word regarding the Edict, at least, in so far as it relates to THE SHIELD. By reference to another page of this issue, it will be seen that subscription to THE SHIELD is made compulsory in the same manner as the G. C. tax. The humiliating failure of many brothers, whose enthusiasm for THE SHIELD was unbounded, to pay their subscriptions last year, will not, we fear, be very largely overcome by this Edict, unless a higher degree of

carefulness is cultivated, and that assiduously. It is so easy to forget that you owe for your paper, when it comes regularly, and full of news that interest, but there is no end of complaint if the issue is incomplete, behind time or badly printed. What is the usual recourse? Curse the printers and abuse the editors! Rather, now let the subscriber see that upon his interest and co-operation the success depends, and we shall have an end to complaint and a new era of prosperity and happiness shall dawn upon us.

POEM READ AT THE G. A. C. BANQUET FEBRUARY 22ND, 1883.

BY BROTHER HARRY T. M'CLELLAND, PA

Preludicrous.

Go read ye ancient parable
E'en where it doth relate
How that a sumptuous feast was made
By a Lord of high estate
The marriage of his son and heir
In pomp to celebrate.

He sent out notes to sundry men
Whom he considered "some,"
And sore was vexed to be apprised
That one had answered grum,
That he himself had picked a wife
And therefore couldn't come.

Your brother's muse—she standeth mute
At Cupid's awful tricks,
Her stock of rhyme knocked out of time
By a matrimonial mix;
And just escaped by the skin of her teeth
The above—referred—to fix!

But she is here in spite of "fate"
And waxeth very bold
To crave your patience while she sings
In spite of a desperate cold,
In very blank and jingling verse
A song over six years old.

Alma $\Phi \Psi$! Your sons have come from far
To gather as we used to come; to sing
The songs of olden times. To read the names
Of those who loved thee well, and passed away.

We come with right glad hearts,
 To have good cheer, to light again
 The fires of brotherhood ; if they, perchance,
 Have in the wide, cold world grown dim.
 To greet the brethren here who live with thee;
 We come, and with joined hands and hearts
 We cry at once with no uncertain sound,
 God bless the boys ! God bless the boys !

Old songs of joy sing we to-night!
 How life and music used to thrill,
 Our eyes be filled with light, our lips with
 mirth,
 When worth, love, beauty crowned a brother's
 strength.

Old songs of fun sing we to-night !
 Of class-room jokes, of cliques and plans,
 Of greenies taken in—all college pranks !
 The half cannot be told. In memory
 Our elder and our younger brethren all
 Heap joke on joke accumulate,
 And seem to hear in our guffaw
 The laughter of all years ago
 The song peals forth anew "As we go rolling
 home."

The songs of victory we shout to-night,
 The honors and the trophies of $\Phi \Psi$.
 Well won and kept on every lawful field
 Of college warfare or the strife of men,
 The class, the rostrum, the tented field,
 The rolling sea, the peaceful mart,
 The healing hand, the sacred desk, the bench,
 the bar,
 The Senate halls and rural fields
 Have known our brethren and have known
 them well,
 As men who nobly won the names they bear.

We sing a dirge along with all our joy
 For some have gone—they sleep ! they sleep.
 May we in loving honor hold their names
 And live, that after sleep, we all shall wake
 To stand as brethren with the Sons of God.

Fair as the morning light
 As pure and true,
 Burns the fraternal fire to-night
Αδέλφοι μὲν !

Love thrills in every breast,
 Eye beams to eye ;
 For we have stood the test
 Phi Kappa Psi.

Then let us gather zeal,
 Aim well and high ;
 Cherish in woe or weal,
 Phi Kappa Psi.

Φ .

For, brethren, what is mind without a heart ?
 Bold sky, with stars that glitter icily.
 A mountain capped with never melting snows,
 A north pole region, vast, inhospitable !
 Whose winds cut like a thousand scimitars
 An ocean touching time and widening to eter-
 nal years,
 All sailless, never kissing pleasant shores.

ΦK .

Add heart to mind and we behold
 An Alpine flower dwelling near the snow,
 And near at hand the hillsides sprinkled all
 With wild flowers blinking bonnily,
 While 'mong the waving corn, blue succory
 stands ;
 And smiling brooks in sunny meadows sing
 And purple clusters weight the laden vines.

$\Phi K \Psi$.

With mind and heart the soul will muse
 "A tiny seed has fallen to the ground,
 One day 'twill rise and bloom—a thought of
 God."
 Fell sorrow comes—and silence—and the
 tomb !
 Dear voices gone, "They smile no more for
 me !"
 But soul doth cry while heart and mind
 accord ;
 "Wait—by and by—and you shall surely
 know
 That God hath often thoughts beside the
 flowers."

Φ .

I sing but changes to my old, old song ;
 Your mind hath known as well as mine,
 That he who studies deep and wrestles long
 With heartless problems, human or divine
 Grows cold, and sharp and wolfish strong.

K.

Your heart hath felt as well as mine
That he who joyeth in the light of home
And in the beam of gentle eyes benign,
Who speaks the name of brother in right tone,
Grows nobler, stronger, nearer God's design.

W.

Your soul hath risen, so hath mine ;
Far as the chains of flesh would give it room,
To gaze beyond the mystic border line,
To penetrate the darkness of the tomb,
To see the outer light of heaven shine.

Φ K Ψ.

May mind and heart and soul by God's good
grace

Rise on the arms of faith to deeds of love
To make 'us men and brethren, one with all
our race

That we may know and wield a power above
All narrow selfish bonds of time or place.

So may we, while in College Halls,
Be students in the wider schools of life ;
And harmonize the mind, and heart, and soul,
To know, to feel, to face eternity.

And while we know and feel and face eternity
We link our hands with kindred toilers here
And say, "My brother, here is sympathy
And help"—with all good words of brother-
hood.

Then from this circle, when we gather close,
We go again abroad our various ways ;
Happier, better, stronger men, who by grace
Will stand more firmly, side by side with men,
Because in College days, in *Φ Ψ* halls

We learned heart lessons, deep and pure and
true,

Which prove a charm beyond the power,
Of Lotus bloom or Lethe's darkling stream.

ABSTRACT OF MINUTES OF THE G. A. C.

Of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, Convened at Pitts-
burg, Pa., February 21st, 1883.

The Grand Arch Council was called to
order at 10 o'clock a. m., by Bro. Robert J.
Murray, W. G. P., who appointed the following
officers *pro tem.*: S. W. P., W. N. Thacher,
Kansas, A; S. W. A. G., T. J. Shannon, Indi-
ana, A; S. W. B. G., F. B. Leland, Michigan,

A; S. W. S. G., J. C. Payne, Ohio Gamma; S.
W. Ph., Geo. F. Gephart, Maryland, A; S. W.
H., Will S. Lacey, Illinois, A, and S. W. C.,
Geo. D. Gotwald, Pennsylvania, E

An election of permanent officers was then
held and resulted as follows: Bros. Martin
Bell Jr., of Pennsylvania, Gamma, S. W. G.
P.; Bro. Adam Hoy, of Pennsylvania, E, S.
W. P.; Bro. John C. Payne, of Ohio, Gamma,
S. W. A. G.; Bro. P. K. Buskirk, Indiana Beta,
S. W. B. G.; Bro. Fred. A. Stocks, Kansas, A,
S. W. S. G.; Bro. G. F. Gephart, Maryland,
A, S. W. Ph.; Bro. Will S. Lacy, Illinois, A,
S. W. H.; Bro. Geo. D. Gotwald, Pennsylva-
nia, E, S. W. C.

The officers elect were then installed, after
which the S. W. G. P. appointed the following
committees: Committee on Grand Book of
Constitutions and Edicts, Judge M. C. Her-
man, Pennsylvania Zeta; Bro. Robert J.
Murray, D. C., Alpha, and Bro. W. A. Posey,
Indiana Alpha. Committee on Trials and
Grievances, Bro. J. N. Garver, Ohio Alpha;
Bro. C. W. Dean, Pennsylvania Beta, and
Bro. F. R. Hubacheck, Wisconsin Gamma.
Committee on Finance and Supervision, Bro.
Wm. Yost, Michigan Alpha; Bro. C. Flood,
New York Delta, and Bro. Robins S. Mott,
Illinois Delta.

The reports of various Chapters present by
delegates were then read. The G. A. C. after
much discussion, fixed the time for meetings
of G. A. C. at 7:30 this p. m., 9 to 12:30 a.
m. and 2 to 5:30 p. m. the 22d. The G. A. C.
then adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday evening, February 21st, the G.
A. C. met and was opened in due form by
Bro. Martin Bell Jr., S. W. G. P.

A dispensation was granted to Pennsylvania
Iota to initiate students of Haverford College,
Pennsylvania, into the Fraternity. A com-
mittee of five consisting of Bros. Mott, Sadt-
ler, Knight, Baker and Flood, was appointed
to consider and report on the advisability of
making the SHIELD a general Fraternity ex-
pense.

A committee of three, Bros. Niesley, Got-
wald and Garver, was appointed to consider
debt due for Grand Catalogues.

Bros. Porterfield, Shannon and Raymond were appointed committee to a consider next place of meeting of G. A. C.

Bros. Dun, Wilson, Weinschenk, Dean and Eckels were appointed a committee to consider advisability of districting the Chapters.

Committee on Song Book, Bros. Mott, Dean and Colter.

Congratulations were received from Bro. E. F. Smith and the ladies of Chicago, and S. W. G. P. instructed to respond.

After several ineffectual ballots, Columbus, Ohio, was selected as next place of meeting of G. A. C.

The matter of contracting with new jeweler for pins was referred to G. C. with power to act.

Thursday morning, February 22d. The G. A. C. met and was opened in due form. Kansas City alumni were granted a charter. The petition of Carleton College students was ordered returned to Chapters voting negatively on same, for reconsideration. The petition of students of Westminster College for charter was refused. Pennsylvania Epsilon was selected as next Grand Chapter to serve for two years from January 1st, 1884. The dues of Michigan Alpha unpaid were remitted. Committee on Song Book reported that "we as a Fraternity give our support to no song book;" which was adopted. *Per capita* tax of one dollar levied on all active members for payment of debt due for Grand Catalogues and balance of Catalogues on hand ordered distributed proportionately among Chapters.

On petition a charter was granted to alumni members in Washington City, D. C. Thanks of G. A. C. extended to Bro. R. C. Duncan for city papers. Adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Afternoon session, February 22d, opened in due form, Bro. S. W. G. P. in chair. A charter was granted to resident alumni at Columbus, Ohio. Committee on SHIELD reported in favor of publication of an official organ of the Fraternity; to be known as the $\Phi K \Psi$ SHIELD, and which should be published monthly, during collegiate year. Also that each member pay one dollar additional per

annum to his regular dues for the support of the paper. That the editing Chapter make an annual report to the Grand Chapter of receipts and expenditures. That to members other than active the subscription price shall be one dollar; that an editing Chapter be elected by each G. A. C.; that whenever on account of inefficiency objections be made by two-thirds of the active Chapters to the G. C.; a succeeding editing Chapter shall be elected to fill the unexpired time by the G. C.; that each active member of the Fraternity receive a copy of the SHIELD. This report was amended by making the amount one dollar *per capita* payable to the publishing Chapter and that the individual Chapters be responsible for the SHIELD tax, and was adopted. After an election, Ohio Beta was declared the publishing Chapter until next G. A. C.

The committee on G. B. of C. and Edicts reported favorably the amendment to the constitution making the G. A. C. convene every two years and the term of office of the G. C. two years. The resolution was voted on and carried by a vote of 15 to 2. Amendment to Constitution changing unanimous vote necessary to grant petition, to veto of three chapters was lost.

Amendment districting the Fraternity was lost.

The committee also reported favorably amendment adding to the duties of W. P. as follows: "and he shall, at the time of the stated meetings of the G. C., make and transmit to the sub chapters, an itemized statement of the financial condition of the G. C." This was unanimously adopted.

They reported adversely on the resolution, "to allow no preparatory student to be admitted to the *Phi Kappa Psi* Fraternity," and their report was adopted.

Committee on Colors reported in favor of lavender and pink as the Fraternity colors and after some discussion report was adopted.

The Edict Committee was instructed to incorporate in the Edict the following: that the sub-chapters pay strict attention and observance to that part of the Edict of 1874,

which provides that "No sub-chapter shall, except by special dispensation of the G. C., initiate any person, not at that time or previously connected as student, professor, trustee or other officer within the institution at which the chapter is located.

The Grand Chapter was instructed to inquire in regard to *Phi Kappa Psi* History and publish same.

Greeting was received from Mrs. Letterman, of Missouri, wishing *Phi Psi* good luck and God-speed.

On motion, a letter of greeting was directed to be sent to Mrs. Letterman.

The G. C. was directed to appoint committee on Necrology who shall keep correct list of all *Phi Kappa Psi* deaths, and that each B. G. shall report all deaths occurring in their entire membership and all facts they can collect concerning deceased

Thanks were extended to the present Grand Chapter on motion.

The G. A. C. then proceeded to election of Orator and Poet of the next G. A. C. with the following result: Orator Judge, M. C. Herman; Alternate Bro., Chas. E. Piper; Poet, Bro. Robert Lowry; Alternate Bro., H. S. Lobingier.

Thanks were then extended to the local committee and officers of the G. A. C. After which the G. A. C. adjourned to meet the third Wednesday of February, 1885, in Columbus, Ohio. ROBERT J. MURRAY, W. G. P.

FRANK O. McCLEARY, W. B. G.

EDICT OF THE GRAND ARCH COUNCIL OF THE PHI KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY OF 1883.

To the Phi Kappi Psi Fraternity the Grand Arch Council Sends Greeting!

The duly elected delegates of the Grand Arch Council having convened in ample form in the City of Pittsburg, and State of Pennsylvania, on the twenty-first day of February *Anno Fraternitatis* the thirty-first, having fully considered the interests of the whole Fraternity by authority vested in us, enjoin and command the Grand Chapter, and all the brothers to obey and respect the pro-

ceedings of this Grand Arch Council of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

We command that the Grand Chapter grant a dispensation to the Pennsylvania Iota sub-chapter of the Fraternity to initiate students of the Haverford College, Pennsylvania, into the Fraternity.

We command that the Grand Chapter grant to the graduate members of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, resident in Kansas City, State of Missouri and vicinity, a charter for a graduate Chapter to be known as the Missouri Beta, with power to send delegates, with full privileges to the Grand Arch Council

We command that the Grand Chapter grant to the graduate members of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, resident in Washington City, District of Columbia and vicinity, a charter for a graduate Chapter to be known as the District of Columbia Beta, with power to send delegates with full privileges to the Grand Arch Council.

We command that the Grand Chapter grant to the graduate members of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, resident in the City of Columbus, State of Ohio and vicinity, a charter for a graduate Chapter to be known as the Ohio Epsilon, with power to send delegates, with full privileges to the Grand Arch Council.

We command that the Grand Chapter return the petition of the students of Carleton College, Minnesota, to the Chapters which voted negatively upon same, for their reconsideration.

We command that a *per capita* tax of one dollar be levied, and it hereby is levied, upon the active members of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, to pay the debt due for publishing the Grand Catalogue of the Fraternity, and further command that the Grand Chapter after receipt of the said tax shall distribute proportionately among the sub-chapters, the Grand Catalogues now on hand.

We command that the paper representing the interests of the Fraternity be placed in the hands of the Ohio Beta sub-chapter of this Fraternity, and command that a *per capita* tax of one dollar per annum be paid by each active member of the Fraternity to

the said Ohio Beta Chapter for the support and sustenance of the said paper. We further command that the said paper shall be called the Phi Kappa Psi SHIELD. That said paper shall be furnished to inactive members of the Fraternity for the subscription price of one dollar per annum. We further command that said Ohio Beta sub-chapter render an annual report to the Grand Chapter, stating receipts and expenditures, &c.

We command the Grand Chapter to make the necessary effort and publish the history of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

We command the Grand Chapter to appoint a Committee, to be known as the Committee on Necrology, whose duty it shall be to keep a correct record of all Phi Kappa Psi deaths, and we further command the B. G.'s of each sub-chapter to report to this Committee all deaths occurring in their entire membership, and as many facts concerning the deceased member or members as they can collect.

We command that hereafter the Grand Arch Council be convened on the third Wednesday of February every two years, to commence the third Wednesday of February, A. D., 1885.

We command that hereafter the Grand Chapter shall be chosen once in every two years, (the first term to begin January 1st, 1884,) by the Grand Arch Council held immediately preceeding the expiration of the time.

We command that the next session of the Grand Arch Council be convened in the City of Columbus, State of Ohio, on the third Wednesday of February, A. D. 1885.

We command that the Epsilon Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania be the Grand Chapter for the ensuing term of two years, beginning with the first day of January, A. D. 1884, and hereby command the present Grand Chapter to transfer the archives, property and effects of the Fraternity to the said Pennsylvania Epsilon Chapter on the first day of January next.

We command that the dues of Michigan Alpha sub-chapter of the Fraternity be remitted.

We command that hereafter it shall also be the duty of the W. P., to make and transmit to each of the sub-chapters, at the two stated meetings in each year, an itemized statement of the financial condition of the Grand Chapter.

We command that the colors of the Fraternity shall be lavender and pink.

We call special attention of the sub-chapters to that part of the Edict of 1874, which provides that, "no sub-chapter shall, *except* by special dispensation of the Grand Chapter, initiate any person, not at *that time* or *previously* connected as *student, professor, trustee* or *other officer* within the institution at which a chapter is located," and enjoin its strict observance.

We recommend that all moneys due the Grand Chapter from the sub-chapters be paid as soon as possible, and would call their especial attention to the *per capita* tax of one dollar to defray the debt due for publication of Grand Catalogues.

We commend to the attention of the sub chapters, Article VI, section 8, and urge a strict compliance with the same.

The Grand Chapter is commanded hereby, to transmit to each of the sub-chapters a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Arch Council, in any way relating to, amending, or altering the Grand Book of Constitutions.

We invoke our Heavenly Father's blessing upon the Fraternity, to the end that every brother in our honored Fraternity may be more watchful and faithful in obeying this Edict

MARTIN BELL Jr.,

Pennsylvania Gamma. S. W. G. P.
ADAM HOY,

Pennsylvania Epsilon. S. W. P.
JOHN C. PAYNE,

Ohio Gamma. S. W. A. G.
FRED. A. STOCKS,

Kansas Alpha. S. W. B. G.
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Pennsylvania Epsilon. S. W. C.

PAN-HELLENIC.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 6, 1883.

TO THE $\Phi K \Psi$ FRATERNITY.

Gentlemen: The Secretary of the Inter-fraternity Press Association begs leave to call your attention to the minutes of Fraternity Editor's Convention, held at the Colonnade Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 22, 1883. (If not enclosed they have been sent to the editors of your journal, THE SHIELD, through the kindness of Mr. Baird, the secretary of the meeting and Mr. Black, the recorder of the editor's meeting.)

Among other important enactments, the following proposition was unanimously adopted at said convention: "That a Pan-Hellenic Conference be held at New York City, to begin July 4, 1884, provided that, ten fraternities shall signify their intention to participate on or before January 1, 1884." The convention of fraternity editor's carefully discussed the arrangements for the proposed conference, which are detailed in the minutes of the meeting.

I take this opportunity of calling the same to your attention as a member of your fraternity, and would request you to present the same, or see that it is presented to your fraternity, in convention or in any other proper manner according to the procedure of your order, and I would respectfully urge you to request your fraternity to take some definite and immediate action, so that the secretary of the association may know whether to report you affirmatively or negatively in this matter.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this communication as soon as is conveniently possible, and inform us of the action of your fraternity at the earliest moment that you can consistently, with a careful consideration of the matter. The secretary wishes to report the action of the fraternities to the association at an early date, and he will likewise inform you of the final determination of the fraternities as a whole.

Any further information, as to this matter, which the secretary may be able to give, will

be gladly furnished. Trusting to hear from you forthwith, I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

CHAS. H. BECKETT,

52 William St., New York, N. Y.

Secretary of the Inter-Fraternity Press Association.

THE FRATERNITY MEETING AT PHILADELPHIA.

Colonnade Hotel, Feb. 22, 1883

Pursuant to a call issued by the editors of the Beta Theta Pi, at the suggestion of the $X \Phi$ Quarterly the representatives of several fraternities met at the above named hotel, February 22d, 1883, at 11 a. m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Robb, $B \theta \Pi$, and Rev. O. A. Glazebrook, $A T \Omega$, was upon motion elected as chairman and Messrs. Wm. R. Baird, $B \theta \Pi$, and Geo. B. Thomas $\Phi \Delta \theta$, were named as secretaries. The roll was then called to ascertain who were present and what fraternities they represented, with the following result:

$A T \Omega$ O. A. Glazebrook, F. H. Easby; $B \theta \Pi$ W. O. Robb, W. R. Baird; $X \Phi$ J. H. Cromwell, E. H. Reninger; $\Delta K E$ Chas. H. Beckett; $\Delta \Phi$ M. C. Work; $\Delta T \Delta$ H. W. Plummer; $\Phi \Delta \theta$ G. B. Thomas, Frank Fithian; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ S. L. Black, H. L. Stahler, $\Phi K \Psi$ O. H. Kendall, Norman Ellison; $\Phi K \Sigma$ Ben Reath; $\Psi \Upsilon$ Charles W. Smiley; $\Sigma A E$ J. H. Young; ΣX E. A. Stahler, J. Fahnestock; $Z \Psi$ G. Remak, jr, J. I. Scott.

The following gentlemen were present as visitors: W. D. Roberts, $Z \Psi$; J. D. Raht, ΣX ; F. M. Fox, $Z \Psi$; E. E. Johnson, $X \Phi$; C. S. Martin, $X \Phi$; E. M. Young, $X \Phi$; W. A. Ford, $\Delta K E$; J. Marshall, $\Phi K \Psi$; E. F. Smith, $\Phi K \Psi$; L. J. C. Kimmel, $\Delta \Phi$; E. L. Loudon, ΣK ; C. B. Williams, $\Delta \Phi$; J. W. Kinnear, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$; F. C. Cook, $\Delta T \Delta$; A. P. Wantevein, $\Delta T \Delta$; F. F. Martinez, $\Delta T \Delta$; E. W. Clark, $\Delta T \Delta$; H. A. Hare, $B \theta \Pi$; I. B. Bradford, $B \theta \Pi$; N. P. Grimm, $B \theta \Pi$; H. W. Cremer, $X \Phi$.

Mr. Robb then made a few remarks stating that the movement to call the meeting had been a spontaneous one, and that the main object of the assembly was to ascertain whether it

was desired by the fraternities that a general conference of fraternity men should be called, and if so, at what time and place and what subjects should be suggested for its consideration and discussion.

Upon motion the meeting went into a committee of the whole to consider the matter and the roll was called to ascertain the views of the several fraternities. Mr. Glazebrook spoke for $\Delta T \Omega$ and proceeded to set forth his views that such a conference could devise means to protect the best interests of the fraternities, to overcome the prejudices of hostile faculties and cultivate good feeling among the fraternities themselves. Mr. Smiley then asked a number of questions. It became evident that this discussion would consume too much time, and upon motion a committee consisting of W. O. Robb, $B \theta \Pi$, chairman; Charles H. Beckett, $\Delta K E$; C. W. Smiley, $\phi \gamma$; G. B. Thomas, $\phi \Delta \theta$; J. H. Young, $\Sigma A E$; and W. R. Baird, $B \theta \Pi$; was appointed to express the sense of the meeting in a series of resolutions. The meeting then adjourned until 2 p. m.

Afternoon session, 2:30 p. m.—After the meeting was called to order the committee through Mr. Robb, presented the following report:

At a meeting of representatives of the following Greek Letter Fraternities, viz.: $\Delta T \Omega$, $B \theta \Pi$, $X \phi$, $\Delta K E$, $\Delta \phi$, $\Delta T \Delta$, $\phi \Delta \theta$, $\phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\phi K \Phi$, $\phi K \Sigma$, $\psi \gamma$, $\Sigma A E$, ΣX and $Z \psi$, held at the Colonnade Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., February 22, 1883, at a call of the Fraternity press the following proposition was unanimously adopted.

1st. That a Pan-Hellenic Conference be held at New York City, to begin July 4, 1884, provided, that ten fraternities shall signify their intention to participate, on or before January 1, 1884.

2d. That Every American Greek Letter Fraternity having three or more living chapters be entitled, in the proposed conference, to be represented by three delegates. That each fraternity be entitled to one vote.

3rd. That the general object of the pro-

posed conference be the promotion of inter-fraternity courtesy and the advancement of the general interests of the fraternity system.

4th. That this object is sought to be obtained, not by legislation which shall bind the fraternities participating, but by the moral force of this and similar assemblies.

5th. That the following, among other topics are suggested for the consideration of the proposed conference:

I. Membership in Chapters.

a, As to preparatory students.

b, As to membership in two or more fraternities.

c, As to "Lifting."

d, As to the consequences of expulsion from one fraternity.

II Chapters.

a, "Sub-Rosa" chapters.

b, "Lifting" chapters.

III. Relations of Fraternities and Colleges.

a, The best means of securing the recognition and co-operation of college authorities.

b, The prevention of fraternity combinations in college politics.

IV. Fraternity Statistics and Publications.

a, Their limits as to secrecy.

b, Methods of collecting statistics for catalogues, etc.

c, Methods of conducting fraternity journals.

6th. That the details for perfecting the arrangements for the proposed conference be intrusted to a committee consisting of the editors of the various fraternity journals. Signed, W. O. Robb, $B \theta \Pi$; chairman, Chas. H. Beckett, $\Delta K E$; Chas. W. Smiley, $\psi \gamma$; George B. Thomas, $\phi \Delta \theta$; J. H. Young, $\Sigma A E$; W. R. Baird, $B \theta \Pi$.

The report was upon motion received and adopted.

It was then considered *seriatim* and accepted. In reply to questions by Mr. Remak, $Z \psi$ and Mr. Cromwell, $\Delta \phi$ the committee stated that Section 4 should not be construed to mean that a Pan-Hellenic Conference should not legislate, but that the committee expressed the opinion that the sanction of

its enactments would be their moral force.

Meeting adjourned 3:45 p. m.

O. A. GLAZEBROOK, $\Delta T \Omega$; Chairman.

WILLIAM R. BAIRD, $B \theta \Pi$.
GEO. B. THOMAS, $\phi \Delta \theta$. } Secretaries.

THE INTER-FRATERNITY PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Colonnade Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.,

Feb. 22, 1883, 4 p m.

The Editors of the following journals assembled at the above named time and place :

$\Delta T \Omega$ Palm, O. A. Glazebrook, F. H. Easby;
Beta Theta Pi, W. O. Robb, W. R. Baird;
 $X \phi$ Quarterly, J. H. Cromwell, E. H. Ren-
inger; $\Delta K E$ Quarterly, Charles H. Beckett;
 $\Delta T \Delta$ Crescent, H. W. Plummer; $\phi \Delta \theta$
Scroll, Geo. B. Thomas; Phi Gamma Delta,
S. L. Black; $\psi \gamma$ Diamond, Charles W. Smi-
ley; $\Sigma A E$ Record, J. H. Young; Sigma Chi,
E. A. Stahler.

Upon motion of Mr. Stahler ΣX Mr. H. W. Plummer, $\Delta T \Delta$ was elected chairman and Mr. S. L. Black, $\phi \Gamma \Delta$, secretary. The following communication was then read and the secretary instructed to return a suitable reply.

Philadelphia, Feb. 22, 1883.

To the Inter-Fraternity Press Association.

Gentlemen: The First Grand Division of $\Delta T \Delta$ in conference assembled, sends greeting and best wishes for the success of your convention, hoping that it may be productive of great benefit to the Greek Fraternity World, we remain

Yours respectfully,

W. G. MAYBURY, }
A. C. CAMPBELL, } Committee.
E. H. FOSTER, }

Upon motion, the convention went into committee of the whole to discuss the subject of a Press Association. After some discussion, the committee rose and reported, that it was advisable to establish a fraternity press agent, for the collection and distribution of accurate and reliable fraternity and college news Mr. Baird was instructed to secure such an agent if possible, and report to the editors severally.

The plan for carrying out the arrangements

for the Pan-Hellenic Conference was then discussed. Upon motion Mr. Chas. H. Beckett $\Delta K E$ was appointed a committee of one to communicate the results of the meeting to the several fraternity authorities, to receive their replies and to call a meeting of the association when ten fraternities have signified their intention of participating in the P. H. Conference, and to act as secretary of the association during the recess.

It was decided upon motion, to hold the next meeting at such place as a majority of the fraternity editors should agree upon and communicate to the secretary.

Mr. Glazebrook expressed his pleasure at being able to attend the meeting, and moved a vote of thanks to the $X \phi$ Quarterly for suggesting it, and the Beta Theta Pi for executing it.

Meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the secretary.

$\Delta T \Delta$ H. W. PLUMMER, Chairman.

$\phi \Gamma \Delta$ S. L. BLACK, Secretary.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

DEAR BROTHERS :

It is with the greatest pleasure that we greet the revival of the SHIELD, although having done less than our share for its support, we keenly felt its loss. Cut off by our distance from other communication with the eastern chapters, it seemed as if in our loneliness we were growing up to be the "old maid" of the Phi Psi family. Success to the SHIELD is our sentiment.

Cal. A. is flourishing; her boys, though few, are all of a kind, and that a good kind. Our number, all told, doctors, lawyers, students and professors, is fifteen. We have initiated three new men into the mysteries of Phi Kappa Psi this year. There seems, at present, to be a decided lack of available men in the college, however, there are more "growing," and we feel content to wait.

Three of our boys stepped out into the broad field of life, last Commencement; Ed.

Lippett, now Professor in Music in the U. of P.; Bert Cox and Ed. Dennett, both of whom accepted "Professorships" in our Public Schools.

Our "First Annual Symposium" last June was a grand success. After listening to an address by Bro. J. E. Richards, and a poem by Prof. J. N. Martin, clad in the splendors of our new regalia, we hastened to a bounteous banquet at the Auzeria House. Dr. Breyfogle presided. Toasts were the order of the evening, and after singing our songs, we dispersed feeling that we had enjoyed ourselves hugely. Our "Second Annual Symposium" will be held Monday evening, June 4, 1883. Without profiting by our mistakes of last year our committee intends to have a banquet "like unto which has never been seen before." We will be especially glad to see any of our eastern brothers who may be on the coast. Can't you make arrangements and spend part of your vacation with us. Our graduate members are already whetting their teeth for the feast. "Let every good member of every degree," come! There will be "turkey" enough to go round, and plenty else beside. With the greatest good wishes from California A. to the other chapters, I remain, yours in Phi Kappa Psi. B. F. H.

PENNSYLVANIA IOTA.

1123 Chestnut St., Phila., Pa., Feb. 27, '83.

DEAR SHIELD ;—Having promised to write to the SHIELD as soon as possible after my return from the G. A. C., I hasten to fulfill my promise. I have no doubt some of the brothers would be pleased to hear how some of the eastern brothers fared on our way home.

The party which left on the morning train on Friday, consisted of brothers Eckels, Raymond, Brown, Niesly, Porter, Gotwald, Gephart and myself. We made fine headway toward the east till we arrived at Altoona where we were told we would stop ten minutes, and when after stopping thirty minutes, we were overtaken by brothers Murray and Buskirk on the limited Express. We all en-

joyed the fine scenery very much, but when that began to grow monotonous I think several of us enjoyed a game of whist rather more. Arriving at Harrisburg our pleasant little party was broken up, the members of it going in four different directions from there.

The brothers of our chapter seem to be very well satisfied with the doings of the G. A. C., as well as much amused by the report of its delegates concerning the attractions and pleasures of a visit to the Smoky City. Adding the greeting of Pa. Iota to all the brothers I beg to subscribe myself.

One of Pa. Iota's delegates.

OHIO DELTA.

Columbus, O., March 11.

DEAR SHIELD :

I have had the honor to be elected as your correspondent, and as Ohio Delta wants to be represented in your first issue it struck me that I had better be getting something ready.

The G. A. C. has been the subject of paramount interest since the return of the delegates, and, by the way, Ohio Alpha, Beta and Delta came within an ace of not being represented. Our boys thinking the delegates would require something to sustain them during their night ride had a little supper for them, and Bro. Baker lingered so lovingly over his oyster stew that the fellows all but missed the train. Conductor called all aboard! just as we came into the depot. The tickets were bought in a twinkling and away they went on the tail end of the train. Our chapter are congratulating themselves on having obtained the next Grand Arch Council for Columbus, and send congratulations to Beta on having secured THE SHIELD. Speaking of shield I am reminded of a pretty good story we have got on Bro. Van Harlingen, who was our last G. P. In explaining the pin to one of the initiates he started off glibly enough with—"This shield, my brother, . . . you will observe is a" (changing his weight to the other foot)—"shield shaped," (pause) —"shield!" The initiate looked duly edified while an audible snicker from the assembled

chapter rather detracted from the solemnity of the occasion.

We have begun to agitate the question of establishing an Alumni Chapter here in Columbus and some of our resident members look on it very favorably. Springfield seems like a good field for an Alumni Chapter also. Stir 'em up boys!

We are occasionally refreshed with a sight of Brother Walter Miller, who is out of school this year and is devoting his energies to teaching school and raising various styles of whiskers.

The piano in our hall is a constant source of enjoyment and no better investment could be made, I think, of funds. Wishing you all success in the new venture, I subscribe myself yours in bonds of Phi Kappa Psi.

"OHIO DELTA."

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

Meadville, Pa., Feb. 28, 1883.

EDITOR SHIELD:

Pa., Beta sends best wishes to THE SHIELD under its new management. and sends her little grist of personals.

Bro. Hoskins has embarked in the newspaper business in Crookstown, Minn.

Bro. S. S Ford is a law student in Cleveland, O. "The Oracle" has our best wishes.

Bro. W. J Ford attends the business college here this term

Bro. Harry Stoner is prosecuting his medical studies in Philadelphia, Pa

Brothers Deane, Calder, Robinson and Bole returned from G. A. C. highly pleased, and more full of enthusiasm for $\Phi \Psi$ than ever.

We were pleased to receive a call from Bro. Garver, alumnus of Ohio Alpha, some time since. It does us good to hear from sister Chapters through their men. All $\Phi \Psi$'s who come within the precincts of "this yer town" are hereby solicited to make themselves known.

Pa.. Beta has never been more flourishing, the initiates this year being Geo. Ferree, sophomore, C. W Benedict, W H. Fredeick and O. B. Ong, freshmen. Having what we

consider a fair sized chapter, we are rather choice in our selections, however, when we find a good man we rope him in. F. M. C.

NEW YORK DELTA.

Geneva, March 7, 1883.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

The duty of writing a communication to you has devolved upon me, a painful duty, I must confess, painful, not because it requires work, but because it must needs give New York Delta so poor a representation in the SHIELD. Our chapter has always felt an especial pride in the fact that our fraternity had a paper, and from the fact that we are the only fraternity at Hobart which has one. We have found it a material aid in "spiking" men, and for that reason alone, if for no other, we promise you our most hearty support.

A few days after the Commencement of '82 our boys had the opportunity of welcoming brothers Baldrige and Dreisbach, of Pennsylvania Gamma. Their arrival was quite unexpected but none the less welcome. Their "knee breeches" made them hesitate a little about appearing before the ladies; but, on being assured that they were Phi Psis too, they allowed themselves to be conducted to the home of one of our resident brothers where they were entertained to the best of our poor ability. The brothers were obliged to leave us on the following morning, leaving behind them many a pleasant recollection, and taking with them, let us hope, not a poor idea of our Delta's work.

Last Commencement was the second the N. Y. Delta has seen, and at that time Phi Kappa Psi had but five men in College, but with those five men she took three out of the six prizes awarded Bro. J B. Blanchet took the first—Cobb Essay—and Bro G. M Irish took the Latin and English prizes offered to the class of '84. We do not wish to brag, oh no! but we would like to ask how many of the chapters did better in their second year? We send the bake-shop to all who did

Since our chapter has been in existence, the greatest number of members that we have

had in College at any time has been eight. By the expulsion of C. H. Aanan and R. B. Mahany our number has been reduced to six. We have, however, another brother, T. S. Henson, resident of the town, who will return to college next year. The men whom we expelled were not true Phi Psis and never would have been. They have sought to injure us by "letting out" some of the chapter secrets such as the initiation fee, etc.; but it has only redounded to their own injury. We are well rid of them and we can confidently predict that all their efforts to injure us will be futile in the future as they have been in the past.

I cannot close without relating the dilemma in which our H. was caught the other day. He had been lighting the fire, and perhaps, sweeping the hall (though if you were here I don't think you would believe that), and had placed his hat and key on one of the desks. By some chance he went outside the door, the door closed, the lock sprung into its place and the H. was locked out in the cold dreary world, without a friend and without a hat. But he found both a friend and a hatter in our genial neighbor Pickett, who furnished him with a ladder, by the aid of which he re-entered the hall, "not by the door but by some other way"—a sadder and wiser H

Yours in $\Phi K \Psi$.

J. C. F.

MARYLAND ALPHA.

Baltimore, March 12, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

How natural it seems to be writing a letter to THE SHIELD, and yet how long since the Fraternity has been without its official organ! The paper is the tie that binds all the Chapters in one universal Brotherhood, the indispensable adjunct to the health and well being of the whole fraternity. That the present venture may be successful, should be the prayer of every one having the welfare of old " $\Phi \Psi$ " at heart.

Maryland Alpha is progressing favorably, and her prospects are encouraging. On account of the conservative policy adhered to

in the election of new members, we are not as strong in point of numbers, as might perhaps be desirable; yet, this is rather beneficial than otherwise, and we see no good reason to pursue a contrary course. Since January 1st two new men have sworn to be "true and loyal members of the fraternity," and we are keeping a sharp lookout for fresh material. Whilst careful not to commit herself to any doubtful innovations, Md., Alpha has always been exceedingly broad and liberal in her interpretation of the constitution. At present we are engaged in discussing amendments, which promise much for her prosperity hereafter.

Bro. Geo. F. Gephart returned from Pittsburgh exceedingly enthusiastic, and gave a rosy report of the doings in the smoky city. We are especially glad to hear of the defeat of the proposition to do away with the requisite unanimity of the Bro's with regard to the admission of new Chapters—otherwise Harmony, the "*sine qua non*" of the Fraternity, would have been destroyed.

There is a movement on foot to establish a Graduate Chapter in Baltimore, but it is not likely anything will come of it, since several graduates, who have been approached on the subject, have expressed themselves pretty freely in opposition to the measure.

The class of '83, University of Maryland, (Law School) have elected Bro's A. J. Bowdoin and F. D. Loney, President and Orator respectively. The victory was snatched in the face of fierce opposition from the other Greek Letter Fraternities at the school, and is a cause for congratulation.

With best wishes for success and a long lease of life,

Yours in the bonds,

D. S. G.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

Gettysburg, March 12, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

It is with a feeling of no ordinary pleasure that we again respond to your call for our contribution. We hail your presence in our midst again, as a means by which we may be the better informed upon questions of general

interest in our beloved order, to awaken a more enlivening interest in her welfare, and to herald the news of each chapter; all of which is necessary for the advancement and prosperity of the fraternity. To comment, however, upon the needs and advantages of a journal circulating in a fraternity like ours is altogether unnecessary at such a time, when the experience through which we have just passed, has shown to us its vital importance. But as the duty which devolves upon us, is to report to you in behalf of our chapter, we will try to fill that responsible position in some manner, and hope that you will pardon us if we should overstep the bounds of becoming modesty in "blowing our own horn," a thing which our very position itself almost necessitates. We can report to you our chapter as being in a very good condition with favorable prospects. With fourteen good, earnest Phi Psis in active membership, pretty well distributed among the different classes, working together with almost perfect unity and harmony, we stand on a firm basis. Fraternity spirit has not recently been running very high here, as there has been very little to cause it. We have as usual for the past year gotten almost to a man, everyone whom we have asked, and though, in some cases the fight has been very severe in those opposing us, our victories have been won with comparative ease. Our present freshman class—they must acknowledge the fact themselves—does not contain any great quantity of valuable material for fraternity use. However, as we have undoubtedly taken our choice in this case, and so have gotten the very cream, we are very well represented. To speak of class-standing and honors we could well claim, our full quota and even more. Yet, while we are always proud of those of our brothers who win these honors, we would not boast of them at all as having won any great achievement for the cause of the fraternity, nor do we consider them as essential qualifications for a true and loyal Phi Psi.

Though the past year has not been one which has caused us much trouble in contending with our sister fraternities, yet it has

been one of unusual activity and interest in our own fraternity work. While, at least trying to do our share of the general work of the fraternity and in connection with the ordinary work incumbent upon a chapter in doing its duty to itself, its graduates and the fraternity at large, our little project of our Chapter House has demanded no inconsiderable attention. With the liberal support of our graduate brothers we have undertaken to build a hall and we hope soon to see the object of our darling ambition realized. On the evening of June 28, 1882, we held the very interesting and impressive exercises of the laying the corner stone—a full account of which had been sent to the former editor about that time, but unfortunately never appeared, and since that time we have been busily engaged in trying to enthuse the workmen of our town with a little more energy and go-aheadativeness of which they are so utterly deficient. It was for this reason alone that winter came upon us with the building in the half-finished condition in which it still remains. In a short time we expect to have it completed and be able to enjoy the pleasure and comforts of a fraternity home.

From the reports of our delegates to the recent G. A. C., we are convinced that it was a live meeting. Its actions strike us very favorably. In our humble opinion, some very wise steps have been taken. As to the honor she has conferred upon Pennsylvania Epsilon, we can only say, that she fully appreciated it, and that she will do all she can and knows how, as you will have to be the judges whether she has been faithful.

But we are about exhausted, and so will give place to other more interesting and worthy contributions. With a God Speed for the SHIELD, our best wishes of success to the editors and a brotherly grip to all.

Yours in the Triple Bond,

C. D. H.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

University of Miss.; Oxford, March 2, '83.
EDITORS SHIELD:

As quill driver of Miss. Alpha your corre-

spondent steps to the front for a few brief moments to extend to each and every chapter of Phi Kappa Psi a brother's greeting, and to congratulate the fraternity on the action taken by the G. A. C., recently held at Pittsburg, relative to our fraternity journal. Ever since our organization we have been warm supporters of the SHIELD, and its appearance in our midst was always hailed as "good news from a far country."

When we learned that it was no more, a feeling of sadness came over our souls; for we felt that one of the connecting links of our fraternity was broken, and one too which we could not well dispense with. And now that it is again to be revived we hasten to be represented in its first issue.

At the opening of the session in September only six of last year's members answered to their names at roll-call. They are: J. L. Buckley, Enterprise, Miss.; L. J. Farley, Heenando, Miss.; John F. Park, Cabot, Ark.; W. F. Rush, DeKalb, Miss.; H. L. Standley, Oxford, Miss.; W. P. Tackett, Richland, Miss. With this small band we went to work immediately to add other names to our list of members and had soon initiated into the mysteries of Phi Kappa Psi the following named members: M. L. Allen, Sallis, Miss.; W. F. Stevens, Augusta, Miss.; J. W. Cooper, Jackson, Miss.; M. J. Manning, Endora, Miss.; J. F. Landerdale, Heenando, Mississippi. These are all whole-souled, intelligent boys, and are now ardent supporters of the heaven-born principles of our fraternity. Although our chapter is in its infancy at this place—this being our second year—our record last year was such that the oldest and best fraternities here might well envy us the reputation which our boys gained for us. In the first place, two of the finest members of the graduating class—Messrs. W. G. Rush and R. F. Greer, are members of our chapter. Then brother L. J. Farley carried off second honor of the Sophomore class, while Brothers W. P. Tackett and W. J. Bowen, after a hard fought battle, came off victorious in the contest for two beautiful gold medals given by the Hermean Literary Society for her two best declaimers,

and they now sport, at their watch-chain ends, these trophies of victory. Can any of our two-year old chapters beat this?

Brother Rush, of '82, is again at the University with us taking a course of law. Bro. Bowen is studying in Memphis, and Bro. Caffall is studying pharmacy at Cincinnati. Bro. Greer, of '82, was killed while nobly defending from a band of masked robbers, his uncle's store, which had been left to his charge. His death was the severest blow that has fallen to Miss. Alpha, and she feels sensibly that her brightest light has been extinguished. Bro. Cooper did not remain with us long but returned to Centenary College, Louisiana, where he has been pursuing his studies for two years past.

And now making a summation of all Phi Psis at the University we find only ten, and although there is plenty of material here to swell our number to twice its present size, we are fully aware of the fact that strength does not consist in quantity alone, but in quality. In order for a boy to become a fit subject for membership in our chapter he must have all those qualities without which he can never wear the shield of Phi Kappa Psi. But for fear of consuming too much space in the dear old SHIELD, and thus crowding out other communications more interesting than mine, I will close by wishing the SHIELD a long and prosperous life in Phi Kappa Psi ever,

JOHN FRANKLIN PARK.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

Lancaster, March 16, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

I open this letter rather tremblingly, fearing lest the SHIELD for March is already in press, if so, you may reserve this for the April number. It is with mingled feelings that I address the SHIELD, feelings in which joy, pride and past regret co-unite; joy, that our dear SHIELD is once more a living name and not a dead memory; pride in the knowledge that the Eta has had a share in its revival; regret, that so useful and honorable a factor in the life of our Fraternity should ever

have had to succumb to so unfortunate a fate as dis-issue.

Let us not, however, revive unpleasant recollections. It is time now for us to look forward hopefully to a prosperous future as regards our class paper and our Fraternity at large. For our own chapter we may say, that our recent glorious Grand Arch Council held at Pittsburg, has buoyed up the spirit and courage of the Eta for fresh triumphs in fraternal fields. After all it is only in such a close union as such a council calls forth, that true fraternal zeal and love is kindled. The G. A. C., of 1883, is one that may well call up a righteous pride in the minds of all those who were so fortunate as to attend its sessions. Its business was very important; its time well spent, its feeling almost unanimous and its temper excellent. Among the important measures before the G. A. C., none in passing a successful vote, caused greater pleasure, than the re-establishing our beloved SHIELD. Truly its downfall was an unhappy one; so influential and widespread a Fraternity as $\Phi K \Psi$ to be without a representative in the wide field of Greek letter journalism—the thought was painful in the extreme. But as we said above all this is done with and we sincerely hope, done with forever. In its new fresh life let our SHIELD do honor to itself and elevate by its lively utterances, the sphere in which it will move. Let it be in breadth of sentiment and feeling the exponent of our glorious order as a whole, and never may it stoop to be the medium of a class or clique. Let it represent fully in its tone the ideas of good fellowship and good scholarship which are the characteristics of $\Phi K \Psi$. And finally let all the chapters, by their hearty support, do all for the welfare of the SHIELD that time, money and inclination can effect. In this wide spread co-operation alone will the SHIELD in this second trial for existence, come off victorious. The Eta will, as best she can, lend her aid and sympathy to the editors of our fraternity organ. The SHIELD will come to us and will find us awaiting its advent with eagerness. Its contents, we are sure, will re-

flect credit upon $\Phi K \Psi$. Only let us make a good beginning in issuing the SHIELD and the rest will follow. Remembering what Horace says in this regard: "Dimidium facti, qui coepit, habet," or in other words, as our own English proverb has it: "What's well begun is half done." With Horace, is a good place to close this hasty letter. The boys of the Eta are well and send love. Porterfield, Brown and the writer send special regards to the many brothers met at the Grand Arch Council. In particular does Eta congratulate the editors of the SHIELD. All success attend your efforts. Fraternally, F. E. S.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

University of Wis., March 30, '83.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

In response to an urgent invitation from Ohio Beta to contribute something for the recently re-established fraternity organ, THE SHIELD, Wisconsin Alpha replies through one of her members, who begs you to attach the fault to him and not to his chapter if the communication fails in interest or is wanting in society news. It is with pleasure that the writer again has the opportunity of addressing a few brief words to the SHIELD, which has arisen Phoenix-like from her ashes, by the recent decree of the Council at Pittsburg. May the next Convention, at Columbus in '85, see her growing and prosperous, taking the rank with other fraternity journals which the rapid growth of the fraternity represented by her, demands! The efforts of the Convention in reviving it, and in making the subscription to it obligatory among the individual members, is certainly commendable and must at least keep it upon a respectable financial basis and we trust do far more than that. Our chapter has taken more interest, probably, in the SHIELD than she has been given credit for in the past, although she has not evinced that enthusiasm which some of her sister chapters have manifested. Perhaps we have been too modest in desiring to hear of the doings of others, rather than in re-

counting our own local happenings in a series of monthly letters.

The members of Wisconsin Alpha much regret the fact that they were not represented at the convention at Pittsburg last February. Perhaps the other chapters are wondering somewhat, but I trust they will not attribute the fact to a lack of society feeling as such certainly was not the case. However, to speak frankly, it was rather more a piece of negligence upon our part than anything else. I think that long before the time came it was taken for granted that we would send delegates, but when the week arrived it found us without any arrangements having been completed, at a time when it was very inconvenient for any of the boys, who would have been willing, to get away.

It is an established custom at this institution for all the different Greek Letter Societies to combine and give what is called the Inter-Fraternity Reception on the night of February 21st. This is generally looked forward to and arrangements made considerable time before hand, and it so happened that nearly all of our members had solidified themselves for this party long before, without, I presume, thinking that it would interfere in our case, with the much more important convention which occurred at the same time. This was of course discovered, but as I said before, about all the available persons were engaged for the other event, and those who were not could not be prevailed upon to go as delegates. We have been enabled to learn very little about the proceedings of the convention and expect to see a full account in the first number of the SHIELD.

Our chapter had a very prosperous time last year and enrolled a goodly number of initiates all of whom we feel justly elated over; some in fact, especially so, as in cases it was an out and out strife with all the other fraternities, and in gaining these men it showed a very fair test of our comparative strength. We number twenty-one active members, six of whom are in the present graduating class, leaving a strong working force for next year's campaign. Honors in

college are easy among the different societies and while, not claiming a monopoly, we surely have our share, if not more, of the patronage. Probably the most noted social event of the society was the banquet and party given at the Park Hotel, the finest in the city, on Thanksgiving evening, Nov. 30, 1882. It was an extremely enjoyable event, and in a social point of view, has not been excelled in elegance of arrangement for many years, which is quite a statement to make in this city of wealth and fashion the capitol of Wisconsin. Several of our alumni were present and all were loud in their praises. A splendid *menu* was served, after which some fine toasts were given by specially appointed persons. About 11 o'clock the music struck up and a most delightful programme of twenty numbers was danced through by early morning.

At the Inter-Fraternity party we took the lead in point of numbers, of course, we are too modest to say anything as to the superiority of appearance. Many old alumni were present from all the societies which was very encouraging to us who had spared no expense or labor in making it a success.

In the coming ball-nine, which is the engrossing theme among those interested in Athletics, we will be well represented, and the boys probably will have a chance to meet as opponents some of our athletic brother Phi Psis in the nines from the other colleges comprising the Western College League. Our alumni were scattered far and wide, occupying prominent positions throughout the country. We begin to think that the Northern Pacific Railroad is being constructed mostly by Phi Psis from Wisconsin University, as we have half a dozen out in Montana holding various positions in the construction of the road. Brother John Modin, of Kansas Alpha, is with us this year, being a member of the Freshman class. He has considerable affection for his original Alma Mater and brother Phi Psis, but we hope is becoming reconciled to the ways of Wis. Alpha.

Perhaps this is already too much about ourselves, so I will desist. The Chicago

Alumni Chapter shows up in good style in the new annual catalogue and we recognize some of our old members, together with many old friends of Illinois Alpha and Beta.

One thing that I had almost forgotten in speaking of athletics is the Phi Psi boat club which some of our Stalwart brothers are getting up. They have a six-oared shell which was loaned them by Brother I. H. Gill, of '76, who was one of the famous Madison crew of '77 at a time when boating was at its highest in this city. The boys expect to have considerable fun at any rate and trust they may be able to pull a good oar before the season is over. I trust you have read Aiken's recent book on Secret Societies and hope to see somebody answer the arguments through the SHIELD. The Beta Theta Pi, I understand, has a very well written criticism upon the same which is being largely quoted.

Trusting that you will not be unduly bored by the length of this article, Wisconsin Alpha sends best wishes for the success of the SHIELD in the present hands and greeting to all her various friends. Very fraternally,

E. S. M.

GENERAL COLLEGE NOTES.

Miss Mary Blake, of Kingston, N. H., has given ten thousand dollars to Tuft's College.

A. E. Kent, of San Francisco, California, has given sixty thousand dollars to Yale College, for the erection of a chemical laboratory. Mr. Kent was of the Yale Class of '53.

It is reported that the two Presbyterian Colleges of Indiana, Wabash and Hanover, are to be consolidated, and that Wabash will be the seat of the new institution.

The daily press is reponsible for the accuracy of the following: Old William and Mary College, at Williamsburg, Virginia, the *alma mater* of Jefferson, Marshall, Monroe and Randolph, and among American colleges second only to Harvard in age, had but one student last year, and is now closed.

This year being the Centennial celebration of Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pa., it has

been proposed to increase the endowment fund one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, one-third of which will be for building purposes. Of this amount, forty-one thousand dollars have already been raised, of which the Rev. D. H. Carroll, of Baltimore, Md., has given ten thousand dollars. Good for Pa. Z.

The students of Davidson College recently showed a healthy kind of college spirit. Learning that half a dozen of the freshmen had been amusing themselves with that good old-fashioned joke of pouring molasses over the benches and blackboards of the recitation rooms, the rest of the students insisted that those who had begun should also complete the joke. Accordingly the six freshmen were required, under threat of a general spanking, to do the college bed-making for the day, the time of the college servants being given to removing the molasses, and also to pay half the actual cash value of the joke. In consequence, there has been an immense falling off in the popularity of the molasses joke at Davidson, and several other old favorites are regarded with no little suspicion.

Frequent mention has been made in the daily papers of the Purdue University case, wherein a student, Hawley, by name, applied for admission, but was requested by President White to sign a written pledge to the effect, that when he applied a few months previous for honorable dismissal from the University, he was not connected with any College fraternity, and that when he afterwards joined Sigma Chi, he had no intention of entering the University, and that he would sever his connection therefrom during the period he was a student at the University, and that he would conform to a regulation forbidding students to join secret fraternities. Mr. Hawley refused to sign the paper, and consequently admission was refused him. He brought suit then through his guardian, S. T. Stallard. The College was sustained in the lower court, but on appeal to the Supreme Court the decision was reversed on the ground that the resolution of the Faculty was a discrimination against a certain class of citizens.

but affirming that the authorities of the College could prohibit any connection between fraternities and the institution, and that they had authority to prohibit students from attending meetings of their fraternities.

The whole case was discussed February 15th, in the Indiana Senate and Hon. J. H. Willard made a most eloquent and telling speech in favor of a resolution to the following effect :

The Senate has under consideration the general appropriation bill in committee of the whole, the question being on the adoption of the following proviso as an amendment to the section appropriating twelve thousand dollars to Purdue University : " Provided, however, that this appropriation shall only be drawn quarterly, and the auditor of State shall issue his warrant for the same only in case that the president of the board of trustees of Purdue University shall file with said auditor, on or before the first day of July, 1883, a statement that all restrictions or regulations of any nature whatever in regard to students in said institution joining or belonging to any college secret society have been absolutely and completely abrogated, and shall remain so, and that complete immunity has been granted said students to connect themselves with any college secret society they may desire, and a like statement shall be filed with the auditor before each quarterly warrant is drawn."

The proviso being carried, the Pres. E. E. White, believing himself in the right, resigned assigning as his reason therefor that he would not stand in the way of the progress of the institution, as he could not submit to the sacrifice of his principles necessitated by acquiescence in the conditions of the amendment.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

CHI PHI has placed a chapter in the University of Michigan.

PHI GAMMA DELTA is reported to be looking toward Boston University.

B Θ Π has recently established a chapter at Ohio State University at Columbus.

PHI DELTA THETA has entered the Universities of Kansas and South Carolina.

DELTA TAU DELTA *Crescent* is on file at the reading-rooms of some Eastern Colleges.

Theta Delta Chi and Phi Gamma Delta, have lately organized chapters at Columbia College.

DELTA TAU DELTA has opened a chapter at Columbia. That college has had seven new chapters in the past two years.

The Chapter of Λ Γ at Madison University has five thousand subscribed for a chapter house to cost eighteen thousand dollars.

PHI GAMMA DELTA blossoms out with new chapters at the Universities of California, Kansas and Wooster, and one at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Wooster, O., is at present experiencing a fraternity war. Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi seem to be the principal contestants.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

PHI DELTA THETA wishes to enter Illinois University, Northwestern University and Illinois College. She will probably soon be established in the former.

The Δ Τ Ω Palm, a well printed Quarterly devotes nearly the entire March issue to the proceedings of their recent Congress held in Washington D. C., Dec. 27th, 28th and 29th, 1882.

Λ Κ Ε is reported to have withdrawn the charter from the chapter at University of Chicago on account of the decadence of the College. Ψ Γ and Ζ Ψ at the beginning of the year had but one man each.

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON has permitted the Asbury Chapter to retain its chapter. It was withdrawn by the Utica convention : but the chapter refused to accede to any such proposal, and kept up its initiations as usual.

PHI GAMMA DELTA has a chapter (Beta) at the University of Pennsylvania, and after three years' continuous effort, has succeeded in reviving the one at Columbia (Omega), The fraternity now numbers twenty six chapters, and of these eleven have been revived or established within the last two years.

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON has begun the publication of a fraternity Quarterly. It is published in New York City. It has a frontispiece of fraternity coat-of-arms. The New York City papers give it praise, approving its general arrangement, and tenor of its articles. It is free from fraternity bigotry and spite.

The following has been going the rounds: The Beta Theta Pi, at Vanderbilt, have an ingenious way of evading the anti-frat. laws. They carry their new men to Lebanon, which is twenty-five miles from Nashville, and initiate them in their Chapter at Cumberland University. They can then tell the Vanderbilt faculty that they are not members of any chapter connected with the institution.

The Chicago Convention of $\Sigma \chi$, held in November, adopted a new constitution and form of government, the object being to diminish the power heretofore vested in the grand chapter. New chapters have been established at the State University, Columbus, Ohio, and at the State College of Louisiana, and one is contemplated at Stevens Institute.

"THE BETA THETA PI Charter at the Ohio Wesleyan University is rapidly recovering from its trouble of last year, and the latest additions made to its numbers are men who are calculated to restore its former good standing in this college. We are glad to recognize its added influence from this decided change for the better. It has six new men this fall."—*Delta Tau Delta Crescent*.

"The *Theta* Chapter of *Beta Theta Pi* did not suffer much from the loss last year. The chapter has gained rapidly in numbers and influence."—ED. *Phi Gamma Delta*

The above was inserted in the February number of the *Beta Theta Pi* without comment, surely this is a new and a better style of fraternity journalism.

We were highly gratified as well as surprised upon receipt of the current numbers of the *Phi Delta Theta Scroll*. The late action of the convention making the paper *sub-rosa*, has caused great dissatisfaction among the more progressive chapters, and as a result the editors have wisely concluded to again adopt

the exchange system. This action cannot fail to be highly pleasant and profitable to not only the *Scroll* but to her sister journals. The paper has been enlarged one-third and placed under the editorial control of George B. Thomas, of Maysville, Ky. A distinct improvement in its appearance and general tone is easily noticeable and the *Phis* would be very unwise in attempting to suppress its circulation among other Greeks. Much more space is devoted to general fraternity news than in former years."—*Delta Tau Delta Crescent*.

PERSONALS.

Brother F. K. Patterson, Ohio Alpha, is still in bad health.

Brother Dan List, Ohio Gamma, is reported to have gone to New Mexico.

Rev. E. Easterbrook, '81, N. Y. Delta, has charge of a parish at Middleport, N. Y.

Bro. J. D. Kennedy, '81, N. Y. Delta, is at the General Theological Seminary, N. Y.

Henry Whitworth, Ohio Alpha '77, is Superintendent of Schools, Bellefontaine, O.

Brother H. W. Lightfoot, Tenn., B '68, is practicing law in Paris, Texas.

Brother J. O. H. Pitney, Pa., I. '79, is practicing law with his father in Morristown, N. J.

Brother Chase Stewart, Ills. Beta, has commenced the practice of law in Springfield, O.

Brother James Kinber, Ohio Alpha, is still suffering with Sciatica at his home in Findlay.

Brother A. B. Riker, Ohio Alpha, is pastor of the Third Street M. E. Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Brother J. D. Kennedy, N. Y. Δ '81, is attending the Gen. Theol. Sem. in New York City.

Brother O. E. Stogden, Pa., Z '78, is comfortably situated at Montgomery Square, N. Penn., R. R.

Brothers R. C. Gotwald, Pa., E and Theo. Stevens, Pa., Z '80. are attending Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

Brother A. J. Browning, N. Y. F '73, has resigned his position in Columbia College, N. Y. City on account of failure of health.

Lucien Clark, the first initiate into the Ohio Alpha Chapter in 1862, is now pastor of Raper Chapel, Dayton, O.

'84—Robert C. Gotwald's address is South Bethlehem, Pa. He is very much pleased with his life at Lehigh University.

'69—Dr. J. Walker Humrichouse was recently married to Miss Bessie Roman of Hagerstown, Md. They are now on a visit to Florida.

Brother Orville Watson, Ohio Alpha, is said to be about to enter the ranks of authorship, since he contemplates publishing a volume of poems soon.

Brother C. E. Imhoff, M. D., '83, of Ohio Beta, received his sheep-skin from the Columbus Medical College, at the spring commencement March 1.

'67—Hart Gilbert, Esq., is making an extended trip through the Southern States. It is said that he has an eye on Florida and may decide to settle there.

Brother M. F. Compton, Pa., B. '78, graduates in May from Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. He will enter the New York East Conference of M. E. Church.

✓ Bro. C. F. Niles, of Ohio Gamma, who has in his charge the compilation of the history of The Kappa Psi Fraternity, is at present residing with his wife at Dresden, Germany.

Brother J. B. Blanchet, '82, New York Delta, is attending the Theological Seminary at Cambridge, Massachusetts. He still takes an active interest in his fraternity and chapter.

Bro. H. V. L. Jones, N. Y. Alpha, is a prominent lawyer at Dundee, N. Y. He graduated from Cornell in 1869. Dundee is but a short distance from our N. Y. Delta Chapter.

Brother H. D. Waddell, Ohio Alpha, has become book-keeper in the First National Bank, Wilmington, Ohio. There are three in "Wad's" family now, the latest accession being a very young lady.

'74—Two of the students of Prof. Edgar F. Smith, Ph. D., have made reports of original work to the American Chemical Journal, Vol. iv, No. 5. This reflects credit on both instructor and students.

Ohio Phi Psis will be gratified to learn that our loyal brother Edgar F. Smith, formerly editor of the SHIELD has accepted the position of Professor of Chemistry and Physics in Wittenberg College, Springfield, O.

Brother J. F. Gluck, N. Y. A., is one of the prominent young lawyers of Buffalo. If the reports we hear are true he is as successful at law as he was in literary work at Cornell where he took every prize offered the year he graduated.

Bro. J. M. McNair, '74, N. Y. Alpha, is practicing law at Dansville, New York. His love for Phi Psi has not been dimmed by the lapse of years, and he is as bitter as ever against the traitors who betrayed his chapter to Psi Upsilon.

We are in receipt of a very neat little pamphlet sermon by Rev. Dr. L. A. Gotwald, Pa. E, 1857, on "The Preciousness of a Good Name," published by the request of the Sunday School of his church, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran, at York, Pa.

'68—Bro. D. L. McKenzie is well pleased with Rhinebeck, N. Y., and is meeting with success. Has not been back to Epsilon since '71, but hopes to see us sometime this year. Has two "matchless boys" which we trust he is training for Penn., Epsiton.

'76—John S. Bridges, who has so kindly and so handsomely printed Bro. Parson's address for Epsilon, has changed his business, and is now a member of the firm of Hopper & Bridges, dealers in fancy groceries, at 214 and 216 North Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md.

'62—Hon. F. E. Beltzhoover, representative of the 19th Penna., district, has made a speech or two in Congress, charging Gen. Hazen with some crookedness in the management of the Signal Service Bureau. We do not know the results of the case, but hope, if there is anything wrong Bro. B. will succeed in uncovering it.

On the evening of March 13th, Hon. Wm. White, an Alumnus of Ohio Beta, and also U. S. Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, passed into his final rest. On the 9th of Feb. last he was appointed by President Arthur to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Swing. In his letter replying to the compliments of the B. G. in behalf of Ohio Beta, upon the honor conferred upon him, he says: "I beg to convey to you and through you to the members of the Chapter, my high appreciation of the fraternal feeling displayed in your congratulations. I have received many letters of congratulation, but none that I prize more highly than yours, coming as it does from young brethren who are preparing themselves to take their respective places in the great battle of life. Be true to your respective duties and fear not; for your just reward will surely come. Remember in your work *Labor omnia vincet.*"

FRANK BOWMAN DOSH.

Bro. Dosh was one of the first members of Maryland A. His course of study at Johns Hopkins University, was in the direction of medicine. A studious scholar, successful in all his labors, he won the esteem and enjoyed the confidence of his instructors. After graduation, highly recommended by the Faculty of the University, he entered one of the Government Departments at Washington, D. C. While there he devoted himself so closely to medicine during his non-office hours, that his health completely broke down. He died October 31, 1882, at the age of 24.

At a special meeting of Maryland Alpha Sub-Shapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, the following Preamble and Resolutions were read and adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All Wise Providence to remove from our midst our beloved Brother, F. BOWMAN DOSH, and

WHEREAS, By his death we have lost a true and loyal member of the Fraternity, therefore we, the members of Maryland Alpha Sub-Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, do offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That, while deeply sensible of the great loss we have sustained, yet we bow

in humble submission to the Will of Almighty God.

Resolved, That, by his death, our Chapter has lost one of its best and most respected members, and one whose place it will be difficult to fill.

Resolved, That his course at the University was such as gave evidence of great talents and the promise of future honors and usefulness.

Resolved, That our deep sympathy be extended to the bereaved relatives and friends in this terrible affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased Brother, that a copy be sent to each Chapter of the Fraternity; that they be published in the *Baltimore County Union* and *Phi Kappa Psi Shield*.

HARRY M. THOMAS,
GEORGE F. GEPHART, } Committee.
D. STERETT GITTINGS, }

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, Nov. 16, '82.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God, in His Almighty Providence, to remove our beloved Brother, JOSEPH T. BARNHURST, from our midst, on March 27th, and

WHEREAS, We, the members of Pennsylvania Iota Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, desiring to record our sense of the loss we sustain, do hereby adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, That while we deeply feel the death of our Brother, we bow in humble submission to the dispensation of the Divine Ruler.

Resolved, That with us he always proved himself a sincere Christian and generous friend.

Resolved, That in him the Fraternity recognizes the loss of one whose place never can be filled, and one who will be cherished in the memory of all.

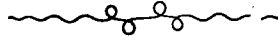
Resolved, That our heart felt sympathy be extended to the bereaved family in this, their hour of deep affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our lamented Brother; that a copy be transmitted to each Chapter of the Fraternity; that they be published in the SHIELD.

WILLIAM M. FIELD, }
H. L. CRESSWELL, } Committee.
WM. C. POSEY, }

PHILADELPHIA, March, 27th, 1883.

List of B. G.'s for 1883.



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- Pa. Alpha, J. H. Johnston, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa.
Pa. Beta, E. M. Robinson, Alleghany College, Meadville, Pa.
Pa. Gamma, W. J. Coulston, Lewisburg University, Lewisburg, Pa.
Pa. Epsilon, G. D. Gotwald, Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa.
Pa. Zeta, J. K. Raymond, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.
Pa. Eta, D. E. Eschback, Franklin and Marshal College, Lancaster, Pa.
Pa. Theta, J. T. Green, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.
Pa. Iota, H. L. Creswell, University of Pennsylvania, 1327 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Va. Alpha, J. S. Jones, University of Virginia, Va.
Va. Gamma, J. R. Graham, Hampden, Sidney College, Prince Edward County, Va.
Ohio Alpha, E. T. O'Kane, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.
Ohio Beta, W. E. Hull, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio
Ohio Gamma, J. C. Payne, Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio.
Ohio Delta, C. A. Marple, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
Ind. Alpha, F. W. Hanawalt, Asbury University, Greencastle, Ind.
Ind. Beta, P. K. Buskirk, State University, Bloomington, Ind.
Ind. Gamma, Thos. S. Wilson, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.
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Ill. Alpha, W. H. Crawford, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.
Ill. Delta, Robins S. Mott, 65 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
Kansas Alpha, F. A. Stocks, State University, Lawrence, Kansas.
Mich. Alpha, W. B. Blair, State University, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Md. Alpha, D. S. Gittings, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
Wis. Alpha, F. J. Turner, State University, Madison, Wis.
Miss. Alpha, J. F. Park, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss.
New York Delta, Geo. M. Irish, Hobart College, Geneva, New York.
Cal. Alpha, B. F. Hall, San Jose, Cal.
Iowa Delta, G. W. Murphy, Indianola, Iowa.

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WE desire to call attention to the communication in another column, from the compilers of the Phi Kappa Psi Song Book. The value of such a publication has long been recognized, and several committees have been ap-

pointed to undertake the publication of such a book, but so far as we are informed they have never made good the intentions of the bodies which they were authorized to represent. The present plan seems to have definiteness and responsibility, and the price at which the Song Book is to be sold will surely secure a creditable production. We hope that this project may not fail for want of hearty responses from individual members.

WE think it not improper in this place, to call attention to the advertisements which our Business Managers have secured for our journal, and wish to say a word regarding what we owe to those who thus assist us in our venture. We deem it nothing short of a duty for the members of the fraternity to give their patronage to such firms as advertize with us to the exclusion of others who do not, especially when the goods which they offer are of superior quality and fair price. We believe in fraternity jewelry and stationery and all those articles which will assist in rendering us distinct and distinguished among our fellows, and if Phi Psis have the best interest of the SHIELD and the fraternity at heart they will show it by securing so far as in them lies, the continued patronage of those who have so freely assisted us.

It is not often that we meet with such retiring modesty as that found in the author of the very valuable and interesting article in this number of the SHIELD, on the Prep Question and Phi Kappa Psi, and we take pleasure in lifting the incognito in which he has taken pleasure to shield himself, though it be at the

risk of a violation of the time honored custom of the Press regarding contributors.

At the time that we were at work on No. 1, the editor wrote to Bro. G. D. Gotwald, Pa. E, asking him to investigate the question above referred to, and prepare an article for the second number. The response was so ready and the suggestions so faithfully carried out, that we feel it to be nothing short of a duty to the fraternity to let them know who it is that works so zealously for her interests in securing matter of such importance for her members. We hope the suggestions regarding a discussion of the subject will meet with ready acceptance, and we throw open our columns for a free and full expression of opinion.

FREQUENT inquiries have been made of us as to what has become of the Phi Kappa Psi History projected three years ago, and whose publication was announced to be certain a year later. We know that an immense amount of labor was bestowed upon it by its projectors, Bros. List and Kinkaid, Ohio I, and its publication would have been made under their supervision had it not been for the unaccountable and annoying delay of a few chapters in sending their quota of material. The originators of the idea were loath to publish anything incomplete, and therefore delayed in the hope, which seems to have been vain, that the dilatory would at length respond. Last year the manuscript was in the hands of Bro. C. F. M. Niles, Ohio I, who is at present in Dresden, Saxony, but whether he intended to publish the History incomplete or not, we can not say, though he told us as long ago as the Christmas vacation '81-'82, that he was almost ready to go to press. We shall correspond with him and ascertain his intentions, and if our present project succeeds, may publish the long delayed volume under his direction, at this office.

A GENERAL when asked once, what was to be his policy in a certain campaign replied, "To whip the enemy." Whatever may have

been his more definite plans, one clear purpose was paramount, and that was to excel.

Were we asked to tell in a word what our intentions are regarding the conduction of the SHIELD, we might answer, with some of the terseness of the military chieftain, "To succeed." A full measure of success can come to no one, how much soever he may desire it and will it, unless at the cost of effort, steady and persistent; no purpose to please can take the place of doing that which pleases; and no intentions will be taken in lieu of desert.

To deserve success then, is the creed of the new management, and since our efforts in the inception have met most hearty appreciation, we feel moved to formulate a policy and to declare ourselves in league with every right plan to secure and keep that co-operation, without which we can not hope to prosper. Editorially, we shall endeavor to be temperate in utterance, faithful to well established precedents, vigorous in furthering the wishes of the Fraternity at large, and aggressive in pursuance of the clearly defined and time-tried principles of Phi Kappa Psi.

No department of the paper shall be neglected, and no efforts shall be considered too great to secure for every page the best news of the college and fraternity world, and the soundest and clearest thought of the best men of our society.

To these ends we devote ourselves, our time, and our influence. Let no brother think then, that he is without use to us in our plans; we need the most active and enthusiastic support from every chapter correspondent, we earnestly solicit discussion by active and alumni members of ideas here advanced and positions taken, and the promptest acquiescence to every appeal made for assistance will be the surest index of our paper's acceptance.

We take the recent General Fraternity Conference as an earnest of a better state of feeling existing between rival organizations and the high tone of the various journals lying upon our table shall be a criterion for us, which we shall be loath to discredit. Within our memory, a less dignified and far less

amicable state of feeling characterized the columns of some of these, and we sincerely hope that no future occasion may make a recurrence of events alike disagreeable and discreditable, possible. Discussions may and doubtless will arise among us as regards matters of interest to many or all fraternities represented by periodic publications, but no utterance shall be knowingly made in these columns which can give offense to fair minded and honorable adversaries, and though adverse criticism, perhaps, disparagement, may be made of us, we trust we shall never be betrayed into any unbecoming rejoinders.

We would counsel moderation in chapter letters when representations are made regarding our rivals, admonishing those whose duty it may be to keep up the stated communications between chapters, that bombastic claims to superiority will not be taken kindly by those whose misfortune it may be to be rated inferior, and the sequence of such policy can be easily foreseen, for, what we think or pretend to think of our neighbors may be returned to us in equally extravagant terms, and even with acerbity.

We do not on the other hand wish to be understood as enjoining silence regarding the strength of our sister organizations, but rather let us have an adequate conception of the rank we hold, so that when we chance to fall below par, as fall we may, we shall not be without the knowledge necessary to regaining our honored standing. College and class honors obtained by fair and high minded antagonism ought to be known and read of all Phi Psis as a stimulus to renewed endeavors in securing those prizes which should be our share.

Inter-chapter communication through the SHIELD ought to be, and of necessity must be, one of the chiefest means toward securing a broader acquaintance with each other, and should serve as the surest way of obliterating any traces of sectional jealousy and distrust. Real, genuine enthusiasm is the fire which should warm our hearts, and make us all alive to the best interests of that order to which we belong and which we have pledged our-

selves to sustain and perpetuate, and in so far as we maintain allegiance to the lofty principles, which are the basis of our fraternity's structure, will we become what they are intended to make us, true Greeks and honorable men.

Let us each endeavor then to so write and act that it may never be said of us as it once was of one of old, *Plus aloes quam mellis habet.*

"ONE can not close this imperfect review without expressing the hope—already in some measure justified by events—that these two societies whose positions are so well assured and whose futures are so brilliant, will join hands in the advancement of certain interests common to both. It is in their power to create a healthy public sentiment against the useless multiplication of societies, and against the introduction into the old colleges of such fraternities as Delta Tau Delta, Chi Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, etc., etc., which, being necessarily destined to a short-lived, or at least to a precarious existence, serve only to make society institutions appear less permanent."

The above clipping is made from the March number of the Psi Upsilon Diamond, and is taken from a well written and very carefully prepared article on Society Catalogues, by Albert P. Jacobs.

This article is a review of the recently prepared catalogues of the Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi fraternities, and begins with this terse sentence "The leaders lead." So do their catalogues."

We wish these words of a prominent member of one of the oldest and wealthiest Eastern societies, to serve in some measure as a text for a few practical thoughts on the relation which we sustain to the fraternity world and the duties we owe to ourselves and to secret societies in general.

There is no questioning the fact that these two powerful fraternities, Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi, constitute in a high degree, an aristocracy in the Greek world, at least in their own opinion, as we have gathered it here and there in our acquaintance with society men, their tastes and their prejudices. It is not our province to inquire into the ground for such a feeling or in any manner to attempt

to combat it, but we do think we may safely say at this juncture something at least for our profit.

The author of the article above referred to, indulges in epigram—"The leaders lead"—and we hope the inquiry will be considered pertinent when we ask, Whom do the leaders lead? If there be but two great and noble college secret societies, are we to have repeated the famous experiment of the lamented A. Ward, showman, who, to satisfy the all-absorbing desire of the American heart for military honors, created an army in which there was no rank lower than Brigadier General? The originator and organizer of this famous band of patriots found himself without rank amid his highly distinguished compatriots, and may not the same predicament be the lot of our contemporaries if they insist on thus creating a caste in the fraternity microcosm?

Perhaps, these powerful societies do question the right for weaker and younger organizations to exist, and from their point of view not without some ground of reason, but we surmise that their position they may find untenable, just as the great Eastern colleges in their lofty assumptions regarding weaker and less wealthy institutions in the West and South.

The cause of higher education can not and ought not to be relegated in this broad country with its multifarious interests and cosmopolitan population, to any few institutions however great and wealthy they may be, and however well adapted to the wants and desires of the educational interests of the American scholar; for, the necessities of the problem to be solved in this nation's development can only be adequately met by the many and oft times poor and struggling colleges scattered all over this land of ours. The poverty of the student is perhaps the chiefest reason why the position just taken is tenable, and many of us who to-day are striving to make a place for ourselves among the men of thought and action, have been compelled by no less inexorable a law than necessity to content ourselves with the mental discipline afforded in institutions more fitted to our resources, than to our inclinations.

That the much-despised Western college has a right to live, is attested in more than one instance of honored sons filling positions of high trust, in the same institutions which affect in so lofty style to denominate their less fortunate rivals, as "High Schools" and "Academies," and it has always seemed to us in questionable taste for Eastern men to make the specious rejoinder "Oh! yes, we do owe something to those Western men among us, but then, you know, they out-grew the West and do not in any sense belong to it, they are of the whole country and now are ours." We have in mind now at least three men, all Alumni of a Western college, that has been often pooh-poohed for its narrowness and superficiality, who to-day have national reputations in their respective specialities and who occupy professorships in the richest and most powerful Eastern colleges, and who, far from despising their *Alma Mater* revisit it, delighting to do honor to those who first instructed them and inspired them with a thirst for searching into the unexplored realms of thought. And, further, they were all members of a fraternity characterized as short-lived and precarious, the one of which the SHIELD is the official organ.

We are led then to inquire, in what respect is Phi Kappa Psi to be considered as short-lived or even doomed to lead a precarious existence. The existence of a fraternity we believe to be largely dependent upon the interest of ex-active members and the success with which they meet in life beyond college halls. From this standard of comparison then, are we to conclude that our existence is endangered or even rendered precarious? We do not take it for granted that an indignant denial would correctly answer the query, for dead and dying chapters attest the soundness of the criticism, though not with sufficient strength to render the assertion true.

That we have suffered in times past from lack of proper care in looking after the weak and struggling of our number any honest and well informed Phi Psi knows, and that our best means of communication with each other, a fraternity journal, has been suffered

three times in ten years to languish and die, would seem to indicate that life was not at all times infused into the remotest corners of our corporate being. Though its very triteness may detract from its interest, we feel moved to say "The past is past, the future lies before us." That the former is rich in lessons we know, and that the latter may be bright and prosperous we ardently hope and expect, and it remains with each of us to learn from our mistakes and failures to make the coming time secure against disaster.

It is urged by the writer of the article on Society Catalogues that such fraternities as Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Chi Phi and Phi Kappa Psi should be excluded from old colleges, and while we feel hardly prepared in the premises to express a mature conviction, are inclined from our own experience, to admit that the opportunities for successful rivalry with the best organizations there represented, seem to be few. So many causes militate against maintaining a fair rank among powerful and long established rivals, that the establishment of chapters by organizations distinctively Western seems to have an element of rashness. We do not wish to appear as criticizing the movements in this direction by some of our Western cotemporaries, but we still look upon their ventures in the light of experiments, for though there is doubtless abundant material in the large Eastern colleges for the maintainance of more general fraternities than now there exist, one element of danger continually threatens a new organization, and that is, that as soon as a chapter secures a fair position and seems destined to become a power, some longer established and possibly more esteemed fraternity seizes upon the young victim and swallows it hair, tooth and nail. No doubt, this could not be done were the members of the newer society true to their trust, but it is not unlikely to happen that a growing chapter of a Western fraternity established in good standing in an Eastern college may become too important and inflated with its own sense of prominence to remain connected with an organization which their rivals affect to despise. For ourselves

the most notable illustration occurred some years ago at Cornell College, when a strong and in every way prosperous chapter went over to Psi Upsilon, and the memory to-day is a bitter one in the hearts of those loyal Phi Psis who labored long and ardently in the furtherance of New York Alpha's prosperity.

Let no one accuse us of discouraging extension, for we are warm in its support, but one thing seems to us of paramount interest, and that is that we may so strengthen ourselves where we are that when we do advance it may not be with uncertain step and doubtful hearts. In a later issue we hope to express some matured convictions in regard to the policy of extending the fraternity, but just now we are engrossed with the present necessities of placing the SHIELD upon a sound financial basis.

THREE WISHES.

BY ORVILLE WATSON, OHIO ALPHA.

It came about once, as I sat by the wave,
And pondered the past, and thought of my friend,
That Fate appeared smiling, and unto me gave
Three wishes, and swore with an oath he would send,
As, walking the meadows the world-ways by,
I saw some earth-want to those wishes reply,
He would send, what e'er for my friend I should ask,
Their rigid fulfillment, since this was the end
He had graciously laid on himself of his task,
To bless me in blessing the life of my friend.
"Now what shall I wish for my friend?" I said;
"I will wish for him length of days, and far
He shall walk down life's sweet ways," I said,
"Ere he catch the light of its evening star,"
But as I went on, the brown fields by,
I saw the leaves fall and the flowerets die,
And I saw an old man of palsied limb,
Who cried in the pain of his vital breath
That God had long forgotten him,
And would not hear his prayers for death.

"Oh, what shall I wish for my friend?" I said;

"I will wish for him wealth, at least, and bold
His ships shall sail in from the East," I said,
And bring him its silks and cedar and gold."

But as I went on, the brown woods by,
I saw the gold leaves in bright heaps lie,
And I saw a sad man who sat and cursed
At the ships which sailed in with his Ori-
ent spoil,
Whose lustre concealed a contagion of thirst,
And the leprous beats which in his
arteries boil.

"Oh, what shall I wish for my friend?" I said;
"I will wish him the praises of fame and
The children shall sport with his name," I
said,

Who mimic the world on the far country-
side."

But as I walked on, the brown leaves by,
I saw the dead leaves on the wild wind fly.
And I saw a pale man with mutter and moan,
Who searched in the dismal debris of the
frost,
His name over all the wide country was
known,
Yet here he searched muttering, "lost,
lost, lost!"

"Oh, Fate, take back your three wishes," I said;
"For I in my blindness, how can I know,
But the blessings I fain would call down on
his head,
May loosen a thunder-bolt flaming with
woe?"

And as I walked on, the hedge-rows by,
I saw not the leaves, but looked up at the sky.
"I will pray," I said, "in the dead of the
night,
When I wake with the thought of my
friend in my breast,
That God in His wisdom will lead him
aright,
That God of his blessings will give him
the best."

OUR SONG BOOK.

DEAR BROS. OF THE SHIELD:

With your kind permission, I will briefly

state to the fraternity, the present condition of the Song Book and our plans for the future. Since the meeting of the G. A. C., nothing of importance has been accomplished, inasmuch as we were waiting for promised orders from many of our good brothers, which we are sorry to say did not arrive.

We have thus far received 103 songs, representing all of our chapters with the exception of the Virginia chapters, Penn. *A*; Ohio *A*; Ind. *F*; D. C. *A*; Mich. *A*; Md. *A*; Cal. *A* and Iowa *F*. Out of this collection about 85 songs have been selected as worthy of publication by a committee appointed for that purpose.

When we entered upon this work, we expected the earnest and hearty support of every member of our frat. but we are sorry to say, that our effort has not met with that encouragement which such an undertaking demands.

We have thus far received the following orders. From Pa. *F* 5; Pa. *E* 13; Pa. *Z* 2; Pa. *H* 1; Pa. *θ* 1; Pa. *I* 6. Ohio *A* 1; Ohio *B* 5; Ohio *F* 9; Ohio *A* 1. Ind. *A* 1; Ind. *B* 1; Ind. *F* 1. Ill. *A* 6; Ill. *B* 13; Ill. *A* 15. D. C. *A* 2. N. Y. *A* 8. Kas *A* 3. Mich. *A* 6. Md. *A* 1. Wis *F* 1. Iowa *F* 2. From active members 104. From Alumni 22. Total no. subscribers 126.

We recognize the fact that two dollars is, under ordinary circumstances, a high price for a book of this kind. But should not every true Phi Psi be ready to sacrifice from fifty to seventy-five cents for the sake of giving the fraternity a handy collection of their songs? We assure you we have not undertaken this task with the purpose of putting money in our own pockets. Had such been our purpose, we should long since have abandoned the whole plan as visionary; but on the contrary, we have already expended over thirty dollars in printing, postage, etc., which we are very willing to lose, should that insure the success of our work.

It is our intention to print the music of every air in the book in order that the same may be convenient for all. To carry out this plan, the whole work will necessarily have to be electrotyped, which process costs, at the

lowest figure, \$5 a page for the size we wish to publish. Our 85 songs will cover at least seventy pages which at \$5 a page will amount to \$350 simply for the plates. The press-work, good paper, binding, etc. will certainly amount to \$100, thus making the cost of the first publication of the book little less than \$500. Of course if we had sale for a large number of books, the price of each would be proportionately low but where only two or three hundred can be sold, the cost must be made up by the few who are loyal enough to the fraternity to help the cause. It is for this reason we have set the price at \$2 a copy, trusting there would be 250 Phi Psis who in the "liberality of their heart" would respond to our call. Of the 450 active Phi Psis in college, only 104 have so far subscribed. Will not every true Phi Psi—every Phi Psi who is anxious for the success of his fraternity and who desires her to be on a level with her sister fraternities consider this a personal appeal to himself! A few of our good brothers have already aided us very materially and in this connection we would express our gratitude to Bro. Geo. Gotwald of Pa. E, and Bros. Irish and Holcomb of N. V. J for their kindness in our behalf. We earnestly trust that others in different chapters will follow their praiseworthy example. We need 125 subscriptions more to warrant our publishing the book. That the publication will be one of great value to the fraternity, no one can doubt. Phi Kappa Psi is, sad to say, the only one of the larger college fraternities that lacks a Song Book. A J Φ, J K E, Ψ I, B Θ Π, etc., all have, and long have had, their collections. Shall a fraternity with the reputation of ours stand behind? If every brother will consider it his especial duty to work up an enthusiasm in this matter, not only among our active members, but among alumni as well, it will be very easy to obtain even 200 more orders and as soon as our subscription list numbers 250 we can promise the fraternity a song book such as they need not feel ashamed of.

Brothers in Phi Psi! Will you not give this matter your earnest attention? Will not each

chapter appoint some one to communicate to us such subscriptions as he can get and adopt some systematic course in regard to it? We should be glad to hear from all.

Faternally yours,

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PHI KAPPA PSI AND THE "PREP. QUESTION."

Correspondence with the various chapters of our fraternity has revealed the fact, that an intelligible paper on the "Prep. Question" must be introduced by a short explanation of the subject

Of the 364 institutions in this country, only 61 are without a Preparatory Department, and of our thirty-one active chapters, twenty-seven are located at those institutions which draw their supplies of students from their own preparatory school, or from some neighboring academy. These chapters, in seeking the best material for initiation would naturally look to these supply schools, and to make sure of securing the very best men, have been compelled to pledge, and often to initiate sub-freshmen. Other fraternities being similarly situated, the question has presented itself to the whole Greek world whether we, as college fraternities, should deal with men who are *not college* men; and, in turn, Phi Kappa Psi is called upon to express her views. What action, if any, shall she take in regard to the admission of preparatory students into the fraternity?

Upon a subject of such general interest as this one is to us, it is highly fitting that the views of each chapter be expressed in order that any just inference may be made, and any conclusion reached. Accordingly, in reply to a number of questions sent to the Corresponding Secretary of each chapter, prompt and full answers have been received; which, tabulated for the economy of space as well as for conciseness, are here given with the hope that they may be the means of furnishing to each reader of the SHIELD, a more general knowledge of the situation of the various chapters, and especially that they may cause

a free and full and unselfish discussion of the subject.

Reports were received from all the chapters written to, except Va Alpha, Ohio Delta, Ind. Beta, and Wis. Gamma; of all but the latter of which information was elsewhere obtained; and the thanks of the writer are extended to all who favored him with replies.

The following style of tabulation was suggested by a sister fraternity journal, and expresses quite fully, it is thought the views and situation. A few notes which were gleaned from the correspondence, have been placed after the names of the chapters, and will no doubt be of interest. The abbreviations are as follows:

- a*—Favors initiating Preps.
- b*—Against initiating Preps.
- c*—Favors pledging Preps.
- d*—Against pledging Preps.
- e*—Does initiate Preps.
- f*—Does not initiate Preps.
- g*—Does pledge Preps.
- h*—Does not pledge Preps.
- k*—Rivals initiate Preps.
- l*—Rivals do not initiate Preps.
- m*—Rivals pledge Preps.
- n*—Rivals do not pledge Preps.
- o*—Prep. Dept. connected with college.
- p*—No Prep. Dept. connected with college.
- r*—Takes Preps. from other schools.
- s*—Could not live without Props.
- t*—Could live without Preps.

b-c-f-h-k-m-o-t—Pa. A, Washington and Jefferson Coll.; Local Option; Urges pledging.

a-e-h-k-m-o-t-d—Pa. B, Alleghany Coll.

b-d-h-k-m-o-t—Pa. F, University at Lewisburg; Literary element; Has taken one Prep.

b-c-e-g-k-m-o-t—Pa. E, Pennsylvania Coll.; Theoretically opposed to Preps; Must take them

b-d-f-h-l-n-o-t—Pa. Z, Dickinson College; Very radical; Forbid it in $\Phi K \Psi$.

b-d-e-g-k-m-o-s—Pa. H, Franklin and Marshal Coll.; Frats. should have agreements.

b-d-f-g-k-n-r-t—Pa. θ , Lafayette; Local Option; Rarely pledge, more rarely initiate.

b-c-f-g-l-n-r-t—Pa. I, University of Pa.

b-d-f-h-l-n-p-t—Va. A, University of Va.

b-d-f-h-k-n-r-t—Va. B, Washington and Lee.

b-c-f-h-l-m-r-t—Va. F, Hampden and Sidney; Against pledging, unless very advantageous.

b-c-f-g-l-m-o-t—Ohio A, Wesleyan University; Faculty forbid initiation of Preps.

a-c-e-g-k-m-o-t—Ohio B, Wittenberg Coll.; Theoretically opposed to Preps.

a-c-e-g-k-m-o-s—Ohio F, Wooster University; Life is dependent on Preps

a-c-e-g-k-m-o-t—Ohio J, State University, Columbus.

a-d-e-g-k-m-o-t—Ind. A, Asbury University; Theoretically opposed to Preps.

a-c-e-g-k-m-o-t—Ind. B, State University.

a-d-e-h-k-m-o-s—Ind. F, Wabash College; Must take Preps to keep up with rivals.

a-c-f-h-o-t—D. C. A, Columbian University; No rivals.

a-c-e-g-k-m-o-s—Ill. A, North Western University; Takes only Senior Preps.

b-c-f-g-l-n-o-t—Ill. B, Chicago University; Local Option.

a-d-e-h-k-n-o-t—Kan. A, State University.

b-c-f-h-k-m-o-t—Mich. A, State University.

b-d-f-h-l-n-p-t—Md. A, Johns Hopkins University; Local Option.

a-d-p-t—Wis. A, State University; Prep. Department abolished

Wis. F, Beloit; Have never initiated Preps.

a-d-e-h-k-m-o-t—Miss. A, University of Miss.; Unanimously favors initiating Preps.

b-c-f-g-l-m-r-t—N. Y. J, Hobart; Regards any Sub-Freshman a Prep.

b-c-f-h-o-t—Cal. A, University of the Pacific; No rivals; Rarely initiates even Freshmen.

a-d-e-h-k-m-o-s—Iowa J, Simp. Centen. College.

b-c-f-h-k-m-o-t—Ga. A, State University.

In summing up, the following is noteworthy: *thirteen* chapters favor the initiation of "Preps," and *seventeen* oppose it, while *thirteen* do pledge and receive them, and *sixteen* do not; twenty chapters contend with rivals who both pledge and initiate "Preps," and but five have rivals who do neither; twenty-

six chapters are located at colleges which have a preparatory department, fourteen of which are *against* the initiation of the Prep. student, and twelve are *against* pledging them; only five chapters have no preparatory department or "feeder" from which to draw. Twenty-five of the chapters declare their ability to live without Sub-Freshmen; under similar circumstances four others could get along with difficulty, and two, Pennsylvania Eta and Iowa Delta would die. Note also the *localism* of the feeling. So marked as almost to enable it to be said that New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia oppose the initiation of preparatorians, while Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Kansas favor it. This is, however, a subject which should be discussed, free from any local or personal feelings, and with an earnestness for the fraternity's welfare, which would lead to the sacrifice if needs be of any personal advantage.

It is not the intention of the writer to comment at any length upon these facts. They speak for themselves, and will perhaps challenge comment from others. But it is impossible to refrain entirely from noticing a few things; and one of them is the apparently selfish manner in which some chapters seem to view and act upon this matter. We find one chapter radically and unanimously opposed to the initiation of preparatory students, and we have the explanation of it in the fact that that chapter is without a rival; we find another chapter, to a man, favoring the reception of Preps, and we have the explanation of it in the fact that all her rivals do the same. There are others also, not so extreme as either of these, which oppose any action upon this subject that would harm in anywise their individual existence, and which are unwilling to antagonize their own present interest, and regard solely the interest of the fraternity. It seems quite clear that it is as unsafe as it is injudicious for any *one* fraternity to legislate against the initiation of Preps., and the unanimous action of Phi Kappa Psi at her last G. A. C. in regard to this matter is a full assurance that she shall not attempt so rash a movement. It can of course be accomplished

only by the mutual agreement of *all* the fraternities, and this, by the Pan Hellenic Council. But to accomplish such an end, Phi Kappa Psi must first be enlivened upon the subject, its advantages and disadvantages fully discussed, and the sentiment of the entire fraternity brought into such a shape as to enable her delegates at such a council, clearly to present her position upon the subject; and thus help to bring about that mutual understanding which all must acknowledge to be for the best interests of the Greek world.

It is not therefore an expression of what is for the best interest of each chapter that was sought by the questions sent abroad, but it was desired to know what is the prevailing sentiment of the fraternity, as a whole, in regard to the initiation of preparatorians; and it is a pleasing fact that of the thirty-one active chapters, seventeen are adverse to receiving them, and that sixteen have already closed their doors to them.

What is most needed by us as a fraternity is that method of action which will combine the advantage of selecting the best men, even before their entrance into college, with the possession of that high standard of membership which a college fraternity should possess. Several suggestions have by request been given and we take pleasure in presenting them.

Bro. Wm. Yost, '76, Michigan Alpha's founder, proposes "the institution of a preparatory degree, which would entitle to the degree password, but not to attend chapter meetings, except when held in this 'Prep' degree, to vote on and initiate preparatorians, and perhaps to wear the badge—a great boon to a Prep."

Bro. H. C. Eschbach, '76, Pennsylvania Eta, writes that he does not believe the fraternity can effectively legislate against it, and yet it seems that it should caution against it, and admit preparatorians only in very exceptional cases; only when they are sure of entering college and not long before doing so. He does not believe any protection is to be found, short of absolute prohibition, and for that he fears that the chapters are as yet not all ready.

Bro M J. Eckles, '75, Pennsylvania Theta, expressed his desire that "All the fraternities be brought to adopt some principle of union; 'Some laws of nations; believing, if they can not, that Phi Kappa Psi can afford even to be 'a peculiar people,' since by so doing, she would be elevated above the rest."

Several others recommended the 'secret pledging' of Preps with the assurance of their initiation after having entered college—thus protecting the fraternity against initiating any who are not college students, when initiated, and at the same time providing a means of securing the best men before they are taken by others.

The last, most general, and, it seems, most feasible plan is that of placing no restriction whatever upon the chapters, but allowing each to decide its own method of procedure—"local option"—at the same time making known the general disposition of the fraternity towards preparatorians and urging the continued exertion of each chapter to seek the best interests of the fraternity by accomplishing the desired end.

That it is not best to legislate against receiving preparatory students is beyond question, for if we do so, the chapters are so situated that "one man's meat will be another man's poison," and to some it would prove fatal. It is best, however, to have a general discussion of this subject, and thus prepare the way for intelligent, united, and beneficial action.

Chapter Correspondence.

ILLINOIS BETA.

CHICAGO, April 6, 1883.

DEAR BROS:

Phi Psi-ism among the initiated at Chicago has always been above par, and especially since our return from the G. A. C. our enthusiasm for our fraternity has been unbounded. The high opinions of regard and fraternal friendship we cherished toward all our good brothers, as well as the great pleasure we anticipated in meeting them all, and par-

ticularly those whose fond acquaintance we had made by frequent correspondence, were realized to the fullest extent. And when at midnight we rushed from the banquet hall resplendent with Phi Psi ardor and enthusiasm to the dingy depot, thronged with the ignorant rabble we realized to the fullest extent our good fortune in being permitted to enjoy the blessings of a collegiate training and especially to be a member of our grand fraternity. Never shall we forget the pleasant hours we spent together in the meeting, at the tables around the halls, at the banquet, and where not? But enough of sentiment. At quarter of twelve, eight of us bound for Chicago, Bros. Mott and Weinschenk from Ill. Delta; Griffith from Ill. Beta; McNair, Lacy and Schell from Ill. Alpha; Stocks from Kas. Alpha, and Hubachek from Wis. Gamma, started westward. Everything went on smoothly until we reached Fort Wayne where we stopped for dinner. We all filed in and sat down. Opposite us was a little man behind a big mustache, sporting a pearl set Phi Psi pin. As I was the smallest one in our crowd and therefore supposed to have the most cheek, I put on a brave appearance, waltzed up to the great unknown and introduced myself, at the same time asking his name. Imagine our surprise and pleasure when he said "I'm Bob Burdette." Well, we escorted Bob to the train, allowing him of course to pay for his own dinner and to say we had a fine time with him during the afternoon, would be wholly inexpressive of what we really enjoyed. In the words of one of the Sages on the "frog-pond" (usually called Evanston, where our Ill. A chapter is located) "Only the gods above and the Phi Psis below can enjoy such bliss." Bob set up the cigars all around and pulled out a new \$5 bill for a Song Book (Go thou and do likewise).

We Chicago boys reached home just in time to attend the Washington supper at the University, which our opponents, the J K Es. Psi's and Z Psi's bolted straight simply because Phi Psi controlled matters and a Phi Psi President, Bro. Sam. King presided at the table. We had a gay time not only in regaling our

selves upon the festive spread, but also in relating to our brothers and "sisters" our experience at Pittsburg.

On the 8th of March Bro. Burdette lectured in Central Music Hall here, on the "Rise and Fall of the Mustache." Frequent were the rounds of merited applause that his many humorous remarks about "Tommy" in his college career called forth, but when Bob told the audience how Tom had finished his course at college "and was coming home loaded with many honors and sporting a big Phi Psi pin on his necktie," the Phi Psis scattered among the audience applauded till it would seem the walls would fall, and fairly hugged themselves for joy. The rest of the natives wondered what was the joke, for we have in this hamlet several ignorami who never heard of Phi Psi. Hence their astonishment. After the lecture we escorted Bro. Burdette to the Palmer House where about 30 Phi Psis sat down to a symposium given in honor of our distinguished guest. After the substantial part of the programme was finished, the toastmaster of the evening, Bro. Lu. Weinschenk (excuse my seeming lack of modesty) announced as the first toast, "Our Guest," responded to by Bro. C. E. Piper. The remaining toasts were as follows: "Our Frat." Bro. W. H. Alsip; "Our Delta," Bro. F. L. Anderson; "Our Beta," Bro. R. S. King, and above all "Phi Psis as I find them," by Bro. Rob't J. Burdette. It was a treat. I only regret that Bro. B. was not at the G. A. C. where more of the boys could enjoy his talk. In the morning I called on Mrs. Bro. Burdette ("Her little serene highness") who is a warm Phi Psi and sends her kindest regards to all of our boys.

Last week occurred the Junior Exhibition of our University, and as usual Phi Psi came out ahead. Bro. S. R. King was awarded first place, which entitles him to represent Chicago University in the State Inter-College Oratorical Contest next fall. His oration on "The New Reform" was a most scholarly effort and well deserved the merit it received. Our boys at the University are in fine condition. When we started out in '80 the Dekes had 15 men, the Psi Us about the same num-

ber and the Zeta Psis about ten. Now the three combined can muster only ten, while Phi Psi alone has thirteen. The ladies also, stand nobly by us and give us their influence almost "to the man." The prospects of Ill. B never were better. We have no men in the present Senior class, hence we lose none, and have several who are coming in from the Prep. department. Our hall is finely furnished and always ready to give any Phi Psi who may come in our midst a fine reception.

But I fear I shall take too much space. With best wishes for the success of the SHIELD and fraternal regards to all Phi Psis I remain

Yours in the mystic bonds, Lu.

OHIO ALPHA.

DEAR BRO. EDITORS:

Ohio Alpha sends greeting to the new SHIELD, with the promise of her sympathy and support, in both work and money. We have an efficient committee appointed to "work up" the alumni and are satisfied we can lengthen our alumni list to more than double the active before commencement.

There is no reason why Phi Kappa Psi, with the present editorial corps, should not have a Frat. Journal equal to the best, if the active Chapters and through their work, the alumni do their duty.

As to the present condition of Ohio A. we can only say that our prospects were never brighter. The "prep question" seems to be agitating the fraternities in general at present, and it may be of some benefit to the Chapters to hear our experience in that line. By a rule of the faculty, fraternities are not permitted to take preps. We think it is a good thing. But of course no college rule of that kind can prevent fraternities from looking after their own interests, as long as they are in the college. This is the second year the rule has been in force, and we have had time to watch its workings.

We think it is beneficial (1) to the fraternities as a whole, and (2) to the new men themselves.

1st. Because it gives the fraternity more

time to get acquainted with a new man and become thoroughly satisfied that he will be congenial. We may be wrong, but this we regard as the *first qualification* for a new man.

2d. It distributes the work of "rushing" or "spiking" through the year, and does away, to a great extent, with those bitter, intense fraternity fights at the beginning of each Fall term which so often result in mudslinging, slander, etc., which is the disgrace to the name of Fraternity. This has been noticeably decreased at O. W. in the past two years, and we think this to be the leading cause

3d. It raises the standard of fraternities by having none but college men, and makes the new men appreciate it more by having to wait and work a while for it. One of our Freshmen put two years' work into one, last year, by studying vacations and taking extra work in order to "get his rank" this year. We always prize more highly what costs us some effort to obtain, (entirely original) (?)

It is beneficial to the new men for several reasons the principal of which is that it prevents a good man from being "roped in" by an inferior fraternity before he has become acquainted with the others. In this respect, it may be remarked, it is better for the strong fraternities than the weak ones!

We have been forced into trying the experiment here, but with our present knowledge of its advantages, I think the rule would be adopted by the Fraternities themselves, if the Faculty had not made the rule. This has been done in many colleges and we believe that it would be to the interest of Phi Kappa Psi, and to fraternities in general, if it were universal

Ohio Alpha has followed the policy, especially for the past three years, of keeping our ranks in the lower classes well filled, by picking her men from the Sen. Prep. class, and holding them until they are Freshmen. The result is, a member of a rival fraternity remarked to the writer a few days ago: "Your Chapter is safe for the next eight years," and unless some unforeseen accident occurs, I have no doubt he was right.

Again, wishing long life and prosperity to the SHIELD, I remain, Yours in the Triple Bond,
WM. N. BREWSTER.

D. C. ALPHA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

What a delight the re-appearance of the SHIELD caused in D. C. Alpha Chapter! To say we were pleased with its appearance typography and contents would not do the editors and managers justice. It hardly becomes me to find any fault with the editors but it seems to me there was an omission in not giving names of delegates at G. A. C. and at least a short account of the banquet. Would like to see it in the May number.

D. C. Alpha is "booming" and fully expects to capture all honors at the coming commencement.

We have taken in no men this year as yet, but have several pledged (3) whom we will take in before commencement. Our delegates to G. A. C. gave a glowing account of it and were especially profuse in their expressions of gratitude to all the Pittsburg brethren for kind attentions, especially mentioning Bros. R. C. Duncan, Will Yost and W. P. S. Cochran. As to whom they met and what they say, would occupy too much of your valuable paper to relate. We were informed that of the large number in attendance, only seven were present who graced the G. A. C. at Washington. We heard glowing accounts of Bro. Wm. A. Posey, whom we met here in 1880, and George Gephart and Will Cochran and Fred Leland. and last but not least, that prince of good fellows Fred Biesecker, who has "hung out his shingle" in Somerset, Pa., as a lawyer, who hopes to "take in" all the cases (or rather clients) in the county.

We were glad to learn the SHIELD was going to Springfield, as we have both heard and know of the ability of VanCleve and Dr. Smith our (we might say) step-father. We do not think there is a nobler, truer hearted Phi Psi in the order than he.

The Grand Chapter is progressing along

with her work and hopes all the chapters will hurry up the Grand Catalogue tax.

We meet at regular intervals as D. C. Alpha and are frequently entertained under miscellaneous remarks with the funny anecdotes of Bro McCleary.

More anon as this was promised by 1st of May, and it is now April 30th, 3:30 p. m.

Yours in $\Phi \kappa \Psi$, M. J. R.

OHIO BETA.

SPRINGFIELD, April 30, 1883.

BROTHERS:

Although THE SHIELD is published here, Ohio Beta does not wish to be debarred from a representation in it. Hence this article.

We rejoice as much as any of our sister chapters at the revival of THE SHIELD. It seemed when the paper was discontinued, that the chain binding the chapters together had been severed. We think we can truly say that the chapter was never in a more flourishing condition. At the beginning of the college year we opened up with twelve men. Since then we have initiated into the mysteries of the fraternity Bros G. W. Summers, Chas. H. Ehrenfeld and E. M. Ellsworth. These brothers have imbibed copiously of the Phi Psi 'spirit' and are now whole-souled, enthusiastic Phi Psis.

Harmony which, according to Maryland Alpha, is the "*sine qua non*" of the fraternity reigns supreme. The boys are all active in fraternity work. The construction of the new college buildings is being pushed rapidly. When everything is completed and fixed up we expect a number of new students, and if there is any good material among them we are confident we can take our choice. It is customary here for the Literary Societies of the college to hold a contest annually, the last one was held on the eve of March 12th. The contestants are chosen from each society and from the Senior class. Out of the six positions, three were captured by Phi Psis, the other three were held by non-frat. men, our opponent failing to show up. Bros A. J. Turkle and R. J. Miller were orators, and Bro. Ed

L. Arthur was debater. The Brothers exerted themselves and did nobly, reflecting credit on themselves, the chapter and their respective societies. After the contest several of the boys repaired to the hall where Bro. Turkle "set 'em up." The Senior class concluded they would distinguish themselves and for the future prevent all cases of mistaken identity, consequently silk "plugs" are presented to our admiring gaze. However, they are thinking seriously of adopting the Chicagoian's protection against the festive sand-bagger, as it is known a number of the boys have prepared bags and are "laying" for them. By the way Bros. Turkle and Bob Miller look "simply immense." At the close of last year we held our annual symposium. The Phi Psis with their ladies, in all eighty-two, met at the hall where an address of welcome was delivered by Bro. Kiser and responded to by Rev Dr. Falconer, Pa. Delta. They then adjourned to the Lagonda House and were served with an elegant *menu*. With best wishes to all I remain yours in the triple bonds.

A. F. LINN.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

ANN ARBOR MICHIGAN, MAY 1, 1883.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

The first number of our new monthly was gladly welcomed by this chapter, and we all wish it long life and success. We agree fully with Pennsylvania Eta, in the importance of keeping up our fraternity paper. There is nothing that can take the place of it and we can not afford to be without it. We regret to note that out of a score and a half of chapters, only ten communications appear in the April number of the SHIELD. No letter was sent from this chapter, not because of a lack of zeal, but because of a misunderstanding that was not rectified in time to send one. Surely nothing tends to unite and strengthen us so much as tidings from one another, and there is no better medium than our fraternity paper. It gives us pleasure and satisfaction to read the letters from our sister chapters, and hear of their prosperity, and it nerves us to greater

endeavor to make ourselves each worthy the great brotherhood of which we are members. We should be glad to have news from every chapter in each number—short letters, but very spicy.

Our delegates returned from the G. A. C. well pleased with the convention and proud of the goodly number of fine fellows old $\Phi \Psi$ sent forth as her representatives, and the chapter generally is pleased with its proceedings.

Michigan Alpha reports that she is prospering as usual. We keep our number at a convenient medium, careful to select only those that we are sure we want and who will live up to the principles of and do credit to our noble order. Harmony and good fellowship abide with us and we do not fear comparison in the class-room. Our Bro. Leland published the Commencement Annual at the close of the Law and Dental Departments in March, with good enough success to afford us a "set-up." The spring campaign of "rushing" has opened favorably. While the material in the local high school is not so choice as we could desire, we expect to have no trouble in adding enough to our number to keep it where we want it next year.

Michigan Alpha repeats her best wishes for the prosperity of the SHIELD, and sends cordial greeting to all good and zealous Phi Psis.

Yours in $\Phi K \Psi$, S. C. P.

INDIANA BETA.

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, April 30, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD :

Indiana Beta asks a short space in No. 2, of the "new series." No. 1, was well received and we all like it. Welcome happy visitor, that relates the doings of our whole brotherhood!

But what do you ask from us? Would you have us tell of victories won over other fraternities? That we could do but we refrain. Defeats? Oh! yes, our Sophs. six in number, say they were "left" in Sophomore election, but lay claim to having had the fun of developing a combination against them by "stav-

ing" a couple days. They say they did not want any positions in the first place! Good consolation!

Would you have us tell our worth as compared with our competitors? That we could do with a modesty that would betray only a consciousness of our superiority.

Or, would you have us characterize? That would be folly, for the brothers are all so modest that each one would say, "That doesn't mean me."

Of course you understand the characterization would embrace all that is great, generous and lovely in man.

What, then? Well, we number twenty-one active members, well distributed as to classes except that we have only one Senior, Austin, who, with lofty demeanor and acknowledged ability, has won the title of "Judge" among all the students. Verily, he maintains our standard well, and we are proud of him.

Indiana University just now rejoices over another victory in the State Oratorical contest, making six out of a possible nine. We were not represented this year in the Primary but for next year we issue the warning "Look out," as Indiana Beta expects to score the third for herself and seventh for the University.

The Banquet at Indianapolis will be "done" by another brother and I will not tread upon his ground except to venture a remark about Alpha and Gamma. Truly all we met of their number were Phi Psis according to the true meaning. You can rest assured that Indiana has three live chapters.

About a week ago, the brothers might have been seen with "vengeance" stamped upon their visage. A case of "hazing" was reported in which some "Barbs" made one of their number believe they were Phi Psis and persuaded him to join the fraternity. They initiated him in a manner unnecessary to tell. The victim left college as a consequence. Before we learned the particulars we took it as an insult and were determined to meet it as such. But the "hazers" came to us, avowed their innocence, satisfactorily explained how it happened and although it is a serious mat-

ter with them, yet it was indeed laughable to know how they had gulled the fellow, and how much he had voluntarily suffered them to do with him; for at each point they would ask him if he wished to take the next degree, always with an affirmative answer. All with the hope of being a Phi Psi and only to have that hope blasted!

On our way home from the contest several of the brothers had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Walter Forsyth, who was initiated into Pennsylvania Alpha in 1858 and was a Freshman at the time the designer of the badge was a Senior. We found him highly pleasing in conversation and thoroughly imbued with the principles of $\Phi K \Psi$.

Bro. Forsyth is a Presbyterian minister at Englewood near Chicago, and was on his way South to enjoy a vacation. It is truly inspiring to listen to such men as Bro. Forsyth tell the early history of $\Phi K \Psi$ and see what an impression the "heaven-born principles" have made upon them. I wish we could see them oftener; it would do us good.

With best wishes for the SHIELD under the new management and a hearty greeting to all I have the pleasure of being,

Your Bro. in $\Phi K \Psi$, T. E. B.

INDIANA ALPHA.

GREENCASTLE, INDIANA, May 1, 1883.

EDITORS SHIELD:

The boys of Indiana Alpha were very much pleased a few days ago at the re-appearance of the SHIELD. We feel with the rest that it is an indispensable factor to our success. During the short interval of its non-publication we have had no means of knowing what our brothers in sister States were doing, and consequently have not been bound as closely with the fraternal tie as we should like to have been. But with its re-establishment, we are already re-united, and hope nothing in the future may cause us to be without a good fraternity publication.

Last year we had a class of ten to go out into the conflict; these are all actively engaged as preachers, law students, book-keep-

ers, professors, travelling men, or farmers. At the opening of the year, after the loss of the largest class we ever sent out, we felt that a great responsibility rested upon us to maintain the high rank we have always held. We went to work with a vim, recruited our ranks, and to-day feel as strong as ever. We are in a prosperous condition. Our numbers at present are six Seniors, four Juniors, four Sophomores, four Freshmen, and two Preps; a few of our members are out of college this term, but will be on hand at the beginning of the next. Our quantity is not quite so large as usual, but our quality is exceedingly good. By the measurement given us by others, we stand right at the top. Our work in the classroom has been efficient; in the literary line it has been better than ever before, and we have always excelled in this line. In Philo and Plato together we have had president three times, and many other important offices. Bro. Ed. Hendee holds the position of Exchange Editor of the Asbury Monthly. In the social world we are always found. Our boys were well represented at the lady fraternity banquets, especially that of the $K K \Gamma$. During the year we have had several socials, which proved to be very enjoyable. Forms were all laid aside, and genuine merriment was the order of the hour.

Upon the return of Bro. T. J. Shannon from Pittsburg, he gave us a glowing account of the G. A. C. which thrilled our whole number, and caused us to rejoice that we were members of so grand a fraternity as $\Phi K \Psi$. The enthusiasm we received will act as a great incentive to nobler action in the future.

At the close of last year we obtained our share of honors and prizes. Bro. Lee Neff took one of the Cloud Declamation prizes; Bro. George Payne carried off the Parr Historical Prize Essay; Bro. Albert Small took 1st class honors in Philosophy; Bro. W. P. Smith 2d class honors in Belles Lettres and History and Bro. I. O. Cunningham 2d class honors in Science. At the coming commencement we will be well represented in the contests with an excellent chance of success.

The banquet recently held at Indianapolis,

at the time of the Oratorical Contest, by the Indiana Chapters, was a great success, and was enjoyed by all. Many new acquaintances were formed among the Alumni and sister chapters, and the chain which binds us was materially strengthened thereby. We expect to have more such gatherings in the future.

We have recently added one to our list of honorary members—J. W. Riley, the Hoosier Poet, who will be a brilliant star among our many worthy members.

Our prospects for next year are quite flattering. We will have a good number to open with, and expect to secure the best of those who come. We will do our full share in placing the banner of $\Phi K \Psi$ high over all

Fraternally yours, F. W. H.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

GETTYSBURG, PA. May 1, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

Were our position to be that of a critic of the SHIELD under its new garb, or were we to assume that duty, it certainly would be a pleasant one. But from that we will refrain. Suffice it to say that the greeting with which it was received by Pennsylvania Epsilon is conclusive evidence of her satisfaction with its present management. The few points, and the majority of these of minor importance, to which she can take exception are only instances of the diversity of taste, which is almost as great as the number of persons themselves to whom it applies.

Since our last letter to you our chapter has added another member to her list. On the evening of April 28th, we administered the iron-clad oath to Harry F. Buehler, a member of the Freshman class and of one of the best families of the town, and now he is a full fledged Phi Psi. Bro. Buehler is a prize worth winning and proves himself a true and loyal brother.

Our chapter-house scheme is progressing very favorably. Work has been resumed and the building is pushing rapidly toward completion. The mason-work will be finished by the middle of the present month, when the

other workmen will be ready to go ahead with their parts and have the building completed by commencement. We have employed the best available skill in architecture, as well as able and skillful workmanship in our contractor. We expect to see it a reality by commencement, at which time we most cordially invite you, brothers of Epsilon as well as others, to give us a call. If we can not satisfy your stomachs with all the delicacies of the season, we *can* give you a most hearty reception and probably something to eat too.

A short time since, it was your correspondent's good fortune to spend a few days with the Bros. of Pennsylvania Zeta. We refrain from giving vent to our opinions in regard to Zeta's present active membership, as it might make them vain. We can only advise you to visit them for yourselves and if you do not find them a happy crowd of loyal brothers, your judgment must be very poor indeed. We shall ever have pleasant recollections of our sojourn with them.

We eagerly and anxiously await your next appearance.

Yours in the mystic three, C. D. H.

OHIO GAMMA.

WOOSTER, Ohio, May 2, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

Ohio Gamma sends congratulations to the editors of the SHIELD for having resurrected our fraternal organ.

Last Saturday night, April 29, Ohio Γ met in her hall, with the "Goat" harnessed and ready for work. Bro. Turner is now a loyal Phi Psi. The contest between Bryant and Philomathian came off last Saturday night, Bro. Turner who is president of Bryant gave up his seat to Philo's president and came off victor in the Essay contest.

In two weeks another young man will behold the "Billy Goat" if Pa is willing. He is a brother of Bro. O. E. Johnston whom we lifted from the Betas.

We have lately furnished our hall with two fine sets of parlor furniture and a Grand Mogul's chair. The ladies are adorning the walls

with "Lavender and Pink." Our Alumni have applied for a charter. Let them have one Bros. is the sincere desire of Ohio *I*. We can scoop everything then.

Eight lbs. and a half is the weight of one of O. *I*'s latest intendeds. Fred Niles, (you all know Fred.) is the happy Pa of a wee, kleiner Deutscherman, Dresden, Saxony. When we read the cable-gram, we all exclaimed "Oh! Fred. tell them to stop." Our desires are that he may rear as many little Phi Kaps, as he had "mashes" in Wooster.

Bro. Chas. Pepper spent some of his vacation with his parents here in Wooster. Charlie is enrolled in the Alumni Chapter of Chicago.

Bro Al. Findlay of the "Akron Beacon" paid O. *I*, a short visit during vacation.

Bro. John Herron of Monmouth, is one of the petitioners for an Alumni Charter here.

Field Day is the 18th, and the O. *I*, will be well represented on the contests. She has two men on the University Nine, Turner and Payne. Turner is conceded to be the best player in the team. We are expecting to spike the 3d baseman soon.

We intended to do some good work yet this term. We number only eleven active men, and it is necessary to increase our membership and not be so conservative as to be detrimental to our chapter, there is such a thing as being too conservative, such has been and is yet our condition. Much is learned by experience, and we hope our younger Bros. will soon learn the true requisites for membership.

Truly your Bro. in $\Phi K \Psi$, O. *I*.

Spirit of Fraternity Press.

Under the above caption, we expect from time to time to make such excerpts from the editorial columns of the College Fraternity journals, as shall serve to indicate in some measure, the tone of the various fraternities, and the style of conduction of the organs which represent them.

While this department of our paper will in

some measure partake of the nature of an "exchange" column, it is not our intention to comment upon the utterances quoted or to express opinions regarding the style of the conduction of the journals from which we quote.

We clip the following from the March number of the *Diamond*, the organ of the Psi Upsilon fraternity:

"The problem whether it is for the true interests of Psi Upsilon to extend its growth, is one which still remains unsolved; but one, we think, which the coming convention will be called upon to definitely settle for some years to come.

A sound and healthy conservatism has always governed the action of the fraternity, in its treatment of the perplexing question of the advisability of establishing new chapters. The course of events has amply proved the wisdom and judiciousness of this conservative policy.

The remarkable and ever increasing advancement, however, of the interest of collegiate education can not but leave its impress, and exert a powerful influence upon the sentiments and opinions of members of Psi Upsilon.

The fraternity can ill afford, at the present time, to take the position of absolutely refusing to enlarge its bounds. We fully realize that no more pernicious evil could afflict Psi Upsilon, than the multiplication of new chapters separated, not only by great distances, but by diverse and totally dissimilar characteristics. But we do not think that this danger would be incurred by planting new seed in a field which has been thoroughly explored and examined, and which has borne so well the test of our careful and searching scrutiny."

The oldest of our cotemporaries, The *Beta Theta Pi*, in its April issue has this stirring editorial note regarding its plans and prospects:

"The business managers are actively engaged in getting the business department of the paper thoroughly systematized and upon a sound financial footing. Looking forward to the coming year, plans are being laid for the improvement and modification, in many particulars, of the paper as now published. It is probable, that the form of the publication will be changed, a new title page adopted, and increased facilities provided for the collection of fraternity and college news, and a high order of contributed articles. The amount of matter will be increased and new and interesting features introduced. A considerable increase in the cost of publication will be necessarily entailed, and the subscription price of the paper will

be increased, special club rates being provided. Constant improvement is the demand in the rapidly-growing field of fraternity journalism, and the Beta Theta Pi will allow no publication to outdo her. Enterprise and energy infused into the management of a publication which has our splendid basis to work upon can place this magazine among the finest in the country."

Apropos of Alumni support the March number of the *Phi Delta Theta Scroll* has the following:

"There is no doubt but that there is a large number of our Alumni who would not grudge the price of subscription to the Scroll but would willingly pay if the matter was brought to their notice in a proper manner. It is too large an undertaking for one person to attempt to make any material increase in our circulation. Such an undertaking necessitates an extensive and laborious correspondence. One person hasn't the time to write the large number of letters necessary for the accomplishment of any good in such a matter and the best they can do is to send out a number of printed postal cards soliciting subscriptions. Very little attention is paid to these cards. They are looked upon in the same light as circulars, advertising cards and other printed matter received through the mail and are generally consigned to the waste basket. The recipient generally thinks that these printed requests are sent out once a year as a matter of course and he receives one simply because his name happens to be in the catalogue. If a letter is written to an Alumnus stating that it is desired to keep our old members informed as to what we are doing, that, as the Scroll will furnish such information, we desire as many as possible to take it and that we would like to have him subscribe, it is probable that he will reply enclosing the amount of subscription."

The January number of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, contains an editorial on Graduate Relations, which we are tempted to quote entire, but lack of space forbids our offering to Phi Psis the most clearly written and forcible article on that subject which we have ever seen. We append a few of the closing sentiments:

"It is not suggested that the chapter officiously attempt the task of constructing each of its members into an ideal scholar, gentleman, and man of business. Much it can do. Much it should never directly attempt. But so far as the influence of chapter practices and chapter association goes, it should be in the right direction. It is not the province of

chapters to produce expert accountants and book-keepers; but the business man, who remembers well the way in which the business of his chapter was done, or left undone, feels a peculiar respect for the place where, in such regard, he was set a good example—whether followed or not, and a peculiar lack of friendly interest if he recalls that the little of training he then had simply aggravated his slackness. To make all students Chesterfields is not possible, even if it should be seriously attempted; but there is no one so lacking the graces as not to recall, with respect for his chapter, his associates there whose example and influence were better than their result in him, and to resent the rudeness, even of those more cultured than himself, which has confirmed his own clownish habits. To see that each member becomes an 'honor man,' though a laudable, is not the highest aim of a fraternity; but every Delta Kappa Epsilon, whether he led his class or was dropped from the course, should feel that he was a better, not a poorer student, as a result of chapter influence, and there are none more ready and zealous to aid the fraternity than that class, one of whom lately accompanied a large benefaction to his astonished chapter by the remark, 'The boys thought they made a mistake in taking me, and they did; but I trust you will accept the enclosed for the chapter, which was the only thing that got any good work out of me while I was at ———.'"

General College Notes.

The following is going the rounds: Mrs. A. T. Stewart will put \$4,000,000 into a college in New York.

A. S. Packard, of Bowdoin College, who is now eighty-four years of age, is said to be the oldest active college professor in the United States.

Rutger's College received the \$100 prize offered by the publishers of the American College Song Book, for the best collection of college songs.

The Kenyon Advance thinks Kenyon's standard of admission has been lowered by allowing high school graduates to enter the freshman class without examination.

There is some talk of removing Indiana Asbury University to Indianapolis in case Greencastle should not meet the requirements necessary to secure the De Pauw endowment.

The following is something new in the way of advertisements for students: Lehigh College furnishes every student who graduates with a good position, or is responsible for him until he gets one

The Collegiate Department of Lewisburg University—Pa. I—has 69 students: 15 Seniors, 12 Juniors, 15 Sophomores, 18 Freshmen and 8 Selects. The Academy has 72 and the Female Institute, 110.

At a meeting of the trustees of the University of Georgia at Athens, recently, Senator Joseph E. Brown presented \$50,000 in bonds to that institution, and the gift was accepted.—N. Y. Independent.

Kentucky University at Lexington is pretty well represented by foreigners, especially from the domains of Britain. There are three attending there here from Ontario, one from Nova Scotia, one from Prince Edward's Island, ten from Australia and New Zealand, and two from Armenia.

Ed. N. Williams, of Philadelphia, has recently given \$12,000 to Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., a very material aid to this young college that is beginning to assert a high rank for itself. It is a noteworthy fact that the Director of the Carleton College Observatory publishes the only strictly Astronomical periodical in the United States.—N. Y. Independent.

W. R. Asher of the State University, Bloomington, Indiana, who was the successful contestant at the recent State Oratorical Contest, held at Indianapolis April 11th, was accused of plagiarism at the time of the preliminary contest at his own college. Although exonerated, by a committee of citizens of Bloomington, he was forbidden, by President Moss, under penalty of suspension, to speak. Though sustained by citizens and students the threat of the President was carried into execution.

Mr. Asher still stands suspended from college, probably will not be allowed to return; but he has his credentials from the State Oratorical Association, and will represent Indiana at the Inter-State contest.

Several new rules have been adopted by the faculty of Adelbert College, Cleveland, Ohio, one being that any student making in the fall term a standing of 5 (in a scale of 8), in both recitation record and examination on any study, will be subjected to no further examination. This practically does away with the much dreaded "annuals," which have heretofore been such a source of trouble to the boys. Another is that each student be allowed in each study three absences in the fall term, and two in each section of the next term provided they are not consecutive in any one study. All recitations lost through excused absences count as failures if not made up, and all unexcused absences count as failures anyhow.

The following from the Gettysburg, Pa., papers speak in high terms of the enthusiasm and pluck of our Grand Chapter elect, and will serve as a stimulus we hope to the other chapters, whose lines have not fallen in so pleasant places:

The building of the Phi Kappa Psi Hall, is to go forward upon plans furnished by Mr. Dempwolf. It is to be a single story of granite, with high and ornamental roof. The design promises something entirely new for Gettysburg, at once striking and pleasing.—Compiler, Apr. 17.

The Phi Kappa Psi Hall on the college campus is to be finished by commencement. Mr. Weigle, of York, will take charge of the work under the direction of Mr. Dempwolf, architect, who has made considerable improvements in the original plans.—Star and Sentinel, April 17

Other Fraternities.

Hon. J. W. Foster of Indiana, recently appointed as Minister Plenipotentiary to Spain, is a Phi Delta Theta.

Mr. S. L. Black has been compelled on account of ill-health to resign his position as editor-in-chief of the *Phi Gamma Delta*. His successor is Mr. Dana C. Porter.

Three waiters at the Grand Hotel, Indianapolis, sport Delta badges. They are graduates of some colored institution of the south.

The Theta Delta Chi fraternity re-united at the recent Indiana Oratorical Contest. The full Wabash Chapter was present with the single exception of Colman.

At the recent Oratorical contest at Indianapolis Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi held banquets. The city papers speak of them as most elegant affairs, betokening a most lively state of enthusiasm among the Indiana chapters of these fraternities.

The class of '79 in the Ohio Wesleyan, has already supplied three fraternities with editors, viz, *Phi Gamma Delta*, *Phi Kappa Psi* and *Beta Theta Pi*. The three men used to be on a college paper together. and they say members of the faculty used to put on gloves before picking up that paper.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

At the University of Mississippi, Chi Psi, Delta Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Rainbow have agreed not to initiate sub-freshmen and not to spike any student until he has been in the university two months. Phi Kappa Psi refused to sign the agreement.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

The plate from which the title page of the *Beta Theta Pi* is printed, was taken from the original cut used on a magazine published in Germany. An electrotpe from the same cut is used on the title page of a work published in New York called "Pictorial History of the World's Great Nations." It is "complete in about forty parts" and is vended throughout the United States by the festive book agent.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

The Semi-Centennial Convention of $\Psi \Upsilon$ fraternity, founded at Union College in '36, will be held under the auspices of the Union Chapter, at Albany, on May 23d, 24th and 25th. Ex-Gov. A. H. Rice of Massachusetts will preside. Leu. Hawley of Connecticut will be the orator of the occasion; Chas. Dudley Warner the essayist; H. H. Boyesen, the

poet; Prof. Willard Fiske, historian; Judge H. C. Van Voorst, toast-master; the Rev. C. S. Harrington, D. D., ode orator and the Rev. Sam. Goodale of Kansas, one of the seven founders, will be chaplain. President Arthur, member of Union Chapter, has promised to attend if official duties will permit. This fraternity has 5,700 members and eighteen chapters.—*Evening Post*, N. Y.

The *Phi Delta Theta Scroll* for March has a very interesting article on Fraternity Journalism, which is written in well-tempered style, though open to some slight criticism, at least so far as it relates to the SHIELD, since it states that Prof. Young of Wittenberg was to be editor-in-chief of the re-established organ of Phi Kappa Psi. The writer of the article has received the first number of the fourth volume ere this, and will note his inaccuracy. For his information we may state that Ohio Beta was made publishing chapter for the interval between the recent meeting of the G. A. C. and the next, which is to be held at Columbus, Ohio, in 1885, and the organization of the paper was made by the members of the publishing chapter in the manner indicated in our columns.

An experience familiar to German Universities, was recently enacted in New York, though its culmination was attended with none of the serious results seen at the former. About the first of March Robert Mahon, $\theta \Delta X$, of Columbia Law School, age twenty-one, and Chas. W. Smith, $\Delta \Delta \Phi$, College of the city of N. Y., age twenty, were seated with common friends around a table at a resort known as the White Elephant, in Broadway, near 31st St. An animated discussion arose among those present, all members of the above mentioned fraternities, as regards the respective merits of the organizations with which they are connected. Finally, Smith somewhat annoyed, made a disparaging remark in regard to Theta Delta Chi. At the next meeting of that society Mahon repeated to his fellows the remark which Smith had made. When approached concerning the matter and accused of having made the disparaging com-

ment, Smith denied ever having said anything of the kind. A few days afterward, Mahon met Smith and asked him if he had denied the statement attributed to him. Smith replied that he had never made such a remark to either Mahon or anyone else; whereupon Mahon angrily called Smith a liar. Smith responded by striking Mahon in the face. They then clinched and were about to settle the dispute on the spot, when some friends interfered and the principals were separated. Neither side was satisfied with the result of the interview, and in order to "vindicate their honor" Mahon sent a challenge to Smith which was accepted. After some discussion by their seconds, it was agreed that the fight should be with pistols, though a private arrangement was entered into by the seconds to the effect that blank cartridges were to be inserted instead of the more dangerous powder and ball. The arrangements for the duel were about to be carried out and the parties had all met at the railway station except Smith, who it seems had been detained, and did not reach the station until the others had been taken in charge by the police. This rather peculiar *denouement* was brought about by a friend of Mahon who had given the thing away to the authorities. The parties were all arraigned before the police court and admitted to bail in the sum of \$1000 each. We are not apprized of the final disposition made of the case, but will venture the assertion that the boys will wish they "hadn't" before they get out of the grim clutches of the law. We quote the following felicitous comment from the editorials of the N. Y. Tribune of March 16th ult.:

"When Alpha Delta Phi meets Theta Delta Chi and the conversation takes an unfraternal turn in relation to the respective merits of the two fraternities, but one result can be looked for—blood, cold blood, the very coldest. The account which we publish in another column of the ferocious duel which came so near incarnadining the blue waves of Long Island Sound and rendering the green pastures of Berrian Island 'red as frothing wine' will be read with bated breath and harrowed-up soul

by every one who is not prevented by audible smiles from indulging in more serious emotions."

Personals.

Robins S. Mott, '81, Ill. B, expects to be admitted to the bar of Illinois next fall.

W. P. McKee, Indiana I, '83, is announced as one of the contestants for the Baldwin prize.

There will be a Phi Psi firm of young lawyers in Chicago 'ere long. —(?) and —(?). Guess.

Elbridge R. Anderson, '84, Ill. B, has come home from Colorado and commenced studying law in Chicago.

Brother Prescott Smith, Ohio Alpha, has recently been appointed a commissioner of the U. S. at Cincinnati, O.

S M. Sayler, Indiana I, '80, is practicing law at Huntington, Indiana. We learn he is meeting with great success.

Bros. Harry Benton and Ed. Brandebury, Ohio A, are members of this year's class in the Cincinnati Law School.

Harry T. Bail, Ohio A, '80, is working at the Methodist Book Concern, Cincinnati, Ohio, as is also Bro. Tom Lee, '81.

W. P. McKee, '83, A. W. Knight, '85, E. W. Hiller, '83 and Sam. Finney, '86, are members of the corps of the Lariat.

David J. Single, '85, Ill. B, is preparing to carry off first prize at the Sophomore exhibition of the University of Chicago in May.

Brother C. M. Oliphant, Va. Delta, '76, is the only Phi Psi at Bethany College. Bro. O. give Delta a boom and set her on her feet!

T. S. Wilson, Indiana I, was elected recording secretary of the Indiana State Oratorical Association at its recent meeting in Indianapolis.

C. J. Finney, Indiana I, '80, graduated the former part of last month from the Jefferson Medical Institute of Philadelphia. He stood second in his class.

'63—The address of Rev. J. Lawson Smith, Pa. *E*, is Ligonier, Westmoreland Co., Pa. Change of address but no change of pastorate.

'82—James M. Hill, Pa. *E*, was graduated, March 2d, from University of Pa. Dental Department. He will practice with his father at Gettysburg, Pa.

Fred. L. Anderson, '82, Illinois *B*, is making a very successful career as Professor of Latin in the preparatory department of the University of Chicago.

A very carefully written and forcible article on "The Influence of the Press," appeared in a recent number of the *Lariat* from the pen of Bro. R. Hanna.—[ED. SHIELD.]

Bro. F. W. Clark, New York *A*, '69, has resigned from the chair of Chemistry in the University of Cincinnati, to take charge of that department in Smithsonian Institute.

Brother "Cindy" Drees, Ohio Alpha, has embarked in the manufacturing business in Xenia. The branch of manufacturing in which he is interested is the making of twine.

'82—Robt. A. Frey, Pa. *E*, is now in Ohio in U. S. Government employ. He gives his spare time to Art, and hopes soon to devote himself wholly to it. His address is Elyria, Ohio.

Brother C. F. Cozier, Ohio Alpha, is soon to engage in wheat farming in Dakota. Judging by his remarkable success as a traveling man since he left College, he will be buying a whole county before many seasons.

George Gaul, Ohio *A*. is just completing his pastorate at Glen Moore, Chester county, Pa. George, Mrs. George and the "Bishop," have our sincere sympathies at the prospect that "Fate" in the guise of a Cabinet of Presiding Elders may send them to the uttermost bounds of the Philadelphia Conference.

'67—The church of Rev. W. E. Parson, Pa. *E*, in Washington, D. C., will soon be completed. Excellent location, fine building, funds judiciously expended, the whole affair is a credit to the pastor and his congregation. Rarely is a city mission, under the circumstances, so successful.

We are grieved to learn that the wife of Bro. Prescott Smith, O. *A*, '78, is lying at the point of death at their home in Cincinnati. She was one of the loveliest and most charming of the many fair ladies of Delaware during the college career of Bro. Smith. Her modest bearing and winsome manners endeared her to all who met her, and the high intelligence and tender womanliness of her character made her very much beloved by those who were fortunate enough to become her friends.

The many friends of "Doc" Hosterman will be glad to read the following which we take from the columns of the *Wittenberger*:

'81—We clip from the *Daily Press*, published in Santa Barbara, Cal.:—"The *Press* office has been so fortunate as to secure the editorial assistance of Mr. A. D. Hosterman, an experienced writer and journalist, who will in the future superintend the literary management of this paper. Mr. Hosterman is lately from the East, where his fame as a popular author has been established. His 'Life of Garfield,' 'Noble and Heroic Deeds of Men and Women,' and his brilliant magazine contributions, are doubtless familiar to a majority of readers. His services will help much towards rendering the general make up of the *Press* interesting and attractive."

Brother Clark Mosher, Ohio Delta, was married to Miss Ida Beagle, at the residence of the bride's mother in Blissfield, Michigan, January 1st, 1883. He was attended by Bro. C. L. VanCleve, and Miss Minnie Mosher, of Kansas City, Missouri; Mr. A. L. Stephenson, of Findlay, and Miss May Beagle, of Blissfield. The wedding was a very quiet, yet elegant one, none being present but relatives and a few intimate friends. Of course the presents were numerous and costly, they always are. There were silver knives, water pitchers, cake baskets and other table ware sufficient to stock a hotel, and we know Clark has no more in his household than himself, Mrs. Dr. Mosher and a King Charles spaniel. The *SHIELD* wishes the Dr. and his winsome bride a long life and a happy one.

VARIOUS FRATERNITIES WHICH OUR CHAPTERS MEET.

Pennsylvania *A*, '52—Washington and Jefferson College. *B θ Π*, 1842; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1848; *Φ K Σ*, 1853; *Δ T Δ*, 1861; *Φ Δ θ*, 1876; *A T Ω*, 1881.

Pennsylvania *B*, '55—Alleghany College. *Φ Γ Δ*, 1858; *Δ T Δ*, 1863; *Φ Δ θ*, 1879; *K A θ*, 1876.

Pennsylvania *Γ*, '55—University of Lewisburg. *Σ X*, 1864; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1882.

Pennsylvania *E*, '55—Pennsylvania College. *Φ Γ Δ*, 1858; *Σ X*, 1865; *Φ Δ θ*, 1874; *A T Ω*, 1882.

Pennsylvania *Z*, '59—Dickinson College. *Σ X*, 1859; *θ Δ X*, 1861; *X Φ*, 1869; *B θ Π*, 1874; *Φ Δ θ*, 1880.

Pennsylvania *H*—Franklin and Marshal College. *Φ K Σ*, 1855; *X Φ*, 1856; *Δ T Δ*, 1874.

Pennsylvania *θ*, '69—Lafayette College. *Δ K E*, 1855; *Z Ψ*, 1857; *θ Δ X*, 1866; *Σ X*, 1867; *Φ Δ θ*, 1873; *Δ T Δ*, 1874.

Pennsylvania *I*, '77—University of Pennsylvania. *Z Ψ*, 1850; *Φ K Σ*, 1850; *Δ Ψ*, 1854; *Δ B Φ*, 1879 (law); *B θ Π*, 1880; *A T Ω*, 1881; *Δ Φ*, 1882; *X Φ*, 1882; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1883.

Virginia *A*, '53—University of Virginia. *X Φ*, 1859; *Δ Ψ*, 1860; *K A*, (S. O.) 1873; *Δ K E*, 1852; *Z Ψ*, 1868; *Φ Δ θ*, 1873; *Σ X*, 1860; *Φ K Σ*, 1860; *Π K A*, 1868; *Σ A E*, 1858; *B θ Π*, 1850; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1859; *A T Ω*, 1868; *K Σ*, 1869.

Virginia *B*, '55—Washington and Lee University. *Σ A E*, 1867; *Σ X*, 1866; *Δ K E*, 1868; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1868; *Δ Ψ*, 1869; *B θ Π*, 1856; *K A*, (S. O.) 1850; *Σ A*, 1873; *K Σ*, 1873; *A T Ω*, 1865.

Virginia *Γ*, '56—Hampden Sidney College. *B θ Π*, 1850; *X Φ*, 1867; *Σ X*, 1872; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1870.

Ohio *A*, '61—Ohio Wesleyan University. *B θ Π*, 1853; *Σ X*, 1855; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1869; *X Φ*, 1873; *Φ Δ θ*, 1860; *Δ T Δ*, 1868.

Ohio *B*, '66—Wittenberg College. *B θ Π*, 1867.

Ohio *Γ*, '71—Wooster University. *B θ Π*, 1872; *Φ Δ θ*, 1872; *Σ X*, 1837; *Δ T Δ*, 1880; *Φ I Δ*, 1882.

Ohio *Δ*, '80—Ohio State University. *Φ Γ Δ*, 1878; *Σ X*, 1882.

Indiana *A*, '65—Indiana Asbury University. *B θ Π*, 1845; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1856; *Σ X*, 1859; *Δ K E*, 1866; *Φ Δ θ*, 1879; *Δ T Δ*, 1882; *K A θ*, 1870; *K K Γ*, 1873.

Indiana *B*, '69—State University. *Φ Δ θ*, 1849; *B θ Π*, 1845; *Σ X*, 1858; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1870; *K A θ*, 1870; *K K Γ*, 1873.

Indiana *Γ*, '70—Wabash College. *B θ Π*, 1845; *Φ Δ θ*, 1852; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1866; *θ Δ X*, 1879; *Σ X*, 1880.

D. C. *A*, '68—Columbian University. Rivals (*Σ A E*, '59-'67; *Σ X*, '64-'80; *A T Ω*, '74-'74.) all dead.

Illinois *A*, '64—Northwestern University. *Φ K Σ*, 1859; *B θ Π*, 1872; *Σ X*, 1869; *Δ Y*, 1877.

Illinois *B*, '65—Chicago University. *Z Ψ*, 1864; *Ψ Y*, 1868; *Δ K E*, 1870.

Kansas *A*, '76—State University. *B θ Π*, 1873; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1881; *Φ Δ θ*, 1883; (Sub rosa).

Michigan *A*, '76—State University. *A Δ Φ*, 1845; *Δ K E*, 1855; *Σ Φ*, 1845; *Z Ψ*, 1858; *Ψ Y*, 1864; *B θ Π*, 1845; *Φ Δ Φ*, 1869; *Δ T Δ*, 1875; *X Ψ*, 1845; *Φ Δ θ*, 1885; *Σ X*, 1877.

Maryland *A*, '79—Johns Hopkins University. *B θ Π*, 1878; *X Φ*, 1880; *A T Ω*, 1877.

Wisconsin *A*, '75—State University. *B θ Π*, 1873; *X Ψ*, 1878; *Φ Δ θ*, 1857.

Wisconsin *Γ*, '81—Beloit College. *B θ Π*, 1860.

Mississippi *A*, '57—University of Mississippi. *Δ K E*, 1851; *Δ Ψ*, 1855; *Σ X*, 1857; Rainbow, 1848; *X Ψ*, 1858; *Φ Δ θ*, 1877; *B θ Π*, 1879.

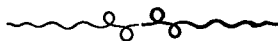
New York *Δ*, '81—Hobart College. *Σ Φ*, 1840; *X A*, 1844; *Φ Δ X*, 1857. (*A Δ Φ*, '48-'78; *X Φ*, '60-'80.)

California *A*, '81—University of the Pacific. Never had any rivals.

Iowa *Δ*, '82—Simpson Centennary College. *Δ T Δ*, 1873.

Georgia *A*, '83—University of Georgia. *Σ A E*, 1866; *X Φ*, 1867, *K A*, (S. O.) 1868; *Φ Δ θ*, 1870; *A T Ω*, 1875; *Δ T Δ*, 1882.

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Iowa Delta, G. W. Murphy, Indianola, Iowa.

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THE recent Republican State Convention for Ohio honored in no ordinary manner a loyal and enthusiastic Phi Psi in nominating J. B. Foraker of Cincinnati for Governor. The *Beta Theta Pi* predicts that Judge Hoadly will be the nominee of the Democratic party. If fraternity lines are to be drawn, let us hope that every loyal Phi Psi will, regardless of his party affiliations, support and work with his best energies for the elevation of our Bro. Foraker to the post of high honor for which he has been nominated.

WE have in times past received communications from our brothers of the Pacific slope and we were struck by the peculiar aroma that clung to the paper on which the letters or articles were written. The odor was so distinct, so mildly insinuating, and so gently persuasive that we are inclined to believe that it must either be an emanation from the fibres

of the flax from which the paper is made or some strange super-æsthetic quality of that far sunny land; the former may not be the case, however, since we are by no means sure that that serviceable plant is a California product. The recent communication from our brothers in San Jose is laden with the same subtle perfume, and letters three years old seem to have lost none of their odoriferous qualities; what then can it be? We have heard many strange and marvellous tales of the wonders of the California climate, but it seems scarcely possible that the very atmosphere exhales such fragrance, else how in our own bleak, raw and oft-times miasmatic air does the tender recollections of a milder day and a softer clime cling to these fragile missives?

We are lost in conjecture! Can our doubts be removed?

THERE is nothing connected with college life that has undergone so radical a change as the character of fraternities and their attitude toward each other. Many fraternities have not had any clear understanding of their own importance till very recent years and so far as surface indications go, there is not one that has failed to show signs of increased vitality. It has not been long since the Greek-letter societies of our many colleges were each made up of more or less powerful local organizations, bound together in a rather loose way by a community of interests, which were not always clearly defined or well understood.

That this condition of affairs is beginning to be different, is due to several causes, chief of which are the frequent conventions and the establishment of fraternity journals. Each of

these factors in the development of inter-chapter fraternity strength has its office and neither can in any way take the place of the other ; the former is to the few who are able to attend them more productive of enthusiasm, but the latter is by far the more out-reaching and beneficent.

At some future time, we desire to give our readers a clear and comprehensive account of the rise and growth of fraternity journalism, and to that end ask the co-operation of any brother or chapter-correspondent who may have in his possession or may be able to secure copies of the earliest issues of the journals of our own fraternity. We now have upon our exchange-list the names of sixteen journals representing as many different fraternities and they are for the most part conducted with ability ; these periodicals range in circulation from 3000 to less than 200 ; they vary in excellence from the expensive *Δ K E Quarterly* to the less pretentious and more serviceable monthlies such as the *Beta Theta Pi* and the *Δ T Δ Crescent*.

We believe that no fraternity can afford to be without an organ, and we couple with that statement this additional one,—no fraternity can afford to have an organ which is not reliable, in good tone, and sufficiently ornate to escape being denominated common. The SHIELD falls of necessity and of choice into the hands of those who will not be slow to find its weak spots and in so far as these are shown with fairness and apparent good judgment they will be sought for and effort made to make them strong.

We expect to benefit our journal by a perusal of our contemporaries, and we desire to be of service ourselves ; we desire Phi Kappa Psi to know what is being done not only within her own borders, but in the entire Greek world ; and we hope to stimulate our whole organization with that energy and zeal which will not allow any rival to outstrip us in making ourselves stronger and better.

While the SHIELD may not be the best journal of its character published, it ought to be the very best for every loyal Phi Psi ; editors and business managers can not make it the best ;

the fraternity can. We shall from time to time solicit articles for our columns, but much ought to be volunteered. We have in mind some most interesting and valuable features which do not seem to have been carried out in other journals and all we need to accomplish our desired ends is a subscription list of one thousand names. Even slight effort from half the active members of our fraternity ought to compass this desire, and if every brother felt himself obligated to secure one subscriber additional to himself during the long vacation we should have much more than our coveted number.

WE wish to have a few words with chapter correspondents. What we have before intimated, we now wish to state emphatically ; the success of the SHIELD in so far as it relates to the spread of fraternity intelligence, depends to the very largest degree upon communications from individual chapters. Since we believe this to be so, and that we are not alone in our opinion, any of our contemporaries will show, we can not desist from laying the greatest stress upon the necessities under which correspondents should labor.

There will be no misconception of the purpose of this talk with correspondents, since we wish to be understood as taking our text in no manner from deficiencies in letters previously received, except in so far as we may speak of chirography and mechanical execution, but we desire to intimate what should be the aim of every brother in addressing for his chapter other members of the fraternity.

It is not right that the correspondence should be relegated to the least experienced writer in the chapter or to any one who will consider the work trivial or unimportant, since the estimate made of a chapter's style and condition is in a very large measure obtained from the stated communications in our columns ; nor is it proper for a correspondent to sit down in a listless moment and dash off a few incoherent sentences of a self-laudatory strain, or still worse of indifferent pretenses of enthusiasm and gratulation that we are not as other men are.

There should be no less care bestowed on a communication for the SHIELD than upon a production before a college literary society, rather more, for, we are well assured that every one who speaks through our columns will have not only more attentive auditors but likewise more critical ones, as we are more jealous of our and each other's honor than any can be who are strangers to the interests common to us as Phi Psis. The pen should be used with care in the framing of sentences, and it should afterwards be employed in ruthlessly scratching out anything that would tend to weaken the sense or render the reading obscure.

Cast not the trifling obstacle in the way of success that you have nothing of interest to write about once a month, or at least that others would care to read, nor offer that more senseless excuse that there is no time to do good and careful work. To the first objection it can be answered that there have been already topics enough suggested in the two previous numbers of this volume, to furnish fruitful themes for the advancement of the opinions and desires of the chapters for several issues to come. We have received one letter, at least, together with the stated communication from the chapter correspondent, in which we are promised a well prepared and carefully digested article embodying the sense of the chapter touching many points discussed in our April number. It appears that one chapter at least has been reading the SHIELD and discussing its merits at the meetings for other more specific purposes. We believe that the success of our journal as an organ of the fraternity depends on this being done in every chapter.

As to the other objection, the lack of time, we have only a word with which to dismiss it. Is it probable that any college student is so overburdened with work that he can not find time for a *resume* of his chapter's doings for the month or of the opinions and wishes of his fellow Greeks, to the extent of writing a column or more, when the editor is obliged to prepare from ten to twenty pages of matter for each issue to say nothing of editorial super-

vision and proof-reading? Is it probable that the business managers and other members of the editing chapter have not ten times the work to do on each issue that would be required of a correspondent? In the case of the latter the situation is analogous; with the former it is sufficient to say that in his daily work as a public school teacher he has no opportunity for cultivating his predilection for *dolce far niente*.

Writing for the SHIELD should be a pleasure, a coveted honor given to the best equipped and most thoroughly posted men in the chapter and we are inclined to believe that no one man should be expected to do the correspondence for his chapter for the entire ten issues of the year.

We have asked that copies of the college papers where our chapters are located be sent to us with items of interest in the way of personals, etc. marked; up to the time of going to press with this number just two such publications have been sent to us, together with clippings from two brothers who are as determined to see the SHIELD prosper as they are that their own chapters succeed.

Personals are in rank of importance next to chapter letters, and so far we have been compelled to draw largely upon the kindness of two active members who are upon the editorial staffs of the papers published at their respective colleges. Personals should always be given upon separate slips of paper and should be as regularly supplied as chapter letters. Should it be beyond the power of the correspondent to furnish a letter from his chapter for each issue, he could surely secure a half dozen or more personals and send them in lieu thereof.

Our special contributor, the paste-pot and scissors is willing and ready at most times to do his duty, but it is apt to occur that he will run out of material, and we should very much like to have any brother, chapter correspondent or otherwise, send us newspapers, clippings or authentic items gathered from any source which may be of interest to a restricted class of readers such as the SHIELD has.

We have in common with all others whose province it is to use the plural pronoun, a most decided distaste to deciphering badly written manuscript, chiefly, for the reason that we have been intimately associated with a poor penman for a number of years and his idiosyncrasies in the matter of making written characters are of a sufficiently diverse nature to render further variety in that direction undesirable. Compositors and editors are supposed to be able to read anything, but that belief like many others in this world is based upon no more firm a foundation than the air, and if it is desirable to see one's self in print not wholly mangled beyond recognition, it is necessary to proceed with great caution, especially when it comes to proper names. We wish that we had one distant brother by our side to-night, in order that we might mildly inquire if he thinks the originators of our alphabet intended that "S," "J" and "L" should be made uniformly alike.

In the matter of punctuation, while we are not quite so particular, we should like to see the eleven more usual marks used with frequency enough for us to know what meaning is intended to be conveyed. We wish as gently as is consistent with emphasis to repeat an old yet honored maxim of the press: WRITE ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY!

We all desire the SHIELD to be a success in a literary sense, this is possible only on the assumption that every article intended for publication shall be written clearly, rhetorically and forcibly; we wish the SHIELD to be a success typographically, and this is possible only when every one obeys to the letter all the well-understood and easily followed suggestions as to penmanship and mechanical adjuncts.

MARGIE ST. CROIX.

[AFTER "LUCILE."]

"FRANCOIS:

I have learned through the Countess de Gray,
Of your published engagement to Marie Le Pais,
I therefore enclose the trinkets and books,
Which you in your falseness gave me, with such looks,
As would make any woman feel proud.

And now that our friendship I'll not call it love—
Is broken forever—I'll not be above
A reiteration of the vows you extorted.
(And vows which no doubt you duly reported,
To Mademoiselle Marie Le Pais.)

You know, Oh! too well, how my life will be clouded;
And how my fond hopes are now darkly enshrouded;
You know, Francois de Baine, how deep was my trust
In the words, and the smiles, and the frankness, which
must

Be delightful to Marie Le Pais.

I admit that the kisses you took from my lips,
—The kisses you used to call "sweet clover sips"—
Were as charming, and pleasant, as delightful to me,
As Italy's sunset ever could be—

Then I knew naught of Marie Le Pais.

If there's joy in the thought—or comfort to know
That you've won a girl's heart, and dealt her a blow,
Which even the journey of time can not heal,
You should have it—for Francois, you know—you
must feel,

That I love you too well to express.

Ah! how can I ever believe mortals true?
What room has the old love left for the new?
What charm now has life, and how can I cure,
The sharp saddening pain that I now endure?—
The wound of a life's disappointment!

The womanly pride that we all think so strong,
Has been driven away by the feeling of wrong,
And now for my hopes, my longings and fears,
There's no consolation but bitterest tears—
Insufficient to drown such a grief.

My love days are over, but I would'nt erase,
Their sweetness, their joy, or the time, or the place,
Where you spoke of our future, and the love that you
bore,

And how in life's shadows and shoals you'd adore—
Then you said naught of Marie Le Pais.

But Francois, the love that filled up my heart;
The love that I felt when you said we'd ne'er part,
Was the love of a woman, sincere and most true;
A love that will last—whatever you do.

A love that will stand e'en desertion.

So though you forget me, and cherish Marie,
And keep from your mind all stray thoughts of me,
I'll bear it in kindness—I'll freely forgive
And be your true friend—so long as I live

And I'll always be

MARGIE ST. CROIX."

Monsieur Francois de Baine
Was a gallant young swain,

Whose charms and good points were not few.
He had lived a gay life
And now sought a wife
To "settle"—as such young men do.

His *affair de coeur*—
Had been nothing more
In *his* mind, than the mildest diversion;
But, on reading the letter,
He thought it were better
If he'd had an early immersion.

Monsieur Francois was sad,
(So he was't really bad)
And he thought to advise with another,
So he called cousin Jacque
Who for many years back
Had played him the part of a brother.

"Now my dear cousin Jacque;
Can I not give her back—
Can't I yet mend the heart I have broken?
And is there no way
By which I can say
That she misunderstood the words spoken?"

"Jacque; I've often done wrong
Yet I don't care a song
For the larks, and the acts dilatory
And my conscience can stand
Your mild reprimand
Of neglect of my notes promissory."

"But, to tell you the truth,
To blight the girl's youth,
And make her whole life a regret,
Was never my aim
(And you know the same)—
I supposed that she would forget."

"Well" (began Cousin Jacque)—
It's plain there's no lack
Of imagined affection in her;
But let me suggest
That with her, like the rest,
Time the true love will surely inter."

"Oh, (replied M. de Baine)
She speaks of the pain,
And of life, as a burden to carry
I'm sure my dear Jacque
She'll ne'er take that back—
And she infers that she never will marry."

"And a woman whose pen
Will thus forswear men;
A woman with such depth of feeling;
Must be true to first love,
When she says it's above
All expression, or power of revealing."

"Well Francois my boy,
Just take all the joy
That new wedded bliss can impart;
For I'll wager my life
In six months she's a wife
With a smile and complete change of heart."

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Monsieur Francois de Baine with his wife *nee* Le Pais
Were invited to dine with the Countess de Gray.
Francois had been thinking of old cousin Jacque
And his talk about Margie, four months or more back,
And he thought "I'm a wretch,—a miserable sinner."
And then he began his toilet for dinner.
"It's five months and a half figured down to a day"
Thought de Baine as he greeted the Countess de Gray.

"Oh Monsieur" said the Countess as she offered her
hand,
Just notice the lady to the left as you stand.
She's a friend. Allow me—Madame Patrichio Maloi
Her name was formerly Margie St. Croix.

McC.

Chapter Correspondence.

OHIO DELTA.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 8, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

We have received requests from various quarters for some explanation in regard to our standing on the *Makio* question and will ask for some space in the SHIELD for a statement which will answer these questions.

As some of your readers know, there have been two editions of the *Makio* already published by the Phi Gamma Delta's and our boys in combination. Since these publications there has been a chapter established here by the Sigma Chi's. The former publishers, however, decided to get out a *Makio* for this year and each elected their editors for the Board. The Phi Gams. then made a proposition to admit the Sigs. into the organization which we refused to do—for various reasons, principal among which was, that the Sigs. and the Gams. would be a unit in the organization, thus giving them control of affairs. Of course, no new party could be admitted into the original company without

the consent of both parties, and on our refusal to admit the Sigs. the Gams. decided that they would withdraw from the organization, making it evident at the same time that they intended to go ahead and get out a *Makio*. So did we! and we went to work with all our force (during the vacation) and soon had enough advertisements to make us safe on the financial question. Since that time we have been busily at work on the "literary" and can promise a pretty good book. About the other side of course we know nothing very definite as the whole affair is shrouded in the deepest mystery. That won't interest your readers though.

Our boys were all immensely pleased with the first number of the SHIELD. The day they arrived, the congregation at our chapel exercises was dotted here and there with brown covers which did not look at all like hymn books. Hoping soon to see the next number I remain,

Yours fraternally, G. S. C.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

WASHINGTON, PENNA., May 9, 1883.

EDITORS SHIELD:

We read our SHIELD and like it, the contents and its dress, and, backing our best wishes with a subscription list of twelve, we feel assured that it will be a success.

Our whole chapter attended the G. A. C. and her enthusiasm was given a fresh impetus, both by the doings of the council and the meeting with such a noble crowd as wore the shield in the halls of the "Seventh Avenue."

Our active membership is now twelve, we having lost an able $\Phi \Psi$ this term in Bro. McCann, who left us to study medicine under his father at Pittsburg.

We came out first best in the battle for two very desirable men this year, S. S. Large of '85, and A. J. Walker, '85, both of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania.

We have no hall this year, there being no desirable one obtainable here, but will have the refusal of the finest one in the burg next term.

Fortune smiles upon us, the condition of the chapter never having been better. and the possession of such a fine set of boys as Alpha boasts of, rightly wins us first place among the Greeks here.

On going to breakfast yesterday morning, we were pleasantly surprised to find Bro. Garver, of Ohio Alpha, smiling at us across the table, and were sorry that the calling of the college bell forced us to so brief a talk with him. S.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

UNIVERSITY AT LEWISBURGH, May 7, 1883.

Pennsylvania Γ is not so much wrapped up in herself that she was silent last month. Indeed her prosperity might lead to such a degree of selfishness, as she is pretty well satisfied with herself in general. Her past silence, however, was owing to the activity of the boys. The lines of activity ran in different directions; the Juniors in preparing for Junior Ex.; the Seniors and Sophs. in preparing for the Junior Ex. also,—getting up the burlesque; and the Freshies at detective duty for the Juniors. What a moral wonder a Freshman is! He condemns a burlesque! And what a transformation takes place during vacation, that, during the Sophomore year, he is willing to furnish money for burlesques, if the Seniors furnish the brains!

I've hinted above that we are proud of Pa. Gamma. Have we not reason to be, with an U. S. Senator, an U. S. Representative, several State legislators, lawyers, clergymen and big guns in general? and what is Pa. Γ other than every other chapter? Then what of Phi Kappa Psi? She is the noblest and best college fraternity in existence, and well worthy of our adoration. Since G. A. C. we have initiated two good men,—Bro. Jos. E. Sagebeer, of '85, from Newton Square, Pa. and Prof. Wm. G. Owens, of '80, at present assistant in the University Academy here. Three of our Juniors have appointments for Junior Ex. There are six chosen from the class, so $\Phi \kappa \Psi$ has half of the honors.

Bro. Theo. Tilton of Ohio Δ , has been

chosen Orator for commencement, and will be introduced by a Phi Psi.

Bro. Geo. W. Whitman of Pa B, an Alumnus of our University, has been chosen alternate.

Dr. Robert Lowry of our chapter has been selected as poet for the next G. A. R. banquet in Philadelphia.

Bros. Hamilton, Quems and Madtes, now of Crozer Theological Seminary, propose visiting us during Junior Ex. week (next week).

THE SHIELD pleases us all. Success to it. It is pretty in appearance, and luckily fashionable. EGO.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

SAN JOSE, CAL., MAY 14, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD :

Driven by inexorable fate, or in other words, by the decree of the chapter, I shall endeavor to write a little about California Alpha, hoping it may reach you in time to be of service. We are all well pleased with the SHIELD, and with the poet would sing, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in PHI PSI love." If she prospers in proportion to our good wishes, there will not be another interruption in her issue for a long time.

Commencement, with its round of duties and pleasures is fast approaching. We have permanently secured Monday evening of Commencement week for our annual entertainment, much to the discomfiture of an aspiring young ladies' literary society, perhaps not a very laudable conquest, but certainly a very satisfactory one. We intend giving an entertainment worthy of $\Phi \Psi$.

Brother Bovard, a '71 of Indiana Alpha, will deliver the address. Brother Dickson, California Alpha, '81 will be poet of the evening. The boys are taking hold of the songs with a will, and threaten to raise wondrous harmonies.

Our affairs are looking up, the goat is anticipating a lively time next meeting, and if everything goes favorably he will get some exercise. We expect to initiate several good and true boys into the sacred mysteries of Phi

Kappa Psi. Our presiding officer has gone home to prepare his graduating oration, and the Vice is trying to brighten up his knowledge of the ceremony; it probably will not be any harder on him than on the candidates.

Brother J. E. Richards, formerly of Michigan Alpha, is practicing law in San Jose; he was appointed to defend one of the Lexington murderers, and much to the satisfaction of every one the prisoner was convicted. Would that we had more lawyers of the same kind.

Among the graduates of last year I forgot to mention Brother R. E. P. Gober, who has devoted himself to surgery and promises to be quite handy with the knife and saw.

Two of the old boys who have been out of college for the last year will return in August.

The chapter will start out in the new year better equipped than for some time.

With California Alpha's best wishes to all the sister chapters, I remain, yours in $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$.

B. F. H.

IOWA DELTA.

INDIANOLA, IOWA, May 25, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD :

You must not think because we have delayed our contributions that it was on account of our lack of interest in Phi Psi matters. On the contrary we have been greatly delighted with the appearance of the SHIELD and the amount of interesting and valuable matter it contains. We are not personally acquainted with the brothers of the editorial staff, but judging them by their work we would say that the fraternity at large need not fear for its literary organ—the SHIELD. We are making an effort to add to our list of subscribers by soliciting our alumni, and hope to send at least a few more names soon.

Perhaps a few lines on the condition of the Iowa Δ would not be unwelcome to the brothers. When you remember that our chapter is not yet a year old, you may think our strength abnormal; but we can assure you that our growth is symmetrical, and that our strength is on account of the soundness

of the individual members. We can not for a moment lay claim to the excellency allowed by chapters in the East. Our Eastern brothers have a decided advantage over us in many respects. They are located in schools of higher standing than our Western colleges; their membership is composed of men of more money and culture than we find in the West. In the larger institutions of the East the attendance is more permanent than here, or to make it plainer, a larger per cent. of the enrolled matriculate and graduate. As a result we would find in Eastern schools, and especially in those where our fraternity initiates Preparatory students, the average duration of active membership is longer. We are compelled to depend mainly upon the *strength* of our individual members and not upon our numbers. And we find that in our rivalry with other fraternities that this individual strength is the best weapon we could possess.

We do not wish to seem egotistical, but we can say, in all truthfulness, that we have a *living* chapter here. We have but one rival Greek letter fraternity, of which we need not be at all afraid—the Delta Tau Delta. So far there has been very little clashing in regard to selection of members. Our wants in that line seem to be very different. We don't want the kind of men they generally take, so there is no room for a quarrel on that score. They have some good men, but a majority of their members are such as want to have a "good time" and study for recreation. We can use preachers and those studying for the ministry to advantage, but they do not need them at all in their associations. I am pleased to say, however, that the antagonism which formerly existed between the two fraternities is decreasing. To be members of different secret societies should be no barrier to the friendship of students.

We think the article on the Preparatory Question in the last issue is very fair. This question cannot be left to any locality of the Greek world to decide. Every chapter is "a law unto itself" in this matter. In Eastern Colleges where the attendance is

larger, the question of obtaining a sufficient number of members to keep the chapter alive is not what it is in the small colleges of the West. We do not think we could live here by drawing our members from the undergraduate department; nor can we pledge, while other fraternities in the same school initiate Preps.

If ever this question is decided by the fraternity at large, it cannot but be decided, giving to chapters of smaller schools more latitude than others. Since this is a matter in which it would not be discreet to allow the majority to rule. As State Rights must be recognized in a Republic, so chapter rights must not be ignored in the fraternity.

I fear that I have already taken up more than our share of space, but as we are young and inexperienced in fraternity matters, you will please excuse us since we promise to do better next time. Just another paragraph and I shall close.

We have two Phi Psis in the faculty here, Pres. Parks and Prof. Jordan both formerly of the Illinois Alpha, at Evanston. Brother Jordan graduated here last year and has occupied the position of Professor of Penmanship and Book-keeping, as well as Professor of Latin since. A few weeks ago Brother Jordan's home was brightened by the appearance of a young life. As a result, being in a "treating" mood, he invited the entire chapter to meet him at the ice cream parlors on a certain evening, when, after assembling, the entire company partook of the treat at the Professor's expense. After the repast Bro. J. B. Harris, in a brief speech, displayed his usual keenness of wit and acuteness of thinking, in the course of which he expressed the wish of the "boys" that Brother Jordan had been blessed "with twins." After this the crowd dispersed with a hearty good will toward the little lady who was indirectly the cause of the treat. Fraternally, G. W. M.

WISCONSIN GAMMA.

BELOIT, MAY 24, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

We are not dead, neither do we sleep, and

this, our first general communication to the fraternity, is sent with all the heartiness and good will of many months of silence condensed within its lines.

Long life and success to the SHIELD ! (That is old and has been often expressed, but it is not copyrighted so we may use the expression with impunity.) It came not as a mere say, but as a whole flood of light and life into our chapter. Two hours after our B. G. took the package of SHIELDS from the post-office, every brother might have been seen with a grin which threatened to be fatal, spread over all his countenance, and to those understanding, it was plainly evident, that in his breast pocket he carried a shield of which he was as proud as any fabled knight of old, of that which protected his breast from the weapons of the enemy. At the beginning of the present college year, our chapter was not in a very healthy state. Four of the brothers had just graduated, three more had proved unworthy, and had to be "left," and to us who anxiously watched and counted the pulse of $\Phi K \Psi$, the day seemed "dark and dreary." But in the lexicon of $\Phi \Psi$ there is no such word as *fail*. A new hall was taken possession of, recruiting officers were sent out, names proposed and discussed, and those men who were up to the standard, "spiked" and "run in," and although it is said that the world does not stop, whatever movements may be going on upon it, still when eight men had exercised the goat, all things seemed to stand still in comparison to our growth, and now we may say in the words of the immortal Zens, "We Boom."

Upon the "prep." question the SHIELD has already expressed our sentiments; we never have taken in preps, although we watch them closely, and so are able to know just what men we want, and we gather them in as soon as they recover from their spell of prepism and become college men. And we can state, as can the Fraternity in general, that our men are all solid. Do you wish them in studies and oratory? Here we have them. Will you take them in base ball? Here you will find $\Phi K \Psi$ manipulating the curves and behind the bat, and "one strike," "two strikes,"

"three strikes, striker out," is the order of the game when they resume their respective positions. We can give you $\Phi \Psi$ in all shapes desired, until you ask for *cheek*, and we state once for all, that we have no such article in our chapter.

We have lost by graduation and removal recently quite a number of men; but, since our ranks have been recruited, we feel strong and full of zeal. The men who have left us are all loyal sons of the fraternity, and those who remain are "likewise." "Then let come, what may come," $\Phi K \Psi$ will ever find Wis *I* on deck and ready for action. Yours in everything pertaining to $\Phi K \Psi$.

STANTON HYER.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

LANCASTER, PA., May 29, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD :

Again we endeavor to write a letter and hope it will not meet the sad fate that our letter for last month met, but that it will reach its destination in safety.

To say that we were anxiously awaiting the appearance of the SHIELD is expressing it very mildly, and the best evidence of this fact is the eagerness with which we devoured its contents when it did arrive. Eta has always upheld the SHIELD, and when financial embarrassment overtook her, Eta gave additional assistance to her already good support; and now since the SHIELD has been placed on a firmer basis, we not only hope that she may be kept up to her present good standard, but that time and the hearty influence with which Phi Psi can imbue her, may weave into her columns, beyond our brightest anticipations, the soul-inspiring life which has and ever will pervade her every brother. The SHIELD is the tie which binds all our chapters and brothers together, and should therefore receive the hearty support of every brother enrolled under her sacred banner.

In the last issue of the SHIELD we read the article on the "Prep. Question." We heartily agree with Brother H. Clay Eschbach on the subject. He has presented in a brief para-

graph the exact opinion Eta holds. Though strongly opposed to taking in or pledging preps. she was compelled to do so because her rivals did, and so long as that is the case she cannot, with justice to herself, renounce the movement.

We can justly feel proud of our success this year. We were compelled to work hard for men because we lost so many last year, and will lose seven more this year. We have, however, captured enough good, whole-souled fellows to insure success and at commencement expect to show up to our rivals a better phalanx than they anticipate. We received a noble addition to our chapter in the person of J. H. Apple, Jr., transferred from Pa. B. Joe is a great favorite among the boys and ladies, too, and we feel very proud of him, and assure the B brothers that we will take good care of him.

On the society programs we had six out of a possible fourteen speakers, against three rival "frats" and a large number of "Barbarians"; giving all our Senior brothers positions except one who refused to take a position. We again captured the valedictory, Bro. J. N. Bauman, Zwingle, Iowa, is the happy recipient of this honor.

To our brothers of Carlisle, we send our heartfelt thanks for their very social and brotherly entertainment they gave us, and we hope that they will soon pay us a visit so that we can return the kindness. With best wishes to all brothers, we remain, yours in $\Phi K \Psi$.
G. C. S.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

ANN ARBOR, May 29, '83.

EDITOR OF THE SHIELD:

A few words from our chapter letting the brothers know what we have been doing during the past month, may be of interest. First in importance we have rented a new ranche, which we will move into next fall. It is a fine, large brick house, and will hold twelve fellows, besides giving us two parlors, a dining room, etc. Some idea of the house may be gained from the fact that it cost \$25,000. We think we are going to have the pleasantest

place in town. We hope any brothers who may be coming here next year from any other chapters, will let us know in advance, so that we may get acquainted with them as soon as they get here.

The Zeta Psi fraternity occupied our new house until within the past three months; but their numbers were reduced to four, three Seniors graduating this year and one Junior, and they were therefore compelled to give it up. It is rumored that the Zetas next year are going to import some men from their Toronto chapter and get another start in that way.

Last Saturday Bros. Denney and Edwards were elected "Argonaut" editors without opposition. The "Argonaut," we modestly think, is the best College paper in America. Brother Ohls is at present one of the editors.

Brother Cherryholmes, of Ohio Delta, is on the University nine, and is generally agreed to be one of the best players.

Brother Gwitchell, who graduated here last year in the law department, is now assistant for the New Mexico division of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad. His address is Santa Fe.

There were several misprints in the May SHIELD in the statement of the views of our chapter upon the "Prep. Question." We do pledge "preps." or "subs" as we call them. We are opposed to initiating them, though we sometimes do it. There is no "prep." department connected with the college, but the Ann Arbor High School answers the purpose of one.

There is another subject, which might be discussed, and that is the question of initiating Jews. The charter of the chapter at Columbia college, I think, was "jerked" on account of this. One of our chapters at least is now in the habit of initiating Jews. Our boys are opposed to it.

Brother Bliss has collected the subscriptions for the SHIELD and will send them soon. Will you please correct his name in the list of B. Gs. It is printed Blair instead of Bliss. The mistake was made in the Annual Catalogue. Yours fraternally, Hod.

OHIO ALPHA.

DELAWARE, OHIO, May 28, '83.

DEAR BRO. EDITORS:

Owing to delay in mail our communication intended for the first issue did not reach its destination in time and therefore was inserted in No. 2. So this is the first opportunity we have had of acknowledging the receipt of the SHIELD.

We have received the first and second issues and are delighted with both. Ohio Alpha congratulates the Editors and Managers upon the success attending their efforts to make the SHIELD second to no fraternity journal in the country and also extends, through her, to every chapter a hearty greeting. She can heartily support the SHIELD in all steps thus far taken, and promises to do all in her power for the future.

The article in the last issue, from Bro. Gotwald, concerning the Prep. Question, seems to us to be worthy of great praise. It ought to be studied by every member and discussed by every chapter. The plans are so plain and the discussion so complete as to be worthy of highest commendation. As our views on the subject were expressed in the last number we refrain from saying anything more at present.

Bros. Peters, Keifer, Davidson, Gilbert and Taylor, of Ohio Delta, paid us a friendly visit some time since and while here extended an invitation to Ohio Alpha to visit them on May 26th, it being field day at the O. S. U. Nine of our members complied with the request and report a most enjoyable visit. In the evening they were entertained at the home of Bro. Peters, who provided for them a sumptuous banquet, at which thirty Phi Psis were partakers. The occasion was enlivened by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Peters who spared no pains to make it an enjoyable one. Through the columns of the SHIELD the boys wish to thank Ohio Delta for the kindness shown them while in Columbus and hope at some time to be able to reciprocate the favor. Bro. Colter recently visited Ohio Beta and reports her in fine condition. He also brings flourishing reports from Bros. Dial and Stew-

art of Ohio Alpha, the latter of whom has recently entered the practice of law in Springfield, Ohio.

Since your last issue we have initiated into the mysteries of the fraternity Bro. Ed. Semans, a member of the Freshman class and a son of Prof. Semans, Prof. of Science in the University. We now number fourteen men and if any one doubts whether any good can come out of Ohio Alpha, we say "come and see." With best wishes I remain,

Fraternally yours, F. W. R.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA.

DICKINSON COLLEGE, May 3, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

How familiar! I am sure had you witnessed the pleasant little reception given its first re-appearance at Zeta you would feel much encouraged.

The last communication to our fraternity organ from here was written by one whose "In Memoriam" you find on another page. Never was there a student at Dickinson so universally respected as Coulston. He led with ease one of the brightest classes Dickinson has ever graduated. Phi Psi held her own in that class, for we had also the Salutatorian and five other speakers, including several honor men.

We commenced this college year two weeks later than usual, and the Faculty have been trying to get even with us ever since. The delay was caused by the thorough renovation of the college building. We started with ten men, have initiated three during the year, and they are all enthusiastic Phi Psis and a credit to the order. Soon after college opened we began to search for new quarters, for our room was most too public, we finally very fortunately secured the whole second floor of "The Hamilton Library Association Building," and have the finest chapter hall in Carlisle. At present we are putting forth strenuous efforts to entirely refurnish it and have met with much success, hoping to accomplish it by commencement time.

Bro. Gibbs was the popular Anniversarian

of the Belles Lettres Society, and Bro. Eckels one of the speakers. The criticisms which appeared in the town paper were as just as they were complimentary.

Bro. Johns has been selected as one of the editors on next year's *Dickinsonian*, having won the honor over five competitors.

Bro. Nesbitt has been compelled to sever his college course on account of ill health. We most sincerely hope he will be able to return in the near future. We are inclined to think his absence is not only regretted by his fraternity brothers but sisters also.

We incurred a great loss when Bro. Stevens left us for Lehigh University. He writes that he is very much pleased with his surroundings except that he misses chapter meetings. Is there no remedy? We could suggest one which under the supervision of Bro. S. would not fail to be successful.

On the evening of 3d ult. eight of our society men gave a reception to their lady friends in the chapter building. The occasion was a very enjoyable one and will not soon be forgotten by the participants. It was a very pleasant innovation and served to wear off some of the tedium of college routine.

Bro. "Doc" Eckersley, '82, took unto himself a wife last week. It is whispered here that, at the late session of the conference, he was sent from a small to quite a large appointment, and that he was so elated at it that he decided to get some one to share his happiness with him. Accept our congratulations, Doc!

Bro. Eckels, Pennsylvania Theta, dropped in on us last week. We had a very enjoyable time. Bro. E. is one of Theta's best Alumni and there can scarcely be a more enthusiastic Phi Psi. Our latch-string is always on the outside to him.

Bro. Hoover, Pennsylvania Epsilon, spent a Sunday with us last month. He represents Epsilon in being a most agreeable and earnest brother. We would like such brothers to drop in more frequently.

This year is the Centennial of Dickinson, and our commencement exercises will be very interesting. Many of our Alumni will be on hand. Our chapter expects to recognize it

by giving as good a banquet as can be furnished us; now let me, in behalf of the chapter, give to one and all a most cordial invitation to drop around about June 26th, when we will try to make it pleasant for you.

There is much more that I would like to say, but I have encroached on your columns too much already. I will only add that this has been an exceedingly pleasant year to our whole chapter, never has there been more earnestness shown for the general welfare of our order, and I think you will ever find us alive to the interests of Phi Psi.

Very truly, J. K. R.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

University of Wis., May 7, 1883.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

Although Wisconsin Alpha has but very little to offer to the general contribution of news, the boys still felt that they would like to have something from our neighborhood in the *SHIELD* this month, and hence imposed upon me the task of gathering in what little I could find and of submitting it to our distant brothers.

The re-appearance of the *SHIELD* at our hall was greeted with pleasure by our men, who all unite in praise of its new dress and typographical neatness, and in the hope that the paper may so continue to improve until it becomes the equal if not the superior of any of the fraternity organs now published. We are willing to do what we can toward aiding the good work, and although we are under heavy expenses, will try and not be backward with subscriptions. Wisconsin Alpha, with a large membership and the best standing in the college, may justly claim to have surpassed all of her competitors this year. We have three rival fraternities to work against, which to us rank in the order given $X\psi$, $B\theta II$ and $\Phi \perp \theta$; of these, $X\psi$ has for the last few years stood on an equal footing with us, but lately has fallen somewhat behind having only fourteen men in college. $B\theta II$ has eight, five of whom are Seniors, which leaves it extremely doubtful whether

the chapter will survive the contest of another year. *B Θ Π* has always shown herself an honorable rival here and has never resorted to the process of taking in any kind of men available in order to fill up. We shall be sorry to see their chapter go under, and hope they may develop new strength next year. *Φ Ψ Θ* has fifteen active members enrolled under her banner and has done considerable good work this year in fitting up their hall at a large expense. Last week they gave their first party to their lady friends, thus following our example as heretofore we have been the only society here in the habit of giving evening receptions. This fraternity may hereafter prove formidable to us but as yet we have nothing to fear as they seek men widely different from true Phi Psis. Our prospects for next year are very flattering as we have a number of future Freshmen already spotted and others well worth trying for, besides one or two of our old men will be soon represented by brothers, who should they equal their elders will be worthy wearers of the shield. The University nine this year contains three Phi Psis, O. D. Brandenburg being pitcher and captain, G. E. Waldo the man behind the bat, and E. S. Moe right fielder. The boys expect to have a fine time on their trip, when they will meet the brothers of Wisconsin Gamma at Beloit and those of Illinois Alpha at Evanston. At the former place some of their opponents will be *Φ Ψ*s, as the battery of the Beloit team is composed of wearers of the pink and lavender.

Junior Ex. takes place the 18th of this month, at which the Burrow's Prize is contested for by one member from each of the five literary societies, two of which have lady members only. F. J. Turner represents Adelpia, while J. F. Trotman is the champion of Athena, upon them we center our hopes and popular opinion backs us in the belief that one of them will prove the winner. We will also be well represented at commencement exercises and have hopes of one of our men taking the Lewis Prize, the valedictory having already been given to C. H. Thomas, who, although having been out of

college a good portion of his course is yet a popular man in his class. We regret more and more our failure in not being represented at the G. A. C., but Bro. Moe explained that in his letter last month, so it is not necessary for me to touch upon it further than to say we will take pains that it does not occur again, if it is possible for a representation to get to Columbus.

Some of our boys have been talking of camping at Geneva Lake this coming summer, and from that schemes have been proposed of having a sort of re-union of members of the more Western chapters at that lake or some other convenient point, after the manner of the gatherings at Chautauqua, but suppose they will like air castles amount to nothing, although the idea is a good one, as Chautauqua is too far away from us more distant ones.

Having now furnished a sufficient amount of gossip and blown Wisconsin Alpha's horn in a good loud and resonant manner I will close, hoping another time to be able to furnish more interesting matter and talk less about self.

Yours in the bonds. C. R. B.

PENNSYLVANIA THETA.

EASTON, PA., May 15, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

Theta's Alumni and all who have visited us at Easton since the founding of the Chapter will remember the old quarters on the fourth floor of Lowall's building. They consisted of one large room and an anti-room, and there are years of pleasant associations heaped about them. But owing to their inconvenience, and more particularly to the inadequacy of the heating apparatus in winter, the furnace heat being absorbed by the lower rooms, and the landlord's refusing to allow stoves to be put up, the frat. regrettably decided to look for new quarters. In this they were fortunate in securing the best and most convenient location, and the pleasantest suite of rooms in town. These are in Center Square, in the old Thris building, over the Post Office.

They consist of a billiard-room, drawing-room—with piano, large chapter-room, reading-room and anti-room; there is also a bath-room, hall and other conveniences. They overlook Center Square, and in summer are shaded by old Elm trees.

The Chapter moved into the rooms April 4th, and every member is delighted with them. The rooms are homelike and the fruit of the change shows already. In the old rooms the brothers attended pretty fully on meeting nights, but dropped in only occasionally through the week. Now at most any time some of them can be found in the new rooms, lounging, studying or recreating at the billiard table or piano, or at odd times peering at the windows till their girls come along. All the girls promenade through Center Square, and it is only a matter of a little time before the girl he loves the best comes along. We will put Easton against any other town, where a Chapter is established, for pretty girls.

These cozy rooms encourage attendance and sociability in the Chapter, and we think, with our quarters, billiard table and piano, that we have a most attractive fraternity.

The active membership is at present sixteen, divided as follows: Senior class, three; Juniors, 5; Sophomores, 2; Freshmen 6. We shall lose brothers Edgar M. Green, of Easton, and Delbert Barney, of Wilkesbarre, who will study medicine at the University of Pa., Rufus W. Miller, of Easton, and F. C. Ottman, of Albany, who will take a course at Union College, New York.

C. B. Stover, '81, has gone to Dakota to engage in work for the Presbyterian Board of Missions.

J. R. Dalrymple, '82, and E. L. Scott, '81, are professors in the Academy of Wilkesbarre, Pa.

J. J. Chester, '82, is studying law at his home in Columbus, Ohio, and W. S. Harlan, '82, is preparing himself for the same profession at his home in Coatesville, Pa.

Among other orators elected to take part in our coming symposium, Arnold G. Plumer,

of Jameson & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., was chosen at a late meeting.

Brothers Douthill and Martin, of Ohio Gamma and Brother Metzger, of Pa. Epsilon, are now members of Theta. The two former are members of the Lafayette base ball club.

J. T. G.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

EVANSTON, MAY 5, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

The "blooming" countenance of the new SHIELD was warmly welcomed by Illinois Alpha, and its pages read with eager interest. Our faith in Ohio Beta, already strong, is a growing one; and if the fraters of Phi Psi stand by the SHIELD as we know they ought to, and doubt not they will, our SHIELD, as a protector and conservator of the interests binding us together, will have a worthy future. Save that the "terra cotta" cover is slightly too æsthetic for our rude taste, No. 1 comes fully up to the mark. If good intentions are worth anything we can promise from Illinois Alpha a hearty support.

Our delegates came home from Pittsburg with most satisfactory reports of the G. A. C. and full of enthusiasm for Phi Psi as a whole. Illinois Alpha is taking a warm interest in general fraternity questions—as extension, fraternity jurisdiction, the history and standing of the order—and they are topics of frequent discussion among us. We have as a chapter two articles in our creed which may be expressed in the words of one of the songs that we sing:

"We're all of a great fraternity,
And sons of our chapter here."

From its favorable position our school, hence our chapter, has representatives whose homes are widely scattered through the states of the west. Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, Nebraska, even Kansas and Dakota are represented in our number, and several of our members chance to have more than an ordinarily wide acquaintance in the states in which they live. This fact gives us, perhaps, as we study the general catalogue,

more than the usual appreciation of the number of Phi Psi Alumni who are occupying positions of leadership in the communities of the growing West, doing worthy work for themselves and society. Phi Psi, young and vigorous as she is, can point with pride to her Alumni; and with equal pride to the rank and standing of the schools in which her chapters are planted. We believe in judicious extension wherever there is a prospect for healthful growth; and still more, we believe the essential requisite for fraternity success, no matter where chapters are established is the maintaining of a high standard of character among individual members. The men make the fraternity. So much for the "great fraternity." Now for the "sons of our chapter here."

Northwestern University, though a conservative institution in many respects, is characterized by close attention to literary work, rigid class drill, especially in the classics, and the high moral and christian character of its students. We have a large proportion of vigorous, self-helpful, independent young men, who imbued with the spirit of the growing West have already learned to assume positions of leadership, and are not only fine students, but practical men. Co-education is a successful experiment with us, and the social advantages of the school are of the highest character. We claim for Illinois Alpha that more than any other fraternity in existence here, we represent the elements that give tone and character to the school. Of the five fraternities represented, all but Beta Theta Pi have ceased to dispute that claim with us; and while we acknowledge in her an honorable rival, her main reliance is in the traditions of the past, now almost a mythical one, so far as her supremacy is concerned. We "act in the living present" and feel too that the future is secured to us. Combined with high rank in scholarship and literary work, our boys are all a band of leaders. We furnish a remarkable illustration of harmony and strength. Nearly every one is a man of positive individuality, yet not a ripple of conflict mars our peace. But you will pardon this

self laudatory strain. It is only an expression of admiration for his brothers, from the most modest man in the "frat."

Let us get down to the facts. So many pleasant things have happened since last we saw the face of the SHIELD, so many triumphs for Phi Psi, so many hours of social enjoyment that we scarcely know what to record. Our two graduates of '82 are already making their mark, Bro. Piper was last year elected to a responsible public office in the city of Chicago, and has before him a promising political and professional career. Bro. Merrell, the finest scholar of his class was chosen to—in fact urged by the faculty to accept—a position in the Preparatory school of the University—where he has been meeting with marked success. Prof. Horswell, generally conceded to be "the most popular teacher in 'Prep.'" is also a graduate member of our chapter. Both these brethren in addition to teaching work graduate this year in Garrett Biblical Institute. We have four other representatives in that institution including three of the seven commencement speakers recently elected for this year.

In college we are two Seniors, two Juniors, four Sophomores, six Freshmen. We have been well represented on prize contests this year, and have carried off a large share of the honors. Bro. Wilkinson won one of the Deering prizes for the best English Essay, which entitles him to a place on Kirk Oration contest at the close of the year, Bro. Crawford carried off the Forensic Declamation prize, Bros. Mars and C. Horswell represented us worthily on the Debate contest, Bro. Horswell winning the first prize. Sickness placed at a disadvantage both of our Adelpic contestants, Bros. Wilkinson and Solenberger, yet their marked success even in the face of this left no room to doubt what "might have been" under more propitious circumstances.

In the preparatory school we have a most promising hold. Witness the fact that yesterday at the Prep. commencement election of the seven speakers elected there were three Phi Psis, one Beta and three non-fraternity men, and this by a nearly unanimous vote in

a class where all the fraternities of the school are represented.

But I see "ye editor" knits his brows at the length of this manuscript. Time would fail us to tell of the girls, the songs, the socials, the enthusiastic fraternity meetings, the chapter history and paper, the new hall furniture, the proposed piano, and a thousand other things that seem large in our eyes.

As already intimated we have some radical ideas out here that we long to ventilate in the SHIELD, so more anon. COLLIS.

Spirit of Fraternity Press.

The *Phi Gamma Delta* for April in an editorial response to a communication says :

"We are glad that this idea of an enlarged journal was advanced. Besides being a suggestion worthy of consideration, it gave rise to several able articles, the scintillations of the 'beautiful writers among our Alumni.' The only way that a fraternity magazine could be successfully published, would be by Alumni, who would put upon it the time and talent commensurate to a journal of its dimensions. The journal ought to be in the hands of more experienced men, who would furnish more time to it than can possibly be spared by him who has his college duties to perform. The running of a sixteen or twenty page journal may appear to many to be a task of not much moment. Yet the testimony of our ex-editors upon this point in our last issue is sufficiently pointed to dispel such a delusion. It would be well to enlarge the journal to twenty or twenty-four pages. This we would do if matter enough be furnished us."

The *K K Γ Golden Key* for March which lies upon our table for the first time says regarding Fraternity Secrecy :

"Should fraternity secrecy be absolute? There are many who still think so, but the majority has decided in the negative, and we think justly.

In fact, the disadvantages attending absolute secrecy were too great to be compensated by the selfish pleasure of perfect mystery. Absolute secrecy set the fraternities against each other in bitter opposition, because they did not know each other's purposes, principles or strength. Absolute secrecy created a bad impression on outsiders, who could not guess what terrible thing was so shrouded and veiled and whispered over. Absolute secrecy disarmed our

friends, who could not defend us since they were obliged to confess that they knew nothing about us. Absolute secrecy armed our enemies, for whatever tales their imaginations might concoct must pass unanswered, lest we should reveal the truth. Finally, absolute secrecy destroyed the idea of a common fraternity cause, by keeping the members of the Greek body apart, prevented co-operation for any common aim; narrowed our influence and consequent usefulness, and made it easy for us to be oppressed and separately crushed, without any one knowing it or caring for it."

The *Sigma Chi* has changed both its form and place of publication; it is now a large octavo of 20 to 28 pp and is edited by Walter L. Fisher, Hanover, Ind. In the April number it says regarding itself :

"Sigma Chi is just upon the threshold of a new era in her existence. Everything points to the advent of a period of prosperity and progress, such as she has never yet known. A combination of favoring circumstances render the present a time when enthusiastic and sagacious work will meet with a wonderful reward. All that is needed is energy and discretion. To secure this, will be the first aim of *The Sigma Chi* during the approaching year. It will be our endeavor to so direct its columns as to invite and stimulate the discussion of questions of fundamental interest to the order, to encourage independent and original thought upon issues of practical value, to meet the evils of our system fairly and to attempt their abolition and removal, to guide the sentiment of the order away from partisan feeling and evil tendencies and to a true devotion to the loftiest and noblest ideals of a genuine brotherhood of refined and cultured gentlemen. We shall strive in all points to present an organ of which Sigma Chi may be justly proud, and in which both active and alumni members will find much of interest, of pleasure and possibly of profit. No pains will be spared to make *The Sigma Chi* a source of honest pleasure to its friends and an instrument of efficiency and power in promoting the interest of that fraternity to whose welfare it will be devoted. In its expressions it will be fearless and candid in the advocacy of all right and honorable measures.

To accomplish all that we hope, will require the united and cordial support of every member of the fraternity. The Editor-in-Chief can not reach the old members of the order unless the several chapters adopt measures which will insure their enlistment in the cause. It was the express intention of the Convention which established *The Sigma Chi* to constitute each Associate Editor an active agent, whose

duty it should be to thoroughly canvass the membership of his chapter from its organization and secure both financial and literary support."

The following is from the April *J K E Quarterly* on the recent Fraternity Conference and the editorial is written in high tone and with such broad fraternity spirit that we can scarce refrain from quoting it entire:

"The composition of the Conference will probably be such as to command the attention and respect of the entire "Greek" world; yet we doubt if this first meeting will do anything more than discuss the various questions brought up, and make certain recommendations in regard to them. The idea of the Conference is so novel, and many of the delegates will feel so uncertain as to their powers, that their united action will doubtless be conservative.

There are, however, some matters of so much importance that they should be settled as soon as possible, and we hope that the approaching conventions will take such positive action concerning them that the Conference will be able to adopt decisive measures. One such question is that of pledging and initiating Sub-Freshmen. A few years ago this practice was unheard of. It was introduced by some of the recently established fraternities as a means of gaining a foothold against their older and stronger rivals. It is in every respect an evil custom. It destroys the high standard of selection which is the vital principle of Greek letter organizations. Laws should also be passed to settle the status of those now belonging, in name, to two fraternities at once, a thing which is the consequence of the many instances in which men begin their college education in a small institution and finish in a large one.

Equally important with such legislation will be the moral effect of the Conference if it is properly carried through. It will inaugurate an era of good feeling and mutual understanding, which will gradually put an end to the practice of misrepresenting rivals, which some chapters still indulge in during close "campaigns."

Finally, the mere fact that such openly avowed rivals can meet on a common ground of good fellowship will greatly enhance their reputation with the public and with college authorities and will go far to convince the latter that the secrecy of the "Greek" world is not a cloak to hide evil, but a mystic veil of brotherhood, which, like the family tie, shields from the intrusion of outsiders the friendships, the sympathies and the kindred tasks and aims of those within the charmed circle."

In the May number of the *Delta Tau Delta Crescent*, a very well conducted journal, this

editorial appears, which may be taken to represent with some degree of clearness the position that organ has taken on several interesting questions:

"We have long been cognizant of the fact that the pages of the *Crescent* are too few in number to accommodate the great mass of valuable contributions sent to us for publication. Within its narrow and restricted limits, it has always been our endeavor to insert that which seemed to be of the greatest interest to the greatest number of our subscribers. With regret we have not only been compelled to reject certain praiseworthy articles, but have even been forced to curtail many of the existing features. For instance, the "Greek World," in which the *Crescent* has always stood an acknowledged leader, has been denied the growth which its importance naturally demands: the Alumni department, so essential to the development and preservation of a strong interest among our graduate brothers, toward the fraternity and its journal, has through no fault of our own failed to receive that attention which is its due. It has been our wish to publish from time to time, extracts from our sister journals, which doubtless would have proved interesting and profitable to our readers. But this cherished plan had to go the way of many others. For these reasons we are drawn to the inevitable conclusion that the *Crescent* must be considerably enlarged, in order to meet the increased demands of the fraternity upon its space, and to keep abreast of the phenomenal progress of fraternity journalism in recent years. Suppose it be enlarged one-third, there will be an increased expense of one-third to meet, which the present financial condition of the paper will not justify. Two ways of supplying the deficit are suggested: The first, let it be paid from the General Fraternity Fund. The second, and we believe the more rational method, is to insert a clause in the constitution requiring each active member to pay an annual subscription to the *Crescent*, making the chapter fully as responsible for the payment of these subscriptions as for the payment of the annual dues. A resolution similar to the above was offered to the last Convention, but was defeated, no doubt because the delegates were ignorant of the real necessity of its provisions. This amendment will again be brought before the Convention for the consideration of that honorable body. That it will pass by a rousing majority, is the sincere hope and desire of those who have the financial and editorial management of our journal. With a solid active list and with the natural increase of the year in our Alumni subscriptions, the *Crescent* can be increased to at least twenty-four pages and all the financial requirements be fully met without demanding the assistance of the General Fund.

General College Notes.

Twenty graduates of Harvard have positions on the New York Sun.

The Commencement invitations at Vanderbilt cost \$186 per thousand this year.

It is rumored that the faculty of Michigan University intend to abolish examinations. Monthly examinations are held at Columbia.

Dr. Jeffers, of Allegheny Theological Seminary, delivers a course of lectures on Greek Philosophy to the Seniors of Wooster during the third term.

Mr. Anthony Swisher, of Crawfordsville, Indiana, who died a few days ago, left \$20,000 to Indiana Asbury University. It is becoming fashionable to donate money to Asbury.

Lieut. W. Hamilton, commander in charge of the military department at Indiana Asbury, has been relieved from duty at that point, and Lieut. James B. Goe, of the 13th Infantry, will succeed him.

Prof. Howe of Yale, Prof. Patrick of the University of Kansas, and several others have already applied for the position recently made vacant in the University of Cincinnati by the resignation of Prof. Clarke.

James H. Smart, Ex-State Superintendent of Public Schools, was elected President of Purdue University by the Board of Trustees on June 7th. The action of the board is said to meet with hearty approval.

Beecher, Talmage and Ingersoll, were among the speakers proposed for the Adelpic Union meeting at Williams for Commencement. The faculty struck their names from the list.—*Indiana Student*.

It now turns out that the telegram signed by "fourteen of the best citizens of Bloomington," telling Asher to stand firm, was a neat forgery probably originating in the mind of the eloquent champion of the State University.—*The Lariat*, (Wabash College).

The Ann Arbor *Chronicle* says: Out of 303 colleges in this country, 155 now use the Ro-

man, 114 the English and 34 the Continental pronunciation. Among those using the Roman are Harvard University, Yale College, Columbia College, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton College, Cornell University, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Michigan.

The students of Delaware College are in trouble. In a recent lark they caught an ox, and, blinding it, led it up-stairs into the private room of President Payne. It was the old story of the bull in the china shop. The ox smashed a book-case, some costly statuary, ruined the carpet and the chandeliers, and altogether wrought a damage to the amount of \$300. This prank will probably cost a good many of them their places in the college, as the Faculty is wrothy, and demand reparation, indemnification and expiation—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*.

The new catalogue of the Cincinnati University has appeared. There are 368 students in the University.

In the annual report of the Directors of the same institution a plan is proposed by the Rector for a five-years course in connection with professional studies in the Medical, Law or Theological Schools of the city; the first year is entirely academic work, and of the following years each contains more professional and less University work. By this plan the University student will save two years in time, and the professional student gain a University education.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. April 25th.

The arch-millionaire, W. DePauw, of New Albany, who has agreed to endow the Asbury University with a million dollars, on condition that the Methodists of the State raise \$150,000, is in the city on business. In conversation with the reporter this morning Mr. DePauw related the history of his proposition. He said that before he went abroad he had determined to found a University in Indiana or elsewhere, and intended to make provision in his will for that purpose, requiring as a condition of the endowment that the institution should forever bear his name.

While he was in Europe, the authorities of Asbury University learned of his determination, and proposed to him that if he would make that University the recipient of his beneficence, they would change the name from Asbury to DePauw. He at first protested against their changing the name, but they insisted on doing so. Donations were tendered by the people of Greencastle, and the four Methodist Conferences agreed to raise \$150,000. The stipulated time in which that \$150,000 was to have been raised expired nine months ago, but Mr. DePauw agreed to extend the time until next August. It looks now as though it were going to prove a very difficult thing to raise that amount, as only about \$40,000 have been secured to date.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*.

We clip the following interesting account of the Alma Mater of Jefferson. Madison and Tyler from a recent issue of the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*:

I stopped here primarily to visit William and Mary College, and incidentally also to study Virginia society and characteristics in a place where their strongest points would be most likely to come out in bold relief. My companion was a young Philadelphian, a graduate of Harvard. There was nothing to disturb the primeval solitude of the village save a lively set-to between two colored boys, for the privilege of carrying my valise from the depot, and the victor in the contest made up for this by demanding double price when he reached the hotel. A short walk brought us to the Court-house square across which a plank walk—the only one in town—and perhaps the only municipal improvement of the kind undertaken for fifty years, had been projected a few days before. There was no contention between hack drivers for our patronage; for they are unknown in Williamsburg. The first street-crossing on the way was marked Duke of Gloucester street, by which name it has been known since the foundation of the city. Another was marked Nassau street, another William street, and the entire nomenclature carried one back to the time of William of Orange and beyond his day.

The walk through the village to the college took us through the principal part of the town, and at the same time gave us a fair idea of it. About one half the houses were hipped roofed, with dormer windows, after the style of the better class of residences still found in the old towns in New York first settled by the Dutch. The roofs were covered with moss and lichens, and were green with age. Though it was the middle of the afternoon, the streets were almost as quiet as Goldsmith's deserted village. On our way we passed the Episcopal church, a fine structure built on the model of an English church of the better grade and covered with a luxuriant growth of ivy. The hand of the church clock in the steeple had stopped at half past 11, and on inquiry as to how long time had ceased to be recorded, a passer by told us that it had stood so for five years.

The college buildings of William and Mary were in a fair state of preservation. The design for their construction was furnished by Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of St. Paul's, in London. In the middle of the walk leading up to the main entrance was a statue of Berkeley, Baron Botetourt, erected in his memory by the House of Burgesses of Virginia. Like the college, his Lordship has undergone many hardships. A vandal soldier during the late war knocked off his head with a cannon-ball. It was cemented in place again, but ever since his Lordship seems to be suffering with a crick in his neck. He was also made a target for rifle practice by the warriors, and in consequence a good part of his Lordship's nose is missing, causing him to present a plebeian and generally disreputable appearance.

We wandered about the place for some time without seeing anyone. A colored man, who was engaged in mending a broken axe-handle, at last told us that we would probably find Colonel Ewell in the main building. A march through the deserted halls was without result, and we made a detour to another part of the grounds and returned after an interval. By this time there was a group of five urchins playing marbles on the front steps. They

were the sole representatives of the fine corps of students, the flower of Virginia and the South, who once filled the place. One of the lads conducted us to a wing, where he said we would find President Ewell, a brother of the celebrated General Ewell, of Confederate fame, by the way. The President had his headquarters in a large room, one end of which was filled with astronomical instruments and apparatus used in demonstrating natural philosophy, the other with a lot of fence-posts and chips.

These few salient points will give one an idea of the College, the second oldest in America, and one which, if it had not been spoiled of its ante-Revolutionary grants, would now be the richest not only in America, but in the world. One can not realize the change better than by imagining Harvard, with its centuries of rich historic associations reduced to the same state.

The institution brought down to these straits, without regular classes, or, in fact, any students since 1874, gave Washington the only certificate in the nature of a degree ever bestowed on him—namely, a certificate as surveyor. It was here that Thomas Jefferson studied moral philosophy and history and imbibed the principles which in after life he so thoroughly imbued into his followers, and which survive him long after he himself has mouldered into dust. Three Presidents of the United States graduated here—Jefferson, Madison and Tyler. Chief Justice Marshall was a student in the College, and though he took no degree, was for a long time one of the Board of Visitors. In addition to being graduates, Jefferson and Tyler were also residents of Williamsburg after closing their college career. Among other Alumni were fifteen U. S. Senators, four signers of the Declaration of Independence, thirty-seven State and U. S. Judges, seven Cabinet officers, including William Wirt, Winfield Scott, Bushrod Washington, John Randolph and a long list of names almost equal in luster. When the College was founded it was fondly hoped to make it for the aristocratic Virginians the Oxford as well as the Westminster of their possessions

in the New World. The ancient pile is now but a monument to the scholastic days of its distinguished sons, spent within its walls.

Other Fraternities.

Phi Kappa Sigma is revived at Washington and Jefferson College.

Beta Theta Pi is said to be about to establish an alumni chapter at Boston, Mass.

The Chi Psi's are contemplating the publication of a quarterly, to be called *Purple and Gold*.

Prof. Sue M. D. Fry, of the State University of Illinois, is a member of Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

An interesting feature of the March *Crescent* of Delta Tau Delta, is an analysis of the fraternity system of Michigan University.

Phi Delta Theta is inspecting the University of Pennsylvania. She has refused charters to the Kentucky Military Institute and Wittenberg College, Ohio.

The April number of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* has a very interesting article on the Founding of the Fraternity by Edward Griffin Bartlett.

The faculty of Bates College, Lewiston, Maine have removed the law prohibiting college fraternities, and several will enter immediately.—*Δ T Δ Crescent*.

One of its founders is responsible for the statement that ΣX was founded by six members of $\Delta K E$, who left that fraternity because of internal dissensions.—*Δ T Δ Crescent*.

The Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity held their Fifty-first Annual Convention in Cleveland, on May 16th and 17th. The meetings of the delegates were held at the Kennard House and the public exercises at the Second Presbyterian Church. All the chapters with the exception of Harvard were represented and the attendance is reported to have been large. Prof. J. A. Derener of Union College was the chairman of the business meetings and Ex-

Gov. Edw. Noyes presided at the banquet. Rev. James Eells, D. D. of Cincinnati, delivered the address of welcome and Prof. R. R. Bowker the oration. The music was furnished by the Jacobsohn String Quartette of Cincinnati.

On May 23d, 24th and 25th the 50th Anniversary of *Ψ'Γ'* was held at Albany, N. Y. We tip our hat to Dow Beekman of the *Diamond* for an invitation to the reception.—[Ed. SHIELD.

The Phi Delta Thetas donned their pins and came out from under the *rose*, March 20th. They received the congratulations of friends and went about their work as modestly as ever. It is reported that a lady acquaintance of one of the boys, after admiring his pin and reading its inscription, meekly inquired if his was the Phi Damm-a Eta Fraternity—*Kansas Review*.

Phi Gamma Delta formerly rejoiced in the possession of a chapter at Lafayette, but from various causes said chapter languished, grew feeble and died. The Phi Gamma at various times strove to regain her prestige in Lafayette, but in vain. Now comes the announcement that at last the lost is found and Phi Gamma Delta will again grace the campus of the aforesaid institution. In short *Φ Γ Δ* has there a *sub rosa* chapter which will soon appear openly.—*Δ T Δ Crescent*.

We collate the following from the Virginia University Magazine of recent date:

"These sixteen fraternities are represented with an aggregate membership of 161, a falling off from previous years since the total membership in 1881-82 was 177; and in 1880-81, 188. In point of numbers Sigma Chi ranks first with 20 members; then comes Pi Kappa Alpha with 16, closely followed by Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, and Chi Phi with 14 each; Delta Psi has 13; Kappa Alpha (s. o.) has 10; Phi Kappa Psi has 8, five of whom are initiates; and Beta Theta Pi and Phi Gamma Delta have each 7. The University has 335 students. The Magazine reports the error of Baird's American College Fraternities in giving Phi Kappa Psi's colors as blue."

At Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, the Phi Gamma Deltas recently lost three men, Hoult, King and James, who joined our

Inniana *Γ*. These men state that they were driven to take the step on account of discord in the Phi Gamma Delta circle. This is the second instance in recent years at Wabash wherein the latter has suffered from the loss of dissatisfied members and the cause ascribed by the *Lariat* for these disasters is the manner in which she secures her initiates. The *Lariat* in its issue of May 11th says:

"The Phi Gamma Delta fraternity is one of the strongest college societies in the West, and the chapter here has generally occupied a leading place among its rivals, and *The Lariat* regrets the ill-luck which seems to have overtaken it. If in the future the Deltas go at new men in a cool and deliberate manner, laying aside rushing and bulldozing, and initiate men with an eye to harmony rather than a large membership they will find that their boat will float along more calmly and peacefully."

Personals.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

Rev. E. T. Horn, '69, of Charleston, S. C. will deliver the annual address before the Alumni on the evening of June 27th.

A. S. Musselman, formerly of the class of '78, is a member of the wholesale grocery house of Fox, Musselman & Loveridge, Grand Rapids, Mich.

S. B. Barnitz, '59, is the Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church with his headquarters at Des Moines, Iowa.

INDIANA ALPHA.

Bro. Charles F. Peterson, '82, is acting as Vice President of Louis College, Glasgow, Mo.

• Bro. Will I. Neff, '81, goes from Kansas City to the second important M. E. Church of St. Louis.

Bro. D. H. Patrick, formerly of '81, graduates this coming June at a law school, Chicago, Ill.

Bro. Robert J. Smith, '81, completes the law course at Columbia Law School, N. Y.

Bros. Will F. Cook and Will I. Taylor, both of '82, have committed matrimony.

Bro. J. H. Neff, '77, is engaged in journalism, Kansas City, Mo.

Bro. Will W. McNeff, '82, has located in California in the legal business.

Bro. M. S. Marble, '83, has been filling a pulpit in La Grange Co. Ind. in connection with his college work.

WISCONSIN GAMMA.

Bro. Hubacheck who represented us at the late G. A. C and whose report after his return caused fraternity stock to advance far above par, is at his home in Racine, Wis. helping his father in his business.

Bro. Cooling of '82, is now reading law at Rockford, Ill. with Hon. J. C. Garver, a Bro. from Columbus, Ohio.

Bro. Ed. Bergen, '82, is collecting for a publishing house in Chicago.

Bro. Collens, '82, is a medical student at Chicago.

Bro. Jacobson, '82, is a farmer near Beloit.

Bro. Heg, also of '82, who arose and leaving the United States departed into the land of horse-thieves and cow-boys, called Kansas, is getting to himself wealth in the creamery business.

Bro. Holmes, who left us three years ago, is working his farm and making a success of that as he does of everything which he undertakes.

OHIO ALPHA.

Bro. Chase Stewart has hung out his shingle as an attorney and does not dare to leave his office longer than fifteen minutes, except for meals.

C. H. Stewart is publishing a daily news paper in Newark, Ohio, but contemplates removing soon to Dakota Territory to engage in journalism or the real estate business. Charlie will make a broad mark even in the

stirring new North-west. Take the SHIELD with you Charlie, to keep off the malaria!

Judge Jos. B. Foraker of Cincinnati, formerly of Ohio Alpha is said to have the inside track in the race for nomination for Governor of Ohio on the Republican ticket. He made a most admirable reputation as Judge of the Superior Court of Cincinnati, for his clear, concise decisions and with his winning manners, handsome personal appearance and high integrity would make a Governor of distinction. The *Beta Theta Pi* asserts that Judge Hoadly of Cincinnati will be the Democratic nominee for the same office and booms him accordingly. We wish to do the same gentle office for Judge Foraker, and call on all good Phi Psis to keep the ball moving merrily. Is it to be a fraternity fight? Beta Theta Pi vs. Phi Kappa Psi—who is to win?

PENNSYLVANIA THETA.

E. M. Green, '83, has registered as a student of medicine under Dr. Traill Green, and is reading preparatory to entering the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

Mr. W. S. Harlan, '82, is reading law in the office of Alfred P. Reid, '64, West Chester, Pa.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

Bro. Will H. Lacy, Illinois Alpha. N. W. U. '81, having just completed with honors a course in Garrett Biblical Institute, has entered the school of matrimony. He was married to Miss Emma S. Nind, a loyal Phi Psi girl, at Minneapolis, Minn., May 24.

Bro. R. W. Temple, Ex. '82, N. W. U., Ill. Alpha, who was elected last year to the chair of Greek in Upper Iowa University, is meeting with marked success in his work, as glowing accounts that have come from various sources to his home chapter have testified.

Three of the seven speakers at the recent commencement of Garrett Biblical Institute were members of the Phi Psi fraternity. Bro. C. M. Stuart, one of them, was agreeably surprised on that occasion, when among the

floral tributes was sent forward a fine gold watch the gift of the people of his pastoral charge at River Forest, Ill. Brother Stuart's oration was published in the Northwestern Christian Advocate, Chicago. Dr. Edwards, editor, borrowed it "to read," as he said, and surprised Brother Stuart by its publication.

Rev. Salem Town, D. M., pastor of the First M. E. Church, at South Bend, Indiana, Indiana Alpha, 1865, spent a few weeks this spring taking a special elocutionary course at Evanston. Brother Town retains the genuine Phi Psi spirit, and completely won the hearts of the boys of Illinois Alpha.

A. C. Axtell, Ex. 85, Ill. Alpha, is studying law at Huron, Dakota.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

Bros. Jas. A. Wiley and Wm McKennan, of '82, are studying law in Washington, Pa.

Bro. Lue McKennan of '83, is in the drug business in Pittsburg, Pa.

The Presbytery of Allegheny at its meeting April 10th, licensed C. C. Hays, '81, to preach the gospel.

Rev Marcus A. Brownson, '78, formerly of Washington, son of Rev. J. I. Brownson, D. D. who now has charge of a mission church in Philadelphia, has accepted a call to the co-pastorship of the First Presbyterian church of Wilmington, Delaware.

"Q. V." of the Philadelphia Press, says of Gen H. H. Bingham, class of '69:

"Among the men who carried off the honors in the House of Representatives of the last Congress were three Pennsylvanians, and Philadelphians at that—Kelley, Randall and Bingham. They are home again, and neither of them, except Kelly, is at all the worse for wear. Bingham seems to me to be really the most promising of our younger members of Congress. I would rather have the record that belongs to him after four years in Congress than be the greatest orator or the best lawyer in either House. The passage of the two-cent Postage bill, the Small Money Order bill, and the bill adjusting salaries of postmasters in a single session is simply a phenomenon; two of them will do more for the great mass of

the people than any other measures placed to the credit of the late Congress, except the revision of the tariff, and to Bingham's persistence and popularity they are due. I expect to see him stay in Congress as long as either Randall or Kelly—if he is content to stay there like a sensible man."

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA.

Bro. W. N. Mumper, '78, is teaching at Long Branch Institute, in place of Bro. Wright Eckersley, '76, who is attending a German University.

Bro. Thos. F. Gross, '78, stumped Lehigh Co. for the Independent wing of the Republican party last fall. Bro. G. is a rising young lawyer at the Lehigh county bar.

Bro. W. A. Powell, '78, is practicing law in Kansas City, Mo.

Bro. S. H. Evans, '82, spent a very pleasant year at his Hamburg and Port Clinton charge last year. His people unanimously requested his return. His address is Port Clinton, Berks Co. Pa.

Bro. Champion, '82, is reading medicine out in Herndon, Saline Co. Mo. He is very much pleased with the West.

'82—Bros Deale and Brown spent the winter at Washington, the former teaching school, the latter reading law.

Bro. Callaway, '82, is reading law with Bro. David Myers at Philadelphia. Bro. Myers is very popular at the Philadelphia bar.

Bro. H. R. Robinson, '81, was sent to a very acceptable church in Germantown at the late session of the Philadelphia Conference.

Bro V. S. Collins, '81, is the popular Postmaster at Berlin, Md.

Bro. A. C. Strite, taught at Boonesboro, Md. last winter. He was a very thorough student while at college and is quite an acceptable teacher.

Joseph P. Gross, '72, recently appeared in a case in Philadelphia in association with Ex-Attorney General MacVeagh.

The Phi Psi's gave an informal reception at their rooms in the Hamilton Library Building on Tuesday evening, April 3d, which was one of the pleasantest of the season. Eight of the number with their lady friends participated. The usual festivities were engaged in and several hours passed in a very enjoyable manner.—*Dickinsonian*.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

A. H. Siggins has located at Piene, D. T. and is reported to be equalling the U. S. Mint in coining money as a lawyer and real-estate agent.

Chris. Miller is at Valley City, D. T. doing finely as an attorney.

A. F. Cooper is studying law at Cedar Rapids, Ind. with the firm of Blake & Hormel.

G. M. Barber, Wis. A, is at Crookston, Minn. engaged in the drug business. He has the finest store in the city, drives the best horse, and is the ladies' man of that stirring center.

C. W. Wilson, one of Cleveland's rising young attorneys paid a short visit to his college friends a short time ago. His visit was made the occasion of a reception and supper by the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

King, who was in attendance at college a couple of years ago, but who has been attending medical lectures at Cleveland during the last session, is present again at Allegheny for this term.

A. J. Newell, '80, visited in Meadville recently.

Cubbison again passed through Meadville on his return from Bradford, and of course stopped off to see the boys. Cub's popularity remains as of yore.

R. D. Hoskins of blessed memory (*vide* the account of Chautauqua Reunion in *SHIELD* of September, 1881,) is editor and proprietor of the *Bathgate Sentinel* published at Bathgate, D. T. county seat of Pembina, Co. His paper, a bright newsy four-page, seven column weekly is a typical journal of the new North

West. Display head-lines are no rare feature of the paper showing in an unmistakable and unequivocal manner that there is but one town in Dakota that has solid substantial growth. He who runs may read that Bathgate scorns to use the underhand, aboveboard and round-about methods in vogue with her less fortunate rivals to "boom" herself and despite her modest claims and contempt of all ulterior schemes for development, the *Sentinel* at the head of its editorial columns in seven-line display type and some smaller kinds discourses calmly and dispassionately as follows:

The 3 B's, WHICH MEAN, IN PLAIN ENGLISH, Beautiful, Blooming, Bathgate.

GREAT EXCITEMENT OVER THE
BRILLIANT PROSPECTS OF THIS
COMING METROPOLIS OF
PEMBINA COUNTY AND
NORTH DAKOTA.

EVERY TRAIN BRINGING IN CAPI-
TALISTS AND THE DIN DIN OF
CARPENTER TOOLS FAIRLY
DEAFENING.

AMONG THE IMPROVEMENTS FOR
THE NEXT 60 DAYS ARE A NEW
ELEVATOR, ENLARGEMENT
OF THE PRESENT ONE,
NATIONAL BANK,

DRUG STORE, GENERAL STORE, AND
FIFTEEN FINE RESIDENCES.—
YET ROOM FOR MORE AND
IF YOU APPEAR NOW
A CHANCE

Can be secured to avail yourself of the increase.

OHIO BETA.

A. H. Kunkle, '79, will soon enter the law office of Bro. O. T. Martin, this city.

H. H. Goodfellow, '81, is first book-keeper in the Springfield National Bank. He obtained this position immediately on graduating from Nelson's Business College.

O. C. Stouder, '79, is at present with Bradsteets, Mercantile Agency, Cincinnati, Ohio.

E. D. Smith, '72, was in attendance upon the General Synod of the English Lutheran Church which met in Springfield, May 15th. He has pastoral charge of a congregation at N. Manchester, Wabash Co., Ind. Bro. Smith did not forget to leave his \$1 for the SHIELD in the hand of ye business manager.

On class day three of the six performers will be Phi Psis: D. H. Arthur, President; A. J. Turkle, Orator; E. L. Arthur, Historian.

Rev. J. B. Baltzly, '74, is associate pastor of the First English Lutheran Church of Indianapolis, Ind. Bro. Baltzly was one of the first of our Alumni to respond to our circular letter in behalf of the SHIELD.

Rev. T. F. Reeser, '74, is pastor of the English Lutheran Church at Freeport, Ills. Bro. R. contemplates the immediate erection of a new church building, at a cost of \$8000.

Prof. B. F. Prince, '66, was recently elected President of City Council, Springfield, Ohio.

E. L. Arthur, '81, received second honor with Latin Salutatory of this years' graduating class.

Prof. F. P. Davidson has been re-elected Principal of Northern School building this city.

Rev. A. M. Barrett, '74, has received and accepted a call to Osborn, Ohio.

Prof. G. H. Young, '71, who has been sick for a short time is now recovered sufficiently to attend to his duties as Principal of Preparatory and Academic Departments at Wittenberg.

Rev. R. F. Coyle, Ind. I, '77, has accepted a call to Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Bro. F. J. Turner, Wis. A, took the Junior Prize Exhibition Oration on the evening of May 18th, doing himself great credit.

Bro. J. B. Kellogg, '77, of Wis. B, was one of the victims of the Newhall House fire in Milwaukee, last winter.

Ernest S. Moe, '79, Wis. A, is one of the managing editors of *The Badger*, the official paper of the University of Wisconsin.

Bro. C. M. Condon, Ind. B, is located at Oswego, Kansas, where he is engaged in business as a banker. In the letter in which he enclosed his subscription he says: "I left college six years ago and in all that time have not met a single $\Phi K \Psi$, except when in the East, (you are East to Kansas). Two years ago six boys of my old chapter went to Europe with Prof. Jordan—it was the most thoroughly enjoyable trip I ever took in my life. The SHIELD recalls much of my past college experience—the recollection of which is very pleasant."

H. Clay Eschbach, Pa. H, '76, has completed his course in medicine at the University of Penna., and has fitted out an office in Des Moines, Iowa. Bro. Eschbach assures us that the latch-string is ever out to any good brother who may step that way.

Mr. R. S. King, Ills. B, will represent the Chicago University at the Inter-Collegiate contest, to be held at Rockford next October.

'81, Stuart O. Henry, Kans. A, of Abilene, one of the most popular students of his day, was in the city a short time ago, paying his respects and making his adieus to his friends, previous to his pilgrimage to Europe.

S. M. Poyntz, '71, Tenn. I, is an extensive dealer in fine cattle in Mason County, Ky. He owns "Alderny Farm" which contains about six hundred acres of the finest and most valuable land in Ky.

C. S. Pearce, Tenn. I, '71, is proprietor of the largest wholesale whiskey establishment in Nashville, Tenn.

Harvey Musser, '75, Penna. //, Franklin and Marshall College, is practicing law in Akron, Ohio, office in Academy of Music. Bro. Musser sends us words full of good cheer and Phi Psi spirit not failing to accompany them with his subscription to the SHIELD.

George T. Hunter, Va. J, '68, is a half owner of the "Maysville (Ky.) City Mills" which have just been completed with a capacity of 200 bbls. per day, does a little farming for amusement, drives the fastest trotter in the city and stands high in business and social circles in Maysville, a city of 8000 inhabitants.

The following from Rev. L. H. Gotwald, D. D. Pa. E, '56, evinces an exceptional interest in the success of our fraternity journal:

"DEAR BROTHERS:

Enclosed I send you one dollar as my subscription for 'THE SHIELD' for Vol. IV. I also add one dollar as a little extra help towards its publication.

Yours Fraternally,

L. A. GOTWALD."

L. Bert. Eyster, Penna. θ, '79, Attorney at law, Chambersburg, Pa. writes us as follows:

"I take great pleasure in enclosing herewith the money for one year's subscription to THE SHIELD. Allow me to say it should be a matter of personal and fraternal pride to every Phi Psi to make this new attempt to start a fraternity organ a success and a permanent one at that. I take it that this is a debt due the fraternity from each graduate member in return for the advantages offered him by the fraternity during his college course and that the subscriptions should be made and paid as promptly as any business obligation."

Bro. C. M. Oliphant, Va. J, '76, has been awarded Salutatory at the coming commencement of Bethany College.

While in the city early in the month, Stuart Henry gave an oyster supper to the Phi Psi's at Porter's, as a sort of good-bye, preparatory to his European trip. After supper Prof. Gleed thanked Mr. Henry for the chapter, and in behalf of the Phi Psi's wished him all the good fortune imaginable. Stuart was one of the best students and one of the best fellows that has ever attended K. S. U. May good fortune ever attend him.—*Kansas Review*.

Brother J. P. Wilson, Tenn. A '60, is in business at Waxahachie, Texas. He is full of Phi Psi spirit. He writes, "I consider myself benefitted by my connection with Phi Kappa Psi and not Phi Kappa Psi benefitted. Therefore I am most willing to lend a helping hand to sustain any publication devoted to interests of *us all*."

'56—Rev. H. W. Kuhns, Pa. E, of Westminster, Md., delivered an address, March 1st, before the young ladies of Staunton Seminary, Va., on the "Pathway of Usefulness." It is spoken of in highest terms of praise. In the disastrous conflagration which recently destroyed \$200,000 worth of property at Westminster, Bro. Kuhns' home and study were burnt out and but few of his books preserved. His church also was destroyed, with little insurance, if any, on all the property.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, In the providence of Almighty God, our beloved Brother, R. Newton Coulston, was removed by death, October 11, at his home in Philadelphia, and

WHEREAS, In the death of our beloved brother we have lost a true friend and a loyal member of the fraternity, we the members of Pennsylvania Zeta Chapter, of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, do offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That while we deeply feel the extent of our loss, we bow in humble submission to the dispensation of the Divine Ruler.

Resolved, That in him we recognize the loss of one who, having received the well merited honors of his class, gave great promise of future usefulness.

Resolved, That during his connection with us, he has always proved himself a sincere Christian and has, by his social nature and his talent, won the love and high esteem of all with whom he associated.

Resolved, That our heartfelt sympathy be extended to the bereaved family and his friends in this their hour of deep affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our lamented brother; That a copy be transmitted to each chapter of the fraternity; That they be published in the "Phi Kappa Psi Shield" and the "Dickinsonian."

E. CONOVER, JR.,
J. K. RAYMOND,
S. C. NESBITT, } Committee.

CARLISLE, PA. Oct. 11, 1882.

VARIOUS FRATERNITIES WHICH OUR CHAPTERS MEET.

Pennsylvania A, '52—Washington and Jefferson College. *B θ II*, 1842; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1848; *Φ Κ Σ*, 1853; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1861; *Φ Δ θ*, 1876; *Δ Τ Ω*, 1881.

Pennsylvania B, '55—Alleghany College. *Φ Γ Δ*, 1858; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1863; *Φ Δ θ*, 1879; *Κ Δ θ*, 1876.

Pennsylvania Γ, '55—University of Lewisburg. *Σ Χ*, 1864; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1882.

Pennsylvania E, '55—Pennsylvania College. *Φ Γ Δ*, 1858; *Σ Χ*, 1863; *Φ Δ θ*, 1874; *Δ Τ Ω*, 1882.

Pennsylvania Z, '59—Dickinson College. *Σ Χ*, 1859; *θ Δ Χ*, 1861; *Χ Φ*, 1869; *B θ II*, 1874; *Φ Δ θ*, 1880.

Pennsylvania H—Franklin and Marshal College. *Φ Κ Σ*, 1855; *Χ Φ*, 1856; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1874.

Pennsylvania θ, '69—Lafayette College. *Δ Κ Ε*, 1855; *Z Ψ*, 1857; *θ Δ Χ*, 1866; *Σ Χ*, 1867; *Φ Δ θ*, 1873; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1874.

Pennsylvania I, '77—University of Pennsylvania. *Z Ψ*, 1850; *Φ Κ Σ*, 1850; *Δ Ψ*, 1854; *Δ Β Φ*, 1879 (law); *B θ II*, 1880; *Δ Τ Ω*, 1881; *Δ Φ*, 1882; *Χ Φ*, 1882; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1883.

Virginia A, '53—University of Virginia. *Χ Φ*, 1859; *Δ Ψ*, 1860; *Κ Α*, (S. O.) 1873; *Δ Κ Ε*, 1852; *Z Ψ*, 1868; *Φ Δ θ*, 1873; *Σ Χ*, 1860; *Φ Κ Σ*, 1860; *Π Κ Α*, 1868; *Σ Α Ε*, 1858; *B θ II*, 1850; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1859; *Δ Τ Ω*, 1868; *Κ Σ*, 1869.

Virginia B, '55—Washington and Lee University. *Σ Α Ε*, 1867; *Σ Χ*, 1866; *Δ Κ Ε*, 1868; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1868; *Δ Ψ*, 1869; *B θ II*, 1856; *Κ Α*, (S. O.) 1850; *Σ Α*, 1873; *Κ Σ*, 1873; *Δ Τ Ω*, 1865.

Virginia Γ, '56—Hampden Sidney College. *B θ II*, 1850; *Χ Φ*, 1867; *Σ Χ*, 1872; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1870.

Ohio A, '61—Ohio Wesleyan University. *B θ II*, 1853; *Σ Χ*, 1855; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1869; *Χ Φ*, 1873; *Φ Δ θ*, 1860; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1868.

Ohio B, '66—Wittenberg College. *B θ II*, 1867.

Ohio Γ, 71—Wooster University. *B θ II*, 1872; *Φ Δ θ*, 1872; *Σ Χ*, 1837; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1880; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1882.

Ohio Δ, '80—Ohio State University. *Φ Γ Δ*, 1878; *Σ Χ*, 1882.

Indiana A, '65—Indiana Asbury University. *B θ II*, 1845; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1856; *Σ Χ*, 1859; *Δ Κ Ε*, 1866; *Φ Δ θ*, 1879; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1882; *Κ Α θ*, 1870; *Κ Κ Γ*, 1873.

Indiana B, '69—State University. *Φ Δ θ*, 1849; *B θ II*, 1845; *Σ Χ*, 1858; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1870; *Κ Α θ*, 1870; *Κ Κ Γ*, 1873.

Indiana Γ, '70—Wabash College. *B θ II*, 1845; *Φ Δ θ*, 1852; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1866; *θ Δ Χ*, 1879; *Σ Χ*, 1880.

D. C. A, '68—Columbian University. Rivals (*Σ Α Ε*, '59-'67; *Σ Χ*, '64-'80; *Δ Τ Ω*, '74-'74.) all dead.

Illinois A, '64—Northwestern University. *Φ Κ Σ*, 1859; *B θ II*, 1872; *Σ Χ*, 1869; *Δ Υ*, 1877.

Illinois B, '65—Chicago University. *Z Ψ*, 1864; *Ψ Υ*, 1868; *Δ Κ Ε*, 1870.

Kansas A, '76—State University. *B θ II*, 1873; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1881; *Φ Δ θ*, 1883.

Michigan A, '76—State University. *Α Δ Φ*, 1845; *Δ Κ Ε*, 1855; *Σ Φ*, 1845; *Z Ψ*, 1858; *Ψ Υ*, 1864; *B θ II*, 1845; *Φ Δ Φ*, 1869; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1875; *Χ Ψ*, 1845; *Φ Δ θ*, 1885; *Σ Χ*, 1877.

Maryland A, '79—Johns Hopkins University. *B θ II*, 1878; *Χ Φ*, 1880; *Δ Τ Ω*, 1877.

Wisconsin A, '75—State University. *B θ II*, 1873; *Χ Ψ*, 1878; *Φ Δ θ*, 1857.

Wisconsin Γ, '81—Beloit College. *B θ II*, 1860.

Mississippi A, '57—University of Mississippi. *Δ Κ Ε*, 1851; *Δ Ψ*, 1855; *Σ Χ*, 1857; *Rainbow*, 1848; *Χ Ψ*, 1858; *Φ Δ θ*, 1877; *B θ II*, 1879.

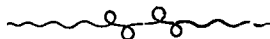
New York Δ, '81—Hobart College. *Σ Φ*, 1840; *Χ Α*, 1844; *Φ Δ Χ*, 1857. (*Α Δ Φ*, '48-'78; *Χ Φ*, '60-'80.)

California A, '81—University of the Pacific. Never had any rivals.

Iowa Δ, '82—Simpson Centenary College. *Δ Τ Δ*, 1873.

Georgia A, '83—University of Georgia. *Σ Α Ε*, 1866; *Χ Φ*, 1867, *Κ Α*, (S. O.) 1868; *Φ Δ θ*, 1870; *Δ Τ Ω*, 1875; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1882.

List of B. G.'s for 1883.



W. B. G., F. O. McCLEARY, Lock Box 401, Washington, D. C.



- Pa. Alpha, B. Sutherland, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa.
Pa. Beta, E. M. Robinson, Alleghany College, Meadville, Pa.
Pa. Gamma, W. J. Coulston, Lewisburg University, Lewisburg, Pa.
Pa. Epsilon, G. D. Gotwald, Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa.
Pa. Zeta, J. K. Raymond, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.
Pa. Eta, D. E. Eschback, Franklin and Marshal College, Lancaster, Pa.
Pa. Theta, J. T. Green, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.
Pa. Iota, H. L. Creswell, University of Pennsylvania, 1327 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Va. Alpha, J. S. Jones, University of Virginia, Va.
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Va. Gamma, J. R. Graham, Hampden, Sidney College, Prince Edward County, Va.
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CHAPTER CORRESPONDENTS will not need to be informed concerning the cause of the delay of the September issue of the SHIELD.

We received during the summer a correction to our table of rival fraternities and places where we meet them, but to our annoyance find the kind favor mislaid. Will the brother whose watchful care suggested the first communication repeat his effort?

WE can quite readily imagine a fire without fuel, at least without such as is tangible to dull mortal senses, but we can not by any exercise of a faculty already dangerously developed, conceive of the SHIELD as a literary or fraternity success either in the expression of matured opinions for Phi Kappa Psi or in the collation and dissemination of interesting matter, if it is the product almost entirely of one mind by original monologue or manipulation of shears and paste-brush. This is ad-

dressed to every Phi Psi who is not dead to the necessity of a journal and its successful conduction. *Verbum Sap.*

WE have an inquiry to propound which to us seems more important than any other for Phi Kappa Psi: at the annual gatherings of the fraternity by chapters and otherwise, where so much enthusiasm is always manifested and so many wide-awake alumni are present, how many were subscribers to the SHIELD beside the under-graduates present? Our subscription books do not show a large Alumni support and we imagine that the fault lies largely with the individual chapters. Personal solicitation is necessary to secure subscriptions and money. There ought to be no gathering of loyal wearers of the pink and lavender where the claims of the SHIELD are not presented. A little concerted effort on the part of the live Phi Psis would bring our subscription list up to 1000.

Through our Business Managers we made an appeal before the June number for chapters to order extra copies for circulation at commencement time among visiting alumni brothers. Scarce any attention was paid to the communication, but in one instance where there was a little effort put forth thirteen new names were added to our list.

There is one supreme requisite for a successful conduction of our paper—money. Let half the energy devoted to questionable modes of chapter display be given the cause pre-eminent in importance and we would be so prosperous that never would there be occasion for the editorial pages to be prostituted to a cry for means wherewith to subsist.

DEAR BRO. VAN CLEVE:

The inclosed communication may strike you as being rather harsh, but I have thought so much about the matter, and felt so deeply in regard to it, that I can not express my ideas in other than forcible words.

I can not but think that, if you will give the subject sober consideration, you will agree with me. Before I left Columbus, one of the Professors, in speaking of what a Republican Beta in the college had said about defeating Foraker, because he is a Phi Psi, said: "It is just such talk as that that disgusts men who have left college with fraternities."

Do not publish the letter, if you can adopt a wiser plan. I am anxious to see our boys in the proper position, and am willing to allow you to decide how you can best bring them there. Still, I think the SHIELD ought to be a medium of discussion between Phi Psis.

Hoping that the coming year may be a prosperous one with our journal, for which you have been such a zealous worker, I remain

Yours fraternally,

G. S.

CHILLICOTHE, OHIO, August 28, 1883.

Dear Brothers of the SHIELD:

Speaking in the June issue of your valuable paper of the action of the Republican convention in nominating Judge Foraker as the candidate for Governor, you say: "If fraternity lines are to be drawn, let us hope that every loyal Phi Psi will, regardless of his party affiliations, support and work with his best energies for the elevation of our Bro. Foraker to the post of high honor for which he has been nominated." Now, without the least ill-will toward the SHIELD, and setting aside all partisan feeling, I wish to respectfully, but positively, protest against the sentiments expressed in those lines. No one rejoices more than I that the great Republican party of Ohio has selected as its leader a distinguished and worthy brother of our fraternity, and, as a member of Ohio Delta, no one has a stronger desire than I to see a loyal Phi Psi occupy the Gubernatorial chair at the city in which our chapter is located. A few days ago, I experienced one of the pleasantest incidents of my fraternity life, when, without an introduction, Brother Foraker, meeting me in this city, gave me a hearty Phi Psi greeting.

Nevertheless, I regret to see the SHIELD allow its enthusiasm to overcome its judgment, and ask all Phi Psis—if the Betas support Hoadly—to disregard their political principles, and support the Republican nominee. It seems to me that such action would be puerile, and deserve the reproof of all broad-minded men. If the Betas vote for Judge Hoadly, regard-

less of political belief, let them do so, and so display themselves to the world. But, if any member of our noble order believes in the Democratic platform adopted at the late convention; believes that the policy advocated by Judge Hoadly concerning the liquor traffic, and other questions, will better advance the interests of our state than those advocated by Bro. Foraker; if he believes Judge Hoadly will make as good a Governor as Judge Foraker; and, finally if he desires to see Ohio go Democratic this fall in order to influence the next national election, would Bro. Foraker, or any other true Phi Psi, wish him to go to the polls, and vote the Republican ticket?

I am not writing this as a campaign document in favor of the Democratic party, and do not think I should vote for Judge Hoadly, if I could, but I write because I want to see Phi Kappa Psi take the proper position in this campaign.

If we desire to secure and retain the encouragement and earnest assistance of our alumni, it behoves us to pursue a manly course that will win their approbation.

Let every Phi Psi whose judgment so dictates cast his vote for Judge Hoadly. Let every Phi Psi who believes the best interests of the state will be promoted by the election of Bro. Foraker, vote as he believes and work from now until the election to so convince every voter whom he can influence. If this plan is adopted, Phi Kappa Psi will have a record of which she may be proud, and then, if the good people of Ohio select Bro. Foraker as their Chief Magistrate, we can rejoice, regardless of party affiliation, to see a brother so highly honored, and at the same time we may feel that no Phi Psi contributed toward that result by disregarding those sacred principles which should guide every voter in discharging his duties as an American citizen.

Hoping this communication will be received in the fraternal spirit in which it is written, I am

Yours sincerely,

G. S.

We are sorry to see that our Greek-Letter Fraternities are of late partaking somewhat of the nature of political organizations. "The Alpha Delta Phi Conspiracy," to which we have alluded several times during the past year, created a great deal of newspaper talk in the East, especially in New York City. It seems that the Alpha Deltas were pretty strong in New York Legislature and were having everything their own way until they ventured beyond their depth and were exposed and defeated while trying to unseat a member of that body in order to make way for an Alpha Delta. The Democratic nominee for Governor of Ohio is a member of the Beta Theta,

Pi while the Republican candidate for the same office has the distinction of being a Phi Kappa Psi. The SHIELD says in this connection: "The recent Republican State Convention for Ohio honored in no ordinary manner a loyal and enthusiastic Phi Psi in nominating J. B. Foraker, of Cincinnati, for Governor. The *Beta Theta Pi* predicts that Judge Hoadly will be the nominee of the Democratic party. If fraternity lines are to be drawn, let us hope that every loyal Phi Psi will, regardless of his party affiliations, support and work with his best energies for the elevation of our Brother Foraker to the post of high honor for which he has been nominated."—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

We quote extensively as above for the purpose of setting clearly before the minds of the readers of this journal, the character of the alarm aroused by the innocent bit of pleasantry in the June issue of the SHIELD. This fear that fraternity ties may be stronger than party affiliations has been growing recently to an absurd extent, and no doubt many sincere well-wishers of the fraternity system see in the cause of the above comments and other like items the "Pope's toe" dangerously exposed. Some time in the early spring the *New York World* sounded the shrill clarion to the slumbering freemen of New York to arouse them to the fearful aggressions of $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$. Those who have had the pleasure of reading the very clear article which appeared soon after the discovery of this "mare's nest" by the *World*, in the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* must have been struck with the thoroughly ludicrous position which the great metropolitan journal was shown to have taken.

We regret that offense has been taken at a squib which had no more serious a cause for its appearance than a desire to enliven the columns of the SHIELD and offer to the $\beta\eta\tau\alpha\theta\eta\tau\alpha\ \Pi$ a Roland for its Oliver, for there is no more earnest an advocate of the absolute freedom of the college-man either in or out of college from any entanglements arising from connections with a Greek Letter society than the writer of these lines.

We shall elsewhere have somewhat to say regarding the state of college politics as affected by fraternity combinations and secret

cliques, but as to party politics outside college halls being seriously affected by membership in college fraternities, we wish to be known as an uncompromising skeptic. We were told recently by a member of the Purdue faculty, who was seriously inclined to believe the report, that it was currently stated at the time of the recent Purdue Case in which the $\Sigma\Lambda$ s think they have scored a victory for themselves and the Greek World at large, legislators by the quantity were initiated into the deep and profound mysteries of the order that their votes might be influenced to sustain the fraternity in its struggle! If this be so, and we believe there is no good ground for supposing that it is, then Indiana legislators are a species of the *genus homo*, unknown and unclassified outside of those institutions devoted to the state's "unfortunates."

With all desire to look at a matter apparently trivial in the same manner as our esteemed contemporary and our brother correspondent, we wish to ask, and what if we did advise and urge and privately endeavor to secure the election of Bro. Foraker, would there have been any serious change in the result or would his election in any manner so affect legislation as to cause any one, Democrat or not, discomfort?

If we can be shown wherein the Governor of the State of Ohio can be used as the means of making or unmaking legislation or in any wise interfering with the liberties of the people, we are ready to see how wrong it was for us to sport with the organ of our rival $B\theta\Pi$, and promise not to repeat the offense. As it is, let us be good natured about it and if we can without violating any time honored principles of our party, help to swell the majority of Bro. Foraker and at his inauguration meet him and greet him with a hearty grip and God speed!

"Delta's attention is invited to the following paragraph from a letter printed in the *Delta Tau Delta Crescent* for November, and dated at Asbury: 'Phi Delta Theta has withdrawn from her combination with Phi Kappa Psi and Beta Theta Pi, and entered our combination which now consists of Phi Gamma

Delta, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta and Delta Tau Delta.' Let us hear about the 'combinations' referred to, please. That the Green-castle fraternities have long been afflicted with the very worst form of both those unmixed evils, 'preps' and 'combinations,' is only too well known to all college men throughout the West. But there are powerful reasons why our own chapter there should keep its skirts clear of all connections with either of these features of Asbury life. An explanation is in order, we think.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

"What say you too Lambda? The question of 'combinations' should receive the most careful consideration of the Pan Hellenic Council, should it ever meet. Herein rests a weak point in fraternities and could it be removed a point of attack would be removed also. There are 'powerful reasons' why all the chapters should keep their 'skirts' clear of all connection with these features of Asbury life."—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

"The *Beta Theta Pi* and *Phi Gamma Delta* have both called up their respective Chapters for an explanation of this state of affairs and the latter cites this as a case, all the like of which should receive the attention of the proposed Pan Hellenic Council. There is no doubt that this is one of the weakest points in our college fraternity system, a great drawback to our usefulness, a state of affairs thoroughly at variance with the teachings of our Bond and the principles of our order, one of the chief arguments urged against fraternities by their enemies and an evil we hope *Phi Delta Theta* will in the future avoid."—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

The daily press as well as the fraternity journals have during the past Collegiate year been calling attention frequently to the complications arising in colleges and elsewhere among college-bred men, from membership in the secret societies generally known as fraternities. Much of this comment savors of the sensational and to an unprejudiced observer seems actuated, at least in the daily press, by the insatiate desire to create a confusion.

But the questions raised in the journals of our contemporaries are founded upon an entirely different basis—one of facts—and are to our mind exceedingly difficult of solution. *Phi Kappa Psi* in Indiana together with her rivals must be in a peculiar position in the college world and one which scarce seems tenable—since the proportion of "Oudens" or "Barbs" is in nearly if not quite all of the

colleges of that state in comparison with the number of "Greeks" overwhelmingly large, and no combination or set of combinations could stand intact before the massed force of a horde of lusty "Outers." This position of power whereby various combinations of Greeks are enabled to "lionize" (to use a mild and more dignified expression than ordinary) all positions of preferment, will be explained in a broad way we suppose by the statement that superior mind as shown in generalship has again evinced its supremacy over vulgar numbers.

Honors obtained through the tortuous channels used by cliques are to be avoided rather than sought for they are more than hollow and empty, they are tainted and soiled. Honors belie their name when coming as the gift of power in the hands of a few shrewd manipulators of votes, when not the spontaneous offering laid at the feet of talent or industry or both. It may be argued that the combination system has elevated the best men to places of honor against the mean jealousies shown by the baser majority. That, we grant, looks like a justifiable reason for their existence especially to a participant, but the cool scrutiny of distance says *no* to this with kindness and emphasis.

Combinations in college politics array fraternities against each other to the subversion and well-nigh total extinction of any mutual manifestation of those qualities which they are proudly claimed to engender and foster. Cliques are certain to forget in following their boasted high purpose to give desert to talent meriting it, the necessity arising in all questions of philanthropy of submerging self, and do frequently crowd to the rear the very men, whom in consistency they should put forward; they arouse in the breasts of fair-minded outsiders a feeling of injury and injustice; and they afford to the enemies of the fraternity system the strongest argument against its existence.

It were better far for fraternities to submit to unfairness and unkindness than to arm against possible, though we do not believe

presumable, aggression. In so doing they would only put into practice the principles they profess to teach and by a course of magnanimity would so completely disarm prejudice as to bring about more frequently the very objects which they wish to attain and keep inviolate the spirit and honor they desire to conserve.

To us the end of the whole discussion seems to be this. If the fraternity system is devoted to lofty purposes and its endeavors directed solely to the highest aims, it can not afford for the sake of the argument thus put into the hands of its enemies, to speak in no more lofty vein, to bedrabble its skirts with any impurity either real or fancied, and if men within the ranks of the Greek-letter societies can not rest their claims to recognition upon their deserts they had better far remain a part of that great and glorious throng—the *ignobile vulgus*, into which a severance from college life and its associations is almost certain to drop them.

CONVERSATION of considerable length with the ex-president of Purdue University and one other member of the Faculty, leads the editor of the SHIELD to feel himself justified in being conservative enough in the recent "Case," about which so much has been said, to preserve a discreet silence.

The case in question carried as it was into the General Assembly, when that body put a "rider" upon the appropriation bill, was considered settled so far as the triumph of the fraternity interested was concerned and congratulations were indulged in on many hands at the glorious vindication of the fraternity system in general. We were assured by these gentlemen that there was no quarrel with the fraternity system, though that we believe had been specifically stated during the discussion, nor with that particular representative of the system, but war was declared upon the aggression of one chapter of $\Sigma \chi$. The charges made were general and of local significance, so that an observer at a distance would not be competent to pass upon the validity of

charges except in so far as their nature allows them to be viewed aside from this one case.

It is specified that these members of the $\Sigma \chi$ fraternity were the source of innumerable petty annoyances and the fomentors of difficulties of a trifling and exasperating character *ad nauseam*. As to this no outsider can pass judgment, and it is not probable that students and faculty, as we are assured that this body were a unit in the position taken by their representative, will be able to agree, but when it comes to the second and more serious charge, others than those most intimately concerned can speak with some degree of certainty.

We hope we state the position taken by Ex-President White and the Faculty of Purdue, with close adherence to their expressed sentiments, when we announce as the chief objection urged that as Purdue is a school devoted to the training of young men to industrial pursuits, Greek-letter Societies have no proper place there, and that they were subversive of good order was asserted, since members of the fraternity there represented were clamoring for addition of Greek to the course of study and a general broadening of opportunities for cultivation of the classics in order that they might be as others were.

This troublesome spirit is ascribed to the direct influence of the fraternity system and as nearly as it can be formulated the reasoning is as follows: The rise and growth of Greek-letter societies have been in those institutions devoted to the study of classics if not to the exclusion of so-called practical education at least to the making of it insignificant; since the fraternity is (1) therefore a classical system all the evil exclusivism of the colleges where the classics have been the chief diet has been of necessity (2) absorbed into and become a part of the former; this (3) aristocracy of education is all wrong, classical colleges are responsible for it, fraternities are (4) like the soil in which they have flourished, *ergo* fraternities must go.

Before we state briefly what seems to us to be a satisfactory answer to this argument we

wish to state as strongly as seems consistent to us with the facts the best grounds for sustaining the position taken by Ex-President White and his associates in the brief *resume* we have given.

The question of age enters largely into the discussion and ought in great measure to determine what not to do, if not what ought to be done. If the students of Purdue are younger in average age than those of other educational institutions and are not to be held amenable to the authorities as men, then the matter must be looked at rather from the stand-point of the apocryphal *in loco parentis* of the law-books relating to the office of the teacher in the common school. The clamorings of a little handful of students smarting under an inferiority to their associates from other colleges either real or imagined, if of sufficient force to weaken the opinion of the value of a professedly industrial college supported by a state which already has a classical institution depending upon it, should be regarded as ominous just as a funnel-shaped cloud would be by a citizen of the Northwest.

(1) To this charge we would enter in brief a "*Non Sequitur*." The College Fraternity is a distinctively American institution, has never flourished elsewhere, and classicism at its highest tide in our country could never have fashioned any such a product of student life as a secret society after its own antiquities and follies.

(2) In so far as the fraternity is a literary society chiefly, as in some of the Eastern colleges, this argument may have some foundation in fact but whatever of such purpose as was in the minds of the founders is fast passing away and the usefulness of a secret literary society, must be imagined not apprehended by the majority of fraternity men to-day. Whatever of necessity there may have been for the birth of secret literary societies in colleges has a perfect parallelism in the monastic system which, whether ever a necessity or not it is not our purpose to inquire, did the world certainly a good service

in the time of its purity and in the general decadence of culture in the world at large but which after the middle ages, if not before, was no longer of benefit or profit.

(3) An aristocracy of education, if such a term may be applied to so-called classical colleges with any semblance of propriety is, so long as open to the poorest as well as the richest, an improbable if not impossible thing and the man of to-day who counts "Small Latin and less Greek" the necessary concomitants of a broad culture, must be relegated to the category of Dogberry who so pathetically wished to be set down—as his character certainly indicated him to be—an ass.

(4) If Greek-letter societies have any taint of an absolute and troublesome civilization it fails to show itself. That there is any virtue in the small trace of classic learning to be found in their names, mottoes, passwords, or rituals will not for an instant appear to the mind of any one possessed of the fact that a large and increasing percentage of the members of these very societies do not know the Greek Alphabet and get all of their information regarding the meanings of things at second-hand.

Lastly and by far most important, the Greek fraternity can not live and does not deserve to live if the purpose of its existence is not chiefly, not to say entirely, social. It occupies a place to the student in his little world that the large social secret societies do in the world at large. If the arguments urged against Masonry so frequently heard are valid, then it will be time to admit them for consideration as arrayed against the fraternity system. Without the slightest reference to classicism or old colleges into which abuse of this system have crept, the Greek world will spread its humanizing and uplifting culture wherever there are young Americans of noble souls to be awakened and generous hearts to be uplifted.

The conclusion of the whole matter as regards the opposition of any fraternity to a faculty hostile to secret societies in this: Save

time and temper and the credit of the organization which you should so much prize and give up the contest, for not only has a faculty sufficient power to win but also to crush.

We are reliably informed that the battle is all to be fought over again at Purdue if the Faculty have not already won the day, for the funds necessary to run the school will be forth-coming when needed and a united faculty stand ready to defend their action of last year. It remains to be seen what position the new president Jas. H. Smart, himself a fraternity man, will take.

We may be unnecessarily obtuse, but we cannot see where Sigma Chi or the fraternity world at large gained any thing in the recent fight.

Contemporary Comments.

Since the appearance of the first number of our fourth volume, the comments of our sister journals have been a source of great interest to us and we have thought a collocation of the comments made, editorially or otherwise, upon our appearance, *apropos*. The first clipping comes from the May *Beta Theta Pi*, which kindly treats us thus :

"The first issue of the PHI KAPPA PSI SHIELD since its revival bears the date of April, 1883, and is called No. 1, of Vol. IV. It is published by the Ohio Beta chapter of the fraternity, at Springfield, O., though its editor-in-chief Mr. C. L. Van Cleve, lives in South Charleston, some fifteen miles from Springfield. The new SHIELD is a 24-page (7½x9½) paper with a terra cotta cover, well printed on good paper, well edited, and well made up. The proceedings of the last "grand arch council" of the fraternity, held at Pittsburgh in February, are given in abstract, ten good chapter letters from all parts of the country are set before Phi Psi readers, while a page of college notes, another of general fraternity news, and two or three pages of Phi Psi personals, together with editorials, a report of the Philadelphia Conference, and a banquet poem, complete the bill of fare. It is one worth sitting down to, as we think its readers will determine for themselves. It is hoped to publish an issue of seven hundred, but not a copy is to be sent to any member of the fraternity,

after the first issue or two, save *bona fide* subscribers. We seriously hope the SHIELD may meet with the reception it deserves from its fraternity. It promises, by its first-rate tone and its good mechanical appearance, to be a valuable acquisition to the ranks of fraternity journalism. By the way, Phi Kappa Psi reports two new chapters—a Georgia Alpha at the University of Georgia, and an Iowa Beta at Simpson Centenary College. That makes the list of active college chapters an even thirty, we believe."

The *Kappa Kappa Gamma Golden Key* edited by Miss Minetta Taylor presents its compliments as follows in the June number:

"The PHI KAPPA PSI SHIELD, which had suspended publication on account of financial embarrassments, was revived by the February convention of the fraternity, established on the sound basis of compulsory subscription, and placed under the editorial control of Mr. C. L. Van Cleve, of South Charleston, Ohio. Its first number appeared in April, and attracted immediate attention by its brilliant covers of Shrimp pink. An examination of the contents showed that Mr. Van Cleve's editorial experience has been of service in planning the number, which is much more compact and mature than first numbers usually are. The editorials are limited to Phi Psi subjects, and considerable space is devoted to the minutes and edict of the Grand Arch Council, from which we have selected all points of general interest and embodied them in our fraternity news."

The *Zeta Psi Monthly* tersely disposes of us as follows in the May issue carefully discriminating against the SHIELD as an organ of intelligent fraternity thought, but paying a compliment to the printers and business managers which is certainly deserved :

"The SHIELD of Phi Kappa Psi has changed hands, and is now published at Springfield, Ohio. The publication appears to be a prosperous one, and has been recently enlarged. Typographically it ranks high among our exchanges."

The *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* in its issue for last April speaks in felicitous vein of our publication, and affords an interesting illustration of the great utility of a quarterly publication at least in regard to its exchange department. The SHIELD has now come before its readers four times under its new management and yet the *Quarterly* is not officially aware of it. Perhaps the editor of the *Δ K E* organ is not informed that in-

ter-fraternity intelligence was conspicuous only for its absence until about four years ago, and did not become at all general until within a year or so, in fact, not until the foolish restrictions against the circulation of fraternity journals were removed.

The comment of the *Quarterly* is essentially humorous in its nature and shows indication that whenever its editor does recognize our existence, catholicity of sentiment and high minded criticism will distinguish his notices:

"Back numbers of the PHI KAPPA PSI SHIELD have been forwarded to us for the year 1881 and 1882. It is—or was—published at Philadelphia, and had reached its third volume, when it fell asleep by the wayside. We are assured that it is not dead, but sleeping—sleeping, too, with such dreams of future activity that its vigorous awakening, now promised, will be the prelude to a more stalwart career than has characterized its past. Glancing through its columns, we note that it is confined almost entirely to chapter letters and seldom gives its readers much news to what is going on in the fraternity world. Although the little it does give in the latter particular has the quality of Weller's ideal letter, "It makes you wish there vos more."

Having since received the October number we quote from it as well.—ED. SHIELD.

The October number if an earnest of the treatment we may expect at the hands of our esteemed contemporary is gratifying in its fairness:

"The PHI KAPPA PSI SHIELD has re-appeared, and its numbers for April, May and June 1883, are before us, clothed in the most "consummate" of "Terra Cotta" covers. That for April contains one of the best poems we have found in our exchanges.

The May number has an able and resigned editorial on the proposition in the March *Diamond*, that Delta Tau Delta, Chi Phi, Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi be kept out of the larger colleges; a notice of the forthcoming Phi Kappa Psi song book, and the ablest discussion we have yet seen of the "prep" question—which, however, has hardly impressed us as a "question," and quotes the later half of our editorial, "Graduate Relations;" while that for June quotes entire our April editorial on "The Pan-Hellenic Conference," and, generally, is an advance upon the creditable showing made by its predecessors in editorials, chapter letters, college notes, Greek items, and personals."

The *Chi Phi Quarterly* for July has the

following regarding us, mild in its flavor and inaccurate, as the "newspaper" form of the SHIELD was discarded three years ago:

"The PHI KAPPA PSI SHIELD has again become a regular visitor. The June number is now before us. The change to pamphlet form is quite an improvement on the newspaper that was issued a year ago. Twenty-six pages made up their number for June. Editorials are followed by the chapter correspondence, extracts from the fraternity press, college notes and personals."

The *Phi Delta Theta Scroll* presents its compliments as follows in the May-June issue, the first comment having been written evidently before the May or June issues reached the editor:

"The SHIELD of Phi Kappa Psi has been revived and is published at Springfield, O. The April number has been received with a request to exchange. The outside is not very attractive, being of a rough paper which feels like fine sand paper and of a dirty reddish color, printed in black with old-fashioned type. The inside typographical appearance is more attractive and seems to have been modeled after the *Beta Theta Pi*. It is mostly filled with an account of Phi Kappa Psi's recent convention at Pittsburg, but considerable space is devoted to Chapter letters, etc. We are much pleased with the number before us and wish the SHIELD success.

The May number of the Phi Kappa Psi SHIELD is before us, and, although its painfully æsthetic terra-cotta cover still grates on our optical nerves, we are more pleased with it than we were with the initial number issued under the present efficient management. Instead of Prof. Young being editor-in-chief, as we stated in our March issue, C. L. Van Cleve holds that position.

We give below three extracts from the most finished editorial we have seen in any of our exchanges. The author was moved to write the editorial by the article from the Psi U. *Diamond* which we gave last month. It contains some good points on Eastern and Western Colleges and Fraternities."

Chapter Correspondence.

OHIO ALPHA.

DEAR SHIELD:

Good cheer! Cheerful greeting to all!! Let this first issue of the now prosperous SHIELD strike every chord of friendship, of

brotherhood in your natures, let your halls be merry, let their walls ring with the hearty peels of laughter and the joyous shouts of the assembled brothers. When they welcome once more this valuable sheet—the dear old SHIELD, with her charming influences our fraternity will gather strength, without her, like the abandoned rose, she must soon wither and perish.

But I must introduce my subject—Commencement at the Ohio Wesleyan University. A week before the Senior's day, Delaware was filling, when the day came, she was full. and such a gathering, oh, it was joyful! Merry old age was there, blooming youth and beauty were there, statesmen, lawyers, doctors, bishops, students six hundred and seventy-eight strong were there, dull care was cast aside and the merry faces and cheerful smiles bore witness that every being was to realize pleasure and none were disappointed.

During the entire week the Ohio Wesleyan University with its thousands of enthusiastic and supporting alumni was lively. Spring publics of literary societies were done away with, thanks to an ever to be feared Faculty, and new features were introduced.

The Sophomores had the pleasure of starting the ball to rolling; they introduced a new feature and brought out a merry drama, entitled General Geometry: This play was written with the intention of making people laugh and enjoy themselves, nor did it fail in its attempt, the faces of all the one thousand present were radiant with smiles, all except the Juniors, they, poor fellows, came off badly at every turn. The Juniors had the next night and gave a choice literary entertainment. The following day was Sunday and all of a religious turn of mind listened to the Baccalaureate, one of Dr. Payne's elegant and finely delivered sermons.

Omitting three days, which were rendered pleasant with lectures, alumni meeting and concerts, we come to Alumni day, a new feature at the O. W. U. and an excellent one: dinner was served in elegant style to the happy visitors and after listening to the very

entertaining toasts, the alumni mingled with the students and citizens and while the band was freighting the air with lively music, they collected in one great mass on the campus to watch the companies of college cadets, drilling for a prize: then came the long wished for evening, bringing with it, the boy's hope, the ladies' desire—the Promenade Concert: as soon as eight o'clock, the mysterious silence that had gathered over our beautiful campus was disturbed with the gentle murmur of the fast gathering crowd, finally all had come and a sort of mystic spell came over the place, the unhappy forgot their woes, old age laid aside its burdens of years and when at times you would hear a merry laugh or unconsciously break out in one yourself, it told you that the gay were even more so; the hum of voices, the rustle of silks, the sparkling of diamonds the angelic forms of maidens and lovers, appearing and vanishing among the stately rulers of the forest, presented to the senses a scene that must tax the imaginative mind of painter or poet to excel.

The happiest gathering has been purposely omitted, until the last, but it is always a happy gathering, when true $\Phi \Psi$'s come together. We had more alumni with us than all the other fraternities put together, and among them were men of distinction, men of wealth and all with kind brotherly spirits and warm hearts for the dear old fraternity; their enthusiasm and recollections had not died with the many years since their graduation as was revealed in our alumni meeting; our worthy Editor-in-Chief was on the throne and conducted the meeting with great success, the old brothers rose and spoke, telling in their warm and spicy speeches of capital jokes, of happy experiences and of true lasting friendship formed for their brothers, filling each with the desire to live longer and enjoy the future blessings of $\Phi K \Psi$.

R. B. L.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

The June number did not arrive until after commencement, and we found it waiting for

us on our return, and although two months late it was none-the-less welcome.

That conundrum on the first page somewhat staggered us, and we felt as if something was necessary in our defense. We would say that our note paper is of the best quality, and a committee of intelligent and unprejudiced Preps. pronounced it *bona fide*.

Our premises are not and never were infested with limburger cheese, H₂S, rodents or anything of the kind.

We can only wonder at the astute perceptions of our eastern brother and say with the poet

"Id non in naso est, sed in oculo."

We were peculiarly struck by the editorial on chapter correspondents, and fully concur with the remarks therein. Variety is not only the "spice of life" but the life of a paper.

But when the subject was broached to several of our literary brothers they innocently inquired "what in creation is a B. G. for if not to write letters?"

At our last meeting in May we initiated H. G. Burner, W. S. Clayton and S. G. Tompkins into the sacred mysteries of Phi Kappa Psi, to counterbalance our two graduates A. B. McKee and J. W. Bowman.

At the prize contest we entered two Greeks and Bro. H. G. Turner obtained the first honors. We begin this year with six seniors and prospects never better, and intend to insist more strongly than ever upon our principle of "quality and not quantity."

A word about our symposium might not be out of place. Despite the heat and Madam Modjeska, we had the college chapel full though not crowded; after a vocal solo by Bro. McKee and the poem by Bro. Dickson, we listened to the greatest treat of the evening, the masterly and eloquent address of Bro. Bovard of Los Angeles, and he showed that notwithstanding his duties as college President, the fraternal feeling still burns with more than youthful vigor.

Adjourning to the "Angeraiis" both in dining hall and parlor we enjoyed ourselves as only "Phi Psis" and their best girls can.

Toasts were dispensed with and instead we indulged in conversation, and listened to Bro. Bovard's reminiscences of school and fraternity days, 'till the "noon of night" and the recollection of six other entertainments in the adjacent future drove us unwillingly to our domiciles.

We hoped that among all the Sir Knights who attended the triennial conclave, there might be some stray $\Phi \Psi$'s, who could come down and make us a visit but we seem doomed to disappointment.

With California Alphas best wishes for the SHIELD and the sister chapters, I remain
yours in $\Phi \kappa \Psi$, B. F. H.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

GETTYSBURG, September 1, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

As this another college year dawns upon us, Pennsylvania Epsilon would extend fraternal greeting to you, to her sister chapters and to all who have enrolled themselves under the banner, with the express hope that the usual and united degree of success may crown their efforts everywhere, especially does she congratulate the editors and managers upon their success in making the SHIELD so valuable a fraternity journal and so worthy of our grand order, and trusts that with this new academic year your meritorious labors may be amply repaid, not only by the pleasant assurance (which you have been receiving from all) of its happy reception, the eagerness and delight with which it is read, but by that more substantial and equally important support, which paltry sum *every* brother should regard as a high privilege of exchanging for such a return.

As our session does not open until the 6th and we were requested to have our communication in by the 5th we can tell but little of our prospects for new men for the coming year but have no serious fears of being left very badly. We lose from active membership in the class of '83 three stalwart sons of the chapter, Bros. W. M. Duncan, R. M.

Linton and Allen J. Smith, miss them we will, for we recognize in them three strong supports and are truly conscious of the fact that it will be hard to fill their places, yet we feel assured, from their individual attainments and characters, that, wherever they go, they will reap honor for themselves, and as they thus honor themselves they honor the fraternity of their choice. Their welfare shall ever be our deepest interest.

The rest of the chapter returning, we will start the new year with about a dozen good men, and the earnest expectation of soon adding a few of the new arrivals to our list. Our hearts beat high with the thought of moving into our new home, which is now at last completed. Though grander edifices may have been reared, yet we are proud, and we think justly too, of our little "temple" and those of our graduate brothers who have so faithfully and liberally supported the project. If it can ever be true that our college days are particularly suited for the formation of friendships and kindling the sacred flame of fraternal feeling, but that the after struggle with the cold and selfish world tends to break these ties or diminish this zeal and fervor, it certainly cannot be said of many of the brothers of Epsilon. Rather do they seem to be drawing them tighter and the flame, kindled in some hearts long ago, burns brighter as years roll on. If thankfulness and gratitude from us, who are *now* the standard bearers of our chapter, can in any measure repay them, our hearts cannot help but be full.

We can but regret that in your talk with correspondents in your last issue you did not go a little further and refer to the substance of the communication, what should be its general tone. Perfectly aware that no definite rule can be laid down to suit the circumstances of different chapters, yet the correspondent is often perplexed to know exactly of what he ought to write, should he confine himself too closely to the actions of his own chapter, his letter will soon be stigmatized as too personal and local, should he make it general fraternity discussion, he partially de-

feats its object in not giving chapter news to the graduates of his chapter, and besides to enter into anything like a discussion on any subject would take all his space for that alone. Should he deflect either way, there is something to prick him. Verily, his course is a straight and narrow one. With love and the grip to all,

Yours in the mystic trinity,

C. D. H.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Sep. 17th 1883.
DEAR SHIELD;

Bro. Joe "Collis," the SHIELD'S "official" correspondent at Ill. Alpha, writes all the way from Emporia, Kansas, requesting me "to stir up" Bro. "Epitaph" to write to the SHIELD or do it myself. Since Bro. "Epitaph," *alias* Graves, has not put in appearance, obediently I seize a quill.

Naturally I recur to last year's pleasing recollections, a year of success and progress with us, a year's work that has placed the chapter in the best condition that it ever has been at the beginning of a scholastic year.

Prominent among the happy recollections of the past year, we count the numerous visits we enjoyed from members of other chapters. Brothers from Ill. Beta called occasionally; in the early part of the year Bro. C. G. Gleed, Kan A, attorney for the Atchinson, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. and later Bro. J. W. Gleed, professor of Latin in Kansas State University, spent an evening with us, Bro. Salem Town, an alumnus of Ind. A, met with us a number of times, Bro. Patrick an alumnus of the same chapter and who last commencement took his L. L. B. at the Law school of N. W. U. came up to see if it was really true that there were Phi Psis at Evanston and went away after a days investigation not wholly disappointed. Others there were whom I can not now recollect at the moment. And, too, just before commencement, when the base ball teams of the State

University of Wisconsin and of Beloit met our team on the home grounds we were rejoiced to meet a large number of our Alpha and Gamma brethren of Wisconsin. Ten of the Alpha men, three of whom were members of the base ball nine of their university, were with us at that time. These stalwart Badgers need no introduction here, enough to name the chapter—the chapter freely admitted by its rivals at Madison to stand pre-eminent.

The sister chapters will appreciate with what interest we looked forward to our meeting with the Beloit boys. We who met Bro. Hubacheck at the G. A. C. and heard his encomium on our infant chapter were full of expectation. Nor were we or our chapter to be disappointed but rather did we find further reason for self congratulation upon acquaintance. They were as live, active and good looking set of fellows as you could wish to see—solid men too mentally and morally speaking, scholarship and character are their standard. "Base ball is our recreation" said one of them, and in this not aimlessly have they sought. Four out of the Beloit nine wear the shield—pitcher, catcher, short-stop and third baseman. These brothers, though their chapter is one of the youngest in the frat, have a knowledge of the history, aims and true spirit of Phi Kappa Psi that many an old Phi Psi might envy; they applauded a sentiment expressed in their hearing that since it is in our hands to mould growing Phi Psi in the West, her aims shall be exalted, her place high. Wherefore we confidently assure the future of Wis. *I* and welcome her sons into the close, effective bonds of our common brotherhood.

But to return to Ill *A*. The list of Ill *A*'s prizes of last year published in the June SHIELD is increased by another. Bro. Mars was awarded the silver cup for the best herbarium.

Bro. Solenberger worthily represented Phi Psi on last commencement program, and as Marshall of Field Day engineered the exercises in such a manner as to win only praise-

es from all and have it said that our last was the most creditable field-day performance ever held on the campus. At this time it was that our redoubtable Kansas man won fresh laurels and half the prize money in a wild three-legged race the other leg and a half belonging to an "outer" "Joe" pulled through to victory.

The beginning of the term finds the frats in much the same relative position as at last commencement. We begin with the largest number: thirteen—2 seniors, 3 juniors, 5 sophomores and 3 freshmen. The incoming class is large and of apparent good make up. We shall have an eye to it. Beta Theta Pi starts out with ten men. She will this year as last be our strongest or rather only rival. Phi Kappa Sigma, numerically is scarcely as strong as usual. The course of Delta Upsilon was unmistakably downwards last year and, at present, the "non secret frat" as its members sometimes term themselves does not occupy an altogether enviable position. While *I* has several of our best men at N. W. U. her mixed and uncertain character does not excite confidence among either Greeks or Barbarians. The most marked change, is the rise of Sigma Chi. For several years there were only from two to four bearers of the white cross at N. W. U. but wisely these few awaited the time when the ill name their frat had gained here should have been forgotten and then with equal wisdom sought a different class from that which their late predecessors had cultivated. The Sigs, though comparatively few in number, (6), at the present outlook, bid fair to attain the good name and deserts accorded to them in the early days of their chapter. It is with pleasure that we speak of this fraternity.

The ladies societies of Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma and Kappa Kappa Gamma are flourishing. I think it is the general verdict that their presence here has been beneficial to college social and political life.

It seems only in the natural course of things than when an instructor is wanted for the prep. the faculty picks out a Phi Psi. Now

it is Bro. Wilkinson to whom the honor has come, succeeding Bro. Merrel who resigned against the earnestly expressed desire of the faculty for him to continue.

We mourn only the loss of Bro. Willis Humphreys, '86, who may yet return to us. Self denyingly, I say nothing of our new hall but will let you get it from the pen of your regular correspondent. When we vacated our old quarters, the hall was rented to the Evanston brass band. Adjoining the hall on one side were our pleasant neighbors of yore, the Phi Kappa, and in the rear, is the hall of the Delta Us. It appears that the band only practices about every other night and there hardly ever is more than two there at a time practicing afternoons, so the neighboring Hellenes don't get as much music as they might otherwise. So for some cause they seem to be tremendously excited about something and spend their odd times in framing violent, loud-sounding and lurid combinations of significant adjectives. We did and do offer sympathy but cannot help but smile

Thine desultorily but fraternally,

R. M'N.

PENNA. ZETA'S TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM.

We clip the following account from the columns of the Carlisle Pa. *Daily Evening Sentinel*:

PHI KAPPA PSI SYMPOSIUM.

The twenty-fourth annual symposium of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity was held on Tuesday evening at the Florence house. After the oration and poem before the literary societies, the fraternity men gathered in the chapter hall, in Hamilton library building. The hall was soon filled to overflowing by the graduate members and visiting brethren from Easton, Gettysburg, Lancaster and Washington, D C. After spending a short time in pleasant conversation about the "Auld Lang Syne," all were invited to the banquet hall. There, at the head of the table, sat the Hon. M. C. Herman, of Carlisle, the "fath-

er" of the chapter, while filling the hall, to the right and left, sixty-three faces smiled upon the good things before them. An address of welcome was made by S. Wilbur Gibbs, of '83, after which the feasting began. On all sides, above the clash of dishes, and the tramp and patter of hurrying waiters, arose the laughter over some college joke or some fond remembrance. The feast ended, and the "chronicles" read by E. Conover, '83, the long list of toasts began with Judge Herman, '62, in response to "Our Fraternity," who gave in a glowing retrospect the reason for the success of the order in the past, and his undying love for the principles involved. In the absence, on account of illness, of J. P. Gross, of Philadelphia, Dr. Geo. W. Linn, of Concord, Pa., was called on in response to the toast "Our Chapter." The neat tribute he paid to his chapter, as he knew it in the days gone by, seemed justified by the laughing faces about him. "The Future of the Fraternity," by D. J. Myers, of Philadelphia, seemed to be seen in the number and enthusiasm of those present. "Our Alumni," by Prof. J. H. Morgan, were made to fill the highest positions attainable through merit. The conviction was expressed that honored names worn by those present had once been known to the college faculty as on the wrong side of the department ledger. "Our Mission," by M. T. Eckels, of Pa. Theta, thrilled us with what the high aims of our fraternity should make it. Its mission is soul-development, not mere conventionality. "Fraternity Experience," by Rev. J. Y. Dobbins, of Trenton, N. Y., brought up tender recollections of the past. The name of J. Beaumont Spencer was most touchingly dwelt upon and the last fraternal tribute upon earth which the speaker paid him in following him to the grave, suggested similar experiences to most of those present. Geo. Wilber, of Bloomsburg, responded to "Ups and Downs." Though many men whom he knew while he was at college were often "down" he was always trying to maintain a "dead level." He paid a glowing tribute to his fraternity and its influence

when he assured us that though there were men who were wild and reckless this was not the character of his fraternity. It was due to the good, true men whose arms had lifted the "down" men up that his love for the fraternity was so strong. "Our Absent Brothers" was responded to by S. H. Evans, of Port Clinton, Pa. Most of those present were graduates of recent years. Where are those who have gone out from us fifteen, twenty-four years ago? Scattered, some are living, some are dead. These sacred shrines are scattered everywhere and no shrines are more sacred to Phi Kappa Psi than these. "The Ladies" was responded to by F. O. McCleary, of Washington, D. C. "Our Guests" by E. E. Potterfield, of Lancaster, Pa. Eta. Then followed promiscuous toasts by Illick, Miller, Hillman, Bacon, McCurdy, Raymond and others, till the morning song of the birds suggested a breaking up of the festivities. Judge Herman in closing, thought that could the college faculty and trustees look in upon the enthusiastic sons of Dickinson gathered around the board, they would feel that the dear old Alma Mater had no stronger ally than the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. The chapter ode written by S. W. Gibbs was sung, and the symposium formally ended. Many have been the banquets of this chapter, but none so enthusiastic as this.

Spirit of Fraternity Press.

The *Phi Delta Theta Scroll* is note worthy in that it contains in large measure extensive clippings from other journals and has for its editor a Greek who does not fear to express his convictions upon the policy of his own fraternity or fail to recognize the merits of rivals:

"It is a well-known fact that the most successful Fraternities are those which have the most active interest and co operation of their Alumni. To acquire this interest and co-operation the Alumnus must be kept informed as to what his Fraternity is doing. The Beta Theta Pi is acknowledged by both Eastern and Western rivals to have, in a greater degree than

any other Fraternity, this interest of her Alumni and as a consequence she stands to-day the leading Fraternity in the country. In a great many respects Phi Delta Theta is as strong as Beta Theta Pi and is stronger in several, but until we can claim as enthusiastic an Alumni as she has, we can never hope to be her successful rival.

The secret of her success in this particular is that she never allows an Alumnus to forget that he is a Beta and that the Fraternity takes an interest in him and expects in return that he shall take an interest in the Fraternity. Twice a year each chapter sends to every living Alumnus, whose address and changes of residence they are very careful to ascertain, a circular letter containing information concerning everything of interest that has occurred during the year; what progress the Chapter has made and what are its prospects for the future; what the progress the whole Fraternity has made and what are its future prospects; calls attention to their official organ and solicits subscription; tells all about the next convention, how to get there, who will be there and extends a hearty invitation to attend. In fact these semi-annual reports are histories of each Chapter re-written every six months and are invaluable for reference. When the Alumni see that the active members take such an interest in them it is only natural that they should return like for like."

The manly frankness of the following from the July number of the *Chi Phi Quarterly* commands our respect and emulation:

"Fraternities have become wonderfully aggressive within the past two or three years. In our academic days they were content, for the most part, with holding their own, and their field of work was confined within the college precincts. But now the active assistance of the graduates has been so generally enlisted that their influence is felt beyond the narrow bounds of collegiate life.

What has brought about this change we need not stop to inquire. To say that the relaxation of faculty interference has caused it, would but partially explain the reason. Fraternity journalism, as it has been developed in these latter years, has done more in that direction than any other working factor. The most progressive, as well as the most aggressive fraternities, are those which regularly issue a publication that at once serves as an exponent of its aims and purposes.

But with an awkward executive government, no fraternity is equal to possibilities that lie within it, even though its official organ be the best issued,--though it be most aggressive in its workings.

Now, the question at once rises: Does Chi Phi possess the government best adapted for advancing

its interests between conventions? That government is strongest and best which has a strong central power. And right here is where we are lacking. As long as much of our work had to be done clandestinely, dispatch was not such an important matter. Enthusiasm was sufficient to tide over all delays. But now nothing is more necessary than prompt action on questions involving the interests of the Fraternity. And with an executive government scattered from Pennsylvania to Georgia, how can such issues receive the prompt action for which we plead, and which is so essential to the welfare of Chi Phi?

What we want, then, is a stronger central government to act between conventions. Let this be as thoroughly a representative body as the convention itself. Let it be located in one of our great commercial centres, where each chapter can supply its local delegate. Let it include some of the leading men in the Fraternity, as they are found in these large centres of trade. Let this body be corporate in law, if need be, and then we will have an organization that can not only legislate speedily, but that will have power at the same time to enforce its own acts. As now constituted, we are too weak for the times.

The fraternities which still cling to the Grand Chapter method of government are becoming greatly reduced and the following from the June *Phi Gamma Delta* would seem to indicate that $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ will not long be among the number :

"The article on the G. C. in this issue signed "Theta" reveals several deplorable facts regarding delinquency of a few of our Indiana chapters. We question the right of any chapter to take upon itself the privilege of doing as it pleases in this matter of dues. No organization can flourish without an executive head. And this executive head must be supported in its legitimate demands for expenses incurred in managing such an organization. If such a course of action or rather inaction be pursued with impunity by chapters of a certain section, while all others conform to the demands of our G. C., it is time to call a halt and investigate the reasons for such conduct. Have these chapters any more grievances than the others? If so, and these complaints be founded upon just and reasonable grounds, they should make them known to the fraternity, and in convention assembled settle them in the proper way. We hold that it is an imposition upon the rest of the chapters as well as disrespect to the Grand Chapter. If the reasonable decrees of our executive head be not honored, we might as well do away with that

honorable body and have no G. C. at all. We have thus expressed our view of this matter as one believing that the dignity of our fraternity must be maintained and the decrees of the G. C. supported."

The *Zeta Psi Monthly* recently brought from Canada to Newark N. J. speaks thus regarding the change :

"But apart from this *success d'estime*, if we may so call it and be pardoned for our presumption, there is little else to record. Financially the success has not been marked. Notwithstanding the modest sum charged for yearly subscriptions, and the pains taken to apprise every living Zeta Psi of the existence of the MONTHLY, the returns thus far have not equalled the expenses of publication. Whenever personal application has been made subscriptions have always been secured, but the vast majority of brothers dwelling in inaccessible regions, have remained silent. Scarcely twelve per cent. of living Zetas are subscribers to the ZETA PSI MONTHLY, and of this number nearly one-fifth are yet in arrears for Vol. 1. Under these depressing circumstances the further conduct of the publication would be dubious did not the editor place firm reliance upon the general activity and enterprise of the Fraternity ultimately to place the MONTHLY upon firm footing, and the farewell which is now spoken is not forever."

The June *Beta Theta Pi* has an editorial on district state and local inter-chapter reunions from which we clip the following :

"We know perfectly well that many chapters have already tried the experiment, and that in but few cases has the result been at all satisfactory. And it is to call attention to what we think has been the mistake generally involved in these attempts that we are writing this article.

The trouble heretofore has usually been that the active chapter has tried to bring about such reunions of its alumni upon its own invention and its own exertions. That is not the way to go about it. It is proper enough that the college chapter should organize the movement. But the actual management of the affair must be left to a committee of enthusiastic and well-known alumni, representing all periods, if possible even every single graduating class, of the chapter's entire history. If every member of such a committee writes personally to the men of his own day in college, it will have more effect than any letter of invitation from a college chapter, whose members are personally unknown to almost every alumnus of more than two or three years' standing. Let the alumni feel that it is *their* reunion, not that of the chapter. The point from which to work up a

reunion for Delta or Theta men is not at Green-castle or Delaware, but at Indianapolis or Cincinnati. The Indiana or Ohio alumni, not the active chapter, should assume control of the enterprise, and carry out every detail of the arrangements.

Commencement week, of course, is the proper time to hold a chapter reunion. No fear that other attractions will interfere with a big chapter meeting and banquet. Time can be made for such a feature as that. And it will help the college, give the chapter a stand in the eyes of young fellows just coming in for examinations, send the year's graduates out with a redoubled fraternity enthusiasm, and every way benefit, not only the alumni for whose enjoyment it is principally intended, but all in any way concerned, active and graduate members, chapter and general fraternity alike."

General College Notes.

The removal of Dartmouth College from Hanover, N. H., to Concord, is seriously discussed.

The six prizes given at Williams for literary excellence were, without exception, received by students connected with the college papers.

Over 100 of those instructed at Johns Hopkins University during the six years of its foundation, have become Professors in Colleges and Academies.

At Harvard, Political Economy is the elective chosen by the greatest number of students. At the University of Michigan, History is the most popular elective.

As illustrating the possibilities of the great West, we clip the following from the *News Letter* published at Iowa State University:

The College Female Colored Minstrel Troupe is now well organized. The first exhibition was a success. The house though small was appreciative. The end women are first class artists.—*Mich. Argonaut.*

A Roman Catholic University is contemplated in New York City, which shall rival Harvard and Yale.

The Harvard Faculty have resolved as follows:

1. That in order to provide a regular mode of communication between faculty and students, a standing committee be appointed for the next academic year.

2. That the committee consist of six members, including the president as chairman.

3. That the committee from time to time invite students to join in conference upon such subjects as directly affect their interests.

4. That four stated meetings be held in the months of November, January, March and May, and that the chairman call other meetings whenever special occasions shall arise.

There are four hundred and seven students registered at Cornell University. The institution is in possession of about \$7,000,000, the buildings and grounds being valued at \$1,000,000.

Below is given the average salary of the full Professors of some of our colleges. These are exclusive of the President's salary. The writer of the article from which these figures are taken states that the "general average" for all the colleges of the country is lower than that here given:

Average Salary.

Amherst, Mass., College (Congregationalist).....	\$2,500
Antioch College, Yellow Springs, O. (Unitarian).....	1,100
Bates College, Lewiston, Me.. (Baptist).....	1,200
Beloit, Wis., College (Congregationalist).....	1,500
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me. (Unitarian).....	1,800
Brown University, Providence, R. I. (Baptist).....	2,750
Butler University, Providence, R. I. (Baptist).....	2,750
Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.....	1,750
Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H. (Congregation- alist).....	2,000
Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y. (Presbyterean).....	1,600
Iowa University, Iowa City.....	1,800
Kenyon College, Gambier, O. (Protestant Episcopal)..	1,700
McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill. (Methodist Epis- copal).....	900
Milton, Wis., College. (Seventh Day Baptist).....	800
Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. (Lutheran).....	1,100
Oberlin, O., College, (Congregationalist).....	1,500
Rochester, N. Y., University (Baptist).....	2,000
Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J. (Reformed).....	2,400
Syracuse, N. Y., University, (Methodist Episcopal).....	2,150
Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.....	2,000
University College of Michigan, Ann Arbor.....	2,200
University of Vermont, Burlington.....	1,700
University of Virginia, Charlottesville.....	3,000
Wheaton, Ill., College. (Congregationalist).....	.850

General average\$1,775

—*North Am. Review.*

We can scarce imagine what value could be attached to any average salary deduced from a list of colleges nine of which are obscure, and in which no mention is made of Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Wesleyan, Yale, University of California, a single college in Indiana or in the South except University of

Virginia. *Apropos* of this list we clip from an exchange the following:

"The President of Johns Hopkins University has a salary of \$10,000. The salaries of the professors range from \$2,000 to \$8,000."

The following clipping is an amusing illustration of how inaccuracies get afloat and gain currency. We could easily show that in Ohio colleges alone there were more than 4000 students in attendance in 1880, in fact five of her colleges could nearly if not quite make up that number:

In 1880 there were only 4,021 college students in the United States, now there are 62,425. It is exceedingly significant that for fifty years the number of our college students has increased more than twice as fast as that of our population.

Other Fraternities.

Sigma Chi has established a chapter at Hillsdale College.

It is reported that the constitution of Phi Gamma Delta has lately been revised.

Delta Psi, at Madison University, has a Chapter house fund amounting to \$18,000 — *Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

At the University of the South, Lawrence, Tenn., each fraternity admitted must receive special permission from the trustees.

Among the Delta Tau Deltas, Asbury, Stevens and the Ohio Wesleyan, publish chapter papers for the benefit of their respective Alumni.—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

Prof. J. R. Thornton, Virginia Gamma Φ K Ψ , now professor of mathematics, Center College Ky., has been chosen to fill Col. Kemper's chair, (that of mathematics) and I hear from the best authority that he will accept.—*Bethany, N. Va. Cor. B & II*.

Delta Upsilon has sixteen chapters, which take their names from the institutions at which they are located. This fraternity is called "anti-secret" but closely resembles the ordinary secret Greek fraternity in organization and government.—*Zeta Psi Monthly*.

Alpha Tau Omega has recently entered the College of South Carolina. The fraternity is rapidly increasing its chapters, numbering at present thirty-one, of which nearly half have been established during the past year.

We had a very pleasant meeting in June last with Bro. R. J. Grier formerly of Ill. Γ . He is a resident lawyer of Monmouth, Ill., and was in Springfield taking depositions in the case of R. D. Buford & Co., vs. the Weir Plow Company. Of course Bro. Grier subscribed for the SHIELD.

A rumor is current that Beta Theta Pi has a *sub rosa* chapter here. If the report is true, —and it seems hardly credible,—the members of the same can scarcely be very desirable fraternity stuff. Lafayette has about three hundred men, and the eight fraternities gobble up all who are in the least qualified for membership, leaving the board pretty empty.—*Lafayette Cor., Chi Phi Quarterly*.

Kate Shelly, the heroine who saved an express train at night under circumstances of great danger to herself, whose noble deed was chronicled throughout the country and perpetuated in the popular declamatory verses bearing her name, is a member of Omicron Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma at Simpson Centenary College, Indianola, Iowa. As an example of one of the highest aspects of courage, we are glad and proud to record Iowa's "Grace Darling" among our number —*K K Γ Golden Key*.

It seems that the ban under which fraternities rested at Vanderbilt University has been removed at last, to a partial extent. Phi Delta Theta by virtue of an address to the Faculty and Board of Trustees has been permitted to come out from under the rose into the light of day. Being the only fraternity recognized at Vanderbilt she has had no difficulty in enrolling the honor men, and the correspondent for the *Scroll* goes into ecstasies over this most natural result of having the field all to herself. Instead of being a source of gratification, the absence of opposition should be to Phi Delta Theta a regret and her

efforts should now be directed to the complete overthrow of the restrictions against secret societies at Vanderbilt.

The following quotation from the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, remarkable chiefly for the wretchedness of its Greek typography and lack of information, is printed just as it appeared, the only difference being in the different kind of type used :

"*Phi Kappa Psi* has had trouble with its new chapter at Geneva, N. Y. It found it necessary to expel two of the members. It has likewise fallen into rather bad odor at Ohio State University. In conjunction with *Phi Gamma Delta*, it has been publishing the College Annual. During last year, however, *Sigma Chi* established a flourishing chapter, and asked to be represented. $\varphi T J$ wanted to grant them the privilege, but $\varphi K \Psi$ stubbornly refused to consent. The result was that a split occurred, $\varphi T J$, ΣX , and $B \theta II$ issued a "Tokio" that appeared on time, whilst $\varphi K \Psi$ is still threatening to publish one alone. It is supposed, however, that by next year they will ask to be taken into the combination."

The cheerful breeziness of the following excerpt from the letter of the chapter correspondent of the Ohio State University to the June *Phi Gamma Delta*, may assist, we hope, in reviving the fraternity spirits of any *Phi Psis* who are bemoaning the decease of their *Makio* or who are contemplating with mournfulness the leanness of their pocket-books occasioned by the so-called "abortive" effort. It is well, however, that we know how our contemporaries regard us :—[ED. SHIELD.

"In the winter term we initiated Ed. Orton, Jr. He had a bid from the *Phi Kappa Psi*, and for a week was in boiling water. But under the wise advice of his father, Prof. Orton, joined *Phi Gamma Delta*. There has been a fraternity split here this year that has been participated in to a greater or less extent, by the non-frat. students. It started over the publication of the *Makio*, our fraternity annual. Heretofore it has been published by *Phi Gamma Delta* and *Phi Kappa Psi*. Last spring *Sigma Chi* started a chapter here, and we wanted them to have an equal representation on the board of editors, since, otherwise the book would not represent the fraternities, going on the principle that no chapter or chapters have a right to publish a book that claims to be the

creation of the fraternities that excludes any chapter in the University. The *Phi Kappa Psi* would not follow this principle and refused to unite with the Sigs. We withdrew, and together with the *Beta Theta Pis* and Sigs., published the book which came out June 2nd. It is a fine book and reflects great credit on the editors. The *Phi Kappa Psis* are publishing one, which will be out in a short time, if it does not die abortively. Our position in the fight has been so fair that we have gained the sympathy of President Scott and most of the students."

Under the caption "Greek World Items," the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* for April gives the estimate placed upon rivals at the various colleges where the fraternity of which it is the organ is represented, and though the plan savors of temerity, we are inclined to think that the intention is to be fair and just, though, we are not sufficiently informed to be able to say how well the compiler has succeeded. Here are the comments upon $\Phi K \Psi$ wherever met by $J K E$:

"University of Mississippi—has 9 members—was established in '81, and has done little so far, though its progress has done it credit.

University of Virginia—has 7 members—has had good reputation—took each year both Jefferson society medals.

University of Michigan—has 17 members and, without special characteristic, keeps on the even tenor of its way.

Indiana Asbury—has 16 members, and of late has worked up well to the front, ranking, in honors and prizes taken for five years past, next to the *Delta Kappa Epsilon*—took two of the nine prizes awarded at last commencement.

Lafayette—has 13 members—ranks well in scholarship—before last year was one of the leading chapters here; but then lost six members by "lifting" to *Chi Phi*—is working desperately to regain old prestige.

University of Chicago—has 10 members, four of them "preps"—controls Y. M. C. A.—is strong in general college associations, which include preps, and rejoices in the absolute confidence of President Anderson—had valedictorian in '82, took first honor at last junior ex.—controls *Pi Kappa* literary society."

The nineteenth national assembly of $\Phi \Gamma J$ commenced a week later in the same city, at the Hotel Bates, with twenty-seven delegates present from nineteen chapters. Delegates and visitors represented the following States:

New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska and Kansas.

Prof. Ridpath delivered the annual address on the theme "A Study of the Present" and Prof. M. H. Richards read a poem "Ego et Alter." Concerning the banquet in general terms the *Indianapolis Journal* speaks in the following vein of pleasantry :

The banquet at the Bates House last night was a highly enjoyable affair. The hotel dining-room was in brilliant array, and all the details of arrangement were perfect. It was a "stag" banquet, and there is a popular idea among bashful college youths that a "stag" banquet is more enjoyable—certainly so to the "stags." There is a suspicion among people on the outside that the exclusion of ladies has an ominous meaning, but for the purpose of easing all such suspicions it may be stated that there are simply practical reasons—the difference mathematically between one and two—and reasons too which none but the philosophical Greek can sympathetically understand. The affair of last night was characterized throughout by a pleasing elegance. The menu was complete in course and excellent in quality. There were between sixty and seventy members of the fraternity present, and the best of humor prevailed through the evening.

We present a batch of comments culled from the letters of chapter correspondents to the journals of rival fraternities :—[ED. SHIELD.]

"During the year our rivals have mostly held their own: not gaining much, or losing. There is, however, an exception to this which is worthy of mention. The Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi whose outlook two years ago was so gloomy, has worked hard this year, and has met with remarkable and deserved success, and now proudly stands well up in the fraternity list. Sigma Chi, on the contrary, has lost her grip. She has had two men lifted and in all probability will not have over three men to start with next fall. Her prospects are poor indeed. Want of harmony between her members has been the cause of her trouble. According to our estimation we would divide fraternities in their standing into four classes. The first composed of Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta and Beta Theta Pi; the second of Delta Tau Delta and Phi Kappa Psi; third, Chi Phi, and fourth, Sigma Chi."—*Delaware Cor Scroll*.

"Our rivals here are Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta. Phi Kappa Psi are our principal rivals."—*Ind. Uni. Corv Scroll*.

"Our rivals are not doing much. Delta Tau Delta

has taken in six characteristic men and the other frats. are wasting away. I can not recall a single honor taken by our rivals. Rumor says that Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Psi are trying to come out here, we hope so and we will do all in our power to aid a healthy rival. Our greatest need is for more rivals and something worthy to rival."—*Buchtel Cor. Scroll*.

"Our rivals in the literary department, named in order of their strength, are: Psi Upsilon, thirty-two; Delta Kappa Epsilon, twenty-four; Alpha Delta Phi, twenty-four; Delta Upsilon, twenty-three; Phi Kappa Psi, twenty-three; Chi Phi, twenty; Sigma Phi, seventeen; Zeta Psi, thirteen. There is a chapter of Delta Tau Delta, not in the *Palladium*, with a membership of perhaps fifteen in our department. In the law department are Phi Delta Phi, twenty-nine, and Sigma Chi, eighteen."—*Mich. University Cor. Scroll*.

"The Zeta Psi Fraternity was the first of the American college fraternities to extend a welcome to a Chapter outside of the United States. In 1879, at the University of Toronto, Canada, the Theta Xi Chapter was instituted."—*Zeta Psi Monthly*.

The above is incorrect; for, $X\Phi$ in 1867 founded a chapter at Edinburgh University, Scotland, which did not flourish, however, owing to the wide difference in the character of the material found there from that in the home of the Fraternity System—United States—and subsequently died.—[ED. SHIELD.]

The twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the $\Delta T \Delta$ fraternity took place in Indianapolis Aug. 22, 23 and 24, 1883. There were forty-five delegates, present, representing twenty-five out of their thirty-one chapters, though over a hundred members are reported at the gathering. The proceedings were held at the Denison House and were of a most interesting nature judging from the daily papers and the questions discussed. It was determined that the policy of the fraternity should be changed so as to place the executive power in the hands of a Board of Control of nine members, a majority of whom shall be Alumni. The next convention will be held at Watkins Glen, N. Y. next August.

At the public meeting held on the evening of the 23rd ult, at the Grand Opera House, Sen. Ben Harrison made the opening speech of welcome and was responded to on behalf

of the fraternity by Prof. Bloss of Muncie, Ind. Will Carleton read a poem, Hon. Chas. Townsend delivered the annual oration, Chas. Krichbaum gave a recitation and L. E. Levassor a resident pianist of note played several solos upon his chosen instrument. The business transacted in addition to that mentioned above is as follows:

The Delta Tau Delta fraternity concluded their national convention here yesterday. Two new charters were granted, and it was decided to issue the new catalogue in November. The following grand officers were elected:

President—Rev. B. F. Dimmick, Mu Chapter, Ohio Wesleyan University, Oxford, O.

Vice-president—W. W. Cook, Delta Chapter, New York city.

Secretary—J. W. McLand, Zeta Chapter, Norwalk, Ohio.

Orator—Hon. Wm. B. Sutton, Gamma Chapter, Utica, N. Y.; alternate, Rev. Washington Gardner, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Poet—John R. Scott, Beta Chapter, St. Louis; alternate, J. W. Collingwood, Iota Chapter, Lansing, Mich.

Song Writer—Charles M. Snyder, Alpha Chapter, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Executive Council—Henry T. Bruck, president, Hoboken, N. J.; W. L. McClurg, treasurer, Chicago, Professor, Eversoll, Wooster, O.; W. M. Day, Cleveland; Wilbur Colvin, corresponding secretary, Springfield, O.

W. J. Guthrie, of Meadville, Pa., was elected editor-in-chief of "The Crescent," the fraternity organ, and Duff Merrick, assistant.—*Indianapolis Journal*.

Space forbids extended mention of the banquet on the evening of the 23rd, but it is characterized in the public prints as "a very enjoyable affair,"

Personals.

OHIO ALPHA.

Bro J. M. DeCamp '68 was elected Alumni Trustee at commencement time for a term of five years.

Will Brewster, '83, enters Wesleyan Theological Seminary of Boston this fall. "Billy" will make a popular preacher.

The friends of Bro. Prescott Smith '78 will be delighted to know that after nearly six months illness his lovely wife is restored to comparatively good health again.

E. T. Brandebury, of '81, expects to begin the practice of law in a few months in Minneapolis, Minn. Our best wishes for his success go with him to his new field of labor.

By the resignation of Professor Short, the Ohio State University loses one of its most efficient teachers, and a chair is made vacant in the institution which it will be difficult to fill with a man equal in ability to the late occupant. Professor Short came to the University but a few years ago, a young man, taking charge of the department of History—to which Philosophy was then added—when it was first established here, and by his energy and close application to his work, sacrificing thereby his own health, he has given the department the high standing which it now has. He was very enthusiastic in his work in the University, leading to over-work and consequent ill health.—the cause of his resignation. His prime qualities as a man and as a teacher made him hosts of friends in the University who join in regretting his separation from the institution and in hoping that he will soon regain his health,—*The Lantern O. S. U.*

OHIO BETA.

'83 Bro. A. J. Turkle entered the Theological Department of Yale this Fall. He expects also to get the degree B. B. (Been to Boston). Give him a call and he will give you a highland welcome.

'81 Bro. "Doc" Hosterman has accepted the position as Local Editor on the *Daily Republican* of Emporia, Kan.

'82 Bro. A. H. Kunkle was recently made Prof. of Short-hand at Champion City Business College of Springfield.

'80 Bro. F. D. Altman is nicely located in his "parish" at Tippecanoe City, O., and is still keeping bachelor's hall.

'83 Bro. R. J. Miller has accepted a position in Mast, Foos & Co's agricultural manufactory as book-keeper. "Bob" always swung a flexible quill.

'82 Bro. C. Ed. Imhoff hung out his shingle recently at Belmore, O., and says he will now either kill or cure.

'80 Bro. C. E. Wirick is pastor of Lutheran church at Tarlton, O. Recently made very happy—it was a boy.

'81 Bro S. E. Baker has fathomed the mysteries of Blackstone and is now reading Kent in the law office of J. K. Mower of Springfield.

'83 Bros. Dan and Ed Arthur still shed their beaming smiles on us at Springfield, Dan will study Medicine, "Eddie" was second honor man in last years class. He says his principal vocation at present is keeping chairs down He will study law.

OHIO GAMMA.

John and Will West, sons of Judge West, are practicing law in copartnership at Bellefontaine, and are doing nicely.

George Palmer has the finest drug store in Bellefontaine, and will be glad to receive a call from any of the boys happening that way.

Harry Palmer of Bellefontaine was married to Miss Josie Main of Council Bluffs, Iowa. He is closing out his book business and will go with his bride to Council Bluffs and engage in the stone and coal trade.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

'77 John W. Crumbaugh is practicing medicine in Delaware.

'76 Dr. Chas. H. Graff has an extensive law practice at Duluth, Mich.

'67 Samuel P. Sadtler is Chemical Editor of *Wood and Bache's Dispensatory*.

Rev. Harvey W. McKnight, was made D. D. at the last Commencement of Monmouth College.

'78 Bro Chas. Krauth Yager expects to come up for final examination in law some time this month.

'55 Rev. Henry W. Kuhns was recently honored with the degree of D. D. by Newbury College N. C.

'77 G. W. Gross, who was first honor man, is Prof. of Academy at York, Pa., and has an excellent school at that place.

'63 Rev. Geo. F. Speiker, has accepted a call to St. Michael's Lutheran Church Allentown, Pa. He is an editor of the *Lutheran Review*.

PENNSYLVANIA IOTA.

Care O. Herring '79 has gone to Vienna.

Bro. Will Hoffheins, '82, is studying law at York Pa.

Dr. Samuel Apple, '63, is now residing at Easton, Pa.

Bro. James B. Deshler has an excellent law practice at Allentown, Pa.

Bro. E. L. Evans M. D., Ph. D. has a fine practice in Phila. and never misses a $\Phi \Psi$ gathering in the city.

Bro. O. C. S. Carter, '78, was married last Spring to a Phila. lady. He contributed a recent article to the *Chemical News* of London.

Bro. Maj. E. O. Shakspeare, '64, is a member of the American Rifle Team and did some fine shooting in England this summer.

Dr. John Marshall took the degree of Doctor of Natural Sciences at Tubingen about a year ago. He spent the Summer with Geo. and Ben Miller at Milwaukee.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

Bro Garry Mars, '85, organized himself into a lecture bureau the last days of vacation and presented our genial Bro. Dr. Willits to several audiences in northern Illinois. The fame of the good Doctor as a lecture is waxing brighter.

Bro. Charles E Piper, '82, has the responsible and onerous position of inspector of Uncle Sam's post offices in South Chicago.

Bro. John N. Hall, is preaching to a union congregation of Presbyterians and Methodists at Peru, Ill. A recent donation increased John's faith.

Bro. George H. Horswell, '79, member of our prep. faculty, was offered the professorship of Latin at Illinois Wesleyan University recently, but saw fit to decline. We imagine our "little Prof." has a higher ambition, anyhow we have for him and *know* he will "get there."

Bro "Joe" Hill, '86, who has been doing work on an Emporia, Kan, paper during the summer writes to his fraters that he will be a couple of weeks late in returning to college duties since he is staying to accommodate the young gentleman who will take his place "who has gone home to get married." Says Bro Joe: "I speak thus particularly of him because of my happy surprise at finding when he came here from California a few weeks ago that we could exchange the grip. He is a graduate from Ohio Beta and an enthusiastic "Phi Psi," A. D. Hosterman by name. So you see I shall leave the work in good hands."

INDIANA GAMMA.

James H. Matthews (Pa. A. '56) is cashier of a bank at Lafayette, Ind.

'80. Bro. Chas. Finney is resident physician of the Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bro. Frank R. Kahler '81 has been elected Tutor in the Preparatory Department of Pa. College.

'82. Bro. Coffman and Bro. Galey '84 are editors and proprietors of the Crawfordsville News

'73. Bro. H. J. Milligan, one of the charter members of Ind. I. is practicing law in Indianapolis, Ind.

'85. Bro. A. W. Knight is president of the Lariat Association and Bros Hanna, Wilson and Hartley '87 editors.

'71. Bro. E. A. Andrew is professor of Mathematics and Philosophy at Willamette University, Salem, Oregon.

'79. Bro. James H. Osborn who has been connected with Wabash college as tutor for the last two years is still with us.

'79. Bro. J. H. Anderson occupies the position of Cashier in the Harper County National Bank, Anthony, Kansas.

'81. Bro. A. A. Hargrave leaves in a few days for Orooomiah Persia. where he has accepted a lucrative position in a printing house.

'78. Bro H. C. Martin, one of Indiana's most promising journalists, is meeting with great success. The *Attica Ledger* is a model newspaper.

'73. Bro. P. C. Cronkhite, editor of the *Daily Commercial*, Danville, Ill., responded to the toast "Our Quilldrivers" at the Wabash Alumni dinner.

Bro. F. H. Hodder, Mich, A, '83, is reading law at Aurora, Ill.

J. McBride, S. C. A, '58, is Professor of Agriculture in the University of Tenn

Richard M. Venable, Va. A, '58 is Professor in the Law School of the University of Md.

Bro. Geo. J. Preston, Va. B, '74 graduated as M. D. at the University of Pa., last Spring.

W. Haynes Perry, S. C. A, '57 is a member of State Legislature and is spoken of for Congress.

D. T. Watson, Pa A, '60, is considered one of the best advocates of the Pittsburg bar. He has been nominated for Judge.

Bro. David Jay Myers, Pa Z, '68, is practicing law at Phila. and still gets off "Handy Andy" at all the gatherings of the boys.

Rev. Dr. F. D. Power, Pa A, chaplain of U. S. House of Representatives officiated at the funeral of Hon Jeremiah S. Black.

VARIOUS FRATERNITIES WHICH OUR CHAPTERS MEET.

Pennsylvania A, '52—Washington and Jefferson College. *B θ Π*, 1842; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1848; *Φ Κ Σ*, 1853; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1861; *Φ Δ θ*, 1876; *Δ Τ Ω*, 1881.

Pennsylvania B, '55—Alleghany College. *Φ Γ Δ*, 1858; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1863; *Φ Δ θ*, 1879; *Κ Α θ*, 1876.

Pennsylvania I, '55—University of Lewisburg. *Σ Χ*, 1864; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1882.

Pennsylvania E, '55—Pennsylvania College. *Φ Γ Δ*, 1858; *Σ Χ*, 1863; *Φ Δ θ*, 1874; *Δ Τ Ω*, 1882.

Pennsylvania Z, '59—Dickinson College. *Σ Χ*, 1859; *θ Δ Χ*, 1861; *Χ Φ*, 1869; *B θ Π*, 1874; *Φ Δ θ*, 1880.

Pennsylvania H—Franklin and Marshal College. *Φ Κ Σ*, 1855; *Χ Φ*, 1856; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1874.

Pennsylvania θ, '69—Lafayette College. *Δ Κ Ε*, 1855; *Z Ψ*, 1857; *θ Δ Χ*, 1866; *Σ Χ*, 1867; *Φ Δ θ*, 1873; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1874.

Pennsylvania I, '77—University of Pennsylvania. *Z Ψ*, 1850; *Φ Κ Σ*, 1850; *Δ Ψ*, 1854; *Δ Β Φ*, 1879 (law); *B θ Π*, 1880; *Δ Τ Ω*, 1881; *Δ Φ*, 1882; *Χ Φ*, 1882; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1883.

Virginia A, '53—University of Virginia. *Χ Φ*, 1859; *Δ Ψ*, 1860; *Κ Α*, (S. O.) 1873; *Δ Κ Ε*, 1852; *Z Ψ*, 1868; *Φ Δ θ*, 1873; *Σ Χ*, 1860; *Φ Κ Σ*, 1860; *Π Κ Α*, 1868; *Σ Α Ε*, 1858; *B θ Π*, 1850; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1859; *Δ Τ Ω*, 1868; *Κ Σ*, 1869.

Virginia B, '55—Washington and Lee University. *Σ Α Ε*, 1867; *Σ Χ*, 1866; *Δ Κ Ε*, 1868; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1868; *Δ Ψ*, 1869; *B θ Π*, 1856; *Κ Α*, (S. O.) 1850; *Σ Α*, 1873; *Κ Σ*, 1873; *Δ Τ Ω*, 1865.

Virginia F, '56—Hampden Sidney College. *B θ Π*, 1850; *Χ Φ*, 1867; *Σ Χ*, 1872; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1870.

Ohio A, '61—Ohio Wesleyan University. *B θ Π*, 1853; *Σ Χ*, 1855; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1869; *Χ Φ*, 1873; *Φ Δ θ*, 1860; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1868.

Ohio B, '66—Wittenberg College. *B θ Π*, 1867.

Ohio F, '71—Wooster University. *B θ Π*, 1872; *Φ Δ θ*, 1872; *Σ Χ*, 1837; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1880; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1882.

Ohio Δ, '80—Ohio State University. *Φ Γ Δ*, 1878; *Σ Χ*, 1882.

Indiana A, '65—Indiana Asbury University. *B θ Π*, 1845; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1856; *Σ Χ*, 1859; *Δ Κ Ε*, 1866; *Φ Δ θ*, 1879; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1882; *Κ Α θ*, 1870; *Κ Κ Γ*, 1873.

Indiana B, '69—State University. *Φ Δ θ*, 1849; *B θ Π*, 1845; *Σ Χ*, 1858; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1870; *Κ Α θ*, 1870; *Κ Κ Γ*, 1873.

Indiana F, '70—Wabash College. *B θ Π*, 1845; *Φ Δ θ*, 1852; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1866; *θ Δ Χ*, 1879; *Σ Χ*, 1880.

D. C. A, '68—Columbian University. Rivals (*Σ Α Ε*, '59-'67; *Σ Χ*, '64-'80; *Δ Τ Ω*, '74-'74.) all dead.

Illinois A, '64—Northwestern University. *Φ Κ Σ*, 1859; *B θ Π*, 1872; *Σ Χ*, 1869; *Δ Υ*, 1877.

Illinois B, '65—Chicago University. *Z Ψ*, 1864; *Ψ Υ*, 1868; *Δ Κ Ε*, 1870.

Kansas A, '76—State University. *B θ Π*, 1873; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1881; *Φ Δ θ*, 1883.

Michigan A, '76—State University. *Α Δ Φ*, 1845; *Δ Κ Ε*, 1855; *Σ Φ*, 1845; *Z Ψ*, 1858; *Ψ Υ*, 1864; *B θ Π*, 1845; *Φ Δ Φ*, 1869; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1875; *Χ Ψ*, 1845; *Φ Δ θ*, 1885; *Σ Χ*, 1877.

Maryland A, '79—Johns Hopkins University. *B θ Π*, 1878; *Χ Φ*, 1880; *Δ Τ Ω*, 1877.

Wisconsin A, '75—State University. *B θ Π*, 1873; *Χ Ψ*, 1878; *Φ Δ θ*, 1857.

Wisconsin F, '81—Beloit College. *B θ Π*, 1860.

Mississippi A, '57—University of Mississippi. *Δ Κ Ε*, 1851; *Δ Ψ*, 1855; *Σ Χ*, 1857; *Rainbow*, 1848; *Χ Ψ*, 1858; *Φ Δ θ*, 1877; *B θ Π*, 1879.

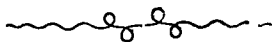
New York Δ, '81—Hobart College. *Σ Φ*, 1840; *Χ Α*, 1844; *Φ Δ Χ*, 1857. (*Α Δ Φ*, '48-'78; *Χ Φ*, '60-'80.)

California A, '81—University of the Pacific. Never had any rivals.

Iowa Δ, '82—Simpson Centenary College. *Δ Τ Δ*, 1873.

Georgia A, '83—University of Georgia. *Σ Α Ε*, 1866; *Χ Φ*, 1867, *Κ Α*, (S. O.) 1868; *Φ Δ θ*, 1870; *Δ Τ Ω*, 1875; *Δ Τ Δ*, 1882.

List of B. G.'s for 1883.



W. B. G., F. O. McCLEARY, Lock Box 401, Washington, D. C.



- Pa. Alpha, B. Sutherland, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa.
Pa. Beta, E. M. Robinson, Alleghany College, Meadville, Pa.
Pa. Gamma, J. E. Sagebeer, Lewisburg University, Lewisburg, Pa.
Pa. Epsilon, G. D. Gotwald, Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa.
Pa. Zeta, J. K. Raymond, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.
Pa. Eta, D. E. Eschback, Franklin and Marshal College, Lancaster, Pa.
Pa. Theta, J. T. Green, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.
Pa. Iota, H. L. Creswell, University of Pennsylvania, 1327 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Va. Alpha, J. S. Jones, University of Virginia, Va.
Va. Beta, William C. Preston, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.
Va. Gamma, J. R. Graham, Hampden, Sidney College, Prince Edward County, Va.
Va. Delta, C. M. Oliphant, Bethany College, Bethany, West Va.
Ohio Alpha, F. W. Roudebush, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.
Ohio Beta, E. E. Baker, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio.
Ohio Gamma, J. C. Payne, Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio.
Ohio Delta, C. A. Marple, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
Ind. Alpha, F. W. Hanawalt, Asbury University, Greencastle, Ind.
Ind. Beta, W. C. Mason, State University, Bloomington, Ind.
Ind. Gamma, Thos. S. Wilson, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.
D. C. Alpha, R. J. Murray, Columbian University, box 632, Washington, D. C.
Ill. Alpha, Rush McNair, Northwestern University, box 1237, Evanston, Ill.
Ill. Beta, A. A. Griffith, Jr. University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
Ill. Delta, Robins S. Mott, 65 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
Kansas Alpha, F. A. Stocks, State University, Lawrence, Kansas.
Mich. Alpha, W. B. Bliss, State University, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Md. Alpha, D. S. Gittings, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
Wis. Alpha, F. J. Turner, State University, Madison, Wis.
Wis. Gamma, R. H. Wurtz, Box 483, Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.
Miss. Alpha, J. F. Park, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss.
New York Delta, Geo. M. Irish, Hobart College, Geneva, New York.
Cal. Alpha, B. F. Hall, San Jose, Cal.
Iowa Delta, G. W. Murphy, Indianola, Iowa.

THE SHIELD.

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THE readers of the SHIELD will notice a change in the Business Managers, and will be careful to direct all business communications to Messrs. Lower and Miller at Springfield, Ohio.

WE referred in a recent issue to promise, made by several brethren both for themselves and their chapters, of contributions in the shape of discussions of matters of interest to the fraternity and suggested by the columns of the SHIELD. Readers do not need to be informed that no such communications have appeared and we authorize the statement that but one has been received.

WE wish to acknowledge the receipt of the following publications from thoughtful brothers: *University of Pennsylvania Record*, *Pennsylvania College Monthly*, *The Wittenberger*, *The College Transcript*, *The Makio*, *The Campus*, (Alleghany College), *The Campus*, (Univ. of Georgia), *The Lariat*, *The North Western*, *The Wabash*, and daily papers from New York, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Cleveland.

ALL those Phi Psis who knew the editors of Vol. I, II and III of the SHIELD under their incognito will be gratified to learn that Vol. IV will not be without the mature judgment and watchful oversight of one of them—Prof. Edgar F. Smith of Wittenberg College. Conformable to his promise when he accepted an election last winter to the Chair of Physics and Chemistry in Wittenberg, he reported for duty early in September and has been exceedingly busy since in arranging his classes and in superintending laboratory work.

The most gratifying reports come to us of his efficiency and kindly reception by the students, which we feel sure will be confirmed by subsequent experience. Bro. Smith is so thoroughly a believer in fraternities that he would be a most excellent man to make advisory counsel to those doubting ones who are fearful that fraternities are not "just the thing." No Phi Psi could live with him or be under his teaching without catching inspiration to make his noblest possibilities realities and it is with assurance of his great success and usefulness that we bid him welcome and wish him God speed.

OUR correspondent is hereby informed that editorial comment on the subject of the Pan-Hellenic Conference has been delayed solely on account of the lack of data from which to speak intelligently, and a disinclination to permit personal choice to interfere with the conservatism necessary to the representative, speaking for his constituency. Although we have not yet received as much information touching this matter as we wish; still, we feel prepared to introduce the topic for discussion hoping that the SHIELD may be authorized to speak for Phi Kappa Psi very soon as to her intentions.

The preliminary meeting held in Philadelphia last February, if to be taken as a criterion by which to judge of the authoritative Conference called for the coming July, could scarce meet with our approval, since there was a very deep-seated suspicion in the minds of the representatives of several fraternities there present, that they were being made unwilling participants in a highly entertaining side-show of two fraternities whose ambition is vigorous—not to say rampant.

We should be loth to throw discouragement upon any scheme tending to purify and elevate the cause of fraternities, and wish to hope that the fraternities in question were not in any wise responsible for the seeming designs there exposed, but rather that their representatives took upon themselves authority to speak and act in a manner at once amusing and ofensive. We do not cast this comment as an innuendo but if it becomes necessary shall hereafter speak with certainty.

We are convinced that Greek-letter societies would be largely benefitted by a reform of abuses and a more general method of conducting their affairs, but seriously doubt if it can be accomplished at the present stage of co-fraternity among college men. There is not a topic proposed for discussion upon the schedule published last April which we should not like to hear debated, and an expression taken upon which would not do much toward alleviating the ills under which we now labor, but a radical change of sentiment must take

place before the meeting next July on the part of several of the most prominent fraternities in the country, before any thing like a free discussion can take place or intelligent conclusion be expressed.

Upon the understanding that the various fraternity journals voice the sentiments of those whom they represent, $\Psi \Gamma$ will be compelled to descend from her chimborazean heights of supremacy and acknowledge the existence of others beside herself and $\Delta \Delta \Phi$; $\Delta K E$ will need to enlarge the scope of her observation so as to take in more than two rivals; $B \theta \Pi$ will surely abate some of her loud and frequent vociferations about the only national fraternity; and $\Phi \Delta \theta$ no longer rest her claims to recognition upon a multiplicity of chapters in obscure institutions.

While the representatives of the fraternities to be expected at New York may be and doubtless will be the flower of Greek-letter societies and therefore men of culture and judgment, they will be imbued with sentiments so widely at variance that any such thing as concerted action will be out of the question.

There is one great and almost insuperable objection to the meeting as proposed for the lending of moral weight for or against certain features of fraternity life, and that is the almost total contrariety of conception and practice among Greeks in various parts of the country. In Eastern Colleges fraternity life resembles that of a literary society in many instances and in others a gentleman's club, the number in a chapter, often as high as fifty or sixty, precluding the possibility of intimate associations. In the West and South on the contrary chapters are much smaller and the predominant sentiment is fellowship, except where numbers are sought to form powerful combinations in college politics.

It may be answered that the Conference has for its very purpose the readjustment of matters so that these wide differences will no longer exist, but which section is to change its ideas first and that so readily? In the East there is wealth and the prejudice of many

years to support the desire for numbers, which, if adopted as the prevailing sentiment, would either make every man in the Western colleges a fraternity man or compel the dismemberment of a number of fraternities. In the West there is the deep seated desire for supremacy over many rivals that will keep the number of organizations undiminished so long as there are students enough to petition some fraternity for a charter.

We believe in the proposed Conference for a reason not as yet offered or at least prominently advocated, and that the desirability of a closer unity in mind and feeling among young Americans, especially among those in college. There has in the past been too much arrogance and lofty assumption of superiority in the East toward the West, and too little reason in the actions and attainments of college men in the West to believe that their Eastern brothers had not much cause for their judgment.

A closer sympathy among college men is a most desirable thing, and we can conceive of no better way in which to arouse such a sentiment than by members of the principal Eastern, Western and Southern fraternities meeting together for discussion and affiliation. As for any legislation we seriously doubt both its expediency and probability, unless the Conference divides itself into sections, which shall exercise independent jurisdiction over the various parts of the college world represented.

It will help $\Psi \Gamma$, $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ and $\Delta K E$ to meet and measure themselves with their hitherto despised brethren; $B \theta II$ will be largely benefitted by contemplating the men of a few colleges to which she has not yet aspired or having aspired has not yet entered; and $\Phi \Delta \theta$ will derive great and lasting benefit by perceiving, through the eyes of her delegates, that she still lacks somewhat of rivalling $\Psi \Gamma$.

Should there be another meeting of the Fraternity Press Association we expect to be there, and desire that $\Phi K \Psi$ in some manner select her three delegates to represent her in

the Conference proper. We hope that there may be intelligent and free discussion from this time forward so that when we do move we shall know clearly what our position is. So far as we know but one fraternity has chosen its delegates and that is Beta Theta Pi. She is to be represented by Messrs. Robb, Williams and Baird. The first is an alumnus of the O W. U. '79. Mr Williams of the same institution, class of '77, and Mr. Baird, '78, of Stevens Ins. Hoboken, N. Y.

AN INTROSPECTION.

I.

IN general a college man's fraternity life ends with his graduation. This should not be so, if we are to accept the teachings of our own fraternity and look at noted exceptions to the general rule, found on all sides in $\Phi K \Psi$ and similar organizations. We see no valid reason for a man to discard his fraternity badge after graduation, unless he was ashamed of it and the associations which it recalled before leaving college halls. Once a Greek, always a Greek is the general tendency and teaching of all fraternities, which have their foundation in a belief, that college secret societies grew out of an intelligent purpose and have been fostered with helpful desires as their chief argument for existence.

There has arisen among college-men of late years a more earnest desire to recall their youthful experiences, and the numerous associations of the alumni of the various colleges in our large cities attest the strength of the feeling. To the average man battling for a place in the world, the memory of his happy careless college days is a fond one, and often he longs for suggestions of the happy experiences once so lightly held, and reads with intense interest the slightest public mention of those with whom he associated.

Fraternity men are supposed to be the picked men, and with trifling exceptions are such, in the colleges where Greek-letter societies exist and the associations of the best and highest minds ought to be the strongest and most lasting.

In the belief that fraternity men desire to know each other better and to remember fond memories longer, fraternity journals were ushered into the world of letters. Some have lived, more have gone down into an unwept grave after a poor sickly existence, but none however poor have appeared but to some purpose. Those which have received more or less hearty support, still appear at their stated intervals and show that there is a place for them, and a want supplied by them.

It is not the purpose of this series of editorials to discuss fraternity journalism, so recent a growth and so strong and important a feature as it is in the landscape of college life, but this mention is made to, in some measure, emphasize by its prominence and order of appearance a topic hereafter to be discussed.

Fraternities have taken a hold upon student life which appears to be growing stronger with the years, and the recent policy of several of our contemporaries so boldly aggressive as to verge upon temerity would seem to augur a wider and far more extensive domain of influence. The progress of some of the most prosperous of our rivals, and the accessions made to them arouse some weighty questions and suggest some very important problems to be solved. It is folly to loftily assume indifference to these marches of rival Greek-letter societies and to enswathe ourselves in a panoply of conceit and arrogance, loudly proclaiming our own perfections and contempt for the vulgar pretensions of others. On the other hand a sober conservatism demands that respect be paid to tradition and custom. Internally, Phi Kappa Psi is one of the most conservative of fraternities and disinclined to change the old for the new, trusting that the former is good rather than obsolete.

While we have been living and moving and growing somewhat, our rivals have cast off much that they deemed burdensome, have added new features to their life and almost universally made modifications in their government. The chief lines in which changes have been made are as follows: means of

inter-chapter communication; sub-chapter government and inspection; conventions; publications; general government.

These topics we wish to discuss and sincerely hope to arouse interest in the sub-chapters, sufficient to occasion progress in whatever lines may appear certain to lead to usefulness and strength.

Communicated.

PAN HELLENIC COUNCIL.

DEAR SHIELD :

I have been awaiting with much interest, and some impatience, an editorial expression on the position Phi Kappa Psi is to take on this question, but being unable to restrain myself longer, have broken forth; if, to some purpose, well; if not, I shall be disappointed.

It seems to an alumnus that there is no clearly defined idea in the Greek world as to what this proposed Conference is to accomplish, and though it may be answered that the nature of the case prevents the possibility of this, nevertheless, I am of the opinion that a coming together will be of little avail until some such idea is perfectly understood.

If the proposers and movers of the plan had in mind the formulation by such a Conference of any settled or approximately uniform policy for different fraternities, it ought not for a moment to be doubted that the project will fail. It is not my intention to emulate Jonah, nor in any way impede the progress of a movement that promises much in the way of broadened outlook, and something, perhaps, of reform, and whatever is said in this communication must be considered in every sense as individual and therefore perhaps of little weight.

Although I was not present at the Philadelphia meeting and am therefore little prepared to be exact in my criticisms, still there is much that can be said without any suspicion of unfairness being aroused. It does not seem proper to put the limit at which admission to

the Conference is to be placed—the existence of at least three living chapters—so low, for no college secret societies are inhibited by this means except mere local organizations.

Every such fraternity having representation, shall be entitled to one vote, a wise provision certainly, for no basis of equable estimate could be reached at this stage in the discussion, yet the most vulnerable point in the whole movement lies right here.

The resolutions adopted distinctly state that no attempt shall be made to in any wise legislate but only to formulate such opinion as shall carry conviction by its moral force. This seems a strange juggling with words, for how is the moral weight of any proposed measure to be determined except by vote in its final disposal; and this arrangement would give no more power to $\Delta K E$ than to ΣN .

Why was the limit placed so low? Why not rather at ten chapters than at three?

I am not hostile to the plan except in so far as it shows strange inconsistencies. I am of the opinion that the chief source of advantage, and the one most fruitful of good results to the Greek world in general, is the social gain to every fraternity in the meeting and exchanging of views by its representatives with those of other organizations.

Let us have a matured opinion in the columns of the SHIELD, this is the desire of a hasty brother who thus signs himself—

JOE. C.

Chapter Correspondence.

OHIO ALPHA.

DELAWARE, O., Oct. 15, 1883.

DEAR BROS:

The September number of the SHIELD, though somewhat delayed has been received and much interest taken in its matter by the bros.

Nothing of importance has happened in Ohio Alpha since our last communication, save that we have added somewhat to our

material welfare by the improvement of our hall. We have no acquisitions to report nor dissensions to conceal.

Our boys are all back numbering twelve and to say that we have no fear of our sister fraternities at the O. W. U. about expresses our feeling in that regard.

In reply to the oft repeated editorials concerning Alumni subscribers I can say for this chapter that we are doing our best and have come out pretty successfully. Most all of our late Alumni are subscribers and several of the older boys.

I, personally, was particularly struck with the communication from Bro. G. S. of Ohio Delta concerning fraternity prejudices in politics; not that there was any thing out of the way especially in the squib of the June issue but that it brought out a much needed expression, editorially, right on that point. To me it is a disgusting fact that some bros. have an idea that to be loyal we must lay aside all party affiliation of whatever sort and work night and day for the frat's candidate.

It is to be hoped that the recent editorial on that point will put a quietus on all such nonsense.

With best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

F. W. R.

KANSAS ALPHA.

LAWRENCE, KAN. Sept. 30, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

For the first time since the revival of the SHIELD, Kansas Alpha lifts her head and desires to be heard.

That this should have occurred before; and that by our reticence in this matter, we have been guilty of great neglect, we will humbly admit. But if our conduct thus far may be pardoned, we will "change the subject and talk of reform."

Although Kan. A has been quiet, she is yet not only alive, but in a prospering condition. Last year we lost five men by gradua-

tion and five left for various other causes, making a total loss of ten good Phi Psis in one year. Yet on account of our inordinate strength, we were enabled to meet this shock without a waver, and we still flatter ourselves that we hold the foremost rank among the "frats" of this institution. We are not numerous now, but every man is of the kind that counts and we can still say with glowing pride that the "girls" (bless their sweet hearts) stand by us.

Last June as usual Phi Psis led off with the honors. To be brief I will only mention that Bros. Spangler and Little received two of the appointments for class day out of three, and also that Bro. Jenks distinguished himself as debater at the public exercises of one of the literary societies.

Our Symposium *was* a symposium. I will not attempt with my small vocabulary to give a description of the affair or to tell what a good time every one had; but will pass on to the beginning of this year.

As we have now three rivals, "rushing" was carried on somewhat more vigorously this year than ever before. As the result of our efforts, we have initiated Bros. Will Little, Mulvane, and Dunn, with the prospect of two or three more before long. The last named of the above was "tackled" early last Spring by the Phi Gams and has been importuned ever since to join their cause. But as he has come up from the Prep. department, he had had time to see something of the different fraternities and thought he knew what was what. Ours was the fraternity he had directed his eyes to, and notwithstanding all the Phi Gams could do, he waited until the opportunity was given to join $\Phi K \Psi$.

Our rivals are the following, $B \theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Delta \theta$, and $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, ranking in strength in the order named.

Of the Betas, whatever else they may be, it may certainly be said that they are honorable and upright in the course. The $\Phi \Delta \theta$ s were only established here in the latter part of last year and consequently their disposition has not yet been clearly shown. I will

say nothing of the Phi Gams for the reason that any compliment in God's world to them would be a lie; and you have requested us to say nothing detrimental to our sister fraternities.

With the hope that this letter will arrive in time for the next number of the SHIELD and with the promise to do better next time, I will now close.

Yours fraternally,

J. V. H.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI, OCT. 7, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD—The September number of our welcome visitor, THE SHIELD, put in its appearance this morning, causing our hearts to bound with pleasure, for every true and loyal Phi Psi rejoices at the arrival of our fraternity organ, for we are always glad to note the workings of the various chapters, and to observe the progress of the fraternity at large. After having spent a very pleasant vacation we again have the pleasure of grasping the hands of our brothers and friends, and of welcoming quite a number of old boys back to our dear old Alma Mater. The University began its work this session under favorable auspices, and the attendance this year will be larger than last, and we are happy to see our chapel beautified by the smiling faces and lovely forms of twenty-three of Mississippi's fairest daughters. The system of co-education is working admirably, and we hope that the next session will open with many times the present number.

We began work this year with only five of the old Phi Kappa Psi boys, our fraternity having suffered more, perhaps, than any other from the loss of old members who did not return to the University. We have initiated only one man yet, Bro. W. G. Draughon, an excellent young "kid" from Louisiana. We are not in a hurry to "set a fellow" unless we know something of his social standing and the position he maintains in the classroom, for we think there is more in quality than in quantity.

Bro. W. T. Rush, A. B. of '82, will not return to complete his Senior Law course, as he has been tendered the nomination for Sheriff of his county, and we feel no hesitancy in asserting that if he is elected that he will always maintain the same high and lofty bearing as an officer that characterized him as a student, a friend and a brother. We wish him marked success in his political aspirations.

Bro. M. J. Manning is now practicing law in Clarendon, Ark., and is rapidly making for himself the name of an able justice, and here's to your health forever, old fellow!

Bro. J. F. Park of '83, is now at his home in Arkansas studying his legal profession. We greatly miss all of our old boys, and wish them all success and happiness.

Last night "we six" had a very pleasant and interesting "guy," and several names were proposed for membership, and we have three or four in prospect, and think they can be had without a great deal of trouble. There are now ten fraternities in the University, the two additional ones being the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Kappa Sigma Kappa, the latter represented in the person of *one youth*. The fraternities seem to be doing but little, except the Beta Theta Pi, who spikes a fellow by the time he sets foot on Oxford soil. All, I think, have initiated some new men. Our fraternity bore off 2d honor in Junior last year, and in the oratorical contest for Hermæan medal, Phi Kappa Psi stepped to the front and seized the prize. This year we have two Seniors, one Junior, one Sophomore, one Freshman and one Preparatory. We are in good working order, and hope to accomplish much good, and be wide awake to the interests and advancement of our fraternity.

Mississippi Alpha sends her best wishes to the SHIELD, and trusts that its efforts may be fraught with success, and that it may receive the hearty support and co-operation, which it so justly merits, of each chapter. With best wishes to each chapter,

I am yours in $\Phi K \Psi$,

W. P. TACKETT.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

ANN ARBOR, MICH. Oct. 1, 1883.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

A short note to our brothers in other chapters letting them know how matters are progressing at Michigan Alpha, may be of interest.

We are now nicely settled in our new chapter house and have, without doubt, the finest fraternity house in town. There will be fourteen men in it when all get back to college. The Alumni are rendering us some assistance in furnishing the parlors and reception room, but all the furnishing of the bed and study rooms falls to the lot of the boys who occupy them. The house is a fine brick structure only three blocks from the University, and is situated in a large grove. This move places us in the front rank among the fraternities represented at the U. of M. Psi Upsilon is the only fraternity here that now compares with us.

Alpha Delta Phi has laid the foundation for a new house, though that is all they intend to do on it for some time.

We have initiated five Freshmen who all promise to be first class fraternity men. We find that fraternity spirit develops in a Freshman much more rapidly when he rooms with an old frat. man, than when he rooms with another Freshman.

Bro. Edwards has been appointed assistant to Dr. Hendricks in the medical department. Bro. Siggins has gone to Dakota to locate as physician. Bro. Leland is in the law office of Judge Cooley, Dean of the law school.

We lose Bro. Hollingsworth, who was an '85 man expected back this year. He is compelled to give up college on account of Bright's disease in primitive stages. Bro. Bliss, our B. G. does not return. We have elected Bro. S. C. Parks, as B. G. P. O. Box 2836. Please change the list of B. G.'s in the SHIELD accordingly.

Our '83 men are out in the "cold world" and doing finely. Bro. Hodder is teaching in the High School at Aurora, Ill., his home.

Bro. Ohls is express messenger on the C. B. & Q. R. R. but intends to study medicine here next year. Bro. Jennings is in the newspaper business at Fenton, Mich. Bro. Hodder was awarded the degree of Master of Philosophy on graduation day, Bro. Miner that of P. G. M.

Bro. Cooling a charter member of Wisconsin Gamma will take his senior law year here. Our B. G. will probably forward some new subscriptions in a few days.

Fraternally yours,

J. V. D.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

WASHINGTON, PA. October 9, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

We return from a short absence from town and find your card awaiting us. The 12th, Sept. found most of our boys at their posts ready to renew work. Considerable of a gap was left in our ranks by the loss of our last June graduates, numbering five, but 'tis a breach we expect to repair in the present year. The contest between the rival frats here has been spirited, and the end of strife is not yet. Our prospects we consider the best, and in the next issue we hope to introduce at least one more brother.

The new material in College can not be said to equal in quality that which came in last year, so the battle-smoke the more thickly envelopes the few desirable ones.

In present strength "we are seven," and can boast that we take nobody's dust. Each Bro. reports having passed the vacation pleasantly, some lazily, in the cool quiet of their homes, a few in delightful jaunts and travel, and the rest with a happy mixture of work and pleasure, but all, without exception are glad to return to "Little Washington," with her triple attractions of College, Seminary, and strongest, the hearthstone of her cultured citizens.

We greet the SHIELD this term with a new delight—are not afraid to compare it with the paper of any fraternity here—and are sorry

we were forced to delay the writing of our quota to our "terra cotta pet." Hoping this may not be too long delayed, and extending the hand of fellowship and love to our many brethren, we invoke the blessing of $\Phi K \Psi$, upon the success of her every chapter and her paper. S.

ILLINOIS BETA.

CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 6, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

The inspiring number of the SHIELD which has just reached us has stimulated us to forward a communication from our own beloved chapter. Last year was a glorious one for Illinois Beta. We were at the head of affairs during the entire time in college politics as well as in literary and society matters, but the climax was capped when at Junior Ex. our Bro. R. S. King won the first prize by a most masterly address on "The New Reform."

The new year opened up auspiciously with large numbers of new students, and $\Phi \Psi$ set the ball rolling by initiating into the mysteries of our fraternity during the first week Mr. Jay Brockway, of '88 and Mr. E. A. Buzzell, of '87. We now number fourteen good men and true, two seniors, four juniors, four sophomores, two men of '86 and two of '87. We were very sorry at the beginning of the year to part with Bro. C. W. Henson who left to take a course of scientific study at Hoboken, N. J. Ten of our boys accompanied Bro. R. S. King to the oratorical contest held with the Rockford Female Seminary, and although our Brother was defrauded of his justly won laurels by prejudiced and incompetent judges, yet he covered himself and the fraternity with glory. The $\Phi \Psi$ boys were masters of the situation, as far as the girls were concerned, and several of them have returned badly 'mashed' While there we had the pleasure of meeting a number of our Beloit brethren, and our fondest hope is that it may be our privilege to enjoy many more such delightful meetings with the boys

of that and other chapters. We are pleased to find in the last number of the *SHIELD* a quotation from the *Δ K E Quarterly* showing the respect in which we are held by our opponents, and the fraternity at large may rest assured that Illinois Beta is ever ready and willing to do anything whatever for the interests of our fraternity—to sustain her reputation in the past and to make a still more glorious record in the future.

T. R. W.

INDIANA BETA.

BLOOMINGTON, IND. Oct. 4, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

The question has been continually going the rounds among the boys, what has become of the "SHIELD"? But the appearance of your postal card in our midst silenced all complaint. The recent loss by fire sustained by our University, must naturally be felt by the chapter here as the number of new students was not equal to that of previous years, neither as regards quantity nor quality. Still we have our share of the "stars" and rest content. The opening of the session was marked by a banquet given by the Kappa Alpha Theta and "Lo and behold" our chapter in full was invited and in consideration of the fact that during last year *K K Γ* banqueted our entire numbers, this does not indicate any lack of chivalry on our part, does it?

Fraternity spirit is not very high here but the enthusiasm of Phi Psi runs on as ever prompting each to the performance of the duty assigned him in whatever direction his activity is required. It would be hard to find a more formidable trio than our Seniors who possess such a variety of abilities, such a diversity of qualifications that they are by nature and practice peculiarly adapted to fulfill the office of leaders. We number seventeen, equally distributed to all.

Just as Bro. Dewitt Chapell was preparing to start for college his father was suddenly stricken ill and lingering a few days died; leaving Bro. Chapel sorely grieved, and on

account of business cares unable to be in college. In his bereavement we sympathize with him; in his absence we keenly miss him.

With sanguine hopes for your success in managing the *SHIELD*, and a hearty grip to all the brothers, I am yours in the tripple bond,

W. C. M.

OHIO DELTA.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Oct. 7, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

One of the most interesting features of the opening of a college year is the struggle of fraternity men, as they become acquainted with new students, in searching for new brothers. We have had at the O. S. U. this Fall a great deal of lively, but quiet, maneuvering, and the Phi Psis of Ohio Delta have been more than silent observers. They have been upon the ground, have engaged in the conflict, and think that the results of their efforts will compare favorably with the achievements of any of their rival fraternities.

We think that the prospects of Ohio Delta were never brighter than at present. Our first initiate was Edward Esterly, a scholarly Freshman whom we believe will make a genuine Phi Psi. Last night, we unveiled the mysteries of our order to our second initiate, H. P. Converse, of the class of '87. Others longed to have him, but he remained firm in his determination to become a Phi Psi. He is a son of Hon. George L. Converse.

Brother Guy Comly will be engaged this year as a reporter on the *Toledo Telegram*, but he expects to return to the O. S. U. at the beginning of the next college year.

Brother Newt. Anderson is among the missing ones. He has long been an earnest Phi Psi. He is now Professor of Physics in the Cleveland High School.

Brother Galbraith, class of '83, is reporting for the *Times*. Brother Marvin, of the same class, is assistant Professor in Mechanics at our University. Brother Gilbert is teaching school at Worthington, nine miles from Co-

lumbus, but seldom is there a Saturday evening when enthusiastic "Newt." is not found in the neighborhood of Phi Kappa Psi hall.

Brother Miller is now Prof. of Science in the Portsmouth High School

Brother Charles Esterly, of Columbiana, stopped to visit the boys, a few days ago, on his way to the Cincinnati Dental College, and had the pleasure of seeing his brother become a Phi Psi.

Brother Erskine is missed. He is at his home in Mahoning county.

Brother Keifer was so fortunate this Summer as to be a member of a party consisting of his father, Ex-Speaker Keifer, and others, who made a most enjoyable trip to the North West, including a week's journey through the Yellowstone Park. He had the pleasure of meeting, at Portage, Wisconsin, Bro. Bennett, of Wisconsin Alpha. While admiring the wonderful "Old Faithful" geyser in the Park, Bro. Keifer met Bro. Kirkpatrick, formerly of Wooster Gamma. Bro. K. subscribed for the SHIELD on the spot.

Phi Delta Theta now has a chapter at the O. S. U. Messrs. Kahler, Munger, and Winters, of this fraternity, were initiated last year, and, at the opening of the present term, were reinforced by M. John Randall, class of '83, O. W. U., who has come to take a post-graduate course, and by M. Bouner, who comes from the same institution. Our relations with these gentlemen have been pleasant, and we hope they will continue to be so.

Yours fraternally,
Ohio J.

NEW YORK DELTA.

HOBART COLLEGE, Oct. 5, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

With the opening of a new year comes the pleasant task of writing once more to the SHIELD and extending to it, and to sister chapters of $\Phi \Psi$ a hearty greeting and a host of good wishes from New York J. May the coming year prove one of great prosperity to

the whole of our noble order, and increase still farther the fraternal bond between chapter and chapter and brother and brother!

Commencement week passed quickly and pleasantly, and brought to the Delta her usual "lion's share" of honors. The most ringing speech of commencement day was made by Bro. C. C. Proffitt. Moreover, we captured the first Greek prize, and the first White and first Cobb Essay Medals, glory enough for one day surely.

The entering class is small but has some good material. Our first from the ranks of '87 will be paralyzed by the Delta goat in a couple of days. He will be a rather large baby,—6 ft. 2 in.—but the goat will manage him or "bust."

We are all eager to get a look at the SHIELD again and to hear how $\Phi \Psi$ in general is prospering.

Yours fraternally,
G. M. I.

INDIANA GAMMA.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., Oct. 1, 1883.

DEAR BROTHERS:

You must not construe our long continued delay in communicating to the SHIELD, as an intimation that we take no interest in its welfare and success. To the contrary, we will lend our full share of financial and literary support, poor as the latter may be, in order to establish it on a solid and permanent basis. When college opened its doors, all but one of Gamma's chapter responded to the call. Bro. Finney, our late Sophomore, who failed to materialize, is taking a course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College at Chicago.

Owing to a piteable scarcity of good timber and an absence of "our kind," we have our eleven men bunched in the Junior and Freshman classes.

We have thus far initiated but one new member, John M. Butler of Indianapolis, whose father is the law partner of Senator McDonald. He has all the requisites for an ideal member, including many other accom-

plishments, and will, no doubt, prove a valuable and worthy acquisition. Notwithstanding, a few strong obstacles, such as the Beta fraternity and their powerful influence in Indianapolis, we had but little difficulty in overcoming all and landing him in the flock.

We were favored a few days since by a call from Bro. Austin '81, a rising young lawyer of Rensselaer, he still retains his old time enthusiasm and his love for the fraternity and chapter remains undimmed.

We will here take occasion to insert two chapters of last year's history which have never yet appeared, and which may be of some accountability in showing the strength of our chapter.

During the latter part of last term a proposition was offered to six of our chapter by the powerful Eastern fraternity $\Theta \Delta \chi$, whose chapter in this institution succumbed last year, to join with them in order to prevent its decay and retain its charter. Being on most friendly terms, we apparently took their proposition under consideration, but with no intention of entertaining it ultimately, and in a few days returned a negative answer. This fraternity during its stay was a powerful factor in college circles, but on account of the absence of material, tasteful to them, they permitted their chapter to die a natural death. The remaining chapter of which we speak, was the "great life," in which we "sprung" the only three men in Phi Gamma Delta worthy of recognition. Having gained their confidence, we learned that this fraternity was split into factions on account of internal dissensions—and a strong current of ill-will and animosity had separated them from the remainder. We approached them with the proposition that they transfer their claims into one more in accord with their sentiments, to which they acceded, and they were immediately initiated after their resignations had been handed in.

This unlooked for and sudden metamorphosis created quite a consternation in college circles, and was productive of much humiliation to $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, and a corresponding benefit to us.

Bros King, Hoult and James, our new converts, are first-class in all respects, and stand high in the estimation of all. Hoult, previous to joining $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ had been "spiked" by every fraternity in college. He leads his class with one of the best records in the history of the institution, and signalized his conversion two weeks after initiation by taking a prize in a contest exhibition.

King and Butler will probably go East next year, the former to Yale and the latter to Princeton.

But I have already occupied more than my allotted space and will trespass no further.

With an assurance to the fraternity that we are stronger and more vigorous than ever, and with the best wishes to the sister chapters, I am, in the Bonds. A. W. K.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

LEWISBURG, PA., Oct. 1, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

The Freshman class is unusually large this year, but Pa. Gamma is rather conservative and is never in a hurry to take in Freshies. We rolled one of them in a barrel at our last meeting, however, and if we find that there are more like him in the class we shall initiate one or two more into the fearful mysteries of the great Fraternity. Our new brother prefers to be a *sub rosa* for the present, but the Phi Gamma Delt's are rushing him so hard that we will have to badge him soon or they will talk him to death.

Brother Morton, '86, has left us and has entered the Medical department of the Penn University. We are sorry to lose him, but Penn. Iota will get a good man.

Brother Coulston, '83, has gone and done it. He and sister Tilden were united in the holy bonds one day last August. We understand that brother Coulston will study Theology at Rochester.

The Phi Psi's took the honors at the last commencement. Brother Baldrige, took the Junior prize in oratory, brother Meeser took the first prize in psychology and brother

Tustin delivered the Latin Salutatory. Brother G. S. Whitman, of Buffalo, delivered the oration before the Literary Societies on Tuesday evening. After the oration the Fraternity met in Chapter Hall to initiate Rev. H. A. Griesemer, '80, after which we proceeded to the Baker House to engage in the annual symposium. Thirty of the boys gathered around the festal board to pledge the health of old Phi Psi, and then we returned to the Hall to sing songs and talk with the brothers who have left home and have gone out into the wide, wide world.

The boys send their congratulations to the SHIELD. We are always glad to find it in the hall. Fraternally yours, J. E. S.

WISCONSIN GAMMA.

BELOIT, Oct. 3. 1883.

DEAR SHIELD :

Wis. *I* opens this year with varying prospects. So many of the brothers have left that some of us are inclined to be a little down hearted, though there are nine of us left to do honor to old Phi Psi.

New Students are not as plentiful as last Fall and the three Frats here will make a hard fight for new men.

Six brothers have left Beloit. R. A. Wurtz our B. G. is among the six, and we have elected E. J. Smith to fill the B. G's. office. Wis. *I* wishes all her sisters a prosperous voyage during 1883-'84 and is hard at work herself.

Yours in *Φ K Ψ*,

F. R. HUBACHEK.

VIRGINIA GAMMA.

HAMPDEN SIDNEY COLLEGE, Oct. 8, '83.

DEAR SHIELD :

Another year has rolled around and ushered us into another era of our existence, and it will become me, who was recently elected B. G., to give you an account of the opening, and history of its session up to the present time. Our band of *Φ Ψ* all returned to college save brother Preston, and we have introduced

the following brothers to the "fiery serpent"—Tucker, Graham, Page, Irving, B. T. Porter, Wharton and J. P. Hollady—all of whom have adopted *Φ Ψ*'s noble principles and lofty sentiments.

We have had some hard feelings with the chapter of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity situated here, in regard to some charges made by them concerning the electioneering of Bros. Porter and Hollady; but these hard feelings were dispersed when a committee from our fraternity conferred with their committee.

The writer of this, while in Louisville attending the great "Southern Exposition," met with some brothers from Ills. Beta and also one brother from Miss. Alpha—he would like to renew their acquaintance if his poor memory could recall their names.

All the "drivers" are at work to establish a chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity here and I think they have been successful in getting a charter granted to them. At least they claim this for themselves. Our prospects for a glorious future crowned with rich results were never more flattering. We stand head and shoulders over every other chapter here and all are sensible of this. We are all striving to go higher up the scale, and not like Hamlet, after he had reached the zenith of his renown, are we going gradually to descend to the nadir. We had recently a visit from one of our old brothers, Peyton Hoge, who was returning from a trip, when he passed by he was single, but when he returned he had with him the handsomest, most beautiful &c. wife that any *Φ Ψ* ever saw; and he deserves her too. He had recently a call to the first Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tenn. with a salary of \$3000. but I am not informed whether or not he will accept.

And now dear SHIELD lest my epistle grow too long I will close hoping that you and all of our chapters will have as much prosperity as we now have and that you will be as loyal and love your motto as much as we do.

Yours in the bonds of *Φ Ψ*,

Thos. L. Trawick

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA.

DICKINSON COLLEGE, Oct. 6, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD :

Chaplain Peirce very humorously tells of a sermon he recently heard at a colored camp-meeting, that the good brother who was speaking remarked towards the close of his discourse that "after this scatterin' preliminary we will look for a minit at the text." And for fear of getting into the same rut we will settle down to facts without any "scatterin' preliminary."

We are all back and hard at work. At the opening of the term there were fourteen of us—but before we enter any further into this term's actions we must take a cursory glance over the close of last year. The Centennial of Dickinson moved off gloriously, and large additions were made to the college in every way. This brought back many of the old boys and the happiest feature of the whole commencement season was the reunion of Zeta's sons. Bro. Evans wrote the account of our Symposium which appeared in last issue. On the preceding Friday evening we made three additions to our ranks—brothers C. B. Church, Thos. Vale and Mode Vale. The evening passed off very pleasantly; encouraging remarks were made by Brother M. J. Eckels, Pa. θ and Bros. Brown and Strite of '82. The reunion was the best in most respects we have ever had, and the twenty-fourth Symposium of Penna. Zeta will not soon be forgotten by those who participated. We were very much pleased to have with us Bro. McCleary, the B. G. of the Grand Chapter.

Hence we commenced this year under very favorable auspices, and we are more encouraged now than ever. Always looking to quality rather than quantity we were very careful not to make any additions to our number, except of the very best material, hence we didn't "bid" many, but we got all for whom we worked. We have thus far added three more to our chapter—Bro. Bruner of Columbia, Pa., Bro. Longsdorf of Car-

lisle, Pa. and Bro. Hughes of Washington, D. C., who, with the three taken in before commencement are the cream of the class, and we can justly feel proud of them.

Bro. Nesbitt was the last to come and first to go. We were assured by the Faculty that his sickness would be taken into account, and that he would graduate with his class; but for fear of precedent they reversed their decision and he, thinking his health would not permit such constant study, left us. We lose in Bro. Nesbitt a good man, a whole-souled brother with a heart proportional to his size—large.

Our Room Committee is busy refurnishing the room, and we expect soon to be even more comfortably fixed than we have been heretofore. A number of improvements have been made already.

We are about carrying into effect several new schemes. We intend to form a Chapter Album. This album is to contain the photos of all Zeta's sons of the first twenty-five years of her existence; and beneath the photo of each there will be a short sketch of his life. A committee has been appointed to work it up, and as chairman of the same I appeal to all Zeta's members, whom this will reach, to send us at once their photos for this album.

Another scheme is to have a detailed History of the chapter written. We expect Judge Herman to write the history of the foundation of the chapter, and will get others to write the subsequent history. A committee, consisting of Bros. Conover, Arthur and Johns, has been appointed to take all this data and write from it a detailed history of Zeta. This we hope will not only interest the active brothers of the chapter but all our members. By these and other means we hope to work up a lively feeling among active members, and show our chapter members in general we have not forgotten them and are working up the interest of their chapter.

Last year a boom was started here in Penna to have a Reunion and Symposium for all the Penna. boys. I think it was first talked

of in my room, but owing to the lateness of the year it was deemed advisable to postpone it. Now we revive it. Why can we not have at Harrisburg a big Reunion of all the Penna. boys? It would cause a better feeling among the chapters, and would be enjoyed by all individually. What do you say, Penna. chapters?

Bros. Geo. Gotwald and Byers, both of Epsilon, were in attendance upon the Lutheran Synod, held in this city last month, and met with us in one of our meetings. They are as earnest as ever, and being representatives of Pa. Epsilon we are expecting much of this chapter after January next, when their's will be the Grand Chapter.

But I'll bring this communication abruptly to a close, promising to write soon again. I hope this year's SHIELD will be a decided success, we will do what we can to make it so. We would be pleased to hear suggestions for chapter improvement in the different letters, as well as for general Fraternity improvement. We are very much pleased with September number, which has just arrived. All the boys send greeting.

Very truly,
RAYMOND.

Spirit of Fraternity Press.

The *Chi Phi Quarterly* for October in its Valedictory editorial says :

"In the first number issued under our supervision, we announced that our constant aim would be "to strengthen those ties that bind us together in unity; to continue into graduate life the efficient enthusiasm of the working spirit of Chi Phi; and to maintain the fraternal feeling which glowed in our hearts as we stood around the altar fire in our own respective lodge-rooms." How much the *Quarterly* has accomplished in that direction is not for us to say; but to-day Chi Phi is in better condition than ever before; graduate organizations have sprung up all around her,—the faithful outposts of a more numerous host within; and she is distinguished above all other college fraternities for the loyalty of her membership.

The *Quarterly*, too, has been established beyond

all peradventure of failure. It had been a matter of doubtful experiment up to the end of the fifth volume. But in the past three years not one penny has been asked from the funds of the fraternity. Nay, when the present volume closes, there will be a surplus of anywhere between fifty and one hundred and fifty dollars, depending on the promptness with which the obligations of our subscribers are met. From a circulation of four hundred and sixty-six, reported to the convention of 1880, it has noted a steady increase, until the present year will show a total of nearly two hundred more."

"We are proud to add that Chi Phi has also enrolled on her catalogue a fair proportion of the names of those who may be called extraordinary men. They are men, too, who have attained this proud distinction *within* the fraternity. It can never be said of Chi Phi, as it is of some other fraternities, that she had to seek her extraordinary men outside the mystic circle of her own creation. This by the way."

In one thing the *Chi Phi Quarterly* is unique and that is the frankness with which it speaks as regards the weakness of the government of the fraternity of which it is the organ. Witness these excerpts from a forcible article in the October issue from the pen of J. H. Cromwell one of the associate editors:

"Though I am loath to say it, there is in our own fraternity a striking absence of strong and complete arrangement for self-government. The supreme regulating power of our fraternity being vested in the Grand Officers, subject to the approval of the annual convention, there must necessarily exist, except when the convention is in session, *no government at all*, or, at the very best, a clumsy arrangement by which all business must be sent to *each and every chapter* for consideration by its members and the vote of its delegates to convention. In Chi Phi the legislative branch (the conservative and thoughtful element, because of its numbers, if for no other reason) of government is entirely wanting except for the brief period of about three days in the whole year.

Even when the convention is sitting, it is composed of the very youngest and most inexperienced members of the fraternity, who are taken up with chapter affairs, and (to cap the climax) of those who are devoting their present lives to the acquisition of collegiate education, who have little or no time for the consideration of the many and abstruse subjects incident to the proper government of the fraternity at large.

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The thing most necessary to Chi Phi just now is,

not a long list of one-horse chapters, each having a long list of one-horse members, not an extensive list of Alumni chapters having no right to vote, representation or suffrage in the convention of their fraternity,—not these, but a real, live legislative body, formed of representative Alumni elected by the undergraduates in convention, and having power to form and enact laws and regulations for the fraternity, subject to the approval of the convention next assembling."

We quote the following editorial from the October *Beta Theta Pi* entire for several reasons, chief among which are our desire that members of $\psi \kappa \psi$ may get some idea of the methods employed to secure to a high belief in the importance of their fraternity by those few members of Beta Theta Pi who make opinion for their fellows, for the real information it contains, and acute estimates, which, although largely subject to discount are yet not often far from the true ones :

"Members of a college chapter are not in a fair position to realize the relative importance and standing of the various fraternities. The local situation has much to do with moulding opinions, though this is not so much the case now as it was a few years since. Fraternity journalism and literature, and the constant inter communication of fraternity men, have made the knowledge of fraternity affairs more universal than heretofore. But it is to the journalist, or one who has access to the exchanges of the several fraternities, that classification becomes natural and easy. The one classification that is suggested most naturally to such looker on does not follow any sectional lines, though the geographical idea is involved to some extent. It is, 1, the fraternity of Beta Theta Pi, (we follow the Latin order of personal mention); 2, the three fraternities, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Psi Upsilon; 3, all other college fraternities, (among the most prominent of these being Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Tau Delta, and Sigma Chi in the west; Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Chi Phi in the South; Zeta Psi, Delta Upsilon, Chi Psi, Delta Psi, etc., in the east.) The fraternity of Beta Theta Pi stands upon a high point of vantage, from which it looks about upon the surrounding fraternity world. Its territory extends in every direction, and it is alike interested in the affairs of all sections. Its cares extend over New England—where its chapters are strongly entrenched—through the middle states and the south its lines of works stretch out; over the west, covering its

many strongholds, its vision reaches to the farthest coast where the banners of the fraternity float over the University of California. It is *sui generis*. It can not be categorized with any other fraternity.

The three fraternities above mentioned fall into a class of themselves, as they are in many respects very similar, though neither would probably acknowledge the other as its prototype. Their similarity consists largely in the fact that they are numerically strong; they have large chapter membership; they hold more or less real property in the way of club-houses; they are distinctively eastern, each having but two or three chapters in the west. They may be called the representatives of the old eastern dissipation. They do not hesitate each to assume for itself the precedence, though they are not equally modest in their assumptions.

Psi Upsilon has the air of having soured on the world; its secret troubles and family miseries hold it together painfully but proudly. It is an object of solicitude to the fraternity undertaker. An immediate administration upon its estate, though desirable, is, however, not probable.

Alpha Delta Phi is, perhaps, the most placid of college fraternities. Having in many respects the best claim to precedence over its class, it makes no special display of the fact, but with becoming demeanor devotes itself to its affairs, and very gracefully observes the amenities of fraternity life.

Delta Kappa Epsilon swears by its new *Quarterly*. It has the largest membership of any fraternity, and a larger number of chapters than either Psi Upsilon or Alpha Delta Phi. The "Dekes" are "too good fellows" to be either very æsthetic or very morose. The youthful scion of somewhat aristocratic parentage, standing with his best clothes on and wondering whether he should run off with the boys or go with his ma in the carriage to have his picture taken, illustrates the attitude of Delta Kappa Epsilon in the last *Quarterly* towards fraternities in general, and Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi. But there is an apparent tendency on the part of these three fraternities to hang together; that is, Psi Upsilon hangs about the neck of Alpha Delta Phi on one side, and Delta Kappa Epsilon fondles her upon the other. Alpha Delta Phi receives these blandishments modestly, though not unwillingly. The adulatory relationship thus assumed may be for purposes of coalition only, as specially insisted upon recently by a writer in the Psi Upsilon *Diamond*, against the useless multiplication of societies and the encroachments of certain fraternities upon the old colleges of the east. Certainly it does not grow out of a real fondness of these societies for each other, as their rivalry is very intense.

We throw all other fraternities into one class, because they present few, if any prominent characteristics not possessed by one or the other of the two classes already mentioned, while they differ from them only in their extent and influence, or in the character of their membership, or the machinery by which they are regulated. There are among them fraternities distinctively eastern, or western, or southern; but in this they represent practically but one or the other phase of Beta Theta Pi, or of Delta Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, or Psi Upsilon.

Beta Theta Pi is in sympathy with the western and southern fraternities, because it has common interests with them, has always been identified with them, and warm personal friendships exist between its members and theirs through college associations, independent of fraternity relations. The same identity of interests now exists between Beta Theta Pi and the eastern fraternities. The bond of identity, while it is not of so long standing as in the former case, is fully established, and every day grows stronger.

General College Notes.

Dickinson College this past year received contributions amounting to \$120,000.

Of all students that enter our American colleges, only one out of ten graduates.

A Professor of Greek has been added to the faculty of the Ohio State University.

The trustees of Hanover College, Indiana, decided to add \$75,000 to the endowment fund at their last meeting.

Hon. James Monroe, late member of Congress from Ohio, has taken charge of a chair of Political Science at Oberlin College.

The salary of the President of the Ohio Wesleyan University is \$3000 and those of the professors range from \$2400 to \$1200.

Amherst and Dartmouth are to have daily papers. Harvard, Yale and Cornell are the only places where dailies have succeeded so far.—*Illini*.

The *Northwestern College Magazine*, published at Milwaukee, is a journal which essays to be the general organ of the college students of the Northwest.

There are four colleges within a radius of twenty-five miles from Columbus Ohio: Ohio State University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Otterbein University, Denison University.

The University of California located at Berkely, has an endowment of \$4,000,000 and is peculiar in its arrangements in that its commencements occur in May.

The first prize in the Oratorical Contest at the Kansas State University, was recently awarded to Mr. B. K. Bruce, a colored man, and nephew of ex Senator Bruce of Mississippi.

The trustees of Denison University have sensibly concluded to change its name back to Granville College and have determined to raise \$100,000 additional to add to her building and endowment funds.

Emory College was founded in 1837, and is under the control of the M. E. Church South. Its present endowment is \$50,000, and the students in attendance last year numbered over three hundred.—*Chi Phi Quarterly*.

Despite their recent misfortune, the State University at Bloomington, Indiana has opened with good attendance. The trustees will not rebuild on the old campus where the fire occurred but will locate in some other part of the town.

Columbia was organized in 1856, the money being raised by a lottery. It is now the wealthiest college in the United States, having an endowment of \$5,000,000. Last year she had 1,857 students, while Harvard had 1,600, Ann Arboa ranking next with 1,534.

In the games of the college Base Ball league of the Northwest, of which Racine, Beloit, University of Wisconsin and Northwestern University, are members, the last named University won the championship without the loss of a game. It is hoped that Mich. Univ. will be admitted to the league the coming year.

Of late years the presence of four, and even five papers at Harvard has brought about such a scramble for editors that the office has been cheapened until the honor of

being on a paper is now often too slight to induce the best men to go on the papers and do the work required. It is expected, however, that the consolidation of the *Crimson* and *Herald* will lead to others, and by decreasing the number of editors will in time raise the standard of journalism at the college.

Lehigh University is the result of the generous benefactions of the Hon. Asa Packer and family. It started in 1865 with the gift of \$500,000 and over one hundred acres of land in South Bethlehem. By the last will of its founder, it came into possession, at his death, of an endowment fund of \$1,500,000; with an additional \$500,000 for the library. Tuition is free in all branches. Its faculty consists of fifteen professors and seven instructors, and nearly two hundred students were registered last year.—*Chi Phi Quarterly*.

Mainly through the liberality of Gov. Evans of Colorado, one of its founders, and William Dearing, of Evanston, the Northwestern University stands to-day practically without a debt. The University's old debt of \$200,000 has been paid during the past two years. Of this amount, Gov. Evans gave \$50,000 and Wm. Dearing \$75,000. The university owns over a million dollars worth of property and henceforth its revenues are not to be sunk in paying interest but applied to the direct wants of the institution. This inaugurates a fair day for N. W. U. Congratulations to Ill. Alpha.

Three hundred and nine candidates for Freshmen rank at Harvard have been admitted this year by the examiners, but so far only 230 have registered and it is not probable that the total enrollment will exceed 270. The large falling off is ascribed to two causes—the high reputation that the Harvard examinations have secured, leading many to take them and nothing more, considering them evidences of sufficient scholarship for many purposes; and the ease with which a successful candidate at these examinations

can enter other and less expensive colleges, using the Harvard credential of rank as a sort of collateral security.

We give a list of the cheers of twenty of the principal colleges of the United States:

Columbia—Hurray! Hurray! Hurray C-o-l-u-m-b-i-a.

Cornell—Cor-Cor-Cor-nell! I yell! COR-NELL!

Harvard—'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! (*with a strong full sound*.)

Princeton—'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! S-s-s-t Boom! Ah-h-h!

Penn. Univ—Oorah! Oorah! Oorah! Penn-syl-vani-a!

Yale—'Rha! 'Rae! 'Rae! (*sharply*.)

Wesleyan—'Rha! 'Rha! 'Rha! Wes-ley-AN!

Amherst—'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! Am-her-est-ia!

Bowdoin—B-o-w-d-o-i-n! 'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah!

Brown—Rah-rah! Rah-rah! Rah-rah! Tiger!

Dartmouth—'Rah! 'Rah! Rah! Wah-hoo-wah!

College of the City of New York—'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! C! C! N! Y!

Hamilton—Ham-ilton! Z-z-zip-rah-boom!

Racine—'Ra-'Ra-Racine!

Rutgers—'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! Bow-wow-wow!

Trinity—Trin-i-ty! Trin-i-ty!

Union—'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! U-n-i-o-n!

Williams—'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! Will-yums! yams! yums!

University of New York—N! Y! U! S-s-s-t! Boom-m!

Wabash College—T-hom-sons!

—*Bowdoin Oment.*

Other Fraternities.

Delta Tau Delta we are informed is looking toward Colorado University at Denver.

The *Beta Theta Pi* credits *Φ K Ψ* with being about to revive her chapter at Cornell.

Alpha Tau Omega claims to have a chapter at Lehigh University though this is denied by other fraternities

It is rumored that Sigma Chi will soon have a chapter at Washington and Jefferson College; also that the Alpha Tau Omega chapter is dead.

✓ Willis O. Robb, for four years an editor of *Βητα Θητα Ιλι*, has retired from its corps. Mr. Robb wrote with more facility and graceful

ness than any other man connected with the Greek press, and his place will long be vacant on the journal to whose success he contributed so largely

Beta Theta Pi in conformity with its recent departure has established a chapter at Amherst having absorbed a local society.—*Torch and Crown*.

Φ Γ Δ is credited in the daily press with looking wistfully toward Center College, Danville, Ky. Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta are already there.

The Rev. M. L. Zweizig of Scranton, Pa., for three years past the editor-in-chief of the *Chi Phi Quarterly* severs his connection with it on account of pressing pastoral work.

Chas. J. Seaman Beta Theta Pi's Song-book agent has a project on foot for building a club-house for his fraternity at Lake Chautauqua and has succeeded in getting \$1200 subscribed toward carrying his plan into effect.

The Phi Beta Kappa society completed its National Council at Saratoga on the 6th ult. Constitution of the united chapters was ratified. The chief business before the council was the election of a senate to be composed of twenty members. President Eliot was chosen president of the senate, Matthew Hale vice-president and A. Wemer secretary and treasurer. The council will convene again at that place in 1886.

Sigma Nu has just established two new chapters,—one at Bethany College, West Virginia; the other at Central University, Kentucky. Beta, at the University of Virginia, has also been revived under favorable circumstances. The next convention of the fraternity, which has heretofore been annually held at the Virginia Military Institute, will probably be held at Washington and Lee University this year. Both of these institutions are at Lexington, Va.—*Chi Phi Quarterly*.

We clip the following from the Psi correspondence to the Phi Gamma Delta in reference to the late "lift" at Wabash, and respect-

fully refer its author to any good text book on Rhetoric for instruction on "mixed metaphor."

"The other three were blown away by the slight breeze of a moral rebuke, which left a uniform brilliancy of the remaining jewels."

In accordance with her predetermined march eastward the Beta Theta Pi fraternity held their last annual convention at Congress Hall, Saratoga Springs, Sept. 29th 30th and 31st 1883. The business before the convention, though it numbered but few over eighty, was dispatched with promptness and satisfaction. The interval of return to Cincinnati was fixed at four years instead of three, a new system of chapter nomenclature was recommended and the petitioners from Colby University were again refused a charter. John Riley Knox one of the founders of the fraternity was present and participated in the exercises. Chancellor Sims of Syracuse University delivered the annual address on the theme: "The March of Manhood to its Inheritance of Rights." A charter was granted to petitioners from Amherst belonging to a local society "Torch and Crown" and a pledge given to Vanderbilt University Students to be redeemed when the anti-frat. laws now in existence there are repealed. Various excursions were enjoyed by the delegates and an adjournment was had to Cleveland, Ohio. The banquet was presided over by toast master Willis O. Robb and responses to various toasts were given by Major Ransom, J. R. Knox, S. G. Williams and others.

Personals.

OHIO ALPHA.

J. N. Garver, 82, is located at Pittsburgh, in the interest of a Springfield firm,—*College Transcript*.

Will Semans, of '83, is engaged with a drug firm in Columbus. He paid us a visit at our first regular meeting of this term and was greeted with much joy.

At one of our recent meetings we had the pleasure of having with us Bro Hastings of '71. He is genial and very much interested in *Φ K Ψ* and all her belongings.

Prof. A. E. Dolbear, a graduate of the O. W. U and one of our honored alumni has been given the degree of "Ph. D" by the University of Michigan.—*College Transcript*.

Bro. Ed. O'Kane, of last year's class, is in business with his father here. He has not abandoned, although he has left us, and we often see his friendly and welcome visage in our meetings.

Frank Drees, of '82, and otherwise known as 'Cindy,' paid a visit to Ohio Alpha recently. Bro. Drees is engaged in the twine and rope business at his home Xenia, and is making it pay well, as we may judge from his account of it.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

Bro. J. H. Johnston, '83, will read law with one of Pittsburgh's noted advocates.

Bro. L. V. Martindell, '83, has in view a rigid "Business Course" in Duff's College at Pittsburgh.

Bro. Tom McCann, '85, is at Bellvue Medical College, New York, studying his chosen profession.

Bro E. E. Crumrine, '83, is the head of a fine printing establishment, which he will soon enlarge to meet demands.

Bro. W. Johnston, '83, after a tearful parting with his Washington attraction, has hied him Eastward to study medicine.

Rev. G. Keady, '54, author of the "Recollections of an Old Boy" published in the early numbers of THE SHIELD is at Boliver, Tenn.

Bro. W. F. Wise, '83.—be it known he is no kin to "Morgan R."—after an extended pleasure trip through the East, will tilt with Blackstone in the Smoky City.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

Willis M. Humphreys, '86, is employed at Muscantine, Iowa.

A. R. Solenberger, '83, has enrolled himself among the Medics at Rush.

Rev. Lewis Curts, who has been appointed to fill the Methodist pulpit at Evanston, is a graduate of N. W. U., class of '70.

R. W. Temple, ex-'82, Professor of Greek in Up. Iowa Univ Lafayette, Ia., has been compelled to give up his work in that institution on account of failing health. It will be remembered by his friends that Mr. Temple had to leave school at the end of his Freshman year for the same reason. He will return to Denver, Col., where it is hoped he will regain his wonted strength.

Since the last issue a deep mystery concerning the protracted absence of a certain Sophomore has been satisfactorily cleared up. J. H. Hill, the person involved in this mystery, is now ready to explain. The fact is, Joe has been acting city editor of the Emporia (Kans.) *Daily Republican*, during the summer, and was necessarily detained a week or two after the commencement of school.—*The Northwestern*.

KANSAS ALPHA.

Bro. E. E. Little is assistant in Advertising Dept. A. T. & S. F. R. R. at Topeka.

Bro Chas. E. Fearl is studying law at his father's office in Burlington, Ks.

Bro. F. C. Thompson formerly of '84 is at present at his home in Topeka.

Bro. J. W. Gleed formerly Prof. of Greek in the University and Bro. S. O. Henry are travelling in Europe.

Bro. W. M. Thacher, one of our delegates to the G. A. C. was married last May to Miss Carrie Heyward of Lawrence, Ks.

Bro. Wilson Sterling was married during the Summer vacation to Miss Carrie Fellows, a class mate. Bro. Sterling is now instructor in Latin in the University.

Bro. E. A. Munsell was married during the Summer to Miss Virginia McKean of Erie, Pa. Bro. Munsell is now located at Council Grove as editor of *Council Grove Republican*.

Bro. F. A. Stocks, '79, has been unanimously elected as editor-in-chief of the *Kansas Review* the longest established and ablest of the journals issued at the Kansas State University.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

'82. C. D. Van Wie is a contented student of law at Denver, Col.

'78. P. V. Lawson is one of the heaviest real estate owners of Menasha, Wis.

'78. Bro C. E. Hooker is a lawyer and editor at Waupun, Wisconsin.

'83. R. A. Cole is Deputy Clerk of the Wisconsin Supreme Court at Madison, Wis.

'75. W. G. Clough is and has been for some years Principal of the High School at Portage, Wisconsin.

'77. C. L. Dudley is a prosperous wholesale hardware merchant and manufacturer of Chicago, Ill.

'77. T. H. Gill is making himself independent in real estate and law at Madison, Wisconsin.

'82. E. B. Priest, after a profitable year in the Northern Pacific employ, enters with Harvard '84.

'82. Prof. E. A. Drake is Assistant Instructor in Rhetoric and Oratory in the University of Wisconsin.

'78. Dr. W. A. Germain is accounted one of the best and most prosperous physicians of Sioux Falls, D. T.

'80. J. O. Hayes is one of the solid men of Ashland, Wis., and a first class lawyer and lumber merchant.

'83. M. A. Hoyt is the Madison, Wis. correspondent for the Milwaukee *Sentinel* and bound to rise in journalism.

'76. A. S. Ritchie is practicing law at Racine, Wisconsin, and is known as one of the most prosperous young lawyers of the State.

'79. H. G. Dickey is practicing law at Valley City, D. T. Harry is an ex-member of the Dakota Legislature and has a whole county bearing his illustrious name

INDIANA BETA.

E. Frozer is Clerk of Lawrence Co., Ill.

J. R. Williams, '75, is Circuit Judge, at Carmi, Ill.

Louis Munson, '78, is practicing law in Chicago, Ill.

Harry Gray, is cashier of the bank at Grayville, Ill

Simpson Lowe, '78, is practicing law at Bedford, Ind.

A. C. Gray, '77, is in the commission business at Evansville, Ind.

F. A. Fetter, is successfully managing a book store at Peru, Ind.

Dr. J. L. Pitner has charge of Trinity Church Evansville, Ind.

C. E. Durborow, is in the employ of Marshall, Peel & Co. Chicago, Ill

A. C. Durbor, O. W. '79, is Secretary of the Paint and Oil Co Chicago, Ill.

W. W. Spaugher, '80, Sec. and Lib. of Indiana University, is travelling in Europe.

F. P. Taylor, '81, is preparing for a trip to California, in hopes of regaining his health.

W. L. Taylor, '77, is practicing law with Congressman Stanton J. Peel, in Indianapolis.

A. V. Farris, who has been in the drug business in Neb has lately returned to take charge of his father's drug store in Bloomington

Chas. Harris, '79, having completed a three years course at Heidlebergh and Leipsic has accepted the chair of Mathematics in Vinuums University.

NEW YORK DELTA.

Bro. L. C. Holcomb, '83, is in business at Vernon, N. Y.

Bro. C. C. Proffitt, '83, is teaching at New Rochell, N. Y.

Bro. Rev. F. E. Easterbrooks, '81, will act as assistant in St Peter's, Geneva, N. Y. and will accordingly be able to take an active interest in the Delta, as of old.

Bros. J. D. Kennedy, '81, and J. B. Blanchet, '82, are rooming together at General Theological Sem., New York. Any Phi Psis visiting their ranch will receive a warm welcome.

WISCONSIN GAMMA.

'85 J. Sheean is attending Ann Arbor.

'85. F. S. Dunshee has gone to Princeton.

'83. E. D. Home is studying law at Milwaukee.

'85. R. H. Wurtz and Hyer, are studying law at Rockford, Ill.

'85 C. H. Harvey is filling the position of Ass't County Auditor at Anamore, Iowa. He will return to Beloit in the Spring.

INDIANA GAMMA.

W. D. Ward, '81, is attending Lane Seminary.

W. McKee, '83, expects to study Theology at Chicago, during the next year.

E. Hiller, '83, is perfecting his knowledge of stenography, in Indianapolis.

E. P. Thomson, '78, has received a call from the First Presbyterian, of Plymouth, Ind., and is now laboring there.

S. M. Coffman, '82, and C. S. Galey once with '84, are the proprietors of the Crawfordsville Daily News, a sheet recently published.

Rev. W. D. Ward, class of '81, has been preaching during the Summer at Lincoln, Kan. He will graduate at some seminary his year, and will immediately proceed to

take charge of this church. He was visiting in Crawfordsville a few weeks, with reference to taking some "personal property" in charge also.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA.

Bro Longsdorf is Historian of '87.

Bro. Theo. Stevens is again at Lehigh University.

Bro. Nesbitt will enter into partnership with his father in the grocery business.

Bro. S. Wilbur Gibbs is assisting Bro. Jas. Ralston as teacher in Asbury Park High School.

Bro Bruner led his class in Columbian High School, and Bro. Tom Vale in Carlisle High School.

Bro. Deale teaches the same school this year he had two years ago. Harvey is very popular there.

Bro. A C Strite is teaching at his home, Leitersburg, Md., this year. We predict a successful career for Abe.

Bros. Coates Caldwell and Chas. Conwell continue as professors at Wilmington Conference Academy, Dover, Del

Bro Conover has been elected Anniversarian of the Belles-Lettres Society. Bros. Johns and Strite will also speak.

Bro. Hughes passed the best entrance examination for Wesleyan University. and hence would have been entitled to the prize.

Bro. Wright Ekersley returned from Europe recently and has resumed his position as professor at Long Branch Academy

Bro. M. D. Learned expects to study in Germany next summer. He is at present teaching at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary

Bro. W. P. Headden, who received Ph. D. from the University of Giessen, is now occupying the chair of Chemistry at Maryland Agricultural College.

Bro. Will A. Eckels is teaching in Chambersburg Academy. We are glad to have

"byx" so near, for he runs down to see us occasionally. He likes his position very much

Bro. D. W. McBurdy is a very successful lawyer at Clearfield, Pa. He is one of our oldest men and yet showed more enthusiasm at our last Symposium than many of our active members.

Bro Illick, of Burlington, Iowa, was much pleased with his old chapter, as expressed by himself last commencement. He is a lawyer at the Burlington bar. He lost two fingers in the Union army.

Bro. Johns resigned his position as editor of the *Dickinsonian* on account of pressure of work. He expects to read law in connection with his college work. Bro. Pardoe is Business Manager of the *Dickinsonian*.

Bro. M. C. Herman, Judge of Cumberland County Courts, has given unbounded satisfaction in his position, and is one of the most popular men of his party. His decisions in the late Bosler-Wagner contest are especially commendatory.

Bro. R. Newton Coulston, deceased, bequeathed to his Alma Mater his whole fortune. The recollections of Newt are sacred, and as days go by they become more sacred. He has bequeathed to his chapter the best heritage—a pure life, a spotless record. There are not many like him.

A private letter, received by friends in Burlington, says that Robert J. Burdette has been seriously injured, having been struck by a railroad train. The circumstances of the accident are not given in complete detail by the writer, but it appears that he stepped from one train between the tracks just as an express sweep by on the other track. A passing coach caught the valise which he held in his hand, striking it so suddenly and with such force as to turn him halfway round and throw him back against the side of the moving car, which hurled him forward, rolling him some distance, and inflicting painful and serious wounds, chiefly upon the head. His

wounds are not considered dangerous, if properly attended, but perfect rest from mental exertion has been enjoined for some weeks. He is at his home, Ardmore, Penn., with his family, who hope by care and nursing to restore him to his accustomed health.—*Burlington Hawkeye*, Sep. 16.

Phi Kap Couplings

GOTWALD-KURTZ.

The many friends of "King" Gotwald both in and out of his *Alma Mater*, Pa. I, will be pleased to read this newspaper account of the most notable event of his life. It is taken from the York Pa. *Evening Dispatch* of the 6th prox :

Dr. D. King Gotwald was yesterday afternoon united in marriage to Miss Julia B. Kurtz, at the residence of the bride's parents on West Market St.

The ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner by the Rev. Dr. Gotwald, father of the groom. Miss Mary B. Baugher, cousin of the bride, and Mr. Geo. D. Gotwald, acting as bridesmaid and best man.

The bride was the recipient of many elegant and costly presents. After their return the doctor, with his accomplished young wife, will go to reside in their new house on South Beaver street, which has been richly and elegantly furnished, where the bride will be at home to her friends, and the doctor to his patients.

WHITWORTH-KERNAN.

It is altogether probable that the happiest man at the recent Ohio State Teachers Association held at Chautauqua this summer was Henry Whitworth for whom the felicitous comment might be made that he had no college nick-name. The cause for this presumable happiness can be found in this terse statement of outline facts :

Married on the evening of June 27, 1883, Henry Whitworth, '77 O. W. U. Sup't of Bellefontaine, O., Public Schools, to Miss Katie Kernan, daughter of Judge James Kernan. Officiating Clergyman, Rev. G. L. Kalt assisted by Rev. E. D. Whitlock.

VARIOUS FRATERNITIES WHICH OUR CHAPTERS MEET.

Pennsylvania A, '52—Washington and Jefferson College. *B θ II*, 1842; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1848; *Φ K Σ*, 1853; *Δ T Δ*, 1861; *Φ Δ θ*, 1876; *Δ T Ω*, 1881.

Pennsylvania B, '55—Alleghany College. *Φ Γ Δ*, 1858; *Δ T Δ*, 1863; *Φ Δ θ*, 1879; *K A θ*, (ladies' society) 1876.

Pennsylvania F, '55—University of Lewisburg. *Σ X*, 1864; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1882.

Pennsylvania L, '55—Pennsylvania College. *Φ Γ Δ*, 1858; *Σ X*, 1863; *Φ Δ θ*, 1874; *Δ T Ω*, 1882; *Σ A E*, 1883.

Pennsylvania Z, '59—Dickinson College. *Σ X*, 1859; *θ Δ X*, 1861; *X Φ*, 1869; *B θ II*, 1874; *Φ Δ θ*, 1880.

Pennsylvania H—'60 Franklin and Marshall College. *Φ K Σ*, 1855; *X Φ*, 1856; *Δ T Δ*, 1874.

Pennsylvania θ, '69—Lafayette College. *Φ K Σ*, '53; *Δ K E*, '55; *Z Ψ*, '57; *θ Δ X*, '66; *Σ X*, '67; *Φ Δ θ*, '73; *Δ T Δ*, '74; *Φ Γ Δ*, '83; *X Φ*, '74.

Pennsylvania I, '77—University of Pennsylvania. *Z T*, 1850; *Φ K Σ*, 1850; *Δ T*, 1854; *Δ B Φ*, 1879 (law); *B θ II*, 1880; *Δ T Ω*, 1881; *Δ Φ*, 1882; *X Φ*, 1882; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1883.

Virginia A, '53—University of Virginia. *X Φ*, 1859; *Δ T*, 1860; *K A*, (S. O.) 1873; *Δ K E*, 1852; *Z Ψ*, 1868; *Φ Δ θ*, 1873; *Σ X*, 1860; *Φ K Σ*, 1852; *II K A*, 1868; *Σ A E*, 1858; *B θ II*, 1850; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1859; *Δ T Ω*, 1868; *K Σ*, 1869.

Virginia B, '55—Washington and Lee University. *Σ A E*, 1867; *Σ X*, 1866; *Δ K E*, 1868; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1868; *Δ T*, 1869; *B θ II*, 1856; *K A*, (S. O.) 1865; *Σ A*, 1873; *K Σ*, 1873; *Δ T Ω*, 1865.

Virginia F, '56—Hampden Sidney College. *B θ II*, '50; *X Φ*, '67; *Σ X*, 72; *Φ Γ Δ*, '70.

Virginia Δ—*Σ X*, 1883.

Ohio A, '61—Ohio Wesleyan University. *B θ II*, 1853; *Σ X*, 1855; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1870; *X Φ*, 1873; *Φ Δ θ*, 1860; *Δ T Δ*, 1868; *Δ X A*, '78.

Ohio B, '66—Wittenberg College. *B θ II*, 1867.

Ohio F, 71—Wooster University. *B θ II*, 872; *Φ Δ θ*, 1872; *Σ X*, 1873; *Δ T Δ*, 1880; *Φ Δ Δ*, 1882; *K A θ*, '75; *K K Γ*, '75.

Ohio Δ, '80—Ohio State University. *Φ Γ Δ*, 1878; *Σ X*, 1882.

Indiana A, '65—Indiana Asbury University. *B θ II*, '45; *Φ Γ Δ*, '56; *Σ X*, '59; *Δ K E*, '66; *Φ Δ θ*, '68; *Δ T Δ*, '71; *K A θ*, (ladies' society) '70; *K K Γ*, (ladies' society) '75.

Indiana B, '69—State University. *Φ Δ θ*, '49; *B θ II*, '45; *Σ X*, '58; *Φ Γ Δ*, '70; *K A θ*, (ladies' society) '70; *K K Γ*, (ladies' society) 1873.

Indiana F, '70—Wabash College. *B θ II*, 1845; *Φ Δ θ*, 1852; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1866; *θ Δ X*, 1879; *Σ X*, 1880; *Δ T Δ*, '72.

D. C. A, '68—Columbian University. Rivals (*Σ A E*, '59-'67; *Σ X*, '64-'80; *Δ T Ω*, '74-'74.) all dead.

Illinois A, '64—Northwestern University. *Φ K Σ*, 1872; *B θ II*, 1873; *Σ X*, 1869; *Δ T*, 1877.

Illinois B, '65—Chicago University. *Z Ψ*, 1864; *Ψ T*, 1868; *Δ K E*, 1870.

Kansas A, '76—State University. *B θ II*, 1872; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1881; *Φ Δ θ*, 1883.

Michigan A, '76—State University. *A Δ Φ*, 1845; *Δ K E*, 1855; *Σ Φ*, 1845; *Z T*, 1858; *Ψ T*, 1864; *B θ II*, 1845; *Φ Δ Φ*, 1869; *Δ T Δ*, 1875; *X T*, 1845; *Φ Δ θ*, 1865; *Σ X*, 1877.

Maryland A, '79—Johns Hopkins University. *B θ II*, 1878; *X Φ*, 1880; *Δ T Ω*, 1877.

Wisconsin A, '75—State University. *B θ II*, 1873; *X T*, 1878; *Φ Δ θ*, 1857.

Wisconsin F, '81—Beloit College. *B θ II*, 1860.

Mississippi A, '57—University of Mississippi. *Δ K E*, 1851; *Δ T*, 1855; *Σ X*, 1857; Rainbow, 1848; *X T*, 1858; *Φ Δ θ*, 1877; *B θ II*, '79; *A B T*, (ladies' society) '83; *K A*, (S. O.) '83.

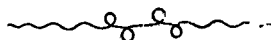
New York Δ, '81—Hobart College. *Σ Φ*, 1840; *K A*, 1840; *θ Δ X*, 1857. (*A Δ Φ*, '38-'78; *X Φ*, '60-'80.)

California A, '81—University of the Pacific. Never had any rivals.

Iowa Δ, '82—Simpson Centenary College. *Δ T Δ*, 1873.

Georgia A, '83—University of Georgia. *Σ A E*, 1866; *X Φ*, 1867; *K A*, (S. O.) 1868; *Φ Δ θ*, 1870; *Δ T Ω*, 1875; *Δ T Δ*, 1882.

List of B. G.'s for 1883.



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- Pa. Alpha, B. Sutherland, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa.
Pa. Beta, E. M. Robinson, Alleghany College, Meadville, Pa.
Pa. Gamma, J. E. Sagebeer, Lewisburg University, Lewisburg, Pa.
Pa. Epsilon, G. D. Gotwald, Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa.
Pa. Zeta, J. K. Raymond, Lock Box 63 Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.
Pa. Eta, D. E. Eschback, Franklin and Marshal College, Lancaster, Pa.
Pa. Theta, J. T. Green, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.
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Va. Beta, William C. Preston, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.
Va. Gamma, Thos. L. Trawick, Hampden, Sidney College, Prince Edward County, Va.
Va. Delta, C. M. Oliphant, Bethany College, Bethany, West Va.
Ohio Alpha, F. W. Roudebush, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.
Ohio Beta, E. E. Baker, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio.
Ohio Gamma, J. C. Payne, Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio.
Ohio Delta, C. A. Marple, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
Ind. Alpha, Frank. C. Payne, Asbury University, Greencastle, Ind.
Ind. Beta, W. C. Mason, State University, Bloomington, Ind.
Ind. Gamma, Thos. S. Wilson, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.
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Ill. Beta, A. A. Griffith, Jr. University of Chicago, Chicago Ill.
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Md. Alpha, D. S. Gittings, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md
Wis. Alpha, F. J. Turner, State University, Madison, Wis.
Wis. Gamma, E. J. Smith, Box 495, Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.
Miss. Alpha, W. P. Tackett, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss.
New York Delta, C. B. Mowry, Hobart College, Geneva, New York.
Cal. Alpha, B. F. Hall, San Jose, Cal.
Iowa Delta, G. W. Murphy, Indianola, Iowa.

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WE are asked to call the attention of the officers of the sub-chapters to the fact that the calendar year is drawing to a close and that data for the annual report must soon be forthcoming. Let there be no delay.

MANY readers of the SHIELD will be pained to read these lines announcing the death of Bro. John T. Short at the residence of his father-in-law L. J. Critchfield, Columbus, Ohio, Sunday morning November 11, 1883. No teacher had ever more loving pupils than he, and many a sad heart will throb responsive to the grief which now weighs down his bereaved family. We regret that we have not space this month to give an extended account

of the life of this noble and distinguished brother; but will do so in next issue.

THOSE brothers who have been making anxious inquiry regarding the History will be gratified to learn that Bro. C F. Niles has returned from his sojourn abroad and stands ready to finish his work and that of his predecessors, whenever there is a sufficient number of names subscribed to make the venture sure. We wish to urge with all the insistence of which we are capable upon every Phi Psi, the great value and utility of the work in question and the extreme desirability of its speedy appearance.

Its compilation has cost Bros. List, Kincaid & Niles an enormous amount of labor, for which they have received no remuneration and for which they do not ask, but they have money invested in manuscript which ought to be yielding the fraternity, for which they have labored so zealously, some adequate return.

Phi Kappa Psi is the first Greek Letter Society, if we mistake not, to undertake the publication of such a book, and we ought therefore to see our hopes speedily fulfilled. Several other fraternities have histories under consideration, and in at least one instance have manuscript ready for publication, and it is eminently desirable that we should not delay our own publication. We have not recently heard regarding the song book but fear that there have not sufficient names been sent to its compiler to make him feel that his project will succeed. The History has been on hands four years, and though the song book question has often been discussed and

plans for a publication proposed, the recent project is the only one which seemed to promise any thing worthy our name and reputation. Address Bro. Niles at Findlay, Ohio, and make the History an assured and immediate success by subscribing for it

BAIRD'S AMERICAN COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

AMERICAN COLLEGE FRATERNITIES: A descriptive analysis of the SOCIETY SYSTEM in the Colleges of the United States, with a detailed account of each Fraternity, by Wm. Raymond Baird. Second Revised Edition. New York: Frank Williams, 64 Duane St., 1883. 18 mo., pp. 265.

It is not an easy matter to review Mr. Baird's book, though in general it is supposed that criticism is a ready art, presumably because so easily acquired and so persistently practiced. Whatever difficulty may be presented in this instance arises wholly from the fact patent to every reader of a review of this monument of patient research, that the author of the volume has far the advantage of the reviewer in point of information.

Four years ago when the first edition was published its appearance marked an epoch in fraternity life. Could the record of Mr. Baird's correspondence in search of material for the first edition of American College Fraternities be known, it would reveal some startling facts as regards the lack of intelligent information among college men, respecting even the organizations to which they belonged. The earliest edition was beyond the pale of criticism, since it was the first work of the kind published, at least, the first one making any pretense to completeness; the second edition, thanks to its predecessor, shows some things yet to be desired.

We had hoped that Mr. Baird would issue a volume in all respects superior to the first edition and we are disappointed that it is not wholly so. The first edition was, in the nature to the case bristling with errors, the second we had hoped would leave nothing to be desired as regards matters of fact, yet there

are here and there inaccuracies. The form is much improved, being smaller and more conveniently arranged and the new features are worthy of note, being an entirely rewritten and much more elaborate introduction, a tabulation of the membership in each Chapter of a fraternity following a roll of the chapters, a tolerably careful weeding out of "honorary" members from the list of distinguished men, a cut of each fraternity's symbols or pin occupying a full page and facing the detailed account of its origin rise and growth, a review of the anti-fraternity publications extant, a review of the Purdue case under the caption—Legal Status of Fraternities, a list of authorities from which information has been derived, a Greek Alphabet for the benefit of "barbs" and ten pages of advertisements.

There are several items in the introduction which call for special notice. In speaking of the power and influence of the Greek Letter Society he says: "In the East the colleges are old, rich and important, so that a student is apt to regard his chapter as quite a subordinate part of his college life. In the West, in the smaller colleges, the student must feel at times that his fraternity is a much more powerful institution than his college, and regard it accordingly."

As to pledging preps, it is said inaccurately at least so far as the last named college is concerned: "In some of the larger Western and Southern colleges, such as Indiana Asbury, Emory College, Ohio Wesleyan, etc., the preparatory schools being intimately connected with the colleges, 'preps' are not only pledged but initiated before they enter the college proper"

The Author under the same minor caption in which the above quotation occurs says—though somewhat ungrammatically—: "The constant rivalry between chapters, and the multiplication of societies, has in it the germ of the downfall of the entire system, unless the fraternities perceive the danger and make a united effort to avert it. Experience has shown that unless at least 40 per cent. of all the students in any college do not belong to

the fraternities, fraternity life at that college is apt to be dull and the chapters weak. At Rochester, Wesleyan, Bowdoin, Hanover and Trinity, for instance, there are, practically, no neutrals and in consequence, an election to a fraternity is taken as a matter of course and a little-prized honor."

This latter statement appearing in a work of such a character can not pass unchallenged and while we believe that there is much force in the statement, still feel it to be one of those dangerous half-truths, which can not be gainsaid and yet which admit of much amendment. We can not accept this strong assertion without suggesting that there may be a wholesome modification to its sweeping nature. While we may be ready to grant the force of the position taken as regards the relative number of fraternity and non-fraternity men, we think that there is no student at any of the colleges mentioned who does not know that there are fraternities *and* fraternities and chooses or waits to be chosen in the light of such knowledge.

Aside from a very interesting sketch of the origin, use and characteristics of fraternities, this introduction gives a brief space to a history of fraternity publications, a notice of chapter houses and an outline of the constitution and ritual of fraternities in general. There have been some changes in the Greek world since the publication of the first edition and we note $\Lambda \Gamma$, $\Sigma K \Phi$, $\Lambda \Sigma X$, $\Phi \Sigma K$, $\Phi K A$, $\Phi \Sigma$ and ΣA as being defunct, together with the local fraternities $B B$, $\Phi \theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Pi$, ΦX and $A F$, $\Lambda \Sigma \Phi$, $\Sigma B \Phi$, $D G K$, $\Sigma \Lambda \Pi$, $Z \Phi$ and Mystic Seven having sunk to the rank of local fraternities possessed of but one chapter each.

As against this long list of dead and dying there are but three births to chronicle, one of which, ΦA , is a fraternity claiming to have been founded in 1878 and possessed of five chapters, and the other two are ladies' societies, $A B T$ with two chapters and ΣK with one. We hardly know whether to mention the organization of a local society at Lehigh $\Phi \theta \Psi$, or not, it having been founded in the

expectation of merging into $\Psi \Upsilon$, and not having been successful.

Here and there in his first edition Mr. Baird with no intention we believe of being unfair or showing any animus was guilty of a slip or two which we notice, since our attention has been called to it, have been corrected. Of these we may mention—we quote from the first edition—: "Alpha Delta Phi is addicted to the practice of electing honorary members, but its roll contain the names of many eminent men," and "The Psi Upsilon fraternity is pre-eminent among the Greek-Letter societies for the high standing of its members, active and graduate, and its conservative spirit."

The former rather broad reflection upon the character of $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$ has been omitted entirely and the latter changed to: "It is one of the first in standing among the college fraternities, and many of its members have attained eminence in after life."

In the tabulation at the end of the book under the title "Cincinnati University" we find this direction: "(See University of Cincinnati)" for which we search in vain. In the same table upon the authority of the U. S. Commissioners of Education, The University of the Pacific is located at Santa Clara, Cal. This is surely a mistake either upon the part of Mr. Baird or the Commissioners, since the University, unless there has been recent change of which we are not apprised, moved from Santa Clara or near there, to San Jose some seven or eight years ago.

Of course, those fraternities which supplied Mr. Baird the most freely and voluminously with material for publication are most extensively noticed, but we believe that he has succeeded much better in this edition than heretofore in preserving an air of fairness and for the most part in his treatment of general fraternities his words have been characterized by the judicial calmness and impartiality of a historian.

There is a very noticeable regard to expense in the appearance of the new edition despite the full page cuts of emblems and

badges and the new features added. We refer to the binding and typography and to the advertisements.

The press-work and exterior of the first edition are much more creditable than those of the present one and as for the binding but one word will characterize that of the second edition—ordinary. The appearance of a cut before the account of each fraternity is an improvement on the chromo in the first edition very much to be commended, but as for the cuts themselves so much can not be said. There are no uniformity in their selection or style of execution, though we think $\Phi K \Psi$ fared better than many others, since in some cases there is a plain cut of the pin, in others a fanciful coat of arms, in another a strange combination of both, seeming to indicate that the printer had utilized many cuts already in existence but intended for far different uses and where this was not done, the work is very plain and the representation unsatisfactory. Those Phi Psis who have seen or used stationery from Dreka will know what the cut for our own fraternity is like.

We should very much have preferred to see the advertisements left out entirely, for, we feel sure that the character of the book demands a higher style of art in its production, and would be regarded with much more favor by the small class of purchasers among whom it will circulate, had the strong hand of financial necessity not made itself so prominent.

There is no doubt that the author has much more money invested in the work than he will ever get out of it, but we had hoped for the name and credit of the Greek World that he could have presented to fraternity men a much more acceptable appearing book.

We think that it would be doing Mr. Baird and his book great injustice to condemn them with faint praise, and we have endeavored to treat him and it with fairness by finding some fault and by looking carefully for errors either of fact, type or style. We believe, however, that every intelligent fraternity man will of necessity purchase the book, and it deserves to become what its present size permits it to

be—a *vade mecum* to all. Intrinsically the book is worth much more than its price, and we take pleasure in recommending to every wide awake Phi Psi its purchase from the author—Wm. R. Baird, P. O. Box 1848, New York, N. Y.

Communicated.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., NOV. 10, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

We have long wanted the opportunity of expressing ourselves upon a matter which we think should be attended to. It is the seeming carelessness with which charters are granted to colleges where the chapters must necessarily be *sub rosa*. We have at least six fraternities on our list where this is the case, and, in our humble opinion, they are six too many. We have need enough of chapters in large Eastern institutions where fraternity life is in its bloom, without expending our energies upon, and adding to our list, chapters whose existence is precarious from its very nature, and whose surroundings are governed by a narrow policy. We speak now from the standpoint of the welfare of the fraternity at large, and not from any motive of personal hostility to the kind of chapters we attack. Two of the best fraternity men it has ever been our good fortune to meet were from just such chapters, but the class of men in them does not remedy their insignificance in the eyes of the Greek world at large. The fraternity that carries this policy of hasty extension too far, will find itself looked down upon by the other fraternities, and a laughing stock to those who know what a college fraternity should be.

It cannot be expected that a chapter, not recognized by the college authorities, whose meetings must be held on the sly, whose associations are believed to be corrupting by the college at large, and the penalty for belonging to which is expulsion from college, can create any great degree of self-respect and manly feelings in its members. And the

temptations to unlawful and dishonorable conduct in such chapters are from their very nature, manifold.

On the other hand, the inducements to establish good chapters in institutions where fraternity membership is a guarantee of gentlemanly character, are increasing, and if Phi Kappa Psi does not advance her present opportunities at Cornell, Amherst and Harvard she will be left in the race for supremacy. In our opinion the next G. A. C. should give the G. C. the power of transferring enough men from already flourishing chapters, or from these sub rosa chapters to these institutions just named; should give them the authority and the means to establish chapters of Phi Kappa Psi in those schools, and should see to it that they are properly fostered and not allowed to go the way of our former Cornell chapter. There are a number of active and loyal Phi Psis throughout our chapters (and some of them are in these sub rosa chapters, too) who would volunteer to change their alma mater for the sake of a healthy and beneficial extension of our fraternity.

Fraternally yours,

✓
JOS. V. DENNEY.

PHI KAPPA PSI AT HARTFORD, CONN.

The '83 Convention of the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance, was held at Hartford, beginning on the 25th of October. There were 347 delegates present, representing 26 Theological Seminaries and Colleges. The Convention was the most successful ever held and was highly instructive and beneficial to all present.

As would naturally be supposed, $\Phi K \Psi$ was represented among the number of delegates. The general informal reception, with the aid of a few half-concealed badges, brought together eight of us, representing as many different chapters. A pleasant fraternity chat was indulged in whenever opportunity presented itself. But when Saturday evening came, we all felt that our fraternal associations at Hartford would be incomplete with-

out having together surrounded a festive board.

Bro's Turkle and Meeser made the preliminary arrangements, and after the evening session of the convention, we all assembled at the church door and together marched to the restaurant *a la* Barger, opposite the Bee Hive.

Turkle, '83, of Ohio *B*, now at No. 54 East Divinity Hall, (Yale) New Haven, and Jacobs '81, of Pa., *E*, now at Drew Methodist Seminary, Madison, N. J., led the van. Then came Messer '83, of Pa., *F*, now at Crozer Baptist Seminary, at Chester, Pa., and G. W. Miller '78, of Pa., *Z*, now at Methodist Seminary, No. 37 Broomfield St., Boston. Following these were Ferner '81, of Pa., *H*, now at Reformed Seminary, in Lancaster, Pa., and Strong '80, of Ohio *A* and *F*, now at Congregational Seminary, at Oberlin, Ohio, Forman '84, of Indiana *F*, now at Princeton, College, N. J., and Gotwald '82, of Pa., *E*, now at Lutheran Seminary, in Gettysburg.

The hastily and self-appointed committee had arranged admirably; and the supper was well gotten up and well gotten away with. No formal toasts were proposed, but the evening was spent most pleasantly in general Fraternity $\Phi K \Psi$ conversation and merriment.

A SHIELD agent was there, of course, and presented its claims upon those present; several of whom were already subscribers, and, of those who were not, Bro. Miller gave his order for it to be sent at once. O—O.

Chapter Correspondence.

INDIANA ALPHA.

GREENCASTLE, IND., Oct. 20, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

We all regret very much that our chapter was not represented in the first issue of the SHIELD. But no correspondent had been elected until after the first number was in press.

We rejoice at the prosperity and stability, which the tone of the first issue insures.

Our chapter here is in splendid condition. We graduated six good, solid men last year and, of course, we felt the loss. We began this year with seventeen men, distributed about equally in the different college classes.

Since the year began we have initiated nine new men. We have "spiked" these men against all the leading fraternities of Asbury. We have not lost a man to whom we made a proposition. We have taken men who had propositions from $\Delta K E$, $B \theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Sigma \Lambda$ and from some of the lesser lights in our college.

We have at present twenty-five in our chapter, and we have about the same number in all the classes except the Freshman, in which we have ten.

Last commencement we had twice as many men, on performance, as any other fraternity in the University, and we took the following honors:

Bro. Ed. E. Hendee took the second prize in Oratory, Bro. Geo. Neff took the first prize in Declamation, Bro. M. G. Lee took second honors in Philosophy. We also had the valedictorian of Philo Literary Society, and Bro. Jim Watson delivered the reply oration from Plato.

Bro. Ed. Hendee, of our last year's class, is at present superintendent of the Public Schools of Winimac.

Bro. Tom. Shannon is in business in Louisville, Ky.

Bro. A. L. Doss is practicing law in McPherson, Kansas.

Bro. M. S. Marble is preaching in Lewisville, Indiana.

Our other two graduates, Bro. Lee Neff and Bro. Will Funk, are searching diligently for partners for life.

All the boys (for boys they will always seem to us) are meeting with success.

Some of the boys, who are now in college, seem to think it is not necessary to graduate before beginning the pursuit in which the last two mentioned are engaged.

On last Monday night the $\Phi \Psi$'s had their third annual taffy-pulling at the residence of

A. J. Neff. The taffy-pulling has almost become an institution of our fraternity. There is no better way of making the boys feel at home. The very nature of the taffy-pulling forbids all formality, the conventional forms of society are cast aside and every one has a good jolly time. Try it once and see.

Bro. J. E. Watson, class of '85 will not be in this year on account of trouble with his eyes.

Bro. "Hick" Pruitt is here to-day and will stay over Sunday.

With many good wishes for our sister chapters and brilliant hopes for the prosperity of the SHIELD, I am

Yours in the triple bond,
W. A. H.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., NOV. 10, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

The October number of THE SHIELD has arrived and we like its appearance very much. We have not yet received the September SHIELD, and as we understand there is a statement therein directly concerning our chapter, we are very anxious to see it. The fraternities here have changed somewhat this year, in reference to the character of the men they have selected.

Psi Upsilon, unlike its action in previous years, has paid more attention to scholarship, and to a great extent, has disregarded society qualifications. Alpha Delta Phi seems to have gone to the opposite extreme. They have pushed their new chapter house nearly to completion and expect to occupy it next spring.

The Deke convention here, Oct. 17-18, was a grand success. The literary exercises were held in University Hall. Frank I. Hurd, of Ohio, gave the address, which was listened to by an audience of two thousand. The banquet was held at Detroit.

The Delta Taus have lost a number of their best men, have no chapter house this year, and to outward appearance, are in a

bad way. They will no doubt "retrieve their shattered fortunes" another year, as there are some good workers among them. The Beta Theta Pi boys are also without a house and are going the way of the good, who are said to die young. The chapter here is noted for nothing in particular, has two good students and lots of bad ones, one "society man" and a whole musician. The chapter seemingly has no policy, and follows where it recognizes the impossibility of leading. As for the other fraternities the Chi Psis are notorious bummers, the Sigma Phis are "sublime but rapid" and the Zeta Psis, what there is left of them, are good fellows and agreeable competitors.

The Society world here is in a flutter as to the action of certain fraternities, on the matter of the Annual Fraternity Junior Hop. There are two cliques, Psi U, Alpha Delta, Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Tau composing one, and Sigma Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Zeta Psi, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Chi Psi composing the other. It will be seen that "the other" has the majority and as a result they have run the hop heretofore in their own way. Last year they deposed a Psi U chairman and put in a Zeta, and as a result "our side" withdrew from the hop entirely and left them in the lurch. This year we demanded one half of the offices and committees, were refused and left again. The hop will probably go forward, however. Our chapter is not in need of any society event of that kind, however, as we give private hops in our parlors about every other week, in conjunction with the Kappa Alpha Theta girls.

We have three editors on "*Argonaut*" this year and one on the "*Oracle*," a harmless sophomoric effusion. The *Chronicle*, the opposition paper, came out this year with a cover which makes the azure heavens and the blazing sunset look very tame indeed. It has been taken for a circus advertisement, a patent medicine almanac and "a tale of Bloody Gulch."

The boys are in hopes that THE SHIELD

will continue to publish articles expounding the fraternity policy and giving both sides of mooted questions. Fraternally yours,

D.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Oct. 12, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD :

We received your admonitory postal and hasten to perform our duty. The University started this year with over two hundred students the first day, and has added quite a number since. This is the most prosperous year in its existence.

They expect to have a new building for the Prep. Department by next August, and various other improvements are prospective.

The fraternity recognizes in some of the new students qualities that mark them as future brothers in this chapter.

At our last meeting we initiated Louis L. Dennett into the mysteries of Phi Kappa Psi; and at the meeting previous, W. J. Hawkins, and "still there's more to follow." These are old students and of the very best material.

Next June will see seven ΦK 's leave the college to go and battle with the world. If they do not succeed—energy, perseverance and good sense are not the elements of success.

Bro. J. E. Richards has just completed his two-story house, swiss cottage style, just in front of the University. It is one of the handsomest dwellings imaginable.

A few days ago we were surprised to see a notice that a marriage license had been granted to F. W. Blackmar, but upon congratulating our mathematical Prof. he plead not guilty, and said it was—"that cousin of his." So our fine expectations of an increase in the Phi Psi family, or an increase in the family of a Phi Psi, were rudely shattered.

On September 3rd some of the boys were surprised by a flying visit from Dr. E. S. Evans, who is full of that kindly, brotherly

spirit which always animates Phi Psis. He gave us much edifying information in regard to the doings of the fraternity elsewhere. There is nothing we enjoy more than these visits, and our only regret is that they are not more frequent.

In conclusion we would say that $\Phi \Psi$ has the jolliest set of boys in school, and those who gather in the large standings on the class books.

Yours in $\Phi \kappa \Psi$,

J. A. F.

OHIO BETA.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Nov. 10, 1883.

DEAR BROTHERS:

The present condition of Ohio Beta may be very truthfully expressed in three words—
 "We are booming." Since the insertion of our last letter, we have entered the field of competition twice, and as many times have been crowned with the laurels of victory. We rejoice, and know that all Phi Psis will say, "well done, boys," when they have heard our story. Follmer and Shannon, both of whom come from Selings Grove, Pa., having entered the senior class, soon evinced to us as well as to all that they possessed the elements of great men, and soon we met in the field of battle, equipped with all the necessary accoutrements and there we contested bravely for several weeks, all cheered with the brilliant hope of success. When finally the good old banner of Phi Kappa Psi, filled with pride and glory was unfurled, and on her streamers waving in the clear sunlight were the emblazoned words—
 "Victory! victory! Our next struggle for supremacy is marked with equally as much glory, inasmuch as we can credit $\Phi \kappa \Psi$ with the honor of rescuing from our rivals, one whom they thought was wholly within their power and soon would they delight in unfolding the darkness of their mysterious bonds to him, and indeed had boasted of the victory they were about to achieve. Sad and beaten did they appear when beholding the pink and lavender ornamenting the lapel of this same one, who now is an en-

thusiastic $\Phi \Psi$, and we call him "Dinke" (alias) Harry Phillips. We complete our list of recent initiates by one named Chas. Whetstone. How does the name impress you? Charlie is a member of the Freshman class, and promises to be one of our most enthusiastic and influential members. Ohio Beta now has twelve active members—united strongly by our mystic bonds we stand, ever ready to work and to do that which will rebound to the prosperity and welfare of our beloved fraternity.

The evening of the third of November, marks an epoch in the history of Ohio Beta that will ever be remembered by our present brothers as one of the most pleasant and enjoyable in her history during our active association. It was on this evening that Ohio Delta, eleven strong, favored us with their presence, and the full benefit derived from such meetings was tasted and felt by all. Quickly did the hours wile away, and soon the hour of departure arrived. Through the columns of THE SHIELD, Ohio Delta, we thank you for your presence in our Hall, and say come again! Our Hall is ever open to you, and you are welcome. We know by your appearance that (though you are compelled to say you are the Baby Chapter) you are alive and can and are doing as much for $\Phi \kappa \Psi$ as any of us. The result of Ohio Delta coming to our hall and participating in our meeting, has enabled us to know and to feel in a greater degree than ever the enthusiasm awakened by the association of chapters. Boys, of Ohio Alpha, Gamma and Delta, could we not have a good time, both socially and intellectually, by visiting each other occasionally? We are within a radius of fifty miles, and could surely enjoy the company of one another during an evening without any serious loss of time from our recitations, and return better $\Phi \Psi$'s and also better men. Boys, let us hear from you concerning this movement, and if possible, let us get together and share in common our sorrows and joys.

Again we rejoice in that there is born to us one more Greek Society—eleven in num-

ber did they appear in our College Hall, each one marked Alpha Tau Omega. We greet you and wish you a most pleasant and happy lot in our midst, believing that Wittenberg will furnish material for us all

Well, boys, my letter is getting somewhat lengthy, we do not wish to weary you with the doings of Ohio Beta—yet we wish to say that we are now before the citizens of our city presenting to them a lecture course that will afford all who patronize it a rare literary feast, and being encouraged by the patronage received in the previous seasons we feel assured and hope to accumulate a handsome little sum, by means of which we can add to the comforts and happiness of our Hall, for which we cherish the greatest affection, believing that when engaged in the real and active duties of life, when upon the curtain of memory reminiscences of our college days appear, we will silently exclaim “it was within the walls of $\Phi \kappa \Psi$ Hall that the happiest and most enjoyable hours were passed”

With best wishes for the prosperity and growth of $\Phi \kappa \Psi$, Ohio Beta lays down her pen—

SEMPER IDEM.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

MEADVILLE, PA., Nov. 10, 1883.

DEAR BROS:

Penna. Beta sends her greeting to THE SHIELD. We will send something a little more substantial next week.

Our numbers are considerably diminished this year and we miss several faces whom we were wont to meet in our hall, but still we are strong in the spirit of $\Phi \kappa \Psi$, and will make that spirit manifest in actual deeds before the close of the year. We are only ten, but fired with zeal for our order, every man becomes a host in himself. We are in no particular hurry to increase our number, as we have always considered quality more important than quantity.

Bro. E. D. McCreary has recently taken charge of the First M. E. Church of this

place. We find that he has not outlived his youthful zeal for $\Phi \kappa \Psi$ and most heartily welcome him to our midst. We give him a spread at the New McHenry next Thursday night, and extend a general invitation to all wearers of the shield, who travel this way, to be present and partake of our supper and joys. Also, be it known to all such that they are solicited to show their colors whenever they come to town.

Fraternally,
F. M. C.

INDIANA BETA.

BLOOMINGTON, Oct, 29, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

For our chapter's credit, as well as for personal convenience, I would that this duty had fallen upon abler shoulders. But the decree has gone forth and write I must.

When the sad news of the Indiana University's calamity was last summer spread abroad, one of our brothers, whose melancholy propensities cause him at times to court the Muses, burst forth in a sorrowful “Ode to our Billy-goat.” The first stanza was as follows:

“Alas for poor Bill, he'll fare very ill,
As he stands all alone where we tied him;
The boys are gone, the College is down
And I fear that nobody will ride him.”

Out of respect for the feelings of the SHIELD readers, and the author, who is very *modest*, we refrain from quoting further. Suffice to say, this aspirant for poetic laurels has proven himself a false prophet. The “olens maritus,” as Horace would term our mystic “Bill” has had several rides, each of whom is now as staunch a supporter of fraternity principles as the widely-discussed “rider” upon the Purdue appropriation bill. Our initiates thus far this year are: Brothers Pritchett, Hooper, Robinson and Anderson. The first is in Sophomore, the second Freshman, the third “Prep,” and the last irregular.

Remembering that “a haughty spirit goeth before a fall” we refrain from eulogies upon our chapter, but can truthfully say that Indi-

ana Beta flourisheth and is filled with loyalty for $\Phi \Psi$ and her "official organ"—the SHIELD.

The latest college event was the oratorical election. $\Phi \Psi$ secured no representative at the State contest, but obtained a controlling share in the local association officers for next year. Our *lobbyists* are indulging in significant winks, and twelve months may disclose some remarkable feats of college diplomacy.

The honors for the year are distributed among the various factions as follows: Phi Gamma Delta, 4; Sigma Chi, 6; Phi Delta Theta, 3; Beta Theta Pi, 1; Phi Kappa Psi, 3; "Barbs," 13. These are about in proportion to the membership of the factions in the societies.

One of our "sister" fraternities, *K A θ* , recently gave a reception which was highly enjoyed by all present. It is rumored that *K K I* will "go and do likewise" in the near future, and all our brothers are anxious to represent the chapter. The destructive effects of our boys upon ice-cream and cake are only secondary to their crushing influence upon feminine hearts. I feel that my letter has now reached a proper climax. It would be difficult to touch a theme more conducive to pleasant reflections than refreshments and ladies; and lest the addition of more prosaic topics might render the whole a "bitter-sweet" I bid you adieu with most profound well-wishes for the SHIELD and the fraternity it represents.

Yours fraternally, E. W. R.

ILLINOIS DELTA.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28, 1883.

EDITORS SHIELD:

For some time past I have been conscience stricken at the manner in which I have allowed myself to wander away from the fold of enthusiastic and active Phi Psis; and now your circular letter, with its record of communications received for the SHIELD, showing how remiss has been the Delta, comes just in time to reclaim me and prevent me from drifting into that barbaric state, where I

was found by Phi Psi, scarce four years ago. But, Bro. Editors, you must acknowledge that Alumni are, in great measure, excusable for not manifesting that glowing enthusiasm which we look for and expect to find in the under-graduate, and while all should take keen interest in the welfare of the fraternity at large, and of their own chapter in particular, yet they can not be severely censured, even if they do remove their shoulders from the wheel and ask that they be reserved for annual banquets, reunions, etc., and from more active work be relieved by younger men.

Owing to various reasons, Chicago is probably the most unfavorable place in the country for an Alumni Chapter. Ill. A., within ten miles of Chicago, retains her Alumni so long as they remain in this section of the universe, and affords them an ever ready outlet for their superfluous enthusiasm and cash; and Ill. B., situated in the very city itself, does likewise. This, though injurious to the Delta, is as it should be: a chapter which does not retain the respect, sympathy and support of her Alumni, even though long since graduated, shows that such chapter is of no real benefit to her members and has not won a lasting place in their esteem. The greatest obstacle, however, arises from the fact that Chicago embraces in her limits more territory than does the average Sophomore oration; many of our Alumni must travel upwards of eight miles by street car, equal to forty miles by steam in point of time, in order to attend a meeting, and this, too, after having been engaged all day with professional and business cares. Add to this the extreme infrequency of seeing one another, outside of regular called meetings, owing to this territorial extent of our city, and you have a very faint idea of only a portion of the adverse circumstances with which the Ill. Delta is surrounded.

Bros. F. L. Anderson, '82, D. J. Lingle, '85 and your correspondent passed a couple of weeks this summer in camp at Delavan Lake, Wis., and hope to be able to form another party of jolly $\Phi \Psi$'s, and return next sum-

mer; it is further proposed, in case the place is as attractive upon a second visit as it proved to be this year, to endeavor to secure land and erect a cottage or two for the benefit of rustivating Phi Psis. Of the numerous mishaps and ludicrous situations which occurred to the members of the "First Annual Phi Psi Encampment at Delavan Lake" Wis., during those two weeks, we might write a large volume and not particularize very much even then. I should like to give you an account of the manner in which Prof. Anderson and myself, after several nights of intense suffering, arose in our might and by the aid of blankets and straw finally subdued the most terrific of terrible snorers, Bro. Lingle, and thereafter enjoyed the blessings of quietness; but, should I do so, Bro. L. might be offended, and hence I will refrain from giving publicity to the only sure remedy for that unmitigated evil—a snoring room-mate.

Bro. Weinschenk and myself held an inquest last week over the remains of the song book, agreed upon a new diagnosis of the case, made some good resolves and adjourned *sine die*. I can state, however, that the song book has not been delayed through any failure on our part to labor earnestly and faithfully in its behalf, and, further, that it would have been published long since, but for the evident lack of interest which the fraternity takes in the matter. In this connection, I desire to state that the report of the committee on song book at the last G. A. C., to the effect that "we as a fraternity give our support to no song book," *was not adopted*, as stated in the printed report of the proceedings of the G. A. C., but upon motion of Bro. Weinschenk, was tabled. It is of small consequence, however, what action was taken in regard to the matter by the G. A. C., as the proposed publication was a private enterprise, asking and expecting nothing from the G. A. C., and, so far as we were concerned, totally beyond the jurisdiction of that eminent body.

Trusting, Bro. editors, that you will score a very long and very black mark for Ill. Delta,

the first Alumni chapter, according to your circular letter, to send a communication to the SHIELD, I am

Yours in $\Phi K \Psi$,

THE JUDGE.

OHIO GAMMA.

WOOSTER, Nov. 12, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD :

For the first time it becomes my pleasant duty to see that Ohio *I* has a representation in THE SHIELD, to assure all who may be concerned in her, that she is still on the road of prosperity, although moving slow she is progressing steadily.

Six $\Phi \Psi$ boys were all that returned to be assembled in our hall at the first meeting of the year and with five fraternities to oppose, we screened from our thoughts what the future might bring to us; but with a marvelous spirit of cheerfulness we maintained our independence. The success of the chapter being uppermost in our minds, we began a vigorous work to build up our numbers, bearing in mind that quality was the most essential thing to her welfare, and at our third regular meeting the effect of our work was realized when we called out the "royal butter" and had him to exhaust himself on five good men,—the largest number that has been brought out here at one time for several years; so we now number eleven men, working in perfect harmony. The highest number of men any of the fraternities have in college is fifteen, ours being the smallest.

We have a resident alumni of fifteen (a number more than the alumni of all the other fraternities, represented here, put together) comprising some of the leading professional and business men of Wooster, all of whom have the interest of $\Phi \Psi$ at heart. We take great pride in them, and the assistance they have given us from time to time makes us feel greatly under obligation to them. We have been anxiously waiting to hear what is to become of the petition they sent in last year for a charter.

Bro. C. F. M. Niles, who has been sojourning in the Old Country for the past fourteen months, returned about the 1st inst. We welcome you home "Fred," and should like to give you the grip once more.

The W. of W. was somewhat livened up a short time ago, by a rush between the Freshmen and Sophomore Classes, both sides claim the victory.

Hoping that I have not delayed too long for the next issue, I remain

Yours in the bonds,
L. G. H.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

LEWISBURG UNIVERSITY, NOV. 12, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

It does not seem long since the October letter was written, but Pa. *I* has so much to say that we must come again; besides, we think "short letters every month" would be a good motto for the letter department of THE SHIELD.

We have initiated three men this year, Bro E. E. Keiser, '86, and Bro's. John Owens and Howard Calder, '87.

We have had some lively discussions in regard to the Pan-Hellenic Council. The unanimous vote is that $\Phi \Psi$ should take a prominent part in it, for we believe her to be the most aristocratic, and one of the most influential fraternities in the Middle States.

There has been some talk among the Greeks of this University in reference to a joint symposium. We do not want to say harsh things about any fraternity, but in order to voice the sentiments of the boys here we must be candid. We all feel the need of a better inter-fraternity spirit. The ΣXs have a good chapter here, but to eat and drink with the $\Phi \Gamma As$! We frequently receive letters from the graduate brothers, and the reading of them is one of the most interesting features in our weekly meetings.

We will be represented by three men out of the six in the coming contest in Oratory between the Literary Societies—Bro's. Hand,

Tustin and Baldrige supporting the honors of $\Phi \Psi$ at that time.

Bro. Frear, '81, has accepted the position of first assistant in the Agricultural Department, Washington, D C. His genial face is missed in the college laboratory, but we know that our loss is the Government's great gain.

Bro. Evans, '82, is Professor of Latin at Factoryville Academy.

Bro's. Hamilton, Madtes, Querns and Messer are studying Theology in the Crozer Theo. Sem.

Bro. Tustin is teller in the First National Bank of Bloomburg.

Bro. Sprout is reading law at Penn. University.

Bro. Coulston is studying Theology at Rochester, and supplying the church at Clifton, N. Y.

Yours in $\Phi K \Psi$,

THE CHAPTER.

WISCONSIN GAMMA.

BELOIT, WIS., NOV. 10, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

After our rather brief letter of last month it may be of interest to state a little more concisely *I*'s position and prospects for the present year.

We began work in September with nine men, six of our last year's men failing to return, from various causes. Bro. Sheean is at Ann Arbor, where he will soon be joined by Bro. Harvey. Of the Freshman class thus far we have succeeded in getting three desirable men, one of whom was rushed hard by the ΣXs , and another by all three of the fraternities. The Freshman prize for entrance examination was secured by one of them also; and all, considered as scholars or good fellows, are valuable additions to the fraternity.

At the State oratorical contest of Illinois, held at Rockford, which nearly all of us attended, we had the pleasure of meeting quite a delegation from Ill. B., Bro. King being the speaker chosen to represent the Chicago University. This meeting was exceedingly pleasant as well as beneficial, for it served to

awaken new enthusiasm in us, and to prove the binding influence of old $\Phi \Psi$. We succeeded in taking Bro. Short home with us to spend the Sabbath, whose visit we enjoyed very much.

On the evening of the 17th ult., we had a very pleasant gathering at our house of ladies, two or three prospective men and ourselves. The evening was spent very pleasantly in the most approved ways of enjoyment, and at once furnished much pleasure to all, and served to increase the fraternity's popularity among the fair sex, for this is the first thing of the kind that has been tried as yet by any of the fraternities. Some of the young ladies are most enthusiastic $\Phi \Psi$'s and have materially aided us in rushing men.

In fraternity matters there is nothing of special interest at Beloit. Beta Theta Pi, which for a long time has been in a rather dormant condition, has this year began to pick up, and now appears as a rival. A relation which for some time heretofore she has not held. $\Sigma \chi$, the $A Z$ chapter, of which was established here last fall, also is working hard, and has succeeded in capturing some good men.

We hope to entertain the W. G. P., Mr. Murray, for a few days next week, who will stop off on his way to St. Paul.

With kind wishes, we are

Yours in $\Phi \chi \Psi$,
G. L. H.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

LANCASTER, PA., Nov., 10, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

Again we take up our pen to inform you and our sister chapters of our continued prosperity and progress, and we sincerely hope that this effort will be more successful than the last.

Though by reason of our tardiness in sending on our letter it failed to appear in your last issue, we faithfully promise that beginning with the November number, Eta will be represented throughout the year.

The SHIELD seems to have been benefited by the summer vacation and if the numbers already received are precursors of those which are to follow, we predict for her a prosperous year and one fruitful of much benefit to Phi Kappa Psi.

We are exceedingly glad to note that the fraternity has evidently awakened to a realization of the fact, that the interests of an organization, scattered over as much territory as ours of necessity is, can only be properly cared for by a common organ of intercommunication.

It is a matter of congratulation to every loyal Phi Psi, that our paper has taken such an enviable position among its contemporaries, as is evinced by the favorable criticisms passed upon it by other fraternity papers.

To write a letter discribing the actions of the Eta chapter within the last year, would be to record a continuous round of successes. We have been decidedly fortunate in all our undertakings, and stand to-day on a firmer basis than ever. In every instance, where we have "crossed swords" with any of our rivals, we have come off victorious, and the failure column of our chapter ledger has not had an entrance for a long time. In view of the fact that seven of our members last year were Seniors, we made an especial effort to increase our membership to such a point before the close of the year, that we would not be crippled at the opening of this year, not however losing sight of the motto, peculiar to Phi Kappa Psi, of "Quality not Quantity." That we succeeded can be seen from our roll which now numbers eleven; although we lost ten by graduation and otherwise. Our crowning victory was achieved when we initiated the two sons of a respected member of our faculty, who is himself a Chi Phi. The boys enjoyed the affair as much as we, and have since proven themselves to be worthy Phi Psis.

Our efforts this year in the way of extension have as yet produced no tangible fruits although we have every reason to feel encouraged.

There has been a new departure instituted

in our chapter this year, by Bro. Nev. Bauman, who though now in the Seminary still continues his active membership, and has thus demonstrated satisfactorily that the duties of a Phi Psi are in no way inconsistent with those of a Theological student.

Our membership is now divided among the various classes as follows: one Seminarian, one Senior, one Junior, three Sophomores and five Freshmen. Although this division is not as equal as might be desired, yet the majority of our members being in the lower classes insures us a fair number for years to come, and prevents for awhile, at least, that confusion which is almost sure to follow the exit of a large number of those to whom we were accustomed to look for council and advice.

Quite a large delegation from our chapter attended the Symposium of Penn'a Zeta, last June; and to say we were right royally entertained expresses it rather feebly. The Zeta boys have always proved themselves worthy brothers in their dealings with Eta and we shall be glad to return their hospitality whenever occasion offers.

The intermingling of the different chapters of the fraternity, where it is possible, should be encouraged. In addition to the acknowledged advantages arising from a more intimate acquaintance with one another, much good is often derived from a comparison of the various experiences attendant upon the successful management of a chapter. And where the joint action of the chapters is required in any fraternity movement, much more can be accomplished where the members are personally acquainted, than where the reverse is the case.

With the best wishes for your future success and for that of the fraternity at large, we remain,

Yours fraternally, J. H. A.

Bro. James T. Burney, Kan. A, now practicing law at Harrisonville, Mo., says he is happy to hear from the fraternity boys through the SHIELD.

Spirit of Fraternity Press.

Phi Gamma Delta for October gives wholesome advice in these words:

"AS IT is now the time of year when Chapters are most enthusiastic in their solicitations for new members a word on this subject may not be out of place. In the first place we would say go slow. Don't allow enthusiasm to supplant judgement. Better lose a good man than to introduce into your midst one that will be a demoralizing element in your chapter. During an experience of four years in an active chapter we have never seen a mistake made from being too cautious. Be sure that you are selecting a member that will be congenial not only to a few but to all the members of your chapter. If one member has a real and positive objection let him state that objection and refuse to cast that ballot in the affirmative though he stand alone in regard to his opinion. However a member in such a case should consider well how great a responsibility he is taking upon himself and be well assured that his objection is a real one.

Don't mistake fine clothes for character. Good clothes and plenty of money are of themselves no disqualification yet they should by no means be considered a major recommendation.

Don't take bashfulness for a lack of sociability. Don't mistake timidity and a reserve for a lack of ability. A brother who will be congenial, who will be true to himself and true to you, must be one who improves on acquaintance and who always knows some things he don't tell.

The *Scroll* under its new management bespeaks the kindly treatment of the fraternities and indicates the condition of the feeling of the fraternity which it represents:

"If there is any error that prevails more than others among Fraternities it is the lack of courtesy and friendship between rival Fraternities. Instead of recognizing men of rival Fraternities as friends, joined together by sacred bonds of secrecy similar to its own, and united for similar purposes of good, it is often the case that a Fraternity hates and reviles its rivals. While one fraternity should rival another openly and manly in the good work, it is frequently trying to erect its success on the misfortunes of those who ought to be friends.

While we would not ask for a friendly recognition of fraternities who have not worthy ends in view, nor are conducted on high principles, nor even of bad chapters of good Fraternities, we would plead for a

friendly intercourse between good Fraternities. And without it how can any fraternity expect to prosper? If discord prevails between organizations which seemingly to strangers have the same purposes, how can those strangers believe in the good end of the organizations? We must esteem our own work, or work similar to ours, to get other people to esteem it.

Moreover, we believe that the future perpetuity and prosperity of the Greek world depends on co-operation. There is much prejudice and opposition to Secret Societies now. Many believe that behind their curtain of secrecy is nothing but folly, extravagance, and a low order of cliquing and scheming for evil. A co-operative struggle against these incorrect impressions is the thing for Fraternities. Let the world see that every Fraternity consists of a band of noble, congenial fellows, bound together for good purposes by ties too sacred to be looked at, talked about, and roughly handled by unsympathizing outsiders. This done, we will become encouraged and contented.

Of course it is right that every Fraternity should try to excel, and we are liberal enough to excuse the vanity that prompts the member of a good Fraternity to say his is the best. We are glad he thinks so, and hope he will try to sustain his claims by improvement. All we ask him is the same liberty we give.

Apropos of the Pan-Hellenic Conference the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, says:

Of course we plainly see that the chief direct gainers by a conference will be, not those fraternities whose co-operation will add most weight to its councils, but rather the ones whose development is still unregulated, whose status is still shadowy. But we believe no leading fraternity will resolve—we are certain none will avow—that it should stand aside from any movement calculated to advance fraternity interests in general, simply because, not being needy, it has not so much to gain as its weaker sisters. Whatever course Delta Kappa Epsilon may take, we can assert in advance that she will aid any movement which seems likely in general, either to further the Greek cause or advance liberal culture,—this without waiting to calculate whether she or some one of her co-workers is to profit most by the common enterprise.

But there is another important consideration which must affect the decision of each fraternity as to active participation in the proposed conference. Is such a conference practicable? To be effectual it must be participated in by the greater number, if not all the leading fraternities. It is certain, too,

that, almost without exception, there has to a very recent period prevailed in each a pseudo—"exclusive" spirit which has characterized not merely its limited intercourse with others, but, not unnaturally, has been attributed by it to them. Twenty years since, not merely would no one have favored such a conference, but each would have believed—and rightly—that the others would fail to co-operate, and hence might properly have declined to act on the ground that such a movement was premature. Is it so now? That, it seems to us, is the question, or rather enigma. For the decision of each will depend not merely upon the extent to which its own policy is liberal, and its own views broad, but also upon its opinion of its policy or the views of others in such regard. There is no question, as to each, but its development has been in the direction which would make more probable a favorable decision. "I am holier than thou" is still sometimes heard and more frequently assumed, but its failure as a basis of policy is generally admitted. "*Noblesse oblige*" has taken its place in theory, is more and more taking it in practice. That Pan-Hellenic Conference will sometime be held, the deliberations of which shall be important and beneficial, we cannot doubt. As to the date of the first we dare not prophesy. We shall be glad to chronicle it in 1884. Whenever it shall meet its chief office will be to pave the way for those which shall follow.

Apropos of the coming Pan Hellenic Conference the *Beta Theta Pi* speaks editorially thus:

"THE Saratoga convention appointed a special committee, Messrs. Robb, Baird and Williams, to represent Beta Theta Pi at the Pan-Hellenic Conference, July 4th, 1884.

The proposed conference has been the subject of more discussion through the fraternity press than any other topic that has been introduced since the system of exchanges has been in vogue among the fraternities. We believe it was first suggested by the BETA THETA PI; but it was only a suggestion. It was not intended as a Beta Theta Pi project, and the fraternity does not arrogate anything on this account. As a project it belongs to those who advocate it, and as such it is now common to a large and respectable majority of American college fraternities.

Beta Theta Pi will take part in it, as promising a new and interesting feature of fraternity life, and not because the fraternity has any need of sympathy from other fraternities. We do not fear any reproach upon this ground, nor do we conceive it possible that any fraternity, by taking part in the con-

ference, would commit itself to a policy of this kind. Such a notion has been absurdly advanced, and one or two fraternities have hastened to declare that, for fear they might be considered as seeking support from the stronger associations, they will have no part in the affair at all. The thought would not have occurred to a fraternity which did not in some way feel its own deficiency, unless it were possessed of a churlish spirit, or, at least, were devoid of all catholicity in its ideas of fraternity politics.

The anxiety on the part of Chi Phi lest it might be charged with such a motive led that society to precipitate itself into a state of morbid uneasiness from which it only partially relieved itself by avowing that when the conference met it would not be there. It is well that Chi Phi made this announcement in due form and season, otherwise the conference might have come and gone and the fact of this absence never have been discovered.

The reasons for and against the conference have been freely advanced through the columns of our several exchanges. The actual work that such a meeting will perform must be nothing compared with the sentiment it is bound to create, and the knowledge that will be gained of the personal character of the several fraternities, as it is presumed the fraternities will have their representative men present. It is more the desire to see what such a conference can do, and what the character of the assembly will be than any fond hope of great and beneficent results that may spring from its labors, that will induce many to be present. Whatever may be its outcome, it will be an interesting and novel affair, and will mark a period in the history of college fraternities. The magnitude of the fraternity system has drawn into the field of active fraternity work many of the most intelligent and enterprising of our American collegians; and, as a genuine treat in the way of a fraternity meeting, this will doubtless prove the richest that has ever been known.

General College Notes.

Howard
Howard is to have a statue of the founder—Rev. John Howard.

Dr. Chamberlin, President of Bowdoin College, has tendered his resignation.

On Founders' Day, November 1st, twenty-five new students matriculated at Kenyon.

Oxford, Cambridge, Durham and London Universities have opened their doors to women.

The Amherst Seniors have voted that the whole class shall graduate with clean-shaven faces.

Greencastle Indiana, is no longer the seat of Asbury University, but of De Pauw University.

Wittenberg College has an elegant new building, which is rapidly being pushed to completion.

France spends \$5 for war every time she spends 35 cents for education. That is a great deal worse than Prussia, where \$5.49 is for a war against \$2.20 for education. But little Switzerland makes the best showing among European powers, where \$4.84 is expended for public defence against \$4.16 for educating the people. Russia is worse than France, the figures being six cents for education to \$5.08 for war, and no other nation stands in as unenviable a light.—*The Round Table*.

The chief topic with all persons interested in Cornell is the Fiske will case. Mrs Jenny McGraw-Fiske, late of Ithaca, upon her death bequeathed to the University property amounting in all to about \$1,250,000. Of this amount \$100,000 was specially willed for a new library building, and \$40,000 for a students' hospital. The University considered itself very fortunate in this; and several great improvements were contemplated. But last July Prof. Willard Fiske, Librarian and Professor of North European Languages in the University, husband of the late Mrs Fiske, brought suit to contest the will, and immediately left for Europe, where he has been ever since, preparing, it is said, a work on Italian literature. This placed the money in a position in which the University could not touch it, and all operations under it are accordingly suspended. Prof. Fiske by his action brought down upon his head the wrath of all New York State, very few venturing to defend him. Lieutenant Governor Hill is his chief attorney. The University will make a vigorous defense, and President White and the Trustees express themselves as confident

of success, though they deeply regret the loss of time which will be necessary to finish the litigation. It is not expected to get through short of several years.—*Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette*.

Amherst College is trying an experiment, which is highly commended in some quarters. The first step in this direction was taken three years ago, when each student was placed in the position of a person who signs a contract. He was to be regarded as one party, and the college authorities were to be regarded as the other, and violations of the college rules, which the students had agreed to obey, were to be violations of this contract. The relations between student and faculty ceased to be those which exist between a boy and his guardian, and became those which exist between one man and another, who have signed a joint agreement. In this way a student was taught that his honor as a man was at stake, and that his punishment for disorderly conduct was inflicted in strict accordance with business principles. The practical workings of the contract system have been so satisfactory that the college has now decided to give its students a chance to govern themselves. All questions of discipline are to be referred to a body called the college senate, which consists of four Seniors, three Juniors, two Sophomores and one Freshman, each electing its representatives. At the meetings of this senate, the president of the college will be the presiding officer, and will have the power to veto the decisions of the senators. The senators are to meet in response to the president's call, or at the request of two of their own number.—*Badger*.

Phi Kap Couplings

RANDALL—BAIL—At the Methodist Episcopal Church, New Richmond, Ohio, on the 23d inst., by the Rev. J. T. Bail, George Eddy Randall, of Xenia, O., and Jennie Williams Bail, daughter of the officiating minister.

Other Fraternities.

The *B Θ Π*'s occupy the old M. E., parsonage on Bowery St.

The *Φ κ*'s are in the Mullen House on Washteuaw Avenue.

The *Φ Α Θ* Frat. has taken No. 21 Maynard St., as a Chapter House.

The *Δ Κ Ε*'s are treating their Chapter House to a fresh coat of paint.

The *Α Δ Φ*'s are evidently building not for themselves but for their grand children.

—*Michigan Argonaut*.

The Delta Tau Delta fraternity at Meadville are rejoicing in a newly fitted suite of rooms, which they claim are the finest in town.

Subscription to the *Φι Γάμμα Δέλτα* has been made compulsory. The journal is at present without an editor and there is some doubt as to its place of publication for the future. It has been published for five years past at Delaware, Ohio.

Φ Γ Δ is very quiet, and *Φ Κ Ψ* is working on some men who are apparently not wanted by the others. The Betas are badly under the weather, having only two men, one of whom is imported from another chapter. They do not seem to be working.—*O. S. U., Cor. Sigma Chi*.

There are but two societies besides the *Σ Α* at Beloit—the *B Θ Π* and the *Φ Κ Ψ*. With the Betas we get along very nicely. With the Phi Psis, the feeling is more bitter, yet Sigma Chi's banner has never yet been in disgrace, but floats proudly triumphant over all the wiles of the foe.—*Univ. of Wis., Cor. Sigma Chi*.

On the 8th inst. eleven men here at Wittenberg were initiated into the *Α Τ Ω* fraternity by N. W. Thomas, Ph. D. of the chair of Natural Sciences at Muhlenberg College. The Dr. has our congratulations for bringing into our midst a new chapter representing so honorable a body of Greeks.

$\Lambda \Phi$ and $\Phi K \Sigma$ have entered Lehigh University; and $\Lambda T \Omega$ chapter there, which occupies a fine House, built by a professor, a $\Psi \Upsilon$, and which for a long time petitioned $\Psi \Upsilon$ to enter, now expects to have the petition granted before Christmas. The $\Lambda \Phi$ and $\Lambda T \Lambda$ chapters there occupy fine houses. We have two $\Phi K \Psi$'s there.

We have a grind on the $\Phi K \Psi$. We initiated Gehr while the Phi Psis were running him, and consequently did not put a pin on him. They are now boring the man to join them, little suspecting he is a Sig. Must say it is a mean business, but this is in payment of a long standing debt to the $\Phi \Psi$'s.—*Lafayette Coll., Cor. Sigma Chi.*

L. D. Brown, State School Commissioner elect, is a $\Phi \Gamma \Lambda$ from the O. W. U. Mr. Brown is, we believe, the youngest Commissioner the State has ever had—he being in his thirty-sixth year. He left college for the war along in its later years and did not return. He received his diploma E. Meritus with the class of '79.

The new Phi Delta Theta Catalogue is a marvel of painstaking research and no doubt is very accurate. It has several interesting new features among which is a table of consanguinity giving a list of the fathers, sons and brothers who have been members of the fraternity. It has also several carefully compiled tables of prominent men belonging to the society and is altogether a most striking commentary upon the patience and skill of its compilers.

We have enough egotism (honest we hope) to think that our chapter stands near the head of the "frat" list here. Our most worthy rivals are $\Phi K \Psi$, $B \Theta \Pi$ and $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$,—our strongest opposer $\Lambda T \Lambda$. I will give a list showing the comparative strength and distribution throughout the college classes:

	$\Phi K \Psi$	$B \Theta \Pi$	$\Lambda T \Lambda$	$\Phi \Gamma \Lambda$	$\Phi \Delta \Theta$	$\Sigma \chi$	$\chi \Phi$
Senior ..	0	4	5	4	5	2	3
Junior ..	5	1	6	2	1	1	3
Soph....	6	4	0	3	0	0	0
Fresh....	1	2	1	3	2	0	0

O. W. U., Cor. Phi Gamma Delta.

Personals.

OHIO ALPHA.

'83 Will M. Semans, of '83, is engaged in business at the drug store of J. R. Cook, Columbus, Ohio.

'83. C. G. Dunlap is taking a special course in English Literature at John Hopkins' University.

'67. Chaplain McCabe goes to Dakota this month to dedicate fourteen new churches, in fourteen consecutive days.

'67. The papers speak in the highest terms of the address of James M. Decamp of '67, before the National Board of Underwriters, of which body he is President. Dr. A. E. Dolbear, of '66, lectured before the same body on "Electricity in its relation to Insurance."

Bro. Samuel R. Peters, of Newton, Kan., was elected Congressman-at-Large from Kansas last fall, polling the largest vote polled in the State that year. Entering the army a mere boy—he left his class at Delaware College to volunteer—he came out with a captain's commission. After graduating from the Law Department of Michigan University, he settled in Kansas, where he has served a term in the State Senate with credit, and has for eight years been judge of the largest Judicial District in the State. It is safe to say that no man ever gave better satisfaction in such a position. In the Republican State Convention, which nominated the four Congressmen-at-large, who were elected last fall, Judge Peters was easily nominated on the first formal ballot. He is one of the strongest men in the State, and Ohio Alpha has good reason to be proud of her son.

INDIANA ALPHA.

Bro. M. S. Marble, '83, is pastor of M. E. Church at Louisville.

Bro. P. W. Smith, '82, has severed his connection with the Detroit Lock and Safe Co.,

and is at present engaged on a daily paper in Sedalia, Mo. He visited Greencastle a short time since.

Bro. Chas. Peterson continues to hold his position in Lewis College, Mo.

Bro. E. E. Heudee has charge of the public schools at Winamac, Ind.

Bro. T. J. Shannon is engaged in the wholesale vinegar business in Louisville, Ky.

Bro's E. E. Stroup '79, and R. R. Vermillion, '75, paid the college a visit at the beginning of the year. They are both practicing law, the former at Shelbyville, Ind., the latter at Centerville, Iowa.

Bro. A. J. Pruitt, class '82, is located in Gettysburg, Dakota.

Bro. J. E. Watson '85, is laying out of college this term but will enter '86 next year.

Bro. W. T. Ayres, class '84, who was out last year re-entered this year.

Bro. Will Funk '82, visited Greencastle a few weeks ago.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

Bro. C. P. Robinson '83, is a student of Blackstone in Butler, Pa.

Bro. E. M. Robinson '83, is pursuing a business course in Pittsburg, Pa.

Bro. Geo. Calder of last year's class made us a visit last week on his way West to enter St. Louis Law School.

Bro. E. H. Frederick is reading Blackstone in one of Steubenville's law firms, Steubenville, O.

Bro. Bole had the supreme pleasure of meeting several wearers of "the shield" this summer while on a trip to Europe.

Bro. S. M. Davis, who graduated in 1861, visited his Alma Mater a few days ago. He is now pastor of a church in Chicago, Ill.

Bro. C. T. Fox, who is out of college now, will return next spring. Tidings reach us

from his home in Mt. Pleasant, where he is instructing young aspirants in the ways of wisdom.

Bro's Deane and Everett, having a little time to spare from their college duties, have commenced the study of law, and can now be found every afternoon at the offices of Brawley and Henderson, respectively.

Bro. W. P. Grant, one of our beloved brothers who left us last year to return no more, writes us from Alexandria, Va., where he has charge of a branch of the Eastern Publishing House. He says business is booming and we will one day hear from the firm of Grant & Co. We congratulate him on his success and hope his most sanguine expectations may be realized.

J. H. Apple, Jr., formerly a student in Allegheny, is at present a member of the Junior class at Franklin and Marshall college and is "personal" editor of the *College Student*, a monthly conducted by the literary societies.

In the absence of Prof. Montgomery, Bro. C. W. Deane and Miss Heath, are engaged as tutors in the preparatory school.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

'80. Rev. C. A. Eyler is located at Ely, Iowa.

'67. Hart Gilbert, Esq., has gone to Florida where he has purchased an orange grove.

'82. Chas S. Duncan and A. J. Smith '83, are at the University of Pa., the former in the Law, and the latter in the Medicine department.

Bro. D. R. Miller '56, has given in all \$786 for the new Chapter House at Gettysburg. Here is an example worthy of emulation. Bro. Miller forever!

'67. The "Church of the Reformation" in Washington, D. C., of which Rev. W. E. Parson is pastor was dedicated Nov. 11th. Pastor and congregation deserve much credit for the fine edifice they have built.

'74. Prof. E. E. Smith, Ph. D., has trans-

lated Richter's "Inorganic Chemistry," published by Blakiston & Co., 1012 Walnut St., Philadelphia. The work is highly commended by Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph. D., '65, and John Marshall, M. D. Nat. Sc. D., '75—both of the University of Pa. Dr. Smith is very active in his favorite science and deserves the success with which he is meeting.

INDIANA GAMMA.

'76. Clarence E. Hills, Baldwin prize man of '76, is pastor of the Presbyterian Church, at Madisonville, Ohio.

'79. A. B. Anderson is practicing law at Crawfordsville, Ind. While in college he took six first prizes in oratory.

'78. Arthur B. Milford, Princeton '80, is Professor of Latin in the high school at Lafayette, Ind.

'84. John N. Forman graduates at Princeton this year.

'82. Chas. Milford, Princeton '82, is practicing law at Attica, Ind. He was one of the best players on the Princeton nine and graduated with high honors.

'87. At the class election Bro. Hoult was elected Historian; Bro. Thomas, Toast-Master; Bro. Martin, Poet, and Bro. James, Treasurer.

'83. E. W. Hiller is studying short-hand at his home in Peru.

'77. R. F. Covle has returned to Fort Dodge, Iowa, to resume his duties in the pulpit.

'73. Harry J. Milligan is one of the most promising young lawyers of the Indianapolis bar. He is highly spoken of by the legal brethren there.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

'81. Fred White clerks for a Chicago lawyer.

Chas. Alverson can be found in a Portage Bank.

'81. Byron Parke makes Stevens Point his home.

Harry Clise is a prominent young lawyer of Leadville.

'83. E. S. Moe is in the law office of W. C. Williams, Milwaukee.

'82. A. F. Rote is the popular principal of the Nunah High School.

'82. A. H. French conducts an extensive real estate business in Kenosha.

Frank Foster is still working for Craigin Bros. & Co., Chicago.

'83. Arch Curch is a senior at the College of Physicians and Surgeons Chicago.

'81. Will Lyon holds down a clerks stool in M. & St. P. R. R. Office at Milwaukee.

'83. B. B. Carter is living at his home in Plattville, but makes frequent visits to Barab-or.

'83. Chas. H. Thomas is in the Milwaukee Northwestern R. R. Office at Fort Howard, Wisconsin.

'83. J. T. Kingston Jr. has been the overseer and part owner of a cranberry marsh at Necedah, Wisconsin, this fall.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA.

'72. Joseph P. Gross is sojourning in Switzerland for his health.

'78. Walter A. Powell is one of the leading young lawyers of Kansas City, Mo.

'83. Bro. Gibbs is teaching in Asbury Park, N. J.

'82. Bro. Callaway is reading law in Philadelphia.

'82. Bro. Champion is studying medicine at St. Louis Medical College.

'81. Bro. Collins is post-master at Berlin, Md.

'78. Thomas F. Gross, of the Allentown Bar, was among the distinguished speakers at the recent Republican county meeting of Lehigh. He is becoming very popular as a stump orator.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

We clip from the *Northwestern*:

"There was a young man named John Hall,
Who was famed in recitations for 'gall';

'84 now feels blue,

That he's gone to Peru,

And will not be back here this fall."

Charles Horswell, '84, is prex of the senior class; prex of Adelpic; editor-in-chief of *Northwestern*; chairman college lecture committee; chairman devotional committee, Y. M. C. A.; private secretary to President Cummings; pastor M. E. church, Benton, Illinois; contestant elect for Dunoon Oratorical prize; has just been ordained deacon and, as the last straw to this camel-like burden, the bishop informs him that he "must be the husband of one wife."

W. H. Crawford, '84, was N. W. U. representative at the recent Illinois State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. Reports have it that William stirred up the pious.

Willis Humphreys, '86, will have his headquarters at Muscatine, Iowa, this year.

INDIANA BETA.

Bro. F. H. Smith, of Kokomo, Ind., recently paid us a transient visit.

Bro. S. Ewing, class '85, is vice-President of our Lecture Association.

Bro. Chas. Harris, class '79, now professor in Vincennes University, visited Indiana Beta recently.

Bro. C. M. Austin, '83, whom we delighted to call our "judge," is superintendent of a school in Delaware county.

Bro. Chas. Benson is junior partner in a prosperous business in Des Moines, Iowa

Bro. Bowser, '85, is acting as "Hoosier Schoolmaster," in Claypool, Kosciusko Co.

Bros. J. C. Fitch and J. Anderson were chosen Vice-President and Treasurer of the Primary Oratorical Association.

Bro. P. B. Burnett, '84, majestically manipulates the gavel, as President of Athenian Society.

Bro. G. M. Barnett, Ind. A, has entered the Garrett Biblical Institute, N. W. T.

The $\Phi \Psi$ Fraternity has a strong representation among Methodist preachers, and the annual term of the itinerant wheel is not without its interest to the sons of THE SHIELD.

At the recent session of the Rock River Conference, at Chicago, the names of the following appear in the list of appointments: Chicago, Fulton St., J. P. Brushingham, Ill. A, '81; Chicago, Emanuel, J. A. Matlack, Ill. A, '81; Evanston, First Church, Lewis Curts, Iowa I; Englewood, N. H. Axtell, Penn. B; Wyanette, J. B. McGaffin, Ill. A; Lena, A. H. Needham, Ill. A; Amora, First Church, R. D. Shepherd, Ill. A; Rockford, Court Street, T. R. Strawbridge; Batavia, John Ellis, Ill. A. This list includes the appointees to several of the most important charges in the conference of recent alumni of Ill. Alpha in the ministerial work: Bro. C. M. Stuart, '83, has entered the Detroit Conference of the M. E. Church, and has a good charge at Detroit. Bro. P. W. Merrill, '80, the Central Illinois Conference, and is located at Magnolia; and Bro. Will H. Lacy, '81, at Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin Conference.

IN MEMORIAM.

DELAWARE, OHIO, NOV. 11, 1883.

WHEREAS, Death has again made its appearance in removing from an earthly existence, our esteemed brother and alumnus, JOHN C. SHORT, late Professor of Modern Languages and History in the O. S. U., Therefore,

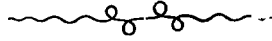
Resolved, That we the members of Ohio Alpha chapter of the $\Phi \kappa \Psi$ Fraternity, do express our grief by wearing the emblems of mourning for 15 days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and also to each chapter of the $\Phi \kappa \Psi$ Fraternity.

Resolved, That a copy of resolutions also be sent to the SHIELD for publication.

H. BRENT,
C. F. HOOVER. } Committee.

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 New York Delta, C. B. Mowry, Hobart College, Geneva, New York.
 Cal. Alpha, B. F. Hall, San Jose, Cal.
 Iowa Delta, G. W. Murphy, Indianola, Iowa.

VARIOUS FRATERNITIES WHICH OUR CHAPTERS MEET.

Pennsylvania A, '52—Washington and Jefferson College. *B θ II*, 1842; *Φ Γ J*, 1848; *Φ K Σ*, 1853; *J T J*, 1861; *Φ J θ*, 1876; *A T Ω*, 1881.

Pennsylvania B, '55—Alleghany College. *Φ Γ J*, 1858; *J T J*, 1863; *Φ J θ*, 1879; *K A θ*, (ladies' society) 1876.

Pennsylvania F, '55—University of Lewisburg. *Σ X*, 1864; *Φ Γ J*, 1882.

Pennsylvania E, '55—Pennsylvania College. *Φ Γ J*, 1858; *Σ X*, 1863; *Φ J θ*, 1874; *A T Ω*, 1882; *Σ A E*, 1883.

Pennsylvania Z, '59—Dickinson College. *Σ X*, 1859; *θ J X*, 1861; *X Φ*, 1869; *B θ II*, 1874; *Φ J θ*, 1880.

Pennsylvania H—'60 Franklin and Marshal College. *Φ K Σ*, 1855; *X Φ*, 1856; *J T J*, 1874.

Pennsylvania θ, '69—Lafayette College. *Φ K Σ*, '53; *J K E*, '55; *Z Ψ*, '57; *θ J X*, '66; *Σ X*, '67; *Φ J θ*, '73; *J T J*, '74; *Φ Γ J*, '83; *X Φ*, '74.

Pennsylvania I, '77—University of Pennsylvania. *Z Ψ*, 1850; *Φ K Σ*, 1850; *J Ψ*, 1854; *J B Φ*, 1879 (law); *B θ II*, 1880; *A T Ω*, 1881; *J Φ*, 1882; *X Φ*, 1882; *Φ Γ J*, 1883.

Virginia A, '53—University of Virginia. *X Φ*, 1859; *J Ψ*, 1860; *K A*, (S. O.) 1873; *J K E*, 1852; *Z Ψ*, 1868; *Φ J θ*, 1873; *Σ X*, 1860; *Φ K Σ*, 1852; *Π K A*, 1868; *Σ A E*, 1858; *B θ II*, 1850; *Φ Γ J*, 1859; *A T Ω*, 1868; *K Σ*, 1869.

Virginia B, '55—Washington and Lee University. *Σ A E*, 1867; *Σ X*, 1866; *J K E*, 1868; *Φ Γ J*, 1868; *J Ψ*, 1869; *B θ II*, 1856; *K A*, (S. O.) 1865; *Σ A*, 1873; *K Σ*, 1873; *A T Ω*, 1865.

Virginia F, '56—Hampden Sidney College. *B θ II*, '50; *X Φ*, '67; *Σ X*, 72; *Φ Γ J*, '70.

Virginia J—*Σ X*, 1883.

Ohio A, '61—Ohio Wesleyan University. *B θ II*, 1853; *Σ X*, 1855; *Φ Γ J*, 1870; *X Φ*, 1873; *Φ A θ*, 1860; *A T J*, 1868; *J X A*, '78.

Ohio B, '66—Wittenberg College. *B θ II*, 1867; *A T Ω*, '83.

Ohio F, 71—Wooster University. *B θ II*, 872; *Φ J θ*, 1872; *Σ X*, 1873; *A T J*, 1880; *Φ I J*, 1882; *K A θ*, '75; *K K I*, '75.

Ohio J, '80—Ohio State University. *Φ Γ J*, 1878; *Σ X*, 1882.

Indiana A, '65—Indiana Asbury University. *B θ II*, '45; *Φ Γ J*, '56; *Σ X*, '59; *A K E*, '66; *Φ J θ*, '68; *J T A*, '71; *K A θ*, (ladies' society) '70; *K K Γ*, (ladies' society) '75.

Indiana B, '69—State University. *Φ A θ*, '49; *B θ II*, '45; *Σ X*, '58; *Φ Γ J*, '70; *K A θ*, (ladses' society) '70; *K K Γ*, (ladies' society) 1873.

Indiana F, '70—Wabash College. *B θ II*, 1845; *Φ J θ*, 1852; *Φ Γ J*, 1866; *θ J X*, 1879; *Σ X*, 1880; *J T A*, '72.

D. C. A, '68—Columbian University. Rivals (*Σ A E*, '50-'67; *Σ X*, '64-'80; *A T Ω*, '74-'74.) all dead.

Illinois A, '64—Northwestern University. *Φ K Σ*, 1872; *B θ II*, 1873; *Σ X*, 1869; *J Y*, 1877.

Illinois B, '65—Chicago University. *Z Ψ*, 1864; *Ψ Y*, 1868; *A K E*, 1870.

Kansas A, '76—State University. *B θ II*, 1872; *Φ Γ J*, 1881; *Φ A θ*, 1883.

Michigan A, '76—State University. *A A Φ*, 1845; *J K E*, 1855; *Σ Φ*, 1845; *Z Ψ*, 1858; *Ψ Y*, 1864; *B θ II*, 1845; *Φ A Φ*, 1869; *A T A*, 1875; *X Ψ*, 1845; *Φ A θ*, 1865; *Σ X*, 1877.

Maryland A, '79—Johns Hopkins University. *B θ II*, 1878; *X Φ*, 1880; *A T Ω*, 1877.

Wisconsin A, '75—State University. *B θ II*, 1873; *X Ψ*, 1878; *Φ A θ*, 1857.

Wisconsin F, '81—Beloit College. *B θ II*, 1860.

Mississippi A, '57—University of Mississippi. *J K E*, 1851; *J Ψ*, 1855; *Σ X*, 1857; *Rainbow*, 1848; *X Ψ*, 1858; *Φ J θ*, 1877; *B θ II*, '79; *A B T*, (ladies' society) '83; *K A*, (S. O.) '83.

New York J, '81—Hobart College. *Σ Φ*, 1840; *K A*, 1840; *θ J X*, 1857. (*A A Φ*, '38-'78; *X Φ*, '60-'80.)

California A, '81—University of the Pacific. Never had any rivals.

Iowa A, '82—Simpson Centenary College. *J T J*, 1873.

Georgia A, '83—University of Georgia. *Σ A E*, 1866; *X Φ*, 1867, *K A*, (S. O.) 1868; *Φ A θ*, 1870; *A T Ω*, 1875; *A T J*, 1882.

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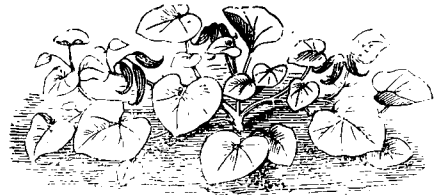
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JUST before going to press on last issue we received several additions of 'copy' for the SHIELD, which we did not have room to include. Sorry, boys, we were compelled to hold it over, but *Φ K Ψ* will be just as happy to hear of you through this number.

WE are in receipt of the following invitation very elegantly gotten up and desire to extend to Bro. McCleary, who has been a staunch friend of THE SHIELD our most hearty congratulations upon his good fortune:

MR. AND MRS. JAMES C. HANNA

request your presence

At the Wedding Ceremony of their daughter,

BELLE,

to

FRANK OSGOOD MCCLEARY,

Wednesday Evening, December 12, 1883,

First Presbyterian Church,

New Castle, Pa.

FRATERNITY Journalism presents some instructive and amusing features in character study. We have, for reasons most satisfactory to ourselves, refrained from introducing an Exchange department in the SHIELD and have made nothing in the shape of comment upon the opinions expressed by our cotemporaries unless the brief introduction to the excerpts under "Fraternity Press" may be so construed.

Some strange influence moves us to step over our policy in a slight degree, coming as an afflatus from the fresh pages of some very recent exchanges. To a fraternity man of experience the utterances of several journals of rival organizations would read like the "Facetiae" corner of a weekly fashion paper, and the temptation has been very great at times to publish some of these rare tid-bits, but a high respect for the dignity of the cause we wish to maintain, has led us to quote the more

conservative and judicious statements in preference.

There are about sixteen *best* fraternities in the college world and we are only circumscribed in the number by the length of our exchange list. It has been often remarked, that every man's wife is the most beautiful woman in the world in his eyes, and a great deal of lofty sentiment has been indulged in to give a color of consistency to a lie that has not even the virtue of being interesting. Just so, when the editor of a fraternity journal loudly proclaims his fraternity to be the very best, he either does not know what he is saying or else stupidly lies. That every man's wife should be beautiful in his eyes no one will question, but if he be not stone blind he knows she is not superlatively so. Every man's fraternity ought to be to him a lofty ideal, and just as an earnest man strives to broaden his mind and strengthen his character, just so ought every true Greek to labor for the elevation of his own chosen organization.

A man chooses to belong to his favorite fraternity some times because it is the best where his college lot is cast, sometimes because a father, brother or intimate friend has been a member before him and often times because it is the best he can get. Once a member of a fraternity, he should give his best energies to ennobling his life and making himself worthy of the principles which he professes, not posing in the light of an exemplar of the greatest and best.

There is subtle egotism—no, not subtle, rank—in a man's profession that his wife is in his eyes the most beautiful woman in the world, for by such expression he boldly claims recognition as the choice of such a woman. The man who largely devotes himself to boast-

ing how great a fraternity he belongs to, does but call attention to one of the elements going to make up that greatness—himself.

No doubt the man who boasts of his wife's loveliness to him, could say with more consistency that she was far too beautiful for *him*, and the boaster in the fraternity world could, with equal truth, avow that his organization is much superior to him and his qualifications.

The boasters vary in their speech and thus preserve an individuality full of interest; one loudly asserts that his fraternity is too far above the grovelling herd for even the malodorous effluvium from the stews to reach his patrician nostrils; another that the one or two—never more—rivals which his organization acknowledges are getting too awfully common, don't you know, and really there must be discrimination vigorous and severe to prevent the immaculate garments of his own dear darling getting bedrabbled by impure contact; still another vociferates that the car of progress has but one occupant and that the ignoble herd are enviously striving to stop the wheels.

By far the most amusing thing we have seen is the profound effort made to maintain controversies over trivial matters with rival journals, and we have upon our table some very interesting literature of an argumentative, or rather we should say, recriminative nature.

Nearly, if not quite, all our contemporaries are conducted with pronounced ability and barring a slight aristocratic tendency, one or two are edited with a dignity and vigor of style that is not unworthy a great journal, but we are inclined to express the conviction that if the energy wasted by the large majority of the editors in controversy over who is "another" were devoted to the awakening and

strengthening of their several constituencies, the cause of fraternities would be benefitted and fraternity journalism made more efficient and useful.

A certain amount of unprofitable self-laudation creeps into chapter letters, but what we have said before in that connection must suffice for the position the SHIELD is to take in reference to such contributions. Occasionally an error of judgment on the part of a correspondent allows the utterance of intemperate criticism, which the editor can not always discriminate against, both from fear of robbing the communication of its best feature—individuality, and from a lack of knowledge whether the exact facts may not be as stated.

We can restate the policy of the present management of the SHIELD in a few words, and we speak with the care engendered by the responsibility of having uttered the sentiments of the foregoing paragraphs.

Phi Kappa Psi has an honorable record for high resolves and unswerving integrity to the demands of an enlightened conscience; she has noble sons who have won distinction and have done her the honor to acknowledge their obligations for her fostering care; she is striving with strong and hopeful heart, to uplift the standard of manhood in college students; and she does not trouble herself to know how she ranks in the eyes of the fraternity world so long as her position is an honorable one. Phi Kappa Psi desires to raise no standard of comparison by which she may arrogate supremacy to herself; she has had few years to count her trophies in; and she looks not to the future for a gorgeous dream of power but to the present with high desires to live and labor so that her sons may rise up and call her blessed.

The SHIELD does not long so much to have

it said that it is the worthiest exponent of the noblest fraternity as to deserve by a life well spent the plaudits of its own constituency and those of its contemporaries for evidences of increasing power and usefulness to a wide host of brothers living every day lives of broader influence and rarer purity.

AN INTROSPECTION.

II.

WE believe the best means of inter chapter communication is a fraternity journal, and the importance which the SHIELD has attached to chapter correspondence will sufficiently attest this belief. The time has been in the history of our fraternity, and similar societies, when desultory private letters were quite all the ties which bound the various sub-chapters together. This time, happily, has past, and the long list of fraternity publications bears witness to the universality of the opinion expressed at the beginning of this article.

The regular appearance of the journal of a fraternity may be accounted the best reason why its value as a means for the interchange of thought is asserted, but other causes appear as well. Letters written for publication ought to be and certainly are more readable, and in the main more full of information than a private circular letter to individual chapters can be. We have before urged upon the attention of the fraternity, the necessity of entrusting the authoritative correspondence from the chapter to the fraternity, to the hands of the most experienced writers and most earnest workers. We have somewhat to bring against the chapter correspondence which will appear valid against every correspondent, and that is the lack of discussion in their stated communications of the matters most important to the fraternity. In this connection

we hope that the circular letter some time since sent to correspondents will engage their attention and serve to shape their future course. Phi Kappa Psi ought to take action upon the proposition contained in the April issue, touching the Pan Hellenic Conference, and in no surer way can the matter be brought to view and intelligent action taken upon it than by a free discussion in these columns.

We favor another means of binding the fraternity close together—occasional visits one with another. There are four chapters in Ohio, all of which are within easy access of each other, and the same is true of four chapters in Pennsylvania, and our three Indiana chapters are especially well located as regards each other. We hear of occasional visits but much interest and profit we are sure would result from a more frequent interchange of social civilities. There are in some of our sister fraternities officers regularly appointed, whose duty it is to make stated visits to each chapter and submit to the controlling body of the fraternity the results of their observations.

And this leads us to the next topic, upon which we desire to speak with judgment and wisdom, but with which it may perhaps be difficult to succeed, since we think our own method of government one not best adapted to the wants of a growing fraternity. In brief, we think Phi Kappa Psi is too conservative in clinging to government by a Grand Chapter chosen at regularly recurring intervals from the ranks of the sub-chapters, and we wish to offer several reasons for the position taken.

The present method is too tedious, especially as regards the granting of charters and considering of petitions for the same; except in the instance of the present G. C., the gov-

ernment rests in the hands of undergraduates, the nature of whose college duties almost precludes the possibility of time sufficient to investigate matters entrusted to them for consideration, and whose judgments are often unduly influenced by motives which to older men would appear trivial.

We know of instances wherein excellent opportunities for extension have been lost by the negligence of prompt action both by the sub-chapters and Grand Chapter, and surely it will pass without question that nearly two years is too long a time to keep a body of petitioners waiting—a fact known to have occurred once with us.

A Board consisting largely if not entirely of Alumni, it would appear, is best able to attend to the wants of the fraternity and guard her interests, since the matured judgment of men of the world is safer to be trusted, and because local prejudices are not likely ever to arise, and obscure the paramount advantage.

We have but to look around us to see the direction in which the current of thought is going. There are to-day only $\Phi K \Sigma$, $\Sigma \chi E$, $\Sigma \chi$, $Z \Psi$ and $\Phi K \Psi$ still adhering to the old form of Grand Chapter government and of these some are about to change. $\Phi K \Psi$ is alone, however, in vesting the supreme executive authority in the hands of a Grand Chapter without some representation of Alumni, and the question not unnaturally arises, are we not falling behind?

It would exceed the limits of this article and not be to our purpose to detail the character of the government of other fraternities than those named above, but in general the supreme power is vested in a representative body of undergraduates and Alumni, who meet in convention usually once a year, and in the interval between these conventions,

power is vested in a body variously styled Lodge, Council, Executive Committee, or Directory, composed in whole or in part of Alumni.

We wish Phi Psis whose interests are alive to the welfare of their fraternity to institute a mental comparison with the long list of powerful rivals who are not using the older form of government and those with whom *Phi K Psi* is named, though even of these none are without the assistance and guidance of graduate members.

We might speak somewhat of the division into districts of several of our more powerful and aggressive rivals and the district officers and their duties, but this matter was recently discussed before the fraternity in council assembled and we have no intention of attempting a subversion of the decision arrived at then.

Matrimonial Knots.

ALBRIGHT—KNIGHT.

At Delaware, Ohio, November 14th, Wenter B. Albright to Jennie M. Knight, both of Delaware.

MCDONALD—NIMMONS.

Bro. C. A. McDonald, Ohio *I*, '84. has taken unto himself a better half—Miss Josie Nimmons—sister of our esteemed Bro. Geo. Nimmons. We wish their life a silver lining.

ALTMAN—SMITH.

On Thursday, December 6th, at the residence of the bride's parents in Springfield, O., by the Rev. Dr. S. A. Ort—Rev. F. D. Altman, Ohio *B*, '80, to Miss Josie Smith.

Frank returns with his bride to his pastorate at Tippacanoe City, O., where he is much esteemed by his people. "May his joy be as deep as the ocean" etc.

Literary.

RUN DOWN.

I suppose that the red-browed, gypsy moon
Will never peer out of her tent,
Nor glide down the dusk of this dim-lighted June
On missions of witchery bent;
Nor pause beside my casement-square
To peep through the shivering vine,
And rustle her cards of fortune there
To hint what a fortune is mine.
She lies, poor moon, in a deathly swoon,
Away in the dark somewhere,
And turn of tide nor ray of moon
Can ever wake her there;
For time, you must know, became so slow,
And carried so heavy a weight,
That the clock at last refused to go,
And stopped at five minutes of eight.

I suppose that the handsome, harlequin sun
Will never leap out of the dawn,
To dance in a frolic of dazzle and fun
Down stretches of woodland and lawn;
Nor scatter the dews in a sparkling rain,
As he bursts through blossom and thorn,
To bid me at my window pane
Awake to his carnival morn.
Alas! poor sun! he lies undone
Away in some region dim,
Where a wedding-bell, the merriest one,
Could scarcely waken him;
For time became so weary and slow,
And went at so laggard a gait,
That the clock at last forgot to go,
And stopped at five minutes of eight.

And I, ah! I shall wait in the gloom
For ages and ages to come,
Like one in the core of a pyramid-tomb,
Enswathed in darkness and dumb.
But yet I shall keep one cool, sane thought
In a brain not utterly mad,
And one warm joy, not all distraught,
In a bosom not utterly sad.
If the sun should start in a dream of his noon,
Or the moon wake out of her sleep, [moon
For an oath that was sworn by the sun and the
I then might have cause to weep.
So die, red moon! and thou, gay sun,
Let darkness be thy crown,
Lest I come to learn that life is undone
Because Love, and not Time, has run down!
O. E. W.

Chapter Letters.

OHIO ALPHA.

DELAWARE, O., Dec. 10, 1883.

EDITORS SHIELD:

Ohio Alpha sends greeting to all and is happy to report steady progress. A genuine bond of affection binds us into one happy fellowship, and brightly burns our enthusiasm in the bonds of our brotherhood. Since our last letter we have initiated into the mysteries of Phi Kappa Psi, Bro. Frank Garver a member of the Freshman class, and a brother of Bro. John Garver of G. A. C., fame. Frank says he expected more initiation. Well, he has only to wait for the second degree.

A number of our boys recently made a visit to Ohio Delta and found her indeed flourishing. We had, to say the least, a royal good time. That Ohio Delta boys know how to entertain Phi Psis was well demonstrated by the way in which they entertained us. When any Phi Psi wishes to have a good time we would say visit the boys at Ohio Delta.

Among the different subjects named, in a recent issue of the SHIELD, for discussion, I think none is so important as that of inter-chapter communication. And again it is one sadly neglected, I think, throughout the general fraternity. We have at present but two modes of becoming acquainted with the various chapters throughout the fraternity, viz:—through the columns of the SHIELD, and the G. A. C. I think the very best mode for the general fraternity is a journal with frequent communications from each chapter, giving fair statements of the condition of each. But a journal can not do all, neither can the G. A. C., once every two years. It gives an opportunity for two or three members from each chapter, while no opportunity is offered to the great mass of the members. As it appears to me, the plan of having a state re-union each year would be an excellent one. There are but a very few states having chapters at all but what have more than one, while the

majority have from three to eight. Now, it would not be a very great task for all these to meet once a year, and, surely, it would be a great benefit to all of them. We of Ohio have had one re-union, which has done more for uniting the four chapters of the state than any other one thing since they were chartered, and has proven beyond all doubt the advisability of repeating them. With a copy of the SHIELD to each member of the fraternity each month—a re-union of all the the chapters of each state each year and a re-union of all the chapters of all the states once in two years, Phi Kappa Psi with her thirty-two living chapters would soon become a leading factor in American college fraternities.

Yours in $\Phi K \Psi$,

F. W. R.

WISCONSIN GAMMA.

BELOIT, WIS., Dec 8, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

Once more the time has come when we must send our monthly letter to the SHIELD. Our "goat" has been ridden once, since our last letter was sent, and having performed his duty satisfactorily to all, is still "seeking for more worlds to conquer." Brother Murray, our W. G. P., stopped here about three weeks ago while on his way to Minneapolis. Although he was with us for only a few hours, yet we enjoyed his visit very much, and hope we shall see him again in the near future. At the beginning of the year, most all of our boys managed to get together in one house, and not having a very good hall for our meetings we let it go. But now, feeling that we can not get along without some desirable room, we have rented a suit down town, and will take possession of it the first of next term. Please put among the list of our rivals Sigma Chi, established here in 1882. Should any of the brothers from Michigan ever happen this way, we would give them a cordial invitation to come and see us, and we will try to convince them that in one *sub rosa* chapter at least, there does exist among its members a

great deal of self-respect and manliness. While our conduct may be unlawful, in that we belong to a fraternity against the rules of the college, yet we hope that our conduct in the past, has always been honorable, and that it will also be in the future. Surely, we would be unworthy of bearing the name of $\Phi \Psi$ should our conduct ever divert from that which is upright and just. With best wishes I remain,

Yours fraternally,

LOUIS W. CROW.

IOWA DELTA.

INDIANOLA, IOWA, Nov., 13, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

Iowa Delta sends greeting to every loyal $\Phi \Psi$. Our college has a larger attendance this term than any previous fall term. With this increase of students came the usual strife between the fraternities for the best men.

It has been our policy to "go slow" and the result is that we have an excellent class of members. I am glad to say they are able to maintain the good name of old $\Phi \Psi$, in the class room, on the rostrum, or anywhere.

Last commencement our Bro's G. G. Martin, of class '85, took the prize in oratory and C. J. Evans, of class '84, took a \$20 prize for the best English thesis.

We are beginning to feel the need of having a hall of our own, and I think soon a move will be made in that direction.

Some of our best members are not in school this term.

E. H. Bresee, '84, has gone to Los Angeles, California, and will graduate from the University there.

Bro. Don Carlos is in Colorado, and will probably not return again.

Bro. F. O. Hinkson, of class '82, has located at Greenfield, Iowa, where he will look after the legal interests of the community.

Bro. G. F. Cromer, of '83, has found the "better half."

I have written enough and will close.

Fraternally,

H. J. E.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

GETTYSBURG, PA., Nov. 29, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

The "force of an imperious necessity" compels us to jot you a few lines about Pa. Epsilon and her welfare, immediately, lest our letter arrive too late for presentation to the brothers in your next number.

Since the beginning of this collegiate year, the different fraternities represented here, have been tolerably active in initiating new men, $\Phi \chi \theta$ leading the van with seven or eight. Epsilon has added three more to her number—Bro's Geiser, Waynesboro, Pa., and Shafer, Burkettsville, Md., of the Sophomore class, and Bro. Whipp, Burkettsville, Md., of the Freshman class,—whom we have now the pleasure of introducing to the fraternity at large.

We regret, however, to announce the loss of one of Epsilon's best men in Bro. Phillips, who was compelled to leave college a few days after the beginning of this term, on account of serious trouble with his eyes. It is not possible that he will return, and as one of the best and jolliest fellows ever met with, and as a prominent member of the class of '85, we regret his loss exceedingly.

Epsilon now stands with thirteen active members: 1 Senior, 3 Juniors, 6 Sophomores, 1 Freshman, and two—her most active and efficient men—in the Theological Seminary.

Happy in the possession of her hall and contented with her share of the fraternity men and honors, she is glad to report her condition as the best possible, and her prospects in every direction equally as good. $\Sigma A E$ entered our college at the end of last year, and began her career with four men. Since then several more have been added and several lost, so that, at present, this, the most northern of her chapters, has but three men. They are by no means despondent, however, and, though they have had so far rather a checkered career, they hope eventually to establish their chapter on a firmer and lasting basis.

We noticed, in the last number of the SHIELD, a slight error in ascribing a quotation to the Lafayette College Cor., of the ΣX , which was due to the pen of the Pennsylvania College Cor.

The initiation mentioned, occurred here, and we congratulate the Sigs. in having such a wonderful memory for bygones and such a truly admirable desire to pay their indebtedness even at the expense of stooping to perform what their correspondent terms a "mean business"

Since the completion of Epsilon's chapter hall, it is rumored that the chapters of ΣX , and $\Phi I J$, located here, are also contemplating, with serious intention, the erection of such a building. We wish them success.

Epsilon, at the end of this term, desires to express her fraternal love and very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all her sister chapters.

Fraternally yours,

E. I. B.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 10, 1882.

DEAR SHIELD:

Since our last letter, we have added another new man to our ranks, J. L. Marquis, of that modern sodom Chicago, a young man resplendent in virtues, and whom we rescued from the rapacity of several of our co-rivals. Before this week expires another lamb will have been taken under shelter, possibly two, and in addition we have promises from a third for next term. The new hall we expect to move into by March, will be by far the finest in town, commodious and well finished, and we will then be better able to entertain visiting brethren.

The majority of us expect to spend the Christmas recess at home, though we hardly have time to think of that now perforce of the "Exams" impending, from which our grades are made up, the old method of grading upon recitations being done away with. We wish all our brethren a surfeit of vacation pleas-

ures and extend the time honored salutation of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the SHIELD and its readers

Yours fraternally,

S.

MARYLAND ALPHA.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 19, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

The last two numbers of your ever welcome monthly have come duly to hand, and I confess to a feeling akin to shame, when interrogated as to a communication from Maryland Alpha. In vain I reminded the "boys" that if they want a letter, they must write themselves: it wont do!—"you are our accredited correspondent and must do the writing," is their reply.

We are settling down now after a period of considerable excitement over the election and innitiation of a very promising contingent of new men, always a matter demanding anxious thought and careful consideration. Our recent acquisitions are all that could be desired, and prove conclusively that the same high standard that has characterized us all along, has been maintained.

Last spring we held the first of what is hoped to be an annual symposium, and although it ended in a rather ignominious manner, we nevertheless had a rousing time. The incident alluded to was nothing more or less than the complete rout of the whole party by that insignificant, but indispensable adjunct to society, immortalized by the author of the "Innocence Abroad," and vulgarly known as the baby. This particular baby was by no means remarkable in face, form, or fortune: in fact, it was but a common place, every day specimen, over whose creaking crib scarce six crescent moons had ever risen—but, ah! it proved a veritable "apple of discord" in the otherwise happy family of Harry McGowan, the genial proprietor of "Point Breeze." Whilst the dulcet strains of Bro. Gephart's music were floating in the air, there came a wail from the lusty lungs of the infant above

mentioned, in endeavoring to stifle which, "mine host" provoked the ire of the innocent's nearest female relative, and in a moment a scene of dire and family-like confusion ensued. The brothers, who had braved the lectures of the Professor of mathematics, they who were never known to quail, when interrogated on the subject of "Grimm's Law," or the no less abstruse doctrine of "Ganot", felt themselves humiliated, discomfited. "Bring forth the steeds" was passed along the line: in a twinkling the 'bus was filled, and we were scampering away like Tam O'Shanter, as though the old boy himself were howling in our wake.

Not long since we had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Duncan of Gettysburg, who was introduced by Bro. Gephart, the "fidus Achates" of all Phi Psis stranded on our shores. Bro. Duncan entertained the meeting with a short sketch of the way they manage things in that ancient stronghold of Phi Psidom, electrifying us with a statement of the amount of the initiation fee charged. It would not be a bad plan to have more frequent fraternal visits of this sort, as they serve to make the views of the chapters more catholic, cement their friendship, and cause them to feel more intimately that union, which is the very key-note of our constitution.

Fraternally yours,

D. S. G.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

OXFORD, MISS., Nov. 30, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

Although Mississippi Alpha has but little news of general interest to contribute, nevertheless, your card serving as a "gentle reminder" of our duty unperformed, was received recently, and acting on your suggestions I write, regretting, however, that the chapter did not select some one who could better represent her.

The November number of the indispensable SHIELD came to hand some days ago, brimming

with news of our dear fraternity from all parts of the country, causing us to rejoice over the general out-look of affairs in the $\Phi \kappa \Psi$ world. Owing to some cause the October number never reached us, much to our sorrow, and we would beg the editor to send us a few copies of that number if he has them on hand.

We are in excellent working order, and doing really more good than when our number was double the present. Our hall resounds with the eloquence of some loyal $\Phi \Psi$ at least semi monthly, and at every meeting the best of harmony and love prevails. We intend to make Bro. Stevens again bear off the medal for oratory next June, and Bro. Farley will "whoop things up" for the Senior medal, given for excellence in debate.

We are, just as our other communication left us, *solid six*, as we have initiated no new men. The best material seems to be pretty well used up here, though there are perhaps 125 non fraternity men in the University.

None of the fraternities are large here, Beta Theta Pi leads off with about 15 men, and all the others are small.

The Alpha Beta Tau (ladies frat.) celebrated their tenth anniversary on the 23rd inst., with a big banquet. Thirty-five boys from the University were invited to be present on that memorable occasion, the writer being one so "divinely favored." The banquet was a grand success, the tables fairly groaned beneath their burden of good things—turkeys were on "dress parade" and every thing that could tempt the appetite of the most fastidious was there in abundance. The crowd that met in that festive hall that night was composed of individuals of the $\Phi \Sigma \Theta$, $\Phi \kappa \Psi$, $\Sigma \Psi$, $\Lambda \Phi$, $\Sigma \kappa \Xi$, $\Sigma \chi$, $B \Theta \Pi$, and Rainbow, all entertaining the best of friendship for each other.

The State Methodist conference is now in session in Oxford, and one can scarcely turn around without accidentally treading on some preacher's toes. Yesterday, Thanksgiving sermon was preached by Bishop McTyre, quite an eloquent and eminent divine. We enjoyed our holiday very much, and felt that

it was awful to have to go to work to-day, which many of us did with reluctance.

Fearing lest I weary you with too long a communication, I close by tossing off a goblet brimming full of sparkling pleasures to each $\Phi \Psi$, and the noble SHIELD!

Yours in the mystic bonds,
W. P. TACKETT.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

MADISON, NOV. 18, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

Since our last letter we have been called upon to mourn the death of our ablest and most popular Alumni. Brother Chas S. Dudley while attempting to board a morning train at Cragin, Ill., on Nov. 1st, fell beneath the wheels and was so severely injured that he died shortly after. Brother Dudley graduated in '77 with honors and the Lewis prize. He was a most enthusiastic member of the fraternity, much of our chapter's strength being due to his energetic loyalty. He remained with us for some time after his graduation from the law class in '80, shortly after which he left his practice to enter the manufacturing firm of Cragin Bros. of Chicago, Ill. He was a member of this company at the time of his death. The chapter attended his funeral in this city, and among the floral offerings was a beautiful Phi Psi shield.

Appropriate resolutions were passed by the chapter, which we send to you with this letter.

We hold our usual strong position in the University of Wisconsin. Our twenty two men are well distributed through the classes, and are as good in quality as they are in quantity. It is not part of our policy to use the chapter as a political organ to advance the college interests of our members, and yet we always get our share (and a liberal one too) of college honors.

Our social position has always been a very fortunate one. For instance we may mention the fact, that we were happily surprised at a recent meeting, by receiving a beautiful pink

and lavender silk $\Phi \Psi$ banner, tastefully decorated with hand painted flowers,—the gift and work of Miss Daubner, an accomplished young lady of this city, and an enthusiastic $\Phi \Psi$. The presentation speech was very fittingly made by Bro. Hoyt.

In short, we have reason to be very well satisfied with the prospects of our chapter. Our relations with the other fraternities are more friendly than has been the case in the past. $B \theta \Pi$ once our strongest rival has at present a much diminished membership, and will have to do hard work to retain her former position.

During the winter we shall probably hold our usual series of $\Phi \Psi$ dances, organize an ice-sailing club, and in the spring time go down to Beloit with our college base-ball team, with its sprinkling of $\Phi \Psi$'s, and see it beat some of Wis. I's men—*Nicht wahr, I?*

Yours fraternally, T.

PENNSYLVANIA THETA.

EASTON, PA., NOV. 27, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

Pa. θ , although rather quiet of late, is as enthusiastic and loyal as ever. We have taken in but one man out of the Freshman class. This class was conspicuously wanting in desirable men and rather than make the attempt to assimilate poor material with the excellent make-up of the chapter as at present constituted, we have taken in but one man, hailing from that staunch $\Phi \Psi$ nursery, Reading, from which place Pa. θ has, in past years, received such good men.

I noticed in the last SHIELD that Sigma Chi, here, was gloating over a "grind" they have on $\Phi K \Psi$. They speak of a man named Gehr, whom they had initiated but had not badged and "whom the $\Phi \Psi$'s are now boring, little suspecting that he is a Sig.," &c. Now this whole thing is a mistake. In the first place, there is no such man in college, and in the second place we did not approach a single man they have initiated this year. They have two new men.

Our Chapter at present numbers twelve good, congenial brothers, and a jollier (and perhaps a more hungry) set of fellows than we, never sat down to one of Bro. Green's noted spreads. We are all invited to participate in one of these cases in the desert of club-feeds to-morrow, and the way in which the festive turkeys will disappear would cause a less generous man to regret his rashness, but not so with a man like old John.

We had a visit from Bro. Gallagher, now of Pa. Iota a short time ago. He reports his Chapter flourishing.

Brothers Ford Ottman and Rufus Miller, both of last year's class, are with us over Thanksgiving. The former is attending Princeton Theological Seminary, while the latter is at Union Seminary. Their smiling countenances and hearty grips do us more good than the substantial tokens they have in our coffers.

Bro. Ed Green, also of '83, now attending the Medical department of Pennsylvania University, will also be with us over thanksgiving.

Fraternally, C. M. U.

KANSAS ALPHA.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 3, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

In my last letter I started out to name the honors taken by $\Phi \kappa \Psi$ in this University last June; but in my hurry forgot to mention two quite important ones. So, although it is a late day to be doing this, justice and a desire to make the list complete impel me to say that Bro. Sterling was the Valedictorian of the graduating class, and that Bro. Gilmore took the Freshman prize for scholarship.

Also, right here, I wish to correct a mistake which appeared in the October number of the SHIELD. It was announced that Bro. F. A. Stocks, '79, was unanimously elected editor-in-chief of the *Kansas Review*. This is perfectly correct except that Bro. Stocks is of the class of '84, instead of '79.

In the fore part of October we were highly gratified by receiving a short visit from Bro. Weinschenk of the Illinois Beta. He was, of course, called upon for a speech; and enlightened and amused us with an account of his chapter and its doings. We much regret that we were not able to make his visit more agreeable. The rain and sleet, mud and general disagreeableness of the weather kept some of the boys from appearing at all, and served to dampen the spirits of those who did venture out. We made a desperate effort to dispel the gloom attending the affair with an oyster supper, but it was a complete failure. The boys sat around the table as stolid and solemn as a company of monks. We hope Bro. Weinschenk is not discouraged with us, and will call again. If he ever does, we promise him that he will meet with a livelier and more entertaining reception.

Since writing the last letter, we have initiated three more men of the first water. They are Bro's Shattuck, Spencer and Curdy. The last named was the first one asked to become a charter member of this chapter of the $\Phi \Gamma \Gamma$ when it was established here two years ago, and might have joined at any time since. He left the University for a year, coming back a few days ago, when he was immediately taken into our mystic circle.

We have had our spare time pretty well taken up within the last week with moving into a larger hall and buying new furniture. We sold all our old furniture, divided the money, and then let each fellow buy his own chair. The result of this plan entirely exceeded our expectation. The boys laid themselves out literally; and now we have a variety of comfortable and elegant chairs, two sofas and various other articles of furniture. We are now pretty well contented, except that we long for a chapter house, and frequently discuss schemes for getting one.

We are hoping and expecting to have a Kan. Beta chapter ere long. This chapter will contain some of the brightest lights in the State.

Yours in $\Phi \kappa \Psi$,

J. V. H.

D. C. ALPHA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

No letter from D. C., *A* appeared in your last issue on account of the many engagements of the brother appointed to write said epistle. Whether the afore mentioned engagements were with the college fraternity or with a member or members of the gentler sex, deponent saith not.

Our chapter is in a most prosperous condition, as we have initiated some ten new men, all from the upper class and the best material of the University. During the construction of the magnificent new College Building and Scientific Department we are occupying a hall in the Preparatory School. We expect to have very comfortable quarters in one of the structures just mentioned, next year. Our exercises have hitherto been of a literary nature, but it is proposed this year to make the chapter take quite a prominent part in the social entertainments of the college, and on the 21st, the chapter will entertain its friends, of both sexes, at the house of brother E. S. Hosmer, '85.

Music and dancing will add their charms to the festive scene and refreshments will be served to the hungry multitude.

We have sustained a great loss in the removal of Bro. Murray, long the main stay of our chapter, to St. Paul, Minn. He carries with him the best wishes of his many Washington friends as well as the $\phi \kappa \psi$'s of D. C., *A*.

It is whispered, *sub rosa*, that our genial friend Bro. Frank McCleary is to be joined in the holy bonds of wed-lock to one of Pa.'s fairest daughters.

Bro. H. Z. Deal, Pa., *Z*, and Bro. J. C. S. Richardson will accompany him to see the thing well done. Bro. McCleary is probably one of the best known of all $\phi \psi$'s and we may add that all who know him, like him.

Some time in January it is proposed to organize the Alumni Chapter for which the G. A. C., granted a charter. There are many $\phi \psi$'s of other chapters in the city and many

of the most wealthy and influential citizens of the District belong to the fraternity.

With such material a large and prosperous chapter can be organized. It will doubtless be impossible to build a Chapter House at once but they propose to fit up a set of rooms with all conveniences and appliances for amusement and refreshment.

In the mean time our men in college have not been idle. The four best men of last year's graduating class were $\phi \psi$'s, Bro. H. L. Hodgkins taking the first honors and Bro. N. S. Burchell second, and not one medal was given outside of the chapter.

The coming of the SHIELD is anxiously looked for by the boys, and we wish you all success.

Fraternally yours,

SIRRAH.

PENNSYLVANIA IOTA.

1123 CHESTNUT ST., PHILA., PA.,

Nov. 28, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

My feelings are of deep regret that I must open Iota's letter with apologies for her long delay in responding to your request, but with promises of immediate reform. As yet we have taken in but two new men this year, one Senior and one Freshman. The Freshman class, though the largest that has ever entered the University, does not contain as much good material as might be desired, but with one other man pledged and several under our consideration we have every reason to predict a bright future.

In point of honors for our Chapter I can claim no extraordinary supremacy. Although several of our brothers persist in such pursuits, it is but just that I express the *seeming opinion at least*, of the majority, and say that they prefer $\phi \psi$ hall to their study-rooms; their pipes or a chat with a foreign brother happening our way to their text-books. We had a very pleasant time one evening last week at a little chapter supper. I don't know why, but for some reason or other, our brothers are very partial to such affairs, and they

undoubtedly are of great value in extending fraternity feeling, and sometimes very lasting remembrances among the graduates. On the present occasion we were honored by the presence of Bros. Richardson, of D. C. A; Caldwell, Pa. Z, and Duncan, Pa. E, who very pleasantly entertained us with the accounts of the doings of their chapters, and the success of $\Phi \Psi$ outside of our own city. A number of our chapter, who were lucky enough to accompany the foot-ball team (and by the way the University is very proud of her foot-ball team as well as of its able captain, Bro. A. J. Gray) to Baltimore, were very much pleased to meet the members of Md. A, and returned home, loud in their encomiums on the courtesy and good feeling shown them by their Baltimore brothers. Repeating my promise that hereafter Iota will do her little for the success of the SHIELD as well as she knows how—with her well-wishings to all her sisters, I am

Yours in $\Phi \kappa \Psi$,

M. D.

OHIO GAMMA.

AVONDALE, CINCINNATI, O.

Nov. 10, 1883.

BRO. HULL, ED. OF SHIELD:

Yours of the 16th just received, and I hasten to reply. I am very sorry that the boys have forgotten their duty to the SHIELD. I did not return to college, nor did Bros. Turner, Stewart and Wallace.

Bro Hull, I will write you a personal letter from which you may glean something of O. I' doings. I have to write with a pencil, my mother not allowing me the use of pen and ink near the bed. I have been sick for eight weeks, to-morrow. The result of umpiring a game of ball, where "foul tips" were plentiful.

Bro. C. F. M. Niles and family have returned from over a year's sojourn in Europe. Welcome to loyal Fred!

Bro Chas. Wallace is in the postal service, running between Cincinnati and Columbus.

Ohio Gamma had the misfortune to have

men who failed to report at the beginning of the term. This leaving her very much crippled. Having six active men. She has strengthened herself by the initiation of Messrs. Halderman, Johnston, McMillan, Wade and L. R. Davidson.

I can vouch for Halderman and Johnston, with whom I have a personal acquaintance, and heard from a non-frat., that "the other boys are the cream of this year's initiates." This speaks well for the work of the Chapter.

For a few years O. I' has been compelled to be very conservative as regards the size of its membership. With the advent of our new President, Dr. Scoval, a better class of students have made their appearance and will permit our Chapter to enlarge upon its new membership.

Our new President is all that we can desire, and hope he will meet with success in the performance of his duties.

Prof. Notestine was compelled to relinquish his chair, on account of ill health. M. E. Compton, $\Sigma \Lambda$, class of '80, has been called to fill it. Much dissatisfaction was expressed by the class of '85, on hearing a rumor, last year, that he was to fill Dr. Archibald's chair. Whether he will suit the classes of '86 and '87, remains to be seen.

On Thanksgiving eve., O. I' will give her Annual Social and Feast, which will be graced by the $\Phi \kappa \Psi$ ladies.

Bro. Walt. Mullens is back again in Wooster. He is reading law.

The talk of the State Convention and Gamma's Reunion, in March, is still thought of.

Our worthy Bro., Mr. Frank O. McCleary, paid us a short visit near the first of the term. If he would only hurry along that Alumni charter—why, we would say, come again, most heartily.

Well, I must close, with much love to the Springfield boys, especially those whom I met this summer. My M. D. has just been in to see me. He is a loyal $\Phi \kappa$, Dr. Mitchell, of O. A. He tells me I have about three more weeks to stay in bed, then I will arise

and take my oath never to play ball again. In December our boot & shoe factory will be moved to South Abington, Boston, Mass., where I will read law, and wonder if I can ever successfully plead a case in Ohio. (If you don't understand, ask Patton.)

I will have to miss our reunion in March, much to my regret. I can safely say, that Ohio Gamma is now standing on a *firmer* foundation than she was a year ago. I do not know that the boys will write you this month, but will ask them.

Excuse this rambling epistle, and let me hear from you

Truly your Phi Phiscal Bro.,
J. C. P.

Bro. Payne has written such an interesting letter from his sick room, that we take the liberty of publishing it complete. Write him, boys.—[ED.]

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

LANCASTER, PA., Dec. 7, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD :

Again the SHIELD has come among us, and, as usual, finds us eager to scan its contents and be soothed by the voices of our widespread brotherhood. Always welcome! How could it be otherwise! For to live in a fraternity and not hear from month to month from its various chapters would deprive fraternity life of half its charms. Long live the SHIELD!

Eta still enjoys her wonted health. Our meetings bear testimony to this. We have no discordant elements. Peace and harmony are our ruling stars. We discuss no *state questions* in our meetings. No orator of the evening tells in eloquent terms the stories of Washington, Henry, and of our boasted independence. In other words, we aim at *social* improvement and pleasant intercourse, and leave literary development entirely in the hands of the well conducted Literary Societies of the F. and M. And we find enough to employ our time on the welcome Saturday nights,

without introducing features into our meetings which draw the mind way from the high purpose of $\Phi \kappa \Psi$.

We read with interest the chapter communications in the SHIELD; and we feel elated over another's fruitful conquests, as though we had done it ourselves. But now and then, (not often), our features relax. We don't like to hear of honorary members. Can not $\Phi \Psi$ give birth to her own heroes? Must we adopt sons to add an adequate number of Hon's., D. Ds., L. L. Ds., etc., to our roll? No, we need no such additions. They can not benefit the fraternity. Fraternity spirit is not the feverish emotion of an hour. It is something that is implanted in the heart, a tender thing, that requires the gentle care of the mother chapter to foster and bring to its development. A mere knowledge of the grip and pass-words does not constitute a true fraternity man. And with only such a preparation these members go out into the world; and were it not for an occasional fraternity feed they would, in many cases, forget that they ever joined a fraternity.

But, on the other hand, they can do us harm. Fraternities are beginning, more than ever, to discountenance such efforts to bring themselves into prominence. We have to wrestle with this evil every year. Rival fraternities use it as an argument against us, and we find it hard to dislodge a stubborn fact. Let us hear of no more!

Bro. Joe Apple was elected one of the editors of our college annual, "The Oriflamme," published by the Junior class. As Joe is our only Junior, we consider this victory as quite overwhelming.

Bro. Eschbach was elected one of the orators of the Goethean Literary Society, to represent that society at her anniversary to be held next May.

Bro. Apple was elected to a like position on the Diagnothian anniversary programme, to be held one week later.

In these contests we form no cliques and make no compromises. We believe in the motto, let merit win; and if the $\Phi \Psi$'s of Eta

are elected to such positions we have the satisfaction of knowing that it is because they are deemed worthy to fill with credit such positions, whatever be the honor involved.

With best wishes and heartfelt greeting to all, we are,

Yours fraternally,

J. N. B.

Fraternity Press.

The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* for October has the following on *Definite Work for Fraternities*:

"We say a great deal about the good influence of our Fraternities; we are given to extolling the Fraternity idea as a mighty force for the elevation of morals and the elevation of manhood. This is well so far as it goes, but there is danger that our chapters will rest upon these generalities and lose sight of the opportunities which lie in definite aims.

The mere banding together of good men for the cultivation of virtues by mutual encouragement is productive of great good. The Alpha Tau Omega has already done much by association and example, but let us not be content with this. What would happen if each chapter should take up the ruling vice of the college in which it exists and concentrate its efforts upon the extermination of that vice? How long would it be before students and professors would begin to ask, What new spirit is this at work in our midst? How long would it be before curiosity would discover the origin of the new and beneficial influence and bring honor to the source of so much good? We suggest to our sub rosa chapters this means of overthrowing their opponents and vindicating their rights to exist and flourish.

There is one vice which lies at the root of many others and which permeates all society. It enters the nursery. It poisons the very atmosphere of schools and colleges. It corrupts our religion and debases our political life. It is the vice of lying.

Twenty years ago, at one of our largest and most celebrated institutions of learning, this vice prevailed to such an extent that the public sentiment of the school attached no disgrace to it. The man who would not lie in making his excuses for his delinquencies was regarded as a simple sort of a fellow who could scarcely be trusted to take care of himself. It had been reduced to a question of business management, moral turpitude being almost unthought of in

the matter. In that institution the Alpha Tau Omega came into existence. Within a few years the writer of this learned that such a sentiment had been established at that college that a lie offered in excuse for a delinquency subjected its author to social ostracism. Did our chapter have anything to do with this revolution? Undoubtedly; for it had among its members those who had ever been known as haters of lying in all its forms. This good old chapter met with opposition at the hands of the authorities. It was compelled for a time to be "*sub rosa*"; but its noble work commended it, its good influence could not be overlooked, and it was permitted to carry on its labors openly."

Sigma Chi has a leader on "The Spirit of the Hour and its Practical Lesson" which we are tempted to quote entire, but the following extract must suffice:

The present tendency of the Greek World is toward concentration and centralization. Your Greek Press Association, your Pan-Hellenic councils and the tone of the Fraternity Journalism, all declare in language unmistakable that the day of the loose confederations of heterogeneous chapters has passed away forever. The fraternity of the future is to be a federation of harmonious parts each working for the interest of the whole. The progress which is visible in nearly every phase of fraternity life and work is progress upon lines which converge toward each other and meet in a universal progress toward centralization. The day is coming when, more than ever before, the several Chapters of every Greek order will stand or fall upon the merits of the entire fraternity. Local issues are fast being swallowed up in those which regard as the unit of measurement not the chapter, but the fraternity, not the parts, but the whole. This tendency is evident in the recent changes in fraternity government, in the strenuous efforts which are being made to unite active and alumni members in one common effort after common ends; and we have dwelt upon it, but its most important and powerful agent is the Greek Fraternity Press. It needs no argument to prove that the official organ of any fraternity is the most efficient instrumentality which it can possibly possess, for uniting and cementing together its scattered chapters and for creating of its active and alumni members, one harmonious whole, an army under one leadership, a nation with one government. It is but the old, old truth which will not down,—in union there is strength and in division there is weakness. The intelligent observer can not resist the conclusion that the fraternity will advance only as it learns

to support its official journal and to utilize the possibilities which its columns afford.

This truth should come home to every chapter and every active member of Sigma Chi with power and force. The provision which our fraternity has made for its journal is not what the times demand. We need a different spirit in our support of this magazine. We must remember that it is not a local enterprise in any sense but a *Sigma Chi* enterprise of the most urgent and vital importance to each and every chapter of the Order. As the chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity we stand or fall together, and we will apprehend this fact more clearly in the coming future.

To our certain knowledge there is but one fraternity which has awakened fully to a clear appreciation of this truth; and we have no hesitation in saying that the policy of Delta Kappa Epsilon, in the support of her *Quarterly*, places her on the high road to the leadership of the Greek Fraternity system. She has beheld the spirit of the day and is already first to pull with the current. If her rivals would not find themselves surpassed, prompt and energetic action is imperative, and as Delta Kappa Epsilon has grasped the principle of coming development, we cannot choose but follow in her wake, or waste our strength against the current.

Beta Theta Pi in its leading editorial of the November issue takes occasion to speak quite frankly as to the *personnel* of some of her chapters:

"Some years ago a member of another fraternity undertook to condole with a prominent Beta in his own college. Said he: 'You fellows have an awful lot of dead chapters.' 'Yes,' was the prompt reply, 'and I wish we had more of 'em.' That view of the situation has lately become a good deal more popular than it was then. It is now no uncommon thing to hear Betas of high standing and influence express the conviction that we need some more dead chapters. Indeed, several have been acquired in the interval. Since the Baltimore convention of 1880, four Beta chapters have surrendered their charters at the request of the fraternity. And it is generally conceded that we still have a few colleges on our list, in the like of which the only good fraternity chapter, as the plainmen say of the only good Indian, is a dead one.

It seems to us time for the fraternity to take a little more advanced ground in this direction, and to act a little more openly upon the conviction so widely entertained. As a matter of fact, in each of the four cases referred to above, where chapters have recently

been withdrawn, the condition of things was such as to have almost no alternative. We did not move until we were fairly driven to do so. It is time we abandon that plan of action for a prompter, safer, and more dignified one.

There is no good reason at all why a college, which is universally allowed to be far below our standard, and from which no set of petitioners would stand the ghost of a chance before any convention, should be permitted to retain a Beta charter, just because it happens to have one already. Why should it be allowed longer to keep what no one would now think of giving it?

Upon the average standing of our colleges in which a fraternity is represented, more than upon all other circumstances put together, depends the average intelligence and culture of its active membership; and upon *that*, in turn, far more than upon the brilliant achievements of its alumni, or the excellence of its governmental organization, depends not only the actual present worth of the fraternity, but all its hope for the future as well.

The first business of the fraternity, therefore, is to see to it that its chapters are located only in the very best colleges, and that they have thus—as they can have in no other way—a reasonable prospect of maintaining a high standard of membership through all their career. And we hold that there is no historical or sentimental consideration, of any kind whatever, so powerful that it ought to be allowed to hinder in the slightest degree the attainments of the object.

The *Zeta Psi Monthly* has a vigorous editorial in the October–November number on the prosperity of publishing their constitution from which we clip the following:

"It is probable that at the approaching convention, the Committee on Constitutional Revision will submit a report advocating material if not radical changes in the laws of the fraternity. With the precise nature of these contemplated changes we have at present nothing to do. Their adoption or rejection is for the general body of Zeta Psi in convention assembled to determine, and at least a year must lapse before a new constitution can go into effect, but it has frequently struck us that the secrecy of our constitution was open to serious objection. The instrument in question is in reality not secret, since there is no secrecy where the subject matter is committed to writing, but there always has been an opinion prevalent that our constitution is a hidden feature of the fraternity. A number of copies exist and it is probable that other than Zeta Psis have occasionally perused their pages, finding little to reward their en-

deavors, since none of our vital secrets are embodied therein, but there is nevertheless a feeling existing that our constitution should be a sealed book to the outside world.

As a result, constitutional knowledge is at a premium. The scarcity of copies, and the tedious labor necessary to produce them, render their general possession by members impossible. Each chapter possesses one, the grand officers, also, and there are probably some few other copies owned by graduates, but the work has not an extensive circulation. Naturally at our conventions there is often a great ignorance as to the exact provisions of our constitution, and many measures are hastily adopted that are subsequently found to be of an unconstitutional nature.

It may truthfully be said that there is no valid excuse for this state of affairs. The constitution of the Zeta Psi fraternity does not differ materially from those of other organizations of the same kind, and in general is a definition of our objects and governmental powers. The essential secrets of our fraternity and the signification of our title and motto are omitted from its pages, and the printed publication of the constitution and by-laws would in no case betray a single secret of the order. Many Greek fraternities have ere this recognized the advantages to be derived from a printed constitution, not least of which is the removal of the stigma which is often attached by the non-society man, of "ways that are dark and of tricks that are vain." A prominent "Greek" not long since showed the writer the printed constitution of his fraternity which closely resembled our own, and the result of this open publication was stated to be found in a thorough constitutional knowledge on the part of its members."

College Notes.

John Hopkins University conducts five journals devoted to original scientific investigations.

Union Theological Seminary, New York, has property worth \$1,730,000, which is an increase of nearly a million dollars in ten years.

Rev. Dr. James H. Mason Knox, who on the 5th of last October was tendered the presidency of Lafayette College at a special meeting of the trustees, has written his letter of acceptance, and, since then has entered upon his duty.

There are twenty universities in Germany. Of these Berlin has the greatest number in attendance, 5,000. Leipzig has 3,000; Munich, 2 000, and the others from 1,500 to 250, a total of 25,520 students, of which number 7,000 are Americans.—*Theilensian*.

John P. Howard announces his purpose of giving a new building for the medical department of the University of Vermont and refitting the old building for a gymnasium. The aggregate cost will be about \$40,000. This will make over \$400,000 Howard has given the University within ten years.

Other Fraternities.

The anti fraternity rules at Vanderbilt have been formally repealed.

The report that Phi Gamma Delta has initiated a negro into their chapter, in Texas, is emphatically denied.—*Lariat*.

Phi Gamma Delta does not seem to have had a very successful convention. The chapter at the University at California is in a precarious position.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

Phi Kappa Psi lifted a Delta Tau Delta, about two weeks ago. The Delta Taus have no chapter at this University, but they have had a man here for two or three years, who, it is said, was trying to organize a chapter, but becoming discouraged, he gave himself up to the Phi Psis.—O. S. U. Cor. of *The Scroll*.

Phi Delta Theta can celebrate Thanksgiving this year with good grace. We began our work this year with two new chapters at Ohio State University and the University of Texas. We now learn that Virginia Gamma is about to recover herself, and, besides, we will probably soon hear of other new chapters established at excellent institutions. On top of all this, Vanderbilt University and Alabama State College have removed the restrictions on Fraternities, leaving us only two *sub rosa* chapters.—*The Scroll*.

Ohio Delta chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, located at State University, Saturday night entertained the chapter of their fraternity from Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware—Ohio Alpha—at the society hall in the McCune block. The whole chapter from State University, numbering seventeen, were present, and quite a number came over from Delaware. A very enjoyable time was had in a social way at the fraternity hall until about 11 o'clock, when the party adjourned to the parlors of Ruhl & Corbett, where a banquet was held. Toasts were offered as follows: Ohio Alpha, responded to by R. Loyd; Ohio Delta, responded to by George Smart; Pink and Lavender (the fraternity colors), responded to by Charles Hoover; THE SHIELD, responded to by J. L. McMurray; the Ladies, response by J. M. Taylor.—*Ohio State Journal*, (Dec. 2d.)

Personals.

INDIANA GAMMA.

Bro. John Forman, once a member of '84, but now a Senior at Princeton, took the Junior prize essay, amounting to \$60, in the last contest.

Bro. A. A. Hargrave, '81, writes an interesting letter from the Black Sea. Says everything is strange and novel. After leaving Berlin he was for five days on the cars, and not undressed during the whole time. Sleeping in a manner similar to the stork—on one leg. Tough!

The last issue of the *Phi Gamma Delta* classes Hoult, James and King with those who were expelled from their fraternity. Everyone in college knows this to be the outgrowth of malice on the part of the chapter here. Such falsehoods are not creditable to Psi, as the gentlemen were bodily lifted from a chapter, with which they could no longer conscientiously identify themselves.

OHIO ALPHA.

Ed. O'Kane, of '83, is engaged in business at his father's book store, in Delaware.

Ed. Bunyan, of '81, is visiting at home for a few days, on a short vacation from his literary work in California. He is as enthusiastic a $\phi \psi$ as ever.

Will Semans of '83, who has for some time been engaged in business in Columbus, owing to a change in the firm, has returned to Delaware, and may be seen at his old haunts, working up poisons.

We clip from the *College Transcript* the following delectable morsel which will be very sweet to the friends of Bro. Colter.—[Ed.]

"The Junior class treat their specially favored members with great distinction. Colter and Cassidy were quite the center of attraction in a recent class meeting. They stood it all very well until the irrepressible D. Holmes moved "that the two married men of our class, Colter and Cassidy, be requested to 'set it up' to the class." That got them down."

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

James B. Deshler, Esq., '69, has an excellent law practice at Allentown, Pa.

C. S. Musser, '78, is administering to the wants of the sick at Aaronsburg, Centre county, Pa.

Eschbach, '84, spent a number of days with Porterfield, '83, before returning this year. "Port" intends to read law in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Rev. J. P. Moore, '73, who was selected by the board of missions as missionary to Japan, is on his way thither, having sailed from San Francisco recently.

F. W. Biesecker, '80, who has been a very successful lawyer in Somerset county for a few years past, is Republican candidate for District Attorney, of that county.

J. E. Biesecker, who was a member of '84 during a part of the Freshman year, is now

attending Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. "Pete" spent a few days with some of his former classmates on his way thither.

Harvey Musser, '78, is practicing law at Akron, Ohio, or, as he expresses it, "taking care of the widow and orphan and compelling dead beats' to pay their honest debts." He reports himself well pleased with the place and is succeeding very well.

Rev. C. J. Musser, '78, is pastor of the Reformed congregation at St. Clairsville, Pa. The Board of Missions recently selected him to take charge of the new mission at Roanoke, Va., but his congregation promptly signified their satisfaction with his past efforts by unanimously refusing to accept his resignation.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

Bro. Cooper is a dignified Senior at the University of La.

Bro. A. B. C. Taylor, '82, is employed at Taylors, Miss., as telegraph operator.

W. D. Waugh, '82, is engaged in the mercantile business at Goodman, Miss. He is doing well financially, and is "awful sweet" on a fair girl at that place.

Bro W. J. East is rising to eminence at the Bar at Longtown, Miss. We knew that it was "in him," and that his genius would flash forth when circumstances presented themselves.

Bro. Chas. Caffall, *alias* "Sallie," is now studying Pharmacy in Cincinnati, Ohio. Chas. was a *darling*, and many of the girls of our city, as well as all *Φ K Ψ* "mourned, and would not be comforted," because Charlie was not.

Bro. J. F. Park, '83, is now "teaching young ideas how to shoot" in Cabot, Ark. He informs us that he is now ready to issue his mammoth edition, entitled, "Art and Ease of Kissing." We need something of that kind here now, since girls have been admitted in the University, and now boys get a copy, and let's go calling Friday night!

KANSAS ALPHA.

Bro. J. W. Gleed, '79, has returned from his European trip, and is now studying law in New York City.

Bro. Jas. A. Lawrence, who left the University two years ago, writes from home that he expects to join Kan. Alpha again, about Jan. 1, and resume his former relations with *Φ K Ψ*.

Bro. W. W. Douglas, '84, is cultivating the vine on the shores of the "ever-rolling Pacific."

Bro. W. J. Mouse, '85, is studying law in his father's office at Oskaloosa.

Bro. Chas. E. Gleed, assistant attorney of the A. T. & S. F. Railroad, has gained considerable notoriety of the enviable kind of late, by the efficient manner in which he has been defending the University against the insidious attacks made by a prominent editor in Kansas.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

E. L. Dennett, '82, has entered the Boston Theological Seminary.

W. A. Clayton is out of school—engaged in his father's real estate office.

J. J. Martin has just returned from filling the Methodist pulpit at Marysville.

L. T. Turner has gone to his home in Modesto, and is not expected back this year.

R. E. P. Gober, '82, set out about September 2nd, to commence a course of bone-sawing at the Bellvue Medical College. Success to Bob.

J. W. Bowman, '83, since graduation has taken the position as foreman of the peeling department in the Golden Gate Fruit Picking Company.

A. B. McKee, '83, after recruiting at the sea-side, has returned to Stockton, where he spends the time between studying medicine and enjoying the society of the fair sex.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA.

H. B. Deale, '82, is teaching in Washington.

E. H. Linville, '81, is clerking in Philadelphia.

H. R. Robinson, '81, is preaching in Germantown.

Eckersley, '82, is preaching at Dillsburg. He called at College last month.

Bro. Rev. J. F. Clymer is pastor of the First Methodist Church in Syracuse, N. Y.

Geo. Wilbur, '73, is reported to be very popular in the Bloomsburg State Normal School.

Bro. Raymond, '83, as President of Y. M. C. A., has instituted a weekly Bible study at the college.

O. E. Stogden, '82, has had a year of very gratifying success in his pastorate at Montgomery Square, Pa.

H. S. Callaway, '82, still chews his lead pencil and crams Blackstone with J. Myers, in the city of Brotherly Love.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

H. W. Harter, Esq., '74, is prosecuting attorney for Stark county, Ohio. He is located at Canton.

Rev. G. F. Spieker, '65, has received and accepted a call to a Lutheran Church at Allentown, Pa.

Rev. E. T. Horn, '69, has an article in the *Lutheran Quarterly*, on "Tendencies," which has received the commend of able men.

Gov. Pattison, of Pa., appointed Adam Hoy, Esq., of Bellefontaine, to succeed Judge Orvis, resigned, as President Judge of the Center and Huntingdon Judicial District. Bro. Hoy is the founder of Pa. Epsilon chapter, and was present, as Graduate Delegate, from that Chapter, at the Pittsburg G. A. C., of which he was an officer. This appointment is but a just recognition of his ability and popularity, and is a cause of congratulation to himself and his chapter.

In Memoriam.

PROF. JOHN T. SHORT.

The following tribute to the memory of our late brother, John T. Short, we clip from the issue of the *Ohio State Journal*, Monday, Nov. 11th, being satisfied that nothing more satisfactory could be said of him by any one:

"In the untimely death of Professor John T. Short, there has passed away, before his prime, a scholar whose researches had already brought him wide recognition and respect, and a teacher who had just found the work for which natural endowment, taste and training had so happily fitted him.

He was born in Galena, Delaware county, May 1, 1850, but was brought to Columbus in his infancy, and counted this city his home during all of his life.

His preparatory training was obtained at the Capital University, then located on North High street. In 1868 he graduated at Ohio Wesleyan University, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After graduation he spent a year in newspaper work, being Columbus correspondent of the Cincinnati *Gazette* and Cleveland *Herald*.

During his college course and even before, he had looked forward to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church as the field in which he was to do his work. To secure the best available preparation for it he entered Drew Theological Seminary and completed his course there in 1871. While in the Seminary he reported the lectures of Dr. John McClintock and afterward edited the same with notes and references. His work as an author also dates back to this period. He published in the year of his graduation from the Seminary a little book which attests the taste for historical studies that even then characterized him.

Returning to Ohio he entered upon the duties of the ministry, for which he had prepared himself, and was successively assigned to pastorates in Dayton and Cincinnati, but his health proved inadequate, and warned by the exhaustion produced by public speaking he withdrew from the pulpit, temporarily, as he supposed, and sought relief, not by a year of rest, but by a year of ardent and enthusiastic study in Europe. He entered the University of Leipzig, and the influences derived from this time-honored seat of learning and the associations that he formed here colored all of

his subsequent life. He came to understand the nature and the method of University, as distinguished from college work, and it was the stimulus and encouragement derived from contact with the learned professors to whom he listened that led him to undertake immediately upon his return from Europe the preparation of the volume on which, so far as the public is concerned, his reputation mainly rests, viz: 'The North Americans of Antiquity.' This volume was published in 1879 by Harper & Bros. It attracted a large measure of popular attention and favor, but better than this, it won warm approval and praise from the highest sources, and established at once the author's reputation as an historical student and investigator. When Bancroft came to prepare shortly thereafter a final edition of his great history, he submitted the chapters pertaining to the aborigines of America to Professor Short for critical revision. Various historical societies in this country and in Europe also elected him a member on the ground of this authorship. Among them may be especially named the Institution Ethnographique de Paris and the Historical and Political Science Association of Johns Hopkin's University. The University of Leipzig also signally recognized the value of the work which it had inspired by conferring on the author, without residence, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, an unusual honor.

In 1877 he entered the faculty of his alma mater as instructor in English language and literature, remaining there for one year.

In 1879 he was elected to the chair of history and philosophy in Ohio State University. The appointment was peculiarly gratifying to him, because he felt that he had now found the field for which his talents, taste and training specially qualified him. In this he was not mistaken. He threw himself into the work of his department, especially the historical side of it, with great ardor and energy. Year by year and almost term by term the reputation and attraction of his lecture-room grew. He acquainted his students with the best methods of study and research and inspired them with his own enthusiasm.

Professor Short had great plans in mind as to the work that he had yet to do. The history of the State and of the Nation, the growth of our institutions, rose before him in new and attractive aspects, and he had already laid the foundations and done the preliminary work for a larger undertaking than he had hitherto ventured upon.

"Death steals on man with noiseless tread,
No plea, no prayer delivers him—
From busy life's unfinished plan,
With ruthless hand it severs him."

The last work that he did, even after the hand of fatal illness lay heavy upon him, was the preparation of the historical sketch of Ohio for the 'Encyclopædia Britannica,' to appear in a forthcoming volume.

Professor Short was married in 1872 to Miss Ella Critchfield, daughter of L. J. Critchfield, Esq., of this city. His home was affectionate and happy, and with the desolation that follows its breaking up the stranger intermeddles not.

His death, as seen by human limitations, seems untimely. Just reaching maturity, with large powers of service, and what is better, with a heart to use them, beloved by his associates and by his students, recognized and respected by an ever growing circle of influential scholars and authors, what else can we say than this: that his death is a loss to the community at large—a loss to the cause of higher education.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Through a sudden and terrible calamity, our brother, Charles L. Dudley, was removed from life, and,

WHEREAS, In the death of Brother Dudley we have lost a warm-hearted friend, and a loyal member of the fraternity, we, the members of the Wisconsin Alpha Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, do offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in his death we recognize the loss of a man of unusual ability and sterling integrity,

Resolved, That during his connection with our fraternity he proved himself a noble brother, and enjoyed the love of all its members; and that his social and intellectual qualities won the high esteem and admiration of all who knew him.

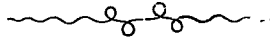
Resolved, That our heart-felt sympathy be extended to the bereaved family and friends in this their hour of deep affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our lamented brother; and,

Resolved, That we wear the usual sign of mourning for the time specified in our book of constitutions.

RUBLEE A. COLE,
JAS. R. F. TROTTMAN,
FRED J. TURNER,
Committee.

List of B. G.'s for 1883.



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- Pa. Alpha, B. Sutherland, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa.
Pa. Beta, W. M. Everett, Alleghany College, Meadville, Pa.
Pa. Gamma, J. E. Sagebeer, Lewisburg University, Lewisburg, Pa.
Pa. Epsilon, E. I. Brenner, Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa.
Pa. Zeta, Chas. S. Pardoe, Lock Box 64 Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.
Pa. Eta, D. F. Mauger, Franklin and Marshal College, Lancaster, Pa.
Pa. Theta, J. T. Green, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.
Pa. Iota, H. L. Creswell, University of Pennsylvania, 1327 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Va. Alpha, J. S. Jones, University of Virginia, Va.
Va. Beta, William C. Preston, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.
Va. Gamma, Thos. L. Trawick, Hampden, Sidney College, Prince Edward County, Va.
Va. Delta, C. M. Oliphant, Bethany College, Bethany, West Va.
Ohio Alpha, F. W. Roudebush, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.
Ohio Beta, E. E. Baker, Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio.
Ohio Gamma, L. G. Hostetler, Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio.
Ohio Delta, C. A. Marple, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
Ind. Alpha, Frank. C. Payne, Asbury University, Greencastle, Ind.
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VARIOUS FRATERNITIES WHICH OUR CHAPTERS MEET.

Pennsylvania A, '52—Washington and Jefferson College. *B θ II*, 1842; *Φ Γ J*, 1848; *Φ K Σ*, 1853; *J T J*, 1861; *Φ J θ*, 1876; *A T Ω*, 1881.

Pennsylvania B, '55—Alleghany College. *Φ Γ J*, 1858; *J T J*, 1863; *Φ J θ*, 1879; *K A θ* (ladies' society) 1876.

Pennsylvania F, '55—University of Lewisburg. *Σ A*, 1864; *Φ Γ J*, 1882.

Pennsylvania E, '55—Pennsylvania College. *Φ Γ J*, 1858; *Σ A*, 1863; *Φ J θ*, 1874; *A T Ω*, 1882; *Σ A E*, 1883.

Pennsylvania Z, '59—Dickinson College. *Σ A*, 1859; *θ J A*, 1861; *A Φ*, 1869; *B θ II*, 1874; *Φ J θ*, 1880.

Pennsylvania H—'60 Franklin and Marshal College. *Φ K Σ*, 1855; *A Φ*, 1856; *J T J*, 1874.

Pennsylvania θ, '69—Lafayette College. *Φ K Σ*, '53; *J K E*, '55; *Z Ψ*, '57; *θ J A*, '66; *Σ A*, '67; *Φ J θ*, '73; *J T J*, '74; *Φ Γ J*, '83; *A Φ*, '74.

Pennsylvania I, '77—University of Pennsylvania. *Z Ψ*, 1850; *Φ K Σ*, 1850; *J Ψ*, 1854; *J B Φ*, 1879 (law); *B θ II*, 1880; *A T Ω*, 1881; *J Φ*, 1882; *A Φ*, 1882; *Φ Γ J*, 1883.

Virginia A, '53—University of Virginia. *A Φ*, 1859; *J Ψ*, 1860; *K A*, (S. O.) 1873; *J K E*, 1852; *Z Ψ*, 1868; *Φ J θ*, 1873; *Σ A*, 1860; *Φ K Σ*, 1852; *Π K A*, 1868; *Σ A E*, 1858; *B θ II*, 1850; *Φ Γ J*, 1859; *A T Ω*, 1868; *K Σ*, 1869.

Virginia B, '55—Washington and Lee University. *Σ A E*, 1867; *Σ A*, 1866; *J K E*, 1868; *Φ Γ J*, 1868; *J Ψ*, 1869; *B θ II*, 1856; *K A*, (S. O.) 1865; *Σ A*, 1873; *K Σ*, 1873; *A T Ω*, 1865.

Virginia F, '56—Hampden Sidney College. *B θ II*, '50; *A Φ*, '67; *Σ A*, '72; *Φ Γ J*, '70.

Virginia J—*Σ A*, 1883.

Ohio A, '61—Ohio Wesleyan University. *B θ II*, 1853; *Σ A*, 1855; *Φ Γ J*, 1870; *A Φ*, 1873; *Φ J θ*, 1860; *J T J*, 1868; *J A A*, '78.

Ohio B, '66—Wittenberg College. *B θ II*, 1867; *A T Ω*, '83.

Ohio F, '71—Wooster University. *B θ II*, 872; *Φ J θ*, 1872; *Σ A*, 1873; *J T J*, 1880; *Φ I J*, 1882; *K A θ*, '75; *K K I*, '75.

Ohio J, '80—Ohio State University. *Φ Γ J*, 1878; *Σ A*, 1882.

Indiana A, '65—Indiana Asbury University. *B θ II*, '45; *Φ Γ J*, '56; *Σ A*, '59; *J K E*, '66; *Φ J θ*, '68; *J T J*, '71; *K A θ*, (ladies' society) '70; *K K I*, (ladies' society) '75.

Indiana B, '69—State University. *Φ J θ*, '49; *B θ II*, '45; *Σ A*, '58; *Φ Γ J*, '70; *K A θ* (ladies' society) '70; *K K I*, (ladies' society) 1873.

Indiana F, '70—Wabash College. *B θ II*, 1845; *Φ J θ*, 1852; *Φ Γ J*, 1866; *θ J A*, 1879; *Σ A*, 1880; *J T J*, '72.

D. C. A, '68—Columbian University. Rivals (*Σ A E*, '50-'67; *Σ A*, '64-'80; *A T Ω*, '74-'74.) all dead.

Illinois A, '64—Northwestern University. *Φ K Σ*, 1872; *B θ II*, 1873; *Σ A*, 1869; *J I*, 1877.

Illinois B, '65—Chicago University. *Z Ψ*, 1864; *Ψ I*, 1868; *J K E*, 1870.

Kansas A, '76—State University. *B θ II*, 1872; *Φ Γ J*, 1881; *Φ J θ*, 1883.

Michigan A, '76—State University. *A J Φ*, 1845; *J K E*, 1855; *Σ Φ*, 1845; *Z Ψ*, 1858; *Ψ I*, 1864; *B θ II*, 1845; *Φ J Φ*, 1869; *J T J*, 1875; *A Ψ*, 1845; *Φ J θ*, 1865; *Σ A*, 1877.

Maryland A, '79—Johns Hopkins University. *B θ II*, 1878; *A Φ*, 1880; *A T Ω*, 1877.

Wisconsin A, '75—State University. *B θ II*, 1873; *A Ψ*, 1878; *Φ J θ*, 1857.

Wisconsin F, '81—Beloit College. *B θ II*, 1860; *Σ A*, 1882.

Mississippi A, '57—University of Mississippi. *J K E*, 1851; *J Ψ*, 1855; *Σ A*, 1857; Rainbow, 1848; *A Ψ*, 1858; *Φ J θ*, 1877; *B θ II*, '79; *A B T*, (ladies' society) '83; *K A*, (S. O.) '83.

New York J, '81—Hobart College. *Σ Φ*, 1840; *K A*, 1840; *θ J A*, 1857. (*A J Φ*, '38-'78; *A Φ*, '60-'80.)

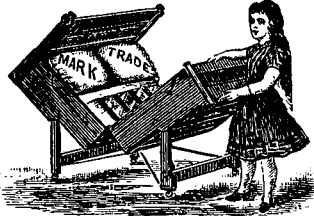
California A, '81—University of the Pacific. Never had any rivals.

Iowa J, '82—Simpson Centenary College. *J T J*, 1873.

Georgia A, '83—University of Georgia. *Σ A E*, 1866; *A Φ*, 1867, *K A*, (S. O.) 1868; *Φ J θ*, 1870; *A T Ω*, 1875; *J T J*, 1882.

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ON account of our importunity for a change of cover, our printer gave us a Christmas surprise. We don't like it, and so return to the terra cotta for the remainder of the year. We will give you something better with the first number of Vol. V. next April.

WE have not time to even hurriedly express our views on a subject we think worthy of consideration, but merely to suggest that it might be well to make the memorizing of the form of initiation a condition precedent to holding office. Let us hear from some one on this point.

AT times the SHIELDS go astray in the mails and you wonder why you have been slighted. Under such circumstances do not hesitate to write. If you do not hear from us within a reasonable time, write again, give us your address in full, and in the end we will be sure to fix everything satisfactorily.

WE have been considerably delayed with January issue on account of great pressure at our printers. Chapter editors will assist us greatly in bringing out February issue nearer time by sending in Chapter Letters immediately upon receipt of this number. *Do not forget to write only on one side of paper.*

WE print on another page, an interesting letter from Bro. Smithey concerning Virginia E chapter. We understand from G. C., that there is a prospect of soon reviving it. Although we have not been able to hear from Virginia B, Washington and Lee University, in the way of a letter, we learn that they have five men, and they will, no doubt, favor us with a chapter letter next month.

✓ BRO. VANCLEVE has been suffering at Wyoming from an attack of pneumonia contracted just before the holidays. We are happy to say that he is now convalescent, although he will be confined to the house for some time before he can resume his labors, as Superin-

tendent of Public Schools at South Charleston. We feel the loss of his valuable assistance in this impression, but hope he will be able to report on duty next issue.

THE Grand Chapter has in their possession about 300 copies of the Grand Catalogue which were originally published at \$2.50. They will sell the same now for \$1.25 postage-paid. This is a valuable book, neatly printed and bound in durable cloth. It should be in the possession of every *Φ Ψ*, as it certainly is sold at a bargain. The money will be applied to payment of the debt incurred in publishing the same. Address, W. B. G., Clinton D. Hoover, Box 323 Gettysburg, Pa.

WITH the first of January the Grand Chapter ends its term of three years activity at D. C. A, and casts its mantle of succession upon our enthusiastic chapter at Pa. E. There is much work to be done by the Grand Chapter which will require patience and business-like application. We believe that Pa. E, on account of her recent activity in erecting so fine a chapter house upon the campus of Gettysburg, which is an ornament to the fraternity, is eminently fitted to undertake this work, and by means of it find scope to utilize her surplus energy before generated.

The following are the new officers recently elected:

W. G. P.—G. D. Dotwald; W. P.—A. F. Richardson; W. A. G.—E. I. Brenner; W. B. G.—C. D. Hoover; W. S. G.—R. M. Harding; W. Ph.—J. E. Bittle; W. H.—H. F. Buehler; W. C.—H. F. Kroh.

The SHIELD extends her right hand to Pa. E in her new labors and shall at all times be happy to be at her service.

"EACH human being has a number of possible characters in him which changed circumstances may develop." So thought Garfield on his way to London.

We are, in a greater or less degree, the creatures of circumstance. Our thoughts, ambition and habits are, at least, modified, if not formed, by our associations and surroundings.

Sometimes we say of a successful man—sometimes he himself says it—that he is not the creature of circumstance, that he made his own circumstances; when a closer inspection might lead to the conclusion that the seeming absence of opportunities, or of what we call circumstance, was in reality a positive quantity and the condition of things best calculated to develop his talents and contribute to his success.

We do not wish to be understood to hold that circumstances make the man independent of any exertions on his own part, but that they exert a silent, perhaps imperceptible, but not therefore unimportant, influence over him, and—coming out at the same end at which we went in—that, notwithstanding any inherent propensities, he has a character different from that which under other circumstances and with other associations he would have developed.

How important it then is that the student, suddenly cut off from the immediate influence of home and its associations, at this the formative period of his life be surrounded with proper associates. To this end was our fraternity founded. Its purpose was not merely to bring together a lot of sociable fellows. Its aims surely not class honors, positions and society representation. Its purpose and object is to bring more closely together capable, honest and ambitious students for mutual im-

provement. To attain its ends each must have implicit confidence in the honesty of the other, in the correctness of his principles, and the purity of his motives.

That there are men who owe their taste for literature, their advancement in learning, in short their success, to fraternity influences, we can testify from personal experience and observation.

We know there are those, professors and students, who hold that its objects are improper, because its meetings are secret, and ask why, if its aims are so high, its influences so pregnant with good, is it not open to all? Well, if they would give the matter a moments consideration they could easily see that such a course would prove subversive of the very end for which our order was instituted.

Fully imbued with the spirit of the true principles of Phi Psi, and keeping its ideals in mind it is possible to live above the suspicion of being a caucus, coveting honors which they do not deserve for its members and scheming for places which they can not credibly fill.

The tendency we wish to combat is that of certain brothers, in the consideration of a candidate, to be influenced by reasons having a mercenary or politic tincture.

You may rejoice in your empty victory over a rival organization and smile at the seeming prosperity of your chapter but you have sown seeds of disintegration which must subsequently be dug up by those who follow. Of one thing be assured, any man admitted from improper motives or who does not satisfy the ideas of your fraternity will eventually prove a 'hidden fox.' It is much easier to lower than to raise the standard of your fraternity.

"A thousand years scarce serve to form a

state, an hour may lay it in the dust." If, as you are wont to believe, your fraternity rests in a higher plane than any of your rivals, you should remember that any defects will be more easily discovered and that your remissness will not therefore prove less rank to the olfactories of your enemies.

"Lilies that fester smell far worse than weeds."

S.

Chapter Letters.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

GETTYSBURG, PA., Jan. 13, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD :

Since our last letter Epsilon has been, as usual, progressing. We have much reason to be glad that the fraternal spirit among us is such as to admit of no such things as petty disagreements and contentions of any kind. The chapter is harmonious and content, and, at present, desisting from any active efforts for new men. Indeed, owing to the number which has been added to some one or other of the fraternities, the crowd of eligible non-frats has grown "small by degrees and beautifully less" until, for Phi Psi, at least, there is not the slightest thought of them as fraternity men.

Last Saturday evening we initiated the last of the "Mohicans," in the person of Bro. M. R. W. Fishburn, of the Freshman class. The correspondent of the *Sigma Chi*, in its last number, makes known the supposition of the knowing Sigs. that we had, probably, one sub rosa member. We neither know nor can imagine upon what grounds the supposition is based; but presume it refers to Bro. Fishburn. We do know, however, that we neither have nor then had any members sub rosa, and Bro. Fishburn is our only addition since our last announcement, no other fraternity, except *A T Ω*, has initiated any new men since we

last wrote. She has added three more to her number.

Bro. Richardson, who has been ill for a month or so, has not yet returned to College. We are expecting him though, and hope to see him among us soon again.

In view of the fact that Epsilon was soon to be the Grand Chapter, at the end of last term, blanks for the Annual Report were forwarded to each Chapter, and already all, with the exception of two or three, have been filled and returned. Epsilon is the G. C. now, and, as soon as it can possibly be done, the reports will be issued.

Bro. F. O. McCleary, as deligate from the retiring G. C., arrived in Gettysburg, Tuesday, Jan. 15th, and on Tuesday evening we were installed in our official positions.

Later in the evening we had a banquet in his honor and a jolly good time. Under the influence of all the "powers of smile" on such festive assemblings we steered our courses manfully and with a right good will, and arrived at the end of our night's racket with many but vain regrets. Some arose next morning sadder but not wiser men, and the cheerfulness of their countenances were only rivalled by the brilliancy of their "flunks" in recitations.

Bro. McCleary we voted unanimously a royal good fellow, and, though on account of extreme press of business, he was unable to remain with us longer than until the following afternoon, he succeeded in impressing us, one and all, with the fact that he was a typical Phi Psi.

We are able to correct a statement which was made in our last letter, concerning the rumor of the ability of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ building a Chapter Hall here. From the official organ of the fraternity, we glean the fact that they already have the finest fraternity hall in town, and intend improving it. They have no idea of leaving their "commodious hall" until they can build a *house*.

These—ah—severe remarks in the $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ call to mind the far away and almost forgotten days of my childhood. Associated with

that time is the memory of quite a formidable host of school-boy-tormenting fables. A modernized version, apropos of one of them might read thus—

Once upon a time at a certain college, there were Chapters of two fraternities, known as $\Phi \chi \Psi$ and $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$. $\Phi \chi \Psi$, after many laudable efforts and much good work, succeeded in building a beautiful Chapter-house. $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ however, tried much for a similar establishment, but tried in vain. Whereupon said $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ (vide the Phi Gamma Delta, Dec. 1883) perceiving the impossibility of accomplishing her desire, "we will make no attempt to leave our 'finest house in town' until we can build something a little larger than a playhouse."—The moral need not be changed, it ever remains the same.

We are very sorry to see that $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$'s hall has, at present, the appearance of a 'lost cause.'

We had hoped our esteemed friend would have been with us in the proprietorship of a hall on the campus; but, alas! all this *Chateau en Espagne* sort of thing proved, as such things generally do, a fond delusion.

But we must not waste time and paper trifling in this manner. With fraternal love to all, I remain
Very sincerely yours,
E. I. B.

OHIO ALPHA.

DELAWARE, O., Jan. 6, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:

The winter term has opened and every correspondent of the SHIELD has the news of some victory burning in his mind, like a cent in a boy's pocket.

Ohio Alpha is thankful that she has the columns of the SHIELD for a medium through which she can unburden her mind to her sister chapters.

We are still enjoying the fruits of our last term's labors.

Will Frizell was pressed on all sides by four fraternities during almost the entire fall term, but while $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Delta T \Delta$ and $\Lambda \Phi$,

were all expecting to come off victorious, $\phi \psi$ stepped in and snatched him as a burning brand from the fire.

Will was initiated into the mysteries of the fraternity on last Thursday night, and judging from the past, $\phi \psi$ has a right to expect much of him, both as a student and as an enthusiastic fraternity man.

We are also glad to welcome to Ohio A , W. C. Davis, of Pa. Beta. Bro. Davis promises to continue a true $\phi \psi$, and to hold the same position in our esteem as he did in that of Pa. Beta.

As to our relations with the other chapter at the O. W. U., we are united in more friendly terms than ever before. Though it seems to have required a long time to teach us, we are thoroughly convinced of the unprofitableness of keeping ourselves in a fever of apprehension and suspicion of one another, and this good work is about to culminate in a pan-hellenic banquet,—at least it is being seriously talked of among the different fraternities.

If this scheme does succeed, it will be the first time in the history of the Greeks at Delaware, that they all joined in the convivialities of a banquet. Yours fraternally,

C. F. H.

INDIANA GAMMA.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., Jan. 7, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:

Immediately on our arrival from the holiday vacation we were reminded by a postal that a communication from this Chapter would be acceptable to the SHIELD. Haste and an absence of material, upon which to work, are not usually conducive to a good letter, and under such circumstances we can not vouch for the quality of this one.

We are unable to impart any news from this chapter, which has not hitherto been paraded in the columns of the SHIELD, and this letter is due only to the request which we have received. We desire, however, at

this time to repute a charge in regard to the standing of our chapter, which appeared in the last issue of the *Sigma Chi*, in the report of their chapter at this institution. The writer of the aforesaid article,—who, by the way, stands charged and convicted of plagiarism in an essay contest last year, and who was exposed for this infamous practice—states, that his chapter stands first with $B \theta \Pi$ second, and $\phi \kappa \psi$, $\phi \Gamma \Sigma$ and $\phi \Sigma \theta$ are struggling hard for the third place. While we loathe to answer an article written by a literary thief, and indorsed by men of such small calibres as constitute the Stigma Chis of Wabash College, yet the fact that a conclusion based on false premises conveys a perverted truth, demands that it should not pass unnoticed. During the entire time that the $\Sigma \chi$ fraternity has been established in this college, we have opposed them but *once* in the selection of men, and then with successful issue. There is as much difference between the class of men composing each, as between night and day. A more Plebian herd never greeted mortal eyes than the gang of Sigmas, which infest this institution. On the other hand our chapter is composed of men, who are connected with some of the most eminent, wealthy and distinguished families in Indiana and Illinois. Considering the comparatively short time we have been in this college our record in scholarship, literary work, contests and society stands unapproached. We have furnished the only man from Wabash college who ever represented Indiana in an Inter-State contest, and, in fact, our whole career is in keeping with that record. We recognize no rivals and have no contests worthy of mention in securing whom we want. While our men and ways may wrangle in the heart of the little mind that conceived the article, we are fully satisfied with our standing, and that is sufficient and all necessary.

We have added a very fine billiard table to our hall, which much improves its appearance. Since it has been placed in position the boys spend quite a share of their time in.

scrambling for cues, and our chalk bills run very high.

We will close this letter to the SHIELD with the best wishes for its continued prosperity, and our best regards to the sister chapters,

In the bonds, A. W. K.

KANSAS ALPHA.

LAWRENCE, December 27, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD :

In the last number of the *ΦΓJ*, the correspondent from here pitched into us pretty heavily. I am aware that such quarrels are not fit subjects for the fraternity journal, but as a number of the brothers from different chapters have written us letters of inquiry concerning the matter, I wish to answer all at once, and correct any false impressions which may have arisen, and for this reason ask the necessary space of you. And I will say now that hereafter, unless something is said so outrageously untrue as to be unbearable, no attention will be paid to it, and time and trouble saved.

Looking along their letter, the first thing that arrests my attention is their assertion, while speaking of the men they have rushed—"And we have not been beaten in a single contest." O, what convenient memories! Have they already forgotten two of the men who have donned the "Shield" this fall? Do they not remember the man whom they first asked last spring? Asked again this fall—harassed time and again with their sweet powers of persuasion, portraying in glowing colors their own many accomplishments and in opposite colors the "depraved, wicked" Phi Psis with their den which they called a hall? I presume the statement, that one of their men was urged to join the Phi Psis after he wore their badge also owes its origin to a misslip in memory, for there is not the slightest foundation for the assertion in fact—we did not do it, nor did we ever think of such a thing.

In a "plain unvarnished statement of their accomplishments" illustrative of their influ-

ence and power, they mention that they have the presidency of the class of '87; two editors on the University *Courier*; president and vice-president of the Oreda Literary Society; and elected a Phi Gamm from the same society for the December contest, which latter position, they say, had up to this time been held by a Phi Psi. What a *long* list of desirable, *weighty* honors!

This is the first time during my college career that I ever heard any one crow over the presidency of a class. How it is regarded in other colleges I do not know; but here where class lines are loosely drawn and little is done by classes, it is certainly a very hollow, empty honor, and I am glad to see that in this case it has been placed where it is appreciated. It is a position generally given to the ladies, who, I am afraid, lack the deep respect and appreciation manifested for it by the Phi Gamms.

As for having two editors on the "Courier"—I believe the constitution of that paper provides that each secret society is entitled to two editors on demand, and where a demand is all that is needed the Phi Gamms generally "get there."

When the gentleman wrote his letter the president and vice-president of the Oreda Society were, as he said, Phi Gamms. He might have added in parenthesis that they succeeded a Phi Psi president; that when elected, although they were Phi Gamms, they had to contend against the most determined opposition of their own brothers; and, that if any one deserves special credit for their election, it is the Phi Psis. It may seem a little strange to you that the Phi Gamms should thus work against one of their own brothers, and it would seem stranger still, if you could only see the poor specimen they put up against him; but it is easily explained. It was a matter of policy with them. They wished to "stand in" with the "barbs," so they might have their man elected orator for the December contest; while the Phi Psis as usual supported the best man for the place.

In pursuance of this same scheme they

have for the last year or so raised a great hue and cry against the Phi Psis. They have repeatedly recounted to the "barbs" the position of honor held by the Phi Psis and exhorted them to put a stop to this monopolizing. I have it from a reliable "barb" that at the first of this year, while talking of the contest of December, they told the "barbs" that as their only object was to keep the Phi Psis off the programme they would support any ticket that they (the barbs) would put in the field. By working in this way the Phi Gamms obtained the one real honor which is contained in the list of their "accomplishments"—that of orator for December contest—and if they are proud of it, they are welcome; but I hope the time will never come when Phi Psis will be so anxious for positions of honor as to deviate so widely from the path of truth and honor and resort to such political doggery to obtain them.

The manner in which the Phi Gamm concluded his "unvarnished statements" is extremely amusing. He says the "Phi Psis are barking at them from a distance, but always carefully refraining from venturing too near."

Bro. Weinschenk remarked when he was here, "Who are those *little* boys running around with Phi Gamm pins on?" This question covers the point exactly. The Phi Gamm chapter here is composed of a set of little runts and literally speaking, it would take just about two of our picked men to exterminate the whole crowd.

However, now I am done. As I said at the beginning, I hope never to be obliged to write this kind of a letter again and considerable provocation will be required to urge me to do so. What kind of a reply the Phi Gamms will make to this I do not know; but if they wish, they might name the honors we have taken and compare them with theirs. I have refrained from mentioning them myself as they have been told from time to time and there is no use repeating.

Yours fraternally,

J. V. H.

D. C. ALPHA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27, 1883.

DEAR SHIELD:

The D. C., *A* chapter wishes the fraternity at large, and all the brothers a Happy New Year. The year that is just closing has been a prosperous one for us. A former correspondent has informed you of the condition of our chapter, which is a source of honest pride to us. The revivification of the University has given us a grand impulse, and we hope to make our chapter worthy of its mother fraternity. But we will conform to your advice in last number and abstain from any more chapter laudation.

When this reaches you we will no longer be Grand Chapter. We are rather glad to be freed from the great responsibility involved and the new chapter has our best wishes for its success. We have not heard of any movement to organize D. C. Beta, but hope our Alumni brethren will bestir themselves soon. We have marked a social programme out for the year, there are good opportunities for Phi Psis to show their society qualities. We have a most excellent literary society in the college and the D. C. Alpha men are in a majority. We do not, however, "run the society" as it is expressed, and must here make our protest against such a course. Phi Psi is too noble to stoop and soil her garments by dragging them through the mire of college politics—at least in my humble estimation. We like the spirit which animates all true Phi Psis and when we see them carry off well merited college honors we are proud of them and the fraternity, but we dislike to see our brothers struggling to rule the local debating societies. Our literary society gives a debate on January 4, 1884, at which the friends of the members and the college will be present. Four good debaters have been chosen and we anticipate a fine discussion.

A brother has suggested an inter-fraternity grip by which all fraternity men might know each other. This would be a theme for the Pan-Hellenic Council, if that ever meets. Our

December correspondent informed you that a dance would be given by the chapter at the house of brother E. S. Hosmer, '85. This was done and a most enjoyable evening was the result. In fact the success was so great that the affair was repeated at the house of brother S. R. Church, '84. This was also a great success—mirth reigned and many a joke was cracked at our expense by the young ladies. Inquiries were heard concerning the goat. One young lady made bold to assert that she wished an introduction to him. A newly initiated freshman hastened to assure her that she would bitterly repent an introduction to the Phi Psi billy. Another young lady proceeded to announce that she knew the grip and gave it to every one; It is needless to say that she came no where near it. Another announced that Phi Kappa Psi stood for "faith can save;" spelling it thus, phaith kan psave. During the evening an informal meeting was held and a vote of thanks to Colonel and Mrs. A. A. Hosmer and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Church for their hospitality and kindness. It was passed with acclamation—never has the chapter been so handsomely entertained. This effusion is already too long and we will not further obstruct your valuable columns. We will conclude by saying that although we do not dwell in marble halls we will give any brother who visits Washington a warm Phi Psi welcome. I am with best wishes for all the brothers,

Yours fraternally,

COLUMBIANA.

ILLINOIS BETA.

CHICAGO, ILLS., Jan. 7, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:

Again we are asked to write to the SHIELD, although busy, still there is room always for Phi Psi, therefore, we will try to let our brothers know that Illinois Beta is up and coming in society matters. Although we have been unfortunate in having but two letters this school year.

Our regular election of officers occurred last month, and for the future you will please address all communications to J. G. Edson, U. of C., Chicago.

The past term has been very quiet for us, nothing happening in fraternity circles of note. This term our annual Washington supper takes place, for which representatives have to be elected from each class and society, and, of course, Phi Psi expects her share—of positions in college we have two editors on college paper, president of literary society, and best men in class.

Bro. Murrey has been to see us since our last letter and we were all glad to see him, and while we are here, it seems to me, that Phi Psi should have what is commonly called a visiting committee, or visiting committees. It does each chapter good to have some brother visit them. There is a greater interest shown. At present little attention is paid by any one chapter to other chapters, they seem to be all taken up with self, now this is not fraternity spirit. We must, as a fraternity, devise some means whereby this inter-change of opinions, spoken of in our last SHIELD, can be brought about. Why not have these visiting committees, one for the east, one for the middle and one for the western States. Each division to defray the expenses of the committee in their division, and the several committees to report to the SHIELD the outcome of their visit. These committees need not have more than one member, and therefore need not be very expensive. The reports sent to the SHIELD will thus reach ever Phi Psi who is interested in fraternity matters. What think the other chapters of this plan, let us hear from them, and see if we can not bring something about. We expect a great deal from our new G. C., and believe it will not disappoint us in tending to business. Should any Phi Psi be passing through the city we should be glad to see them at our room, or hear from them.

Trusting this will be in time for January, I remain

Yours fraternally.

JERRY.

ILLINOIS BETA.

ENGLEWOOD, ILLS., Jan. 2, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:

We write our first letter to the SHIELD as B. G. for Illinois Beta with some feeling of pride. The past year has been of steady growth and prosperity for us. We number eleven good strong men, upon whom we can rely in maintaining the honor and interest of $\Phi \kappa \Psi$ in the University. We regret that, for the present, we are deprived of the aid of our brothers, R. C. King and C. L. Geiger, both of whom have left school to engage in business; but we find their places in our meetings, in some measure, filled by our alumni, who reside in Chicago. Our position in the University politics has remained firm during the entire year.

We are on top, decidedly. For a long time we have had it all our own way in the "Students Meetings," and have put whomever we pleased into the different offices. We apprehended some trouble in the last "Students Meeting," as all the fraternities were putting in their best licks to tip us over, but was surprised at the easiness with which we elected Swartwaut as President. We find it pays to use the "pups" well and so win them over to our ways of looking at things, as they are a very strong element in the University.

Our outlook for '84 is bright. Our men are doing splendid work in their studies, and the new men are noticing it. The only men who failed to pass, and were conditioned last term, were $\Lambda \kappa E$ men. We know from personal observation that there was some underhand work done in examinations by representative $\Lambda \kappa E$ and $\Psi \Gamma$ men, but are sure that $\Phi \Psi$ did her college work honestly. We have several of the best men in the preparatory department who are as good as pledged and are all ready to come in when they are "Freshies."

Our $\Phi \Psi$ young ladies are still as loyal as ever and help us out in many a pinch.

We feel, as if for the first attempt, we have said sufficient and will close, and hoping that

"the field" may be more prospered than ever during '84.

Yours in $\Phi \kappa \Psi$,

J. G. EDSON, B. G.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA.

CARLISLE, PA., Jan. 5, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:

That Zeta failed to send Chapter letters for publication in the last two issues of the SHIELD, was due to delay in electing a regular chapter correspondent. For the future, we promise greater fidelity in the performance of our duty. We cannot promise that every letter shall be a glorious record of victories won by Zeta, and laurels gained by Phi Psis at Dickinson. Did we gain them all, a paragraph of average length would more than suffice to tell the tale. Nor is the work done by our chapter of so great importance and interest to our brother chapters as to warrant a monthly letter, yet there are questions now occupying the attention of the Greek world of so vital moment to our fraternity, that, it seems to me, no chapter, alive to the best interests of the Phi Kappa Psi, can be at a loss for something to say. Well enough to keep our brother chapters advised as to what we are doing for the improvement of our own chapter, of our various plans and enterprises, for this intercommunication nourishes a spirit of chapter sociability. But I do not think we should permit these things to crowd out our chapter letters the consideration of what now solicits, nay, demands the attention of every chapter of our fraternity. I have reference, especially, to the proposition for a Pan-Hellenic Conference.

I believe that Phi Kappa Psi ought to signify her intention of participating in this Conference. We often hear it said by anti-fraternity men, that fraternities cause most of the ill-feeling and enmity, existent in the college world. A strange charge to be made against *fraternities*, is it not? Fraternity! The very name implies the contrary, implies an organization whose design is peace and

harmony. But have not our opponents, in reality, hurled a lance against the weak point of our armor, or does *fraternity*, in truth, mean, love for your friends and hatred for your enemies, all being enemies who belong to a different fraternity? Then, verily, are fraternities the children of darkness and not the children of light. Then, are they not founded on the heaven-born principles of truth and love. I hail this proposition for a conference as a sign of better things to come. Friendly strife between fraternities so universally manifested is a slander to the fraternity system and a just cause of reproach. Fraternities have many differences, yet, I take it, are similar in their cardinal designs. There is no reason why one fraternity should laugh at the discomfiture of another, or be unwilling to lend a helping hand to such a one. For looked at aright each fraternity shares in the success of every other. I do not believe the conference can accomplish all it proposes, but, it will certainly bring about a more charitable and friendly spirit between the different fraternities. I hope Phi Kappa Psi will not bring disgrace to her banner by refusing or neglecting to participate in the conference.

Faternally yours,

R. L. J.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

LANCASTER, PA., Jan. 18, 1884

DEAR SHIELD :

The Eta Chapter begs leave to tender you her best wishes for the New Year, and hopes it may be as prosperous for you and Phi Kappa Psi generally as the one just closed.

The SHIELD revived, though yet an infant, is fast developing into a rosy youth and gives promise of becoming, in the near future, a vigorous man, able in every respect to battle with rivals in honorable warfare, or lend a helping hand to brothers and friends in distress. The change in the style and color of the cover of our paper, is, in our estimation, a marked improvement, and though we did not feel called upon to pass judgment on the

former design, in view of the fact that so many more mature minds were doing so, we hail the innovation with delight

The editorials of the last issue were of a superior order, and the suggestions they offered, if adopted by the fraternity, will undoubtedly prove beneficial.

It is not sufficient for Phi Psis to content themselves with the belief that our fraternity is unmistakably the best. The Greek world is constantly advancing, and as members of it we are compelled to make a corresponding advance or of necessity drop behind and yield our position to some more energetic rival. It is not the aim of Phi Kappa Psi to gain a name among her contemporaries, yet where shall she look for a less prejudiced opinion of what she is actually doing, than to those from whom laudations can be extracted only by merit and excellence, and who are much more ready to seek for vices than to be enthusiastic over virtues. True merit is bound to be recognized even by an opponent, and the commendations of others, especially when unsought, should not be despised. It is the imperative duty of every loyal brother to exert his energies in the improvement and exaltation of her to whom he owes so much, not alone by advancing the interests of his own chapter, but also by strengthening the band of union existing between it and the fraternity at large.

In reference to the Pan Hellenic Council, the chief obstacle to a clear and lucid expression of the feelings of the fraternity upon the matter, seems to be the fact that not even the authors of the movement themselves know, or have at least yet stated the exact object to be attained by it. If it will serve to bind more closely the various elements of which the Greek world is at present composed, to consolidate its ranks and promote more concordant action where the forces of the fraternities in general are pitted against those of the "barbarians," if, in short, it will be fruitful of good, alike in quality if not quantity, to that resulting from our own G. A. C., then we say let Phi Kappa Psi take

her place among the leaders of the movement, place herself in the van and show by her position her zeal for the cause. But, on the other hand, if, as was surmised in a former article in the SHIELD, the movement takes its origin in the desire of some of the so-called aristocratic fraternities to elevate themselves upon the shoulders of their less aspiring competitors, then our own fraternity needs no exhortation as to the attitude she should assume. Her native integrity and devotion to principle, and her corresponding hatred of all that is low and base, will dictate the course to be pursued. As to the best practical method of ascertaining the sense of the fraternity in the matter, probably, after it has been sufficiently discussed, a chapter vote either in accordance with an order from the G. C. or a suggestion from the columns of the SHIELD, would answer the purpose.

Of the doings of the Eta Chapter there is very little to relate.

The boys, with two exceptions, (your correspondents, by the way) spent Christmas at their respective homes and returned full of adventures to relate, in the majority of which figured prominently a horse, a sleigh, and a —. Oh well, it's the same old story, for extended investigation fails to disprove the fact that Phi Psis are on the whole a great deal like other mortals in this respect. The unerring dart of Cupid loses none of its reputation when aimed at their sturdy hearts, and even laughs at the shield, the faithful protector of its wearer from so many other dangers.

Bro. Little has not yet returned. He evidently has discovered more attractions in Bedford county than would be apparent to the casual observer. It is to be hoped, however, that a reminder in a tangible form, will soon recall him to this world of stern realities where his presence is so much required.

Bro. Steele has concluded to drop a sphere in life other than the professional, and consequently will not return to college. Our best wishes go with him wherever his inclinations may lead him, and we can but express

our sorrow that we are thus early called upon to part with a brother with whom our relations have always been the most fraternal.

This loss, the second sustained this year, reduces us to that number of late so familiar to every American, nine, and causes us to reflect seriously whether we are not doomed to suffer a "white-wash" this inning. However, we have a man on base at present, whom we hope, by careful manipulation to enable to reach the home-plate in safety before the returning of the side next June.

We had hoped recently to be able to extend our hospitality to Bro. Pardoe, of Pennsylvania Zeta, but it seems an unexpected accumulation of business connected with his college duties rendered it impossible for him to pay us the promised visit.

We shall be glad at any time in the future to do the honors, and sincerely hope he may be able to induce a number of his brothers from Zeta to accompany him. We assure you, boys, the latch string is always out, and we shall be glad to entertain any wandering Phi Psi who shall stray in our direction.

With many wishes for the success of Phi Kappa Psi and her worthy exponent, THE SHIELD, we remain

Yours in the mystic bonds,

J. H. A.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

EVANSTON, ILL., Jan. 9, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:

The long silence of the Illinois Alpha has been due not to too little fraternity activity, but rather to too much; so great has been the demand for activity in many directions that we have not had time to stop and tell what we have been doing. Yet, the months of the past term have been most eventful ones in our history, and we feel that we have made greater strides than ever before in the direction of substantial and permanent prosperity.

That toward which we have been looking for some time past, is a permanent fraternity

home; now what has been our dream has become a substantial reality. We have had a comfortable hall, but we have for some time been feeling the necessity of a forward step, and now we are rejoicing in the possession of fraternity headquarters, we believe among the best furnished and most conveniently arranged in the west.

One new hall, which we have leased for a term of years, is in a most desirable locality; and being an entire upper floor gives us an elegant suite of rooms. The main hall is connected by double doors with an ante room and dinning room. Adjoining this is a kitchen with a full set of closets, receptacle for the goat, etc., while adjoining these is a large room, now occupied by two of our boys, convenient to be transformed into a reception room. Our rooms have been finely furnished, our alumni responding nobly to financial appeals, while our boys have borne the burden cheerfully, feeling that in the influence and enjoyment of such a fraternity home—for a genuine home it is—they would get ample returns for the work, courage and money which the enterprise has demanded. We need not weary you with a more detailed description, but can only say to Phi Psis everywhere, "come and see us, and you will find a hearty welcome."

We mark the dedication of our new hall Dec. 6th, as an epoch in our history, more especially because we then made a long step forward in the consummation of another of our plans—that is, the more thorough identification of our alumni with the active chapters. Those familiar with our fraternity history know that our chapter was reorganized in 1878, after a suspension of several years. Many of the old alumni and our boys had never met; many, in the lapse of time having nothing to recall fraternity recollections, we thought, perhaps, had lost much of their enthusiasm. We sent out invitations to all within reach to attend our dedication; and the responses in person and by letter have given us cheering assurances that our alumni are in hearty sympathy with us. On the night

of the dedication fraternity spirit ran high, and the alumni who were present went home imbued with the old fire. The Phi Psi songs sung to the accompaniment of our new piano could not but stir the hearts of all of us. It was indeed a "feast of reason and a flow of soul," with a more substantial accompaniment. Bro. Charles Horswell, of the active chapter, delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to in an address full of pithy points, at once unique and eloquent, by Rev. John Ellis, of Batavia, one of the early Phi Psis of our University.

Rev. Dr. N. H. Axtell delivered the dedicatory address, and it was one that not only delighted us all, but was calculated to produce a high appreciation of the ends and purposes of our Order. A synopsis of this address which we hope to present for publication in this or a subsequent issue, because it ought to be read by all Phi Psis, can give but an imperfect idea of its excellence. About the toasts, the banquet, the letters from absent members, we must refrain from writing, though much might be said.

Our boys enjoyed, in November, a visit from W. G. P.—R. J. Murray, and were thoroughly glad to make his acquaintance, because they found him full of the Phi Psi spirit and received from him many valuable hints on fraternity policy.

Our school record, our success in all departments of college life, which have thus far in the year been marked, must be deferred for a subsequent letter. Faithfully,

COLLIS.

OHIO DELTA.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 19, 1883.

EDITORS, SHIELD:

Through neglect on our part we had no report in the last issue of the SHIELD, but henceforth, while your humble servant is correspondent for the chapter, Ohio Delta will have something to say in every issue.

In the last number of the SHIELD there is a quotation from O. S. U., Cor. of *Sigma Chi*,

stating that Phi Kappa Psi was working on men that no one else apparently wanted. The O. S. U., Cor. of the *Phi Gamma Delta* made a similar statement. To the former of these correspondents we would suggest those familiar lines from Burns, which prays for a power to see ourselves as others see us, and to the latter we will only say, call to your memory your experience with a couple who are recent initiates of the Phi Kappa Psi.

The long looked for chapter of the Chi Phi has at last appeared, and is called the Iota Chapter. Chi Phi starts with some good men, and we bid her a hearty welcome.

Bro. A. D. Selby returned recently from Alabama. He is now teaching near the University.

Bros. Roudebush, Hoover, Lloyd and Garver, of Ohio Alpha, visited up recently. All made enthusiastic speeches in the chapter meeting. Alpha has royal men and we are always glad to have them with us.

Our last initiate is Arthur Hartwell of Xenia, Ohio. He was besieged by all the frats, but he withstood all except the "lavender and pink." He is the sixth man we have initiated this year.

Lest we become tiresome to the reader by saying too much of ourselves, let us close by wishing, in behalf of Ohio Delta, to all the readers of the SHIELD, a prosperous and happy year.

J. L. M.

OHIO DELTA.

O. S. U., COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 8, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:

Ohio Delta has not, for some reason or other, had any report in the SHIELD for three issues. Letters have been written to the two last numbers, but they must have failed to reach the holy sanctum of the editor, or else they found their way to the waste basket.

We are, nevertheless, prospering. Six new men have donned the "lavender and pink" since the opening of the year.

Sigma Chi and Phi Gamma Delta have

both boasted in their correspondence to their respective journals, that the Phi Psis were taking in men that apparently no other fraternity wanted. All we have to say in answer, is that three of our recent initiates were each bidden by two other fraternities, while the other three were known to be unapproachable by any of our rivals.

We looked for a chapter visit from the Ohio Betas last term, but were disappointed. We hope, however, to see the whole chapter with us before long. Nothing tends to increase our enthusiasm so much as to have a visit from another chapter, or visit another chapter. Not long since we had a visit from Ohio Alpha, and when one of those loyal fellows made the remark, "I tell you, boys, Ohio Delta is booming," every eye present sparkled with gratification, and when we bade our visiting brothers good-bye that night, in the Union Depot, the good fellowship electrically flowed from heart to heart as hand grasped hand in the mystic grip of Phi Kappa Psi. It was not an impulse of the moment, but the impressions it made still linger with the chapter.

The Christmas vacation has closed, and all our boys are back, with renewed vigor. This term promises to be one of the most profitable in the history of the chapter.

Bro. A. D. Selby has returned from the "sunny South" and is teaching school near the University. He surprised us all not long since by taking unto himself a wife. Our best wishes follow him.

Bro. Ed Van Harlengen has gone home, to Richmond, Ind., to engage in the insurance business with his father.

Bros. Payne and Keifer spent part of the vacation with Bro. Smart, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Bro. Walter Miller came up from Portsmouth, and spent a few days among the boys recently. Walter is always a welcome guest.

Bro. Gilbert has returned from his home in Indiana, and resumed his pedagogical pursuits.

Yours fraternally,

J. L. M.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

MEADVILLE, PA., Jan 10, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:

Allow us to introduce, through the SHIELD, to the fraternity four new brothers, Croasman, Scofield, Beck and Davis, all good men, of course.

Bro. Calder wrote us, last week, from St. Louis, Mo., where he still continues to enjoy his professional studies.

Bro. Chas. W. Deane has left college for eight weeks, to "teach young ideas how to shoot," in Burg Hill, Ohio.

Bro. S. J. Brown is doing clerical work in Denver, Colorado, where he went last summer, in company with his sister, who is suffering from consumption.

Bro. W. C. Davis, who left us in 1881, writes us from Delaware, Ohio, asking for a certificate of membership. We most heartily recommend him to the brothers of Ohio Alpha, although it has always been a matter of regret to us that he did not remain with us.

Bro. Frederick writes us from Steubenville, that he has assumed the cares of domestic life. That he may live long, and enjoy the greatest matrimonial felicity, is the wish of his brothers and friends.

Bro. W. C. Wilson, '79, of Cleveland, O., says "he is enjoying that tranquility of soul which alone comes from a clear conscience and a full stomach." His law practice is increasing so rapidly that he is obliged to secure the aid of Bro. S. S. Ford, '81, a student in the office of Bishop, Adams & Bishop, to perform the kindly office of nurse and to administer soothing balm to his overwrought mind.

Bro. Calder seems to be quite sanguine over the prospects of having a chapter at St. Louis. We think the fraternity could not do better than grant the boys a charter. We understand that we already have a number of loyal brothers there, and the institution is certainly worthy. We are not in favor of granting a charter at an inferior institution, but when an application comes from a good

institution, and the applicants are worthy to wear the lavender and pink, we believe it is for the interest of $\Phi K \Psi$ to grant it. An increased membership would strengthen our fraternity in several ways. Our SHIELD, which had a long and doubtful struggle for existence, would be placed on a firmer basis by fraternity extension. Our G. C. would receive a much needed increase of support. We need chapters in the East for the benefit of those who desire to finish their collegiate studies in an eastern college. The West is full of young and growing institutions, in which we will one day be proud to know that we have chapters.

There is nothing which so fires a $\Phi \Psi$ with enthusiasm, and fills him with an ardent love for his Order as meeting $\Phi \Psi$ s abroad. The writer will never forget a time when he was hundreds of miles from home and among strangers, and when he caught sight of a $\Phi \Psi$ badge on the vest of a young man, with what a feeling of joy he grasped his hand and called him brother. And later developments, and a better acquaintance, proved that he was indeed a brother and a friend. Hundreds of our boys find homes in the west, and if our Western institutions contained chapters these happy greetings would be more frequent, and the lamp of fraternal love would be kept burning longer and brighter. There may be, doubtless are arguments on the other side, but it seems to us that to oppose the entrance of $\Phi K \Psi$ into worthy institutions is to oppose her highest interest.

Fraternally, F. M. C.

PENNSYLVANIA THETA.

EASTON, PA., Jan. 11, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:

The arrival of the last number of the SHIELD, in its new dress, was welcomed by our boys and read with interest.

The editorial mention of inter-chapter visiting has caused some discussion in the chapter, all heartily agreeing with what is said on the subject.

There is nothing that will do more toward keeping alive and maintaining a zeal for the fraternity than visiting between the chapters.

What attendance on the G. A. C. meetings does for the delegates, this more frequent inter-communication would do for all of us.

Many who cannot spend the time or money to attend the G. A. C. meetings, could easily call on the neighboring chapters with mutual benefit.

Our ideas of chapter life and government would be broadened and elevated, and I am confident that could this plan be universally carried into effect, $\Phi K \Psi$ soon could show additional life and fraternal zeal.

Bros. Miller and Green, of '83, were with us again during the holidays.

Bro. J. H. Evans, '81, a resident member of the chapter, was made happy the other day by the arrival of the handsomest pair of twins ever born, (so Joe thinks) At last accounts all were doing well.

There are one or two new men in college who seem desirable, and we are keeping them in sight with an eye to a possible initiation.

Fraternally yours,

W. H. B.

PENNSYLVANIA IOTA.

1123 CHESTNUT ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA.,

Jan. 17, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD :

Since our Chapter was last represented in your columns, we have initiated two more men into the mysteries of the brotherhood of Phi Kappa Psi. During this first college term we have taken in Bro's. W. H. Keller, '84; J. J. Hovey, '87; T. H. B. Jacobs, '85, and E. M. Jefferys '86, making a total of 18 active members. The chapter is in a very fair condition in every way, with bright prospects for the future.

The mid-year examinations commence next week and the members of the Pennsylvania Iota will be kept very busy. For, although our brother correspondent in your last number, said that the brothers preferred

$\Phi \Psi$ Hall to their study-rooms, yet they greatly dislike to be "left" in examination.

The annual Bowl-fight will take place at college on February 1st, when there will be the usual endeavor of the Sophomores to put the lowest honor Freshman in the "bowl." For the past three years the bowl-man has been a $\Phi \Psi$. There seemed to be a collusion of the members of the Faculty to give the lowest honor to a $\Phi \Psi$. We will feel rather out of the fight this year, if our Freshman does not get it.

During Christmas week, Penna. Iota had a very pleasant box party at theatre, and afterwards a little supper, to which kind of amusements, as you have already been told, we are very partial.

The chapter is well represented in the Graduating Class. Bro. Gray, is Vice-President; Bro. Baldy, Chairman of Ivy Ball Committee; Bro. Keller, of Class Supper Com; Bro. Croasdale, on Record Com., and Bro. Dallett, was lately elected Historian of the Class.

We were very much pleased by receiving several visits to our Hall from Bros. Miller and Fustin, of Penna. Gamma, Christmas recess, and our only wish is that brothers from other chapters, who are in the city, would drop in oftener.

' Before closing, although resolutions have been sent to the different chapters, I feel it my duty to record in my letter that, when Bro. Geo. H. Gross died, we lost one of our ablest and most respected graduate members and a well-wisher to every $\Phi \Psi$, and especially to Penna. Iota men.

With best wishes for the fraternity at large,
I remain

Yours in $\Phi K \Psi$,

H. L. CRESSWELL.

INDIANA ALPHA.

GREENCASTLE, IND., Jan. 12, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD :

At the close of last term several of our ardent lady supporters gave us an elegant supper, which was a complete surprise to the

boys These young ladies, Phi Kappa Psi in heart, mentioned their scheme to one of our number, and, of course, it met his approval. Then this brother began to lay his plans to delude the boys until they should meet on the contemplated happy evening, and our little poem, by Bro. Haymond, will tell you what we did:

Four and twenty Phi Psi's,
 Stood on a stairway cold,
 What we had gathered there for
 Not a one could then have told.

We shouted loud—the oyster smiled,
 The cake looked—O, too sweet!
 A banana blushed,
 An orange gushed,
 And the pork stood on his feet.

Come, fair ones, tell what may we do,
 To merit so much care,
 We'll live or die,
 We'll laugh or cry,
 We'll praise you everywhere.

Then four and twenty Phi Psi's,
 Went down that stairway cold;
 And each one knew for what he came,
 Without his being told.

C. R. C.

Correspondence.

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE,
 ASHLAND, VA., December 17, 1883.

Clinton D. Horver, Gettysburg, Pa:

DEAR SIR AND BRO:

Your favor of December 11th, reached me promptly. In reply, I regret to tell you that Va. E has become one of the dead chapters of $\Phi K \Psi$. For a long time after the organization of the chapter at Randolph-Macon, it had a vigorous life. The membership, though never very large, was made up of the best men at college. The $\Phi K \Psi$ boys always showed great caution in taking in new men. Perhaps in this way, their action was frequently too slow, when the strong competition, the chapter at Randolph-Macon had to stand four rival fraternities, is taken into consideration.

In 1876-77, the chapter had only two men in college. In 1877-78, Bro. G. M. Nalley, an old member of Va. E and a resident of Ashland, and myself joined with these two men and re-organized the chapter. We initiated six or eight new men, who were all good. The chapter was thus placed on a good footing once more. But unfortunately circumstances seemed against its continued prosperity. In 1880, it so happened that all the older members of the chapter left college. The membership was reduced to three men who were all young. They took in one new man. But the chapter did not flourish under their management.

A year or two later, all four members left college at the same time. Thus, for several years, Va. E has had no organization at Randolph-Macon. I have been looking for a favorable opportunity to re-organize the chapter, but, up to this time, it has not presented itself.

I have given you a brief statement of the facts in the case. This statement explains why you have not heard from any of the $\Phi K \Psi$ boys at Randolph-Macon.

Your brother in $\Phi K \Psi$,

R. B. SMITHEY.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL,
 BLOOMSBURG, PA., NOV. 16, 1883.
Messrs. Lower & Miller:

DEAR BROTHERS:

Yours at hand. September and October numbers of SHIELD duly received. Of course you have my support. I shall support every laudable enterprise for $\Phi K \Psi$. If THE SHIELD were of little or no value to me I would gladly aid it for the sake of the fraternity. Its success will be measured by the support it receives from the fraternity at large. I love the brotherhood and the inspirations I received in the chapter hall of the glorious old Pennsylvania Zeta, for better living and better doing will cling to me always. Count on me as a perpetual subscriber.

Fraternally.

G. E. WILBUR.

Fraternity Press.

Phi Gamma Delta has recently changed its place of publication and is improved thereby. The November issue has the following concerning the Pan-Hellenic Conference:

Phi Gamma Delta is in favor of the Pan-Hellenic Conference, and if the conference is held will be represented. We are frank to say that, if any good can be obtained from the deliberations of the Greeks, we will not refuse the opportunity to profit therefrom on the ground that to acknowledge any gain possible would be but to advertise a weakness. If we think we have an element of strength making us superior to other fraternities in some respects, we do not intend by undue boasting to disgust the fraternity world. The attitude of some of the older fraternities upon this question is, to say the least, very wearisome. They think that although they do not need advice on any matter, nor can in any way profit by the deliberations of the Greeks, yet in order that the best interests of the fraternity world may be subserved, or perhaps, in order to "add weight to the council" they will favor a general conference and will send representatives, presumably to give the fatherly aid which their benevolent spirit prompts. If their claims were just, they might be endured, but being as they generally are, but the effect of an abnormal enlargement of the faculty of self-esteem, the claims are excessive and calculated to prevent the era of good feeling into which the fraternities seemed to be entering. Such attitudes upon this all important question are calculated to neutralize the efforts of those who favor the conference from the best motives. Let the Greeks enter this conference in the right spirit. Let questions of fraternity interest be discussed candidly and honestly, and may no fraternity assume the unbecoming position of one desiring to advise but unwilling to profit by advice. The conference should be a success, and let those who favor it do nothing to peril the interests at stake.

The *Beta Theta Pi* for December has the following editorial, which applies to correspondents in general, and fraternity correspondents in particular. College men are apt to be sensitive to an unnecessary degree:

It should be unnecessary for us to remind contributors to our columns that all matter passing through our hands is subject to editorial revision. This process is not a proceeding that we particularly enjoy, nor is it indulged in by us for the pur-

pose of showing our disdain for the literary talents of others, nor for any reason whatever savoring of spite-work or arbitrariness. Every publication is conducted on a certain standard, and all material inserted must be moulded to conform with the judgment of its managers. This fact is no less true of our own magazine than of other like projects, and it is only with very great labor that its contents are shaped into coherency, and its tone of expression made consistent. Few writers for the press, especially amateurs, are infallible in opinion and style, and it is therefore quite necessary that some discretionary care be taken in regard to contributions. Our editing is done with the best intentions and reasons possible in every case, solely with the interests of the magazine in view, and with the idea of giving to every manuscript that dignity and correctness of expression which we believe are best in keeping with the publication we represent. We therefore wish each contributor to understand that we in no wise desire to take any uncertain liberties with his articles, and, if he finds omissions or alterations in them, not to feel annoyed, nor fancy himself personally ill-treated. This magazine is not solely under the direction of any one person, but all affairs of any importance in its management are subjected to the consideration of a board of experienced men, whose judgment is always meant for the best, and is conclusive, beyond appeal, upon all matters in print. All experienced writers have long since quit being thinskinners about editorial revision of their contributions, and it is for the benefit of beginners only that we make a statement concerning this subject.

The *Golden Key* (K K P ladies) has in the January impression an able editorial on "The Literary Aspect of Fraternity Journalism" which we clip complete:

Among the conspicuous features of the breadth of view which characterizes this year's fraternity journalism is the increasing prominence of the purely literary element. A year and a half ago, when the *Key* began its existence, convention poems and addresses were almost the only literary contributions to the Greek periodicals. Now there are few of our exchanges which do not present some form of literary work, which is free from the technique of fraternity, and illustrates, as no statistics, recollections or memoirs could do, the absolute literary status of the body from which it emanates.

Part of this change in the condition of affairs is doubtless due to the relaxation of that secrecy which limited the greater number of fraternity papers each to its own membership, and, taking it for granted that the members appreciated the aim and attain-

ments of their own fraternity, gave only such glimpses of both as the Chapter letters afforded. Other factors in the change are the enlargement of the periodicals, the extension of the various fraternities into different sections of the country, and the influence of the eastern fraternity papers.

But, apart from the reasons for the growth of a literary department in fraternity journalism, the idea is strong in itself from the many advantages it possesses, both within and without the immediate circle of each fraternity, a few of which we briefly recapitulate: In the fraternity it promotes the establishment of a uniform literary standard, as Chapter letters can not do, because they merely outline the work, and the essence of it is done; it keeps one of the great objects of the fraternity so conspicuously in view as to check that tendency to lose sight of the end in the means, which is too often produced by the semi political struggles, triumphs and defeats of Chapter life; it strengthens the ties of fraternity by illustrating similar tastes, and ideas held in common. As to its exterior advantages, they are sufficiently apparent. One of the *raison d'être* of fraternity is represented, the periodical becomes a magazine instead of a pamphlet, the interest is made general as well as local, the fraternity compares its literary attainments with those of others.

It is true that Chapter letters are the most important part of a fraternity journal, but they are not all. They show the strength, enthusiasm and progress of the Chapters that make up the fraternity; they name their literary occupations and social pleasures; but for what is the fraternity strong, enthusiastic, progressive, engaged in literary work and social amusements? For mental and social development. In print, the social side is intangible; a Barmecide's feast which palls upon the non participant, and can only be measured by the greater or less elegance of the phrases which describe it. The literary side, on the contrary, can be represented in all its vigor in the passages of the fraternity periodical, and can be estimated and appreciated more widely and accurately there than anywhere else.

These seem to us to be the reasons for the literary growth in fraternity journalism; but whether they are so or not, in our opinion they justify its existence; and that it does exist, and, subordinate to other fraternity interests, is constantly increasing, is evident at a glance. It is not a revolution, however, but a development, for the Greek periodicals are not other than they were, but more; and seem continually to approximate a convention type, in which the Chapter letters represent the regular reports to the convention, the editorials and communications, the working plans, the literary articles, the

addresses, and the personals, so much of the banquet as is usually interesting by cold daylight.

College Notes.

Will Carleton, the poet, lectured last month to the Cornell University students.

Matthew Arnold, instead of lecturing to the Harvard students, read them some of his poems, including two unpublished ones.

At Dartmouth two editors of the college paper, *The Dartmouth*, were suspended last term for writing articles discourteous to the Faculty.

Yale's new athletic ground, which has been under way for two years, was opened recently. It contains twenty-nine acres, and cost \$21,397.

In the lacrosse tournament for the Oelrich cup, the Yale team came in second, beating Harvard and Princeton, and thus virtually deciding the tie for the college championship.

The entire Sophomore and Freshmen classes of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in Troy, N. Y., have been suspended on account of a struggle for a class banner.—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

Mr. Lowell has been offered and probably will take the presidency of the Birmingham Midland Institute, the most important literary institution in the Provinces. His acceptance will involve an inaugural address.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

Nearly 600 of the students who have attended Wabash College are members of some fraternity. Of this number 120 are Betas, 29 Delta Tau Deltas, 157 Phi Delta Thetas, 38 Sigma Chis, 35 Theta Delta Chis and 75 Phi Kappa Psis.—*Lariat*.

The class of 1829, Harvard College, held its annual reunion, Thursday evening January 10th, at the Parker House. There were present Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, the Rev. James Freeman Clarke, the Rev. Charles Fay,

the Rev. F. A. Foxcroft, Judge Townsend, James S. Amory, Charles S. Storrow, William Mixer and the Rev. Samuel May.

The plan for giving the University of Pennsylvania a fine gymnasium and adjoining athletic grounds, although somewhat slow in maturing, is now believed to be near its execution. Sufficient money has been secured to enable the committee in charge to proceed with the work; and a final settlement of some matters with the contractor is all that stands in the way of its immediate commencement. —*Zeta Psi Monthly*.

On the evening of January 5th, the special car of the Yale College Glee Club, now making a concert tour, was telescoped by the Express train on the O. & M., R. R., while standing at the Charleston, Indiana, depot, and was completely wrecked. Ottes Strong of Auburn, N. Y., had both legs badly crushed, and one, perhaps both, must be amputated, W. W. Crebone, of Cleveland, O., sustained a compound fracture of the leg. Mr. Cutler had a severe cut on the head. All the students, forty in number, are bruised, but none others save those mentioned are seriously hurt.

The following is a list of Freshmen classes:

Cambridge,	767	U of Chicago,	70
Oxford,	635	Amherst,	62
Harvard,	300	Brown,	60
Yale,	257	Wesleyan,	59
Michigan,	191	Haverford,	56
Cornell,	149	O. S. University,	55
Alleghany,	156	Union,	50
Princeton,	150	Bates,	40
Lehigh,	122	Rochester,	38
Ohio Wesleyan,	108	Colby,	34
Syracuse,	100	Bowdoin,	33
Dartmouth,	99	Rutgers,	27
Asbury Univ.	98	Tufts,	26
Columbia,	96	U. of Vermont,	23
Williams,	86	Madison,	23
Lafayette,	82	Middlebury,	16
Hamilton,	75	Marietta,	16

—*Transcript*.

Other Fraternities.

$\Lambda T \Omega$ has twenty-six active Chapters and a total membership of 1,060.

$\Phi \chi \theta$ and $\Lambda \Phi$ have recently entered Ohio State University at Columbus.

The place of publication of *Phi Gamma Delta* has been changed to the Lambda Chapter at Asbury.

The *Kappa Alpha* (Southern) Magazine, has been revived, and is published at Charleston, S. C. It is printed in good style.

There are thirty-two general, sixteen local and seventeen ladies' Fraternities in the United States, distributed through over 175 Institutions — *Crescent*.

The Zeta Psi chapter at Williams, which was founded by lifting the Phi Gamma Delta chapter, is building a fine chapter house. — *Lariat*.

At the University of Pennsylvania, Phi Kappa Psi has a graduate club which jointly occupies its chapter rooms, and is said to pay all bills for rent — *Zeta Psi Monthly*.

A number of students at Wittenberg College are looking with great expectancy to $\Phi \Gamma \chi$ for a charter, which, to the best of our knowledge, has not as yet been granted.

$\Phi \chi \Psi$ came among us in 1869. She has eighteen men well distributed throughout the college classes. Her chapter here is a good one. — Ind. State Univ. Cor. of *Phi Gamma Delta*.

The faculty of Monmouth College, have just suspended five fraternities sub rosa at that college. There has been war against the fraternities ever since their suppression several years ago.

The Annual Convention of $\Lambda \Phi$ was held at Albany, N. Y., in Arcade Hall, and banquet at Delevan, Oct. 18 and 19, 1883. Delegates from seventeen Chapters were present. The next Annual Convention will assemble in Washington, D. C., Oct. 8, '84, in the 65th year of the fraternity.

The I. C.'s. had a jolly time on Hallow-*een* at the residence of one of their number in the north part of town. Some rude boys interrupted the festivities and barely escaped capture by the energetic ladies, one of them having his coat torn from top to bottom.—*Simpsonian*.

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Zeta Psi, assembled at the Fifth-Avenue Hotel, in New York City, under the management of the Delta chapter, on Thursday-morning, Jan. 3, 1884. On the evening of the 4th, an oration was given by the Hon. Charles J. Noyes, and a poem by Rev. William R. Durgee, D. D.

The new Phi Delta Theta Catalogue is a marvel of painstaking research and no doubt is very accurate. It has several interesting new features, among which is a table of consanguinity giving a list of the fathers, sons and brothers who have been members of the fraternities. It has also several carefully compiled tables of prominent men belonging to the society and is altogether a most striking commentary upon the patience and skill of its compilers.—*Kansas Review*.

Personals.

Geo. K. Levering, Wis. B, '73, is in business at Lafayette, Ind.

B. K. Higginbotham, Pa. A, '60, is practicing law at Frankford, Ind.

Bro. E. B. Sadtler, Pa. Theta, '83, is employed in Roach's ship-yard, Chester, Penn.

Rev. W. I. Graham is a most efficient and popular Professor of Greek, in Baker's University, Baldwin City, Kansas.

Bro. Rev. M. B. Ryan, Va J, is preaching at Williamsport, Pa., and still has a warm place in his heart for the boys.

At the late session of the Presbyterian Synod of Kansas, at Emporia, Kan., the Moderator elected was Rev. D. C. Milner,

J. B. Blanchet, '82, N. Y. Delta, is now at the General Theological Seminary, New York City. J. D. Kennedy, of the same chapter, is at the same place.

Bro. C. M. Oliphant, Va. J, '83, who as Latin Salutatorian received first honor of his class at Bethany College is now preaching at Howard, Center Co., Pa.

Rev. S. J. Micolls, D. D., Pa. A, '53, now of St. Louis, Mo., has recently been elected Professor in the Western Theological Seminary, Allentown, Penn., to succeed Rev. W. H. Homblower, D. D.

During the recent investigations of the Committee of Penn. Legislature into the affairs of the Standard Oil Company, Bro. Samuel C. T. Dodd, Penn. A, '54, acted as counsel for the Oil Company.

A. C. Longdon whose address until recently has been Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is now at Macon, Mo., where he is engaged as Professor of Mathematics and Military Tactics in St. James Academy.

Geo. W. Miller, Pa. Z, Meth. Theological Seminary, 36 Bromfield street, Boston, reports that W. A. Brewster, of Ohio A, and also one of our Cal. A brothers, are at the same institution, an association which is enjoyed by all of them.

Bro. Wilbur G. Spottswood, Pa. Z, '71, of Philadelphia, on the 14th of Nov., 1882, was awarded the second Wistar Prize, amounting to \$50, for his essay on "Civil Service Reform," by the Executive Committee of the Civil Service Reform Association of Philadelphia.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

'82. "Barney" Alverson handles shekels in the City Bank, of Portage, Wis.

'82 and '83. Burt Priest and Charles Kalk have bought a flourishing manufacturing establishment at Minneapolis, and now sign themselves Van Clere, Priest & Kalk, manufacturers of stoves and furnaces.

'82. E. A. Drake fills the chair of Instructor of Elocution at U. W.

'81. Ernie Moe studies law with W. C. Williams, of Milwaukee

'77. Frank H. Winsor is a banker and lawyer, of Mitchell, Dakota.

'76. W. G. Clough is principal of the Port age High School.

'78 "Cap." Hooker is a lawyer and publisher of a weekly paper at Waupun, Wis.

'84. Grant R. Bennett studies at Princeton.

'79. "Chuck" Albertson practices law in Chicago.

'82. "Jim" Cole is a captain at the U. S. Military Academy, at West Point.

'82. A. F. Rote teaches the Nunah High School.

'78. Lew Walker has just entered the real estate business at Beatrice, Nebraska.

In Memoriam.

GEORGE H. GROSS.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God, in His Almighty Providence, to remove from our midst, on December 11th, our beloved Brother, George H. Gross, and,

WHEREAS, We, the members of Pennsylvania Iota Chapter, of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, desire to record our sense of the loss we sustain, therefore be it

Resolved, That while we deeply feel the death of our brother, we bow in humble submission to the dispensation of the Divine Ruler.

Resolved, That with us he always proved himself a sincere Christian and generous friend.

Resolved, That in him the fraternity recognizes the loss of one whose place never can be filled, and one who will be cherished in the memory of all.

Resolved, That our heartfelt sympathy be extended to the bereaved family in this their hour of deep affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our lamented brother; that a copy be transmitted to each chapter of the fraternity; that they be published in the SHIELD.

MORRIS DALLETT,
WM. H. BOWER,
WM. S. FREEMAN, } Committee.

Philadelphia, Dec. 11, 1883.

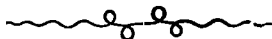
PROF. JOHN T. SHORT.

With a feeling of sadness and regret, we, the members of Ohio Delta chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, submit to the Divine power that has removed from our midst our brother, Professor John T. Short, of Ohio Alpha. We sincerely believe that in him we have lost a true friend and a worthy brother, whose life might well become exemplary to the order, and whose shining qualities as a brother, as a teacher, and as a man have made him dear to us all. It is with pleasure that we view all our associations with him in college and fraternity life.

As a mark of honor and love for our deceased brother, we deem it appropriate that the brothers of Ohio Delta wear a suitable badge of mourning for thirty days; that a copy of this memorial be presented to the family of the deceased, and be published in the Phi Kappa Psi SHIELD and Ohio State University *Lantern*.

The funeral of Prof. Short was held on Wednesday, the 14th. The pall-bearers were Professors Robinson, McFarland, Tuttle, Mendenhall, Derby, and Smith. A large number of our students were present. At the head of the casket, stood a beautiful broken column of delicate flowers. At the base, was a large pillow, on which were the letters, O. S. U. This handsome design was a tribute from the students. About eighty of the students voluntarily marched in rout step with the funeral cortage as far as the Court House, where they formed in line, and stood with uncovered heads while the hearse and carriages passed.

List of B. G.'s for 1884.



W. B. G., CLINTON D. HOOVER, P. O. Box 323, Gettysburg, Pa.



- Pa. Alpha, B. Sutherland, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa.
 Pa. Beta, W. M. Everett, Alleghany College, Meadville, Pa.
 Pa. Gamma, J. E. Sagebeer, Lewisburg University, Lewisburg, Pa.
 Pa. Epsilon, E. I. Brenner, Box 407, Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa.
 Pa. Zeta, Chas. S. Pardoe, Lock Box 64 Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.
 Pa. Eta, D. F. Mauger, Franklin and Marshal College, Lancaster, Pa.
 Pa. Theta, C. M. Niesly, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.
 Pa. Iota, W. C. Posey, University of Pennsylvania, 1232 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Va. Alpha, R. L. Preston, University of Virginia, Va.
 Va. Beta, L. W. Houston, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.
 Va. Gamma, Thos. L. Trawick, Hampden, Sidney College, Prince Edward County, Va.
 Va. Delta, C. M. Oliphant, Bethany College, Bethany, West Va
 Ohio Alpha, F. W. Roudebush, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.
 Ohio Beta, E. E. Baker, Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio
 Ohio Gamma, L. G. Hostetler, Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio.
 Ohio Delta, George Smart, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
 Ind. Alpha, Frank. C. Payne, Asbury University, Greencastle, Ind.
 Ind. Beta, W. C. Mason, State University, Bloomington, Ind.
 Ind. Gamma, Thos. S. Wilson, Box 450, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.
 D. C. Alpha, H. L. Hodgkins, Columbian University, Washington, D. C.
 Ill. Alpha, Rush McNair, Northwestern University, box 1237, Evanston, Ill.
 Ill. Beta, J. G. Elsdon, (Englewood, Ill.) University of Chicago, Chicago Ill.
 Ill. Delta, Robins S. Mott, 65 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
 Sub Rosa, Address Communications to Grand Chapter.
 Kansas Alpha, J. V. Humphrey, State University, Lawrence, Kansas.
 Mich. Alpha, S. C. Parks, P O. Box, 2836, State University, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
 Md. Alpha, G. D. Penniman, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md
 Wis. Alpha, J. R. F. Trottmann, State University, Madison, Wis.
 Wis. Gamma, G. L. Hendrickson, Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.
 Minn. Alpha, Address Communications to Grand Chapter.
 Miss. Alpha, W. P. Tackett, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss.
 New York Delta, C. B. Mowry, Hobart College, Geneva, New York.
 Cal. Alpha, C. T. Springer, University of Pacific, San Jose, Cal.
 Iowa Delta, H. J. Everly, Simpson Centenary College, Indianola, Iowa.

VARIOUS FRATERNITIES WHICH OUR CHAPTERS MEET.

Pennsylvania A, '52—Washington and Jefferson College. *B θ II*, 1842; *Φ Γ J*, 1848; *Φ K Σ*, 1853; *J T J*, 1861; *Φ J θ*, 1876; *A T Ω*, 1881.

Pennsylvania B, '55—Alleghany College. *Φ Γ J*, 1858; *J T J*, 1863; *Φ J θ*, 1879; *K A θ*, (ladies' society) 1876.

Pennsylvania F, '55—University of Lewisburg. *Σ X*, 1864; *Φ Γ J*, 1882.

Pennsylvania E, '55—Pennsylvania College. *Φ Γ J*, 1858; *Σ X*, 1863; *Φ J θ*, 1874; *A T Ω*, 1882; *Σ A E*, 1883.

Pennsylvania Z, '59—Dickinson College. *Σ X*, 1859; *θ J X*, 1861; *X Φ*, 1869; *B θ II*, 1874; *Φ J θ*, 1880.

Pennsylvania H—'60 Franklin and Marshal College. *Φ K Σ*, 1855; *X Φ*, 1856; *J T J*, 1874.

Pennsylvania θ, '69—Lafayette College. *Φ K Σ*, '53; *J K E*, '55; *Z Ψ*, '57; *θ J X*, '66; *Σ X*, '67; *Φ J θ*, '73; *J T J*, '74; *Φ Γ J*, '83; *X Φ*, '74.

Pennsylvania I, '77—University of Pennsylvania. *Z Ψ*, 1850; *Φ K Σ*, 1850; *J Ψ*, 1854; *J B Φ*, 1879 (law); *B θ II*, 1880; *A T Ω*, 1881; *J Φ*, 1882; *X Φ*, 1882; *Φ Γ J*, 1883.

Virginia A, '53—University of Virginia. *X Φ*, 1859; *J Ψ*, 1860; *K A*, (S. O.) 1873; *J K E*, 1852; *Z Ψ*, 1868; *Φ J θ*, 1873; *Σ X*, 1860; *Φ K Σ*, 1852; *Π K A*, 1868; *Σ A E*, 1858; *B θ II*, 1850; *Φ Γ J*, 1859; *A T Ω*, 1868; *K Σ*, 1869.

Virginia B, '55—Washington and Lee University. *Σ A E*, 1867; *Σ X*, 1866; *A K E*, 1868; *Φ Γ J*, 1868; *J Ψ*, 1869; *B θ II*, 1856; *K A*, (S. O.) 1865; *Σ A*, 1873; *K Σ*, 1873; *A T Ω*, 1865.

Virginia F, '56—Hampden Sidney College. *B θ II*, '50; *X Φ*, '67; *Σ X*, '72; *Φ Γ J*, '70.

Virginia J—*Σ N*, 1883.

Ohio A, '61—Ohio Wesleyan University. *B θ II*, 1853; *Σ X*, 1855; *Φ Γ J*, 1870; *X Φ*, 1873; *Φ J θ*, 1860; *J T J*, 1868; *J X A*, '78.

Ohio B, '66—Wittenberg College. *B θ II*, 1867; *A T Ω*, '83.

Ohio F, '71—Wooster University. *B θ II*, 872; *Φ J θ*, 1872; *Σ X*, 1873; *J T J*, 1880; *Φ J A*, 1882; *K A θ*, '75; *K K Γ*, '75.

Ohio J, '80—Ohio State University. *Φ Γ J*, 1878; *Σ X*, 1882; *Φ J θ*, '83; *X Φ*, '83.

Indiana A, '65—Indiana Asbury University. *B θ II*, '45; *Φ Γ J*, '56; *Σ X*, '59; *J K E*, '66; *Φ J θ*, '68; *J T J*, '71; *K A θ*, (ladies' society) '70; *K K Γ*, (ladies' society) '75.

Indiana B, '69—State University. *Φ J θ*, '49; *B θ II*, '45; *Σ X*, '58; *Φ Γ J*, '70; *K A θ* (ladies' society) '70; *K K Γ*, (ladies' society) 1873.

Indiana F, '70—Wabash College. *B θ II*, 1845; *Φ J θ*, 1852; *Φ Γ J*, 1866; *θ J X*, 1879; *Σ X*, 1880; *J T J*, '72.

D. C. A, '68—Columbian University. Rivals (*Σ A E*, '50-'67; *Σ X*, '64-'80; *A T Ω*, '74-'74.) all dead.

Illinois A, '64—Northwestern University. *Φ K Σ*, 1872; *B θ II*, 1873; *Σ X*, 1869; *A Y*, 1880.

Illinois B, '65—Chicago University. *Z Ψ*, 1864; *Ψ Y*, 1868; *J K E*, 1870.

Kansas A, '76—State University. *B θ II*, 1872; *Φ Γ J*, 1881; *Φ J θ*, 1883.

Michigan A, '76—State University. *A Δ Φ*, 1845; *A K E*, 1855; *Σ Φ*, 1845; *Z Ψ*, 1858; *Ψ Y*, 1864; *B θ II*, 1845; *Φ Δ Φ*, 1869; *A T Δ*, 1875; *X Ψ*, 1845; *Φ Δ θ*, 1865; *Σ X*, 1877; *J J*, 1876.

Maryland A, '79—Johns Hopkins University. *B θ II*, 1878; *X Φ*, 1880; *A T Ω*, 1877.

Wisconsin A, '75—State University. *B θ II*, 1873; *X Ψ*, 1878; *Φ J θ*, 1857.

Wisconsin F, '81—Beloit College. *B θ II*, 1860; *Σ X*, 1882.

Mississippi A, '57—University of Mississippi. *J K E*, 1851; *J Ψ*, 1855; *Σ X*, 1857; *Rainbow*, 1848; *X Ψ*, 1858; *Φ J θ*, 1877; *B θ II*, '79; *A B T*, (ladies' society) '83; *K A*, (S. O.) '83.

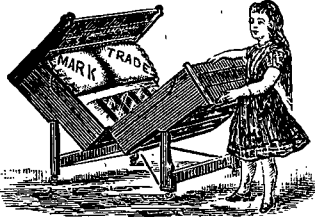
New York J, '81—Hobart College. *Σ Φ*, 1840; *K A*, 1840; *θ J X*, 1857. (*A Δ Φ*, '38-'78; *X Φ*, '60-'80.)

California A, '81—University of the Pacific. Never had any rivals.

Iowa A, '82—Simpson Centenary College. *A T J*, 1873.

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A TYPOGRAPHICAL error in last issue made the name of W. G. P.—G. D. Dotwald which should read G. D. Gotwald. We beg pardon Mr. W. G. P.

✓ BRO. VANCLEVE is at South Charleston performing his customary duties, although the peculiar nature of his illness has left his lungs in a tender condition. By care he expects soon to be as sound as ever.

A FEW of our chapters send college publications with personals of $\Phi K \Psi$ s 'marked.'

These periodicals also at times contain other items of value to us. We would like a copy of the journal of each issue from all the colleges where we have chapters. Let each B. G. take upon himself the duty of 'marking' each college paper and sending it to THE SHIELD, Springfield, O; or, if he get a regular substitute, it will be just as agreeable to us.

AFTER writing several times to Bro. Oliphant, the last B. G. of Virginia A, at Bethany college, the Grand Chapter, at last, received a reply from him at Howard, Pa., stating that Va. J chapter had not been active for some time. He says, "there are no $\Phi K \Psi$ s at Bethany this year, and I was the only one there last year, I graduating in June." We regret that we are not able to give more fully the causes which led to this result, but may in a future issue speak more at length.

THROUGH the fault of our printers we were compelled to mail January issue considerably behind time. We then hoped for better things in the future. Our hopes are sadly wrecked, and our belief in the total depravity of printers confirmed. We were absolutely unable to get them to give attention to our beseeching cries, and so present to you the present issue under a double title. Ohio Beta exceedingly regrets this necessity, but has been governed by circumstances entirely beyond control.

PHI KAPPA PSI Minnesota Alpha chapter at Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., and Georgia Alpha at the University of Georgia, have become deceased — *The Beta Theta Pi for Feb.*

We can not understand from what cause a journal so careful as *The Beta Theta Pi* could have published an item like the above. It is inaccurate in both particulars. Minnesota Alpha is about the liveliest dead body in the States, and Georgia Alpha though chartered was never established. We may say in brief for the information of our contemporary that a concatenation of misfortunes precluded the possibility of the consummation of our well-matured plans for the University of Georgia—perhaps Zeus and the council of high Olympus denied us the fruition of our hopes.

At a meeting of the Grand Chapter, held Feb. 19th., in compliance with the (neglected) direction of the last G. A. C. a frat. Committee on Necrology was appointed consisting of the following Bros.:

W. E. Hull, Ohio B, Chairman.

E. A. Schell, Illinois A.

J. K. Raymond, Penn. Z.

The edict of the G. A. C. is as follows:

"We command the Grand Chapter to appoint a committee, to be known as the Committee on Necrology, whose duty it shall be to keep a correct record of all Phi Kappa Psi deaths, and we further command the B. Gs of each sub-chapter to report to this committee all deaths occurring in their entire membership, and as many facts concerning the deceased member or members as they can collect."

Very few and incomplete data concerning our deceased are in the possession of the fraternity. All B. Gs should begin the preparation of a necrological account from the es-

tablishment of their chapter to the present time. Do this at once, as delay will only increase the labor. If possible we desire to obtain a complete record to date by the end of this collegiate year. Each B. G. will soon receive direction to which member of the committee they shall report. Hereafter all deaths should be carefully reported to the SHIELD, and this to a great extent will relieve the B. Gs from future care in compilation.

RITUALISM may tend toward formalism, but there is a beauty in the adherence to an established form in service and ceremony that nothing impromptu or extempore can have. It is a significant fact that the forms and ceremonies in use among us lose nothing by comparison with those of any other fraternity and any ignorance of their usefulness must be to the great discredit of every live member of Phi Kappa Psi.

We have urged many times upon the attention of individual chapters the necessity of a thorough familiarity with our form of initiation, and in several instances we know that it has been used *memoriter*. We can not quite subscribe to the suggestion in a late issue that a perfect knowledge of our forms be made a qualification for eligibility to office, but we can heartily indorse the sentiment prompting the utterance.

Initiations do not occur so often that ample opportunity may not be given for officers to perfect themselves in their duties, and we deem it incumbent upon them to do so. We have had opportunity to be present at a great number of ceremonies when "barbs" were made full-fledged Greeks and in various chapters. Were these columns the proper place to describe our experiences, we might surprise many brothers by our recital, in-

asmuch as we would scarcely be able to recognize the initiations as being those of our own fraternity, so much discrepancy was there between them.

Argument or discussion is not necessary to sustain the position that a dignified and impressive rendition of our ritual, wherein every participant is master of his duty and position, is very much to be preferred and as the impression upon an initiate depends very largely upon his induction into our mysteries, great carefulness should characterize the methods employed to familiarize him with them.

AN INTROSPECTION.

III.

THE custom among Greek letter societies, it might safely be said, is to hold conventions annually and whatever changes there may be from any different intervals is in the direction of the more frequent assembling.

For a long period Phi Kappa Psi met in Grand Arch Council but once in three years although it had long appeared to those best versed in fraternity matters a serious error. The recent change to two years as the interval has met everywhere with approval, if we mistake not, and there is a strong feeling in some sections that a further lessening of the time to one year would be for benefit.

It is not to be taken for granted that the latter are right, and the more conservative $\Phi \Psi$ s wrong. To the support of the argument that annual conventions are the more profitable is strongly urged the usage of other fraternities. To some this may seem of no weight whatever, they being of the persuasion that $\Phi K \Psi$ has no need to be influenced in her attitude toward any question of policy by

the customs of other societies, yet to us it appears as the strongest to be urged.

The nature of the associations of fraternities predetermines the force of the truth that every question of policy in any single one of them is to be viewed in the light of its possible effect upon the relative standing with its rivals. Every element of progress in methods of government, whether centralizing or diffusive, is to be considered as advancing the standing of the fraternity incorporating it to the loss of position by one or more of its rivals.

So considering this question, who can doubt the force of this presumably strongest argument when it is seen that all of the rivals whom we meet most frequently and whom we are therefore to take into account most in our plans and purposes, assemble in convention after the more frequent interval. The only other argument offered that seems to us worth present consideration is one which appears the most valid, though we think second consideration will compel it to yield to the one above mentioned.

The *esprit de corps* of any organization depends in large measure upon the associations of its members, and this is particularly true of Greek letter societies whose membership is largely made up of young men, in whom tastes and prejudices unformed are rapidly taking upon themselves shape.

We began this series of editorials with the statement that a college man's fraternity life usually ended with his graduation, and expressed the opinion that there was no valid reason why it should be so. We shall here mention what may seem a denial of that introductory assertion, when we offer as the cause of dying interest the infrequency of our conventions and the small attendance thereat. To a fraternity with a total membership of

more than four thousand and an enrollment of over four hundred active brothers, a convention of one hundred and fifty is not especially creditable, and of these there are seldom over seventy present as delegates.

During his college course a $\Phi \Psi$ will have just two opportunities to attend a general convention, and when we consider that few can go beside the delegates, the chances of the average member to meet the representatives of the fraternity from all societies are very small indeed. We deem it very important that $\Phi \kappa \Psi$ s should know more of their fraternity than they can see in their own chapters, and had we the power we would make associations of distant brothers very frequent. Let a man know nothing of his fraternity more than he can get in one chapter and by natural processes his interest in his fraternity can not outlive a separation of more than four years perhaps. In that time the youngest man in the chapter has graduated and it is not probable that his associations with his chapter have been such as to bring him very close to the members of succeeding classes, if indeed he meets them at all.

Fraternity journals are to be to such an one the means of arresting his decaying love and enthusiasm, but of how much value can a commentary upon a subject be to a man who knows nothing of it? His own chapter has grown out of his remembrance, and he knows no other; of what value will chapter letters be to him? He knows nothing of his own fraternity; is it likely he will be intelligent and inquiring as regards others? We restrict him almost to the personals, of which very few will be of interest.

Annual conventions have this then in their favor, that they broaden a fraternity man's outlook and keep alive his interest; what else

do they offer? Legislation is supposed to be the chief cause of the assembling of a convention, but we incline to think that with a judiciously chosen Board of Control, made up of alumni and active members, there can be no need of annual gatherings for legislative purposes.

The chief value of an annual convention then is social, and it is apt to be of more importance in that respect than any informal gathering, no matter how attractive the place or time at which the latter is held. Chautauqua drew $\Phi \Psi$ s but three years and that only by dint of persistent notice and invitation. $B \theta \Pi$ has a large project on foot for the same locality and we shall look with much interest to see with what success it meets.

We stand by bi-ennial conventions for law-making purposes, if annual gatherings can be so devised as to bring together a representative body of $\Phi \Psi$ s, and if more frequent assemblings by States and informal minglings one with another by chapters can be organized and perpetuated. If these latter can not be made successful, sound policy demands annual conventions.

Literary.

ADDRESS.

Sketch of the Phi Kappa Psi address delivered at the dedication of Illinois Alpha Hall, by Rev. Dr. N. H. Axtell, Pa. B, '58.

Bunyan's Pilgrim half way up the Hill Difficult found an arbor; clear, pure water; refreshment. At such a fountain are we drinking. We shall not drop the sacred roll from our bosom but be refreshed by hope and memory

We have in this fraternity an association—and an association for the best possible aims.

These aims are remarkable especially considering this very materialistic age, for these elements are on the spiritual and loftiest side of our being. We might have had Σ Η Σ for Σώμα, Περιέχων, Σάρξ. It would have been in correspondence with our times—the Body, the Surroundings, the Flesh. But our weapons are not carnal but spiritual.

The greatest triumphs of man are not to be in the physical and the material.

Man is scarcely a success in the role of mere animal. I witnessed one day the fact of a very small bug under a bell-shaped glass making his exit by lifting up one half the glass, which was a thousand times his own weight. Could man leap as some animals he could come from Englewood to Evanston at an easy bound. Man has no protective pachydermatous skin. He is less than the rhinoceros. He has no defensive horn; he has no claws on lion-like limbs; he has no swiftness by legs or wings. He has claws on his intellect however and wings to his imagination.

Being utterly defenseless he must make a weapon—invent a tool. Born of his needs arise the arts. Naked and unable to cope with war singly, he must combine—hence government. There must be concerted signals and intelligent communication—hence language.

There must needs be comparison and choice of methods, therefore Sciences, and also a storing up of the most successful and pleasurable results, therefore Literature. Like the bee he may build palaces, like the ant pyramids, like the beaver dams, but where animals stop, he begins his career of illimitable progress and purpose.

And this leads us to this first great mystery.

The great Locke has said, "The last resort a man has recourse to in the conduct of himself is his understanding." But Locke was not a Phi Kappa Psi. It is not true of the fraternity. It is the first handwriting on the wall.

It is a prime power in man's sovereignty—What need he care for wings when his intellect can invent a comfortable palace and ap-

ply to it a power that will bear him hundreds of miles a day. Why need he roar as a lion or terrify mortals with the wrathful voice of Jupiter when his whisper with lightning swiftness will belt the globe better than a thousand thunders. Why does he need an eagle's vision when he can construct spectacles by which he can explore the moon's extinct volcanoes. Can he not construct spectroscopes by which he can analyze the very elements of sun or star better than if he stood upon them with hammer, retort and crucible? Can he not by the inventions of his mind retain even the very tones of the voice of his loved ones and reproduce them long after the grave has claimed them? What a King!—Lightnings illuminate his palaces; waft his rich argosies and bear his messages; worms work out his befitting robes; odors yield their treasures, music waits upon his spirit, the canvass glows under his subtle touch. Indeed mind hangs keys all over man so that on every side he unlocks chambers of nature's wealth and mysteries.

There are first intellections; then applications.

Whitney applies mind and forthwith Cotton is King.

Bessemer observes a nice affinity between carbon and metals and secures a process by which carbon enters and makes one rail as durable as fifteen were before.

When some Phi Psi discovers how to separate sulphuret ores as easily as the quartz, then the gold and silver will flow out from Grant's "strong box" and down the mountain sides and revolutionize currency.

When the war came and cotton was not obtainable for paper the mind of a botanist seeing that wood fiber was but a hollow cylinder—that a block could be bound in an iron trap and filled with hot steam—tried this experiment, and when the trap was suddenly opened found a fleecy pile of best material.

O how vast our treasures in the accumulations of the past! High up the mountain side you have seen the streamlet forming—so small you could almost tell how many round

drops had shot together to form it, but it goes on now and then increased by a fountain gently welling from the earth, and as it winds through the sedgy grass that worshipfully hides it, you can trace its course by its flute-like music. You watch another that comes dancing through the woods leaping and praising God—now hiding under roots of old upturned hemlocks, now in open space spreading into the kissing sunlight, now gathering for a dash over rocky ledge, now collecting and moving on to unite with your meadow stream and a hundred others until they have formed a current that can drive a mill or crush quartz sooner than turn back. It is a river now, and every dewdrop or icicle and other stream helps to swell its volume and speed its way until an arm of the sea—the ocean—it encircles the globe. So has arisen the vast tide of human thought, and so has been contributed, from Egypt and Palestine—from Assyria and beyond, by wars and great migrations in the East. Streams sluggish and silent like her rivers, yet with here and there a diamond. Wild currents from Swiss mountains; broad sunny streams from liberty loving Germany; a rich stream from subtle, keen intellects in the land of vine and vice, of wine and wickedness; much from the wild and enchanted home of the brawny Scot and Slavonian, Greece and Rome; and England and her Greater Britain have made blessed contributions while we at the focal point cull out the truth and lay up the world's great library. How vast the still undiscovered! How many questions meet us in the very border land of mind! How many senses! Is there a sense of approach? There are seven notes in sound. Three primary colors, but what are the first elements of a system of smelling? Is there a philosophy of tasting? How is it that a boy at school hears, sees, feels certain things—a house burning, a mother calling in certain words—a series of injuries, in the night, until an impression so deep is made that he goes home and meets the same in actual occurrences? How is it one often feels in hearing a conversation that

he has been going through the same that had engaged him on a former occasion and he can anticipate the next answer. Especially should this wonder be kept in mind when listening to a clergyman who might be charged with stealing, but for this fact.

"I have never been in this quarter of London before—but everything is familiar—I know all has been seen before—If so there is a knot just outside that shutter." So soliloquised a great philosopher—and examination showed the knot there on the shutter.

Much there is in the undiscovered which is dangerous to tyranny.

"Lord Cassius has a lean and hungry look. He thinks too much; such men are dangerous."

We mingle with many brothers a busy chapter.

Power itself has not half the might of gentleness. In Brutus it compelled even his bitter enemy to say :

"His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixt in him that nature might stand up
And say to all the world, This is a man."

Had Bacon possessed this he "the mightiest" would not have been "The meanest of mankind."

What a momentous epoch is that in a young man's life, when having sundered the association of parents, brothers, sisters—of home—he is set down a stranger in a college town. The object of criticism, ignorant among those who know, not one who believes his words wisdom or his rhymes rubies. No wonder that if not conceited he will grow cold hearted. But if at this point his noblest efforts attract attention, and a brotherhood of kindred spirits take him into heart sympathy, what a clearing away of clouds, what an outburst of warm sunlight. Such has $\Phi K \Psi$ been to each of us Ah! let us cultivate the affections and the will. Who can measure the power of a mother in a home. Who can tell how sad a college without means for the associations of the heart.

How grace beautifies power. The rugged, iconoclastic, iron-willed Luther was also the great heart whose love was for music, flowers and children.

Here we house these affections and bid them be at home, which have bound "with a golden everlasting chain" the Phi Kappa Psi to our very being. As the velvet moss will cling to the rock, the mistletoe to the broken branch, the ivy cling to the mouldering ruin, as the cypress will remain fadeless through all changes of the year, so will these remembrances entwine their tendrils about the crumbling altars and passing years of each brothers heart.

"There dwells in the bosom of man," said Seneca, "I know not what God but there dwells a God." The advent of the soul's Saviour into our world and our hearts brings immortality into clear light. We live not for an inch of space and a moment of time.

"Man may the darkened universe defy,
To quench his immortality,
Or shake his trust in God."

I rejoice that without an exception, we as a chapter hold this dearest truth in loving joy. The Cathedral at Cologne is finished but the temple of character, we labor to build into power and beauty, progresses forever. This beautiful home here is sacred to the house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. And not far hence, "The friendship of earth shall blossom once more" and mind, heart and soul uplifted and jewelled find perfect employ in perfect and perpetual home.

"But till our life-work here is done,
Until our hands can do no more,
Until we sit at setting sun
And listen to old Charon's oar,
Let us revere the dear old hall
And work with mind and heart and soul—
God's blessing rest upon us all
And speed we onward to the goal."

—*Epsilon's Echo.*

Chapter Letters.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

LEWISBURG UNIVERSITY, PA
February 18, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:

Pennsylvania Gamma wants to have her 'little say' again through the columns of the SHIELD. We have been tardy in writing, but not from lack of interest in our beloved journal. It was only on account of the disposition to tend to some other business first.

We had the extreme pleasure of welcoming into our brotherhood Geo. Clark of the class of '87, on our last meeting night. He is a very desirable man and one who will develop into a thorough-bred $\Phi K \Psi$. There has been such a war for men this year among the fraternities, that all the good men are about taken. We have initiated all we want, and we have not been the least successful by any means.

There is a proposition afoot among the Pennsylvania chapters east of Altoona, to hold a banquet in the near future at Harrisburg. We think the idea a good one to cultivate a stronger inter-collegiate fraternal feeling, and to enable us to become better acquainted with our own brothers. We would suggest that where it is expedient, a plan should be adopted whereby the different chapters of a given locality could meet together at least once a year in a fraternal relation, for it is only by contact of spirit that the strongest fraternal feelings can be elicited. This plan may not be advisable among some of the widely separated chapters, but is certainly worthy of consideration among those which are in close proximity to each another.

Bro. Keiser has been very efficient in making a collection of photographs of the many illustrious brothers, whom Pa. Gamma has produced. Besides ornamenting our chapter hall they serve as *stimuli* to the youthful of our number, who have not yet realized all the glories of being $\Phi K \Psi$ s (having hardly

yet recovered from the attacks of the goat).

We have just finished furnishing one of our rooms, and the liberality of the brothers permitted us to do it handsomely and tastefully; so that now our hall furnishes more attraction than the enticing parlors of our lady-friends in the town.

Trusting that the SHIELD will continue to minister to the wants of the fraternity I remain,

Yours fraternally,
H. B.

MINNESOTA ALPHA.

DEAR SHIELD:

For a long time past our boys have been waiting for each other to send you some account of our infant chapter, and at length "the least among us" has gathered up courage enough to break the ice.

We offer an apology to the fraternity at large, for keeping it so long in ignorance, concerning the health and strength of its latest offspring. It is not because Minn. A is not a lusty and vigorous body, too weak and puny to arouse the echoes to the shout of our mystic triumvirate, Phi Kappa Psi, that its voice has not been heard before in the land; but because, on account of its peculiar circumstances, the dear child has scarcely dared to raise its voice above a whisper. Yet, as age increases, the youngster is conscious of a corresponding increase of bone and sinew and brain, and feels an almost unlimited confidence in its ability to cope with all obstacles.

As so little is known by most of your readers concerning our school, it may not be out of place to say just here that it is *booming*, like every thing else "out west." Our present Freshman class numbers 23, the Sophs. claim 16 and the Juniors 24. The Seniors are not so numerous, but we call three of them "brother." In wealth and influence our school is increasing very rapidly and already is acknowledged by all to be the best in the State. Our observatory furnishes standard time to a large part of the Northwest. At present there is being manufactured in Europe

a \$5000 transit to take the place of our old one, and in a short time two new \$1,500 town clocks will give us the time within the smallest possible fraction of a second:

One year ago now the ladies of the institution were moving into their new \$50,000 hall, which, by-the-way, is a thing of beauty forever.

Without going into farther particularities let it suffice to say that the school is developing very rapidly, in all departments.

And now concerning the Frat,—we have at present 16 active members and are pushing them to the front in all matters pertaining to student life. They fill nearly every position of honor and trust in the college. We have two rooms fitted up well enough to make us a very comfortable home, and we spend many very pleasant evenings in it. Of course we labor under many difficulties, the greatest of which is the necessity of running *sub rosa*. But we hope the chapters will not attach too much importance to this, for we consider it more in the light of an inconvenience, to be endured for a year or so, than as an absolute danger. We are certain that the Faculty has some knowledge of the existence of a fraternity here, and that they had an inkling of what was going on before we received our charter; but, so far as we know, they have taken no steps to crush out the vile monster. And to those of us who have thoroughly canvassed the matter the indications are that they will quietly ignore us (how unkind of them?) from the first. In any event we have no very serious fears as to the result. We have several schemes on foot for strengthening ourselves and gaining prestige, one of which is for placing an alumnus brother on the board of Trustees, and another to secure a member of the order from abroad to deliver the annual address next commencement.

Brothers, when you "go west to grow up with the country," come and see us. Minnesota is a good State to emigrate to. Somebody ask Bro. Schell of Ill. A, about it.

Yours fraternally,

MINN. A.

OHIO ALPHA.

DELAWARE, O., Feb., 17, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD :

In Ohio Alpha's last letter we spoke of a pan-hellenic banquet that was being talked of among the several fraternities. All the plans for the occasion were made and successfully carried out. Seventy fraternity men were assembled in the parlors of the Crescent, and after a good social time was had among the boys, a more effective plan of finding the way to the fellows' hearts and making them good natured was resorted to, and they immediately began to fill their stomachs with good things.

We had toasts from every fraternity, and the pervading spirit seemed to be, that we modern Greeks not only cease hostilities for a brief intermission during our Olympic festivities, but that we forever quit this bitter warfare that has been so harmful and unprofitable to all the Greeks.

Within the last few years there has been a great change in the general fraternity relations at the O. W. U. When your correspondent first came to Delaware it appeared to him that the fraternity men were armed to the teeth with all the choice bits of slander, and bad stories of his fellows, and it was generally acknowledged that the fraternity that had the sharpest tongue and could lay the deepest plot and manipulate the wires the most skillfully would come off victorious. After the term's rush was over there came a reckoning day among the contestants; there were wounded feelings to be soothed and injured reputations to be mended, and every man was called upon to explain what he meant or did not mean by saying this or that about a brother. If it could not be settled amicably, it was settled otherwise or not at all. At least this was the impression that I received from a series of incidents that developed under my observation.

This state of affairs may have existed only during the first few months of my experience with fraternities, but at present the candidate

is not regarded as a mere puppet to be tossed and pulled about and tugged at by the different frats. but we rely more on our own merits and have some respect for the good sense of the new man.

We have received an invitation from Ohio Gamma to attend a reception to be given in their hall at the time of the State Oratorical Contest. All the boys that can possibly get away will be glad to visit Ohio Gamma.

The frats here are working earnestly and well together on the Bijou which we expect to have completed by the first of May. The Bijou was formerly published by the Junior class and this is the first year the fraternities have taken it into their hands.

We hope to bring out a neat and interesting volume that will do credit both to its publishers and the institution.

Fraternally yours,

C. F. H.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

WASHINGTON, PA., Feb. 12, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD :

Owing to the great press of work on hand preparatory to taking possession of and furnishing our new hall, we missed representation in the last SHIELD.

Two recruits have been added to our ranks since we last wrote. Bros. Linn, of '87, of Washington, and Wallace, '85, of Pittsburgh, than whom there are no better men in college, making a total of 10 active members. The chapter is flourishing and we see plain sailing ahead.

A Pan-Hellenic meeting was held in the $\Phi \chi \theta$ hall last week and active steps taken toward issuing an "Annual," and an editorial staff of twelve was appointed, composed of two members chosen from each chapter here. And except for the vain opposition of a few bitter anti-Frat. men the project will receive the support of the college.

Two of our brothers have been long resident in St. Louis, and, knowing the superior advantages of Washington University, as re-

guards both the excellence of its management and the desirable class of boys in attendance, many of them personal friends, they are extremely solicitous that a charter be granted the boys. Quite a number of very prominent business men in St. Louis are loyal $\Phi \Psi$'s and would take great interest in any chapter established there.

We received an inquiry yesterday from a chapter of our Ohio brethren asking our opinion as to the advisability of attempting to enter Vanderbilt University, Tennessee. We regard it as a good field to work in; some 3 or 4 other frats. thinking likewise have already established chapters there and are prospering.

Bros. E. F. Acheson, '75, and McIlvaine, '80, are the editors and owners of one of our most ably edited and prosperous papers.

Bro. E. E. Crumrine, '83, in addition to the oversight of his printing office has entered upon the study of Blackstone, under his father, Boyd Crumrine, class of '60, also a $\Phi \Psi$.

Fraternally yours, S.

OHIO DELTA.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 9, 1884.

EDITORS SHIELD:

Once again we take up the goose-quill to send greeting to our sister chapters.

Our SHIELD for January is just at hand and a very interesting number it is. With very few exceptions the reports from the different chapters were extremely interesting and pleasant to read. It is certainly delightful to read those letters which speak in praise and in pleasant terms of their fraternity rivals, such as in the last letter of Ohio Alpha. It shows magnanimity, fraternal spirit and true Phi Kappa Psiism. I desire to call especial attention to the manly and noble spirited letter from Pennsylvania Zeta, in the last issue of the SHIELD. The following quotation from that letter contains sentiments that ought to sink down deep into the heart of every Phi Psi: "We often hear it said by anti-fraternity men, that fraternities cause most of the ill feeling and enmity existent in the college

world. A strange charge to be made against *fraternities* is it not? Fraternity! The very name implies the contrary, implies an organization whose design is peace and harmony. But have not our opponents, in reality, hurled a lance against the weak point of our armor, or does *fraternity*, in truth, mean, love for your friends and hatred for your enemies, all being your enemies who belong to a different fraternity? Then, verily, are the fraternities the children of darkness and not children of light. Then, are they not founded on the Heaven born principles of truth and love."

I would like to quote more but this is sufficient to call attention to the letter which I hope will be studied by the readers of the SHIELD.

I desire also to recommend the perusal of the D. C. Alpha's letter, especially that part referring to college politics. But there are two or three letters in the SHIELD, that I hope have not and may not be read with much care. I refer to those that contain gossip about their neighbors and rivals. I heartily agree with Bro. J. V. H. when he says he hopes he will never again be obliged to write the kind of a letter for the SHIELD as was found in the last number. I hope, moreover, if he or any one else shall be compelled to write anything discourteous of a rival fraternity to the SHIELD, that the editor may find it convenient to place all such language in the waste basket. Of course we all have our likes and dislikes, our strifes and our struggles with our opponents, for such is human, but it is unnecessary and uncalled for, to bring these unpleasant things upon our companions and our brothers.

The object of our beloved fraternity is the promotion of good will, not only among our brothers but among our fellows. What ever others may do let us not forget to do all we can toward the promotion of good will.

Nothing of any special importance has transpired in our chapter since our last letter, everything is moving pleasantly along and without friction. Friendly spirit prevails among all the fraternities.

We regret to say, however, that Bro. J. W.

Conaway was compelled to leave us this term. He promises to be back next term.

In our last letter we said that we had expected a chapter visit from Ohio Beta, but as yet it has failed to be materialized. We will just now remind our Springfield sister that the visit we paid her last term is still on interest.

At present we are contemplating a Phi Psi "social" in the near future. Details will be given in the next SHIELD.

With kindest wishes for Phi Psiism we remain,

Fraternally,
J. L. M.

WISCONSIN GAMMA.

BELOIT, WIS., Feb. 7, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:

In view of the success of our fraternity work of late, and prompted by an editorial in the last SHIELD touching a subject on which we can "give evidence," we feel in duty bound to again communicate our thoughts to our sister chapters. The editorial referred to is the one which speaks of memorizing the forms of initiation as a precedent to holding office. We think the suggestion a good one, and worthy the notice of the fraternity.

Now, Wisconsin Gamma does not want an office, but, in this case, she wishes to speak from experience. In our last initiation (that of Bros. Sheean and Haven, Jan. 11th,) our officers, pursuant to a vote of the chapter, memorized their respective parts of the initiatory service. The result fully compensated the extra labor imposed, for it was the best initiation we have yet had. In any secret society the forms of initiation should be spoken rather than read, in order to produce the best results. We found the effect of the ceremony, as thus performed, to be much more impressive than when read, and fully worthy of the noble sentiments of Phi Kappa Psi.

Bros. W. S. Haven and J. M. Sheean of '87, complete the list of our membership. We have obtained the three best men of the fresh-

man class and are content to rest for the year.

We have now twelve men, *B & H* has eight and *Σ X* twelve. We initiate no preps, nor does *B & H*, but *Σ X*, out of her twelve men has three preps. Though neither of the other two fraternities here initiate preps. *Σ X*, through the columns of her journal, confesses that she must initiate preps in self-defense, although it is against her principles.

Φ K Ψ is represented by three out of the five newly elected editors for the college paper, *The Round Table*

Lastly our new rooms. Finding that our *Φ Ψ* house was not the most convenient place in the world to hold our meetings, we procured a suit of rooms last term. By the help of our alumni, especially by the generous aid of Bro. E. M. Bergen of '82, and by our own sacrificing spirits, we have succeeded in nicely fitting up our rooms at considerable expense. We are now well situated and on the look out for any Phi Psis who may reach Beloit while "wandering to and fro in the earth."

Any such pilgrim returning to his native land would testify that Wisconsin Gamma has not been idle, but has done some hard work along the lines of "internal improvement." And now with her banners floating high in the fullness of victory and flushed with success, she will "rest from her labors" for a short season—say until the fall term of the next collegiate year.

Fraternally yours,

F. R. H.

VIRGINIA BETA.

LEXINGTON, VA., Feb. 8, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:

And to all good brothers in *Φ K Ψ* Va. B. sends greeting.

We send greeting, but, we are sorry to say, that is about all she can send that isn't bad news. We started out with four old men this year and now, not only will we not boast of having taken in many new members, but we will even say that we are glad to announce that we have not lost any old ones as yet. The

reasons for not having taken in any men are several; namely, that we all reached college late in the session, that we were unable to get a suitable hall, and that the Freshmen, though large in quantity are not much as to—but we will not say anything against the Freshmen, for they haven't got over their freshness yet, so we will have to make allowances.

However, we are still here, four true and loyal Phi Psis, and it is only to let you know that we are here that we write this letter, for we haven't much to say on anything else.

We will have three and possibly four men back again next year, so we will not go down any, although we haven't done much good work this session.

Honors, medals, etc., are such a complicated mixture here that to attempt to describe or tabulate them in any way would be an interminable job, so we will not make the effort. Suffice it to say that those taken are few and far between, and those taken by Phi Psis are fewer and farther between, none of us being ambitious in that line, and thinking that honors don't suit our style of beauty. We are all very well contented if we don't "pull bull" in anything and if by chance we catch a "first" we are not at all puffed up with pride, but hand in hand, proceed quietly on our way, having much brotherly love one toward another. We have several old Phi Psis living in town who have not forgotten the grip yet and have had several visits from members of other chapters, all of whom we were delighted to see; and we strongly urge all good Bros. to whom it may be convenient, to give us a call, for it does us good to see them and we will try to make them have a pleasant time.

We are afraid we are getting too long so we will close, but before doing so, we wish to acknowledge our thanks to four brothers from Pa. *E*, who happening in town at the beginning of last session, helped us on and gave us much encouragement when we were in need of it. Sending to all other chapters the best wishes and fraternal love of Va. *B*, we are most truly

Phi Psically yours, L. W. H.

NEW YORK DELTA.

GENEVA, N. Y., Feb. 12, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:

I wish to place before the readers of the SHIELD a matter concerning which I desire to have the opinion of the other brothers.

I notice in a previous issue, a very good and sensible remark made by one of the correspondents, concerning the establishment of more chapters of the $\Phi K \Psi$ fraternity in Eastern colleges. Such chapters established in the best colleges of the East, especially in those of New York State, would be of the greatest benefit to the fraternity. They would, as the correspondent states, not only be beneficial to many of our Western brothers, who intend to complete their course in the East, but they would necessarily put a greater vim into the chapters, which are already situated in this section of the country. Our fraternity has a very excellent and stable hold already in the West, which is of course beneficial to many of our Eastern brothers, who may travel westward; and what prevents our having the same hold in Eastern colleges? Nothing. It is very probable, that, with but little effort, chapters could be established in many of those institutions, in fact, it seems very probable that the N. Y. Alpha, which became extinct at Cornell a few years ago, could be revived. There are at that institution a large number of non-fraternity men, who are good men, and if an attempt were made to revive the defunct chapter there is no doubt but that in a short time it would become a good and healthy branch of our fraternity. The colleges of the East offer every inducement. They are well endowed, have a very high grade of scholarship, and nearly all of them have a large number of good material, which is outside of any fraternity. Now, brothers of the Penn. chapters, here is an excellent opportunity to do good work in extending $\Phi K \Psi$, and the work would be a great credit to you, to say the least.

Now for a few words concerning N. Y. Delta before I close..

Hobart expects to obtain Pres. Potter of Union College, and it is very likely that he will accept the call, which has been extended to him. He is an able man in every respect, and under his guidance Hobart will immediately take a position which she deserves.

Bro. J. B. Blanchet spent his Christmas vacation in Geneva, and he is just as full of $\Phi \Psi$ fire as he ever was.

Bro. F. E. Easterbrooks resides in Geneva at present, and takes care of two missions outside of the town.

Bro. Holcomb is engaged in business at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and he would be very glad to see any of the brothers who may call around that way.

We have only obtained one new brother so far this year. The class which entered contained but very few members, and was also very small in numbers.

Your correspondent had the pleasure while at home, during his Christmas vacation, to see Bro. Coulston, of Penn. Gamma, and perhaps your humble servant will sometime give you an account of how he pulled Bro. Coulston out of bed at a late hour of the night in order to give him the grip

Yours in the bonds, M. W. W.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 4, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:

It again becomes our pleasant duty to chronicle the doings of Phi Psi in the golden State. We have been somewhat slow in getting under way again after the Holidays. Quite a number of our boys forgot to drop in the first night, so the election of officers was postponed till the next meeting. We have done no aggressive work as yet, but have some mapped out, which bids fair to yield good returns.

Last Saturday evening we enjoyed the event of the season. Bro. Richards offered an open house and a hearty welcome to the chapter. Bro. R. has a delightfully furnished house and we spent the hours in social con-

verse till the banquet was announced, and then the relish for the good cheer evinced by our pale (?) and delicate (?) students would have rivaled the exploits of the fabulous small boy.

Several whom we had expected were absent. Bro. Johnston had taken to himself a wife, and therefore, etc., while Bro. J. J. Martin intends to take to himself a rib, and therefore, etc. We separated in time to escape Sabbath-breaking, lamenting that the evening was so quickly spent.

With many good wishes to the SHIELD, I remain

Yours in the bonds of $\Phi K \Psi$,

B. F. H.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

LANCASTER, PA., February 12, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:

We were a little surprised to see the SHIELD fall back again to her old dress after having won so much admiration in her new one. But we soon forgot the color of her dress as we read of the general prosperity on all sides. If those pen pictures of the various chapters are correct, and we can scarcely doubt that they are, our fraternity is surely enjoying unprecedented progress and harmony.

We are glad to mark the growing disposition toward chapter inter-communication. It shows progress within the ranks. For there is nothing that can so rouse to action the true fraternal spirit as the meeting together of brothers of different chapters, whether to partake of a feast of reason or of a feast of spring chicken, etc. There is a movement of this kind, at present, on foot, among the chapters of Eastern Pennsylvania, which we hope to see brought to a successful end in the near future.

Bro. D. P. Rosenmiller, Esq., '60, one of our founders, and one who has always taken a practical interest in the chapter as well as in the fraternity, has been nominated by the Republicans of Lancaster for the mayoralty of this city. Eta feels highly honored and wishes him a successful run.

We have been moving along as usual, and have no new conquests to announce, except that Bro. Joe Apple was elected one of the orators to speak at the Junior contest, next June. Joe has his hands pretty full, but we feel sure that he will give us something good on that occasion.

We have our eyes open for new material, and we have good hopes, but we have felt the force of fathers' anti-fraternity notions. Many of these fathers attended college here when those bloody anti-fraternity laws made fraternity life romantic. When badges were worn on the under-clothes, not to mark a fraternity man but to keep off evil spirits. A time when dark alleys conducted to still darker halls: a time of sudden alarms, of misunderstandings, of "lots of fun." A time when detection was considered worthy of expulsion from college. Such events as these could scarcely fail to leave marked impressions on the minds of then timid boys, but now stern fathers. But modern civilization often converts even such deluded souls as these, and we hope yet to win over the objecting fathers, and to initiate the eager sons.

Bro Little, '86, after wrestling for a long time with the measles, has overcome his victim and returned to college hale and hearty as ever. He advises all brothers to have the measles in childhood. With kindly greeting to all, I am,

Yours fraternally,
J. N. B.

Correspondence.

PAN-HELLENISM.

On the evening of the 19th of January, at 2 o'clock, the entire active membership of the seven fraternities represented in the Ohio Wesleyan University, according to agreement, met at the parlors of the Crescent Restaurant for the purpose, ostensibly, of enjoying a sort of miniature banquet, and of course a never failing "feast of reason and flow of soul" was expected to follow. The former was, no

doubt, hugely enjoyed by the seventy-two boys present, for frat. men are always proverbially hungry, as is, indeed, the average collegian, but the subsequent literary exercises did more to bind together the hearts of the Greeks at the O. W. U., both by their jovial tone in most cases and their heartfelt truth.

It would not be well for an article like the present one to be filled with a minute account of the toasts and their real excellence. Let it be sufficient to say that, although almost all were extempore, they showed a brotherly feeling existing universally in the Greek world of the college. Bright, witty in most cases, and withal overflowing with true, friendly feeling were the several productions.

This was the first occasion of a gathering of the entire fraternity representation at this college for the purpose of social enjoyment. Naturally we ask, was it good for us? Let the question be put to any one of the participants, and his answer would be, "It did *me* lots of good." Surely so it must have improved all, for the general sentiment was that this should not and shall not be the last of such a good movement.

This occurrence brings to mind a question which, until recently, has never been favorably thought of in fraternity circles. Exclusiveness and "clannishness" has prevailed. But a fellow-feeling certainly does exist between frat men.

The Pan-Hellenic Conference of Fraternity Journal Editors, attests this. If then it is well that the leaders of our societies meet together for mutual aid and benefit, why would it not be just as well for the members themselves to congregate and to freely mingle with each other for the cultivation of those social qualities so necessary to be developed in a student? Indeed one of the chief arguments in favor of college fraternities, is their beneficent social influence. Is not ours a good suggestion to our sister colleges? The plan has been carried out with eminent success at Delaware, would it not be expedient for others to follow the example?

We have enjoyed and been much helped by our so-called banquet. It does us good to recall that night and the resolutions then made that henceforth we would go out, not to fight like cats and dogs, engendering bitter enmity as heretofore, but be peaceable, harmonious and gentlemanly *men*. We hope again and again to enjoy like occasions, and we would not be selfish in the possession of our newly discovered jewel but would publish it far and wide that our brothers may see the good and "go and do likewise."

In $\Phi K \Psi$, yours.

V. OHIO ALPHA.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLS., Feb. 15, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:

In the words of an illustrious $\Phi K \Psi$, the subscriber is "rusticating at the Ills. Wesleyan University this term;" but our "rusticating" is robbed of much of its possible pleasure simply because Phi Psis are so scarce here. I fancy but few of us realize what good fellows these Phi Psis are until we find ourselves where there are none. The fact is, Bro. Editor, it is the desire to rid myself of this fraternal loneliness that prompts me to seek relief in saying a few words to the boys through the columns of the SHIELD; for you see most of my Ill. Δ , fratres have but *one* correspondent, so there is no opportunity of my having any *direct* intercourse with them.

But what am I to say; unless, indeed, I speak of things as I find them here at Ills. Wesleyan University. Well, the University has a very good location—a large fine building as its *locus operandi* and is accomplishing much; but like most of the smaller western colleges is sadly in need of funds now, with prospects but fair for any financial improvement.

At the head of affairs is a distinguished Phi Psi, Rev. W. H. H. Adams, D. D., Ills. Δ , '70, whose reputation is by no means local, especially in Methodist circles. The institution has been built up very materially during his administration—a direct result of his untiring efforts; and his efficiency as an instructor and,

especially, as an exponent of the interests of the University abroad, is recognized by all interested parties. It might be of interest to Phi Psis to know that it is the opinion of those who are capable of judging that before many years Bro. President Adams will be much more widely known than he is at present; but as a pulpit orator, however, rather than a college president; for his talents as a preacher are certainly most brilliant.

As to the availability of this University for $\Phi K \Psi$, I have nothing encouraging to say; for, granting that it is of sufficiently high grade, it has at present as many chapters as it can support *well*. There are represented here $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Phi \Delta \theta$, ΣX ; and $K K \Gamma$ and $K \Delta \theta$, (ladies). Perhaps I am not yet sufficiently acquainted to give a valid estimate of the respective merits of the different chapters, but from observation made, would place $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and $\Phi \Delta \theta$, about on a par regarding present active strength, conceding to the former the additional reserve force, and respectability usually accorded, among chapters to superior age. They were founded in the years '66 and '78 respectively. The chapter of ΣX was just started last year, and though its case appears now to be far from a struggle for mere existence, yet it has been obliged, as all chapters are, starting where there is severe competition, to content itself for the most part with material not acceptable to the others. The Sigs number some good men however, and, no doubt, in the course of a few years may by good management be able to stand on an equal footing with their rivals.

The college paper (which by the way is a *very creditable* one) is at present monopolized by the $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$'s and $\Phi \Delta \theta$'s, much to the discomfort of the Sigs.

Of the *sorores* nothing need be said; for certainly nothing derogatory *could* be said of either of them; and if there could be it would be unkind and ungentlemanly to say it: and to make any commendatory remarks would to any right minded man be utter superfluity.

The students here, especially the $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$'s and $\Phi \Delta \theta$'s have shown themselves to be un-

usually cordial, sociable and courteous, and the writer hopes sometime, by way of return, to have the opportunity of giving some of them at least, a sample of Phi Psi hospitality at Ill. As headquarters. And now before I lay down my pen, Bro. Editor, permit me to say just one good word for the SHIELD. It is to me indeed a "feast of fat things" once every month. Every loyal $\Phi \Psi$, alumnus or undergraduate certainly ought to have his name on the subscription list. And, if he is deficient in enthusiasm, the reading of the SHIELD will prove to be one of the most potent means he could employ in awakening in him that feeling of loyalty towards, and lively interest in the noble order, which characterizes most of the brothers and certainly should mark every true Phi Psi. So long live the SHIELD!

Yours in $\Phi K \Psi$,
C. O. G.

LEXINGTON, VA., Feb. 8, 1884.

To Mr. W. E. Hull;

Springfield, O.:

DEAR SIR & BRO:

I send to-day a letter for the SHIELD, which of course claims no literary merit, but as we have not written to the SHIELD before I thought I had better write and let the "bug" know there was a chapter here. I received the other day the back numbers of the SHIELD. I expect I will be able to get several graduate members to take it, for those which we have around here, although having left college a good while ago, nevertheless have a warm place in their hearts for old $\Phi K \Psi$, and still give us the grip when they shake hands. I would have liked to have been at Wyoming (my home) to help cheer up Bro. VanCleve when he was sick, but I didn't go home for the holidays and it has been my luck not to meet many Phi Psis in Ohio, although there are so many of them. Wishing you and the SHIELD prosperity for the rest of the session I am

Yours in bonds of $\Phi K \Psi$,
L. W. HOUSTON.

Other Fraternities.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly for January has an editorial on "Combinations" which we quote with the exception of the introduction and the deductions at the close:

As to "combinations" among the members of a Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter, or between such members and those of a rival Greek fraternity, we look upon them as simply the natural, and generally the most effective, means of securing an infinite variety of ends—laudable and otherwise; hence neither to be advocated nor condemned, except with reference in each case to the end sought.

For example, if a Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter believes that some student custom or educational method in vogue at its college is harmful, directly or indirectly, to the usefulness of the institution, it is the right and duty of such chapter, by all honorable means, to oppose it, and to such end to seek all available co-operation, to "combine,"—to enter with its allies into a special organization for the end sought—in other words, to proceed intelligently to effect its purpose. And to those who succeed, there is no success more creditable than "organized success,"—the attainment of well defined aims by well calculated methods. Or if among its members, a chapter is so fortunate as to include those who can represent most creditably either their institution or their fellow students, at the oar, as spokesmen of their class, directors of student social enterprises or on the commencement stage, it is again, not merely its right, but its duty to use its influence to secure due reward to merit in the persons of its members. And if a chapter of a rival fraternity has members to whom it considers similar recognition due, and whose cause Delta Kapp Epsilon considers just, it is not merely to their mutual advantage, but to the credit of both, that the rival chapters should for the nonce "pool their issues," combine their energies and secure, each for itself, and both for justice, the election or appointment of the candidates thus supported. In former editorials we have been urgent in suggestions that, first by selection and next by chapter training, each chapter contain the largest possible proportion of those creditably prominent among their fellows. It is not the less a duty to use every legitimate means to win recognition and opportunity for the talent it has secured and developed. And by co-operation, when occasion offers, to at once do this more effectively for its own members, and aid a similar organization in the same laudable purpose is a double duty—as it should be a double pleasure. We have no sympathy with contrivances to secure undeserved

success for Delta Kappa Epsilons or others, no apology for a chapter which allows itself to be used as a tool by aspiring members; but even in such cases, it is folly to criticise what is simply the intelligent method, when the real fault lies deeper. The ideal chapter is not merely one whose members deserve the honors of its college, but the one which sees to it that they get all that they deserve. Nor is it the business of a chapter to look out for the interests and rights of others equally with those of its own members. Duty, as well as charity, begins at home, and while the chapter should scorn to be used to shelve merit, it will not be till it has accepted the undivided change of the whole body of students that it will owe to those not "of its circle," the assistance in every laudable endeavor which is first due to every member.

Beta Theta Pi pays its compliments to beligerents as follows:

"To persons about to marry—*don't*," was *Punch's* advice once upon a time. The same rule might with profit be applied to those poor editors about to write about nothing. But editors of fraternity magazines are highly favored above other kinds of word-pilers, in that they have ever a subject to write on when all others or their own brains fail them. *They can write about other fraternities.* This performance being a mutual pleasure to the parties concerned—is sort of double-acting, as it were, in making fun for all sides. The editor smiles at his own wit and at the card houses he has battered down with his blade of lath, as he prances about in the harlequin colors he wears, while the others are equally amused at the vivacious antics and the pardonable bravado of the assailant. It's all a merry jest, in fact. No one is in earnest with those tremendous hostilities that he pretends do actuate his little clatter about the stage, while the spectators will gaze upon the act with such rapture that they frequently are betrayed into taking a part in this mock tournament that goes on with such a fascinating eclat.

Such fun as it is! The combatants slap and slash one another in a charmingly exciting manner, without knowing a thing about each other or even what they are doing, sometimes, so illusive are their imaginations. They hang all sorts of placards on each other, removable at pleasure, and no more signifying truth or prosperity than a patent medicine display on a yellow barn. Why, it's all romantic! We haven't anything else to do and so we'll make fools of ourselves. Come and join us, and you and I will have a desperate combat by the code *duello*. No matter if we haven't anything to fight about and no business with each other's affairs; we will make some fun for

the crowd and ourselves and—an item for our organs.

What a merry Andrew it is! Once in a while a small boy, who has been unwary enough to rush into the tumult, thinking he is big enough to skylark among the best, gets tramped on or hurt by a sly nudge behind the ear, and goes off whining into his own little corner, saying he won't exchange any more. But the fun goes on all the time, for there's always some one who has plenty of room in his editorial columns to prance around in, and plenty of wind to sustain him in his gyrations. He will act the model of knight-errantry, even, for you, if you will, and act out the part in such a humorous guise that you might really believe him a born fool, instead of one for the occasion only. "*This is the way for you to do*," he indicates, as he sets off, with a stately tread and an air of high virtue, and all you must thereafter do to succeed most admirably is to heed the gentle admonitions of your critic.

The Crescent in its Dec.-Jan. issue has a significant editorial on the question of surgical operations on the *ΔΤΔ* body politic, which deserves quotation entire. We choose from it the more general and argumentative portion, the conclusions drawn from which can readily be supplied:

The Indianapolis Convention was forced to recognize the fact that if we would have Deltaism grow into a fine symmetrical tree, the pruning knife must not be spared. Although no definite action was taken on this subject by that body, we feel confident that the next General Convention will direct the striking of several insignificant institutions from our chapter roll. Fully realizing the arguments that will be hurled against the advocator of such a measure, we still feel that it is a duty which *The Crescent* owes to the general fraternity to present its views upon this question, so vital to our interests, and then offer the use of our columns to any who may either support or condemn our position. First, therefore, we will take for our defense this self-evident position: *That anything that tends to injure the present standing, or to retard the wise and politic extension of the fraternity, should be removed.* We believe this position is unassailable, and will therefore consider it as true, and as a second premise we will present: *That small and insignificant institutions, which have either lost their prestige or never had any, are detrimental to the best interests of our fraternity.* Now, if we can establish these two premises laid down, the result, such institutions should be removed, will follow as a matter of course. The first premise being conceded, we have only the second to consider. Are such in-

stitutions detrimental? It seems almost unnecessary to spend time in proving this position. *Every chapter of a fraternity must add to or detract from the strength of the fraternity.* If the chapter is strong, if the institution is growing and influential, a member of strength has been secured. If the college is weak, debilitated and dying, instead of supporting the Fraternity, it sucks its strength away in vain hopes of once more reviving the withered branch. The college has lost prestige, and the class of students attracted to its halls has fallen far below the standard to which every Delta should attain. The chapter must either dwindle to one or two men, or forgetful of the duty they owe to the order of which they are but a factor, initiate men who are not worthy the honor which is offered to them. On the other hand, colleges which have no strength, Grammar School Universities and third-rate colleges have long been left in the rear in the rapid march of progress which has marked the last ten years of the fraternity, and incapable of catching up are content to lie down and be dragged along by their stronger sisters. To all such chapters there can be only one decree—go! But I hear some one say, "Is there not a duty the fraternity owes to the chapter, as well as the chapter to the fraternity?" Certainly there is, and we can only account for the mistaken policy of mercy that has been pursued for some years—on this theory. But even this is a forlorn hope. Can the duty owed to one chapter, balance the obligation due to *thirty-three*? Certainly not, and believing that this second premise is proved, we can lay down the result: *That small and insignificant institutions, which have either lost their prestige or never had any, should be removed from our chapter roll.*

The Phi Delta Theta Scroll favors the adoption of a literary standard in fraternities as the following language bears witness:

One of the first objects of our fraternity is the mental improvement of its members. As operations are usually carried on at places of education, much can be done towards furthering this aim by the individual aid and encouragement of members among each other. But much more can be done by literary exercises in chapters. A college education is, at best, faulty. He who has graduated may be filled with sciences and classics without knowing anything about history or literature; he may be well versed in history and literature and yet not know how to converse about either; he may be a walking encyclopedia of the past, but totally ignorant of current events. When one joins a fraternity, he expects to reap some real advantage. He is told that its objects are mutual improvement and benefit. Is this mutual

improvement to be merely in name, or are we to look to our pleasant banquets, suppers and society intercourse for the promised improvement? It appears to us that we need something of more substantial value, something that, though not of the greatest temporal pleasure, will certainly be of sterling worth.

So far as we can learn, the chapters in very many fraternities hold their regular meetings throughout the scholastic year without so much as undertaking any such thing as literary exercises, giving as their excuse that they have enough of that in school. The consequence is, that when no initiation ceremony takes place, the meeting is without object and without interest. All fraternity spirit dies when real life begins, and the alumnus looks back on his membership in the fraternity as one among the many useless though pleasant follies attendant upon college life. Hence is explained that lack of interest of alumni, of which so many fraternities complain. These several evils can, to a great extent, be remedied by having some improving and appropriate literary exercises at each chapter meeting. It will bring into view the latent talents of those who are too diffident to partake of public exercises elsewhere. It will give something of real value that may be remembered, that may be thought of, in connection with the fraternity, and will, undoubtedly, add much to the interest of the alumni. They, of course, should always be invited to assist in these exercises.

Sigma Chi speaks with a clear voice on the subject of Catalogues:

We repeat it,—*Sigma Chi* is a working fraternity, and she wants a *working Catalogue*. We favor the issue of a *triennial* catalogue, neatly printed in good taste, but without attempt at display. Make the expense of publication such that the fraternity will not feel the drain upon its treasury; but give us *facts* upon which we may with confidence rely. Make its contents complete in every particular and let the style take care of itself. Then, with each decade, let us have a catalogue, which, with more expense, may be more elegant. We submit that such a plan would prove invaluable to the fraternity. What *Sigma Chi* needs is to grapple to her side with hands of steel her entire alumni membership. To accomplish this, she must have an intimate acquaintance with that membership. The work of preparing such a catalogue would inevitably revive the bonds of active membership, reclaim to active support and allegiance those who had suffered their affection to grow cold, and be productive of the greatest benefit to the order.

There should be a standing Committee on Catalogue appointed by the Grand Chapter, whose ranks should be kept full from year to year; and whose

business it should be to keep a vigilant watch over the doings of our alumni membership, and to see to it that a constant and vital connection is maintained by each active chapter with all of its *alumni* members. Not one should be permitted to grow cold for lack of constant and unremitting attention. In every chapter there should be a subordinate committee, whose peculiar duty it should be to act as the means of communication between the alumni and the chapter, and who should be the intermediate agents of the General Committee in executing its plans and purposes. This Committee might further be required to present a regular report of necrology to the General Conventions. The power and information which such a system would place in the hands of the fraternity would show with telling effect in every phase of our work. What Sigma Chi lacks is a wise and healthy concentration of her energies, which, if systemized and directed by a general government in close and constant union with the various parts of the order, active and graduate, would speedily place her upon a firm and independent foundation. Such a union of the scattered members of our fraternal body can be obtained only by means of constant communication by letter or otherwise with every individual unit; and this communication must be under the ultimate guidance and control of an energetic central organization.

The Phi Gamma Delta also has a word to say on the subject of combinations:

The aspiring politician is put upon the shelf by means of combinations. President and senators, councilmen and town clerks are nominated and elected by combinations. The college student, that imitating animal, has followed the example set by his elders. He has formed combinations, and to-day college politics consumes a considerable share of his time and attention. College politics, under certain circumstances, becomes exciting and the politicians become angry and violent. The student may so far forget himself, in his inability to convince his opponents by argument, that he will use force to add weight to his reasoning.

Of course the Faculty disapproves of this. They imagine they see the root of the evil in the combination and strive to suppress it. As the fraternities are generally the parties of the combination, the matter presents itself as one of interest to the fraternity world. Are college combinations detrimental and can they be avoided? This is a question which should be considered. At least one fraternity has answered this question in the affirmative and her chapters are ordered to combine no more. They may not actually sign papers, but practically they are in combination

in all colleges which have come under our observation. The members of the fraternity all vote alike and always against the faction which does not consider them in the division of spoils. This can not be explained upon any ground of coincidence but means this, that the fraternity claims to be what it is not.

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They prevent a monopoly of honors being given to the person of the most natural ability. So the less favored, but perhaps the most deserving student, receives the benefit of an experience which else would have been denied him. The man who appears to have so little ability to perform the duties of his office can only acquire that ability by experience. And in the college, which is the preparatory of life, it seems wrong to give the brighter student a monopoly of college honors. So one good of combinations is in the fact that it causes college officers to be more equally distributed.

Combinations are not wrong in themselves. It is the action of the violent politician who stoops to viciousness which causes the cry to arise against combinations. Just as national politics can be prostituted to inferior ends, so can college combinations. But no one will say that politics in itself is bad. The combination system will not be put down by any combination of fraternities against it. And just so long as ambition stirs alike the hearts of every student just so long will college combinations exist.

Duplial Knots.

ALLEN SKINNER.

On Monday evening, December 24, 1883, at Troy, Ohio, Horace Allen, formerly of Ohio Delta, to Miss Kate E. Skinner.

McCLENAHAN—TURKLE.

At the residence of Mr. Frank Turkle, Fairview, Ohio, on the 8th of January, Bro. J. H. McClenahan, Ill. Gamma, '79, to Miss O. Ella Turkle. Bro. A. J. Turkle, Ohio B, '83, is a brother to the bride. He returned to Theo. Dept. of Yale immediately after the happy event. This was, indeed, a Phi Psi wedding. Our choicest blessings be with you on your new journey.

Bro. James E. Harlan, '69, Iowa F, in addition to his Professorship, has been elected to the Vice Presidency of Cornell College.

College Notes.

Harvard received \$173,000 from term bills last year.

The Oxford-Cambridge race will take place on April 5th this year.

Mrs. Garfield has given to Hiram College a bust of General Garfield.

The sum of \$25,000 has been raised to build an observatory on the top of Ben Nevis in Scotland.

President Potter of Union has received the offer of presidency of Hobart College—the home of New York J.

The University of Michigan has thirteen secret societies; Cornell, 10; Yale, 9; Wabash 5; Harvard, 3; Columbia, 8; Union, 6

The faculty and trustees of Princeton College are considering the advisability of making a course in the gymnasium compulsory.

Lord Chief Justice Coleridge, on his recent visit to this country was entertained by Yale, University of Pennsylvania and Haverford.

Harvard has not beaten Yale in foot ball since 1875 but has defeated Princeton twice: once in the spring of 1877 and a second time last Fall.

A gentleman of Lancaster, Pa., named A. D. Ditmars, has left \$75,000 for the founding of a school whose object shall be to find out for what occupation or profession its pupils are best fitted.

Mrs A. T. Stewart is building a new college in New York to cost \$4,000,000. It will be the largest in America, non-sectarian, co-educational, and expenses will be put at a very low figure.

The directors of the Brown University Base Ball Association have decided to engage a professional trainer for their nine. Matthews, formerly of the New York team, will probably be engaged.

The University of Edinburgh, which will hold its tercentenary celebration in April, has sent an invitation to Columbia College to have a representative present who shall be a guest of the university.

There are 7,060 American students in German Universities; while about five times this number are enrolled in the colleges of the United States, which are increasing at the rate of fifteen per year.

By the will of the late James F. Clark of Cleveland, O., Oberlin College and Hartwick Seminary, a Lutheran Theological Institution in New York, are made residuary legatees to the amount of about \$125,000—the former to receive two thirds at the decease of his widow, Mrs. Clark, and the latter one-third.

At the convention of colleges interested in the Childs Cup race at Philadelphia it was decided to admit Cornell in place of Columbia. Princeton has elected officers of a Boating Association and has decided to support a crew,—thus adhering to the ancient aquatic sport and disregarding the prevalent opposition of late at that college.

The students of Williams have raised \$1000 by subscription for the purchase of reference books on History to form a nucleus for a library to be called the "Nate Gest Reference Library for Historical Research," in memory of the Senior, Nate Gest, who was instantly killed while coasting. He stood among the first in class and showed a marked preference for history.

The Third Annual Contest of the Ohio Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association,—comprising Marietta College, Dennison University, Ohio State University, Oberlin College, Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster Universities, was held at Wooster Feb. 28th. First position was awarded by the judges to J. E. McConnell of Oberlin; C. W. DeLamater of Ohio State and J. M. Fulton of Wooster receiving equally the second position. Oberlin will therefore have the representation in the Inter-State Contest.

Fraternity Press.

Vbl. IX, No. 1, of *The Chi Phi Quarterly* appears in elegant dress from Allentown, Pa., with—Oscar Meyer, '72, (B), as editor.

At the annual convention on the 3d and 4th of January the Zeta Psis removed the ban of secrecy from their constitution.

$\Psi\Upsilon$, $\Lambda\Gamma$ and $\Lambda\Phi$ have chapter houses at Lehigh: $\Lambda\Phi$ has recently established a chapter at the above mentioned University.

It is a curious fact that Phi Delta Theta at one time had two chapters in the same college, the Miami University.—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

Alpha Chi chapter of Chi Psi is contemplating a chapter house of Gothic architecture at Amherst. Its cost will be about \$12,000.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

It is said that Theta Delta Chi will soon begin the publication of a journal, which will be conducted by the chapter at Tufts College.—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

The State College of Alabama, situated at Auburn, Ala., has followed the lead of Vanderbilt in repealing its anti-fraternity laws.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

Instead of five fraternities *sub rosa* being suspended from Monmouth as we stated in last impression we learn it was only five fraternity men—all being members of $\Phi\Lambda\Theta$.

$K\Kappa\Gamma$ has eighteen active chapters, the last being placed at Syracuse. The new chapter starts with ten members and is reported to be of very good material.—*Crescent*.

Psi Upsilon, at a meeting of the trustees of Union on the 22d ult., made application for a plot of ground on the college campus, promising to erect upon it an alumni hall to cost about \$17,000.

The following fraternities according to Baird's new book have chapter houses: Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Psi Upsilon, Chi Psi, Delta Psi, Delta Upsilon and Zeta Psi.

There are now 500 students enrolled in our University, only 180 of whom belong to fraternities. Only the best men are members, and all the chapters here are in a good condition.—*Greencastle Cor. Phi Gamma Delta*.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has placed three excellent chapters this year: Tau at Syracuse University, Psi at Cornell, and Omega at the Kansas State University. The fraternity now consists of twenty chapters, all of which are in a thriving condition.—*Golden Key*.

The chapter appears to be in good trim generally. They have some first rate men. We have always considered $\Phi\Kappa\Psi$ our strongest rival here, and yet we are on good terms with them. They have a couple of alumni who are *strong* in the chapter.—*Gettysburg Cor. Sigma Chi*.

The installation of the nineteenth chapter—the Eta—of $\Psi\Upsilon$ at Lehigh, occurred on the 22nd of Feb. Twenty-six of the thirty four initiates are students at the University. Judge Albion W. Tourgee was orator of the evening, and Prof. E. H. Williams read a poem. Over sixty visitors of $\Psi\Upsilon$ were present at the happy occasion.

$\Lambda\Lambda\Phi$ is building a handsome Chapter House at a cost of about \$17,000, of which about \$4,700 in cash and \$1,500 in notes have been collected. In order to raise the requisite funds, they have issued six per cent. bonds to the amount of \$10,000, these bonds being secured by mortgage on the property.—*Ann Arbor Cor. D. K. E. Quarterly*.

A graduate club of Phi Kappa Psi, in Philadelphia, occupies rooms jointly with the chapter at the University of Pennsylvania, and, it is said, pays all expenses.—*Scroll*.

This indeed would be generous, but, as the college boys are a little extravagant in their tastes and pay \$600 rent per annum, the graduate club only ease the assessments to the amount of \$200.—[Ed.]

The entire chapter of $\Sigma\chi$ was expelled from Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, O., on the evening of the 18th of Feb. Some of the

electrical apparatus had been missed some time previous, and, when the marshal of the town appeared with a search warrant to enter their hall, the Sigs confessed having it in their possession. They claim that it was procured for the purpose of initiation.

The fraternity men in the 48th Congress from Indiana are as follows: Senators—Daniel W. Voorhees, Beta Theta Pi; Benj. Harrison, Phi Delta Theta. Congressmen—Thomas R. Cobb, Sigma Chi; William S. Holman, Phi Delta Theta; Courtland C. Matson, Beta Theta Pi; Thomas M. Browne, Delta Tau Delta; Thomas B. Ward, Phi Delta Theta, and William H. Calkins, Phi Kappa Psi.—*Lariat*.

We announce below the times and places of the General Conventions which are to be held by the chartered fraternities: Zeta Psi, New York, Jan. 3, 1884; Pan Hellenic Conference, New York, N. Y., July 4, 1883; Delta Tau Delta, Watkins Glen, N. Y., Aug. 20, 1884; Kappa Kappa Gamma, Canton, N. Y., Aug. 28, 1884; Sigma Chi, Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 30, 1884; Phi Delta Theta, Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 29, 1884; Phi Kappa Psi, Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1885; Beta Theta Pi, Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 1884; Phi Beta Kappa, Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 1886.—*Lariat*.

A number of Beta Theta Pi alumni, including Hon. Jno. Reily Knox, one of the founders of the Order, have contracted for nineteen acres of land at \$150 per acre, upon the banks of Chautauqua Lake at the northern part, opposite Mayville, for the purpose of establishing a summer resort, known as "Woglin on Chautauqua." It is proposed to form a joint stock company to be incorporated with a capital of \$25,000, and shares to be sold for \$50. A Club House is to be erected and satisfactory board guaranteed at \$6 per week. "The Company to be composed of Alumni members of good character and standing, and such persons only."

There are several of the fraternity journals which will receive subscriptions from non-

members at the regular prices. We would recommend each of our chapters to subscribe for the same. We subjoin the list: *A Δ Φ Star and Crescent*; quarterly, \$1; 53 Fulton street, New York, N. Y. *Δ T J Crescent*; monthly, \$1; E. W. Day, lock box 144, Meadville, Pa. *A T Ω Palm*; quarterly, \$1; Rev. O. A. Glazebrook, University of Virginia, Va. *Σ A E Record*; quarterly, \$1; Col. J. H. Young, Farmdale, Ky. *Δ K E Quarterly*; 50 cents per number; 52 William street, New York, N. Y. *K K I' Golden Key*; irregular, \$1 per volume; Miss M. T. Taylor, Greencastle, Ind. *J Y Quarterly*; quarterly, 50 cents; box 611, Amherst, Mass.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

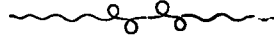
Delta Tau Delta no longer holds her constitution in secrecy. The *Zeta Psi Monthly* has lately been agitating the question of an open constitution for Zeta Psi. A correspondent from Ann Arbor in December issue, takes "The other side of the question" from whom we clip the following passage:

"Our constitution 'does not differ materially from those of other organizations of the same.' Nor does our 'grip'; in fact, I have good reason to believe that the mode of recognition of one of the most prominent fraternities in the land is *exactly* the same as ours. And yet will any one say: 'Therefore make known our grip'? Publish our constitution, make known to the world our purest and best thought, cry aloud the governing influences in our lives, and every man will say, with Lady Montague:

But the fruit that can fall without shaking,
Indeed, is too mellow for me.

The charge of 'ways that are dark and tricks that are vain,' is now seldom heard, and when it does come it emanates from some 'sore head'—pardon the word—that has been disappointed in not being connected with a fraternity. The former opposition to 'Greeks' is rapidly dying out, and every observing, unbiased person must now admit that they elevate, not degenerate their members."

List of B. G.'s for 1884.



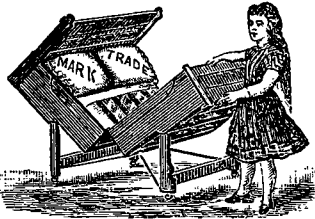
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- Pa. Epsilon, E. I. Brenner, Box 407, Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa.
- Pa. Zeta, Chas. S. Pardoe, Lock Box 64 Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.
- Pa. Eta, D. F. Mauger, Franklin and Marshal College, Lancaster, Pa.
- Pa. Theta, C. M. Niesly, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.
- Pa. Iota, W. C. Posey, University of Pennsylvania, 1232 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
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- Va. Beta, L. W. Houston, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.
- Va. Gamma, Thos. L. Trawick, Hampden, Sidney College, Prince Edward County, Va.
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- Md. Alpha, G. D. Penniman, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md
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- Minn. Alpha, Address Communications to Grand Chapter.
- Miss. Alpha, W. P. Tackett, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss.
- New York Delta, C. B. Mowry, Hobart College, Geneva, New York.
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