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THE BARTHOLDI STATUE.

My name is Liberty! A hundred years
My triumph has resounded o'er the land,
The world has moulded me, with blood and tears,
In form of bronze and soul of fire to stand.
Here, if a vessel or a people stray,
I tower vigilant against aggression,
To warn and guide with my protecting ray
The one from storm, the other from oppression.
I shed afar, amid the murky night,
My beacon fires by devotion lighted,
To storm-tossed mariners, a promise bright,
And hope, to nations by oppression blighted.

From the French.

AN INTROSPECTION.—IV.

BY C. L. VAN CLEVE.

We have yet two topics to consider: publications and general government. In the matter of her publications, Phi Kappa Psi has illustrated time and again the necessity for a form of government far better centralized than the present one, for there is no living example of a properly supported enterprise of this character, and the past furnishes far too many instances of dead ones.

While THE SHIELD, under its present management, has succeeded financially, (and we speak of our organ first, that we may be understood to estimate its position in point of importance,) its measure of prosperity has been due to a persistency on the part of the business management as praiseworthy in them as the necessity for it is discreditable to delinquent chapters. We shall dismiss present consideration of THE SHIELD with the statement that had the provisions of the recent edict of the Grand Arch

Council been promptly complied with, there might easily have been means enough to justify all of the new typographical features which we had in view.

Were it necessary, we might recount the failures of the past decade in our history, to support and sustain the authorized publications of the fraternity, and what shall we say of the semi-official ones? Where is the new song book, the history and the new catalogue?

There are two classes of publications which we wish to consider, those in which Phi Kappa Psi is a co-partner with other fraternities, and those of which she is herself the publisher. Of the former there are annuals and college papers; of the latter the fraternity organ, catalogues, song books, the history, the periodical statements from the Grand Chapter, and the chapter enterprises.

We have received few of the publications in which Phi Kappa Psi is a partner despite our frequent requests for the same, and our comments thereupon must necessarily be uncertain in tone from our very ignorance. So far as our observation has gone, our standing in publications of this character is fair, and we mean by that up to the average. Sometimes we receive a college annual in which Phi Kappa Psi appears in the front rank, one in which she stood first and alone. We have received others wherein her position was far below what we were led to expect it would be, and for which little excuse could be given save lack of enterprise and enthusiasm. As far as her position on college papers is concerned, we have no reason to complain. Of the disposition of the fraternity to *THE SHIELD*, we have little to say, yet that expression of opinion ought to arouse the dormant consciences of some chapters and individual alumni. The support of *THE SHIELD* was made compulsory at the recent G. A. C., and yet the business management have been compelled to ask, time and again, for the payment of moneys justly our due in advance of publication. We have been criticised by some of our contemporaries with more acerbity than consistency for speaking of such matters editorially, yet the nature of the circumstances demands expression. The loyalty of many Phi Psis to *THE SHIELD* has been all, and more than all, we expected, and our thanks are due them as largely as our regrets are expressed at the dereliction of the few.

We venture the suggestion in this connection that the methods employed by the *DKE* fraternity with their journal, the *Quarterly*, are exceedingly satisfactory to those in the control of the publishing and editing of it. Each chapter subscribes and pays for a number of copies far in excess of its active membership, and sends to every alumni whom they can reach a copy of the *Quarterly* regularly, no matter whether he pays for it or not. This is done upon the theory that if his enthusiasm has not died away

altogether, the journal of his fraternity will be so valuable to him that he will be glad to reimburse the chapter to the extent of his subscription and more; and if not, the expense of sending him the periodical will be compensated by the revival of his interest and loyalty. We should be very much interested to know how the chapters of *D K E* have succeeded in the accomplishment of their desires.

We ought to approach the subject of the catalogues of the fraternity with care and pass by defects with gentleness, since the writer was a member of the publishing committee of the only large catalogue of the fraternity, which was thoroughly discreditable and deserved the cremation which it received. Although this be so, we feel that the necessity of speaking our profound convictions to far outweigh personal pride. Whatever may be the circumstances to be offered in mitigation, no honest Phi Psi will gainsay the statement that the Grand Catalogue, issued under the auspices of the Ohio Alpha when Grand Chapter was a pitiful failure and a discredit to the fraternity.

We wish to speak more at length upon the subject of the Grand Catalogue and dismiss its consideration in this place with the statement that Phi Kappa Psi never had a publication of this kind that was either accurate or complete, and the fault lies not often with either compilers or Grand Chapter, but with our method, which is hasty and intrusted to the hands of students whose time is too much occupied with other duties to do satisfactory work, and whose experience is not often extensive enough to render them competent for a labor so stupendous. Regarding other catalogues than our own we have only the information to speak of a few, and from this knowledge we wish to say that the publications of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi are not only handsome in typography and binding, but are accurate, exhaustive and satisfactory.

We have had very recent illustration of the manner in which song book enterprises are treated, and it is unnecessary to again offer regrets that a petty fear lest some one person may get a trifling remuneration for a great outlay of time and labor should render abortive all the efforts to produce a volume creditable to the fraternity and musically respectable.

The history is a tender subject with many Phi Psis, and we ought to say little about it. The compilers are all of them financially the worse off for their connection with this very important enterprise, and the MSS were unable to be published for the same reason that our best plans for a song book have never come to fruition. If the hopes of the fraternity are soon to be realized in regard to these two projects, some brother of large heart and larger means will assume the responsibility of publishing them and look to the future for a return of the favor.

The periodical statements of the Grand Chapter are usually all that they are intended to be and demand no extended mention. Of chapter enterprises there are too few, the Pennsylvania Epsilon's *Echo* being the best and most permanent. Taking her experience as a criterion, and not relying upon the advantages to be derived from an epitome of chapter progress being regularly sent to alumni, which appear self evident, we affirm the usefulness—we had well nigh said necessity—of every chapter emulating the example set before them.

Concerning the general government of the fraternity, a reference to the December SHIELD will indicate the nature of editorial opinion regarding sub-chapter control, and since much that we wish to say on the former topic trenches on the forbidden ground of a review of the action of the last Grand Arch Council, we must content ourselves with the briefest possible mention of some things wherein we might be benefitted were we to look at the customs of our rivals not with the intention of slavishly copying them, but with desire to fashion our own upon the same pattern should like necessities with us arise.

Several fraternities have sub-divisions into districts or provinces under the general oversight of a chief, usually an alumnus, one of whose duties it is to visit the chapters in his division periodically and report the condition to their governing body. Others have an annual visitation by some general officer or specially appointed legate who gives a public or private account of his observations. Beta Theta Pi has at least two features which we think are unique. This fraternity has found Cincinnati to contain more of her active and enthusiastic alumni than any other city so centrally located, and so her headquarters are there and once in every three years—it used to be at this interval but we think it was recently changed to the longer period of four years—her annual convention returns there, having been held during the other years each time at a different place.

The other is the semi-annual publication of a circular letter, the precise method of whose journeys we do not understand, but whose purpose it is to keep the whole fraternity intelligent upon matters of special interest to them alone.

Several fraternities require at the hands of their general officers a compilation of statistics each year, which affords excellent means to every member as well as those in authority, to institute comparisons with their rivals and draw deductions from the figures therein stated.

When we began this series of editorial comments upon the condition of the fraternity, our position was tentative; the number and the character of the comments they have provoked have led to their continuance and

completion. We have been interested and sometimes amused at the treatment they have received from our contemporaries of the fraternity press, and once or twice have felt that we had better make some reference to them in these columns. Calmer judgment determined us in the former conviction that so long as we were inexperienced in this sort of writing and editing, we should preserve under every provocation a discreet silence. When the series was commenced we had no other fear before our eyes than that we might meet disapproval from our constituency, and might provoke criticism and hostility to *THE SHIELD* by the plain speaking which the nature of the articles pre-determined, and that there has been no such derogation expressed we feel to be creditable alike to the temper and enthusiasm of the members of our beloved fraternity.

Now that criticism has not been offered, we will state our fears and formulate what seemed to us at the outset the only serious objection to articles of the character which these have had. *THE SHIELD* circulates freely among the journals of other fraternities, and if anything injudicious should appear in its editorial columns, advantage would be taken of its appearance to injure us. The profound belief that some things needed to be said at any cost determined our first essay; the immediate encouragement from the ranks of Phi Kappa Psi prompted their continuance. We believed, and further consideration only makes the conviction stronger, that Phi Kappa Psi to-day does not occupy the place she deserves in the fraternity world, and that she was herself responsible for it, and any criticism upon our acknowledging that such is our condition could scarce equal the great satisfaction of our rivals in knowing the same thing equally well and profiting by our cowardice and carelessness.

It has been a source of profound gratification to the editor that his course has met with favor and encouragement, and should progress characterize the future movements of the fraternity in matters discussed he will feel that he has written to some purpose.

SONG.*

Air—Auld Lang Syne.

As dwells within each human breast
A soul that cannot die,
So deep within our bosom rests
The thought of old Phi Psi.

CHORUS—For old Phi Kappa Psi
My friends,
For old Phi Kappa Psi,
We take a drop before we stop,
For old Phi Kappa Psi.

We leave our college haunts to roam
When joy is ever nigh,
But oft we turn and oft we come
To meet our old Phi Psi.

CHORUS.

Where'er we go in life's vast field,
To answer duty's cry.
There is a thought we'll always shield—
The thought of old Phi Psi.

CHORUS.

* At the Phi Kappa Psi reunion, at Chautauqua, in August of '80, a song was called for, when the above, written on the spur of the moment by Rev. A. H. Siggins, was heartily sung. We reprint it from THE SHIELD of September, 1880.

FATE OF GEORGIA ALPHA.

The prominence several fraternity journals have given to our fated chapter, Georgia Alpha, at the University of Georgia, Athens, demands now that the true history of that effort, what it amounted to, what were its hopes and expectations, what causes led to its sad end, and what became of the undertaking, should be told. As to my fitness to do this work, I will merely say I was one of the four charter members and one of the two Phi Psis who were one-half of that number. While our journal is filled monthly with the accounts of the prosperity and success of sister chapters, 'tis certainly a sad duty and especially to us, to chronicle the failure of a task which but a short time ago seemed gilded with brightest hopes and decked with the sweetest flowers of promise. To fail is at all times miserable, but to confess failure is torture.

I went from this place in October, 1882, to Athens, to attend the Law Department of the University of Georgia, whose course is but one year. I soon found that I had as a fellow classmate "the noblest Roman of them all," Bro. Henry McAlpin, of Savannah, a graduate of Princeton, and who had linked himself with our order at D. C. Alpha. As our course was so short, we at first had no intention of undertaking the establishment of a chapter, as we would not risk our fraternity on an equivocal or hazardous effort. So the matter rested.

About the middle of November this idea of a chapter began to assume shape and form, and ever grew as we became better acquainted with our surroundings and college mates and finally took definite proportions when we found two young men who had refused the invitation of every fraternity at college, who we thought would make typical Phi Psis, and would be an honor to her and work hard in the organization of a chapter. These were Messrs. J. Gallagher and W. P. Flanders, both in the Sophomore class, and respectively from the cities of Augusta and Macon; thus three of the largest cities would be represented among our numbers, and be a help in acquiring new men from those places, as they sent great numbers every year. We had six rivals, but an attendance of over 200 students annually to work on.

The special fitness of our men is shown in the fact that the former was acknowledged to be the shrewdest and most thorough artist in carrying any point or scheme in which he was interested in the literary society to

which he belonged. Again he was one of those exceptional cases of men who found out much, heard much, knew much, but told very little to any one, but still in generalities as hearty, as jolly and as true a brother and friend as one would desire. He was the very man we needed, the one to start, the one to organize successfully, to work, to guard, and put a chapter on a lasting and solid base and to whose care we could have left everything, when we would leave college, with perfect trust that all would be well. The other man made a capital right hand man. Some may marvel that two such men should wish to remain *non-frats*; that is easily understood when we remember these two were boon companions and that besides Mr. Gallagher was influenced by the religion of his family, which was Roman Catholic, whose doctrines are against secret societies. But to our proposition to be the founders of a chapter of our fraternity, they became ready converts, and we had in them enthusiastic and earnest supporters.

Now comes our real history. The latter part of November, we four had signed and forwarded our petition to the G. C. There were other *non-frats* in college, on whom we thought it was wise to keep our eyes, and as it was dubious whether they would not be rather more of a hindrance than a help to us, we decided not to take them into our confidence. In January Mr. W. P. Flanders accidentally shot himself in the leg and was confined to his bed for some time, and as soon as he was able to be removed, went home to await total recovery before returning. While home, his father died, and we soon found out he would not return. However at the Spring term we made the acquisition of another splendid man, Mr. Duncan, and he pledged himself to us. But he, also, was called home by the illness of his father to attend to his business. Another one lost. Mr. J. Gallagher one day returned from his home with the announcement that his parents, for private reasons, had determined next year to send him to Georgetown College, D. C., a Catholic institution, where he now is. We had not a single one, now, in whose hands to leave the effort, for in the beginning of June, Bro. McAlpin and myself having graduated, would leave to return no more.

This is the mournful history of how fate first smiled on us, but under whose smile hid the bitterness of failure. But there are other causes which assisted to bring about this end, and that came from within the fraternity. We charge the Grand Chapter with shameful negligence and disregard of the interests of the fraternity towards us, and substantiate these charges with the following proof.

Our petition was sent the last part of November. I was the one to whom was assigned the duty to get up the petition, send it, and correspond

concerning it. A great deal longer time than necessary was taken to acknowledge the receipt of our petition. December, January, February, March and April passed and no word from the G. C. in regard to it. I wrote repeatedly to them, and Bro. McAlpin wrote several times; we did our best to awaken some sense of their duties in them, but to all they turned a deaf ear. But *one* short unsatisfactory letter was received from them. Surely petitioners for a charter can expect some kindness, some attention; to ask them to wait for months without one word of encouragement or hope, or some news of how their petition is being received, and what is being done would be outrageous, and prompt attention is no more than what it is just to expect and should certainly be exacted from the governing chapter as a duty. We received no such indulgent treatment, but were fed the dry bread of absolute silence and neglect. Such produced its natural effect on our men; they knew naught of our secrets nor the band which binds us together, and lost interest and grew careless and resented the neglect and disinterestedness of our head chapter. Whatever we might say was contracted ten fold by this negligence. However, there is a definite time fixed which petitioners are asked to wait, and if all the answers of the chapters have not been received and no negative, a charter is nevertheless granted. But even this kindness was delayed three months after lawful time, and remember also, this treatment is rendered much worse by the fact that two of us were brothers in the bond.

When, finally—late in May—the news came that our petition had passed, it rekindled our energies and we disliked to give up one last effort, but we found fate too strong to cope with. In no way could we accept the charter; it would have been a great risk, a hazardous experiment, and for the good of the fraternity we gave up the undertaking.

We wish, however, to acknowledge the earnest support and kindness we ever had from the boys of Pennsylvania Epsilon, for whose zeal and work we are truly grateful. We wish also to add that there is not a single one of the persons engaged in this effort in attendance now at the University of Georgia.

Fraternally,

WM. ARCH McCLEAV.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

OHIO BETA.—Our chapter has not written many letters to **THE SHIELD**, but it was deemed proper that she should have one in this, the first number of Volume V.

Wittenberg is in an exceedingly prosperous condition, and, so far as we can see, her prospects are very bright. Since the coming of milder weather, work has been resumed on our new college building, and it is now rapidly approaching completion. When finished, it will be a fine piece of architecture; and next September we expect to enter it with proud hearts and renewed ambition, not only to achieve greater things in the field of knowledge, but also to advance still further the interests of our beloved fraternity. There is a movement on foot—indeed half the amount necessary has already been subscribed—for the erection of a ladies' hall, which will render co-education still more attractive. At a recent meeting of the college board, an expenditure of \$6,000 was authorized for purchasing needed apparatus for the scientific department, which, together with what we already have, will afford ample means for the pursuit of scientific knowledge. A separate laboratory building has also been contemplated, but whether it will materialize or not, we can't say at present. So much for Wittenberg. We state the above facts only to show that our institution is alive to the wants of a first-class college, and is moving along with the rest of the world.

And now we hope that the Ohio Beta is at least keeping pace with the college she represents in the fraternity.

In January we initiated two more men, Asa Chorpening and Clem Ehrenfeld, cousins, each of whom has a brother in the chapter. They promise to make active, enthusiastic, loyal Phi Kaps.

The faculty has recently taken action prohibiting the fraternities from initiating Preps. This rule meets our approbation; for although we have at times taken in Preps, it has been done in self-defense, and we would rather not take in men lower than the Freshman class.

Socially, we are progressing rapidly. Several times in the last few months we have had little evening parties in our hall, greatly to the pleasure of our lady friends and ourselves. The result is we have become thorough disciples of Hoyle and Terpsichore, though not to such an extent as to interfere with our standing in college; but we think it the best plan

to combine pleasure in moderate doses with study. Indeed, it has come to be a matter of principle with us, that to be a thorough man of the world, well prepared to enter on life's duties when through college, there is need of training other than that obtained from books; that there is need of experience which can be obtained only by coming in contact with the world and society. It is not the man who, during his college course, does nothing but confine himself closely to his books, who studies hard every spare minute and never goes out into society, that makes his life a success after he is through college. He who acquires experience in addition to his "book-larnin" is the one who makes his way in active life.

The chapter has lost one of her most active workers by the departure of J. H. Miller, who left here at the close of the term just past to complete his course at Princeton. Jimmie was our comic man, and always added an immense amount of fun and enjoyment to our meetings. To say we will miss him but mildly expresses our feelings. It is said he intends to study for the ministry(?). May he meet with success wherever he may go.

Hoping this letter may find all our sister chapters in the midst of harmony and prosperity, we bring it to a close. C. H. EHRENFELD.

INDIANA BETA.—Although our voices have been hushed in the last SHIELDS, they have not been hushed in death, nor have we been reticent through any feeling of disloyalty. Will the assurance that the fault is not in the heart suffice?

The Senior class last year, on its departure, took from us our "Judge." But his place is destined to be filled by Bro. Heuff, our recent Senior initiate. Bro. Heuff, after resisting the assaults of spikes for three years, was compelled at length to succumb to those of Phi Psi.

Socially, we have not made much noise. Our only event of this nature took place a short time ago; and considering the late hour to which our fair guests lingered with us, we flatter ourselves by pronouncing it a success. Says a poetically inclined reporter:

It was one by the old town clock;
Many hearts in their bosoms burned,
Many a gallant did bid good-bye,
Many a maiden said "Phi Papp (I) Psi,"
As his parting form she discerned.

We refrain from lauding our chapter, but in so far as there is eulogy in facts, we submit them.

In the Sophomore class contest, three Phi Psis, who, by the way, comprise the Phi Psis of their class, carried off the palm. In the Junior class

contest three Phi Psis did likewise. The plan of these contests is this: The essays are submitted to a committee, consisting of members of the faculty. From the essays a number—from seven to nine—is selected, with which an exhibition is given. We will have four representatives in the coming primary oratorical contest, viz.: Bros. Mason, Heuff, Fitch and Ewing. Two fraternities are not represented, and the other two have one each. The “Barbs” have one. We regret that three Phi Psis must needs be beaten, but we hope this will be compensated by a victory for the fourth man.

The discussion touched upon by a few SHIELD correspondents, concerning a Pan-Hellenic Council, promises to be a reasonable plan toward a reconciliation of fraternities. The Kappa Alpha Thetas of this place, in banqueting the Kappa Kappa Gammas, made a move in this direction. Of a healthy competitive spirit among the fraternities, no one will deny that the benefit and the aim of this Conference is not, we take it, to bury all tendency to competition, but to set aside that petty vituperative spirit and place our rivalry on a broader basis. If the intention of the movement is toward a better feeling and a higher plan of operations in our legitimate competition, we heartily endorse the movement.

Loud and long was the applause this morning when it was announced from the rostrum by the President that the contract was let for the immediate erection of two college buildings. The I. S. U. is neither dead nor sleeping.

Fraternally yours,

C. S. WALLING.

INDIANA GAMMA.—Since our last letter, we have initiated two members into the secrets of the fraternity, Bros. Thomas and McCain, of the classes of '88 and '89 respectively. Both are fully up to our standard, and will no doubt prove worthy of confidence and esteem.

Bros. Wilson and Knight have been elected to fill the local and editorial departments of the *Lariat*, and Rev. Martin will act as business manager for the remainder of the college year.

Bro. King has been compelled to remain out of college for some time, owing to trouble with his eyes, but he hopes to be able to resume his troubles in a short time. It is hardly necessary to remark at this point that the state of his optics resulted from his very studious (?) habits. He expects to enter the Freshman class at Yale next year.

Bro. Hanna was one of the contest debaters from the Lyceum Society, on the night of Feb. 22nd and acquitted himself in a highly creditable manner.

Bro. A. B. Anderson, a graduate of '79, now a promising young lawyer in this city, has received the appointment of prosecuting attorney for this judicial district.

Considering the low ebb of excitement at this college, and the deplorable scarcity of news, our letters are of necessity far from interesting, and, it may be, laborious to some extent. Our interest, however, in the fraternity, and our promptness in meeting all demands to "fill out space" should, we think, compensate for all minor discrepancies. A. W. KNIGHT.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.—Life at Pennsylvania Beta was so uneventful last month that your correspondent could find but little of interest, and so thought best to not write at all.

We are not dead, however; neither sleeping. Another barbarian has yielded to our influence, and now rejoices in communion with the Greeks. Brother E. S. Swingston, from Mill Brook, Pa., is now our baby.

Brother Frank Wade is pursuing his musical studies in Boston. He seems to be pleased with his progress, and writes glowing descriptions of the seat of culture. Bro. C. P. Robinson, a law student at Yale College, visited Bro. Wade a short time ago and spent an afternoon in brotherly communion.

The Delta Tau Deltas gave a reception at the opening of their new rooms, last month. It has not been our pleasure to see the inside of the Delta home, but their rooms are reported to be very fine by those who have seen them. We are glad to see the prosperity of any member of the Greek family, and extend congratulations to the Delta Taus.

At this season of the year fraternity spirit usually runs higher than at any other time; it being the annual election of orators to represent the literary societies at commencement. At worst, however, it is only a temporary flurry, and calms down soon after election is past. This year it has been more quiet than usual. All parties were content to work fairly and honestly, without any petty meanness which is often manifested at such times. I think a fraternal spirit is developing between the members of different fraternities here, which is very commendable. Allegheny college has all along been a model in this respect. There has never been that bitter animosity between rival fraternities which exists at some colleges; none of that narrowness which deprecates worth just because it happens to be found in another member of the Greek family; none, or very little, of that selfishness which blinds its eye to all good except that found in "our fraternity." I am proud of this fact, and hope the day will come when the entire Greek world will have enough of common sympa-

thy to destroy that narrow suspicion which leads rival fraternities to watch each other as bitter enemies.

I believe the Panhellenic Council will do much to accomplish this result, and hope Phi Kappa Psi will be ably and fully represented.

There is nothing less interesting to readers than a newspaper row, and to me at least there is nothing more puerile than a tirade between members of different fraternities, carried on through their fraternity organs. Of a necessity there will be little jars and disturbances. Chapters of different fraternities at the same college will cross each others tracks, and at times there will be slight frictions. But why make that a cause for wrangling and quarreling? Our aim is to cultivate good feeling; our mission, to establish a broad and universal philanthropy. We can never fulfill our mission unless we allow our respect for others' ideas to extend outside our chapter houses. Why not meet the opinions of all Greeks with that same degree of toleration with which we must meet those of our brothers to render a fraternity what it should be, and which it is the highest mission of the fraternities to develop?

F. M. CURRIE.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.—Since Pennsylvania Epsilon was last heard from, she has been enjoying her usual prosperity, and at present is rejoicing much in the approach of Spring, and more in the approach of the Spring vacation. In the fraternity and college relations she has been preserving her usual course of action, and is now pursuing the even tenor of her way, unmolested and unmolesting. She has no small burden of fraternity work upon her shoulders, and the importance of the sub-chapter has become merged in that of the Grand Chapter.

We have recently begun the formation of a chapter library. The brothers, for some years past, have been contemplating this step; but owing to the inconvenience of having no permanent repository for the books, it was never taken; but now, since the completion of our hall, this impediment has been removed, and the brothers, by the donation of forty or fifty volumes have made a beginning from which we hope, ultimately, to achieve great things.

We are lulled to sleep regularly every night by the ravishing strains of the Phi Psi orchestra in prospectu. The nucleus of the musical talent of college is centered in Epsilon, and several of the brothers have undertaken the formation of an orchestra, to be known by the above title. Unfortunately the experiment does not appear to be proving very successful, but as I have no gifts of Euterpe, and in fact incapable of appreciating true music, these appearances may be merely deceptive. We wish the orches-

tra all success possible or impossible, and wait patiently for the fruition of our hopes.

You perceive, from the last annual report, that Phi Kappa Psi now wants but twenty men of having four thousand. Bro. Linton, '83, suggests that each chapter have published in the columns of *THE SHIELD* the names of those brothers who have been initiated since Jan. 1, 1884. There are, doubtless, twenty and more who have been taken in since that date, and the publication of their names will show to other fraternities that Phi Kappa Psi is already in the fifth thousand of her first and only edition.

We begin the list with the name of Bro. M. R. W. Fishburn, who was initiated, as previously announced, on the eve of Jan. 12. We are contemplating a suitable order of exercises for the dedication of the hall, which will occur next commencement. As yet, nothing definite has been arrived at, and we have not decided whether to have the exercises both public and private, or simply private. We feel that something suitable to the occasion should be done, but we are greatly limited in our plans by uncontrollable circumstances.

Bro. Hoover, W. B. G., was absent from college for a few weeks recently on account of the death of his brother, who was also a personal friend of others of the brothers. He has the sincere sympathy of the chapter. He is now with us again, and on duty in the Theological seminary.

Dr. Valentine, President of the College, has accepted the election to the Presidency of the Theological Seminary, and guesses are many, but very uncertain, as to who will excuse us from chapels and lecture us on being out without permission, "et cetera similia," next year. Whoever he be, may the gods protect him and endow him with plenty of energy.

We notice in the last "Phi Gamma Delta" a repetition of a certain "child like and bland" disregard for the strict truth on the part of the correspondent from this College. He asserts that their latest addition was eagerly sought for by the fraternity when—ah, but pardon. We remember the just comments in the same "Phi Gamma Delta" on the character of some Phi Psi chapter letters, and we pause for fear of incurring charges of puerile vituperation on our part.

This number begins a new volume of *THE SHIELD*. May prosperity eclipsing the past ever attend her, and may her editors receive from the fraternity the cordial support and hearty appreciation which they nobly deserve. I remain in Phi Kappa Psi,

E. I. BRENNER.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA.—Received this morning the February-March number of *THE SHIELD* and read the chapter letters and editorials with more, if possible, than usual interest. Was especially glad to hear from Minnesota Alpha, and to learn of her prosperous condition, for we were pained and mortified by the report that our “baby” had died. Her letter manifests the right spirit. May her zeal for our holy brotherhood ever be as ardent as in her first love.

Yesterday was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of our chapter. Arrangements are being made to celebrate this event at our symposium next June. Zeta somewhat prides herself upon her symposiums. They are occasions to which we always look forward with pleasant anticipation, but this year we are anticipating even more pleasure than usual. A committee has been appointed to compile a history of the past twenty-five years, to be read on this occasion. Through the very valuable assistance of Judge Herman, this history is already assuming definite proportions. We also hope to have our album completed by that time. Nearly one hundred photographs have already been received.

Arrangements have at last been perfected for holding an inter-chapter banquet. All the Pennsylvania chapters east of Harrisburg will be represented. At least fifty brothers are expected. The banquet is to be held in Harrisburg, April 3d. Its principal object is to bring about greater intimacy between the brothers of several chapters in Pennsylvania which are only a short distance from each other. Intimacy is the best safeguard against the evils which are incident to our organization. Knowledge is power in more than one sense. Knowledge of each other is the only sure basis of true friendship. I do not believe in that trite adage, “Familiarity breeds contempt.” Most of our dislikes and hatreds are rooted in misunderstanding, and disappear as we come to know each other intimately. This, I think, is an argument in favor of holding our G. A. C. more often than once in every three years. *Apropos* our fraternity seems to be indifferent to the proposed Pan-Hellenic Conference. I feel persuaded that we make a great mistake if we neglect to participate. It is a step in the right direction. If, through indifference or ignorance, Phi Psi fails to take this step, we will feel behind in the race for pre-eminence in the Greek world.

R. L. JOHNS.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.—A correspondent’s lot is not an easy one. We have no rivals here whose shortcomings we could chronicle—for we only fight “Barbarians,” and they don’t have enough backbone to make the conflict interesting. Hence the necessity which compels us to speak of self.

Since our last letter the chapter has increased by the initiation of Bros John Doak, Andrew Branch, J. S. Ballard and J. R. Welch, making our active membership at present fifteen students, eight of whom are Seniors and eight graduate members. Better still, all work in harmony for the advancement, not only of the chapter, but of the Fraternity at large.

The year has been one of prosperity for us, and already the boys talk in undertones of a chapter house for California Alpha, instead of the present hall.

The beginning of the term brought in a large amount of new material some of which we hope to add to Phi Psi next year.

California Alpha endorses what was said in the January SHIELD regarding the memorizing of initiatory forms. We do it.

Bro. Theo. Turner called, a few days since, on his way home from San Luis Obispo. He has been engaged on the *Tribune* of that city, but promises to return to school next August.

We see by THE SHIELD that several brothers have taken up their abode in California. If any more "do likewise" let them call on us before settling down; it would be but little out of their way, and would do us a world of good to meet brothers from Eastern chapters.

With the hope that an abler hand will pen the next communication, I am yours in the triple bonds.

W. S. CLAYTON.

MARYLAND ALPHA.—Thursday evening, Feb. 21st, will be remembered by all Phi Psis as the anniversary of what promises to be the first of a series of reunions of all brothers who happen to be within hail of our most worthy G. P. The reunion above mentioned was for the avowed and, I can assure you, fully carried out intention of doing justice to a banquet. A banquet has been heretofore described by some wit "As a banquet," but this point I shall pass over, considering the above a description sufficiently vivid. There are, however, banquets and *banquets*. Our belonged to the latter category, for the reason that it consisted principally of the delicacies of the season. There are also delicacies and *delicacies*. These are, for instance, . . . delicate viands and delicate wit. The latter we had also in abundance. We had the pent-up, unvented accumulation of thirty years; irrepressible, scathing, as terrible and unsparing in the moment of its release as the Georgia cyclone. We had wit and humor represented in almost every stage of its development, from the above mentioned venerable age down to that unconceived germ of which we make no mention. Around the gay and festive board sat forty congenial spirits, very material and business-like, each armed with the con-

ventional gastronomical weapons of attack. These assembled spirits represented probably one-fourth as many chapters, which were ably presided over by Col. Albert Ritchie, '55, a warrior of pen as well as of sword. I will here interpolate, to the glory of one Phi Psi, that among our number were seen many who have already won enviable distinction in every walk of life, as well as a number of shining lights, who, like unto the electric light, do not yet shine in the full strength of a perfected excellence. That the symposium was enjoyed by all, goes without saying. When the gathering was proposed, some of the younger brothers thought that the age of some of the older fraters might have a depressing effect upon our enjoyment. Such, however, proved not to be the case, and mirth, good cheer and joy unconfined reigned supreme; and when we finally adjourned about one o'clock in the morning we unanimously resolved that when the year once more rolls around to Feb. 21st, '85, to meet about the festive board of Guy's Hotel. A number of toasts were proposed during the evening and responded to, viz.:

"Our Chairman".....	Col. Albert Ritchie, Va. Alpha, '55
"The Bar".....	S. D. Schmucker, Pa. Epsilon, '60
"The Ladies".....	Maj. R. M. Venable, Va. Alpha, '57
"The Press".....	W. J. Guard, Md. Alpha, '80
"The Fraternity".....	F. A. Kurtz, Pa. Epsilon, '72
"Our Alumni".....	H. J. Bowdoin, Md. Alpha, '79

The oldest members present were Bro. Jno. Neff, M. D., Pa. Beta, '85, and Col. Albert Ritchie. Beside those responding to the toasts, there were present W. M. Busey, Pa. Zeta; J. T. Mason, Va. Alpha; Geo. R. Gott, D. C. Alpha; J. A. Fisher, Ill. Alpha; W. B. Steel, Pa. Theta; D. S. Gordon, Va. Epsilon; W. M. Duncan, Pa. Epsilon; Peyton Brown, Pa. Zeta; F. M. Farber, Pa. Epsilon; J. H. Carroll, Md. Alpha; Hiram Woods, M. D., Md. Alpha; Geo. F. Gephart, Md. Alpha; D. M. Murray, Md. Alpha; and all active Md. Alpha brothers.

In conclusion, I consider it only just to say that all credit for the undoubted success of our first annual banquet is entirely due to our enthusiastic Bro. Geo. F. Gephart, who has already been christened the "Fidus Achates" of Md. Alpha.

J. H. CARROLL.

other than our official jewelers that Phi Kappa Psi pins could be produced for a less price than that which we paid, and therefore a change would give us better satisfaction. After mature deliberation upon the inducements offered by different jewelers the Grand Chapter gives to Bailey, Banks & Biddle, of Philadelphia, and to them only, official authority to manufacture our pins, and only to sell them under order of the B. Gs of the several chapters, with the seal of the fraternity affixed thereto. The above mentioned firm, and this firm alone, have been our official jewelers since 1858, and it is, indeed, a pleasure to announce to the fraternity that arrangements have been made with them satisfactorily for the future. They have made a reduction in the prices of our jewelry—a change which will be highly appreciated by the fraternity, and which now places their work (in quality unsurpassed by any other jeweler,) in price as low as, if not lower, than any other jeweler could offer. They also promise to replace and repair without charge any jewelry that is of faulty construction; and, as to variety of styles and manner of construction and execution, to give us entire satisfaction.

With such promises from a jewelry firm which has a reputation for fine goods second only to Tiffany & Co., of N. Y., Phi Kappa Psi would be unjust to herself to transfer her patronage elsewhere. Yet, this reduction in price has been made only on the condition that our *entire* patronage be given them. Since the manufacture of our pins during the past two years by unauthorized jewelers, B., B. & B. say they have noticed a diminution of their sales. This procedure of some is, and has been, in direct violation of several G. A. C. edicts, and should be discontinued at once. If we have a fraternity jeweler and succeed in securing from him such low rates, *we must support him* in honor to ourselves. If we desire new wrinkles to our badges—bulged or convex centres, etc.—our authorized jeweler will do it for us, and, no doubt, by this renewed arrangement, satisfaction will be given to all concerned. During the coming year, you will have the “ad” of this firm upon the back of THE SHIELD to remind you of your obligation to it, and to the edict of the G. A. C.

A little more than a year ago, the manner of the publication of THE SHIELD was changed, and the management was put into hands entirely inexperienced, so far as fraternity affairs were concerned. It is therefore a matter for the sincerest congratulation that success has crowned the efforts of the publishing chapter in that THE SHIELD, as elsewhere intimated, has paid for itself, and were it not for the carelessness of a few chapters, a handsome surplus might now be in the hands of the business

managers to be expended for the typographical improvement of the journal.

It was first necessary to demonstrate that Phi Kappa Psi could support a journal without calling upon the generosity of a few to bear the extra burden of meeting a regularly recurring deficiency. This the past year has sufficiently proved. It was just as important that THE SHIELD should command the respect of its contemporaries in its utterances. Of this we can hardly speak with confidence, since the comments have been so various and sometimes not complimentary.

We spoke in our salutatory last year of the fears we entertained of our success in so material an undertaking, inasmuch as fraternity journalism had some exponents worthy of high rank as literary periodicals in comparison with which THE SHIELD could scarce hope to take high rank at once. For the most part we have been treated with courtesy and but seldom with unfairness, in witness of which we published at one time all the comments of weight, whether complimentary or otherwise, which had been offered upon us.

Prudence ordered our course when we declared ourselves opposed to an Exchange Department, and one year's experience in fraternity journalism has amply justified its wisdom for us. We have read sometimes with amusement—oftener with disgust—the comments made upon us in the journals of other fraternities, the language of which often rivalled that of the knights of the curb and gods of the gutter. We have been criticised for being too much devoted to Phi Kappa Psi, for inaccuracies which did not exist, for misstatements never made, and have been kindly ignored in some instances wherein we have laid ourselves broadly open to adverse criticism.

We expect to profit by the scrutiny of critical eyes more prone to find fault than to praise, and we take up pen to launch Volume V with the well defined purpose to show in the year to come that we have gained breadth and grasp of the fraternity question by these means.

This is neither the time nor place to find fault with ourselves and those who have so promptly and cheerfully assisted us, but we deem it not inconsistent with the dignity of our columns and the love we bear the delinquents, to remind chapter correspondents of an editorial which appeared early in Volume IV upon their duties, and to suggest its re-perusal.

Take it all in all, we enter upon our second year's experience in fraternity journalism with loftier purposes and a more determined courage to do and to deserve well not alone of Phi Kappa Psi, but the whole Greek world.

AN UNANSWERED QUESTION.

We have seldom ever read anything to compare with the following excerpt from the March-April issue of *The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*, either in complete grasp of the theme considered, or the simple beauty of the style in which the incident is related. We would that it could be presented to every graduate Phi Psi as it seems to us. We commend it to a most careful and thoughtful perusal.—[ED. SHIELD.

“What is your notion, Joe, now, five years after we have graduated, about the fraternity feeling we used to hold so strongly?” said I to my old friend, Joe D—, one evening when we were seated by a smouldering fire in my room.

Joe had been the most intimate friend of my college days, although we attended different institutions, and were never members of the same chapter. Our colleges were not far apart, however, and our meetings had been frequent after the beginning of our acquaintance, which was sometime in the freshman year. We were drawn together, perhaps, by what one of the boys used to call “affinity of spirit.”

We were contemporary in tastes and feelings. In our sophomore year we both imitated Macaulay, and in our senior year, Carlisle. We graduated at the same time. Both had been enthusiastic fraternity workers. Joe, however, had been a member of a chapter that was very unfortunate at times, while mine was always in an excellent condition. Joe's enthusiasm had been characterized by an accompaniment of works to much greater extent than mine. Many a time had we met in the old days, I to recount some complete rout of our foes, he to tell how his band had held out, brave-hearted against defeat. In our last year, our enthusiasm, as is usual, had seemed to decline, and after leaving college we had fallen entirely out of the way, as it appeared, of fraternity work and feeling. Joe went to his home in Ohio, and I to mine in the West. Our correspondence died a natural death, after a few months. The old ties of fraternity feeling became gradually less binding. I felt that this was natural. I fell into thinking what I had heard the alumni of other fraternities express: “It may all be very well for a boy in college, but a man grows out of that sort of thing.”

One Christmas eve, “the date at which my narrative begins,” to use the happy expression of story writers, I met old Joe on an evening train as I was returning home and made him stop over night with me. And by the evening firelight while the snow was falling outside,

“We spoke of many a vanished scene,
Of what we once had thought and said,
Of what had been, and might have been,
And who was changed, and who was dead.”

We had talked of some ideas which I had stumbled upon, and which I fancied were new. We had compared our readings, our ambitions, and our shortcomings at the end of this long, yet short, five years. We had laughed at the ideas we used to have in regard to a settled “system” of philosophy. We had agreed that things which seemed very certain

to us long ago, were by no means so certain now. We had been the rounds, both of us, and had come back to our quiet, old homes, with the old-fashioned ideas, for sympathy.

And when I put the question that I have written at the beginning, it was in the half jocular manner of one who laughs at some old folly which he for the moment has raked up out of one of memory's dusty cells. But Joe did not smile as I expected, but looked dreamily into the fire, and one experienced in such things would probably have said that his heart had gone far away into the past, in search of something.

"I don't know what my opinion would be," he finally said, "but I do know that I am not now in a position to give an opinion on the question. It has been years since I talked to you about it. When I was in college I was able to talk of its benefits, socially and intellectually, in a very glib way. Somehow or other, I could not do that now, if I were called on. I have taken the fraternity question out of any nearness to debatable ground—I believe I think too much of it to leave it there."

"Why, I thought you had lost all interest," said I.

"Interest? Well, perhaps so," he said, looking into the firelight again, and pausing.

"I have lost what we used to call interest, I suppose. The boys in the chapter now at C—, know me only as a correspondent member, whom they look up in the catalogue occasionally, in order to ask a contribution. You know I used to work hard. Now I am virtually dead to the active membership. If I were to go back to the old hall I should feel like begging pardon for the intrusion. But, old fellow," and here he leaned toward me, and by the struggling firelight I saw the old boyish look of enthusiasm, bringing with it a thousand recollections, "do you know that the old fraternity grows higher and nobler to me every year? My fraternity experience grows richer and richer to me, though it be dead to all outward show. How the touch of time has softened even the irregularities of those days into a quiet beauty. And my little allegiance, George, at a time when there was a crisis in our chapter, has become a matter of pride to me. Ah, how noble those comrades of mine, who stood up so bravely amid the discouragements which hung over our little world, now seem to me. What heroes are some of these boys to me now, and not unworthily. Cannot I now trust him to the uttermost who was faithful there? For have I not tried him, and do I not know that in him there is a rock which the storm cannot shake? There were some, too, as you knew, who in the hour of the old chapter's misfortune sold their birthright of honor for the pottage mess of social advancement. I never see one of these to the present day that he does not seem, to me, a man unfit to trust."

He paused, but I knew he had not finished, and partly through surprise, and partly through a desire to hear him out, I remained silent. He seemed to be seeing the days long gone by, in the flickering flames of the dying fire.

"Do you know," he continued, "that I consider the fraternity experience as indicating the future career of the man? Great men are not more distinguished for greatness of mind than for greatness of heart, and the great hearted man is surely your true fraternity man. And fraternity training, I sometimes think, is, in a sense, superior to college training. It cultivates the heart, while the other often cultivates only the mind. I am often inclined to think, with De Quincey, that our understanding is the meanest faculty we have. I can reason it all out that the time I spent in fraternity work was time almost fooled away. But I cannot reason the old order out of my affections, George, and I think there are some things with which our understanding, or that which we call understanding, should have nothing to do.

“You know, George, for you have been there, what a rare old place that is, of ours, up there among those Ohio hills—the queer old house almost hid back in the grove, and beyond the fields and the creek, a great wood of walnuts and maples. Well, many a calm night, while I sat out in the grove beneath the canopy of stars, have the voices of the boys come to me as if borne on the soft breezes which gently stirred among the trees, and at times I could almost have sworn that I heard the old song, the best of all of them, with Bill Walker’s bass coming gradually in on the final strain, just as we sang it at the last meeting before our graduation. And some of the younger boys didn’t understand the feelings of us seniors, as they joined in those lines—I hear them yet :

‘Though our circle may be broken,
And its members sundered far,
Yet without the outward token,
All our hearts in union are.’

“Well, I live over those scenes, and they become like the best poetry, more and more beautiful. Perhaps I have carried some of the boys into the region of the ideal. They have doubtless, some of them, in reality, lost the charm of their youthful nobility, may have become sordid and conforming. But what matter? Their memory is yet beautiful.

“And this is the old fraternity, George, of which, after these years, you ask my opinion. I might give an opinion as to my college course, or even my kind old professors, but as to my fraternity, I believe I am not competent.”

And so the question remained unanswered.

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SPIRIT OF THE FRATERNITY PRESS.

Beta Theta Pi for March speaks boldly and to the point in two very practical editorials:

As *Beta Theta Pi* grows older and the sons and grandsons of our earlier members come to our colleges, kinships begins to be an important feature of our chapter rolls, and already, in this respect, we show considerable progress. "Dear Jack: Jones' brother is coming to college next year; shall I give him a hint?" and that settles it. Jones, Jr., comes, and forthwith is a Beta. For instance, look at *Beta Alpha*—founded in 1879—and John, George, E. M. and C. E., of the Benedict family already on her rolls! Look at the Carpenter clan in *Alpha Lambda*! and the Castle Clan in *Alpha Eta*! and there are other cases equally striking.

This kinship feature is a good one in many ways. It gives a chapter a strong family backing, and it assures it of loyal support in many trying times, and yet it is a very dangerous feature, too, if it is carried so far that every member of a family is admitted to a chapter as a matter of course. Some chapters of eastern colleges are guilty of this, and they often get very poor men in their ranks.

Our personal knowledge furnishes an example, of late years, of a chapter that was raised to the highest pinnacle of Beta fame by one member of a family, and by his younger brother cast into the mire and almost destroyed. It does not always follow that a freshman will make a good Beta because his brother who graduated last year is one, and here is the point of danger. Let no one be admitted to *Beta Theta Pi* on kinship alone. It will be easy to get a hold on a new man, if he knows of his brother's or his father's fraternity applications, but for this very reason a chapter can afford to be careful in its deliberations, and thus avoid a mistake—growing out of natural sentiment. If a man have a father, a brother, a cousin and an uncle in *Beta Theta Pi*, and both his sisters be engaged to Betas, let him be rejected unless he bears on his brow the marks which distinguish the true followers of our peerless hero.

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We have more dead chapters than any other fraternity, and we are harassed with some others that are now in a dying condition. We are no longer made ecstatic by wild dreams of ill-considered extension; we are disposed to go slow, to cultivate the possessions now safely under our care, and not to try any tentative experiments that may result in discomfiture and humiliation. It shall be our rule now not to reach until we are sure of bettering ourselves. Our reputation and standing are sufficiently meritorious to attract consideration from any direction worth our while, but when we make a move we shall not be deterred by any false modesty nor be loth to use all methods or means not actually dishonorable. We hope we shall not be misunderstood again on this matter of anti-fraternity laws. In the Vanderbilt case it was clear that if we formally established a chapter there it could be suppressed or made unsuccessful in its workings. The action we pursued was not inconsistent with the tenor of those laws, and thus we were able practically to organize and to hold our own until the time should come, to take our desired place as a fraternity in this univer-

sity. Elsewhere we might use different tactics, but would probably never try to enter an institution where a student, upon admission, is required to take oath not to connect himself with a secret society.

The Delta Tau Delta Crescent, as well as *Beta Theta Pi*, have reason to inveigh strongly against the lack of contributed support to their columns, in recent issues, and in the hope that pangs of remorse may take hold on the consciences of some Phi Psis, we insert the following:

Brother Deltas, you read this paper of ours month after month, and while you give it credit with many good qualities, perhaps, you still feel that there is something wrong; and as you lay it aside, you say: "There is something wanting. I don't know exactly what that 'something' is, but *The Crescent* is not what it ought to be." And having delivered yourself of this sage remark, you put the matter out of your mind and think no more of it until the next number is received, and then the same useless exercise is repeated. You do not stop to question whether this want could be supplied in part by *you*, for that is none of your business. Certainly not. There is an editor elected by the Convention. He ought to improve it. That is his business. Well, we will grant that—and therefore thi swriting. You say you do not exactly make out just what the trouble is. Occupy with us, the editorial chair for a few minutes, and we will explain the mystery. We too, realize with you this "want," but we can easily see where the trouble is. In our desk is a pile of letters, some twenty or more; they are answers which we have received and requests for just such literary support as our journal so much needs; and each and every one of them ends with this cheering and consoling remark: "I am very sorry that I cannot give you any assistance at present. Accept my best wishes for your success elsewhere," etc., etc. Perhaps as you look over these letters you will be amused to think that so many of our brothers are so thoroughly engrossed in business that they cannot even find time to devote an hour or so a year to the fraternity journal. Yes, you will smile as you read them, until you have passed the fifteenth perhaps, then the amusement will wear off, and as you fold up the twenty-first or second, and thoughts of a long delay in the publication become strangely mixed up in your mind, with several hundred postal cards and letters, each one concealing ill disguised impatience, as they each in turn inquire: "What is the matter with *The Crescent*?" It is two weeks overdue and we have not received it?" We greatly fear that you will begin to feel a little discouraged at the prospect. Have you discovered the secret? Do you see now what it is that is wanted to make our *Crescent* the powerful fraternity organ that it can and should be?

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

The Sigma Chi fraternity has established a new chapter at the University of Pennsylvania.

The *Zeta Psi Monthly* has been changed into a quarterly, under its present efficient management.

Kappa Sigma is now the only Southern fraternity of any importance without a journal.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

Sigma Nu Delta has founded a new chapter—Eta, at Mercer University, Macon, Ga.—with five initiates as a beginning.

John A. Porter, of Washington, D. C., is writing an article on “College Societies” for an early number of the *Century*.

Bowdoin must be a place of which Barbs often dream. Only six men in that institution have not obtained admission into fraternities.

The eighteenth General Convention of the Sigma Nu fraternity will convene on the 9th and 10th of July, 1884, at Nashville, Tenn.—*Sigma Nu Delta*.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has established a new chapter—Lamda, at the South Carolina Military Academy—and has an active membership of fifteen.

Phi Gamma Delta has granted a charter for a chapter at the University of Texas, at Austin. Tau Deuteron is the name by which it will be known.—*Crescent*.

The last convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon placed the Grand Chapter of that fraternity in the hands of the chapter at Sewanee, Tenn. The *Record* will hereafter be published from that chapter.

Phi Delta Theta, on November 27th, placed her New York Beta Chapter at Union College. It is a curious coincidence, that Chi Phi should so recently have refused a petition from Union, containing precisely the same number of names.—*Record*.

Delta Upsilon has revived her Williams chapter with eight men. Powerful alumni support will doubtless be brought to bear upon the effort and it will be successful. This was the parent chapter of Delta Upsilon, but was killed by the war.—*Crescent*.

NEW YORK BETA.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 19, 1884.

EDITORS SHIELD:—Though New York has been established but a few hours, yet in response to the telegrams from the chapters, welcoming us to the fraternity, we feel bound to express to Phi Kappa Psi everywhere our hearty appreciation of the warm, brotherly spirit we have met, and our already fervent devotion to the fraternity we have joined.

New York Beta has indeed been established under most favorable auspices. Much credit is due to the energy and promptness of the G.C. and also to the zeal and enthusiastic Phi Kappa Psi spirit of Bros. Flood and Irish, of N. Y. Delta.

The following is the list of our new men: A. E. Brigden, '84; A. Broadway, '84; G. B. Deuel, '84; H. D. Wadsworth, '84; G. E. Ellis, '85; J. G. Jones, '85; E. Wiseman, '85; J. G. Cleveland, '86; W. L. Harris, '86; A. C. Howe, '86; C. A. Souergon, '86; E. G. Eldredge, '87; G. V. Sackett, '87.

After the ceremonies in the fraternity rooms, a banquet was given at the Empire House, which was an entire success. J. B. Heuel, '84, acted as toast master. Several songs, which had been printed for the occasion, were sung with what we consider a genuine Phi Kappa Psi ring. The following were the toasts:

"The Present Occasion".....	J. G. Cleveland
"The 'Co-Eds.'".....	G. E. Ellis
"Kappa Delta, (<i>Requiescat in Pace</i>)".....	A. E. Brigden
"New York Beta".....	E. Wiseman
"New York Delta".....	J. C. Flood
"Phi Kappa Psi".....	M. W. Way

A poem was also read by Geo. Irish, of N. Y. Delta.

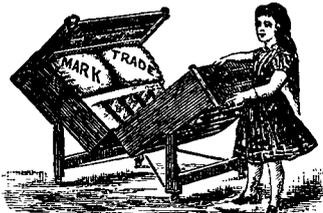
If you will allow us, we will give a brief statement concerning our chapter. As the Kappa Delta Society, we gained a reputation of which we were not ashamed. Our faculty give no prizes, and no first honors. In the struggle for the essay prizes offered by the *University Herald* this year, the first was taken by a Kappa Delta, now a Phi Kappa Psi; the second by a Psi Upsilon, and the third by a Delta Upsilon.

We have the literary editorship of the *University Herald*, and a representative on the board of editors of the *Onondagan*, published by the society men of the junior class. Socially, morally and intellectually we hope to exemplify the principles of our fraternity. But lest we write too long a letter for our first one, we close, sending the greeting and fraternal love of New York Beta to all Phi Kappa Psis. E. WISEMAN, B. G.

[Owing to the late receipt of the above, we are forced to crowd it out of the department for Chapter Letters, but cheerfully resign to it the place for College Notes and Personals. THE SHIELD, in behalf of the fraternity, welcomes most heartily to our beloved order this new and promising chapter. Right here it may not be inappropriate to say that the St. Louis and Fulton College petitions have been refused, and the Wooster graduate, granted.]

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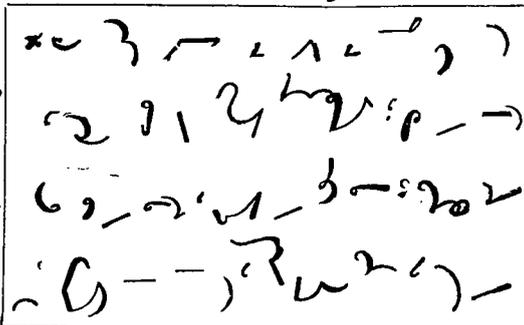
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OUR ALUMNI CHAPTERS.

¹ Within less than six years, Phi Kappa Psi has granted nine petitions for charters to establish graduate chapters; to-day the Grand Chapter cannot learn of the actual existence of a single one of them, except the one recently granted to residents of Wooster, O., the charter for which was sent several weeks ago. In the face of such a fact, no one dare deny that there is something radically wrong in what we might call our Graduate Chapter System. Without any attempt at rhetorical elegance, let us present to the Fraternity some facts on this subject, with the hope that it will be the cause of a lively discussion among the chapters, and may result in some wise legislation next February.

The first action of Phi Kappa Psi indicating an inclination to the formation of graduate associations, is recorded in the edict of the 1871 G. A. C. at Wheeling, at which time the G.C. was directed "to encourage and nurture all associations for the promotion of the interest of the fraternity, under such rules and restrictions as may be within the scope and purport of the G. B. of Cs." No definite result came from this action, and no further attention seems to have been paid to the subject until the meeting of the G. A. C. at Phila., July 12, '76—when the G. A. C. commended to the consideration of the alumni the formation of "alumni associations at such places as it is practicable and desirable to do so." During the following two years no mention was made of the matter. At least, none such can be found in the Grand Chapter archives.

No doubt the recommendation just spoken of was very favorably received, and the attention of the fraternity directed by it to the consideration of the real benefit she would derive from a revival of the interest of her alumni, and the reception of their advisory and financial assistance. It was at the G. A. C. of 1878, held in Indianapolis, that the first definite step was taken towards the formation of our alumni chapters, when the G. C. was commanded to grant to graduate members living at and near

Attica, Ind., "a charter for a graduate chapter to be known as the Indiana Delta, with power to send delegates with full privileges to the G. A. C." At the G. A. C. of 1880, held in Wash., D. C., similar charters were ordered to be granted to residents of Philadelphia, Pa., and Indianapolis, Ind., and at the G. A. C. of '83, to resident members living in Kansas City, Mo., Columbus, Ohio, and Washington, D. C. During the interims of the G. A. Cs., petitions similar to these for charters of active chapters were presented to the Fraternity, voted upon regularly and granted to residents of Baltimore, Md., Chicago, Ills., and Wooster, Ohio.

This is the whole history of the organization of our graduate chapters—so far as it is contained in the G. C. records. Let us see what our system is based on; or, rather, whether indeed it is a system.

All the six charters granted by the G. A. Cs. are worded similarly to the original one, granted to the petitioners from Attica. All that is recorded in the G. C. books, relative to the three charters for graduate chapters, granted through the G. C. is that such petitions, not mentioning the names of the petitioners, were received and charter granted.

"What then are the rights of a graduate chapter? and what should the G. C. furnish it at its establishment? The only constitutional provision, relating to either of these questions, is that such chapters shall have "the power to send delegates with full privileges to the G. A. C. "It does not state how many delegates, nor does it state what rights such a chapter cannot have. If, as has been done, the G. C. furnish it a copy of our G. B. of Cs., it will be expected to obey it—to pay annual dues, regularly to elect officers, subscribe for *THE SHIELD*, etc.—and not one of our graduate chapters has ever done any of these things. In fact, all of them have been established without any definite knowledge of what duties and privileges were theirs—no real organization has ever been effected—and the result is a lamentable one. Neither the G. C. nor any other chapter knows, nor can learn, anything concerning Indiana Delta, at Attica. Penna. Kappa at Philadelphia, merged into "The Phi Psi Club," and for a while occupied rooms with Pa. Iota; but she had no systematic organization and was merely an alumni club. From recent information we learned that instead of the club paying hall rent for the Iota boys, as was reported in several exchanges, the club has been disbanded, and Iota bears the entire burden of a \$600 rent, and other proportional current expenses. As to the chapter at Indianapolis, we know nothing. Letters of inquiry to resident members in that city, remain unanswered. We feel sure, however, that if the chapter were in existence, it would make itself heard. The charter granted to the Balto. fraters. in '78, was used to establish our present noble and active John Hopkins Univ. Chapter—a very commend-

able use. A recent letter from a member of Ill. Delta, at Chicago, states that his Chapter started with a big boom, but the interest could not be kept up, meetings were abandoned, and at present Ill. Delta lives only in the '83 annual report and in memory.

The charters which were granted to Kansas City, Mo., Washington, D. C., and Columbus, Ohio, were never sent, so far as the G. C. can learn; and hence these chapters have not died—because they never lived. So the only Graduate Chapter which Phi Kappa Psi to-day has, is the one just chartered at Wooster.

We have entered into these lengthy details, in order to give a full statement of the matter. Something must be done to revolutionize this part of our Fraternity's working. What plan is the best? Pardon a few statistics from Baird's book: Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Psi, Psi Upsilon, Chi Phi, and Sigma Psi, do not have alumni chapters, but effect the formation of alumni associations, with no rights in the fraternity government, and no object but social enjoyment and the maintenance of fraternity interest and prosperity. Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Chi have alumni chapters, and grant to them the right of representation in their assemblies, but not the right of initiation. To this class Phi Kappa Psi belongs, as long as her Wooster Chapter exists. The two Southern fraternities, Kappa Sigma, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, have alumni chapters, and grant to them all the rights of active chapters, even including that of initiation.

Of these three policies, we have tried the second (whether fairly or not, we will not say) and must, by the present condition of our graduate chapters, be convinced of its imperfection. The third plan, of granting to alumni chapters, all the rights of active chapters, does not need consideration—as Phi Kappa Psi would assuredly not tolerate such a move. We are led, therefore, to the conviction that, in all respects, the best interests of the fraternity will be served, and the most good accomplished, if we exert ourselves to mature and encourage all associations of our alumni, at such places as it is practicable and desirable, granting to them no charter, no seal, no constitution, but regarding them as bands of brothers who mindful of their happy college days in the fraternity, seek to continue these associations and attachments, and to repay the fraternity, if such be possible, for benefits received, by giving her a name and influence in the cities where they reside. A semi-annual or annual meeting and supper would be a strong bond of union, and its influence would benefit the whole fraternity.

If such a plan does not meet the approval of the Fraternity, then definite organization must be effected. We cannot afford to allow our gradu-

ates to grow indifferent and cold, after a few years separation from college. We must enlist them in the interest of the fraternity; and if this is to be done by the organization of graduate chapters, let us adopt a suitable constitution for the government of such chapters. We have G. C., G. A. C. and Sub. C. constitutions, let us have a Graduate Chapter Constitution. Let us exact from such chapters a fulfillment of constitutional duties, and if they fail to comply in the performance of these duties, let the charter and constitution be revoked.

Such a constitution could be readily constructed by making several amendments to our sub-chapter one—e. g. in Article II, § 1, insert *Senior* before each title, § 2, insert *once* instead of *twice*, and § 6, omit the last paragraph. In Article III, § 1 should be properly changed, and in Art. IV, § 1 amended, leaving the number of meetings to be decided upon by the by-laws of the chapter. Rule XV might be, and we think, should be changed. Chi Phi names her graduate chapters by the letters of the Hebrew alphabet, and this seems very satisfactory. No doubt other changes would be expedient, and could be easily made. But if we are to have graduate chapters, let us organize them in a fitting manner; let us grant them such privileges as are proper, and then let us expect and exact from them support and conformity to fraternity work.

G. D. GOTWALD.

FIRST ANNUAL REUNION.

The first annual reunion and banquet of the Pennsylvania Chapters of Phi Kappa Psi, was held in Harrisburg at Russ' Grand Hotel, on the night of April 3rd.

To say that it was a success expresses but mildly the feelings of those present. The highest anticipations of the originators and supporters of this movement were realized in the fullest degree, and their looks of pleasure and satisfaction told of a happy dream happily fulfilled.

About 10 o'clock p. m. thirty-five brothers, among whom were a number of alumni, representing the Penna. Gamma, Epsilon, Zeta, Eta, Theta, and Iota chapters, assembled at the above named hotel. Old acquaintances were renewed and many new ones formed. Kind greetings were exchanged as hand joined hand in warm grasp, indicative of the nobler union of soul with soul. Thus the moments quickly fled, and we were ushered into an inviting and spacious room, in the center of which stood a burdened table. Around this we were seated, with Bro. G. D. Gotwald, W. G. P., presiding at its head. Now followed one of the most interesting features of the evening. Course followed course until we wondered if they would ever stop. Those of the brothers who were determined to try each, partook very lightly of the last few, and ended feeling well convinced that their capacity was exhausted. After the music of the dishes died away, the presiding officer announced the toasts, which were responded to as follows: "The Penna. Chapters," R. A. Johns, Z; "The Alumni," H. O. Beatty; "The Fraternity," E. Tustin, I; "The Shield," J. N. Bauman, H; "The G. C.," R. M. Harding, E; "The Ladies," C. M. Niesley, θ ; "The First Banquet," H. L. Cresswell, I. Then followed promiscuous toasts by Bros. G. D. Stahley, J. L. Shelly, J. H. Shopp, D. King Gotwald, C. D. Hoover, W. A. McClean, W. A. Eckels, G. C. Stahl, C. A. Pardoe, D. E. Eschbach, H. H. Baldrige. The toasts were short and spicy, and were received with earnest and hearty applause.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Russ for his hospitable entertainment. Also to the deserving Committee of Arrangements, Pardoe, Z; Gotwald, E; Eschbach, H; Niesley, θ ; to whose efforts the success of the meeting was in great part due. Your correspondent was elected to report the proceedings to THE SHIELD; all joined in singing an ode written for the occasion by Bro. S. H. Evans, Z, and our first annual reunion was declared at an end.

The morning hours had come and the brothers reluctantly bade good-bye and took trains for home, all expressing the hope that, though this was our first reunion, it might not be the last.

Such scenes and experiences will not soon be forgotten; and they cannot fail to have a salutary influence on the Chapters represented. As the train bore me back to the familiar scenes of my daily work, I looked out at the bright and peaceful breaking of the morning and felt as though it was typical of the breaking of a new day in the relations of the Penna. chapters to each other. Such reunions will establish a more living union between us, and will prove beneficial and joyous interludes between our Biennial G. A. Cs. Such may they be, and God speed the next.

Yours Fraternaly,

J. N. B.

TOUR OF OUR WESTERN CHAPTERS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26th, 1884.

DEAR SHIELD:—This letter is a long delayed one, and, but for an illness extending over nearly three months, would have appeared in the January number of *THE SHIELD*. In November last, having business to attend to in St. Paul, Minn., and thinking somewhat of remaining there, I left home by the way of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, my idea being to visit Illinois *A, B* and *A*, Wisconsin *A* and *F* and Minnesota *A* on my way to St. Paul. I only succeeded in visiting the Illinois Chapters and Wisconsin *F*. Why, will appear further on.

The scenery along the B. & O. is picturesque in the extreme. The line of the B. & O. follows the Potomac river for many miles. The river where it first presents itself to the view of the traveler is truly beautiful. "Trees royally profuse in foliage leaned lovingly over the waters as if wedding them to closer embrace, that the emerald of the virgin leaf might kiss the purity of translucent ripple." From "Point of Rocks" to Harper's Ferry the scenery is varied and the surroundings majestic, as you here meet the outposts of the Blue Ridge.

About three miles from Harper's Ferry you enter the mountain fastnesses, where precipitous piles of granite rise to a tremendous height. At Harper's Ferry the waters of the Shenandoah and Potomac meet, and join in one stormy current. There is much to see at Harper's Ferry, and many of the natives are ready to supply you with a sufficient number of reminiscences of the "wah" to fill a volume or two. From Jefferson's Rock you have a magnificent view of the surrounding country. After leaving Harper's Ferry the line of the Potomac is followed, and as you ascend the mountains the iron horse breathes more stentoriously. Piedmont, as its name indicates, is the foot of the mountains. Here commences the seventeen mile grade, as railroad men call it. An additional locomotive is attached to the train. The Potomac dwindles into insignificant proportions, and loses itself at last in the hidden springs of its source. The scenery on this grade is grand and beautiful, and my inability to do it justice, prevents any attempt at description.

The train soon reaches Altamont and we are on the summit, and the mountains below us. We pass through Deer Park and Oakland on the top of the Alleghanies, and soon begin the descent. The scenery all

along the line of the B. & O. will amply repay the traveler a journey to Washington from the West by this line.

But enough of description. I arrived in Chicago on Tuesday night about half-past nine o'clock, and before I had left the train, was met by a whole souled gentleman (whom I thought a Phi Psi, although I had never seen him before) named T. R. Weddell, of the Illinois Beta, who escorted me to the Palmer House, where I remained during my stay in Chicago. Wednesday morning I visited Chicago University, where I met Bro. Weddell and found his room a very comfortable one. Soon the Phi Psis began to drop in, and Bro. Griffith (whom I had met at Pittsburg) presented me to Bros. Brockway, Buzzell, Coy, Lingle Perrine, Short, Thorns and Swartwout. A noble set of gentlemen, and, I presume, scholars. I also met here the two Bros. Anderson, members of the Illinois Delta. Unfortunately I had injured my knee cap Tuesday night and was somewhat lame, and towards afternoon it grew rapidly worse, and by four o'clock a physician ordered me to bed with a bandaged knee, which rendered me incapable of walking. The Illinois Beta with true Phi Psi generosity, had arranged a reception at Bro. Griffith's residence for me, and the brother called for me with Bro. Stone about eight o'clock to find me in bed unable to go. To say I was very sorry, is entirely inadequate to express my feelings on that occasion. My thanks to the Illinois Beta Chapter for their kind attentions to me in Chicago are here reiterated. I was visited the next day by Bros. Griffith and Mott, and had quite a long talk with them over fraternity matters. Thursday afternoon I succeeded in dressing and going down stairs, in spite of my "game leg." While here I was suddenly seized by Bro. McNair, of Illinois "A," who informed me I *must* go to Evanston and meet the "boys" of the Alpha. My orders were not to leave the house, but Bro. McNair's urgent solicitations combined with my own earnest desire seemed to render me better, and I decided to accompany him. We soon arrived at Evanston and enjoyed a good dinner, after which Bro. McNair (or rather before which) kindly drove me around Evanston, pointing out the college buildings, campus, &c. In the evening we returned to the new hall of the Chapter, where I soon met Bro. Schell. of Pittsburg memory, and was introduced to Bros. Wilkinson, Horswell, Crawford, Graves, Hill, Mars, James, Edmondson, Ninde, McLeeman, Stuart, and others whose names I do not now recall.

We had a pleasant discussion of fraternity matters, and the brothers sang many Phi Psi songs, much to my gratification. I took the 11 o'clock train for Chicago after enjoying a most pleasant time with the Alpha boys. They were furnishing their new hall. They have secured a lease of the hall for a number of years. It is excellently located on the corner

care of me for a day or two. In Minneapolis I met Bros. Ware, Rea, Wooley, Benton, Longbrake and Brandeburg, and received a most hearty welcome from all. A few days after my arrival there I was taken sick and was unable to leave my room until December 21st, when I returned home. During my illness I was visited and kindly looked after by the Phi Psis, especially Bro. Ware, whom I never can adequately repay for his kindness and attention to me. The death of a near relative compelled me to return home, not entirely recovered. I had not been here ten days before I was again taken sick and came very near entering the "valley of the shadow of death." I am now only able to move about my own residence, but hope to get out in a couple of weeks. I fully intended visiting Minn. "A," of which I heard glowing accounts in Minneapolis, but illness prevented. I also intended, on my return to the East, to visit Wisconsin Alpha, Iowa Delta, and the Ohio and Indiana Chapters, but for above mentioned reason was unable.

On my return I passed through Wooster and had the University pointed out to me, but as the train only stopped a few minutes, I could not see much of the place.

In conclusion, I think the Chapters located near each other should visit frequently, and that when any Phi Psi Alumnus is on his travels, he should make himself known to chapters and members in the cities he visits, if he wishes to have a pleasant time, and realize that he has friends. The true friendship and brotherly feeling manifested by all the Phi Psis I have met in my travels, has made me love our noble order more and more, and proves the good judgement and discretion displayed by the chapters in picking their men.

I trust THE SHIELD will meet with all possible success, and our new G. C. with all its enthusiasm, push the fraternity onward and upward. In Bro. Gotwald (the only officer I am acquainted with) they have a most worthy and earnest Phi Psi, and if they are all like him, there is no question of the grand success of our present G. C.

Am happy to say that I have learned through letters from the Chapter that D. C. Alpha is in a most flourishing condition. Too much credit cannot be given to Bro. H. L. Hodgkins for this state of affairs. With all my wishes for loved Phi Psi and its individual members.

I am Yours in the bonds,

R. J. M.

EDITORIAL.

FOR some years past, Delta Tau Delta has achieved some enviable renown for its aggression, and on one occasion a gentleman high in fraternity circles predicted to the editor the almost certain supremacy of this fraternity in the West and South. In light of this statement, and of an article in the April issue of the *Crescent*, entitled "A Problem," we wish to advance a few comments for consideration by thoughtful Phi Psis. We give the general divisions of the article and the typical outline: I. GIVEN: 1. The chapters are not working together with a settled purpose for some definite end; 2. The chapters are too often selfish; 3. New chapters fight their battles alone; 4. Though there is a marked lack of personal sacrifice, some are found, &c.. 5. The alumni are not kept sufficiently interested; 6. The fraternity journal is wretchedly supported. II. REQUIRED: 1. The social, intellectual and moral improvement of its members; 2. The establishment and promotion of generosity, harmony and good fellowship; 3. The advancement of the real interests of American college students everywhere. III. SOLUTION: 1. The lopping off of all unpromising, non-progressive and retarding chapters; 2. We need more definite plans for future work, and more centralized effort in fraternity management; 3. General fraternity work should be more evenly distributed among the chapters; 4. We need to appreciate more fully the value of an enthusiastic body of alumni; 5. We must exercise still greater care in the selection of members; 6. We need a more vigorous interior discipline and a complete revision of the unwritten law; 7. Earnest support of the fraternity journal; 8. Regular division conferences and an increased attendance upon the Convention; 9. More attention should be paid by the fraternity in general, to those who are attempting to establish new chapters, and to chapters recently admitted; 10. We need a more uniform method of correspondence between chapters; 11. An increase in fraternity interest and spirit.

We have not quoted from the *Crescent*, because it is the only one of our contemporaries whose pages contain such expressions of dissatisfaction, but rather because we found there a more extended and comprehensive formulation of the self criticism which appears in nearly all of our exchanges.

We are of the opinion that this is a healthy sign and can readily see the tendency it will have upon Fraternity life as a whole, though the effects, if good, will be general rather than particular. That is, if the danger of degenerating into mere scolding is avoided, the universal effect upon fraternity life will be beneficial, for such expressions will make their impression upon fraternity officers, who in turn will endeavor to impress their reformatory sentiments upon the chapters. But individual members of chapters are too apt to consider that they themselves exemplify all that is great and good in fraternity affairs, and complacently ascribe to their neighbors the dereliction expressed in their journal.

Fraternity journalism has become too great a factor in American college life to be relegated at this day to limbo, but must have characteristics indicative, either of celestial or infernal occupancy. Indifferentism in the tone or strife of a journal is a pretty fair index of the status of the fraternity which it represents, and very soon determines the position of the latter in the eyes of the Greek world.

Phi Kappa Psi has a position—a position to maintain, not to lose—and we earnestly hope that *THE SHIELD* will never cease to be a true index of the place which we occupy in the scale. Opinions have been often expressed in our pages as to the wants of Phi Kappa Psi, and so long as the former are unsupplied and the exigencies of the latter unalleviated, so long will we “cry aloud and spare not.” It matters little to us whether our policy or utterances pleases our contemporaries or not, as our duty is not to them but to ourselves. The temptation to emulate the example of such or such a one of our brother-editors and try ourselves at fine writing, having no fear before our eyes but that of the failure to please him, is often hard to resist, and were we not conscious both of its futility and unprofitableness, we might sometimes fall.

This general tone of complaint at existing things, must mean something. It is not a concerted plan of the editors of the fraternity journals to outscold each other, but is spontaneous in its generation and expression, and is more deep-seated by far, we are assured, than the hearts of a few representative men of the various fraternities.

We desire now as heretofore, to express the hope that chapter correspondents or special contributors may feel it incumbent upon them to keep up a lively agitation of the many topics of deep interest to Phi Kappa Psi, so long as its usefulness may be apparent.

We have often wondered why the sentiments and opinions expressed in these pages have not elicited more discussion. We cannot believe that all we have said is swallowed *volens volens* by the very large majority who have so far kept silence, and yet little comment has been made upon the

editorial opinions of our journal in either private or public manner.

The editorial department of *THE SHIELD* should reflect the spirit of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and it is not to be expected that the mind of the editor can successfully perform its office of mirror, unless there be objects presented for reflection. Evidently these pages are not the place for the expression of private opinion or personal prejudice, yet nothing else can be looked for unless the sources of information are more varied and the information itself more frequent.

We received one letter for publication recently, which we did not publish, simply because it was abusive and its criticisms puerile. We were very severely handled for making the editorial department so prominent, and not laying more stress upon chapter communications. As for the former we care nothing, being convinced that the treatment *THE SHIELD* has received from the hands of its contemporaries will be sufficient answer, and we smile when we find one of our own chapters criticising us for the scantiness of the very department which we have devoted ourselves most earnestly to building up and for the superabundance and exclusiveness of which we are culpable in the eyes of our brother and sister journalists of the fraternity press. The feature of the communication which renders it well nigh a model of unconscious humor, is that the scolding comes from a chapter still in arrears for their subscription to Volume IV.

The editor has striven to eliminate the personal factor from every sentence he has written, and to express nothing inconsiderate, intemperate or unfair; the spirit in which he has written has been a courteous one, and he expects a like spirit to be manifested in the articles which he accepts for publication.

WE have heard very little recently concerning the proposed Pan-Hellenic Conference to be held in New York City, July 1st, and since Phi Kappa Psi has seemed to be exceedingly indifferent as to the success or failure of the movement, we have not felt it necessary to make extended inquiry. The preliminary meeting last February promised too much for fraternity men to allow the matter to go by default, for we believe that a better time could not be chosen than now, nor could the interest we think be greater. So far as we have been able to ascertain, far less than the required ten fraternities have ratified the call for a conference or appointed delegates. Why, has Phi Kappa Psi not taken some stand in the matter?

WE publish in this number an account of the reunion of the Pennsylvania chapters at Harrisburg. This was crowded out of the April *SHIELD* through no fault of Bro. Bauman, who was elected to write up the matter for *THE SHIELD*, but through the superabundance of "copy" already set up.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

OHIO DELTA.—Again we attempt to chronicle a few of the events and opinions of Ohio Delta. Our last letter was one of the unfortunate ones that were crowded out, but we think it too stale to be used at this late date.

Our chapter still moves on in the even tenor of its way, with now and then a ripple of excitement to break the monotony.

We created considerable surprise among our rivals the first of this term by initiating one of the class of '86. Let me introduce him to the fraternity—Bro. J. P. Milligan, of Rushville, O.

Ohio Delta was most agreeably surprised some few days ago by Bro. Linton, '83, of Pennsylvania Epsilon. Bro. Linton was one of the most active workers of the last G. A. C., and, although he is no longer in college, the fire of enthusiasm is just as intense as it ever was for old $\phi \psi$.

Ohio Delta is heartily in favor of the proposed Pan-Hellenic Council, and she desires to urge the importance of the fraternity being represented there. It is plainly evident that all the fraternities of good standing, practically, have the same object in view, viz: The promotion of good will. The object of the Pan-Hellenic Council is to bring the different fraternities into a general understanding of each other. Now since the different fraternities have the same object in view, and since the object of the council is to bring about an understanding between them, we cannot see why Phi Kappa Psi should not take part in the council. The fraternity system has many enemies, and in most cases each fraternity has to meet the whole force of the opposition, and if she is worsted in any contest, her rivals look on with pleasure.

Fraternities quarrel among themselves, and in most cases the quarrel originates on account of a misunderstanding of each other.

The fraternities should unite in such a way, as to present a solid front to the enemy, and when this is done, the fraternity system will grow stronger and more popular every day and no fraternity can fail to reap bounteous results from such a union. No fraternity need lose any of its individuality, but rather it will receive additional strength by coming to an understanding with its rivals. Therefore, we think $\phi \psi$ ought to be represented in the Pan-Hellenic Council, and that the G. C. should take im-

mediate steps in that direction. We believe it would result in much good and we feel sure that nothing could be lost by taking part in the council.

We expect, if nothing prevents, to have Ohio Alpha and Beta chapters together with the resident members of the city meet with us on the 31st. A lively time may be expected, and in the next SHIELD we will give a report of it.

J. L. McMURRAY.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.—The Pa. Beta boys are intensely practical. We are not given to gushing in the least, yet we think we can appreciate worth, and we speak from the heart when we say we are all proud of THE SHIELD. If the coming numbers are up to the standard of the last, both in matter and general make up, no $\Phi \Psi$ will have just cause to feel ashamed of his fraternity organ.

Our baby, mentioned in the April number, was Livingston, instead of Swingston.

Bro. W. M. Beyer, of Altoona, made a short visit to his Alma Mater last month.

We expected a visit from Bro. R. D. Hoskins, of Bathgate, Dakota, this week. Hoskins is a whole-souled $\Phi \Psi$, and will receive a warm welcome.

Bro. E. M. Robinson, one of last year's boys, was in town on important business last week. If we may be allowed an opinion, we would say judging from the number of hours he devoted to it each day, his business was intensely interesting.

Bro. Shaw leaves us to-morrow. He will travel as general agent for the Standard Publishing House during the summer months, and re-enter the Sophomore class in college next fall. He takes the best wishes of his brothers and friends.

Bro. T. C. Wade is meeting with the success he deserves as music teacher. His class now numbers about twenty, with prospects of an increase. He has brilliant plans and hopes for the future. We are to have a musical conservatory connected with the college, with Bro. Wade at its head. We know of no one more capable of carrying out such a school, and most heartily wish his most sanguine expectations may be realized.

Bro. Chas. W. Deane has recently been elected Superintendent of the public schools at McKeesport, Pa. The boys all join in congratulating him, and wish him all possible success. We do not hesitate for a moment to bespeak for him a name and a reputation among public instructors, knowing what he has done in school work in the past, and knowing to the energy and zeal with which he pushes whatever he undertakes, we speak with all confidence. The School Committee of McKeesport will never have reason to regret their choice.

The boys are beginning to talk up a reunion at Chautauqua next summer. A great many $\Phi \Psi$ s visit that popular resort at different times during their vacation, and could without inconvenience, so arrange matters as to make their visit at some stated time. Many others who live in the vicinity would be only too glad of an opportunity to meet brothers from other colleges. These reunions have been made seasons of pleasure and profit in the past, and we can see no good reason why they should become a matter of history.

There are many reasons why we ought to have them annually, and every $\Phi \Psi$ ought to look forward to them as a sort of fraternity love feast. As an order, we are not well enough acquainted. We ought to be introduced to each other now and then.

Of course our chapter friendships are strong and will doubtless be enduring. We know each other well in the chapter to which we belong, but we don't know enough of $\Phi K \Psi$ in general. Our fraternity relations ought to be broader. We should rub against our sister chapters oftener. There is no more opportune time than the summer vacation, and no more fitting place than Chautauqua. Can't we revive the custom this year and have a rousing time? Let's hear from others on this question.

F. M. CURRIE.

INDIANA ALPHA.—Since our chapter has been represented in THE SHIELD, we have added another brother to our already long list, and now we number twenty-six, and our fraternity is the largest in De Pauw.

The name of our college has also been changed and the University has received a magnificent endowment from Hon. W. C. De Pauw, which promises to make it one of the finest, if not the finest in the West. The Trustees have already purchased the two hundred acres of additional ground, and they will begin the erection of several new college buildings immediately. It is understood that the number of Professors will be doubled by next year. The endowment is now so large that no matriculation fee will be charged, and the only expenses will be for board and books. During this term many prizes will be offered and $\Psi \Psi$ will get her share. Bro. Frank Hanawalt has already taken the Kennear-Monnette prize for essay.

During the past term we had several socials in our hall. The first was February 8th. Several of the boys went to Indianapolis that night to hear Irving, but we had about twelve couples there and we had a splendid time. We enjoyed ourselves till about one o'clock, when we all went home tired and sleepy.

On the 22d of February the Kennear-Monnette contest in forensics took place.

This is an annual contest for which two members are elected from each of the literary societies, one for debate and one for essay. Bro. Frank Hanawalt represented Philo as essayist, and Bro. Frank was the debater from the Plato. The fraternities represented in the contest were as follows: $\Phi K \Psi$ -2; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ -1; $K K \Gamma$ -1; $\Phi \Delta \theta$ -1 and $K A \theta$ -1. Bro. Hanawalt was successful and received the prize for the best essay. The subject was Longfellow. The debate was won by a Philomathean, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The next evening we gave a party in our hall in honor of Bro. Hanawalt. Nearly all of the boys were there with their girls. We had a glorious time and everyone seemed to be in the best of spirits, especially Bro. H., as it was his birthday.

We danced and sang till about one o'clock and everyone went home happy.

Our third party was the night of February 29th, and was given in honor of Bro. James Whitcomb Riley, "The Hoosier Poet," who that evening delivered his lecture, "Eli, and How He Got There," at the college. After the lecture we all went up to the hall with our girls and enjoyed ourselves as we usually do. During the evening Bro. Riley recited in his matchless style, "Squire Hawkin's Story" and "That Old Sweetheart of Mine." Both were splendid, and pleased us all. He has a place in the heart of every Phi Psi here. The festivities were continued until the "wee sma' " hours. The February-March number of *THE SHIELD* lay here during the spring vacation, but has recently been given to the boys. It is a good number and seems to please the boys.

W. A. HOUGH.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.—Many were the inquiries made concerning *THE SHIELD* before its recent tardy appearance, but having had a little experience in dealing with printers ourselves, we were willing to accept the explanation, though somewhat disappointed, that by their negligence we should be compelled to miss one issue.

THE SHIELD has become a regular institution in the life of our chapter and whenever it is delayed beyond the usual time, great anxiety is felt for its safety. That a want is felt upon its failure to appear is, in our estimation, an evidence that it is fulfilling its mission, which is by no means an unworthy one.

Our chapter has increased in strength, numerically and otherwise, since our last report to your columns. Our latest is a big bouncing boy, who wields the willow and twirls the sphere with a degree of skill which might have captivated us, (having a weakness in that direction,) had he not also possessed those sterling qualities which always command the respect of

the wearer of the shield. Allow us to introduce him—Bro. R. N. Kaplin, brothers; may he prove as devoted an adherent of the fraternity at large, as we anticipate he will of the Eta Chapter.

This swells our number to ten; not an alarming number truly, but there is a dearth of good fraternity material here just now, and with our decade we are still at the top in numbers, as we have been for many years in other respects.

We have been highly favored recently in being able to extend our hospitality to a number of visiting brothers. Bro. Pardoe, of Penn. Beta, spent Sunday with us a few weeks ago, and his visit, though rather brief, was enjoyed by us immensely. Bro. Pardoe has that happy faculty of getting around among the different chapters of eastern Pennsylvania without any apparent effort, and we venture to say there is not a brother this side of Alleghanies, better known outside of his own chapter, or who has done more to promote a true fraternal spirit among neighboring chapters.

A number of representatives from Eta attended the first annual banquet of the Penn. chapters, held at Harrisburg on the 3d inst., of which there is an account elsewhere in this issue of *THE SHIELD*. They returned with glowing accounts of its success. While there they were fortunate enough to induce Bro. Niesly, of Penn. Theta, to accompany them home, and, though the first half of the next day was spent in trying to recover that of which they had so little the night before, we showed him the town in the afternoon and parted with him at the train in the evening, feeling that we had discovered another Phi Psi eminently worthy of the name. We hope Bro. Niesly will make it convenient to come our way soon again.

The next day Bro. Hagert and Cresswell, of Penn. Iota, stopped over on their way back to Philadelphia, and we had a royal time with them. They reported themselves well pleased with our city, which by the way isn't at all slow when you "know the ropes," and left us in good spirits.

Bro. Stahl, of the class of '83, has been with us during the last week. We shall be glad to see him whenever a trip to Lancaster is consistent with his struggle with the intricacies of Blackstone.

These visits have had a good effect on our boys, and we hope we have been able to convince our visiting brothers that Eta, in her unassuming way is striving to realize the aims of Phi Kappa Psi. J. H. APPLE, JR.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.—"Ye editor" writes that Bro. "Collis'" letter, which was "crowded out" of the April *SHIELD*, has been mislaid, and asks "Collis" to re-write it. Unfortunately, for the readers of *THE SHIELD*, Bro. Hill has left the University for the remainder of this season, and hence

cannot comply with the request. Hastily then, I shall attempt to chronicle the deeds of Illinois A, since Bro. "Collis'" last letter.

One of the main objects of our work this year has been to secure better quarters for our fraternal gathering. Of our success in this, you have already been informed. Although much must yet be done to make our chapter home just what we desire it should be, nevertheless we feel quite proud of the result of our efforts. Our halls excell those of any of the frats here, and we think they will bear comparison with most Western chapter homes.

Another aim which we hold constantly in view, one to which we attach great importance, and in which we have been quite successful, is to more thoroughly identify with us the older alumni of the chapter. As a natural result of the several years inactivity of Illinois A., the older alumni had lost much of their interest in and most of their knowledge of the fraternity. We have employed whatever means we could, to bring the interests of the chapter and of the fraternity before these alumni; we write to them (for cash), visit them whenever possible, and as often as they come to Evanston, meet with them and present the claims of the fraternity. As before remarked; we have accomplished considerable in this line, and feel that therein is an additional element of strength for us. It is but a few days ago that we gathered in our hall to talk of Phi Psi to a brother, who had had no connection with or knowledge of the fraternity for about fifteen years, the time since his graduation. Like a true Phi Psi however, he recalled the enthusiasm with which he regarded the fraternity when he was in college, and when we discovered that he was the home pastor of a senior prep. whom we, as well as ΣX , ΔY $B \theta$ Π , were "rushing," he volunteered to speak to the much desired prep. and "tell him where he belonged." Partly as a result of this alumni brother's work, a good man is secured for us. This is but an example of the responses which our older alumni have made to our advances, and we never have had reason to regret any lack of interest on the part of our alumni, who have graduated since the refounding of the chapter in '78.

A number of prizes for excellence in writing, declamation and oratory are annually awarded in our university, and the contests are the occasions of measuring Greek against Greek. They are in reality considered contests between the fraternities, although many are ostensibly between societies and classes. Thus far this year Beta Theta Pi has taken 1 prize; Sigma Chi, 1; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1; Delta Upsilon, 3; Phi Kappi Psi, 5. In three contests there were a first and a second prize. Phi Kappa Psi took the first prize in all three instances. The prize of Beta Theta Pi and the two Delta Upsilons were second prizes. In "honor" work Phi Kappa

Psis stand in about the same proportion to the other frat men that they do in the prize contests.

In social matters we have not been as active as usual, but have not been altogether neglectful of the "co-eds," the *A* *Θ*s, the *Δ* *Γ*s and the *K* *K* *Γ*s.

Pre-eminent among our socialities was a reception tendered to the chapter and its lady friends, by Bro. Rev. Dr. Ninde, President of the Garrett Biblical Institute. The evening was one of the pleasantest in the social annals of the chapter. There were the delights of sociality, the wasting of viands. Bro. McLennan divulged (?) the mysteries of the order to the ladies, and Bro. Clinton, whose recollections were quite vivid, explained the initiation rites and ceremonies. At the commencement of the theological school a number of our preacher brothers were in town. Among them was Bro. Valorous F. Brown, the refounder of our chapter. We gathered in these brethren one evening and they made our hall ring with their enthusiastic Phi Psi speeches, with hearty laughter and singing with us our Phi Psi songs. Bro. Brown holds Phi Psi as a thing very dear to him, and the welfare of his chapter is his constant and profound care. That we filially appreciate Bro. Brown's paternal interest in us and reciprocate, scarcely need be said.

N. W. U. is a member of the Northwestern Base Ball Association and the games furnish an opportunity for us to meet the Wisconsin Alpha and Gamma boys. Madison plays in Evanston the 23d inst. and Beloit the 7th prox. Thus we may have a personal acquaintance with our neighboring chapters, renewing it from year to year.

In the graduating exercises of the Biblical Institute, Phi Kappa Psi was most creditably represented by Bros. Crawford and Clinton.

To the list of members, which a Pennsylvania Epsilon brother desires to see reckoned at a round 4,000, Illinois A. contributes four names. Two are names which, from some unaccountable reason, do not appear in the grand catalogue. They are Bro. Rev. A. H. Needham, '73; Lena, Illinois, and Bro. Rev. Dr. W. H. H. Adams, '70, President of Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill. The other two are initiates since January 1st—Bro. W. H. Tuttle, '87; Dunlap, Ill., and Bro. Dewitt Clinton, Independence, Iowa. Bro. Clinton studied for several years at Cornell College, then entered our N. W. U. Theological Institute, from which he was graduated this year. He will matriculate in the College of Liberal Arts next fall, class '86, thus making for us six juniors next year.

Our symposium will be held in commencement week. The university officials are making extraordinary efforts to celebrate the silver wedding of N. W. U. at the coming commencement. An unusually large number of alumni will attend the exercises this year, and we are making arrange-

ments to have as many of our $\Phi \Psi$ alumni as possible attend the symposium.

N. W. U.'s annual, the "Pandora," is out, and by the generosity of Bro. W. H. Crawford, the business manager, we expect to send a number of the *Pandoras* to the chapters and would be pleased to exchange.

Bro. J. H. Hill, '86, is doing work in Iowa for a Philadelphia school supply house, but will be on hand next fall, as will also Bro. C. O. Graves, '85, who has been rustivating at Illinois Wesleyan during the last two terms. We expect to begin next scholastic year with eighteen men.

RUSH MCNAIR.

VIRGINIA ALPHA.—We have a chapter this year consisting of ten men, and while we are on a tolerably firm basis as a chapter, we can't be said to be strong. There is no reason why we should not have one of our most important chapters at the University of Virginia, which is not only the chief college in the State, but has an average attendance of three hundred students, with only thirteen competing fraternities. We have considered these facts and mentally digested them, and have at last come to the conclusion that we not only *can* have a good, healthy chapter here, but we *will* do it, and will use our utmost endeavors in that direction during the coming session.

We have no chapter house, in fact I don't think there is one in Virginia; we are not as yet quite as aspiring as our more affluent Pennsylvania brethren; it is to be hoped, however, that we will get one in time, though we scarcely dare mention such hopes. At present our meetings are held in a room rented for the purpose, which is also used by several other fraternities. We are not disturbed by the fact that we do not own it, but try to persuade ourselves we are "doing things up brown" by paying a fine large rent.

Our meetings are held once every two weeks, which we think is as often as the amount of business we transact justifies, but when we do meet we go in for a good time. Bro. Schaefer, who is our screamer, and has a low gentle laugh that would scarcely wake a sleeping infant, is in full process of getting his M. D., and when he does get it, it is thought by his friends that he will do about as much toward depopulating the world as may reasonably be expected. Bro. Schaefer is a native of Loudoun Co., Va., which has the reputation of being "the best county in the State."

Bro. Diller is the only representative we have from New York City, but New York don't need any more; he represents it very well. Bro. Diller is more recently from Kansas City, Mo., where he resided about a year and contracted such vast ideas about Kansas City and the West in general that he don't think New York is quite as large as it used to be, and

Kansas City is a little larger. As a business man, he was quite a success out there, and made so much money he couldn't pay his expenses back home. He will get his M. D. this year—*Deo volente*.

Bro. Davis is our "crusher," and we have to trust entirely to him to keep up our credit with the girls. He is strongly conservative in his principles, and has an exalted idea of what is due $\Phi K \Psi$ by her members. He won't let us languish in our chapter work, and when he thinks it necessary, rouses us to renewed exertions by his eloquence and enthusiasm.

And what shall I say of Bro. Coley Early? He, also, is gifted with a low, silvery laugh that vies with Bro. Schaefer's, both in its gentleness and melody, and when the two are combined, the effect is very pleasing. Bro. Early has a repugnance to voting, however, which I hope time will cure.

Bro. Woods is recently from Chicago, where he has resided for several years past and while there indulged in speculating quite frequently, yet his efforts were not always attended with success, and in the main he was rather a loser in the operation; so he was finally induced by his better judgment to give up the business and study medicine, which he is accordingly doing.

Bro. Tucker Smith is an incipient civil engineer, and a tennis player whose equal it would be hard to find. Bro. Smith is a great boy with the girls, and it is the universal opinion among the fair sex that he is none the less handsome if his hair is red.

Bro. Bowman is studying law. This youth rejoices in the soubriquet of "Toxy."

Bro. Peters is our representative in the lecture room, and keeps up our reputation with the professors.

Bro. Trout will take his M. A. this year. He is now, I am sorry to say, on the sick list, but we are expecting him out shortly.

We consider ourselves fortunate in possessing three professor's sons, which is of course a permanent acquisition to the chapter.

We heartily approve of the manner in which THE SHIELD is conducted, and heartily endorse all that is for the welfare of our noble order.

R. L. PRESTON.

NEW YORK DELTA.—The B. G. of our new sister, the New York Beta, has, I believe, written you an account in regard to her, so that of the very subject on which I could speak *ad infinitum* I must be silent, except to tender her in this way, through your columns, as we have already done in person and in a more lively way, the right hand of fellowship and of hearty welcome and congratulation. We had indeed a royal time at Syracuse on Friday, in spite of the fact that many brothers who had expected to come

were prevented. The Beta boys have the true $\Phi \Psi$ ring in them, and form a chapter of which we may be proud.

Now a word or two about N. Y. Delta. She has been hard at work and is rejoiced at the result of her work. Our old lease expiring, and we being dissatisfied with our old quarters in many respects, especially location, we looked around with a view to bettering ourselves. We had the good luck to secure for a term of years the entire third floor of a new building in the center of the town, about half a dozen doors from the Postoffice, and near our boarding place, so that the boys will find it convenient, in fact unavoidable, to drop in very often. We will have a fine hall, a reception room, bedroom and stairway, all closed off and perfectly private. We shall fit up our new quarters as well as possible before Commencement, especially our reception room, so as to be ready for the campaign.

I notice that Bro. J. B. Foraker, N. Y. Δ , is a candidate for trustee of Cornell University. And in passing, I might say that Bros. Hudson and Case, N. Y. Δ , of Syracuse, J. M. McNair, of Dansville, and H. V. L. Jones, of Dundee, have expressed themselves as ready and eager to do all they can towards placing their chapter on its feet once more. Bro. F. E. Easterbrooks, N. Y. Δ , '81, is going the way of all the world, and will take to himself a better half on May 1st. I strongly suspect that two more of our alumni will follow his noble example before long. To all three, N. Y. Δ extends heartfelt (I was going to say *sympathy*,) congratulations and good wishes.

I cannot close without once more, through you, thanking the Grand Chapter for their great promptness and zeal in the work concerning the establishment of N. Y. Beta. Also, Bro. H. L. Jacobs for his kindly interest. The songs sent by the latter were printed and sung at the banquet, and helped to make the occasion even more joyous.

G. M. IRISH.

[UNFORTUNATELY, again in this issue we are obliged to hold over a number of chapter letters till June. This, while unfortunate, is nevertheless in some few instances unavoidable, and we are sorry to see manifested in some chapters a spirit of grave dissatisfaction at their communications not being published at once. We will endeavor to fill the columns of THE SHIELD with matters of interest to $\Phi K \Psi$ and with squibs of fraternity news; and when we are forced through lack of space to hold over any chapter correspondence, no one letter is chosen for publication over any other.—ED.]

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has entered Tallahassee, Florida. |

The Ohio chapters Beta Theta Pi recently held a State Conference at Columbus.

Combinations are "strictly prohibited" by the constitution of Beta Theta Pi.—*Crescent*.

Psi Upsilon has published a brief history of the fraternity. It is called the "Epitome."

Phi Gamma Delta has not yet granted her petitioners at Wittenberg College a charter.

Work on the $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ catalogue is progressing finely. The fraternity has sixty-six honorary members.

The five fraternities at Columbus, Ohio, will unite in publishing an Annual about Commencement.—*Crescent*.

The first annual banquet of the Delta Upsilon club was held at the Palmer House, Chicago, on the evening of May 2nd.

The Delta Gamma (ladies' frat.) now have an organ. It is called the *Anchora*, and is published by the chapter at Buchtel College.

Wis. Gamma Phi Kappa Psi is no longer "sub rosa." The faculty of Beloit College has at last recognized them and given full consent to their continuance as a chapter.

The Phi Delta Theta *Scroll* has been making an effort to continue as a monthly. Thus far in the year, however, its issues have occurred only bi-monthly.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

According to Mr. Baird's new work, the fraternities possessing chapter houses are Delta Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Psi Upsilon, Chi Psi, and Zeta Psi.

Phi Delta Theta has followed up her Colby movement with a new chapter at C. C. N. Y. Verily, this fraternity is determined to take the East by storm, although the *Scroll* does indulge in some graphic references to "The Star of Empire."—*Crescent*.

We are told that Kappa Alpha—after establishing three new chapters in three months, and with one under way at John Hopkins—is making arrangements to invade the best Northern colleges, following in the wake of Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Theta Delta Chi fraternity now has an organ, *The Shield*, published at Tuft's College, Mass. We have been favored with a private view of it only and can not, therefore, attempt to give it so extended a notice as our interest in it suggests and its creditable appearance deserves. None of our exchanges seem to be aware of its existence. The journal is a quarterly, the first number dated January, 1884.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon was founded in 1856. In the whole course of her existence she has established 45 chapters—38 active and 7 alumni. By the war, failure of colleges and schools of learning, want of material, and other vicissitudes, 25 have become *extinct*. Of this number, 6 have resuscitated; leaving, in all, 19 defunct chapters and 23 active and alumni now on her roll. She has an active roll of nearly 300 members, and alumni, in round numbers, to the number of 1,700.—*Record*.

IN MEMORIAM.

RICHARD M. LLOYD.

WHEREAS, In the providence of Almighty God, our beloved brother, Richard M. Lloyd, was removed by death, at Chicago, Ill., Mar. 16, 1884; and,

WHEREAS, In the death of Bro. Lloyd we have lost a warm-hearted friend and a loyal member of the fraternity we, the members of Ohio Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, do offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That our heartfelt sympathies be extended to the family of the deceased in this their hour of deep affliction;

Resolved, That we wear the badge of mourning, for the time specified in the book of Constitution;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased. That a copy be sent to the various chapters of the fraternity and also to THE SHIELD for publication.

F. W. ROUDEBUSH, }
W. G. FRIZZELL, } Committee.

M. A. WADE.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove by death our beloved brother, Melancthon A. Wade; and,

WHEREAS, In the death of Brother Wade we have lost a warm-hearted friend and a loyal member of the fraternity, we, the members of Ohio Gamma Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, do offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in him we recognize the loss of one who gave promise of being an honor to his fraternity, as well as to any position he might take in the great fraternity of mankind;

Resolved, That while we humbly submit to the Divine will, we deeply sympathize with the bereaved family and friends of the deceased in this, their hour of deep affliction;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our lamented brother; and to each chapter of the fraternity, requesting that the usual badge of mourning be worn for the time specified in the Grand Book of Constitutions; and

Resolved, That these resolutions be inscribed on the minutes of this meeting and be published in the Phi Kappa Psi SHIELD and Wooster Collegian.

L. G. HOSTETLER, }
U. S. JOHNSON, } Committee.
J. M. CALDWELL, }

PERSONALS.

ILLINOIS DELTA.

'80 W. H. Alsip is making bricks and money. He can be found by Phi Psis in want of a dinner at the old stand, corner La Salle and Adams streets.

'82. Prof. F. L. Anderson can be found in room A. U. of C. attempting to enlighten the ignorant prep. He has issued a book entitled verba Cæsaris.

'83. Sam. King is in San Francisco, Cal., running the gauntlet of bull dogs and dynamite. He is a book agent!

'81 U. of C. Robins S. Mott is one of the law firm of Mott and Newberger. The firm is young, but lively.

E. R. Anderson is the second assistant electrician of the Spirry Electric Light Motor and Car Brake Company, Chicago. They say he is "struck," not by lightning however.

KANSAS ALPHA.

Bro. Samuel R. Peters, of Newton, Kan., now serving his first term in Congress, was nominated by acclamation in the Republican Convention, held at Hutchinson, about the middle of April. The district is Republican by a large majority, and his re-election is assured. In 1882, Kansas elected four Congressmen at large. They were nominated in State Convention, and Judge Peters was the only one nominated on the first ballot.

Bro. E. S. Torrence, now Judge of the Winfield district, has many friends, who are supporting him for the position on the Supreme Bench of Kansas, made vacant by the appointment of Judge Bremer, as a U. S. Circuit Judge.

Bro. Chas. S. Gleed is now editor-in-chief of the Denver Tribune, the most prominent and influential daily between the Missouri and San Francisco. The Atchison Champion says that Charley has more friends in Kansas than has any man of his age in the State.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

Bro. Rev. Curta, Iowa Delta, '67, Evanston, Ill., will deliver an address at Carlton College during commencement week.

Two of the Chicago representatives at the Republican National Convention are Phi Kappa Psis, Bro. Sam B. Raymond, Illinois A, '65, and Bro. Charles E. Piper, Ill. A, '82.

Bro. Will G. Clark, B. D., of Princeton '83, has received a call to the First Presbyterian church of Waukegan, Ill.

Bro. Rev. Dr. Ninde is one of the delegates of the Michigan Conference to the General Conference of the M. E. church, and Bro. Rev. T. R. Strobbridge, '67, is one of the delegates of the Rock River Conference.

Bro. Chas. C. Bragdon, '65, Principle of Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, Mass., will conduct a party of his young lady students in a summer's tour of Europe.

Bro. Wm. M. Raymond, '69, has a chief clerkship in the U. S. sub-Treasury at Chicago.

Bro. Chas. W. Pearson, '71, Professor of English literature in northwestern University, has edited several of Ginn & Heath's series in "English Classics."

Bro. Valorous F. Brown, Kansas, A, '76, and refounder of Ill. A, '78, is pastor of Asbury M. E. church, Cincinnati, O.

INDIANA ALPHA.

Bro. J. H. Neff, class '77, of Kansas City, visited his parents and brothers here for a short time last term. He is at present on the staff of the Kansas City Commercial.

Bro. Will Funk, class '83, paid us and M—— a flying visit.

Bro. Will McNeff, '82, is the prof. of mathematics in one of the colleges of California.

Bro. S. C. Levell, '81, is Principal of the North Topeka schools.

Bro. Beeson, formerly of '83, taught school the past winter.

S. D. Ayers, class of '69, paid the boys a brief visit last week of last term. He still has a warm place in his heart for Phi Psi.

PERSONALS.

W. T. Hartly and C. G. Campbell, of Indiana Gamma, attended our Soph. performance. Indiana Alpha is likely to have a candidate for the nomination for Gov. in Bro. W. H. Calkins.

Bro. Marble, class '83, was recently married to Miss Emma Stephenson, of Pendleton. They have our best wishes.

Bro. Richard Tennant, '67, paid Greencastle a visit during the past vacation.

Bro. Buskirk, of Indiana B, frequently visits us.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA.

Bro. Arthur, class '84, has been admitted into the Philadelphia M. E. Conference. His first charge is at Hamburg, Pa.

Bro. Niesly, of Pa. Theta, made us a short visit last month. We enjoyed his visit very much, and so, doubtless did the young ladies of Carlisle.

Bro. Conover, '84, was anniversarian of the Belles-Lettres Society this year. His oration was very creditable to his fraternity and to his society.

Bro. Evans, '81, is pastor of the M. E. church at Franklinville, Pa.

Bro. Stogden, '81, the popular pastor of the M. E. church, Montgomery Square, Pa., was presented by his congregation with a handsome gold watch.

Bro. Engene W. Manning, '77, who has been studying in Germany, was recently appointed professor in the Syracuse University.

Bro. J. Harris Archer, '64, has been re-elected member of the Maryland Legislature.

Bro. John Y. Dobbins, '75, has been returned for the third year as pastor of the State-street M. E. church, Trenton, N. J.

Bro. P. M. Leakin, '85, has been chosen editor of *The Dickinsonia* in behalf of the U. P. Society.

Bro. Abram C. Strite, '82, is studying law at his home in Letersburg.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

Bro. R. W. E. Tritchell, '82, is assistant attorney of the A. T. and S. F. R. R. for New Mexico, with headquarters at Santa Fe.

Bro. W. M. Edwards, '83, has just received an appointment as physician in the insane asylum at Kalamazoo, Mich. He intends to make this branch of the science his life study. Will be back in June and take his degree with his class.

Bro. F. L. Webster, '83, is married, and is publisher of the Lawrence (Kan.) *Daily Journal* and the *Western Home Journal*.

Bro. F. H. Hodder, '83, is teaching languages and mathematics in the Aurora, (Ill.) High School.

Bro. J. H. Jennings, '83, is editing the Fenton, Mich. *Independent*. "Jack" has changed politics since leaving college. When here he was the sworn enemy of "Independents."

Bro. H. G. Ohls, '83, has matriculated at Rush Medical Collge, Chicago, and will begin the study of medicine there next fall.

Bro. E. L. Hollingsworth, formerly of '83, spent a few days with us lately. He has just recovered from a protracted illness.

Bro. Walter B. Bliss, '85, is this year throwing a quill in the City Treasurer's office at East Saginaw, Mich. Walt. is getting local politics down fine so as to be able to help "our side" out next year in the struggle for senior ascendancy.

Bro. L. A. Rhoades, '84, will teach next year.

Bro. E. T. Shuler, '85, leaves soon to go into the banking business in Kansas. We shall miss "Pete."

C. W. Deane, Pa. Beta, has been elected Superintendent of the public schools of McKeesport, Pa.

A. D. Hosterman, Ohio Beta, '81, editor of the Emporia, (Kan.) *Daily Republican*, was married on Tuesday, May 6, to Miss Lizzie H. Geiger, daughter of Prof. Geiger, formerly of Wittenberg College. "Doc" was handsomely remembered by his brothers of Ohio Beta, and has the congratulations and best wishes of THE SHIELD and of the fraternity.

Friends of Eliphalet Nott Potter, who is still in Europe, say that he is ready to resign the Presidency of Union College and accept that of Hobart College, at Geneva. Dr. Potter's step is commended as being the promptest and pleasantest way of settling his long-standing difficulties with some of the trustees of Union.

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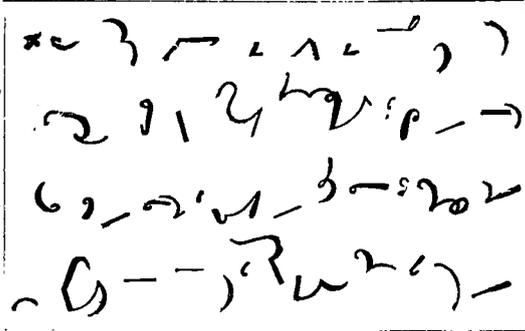
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THE ALUMNI CHAPTER QUESTION.

In the last number of *THE SHIELD*, there appeared a very excellent statement of the condition of our alumni chapters, and some valuable suggestions as to the best means of improving their situation—contributed by our friend and brother, Geo. D. Gotwald. In the editorial of the same number is the request that the opinions advanced in the columns of *THE SHIELD* be more freely discussed and criticised. We, therefore, take the liberty of expressing our ideas in reference to our alumni organization, which is certainly the most important topic at present before our fraternity for consideration.

We desire, in the first place, to include Ill. Delta in the same category with the alumni chapters at Kansas City, Mo., Washington, D. C., and Columbus, Ohio. We are not aware of ever having received a charter, and consequently “have not died—because we never lived.” We are grateful to Bro. Gotwald for having disclosed to us this loop-hole, through which we hasten to crawl and thus escape the painful necessity of confessing to a failure. Ill. Delta is not dead—she never lived. The parchment upon which was printed the certificate of our right to exist never reached us, and, therefore, we never had such right—and never existed.

From our brief experience in attempting to organize an alumni chapter, we have learned several facts concerning the relation which our alumni sustain toward each other, and are therefore prepared to state with some degree of certainty what may be expected of them.

In the first place, it must be remembered that the relation between our alumni, congregated at any one point, is very different from that existing between the members of an active chapter located at some educational institution. In the latter case, all have the same immediate goal in view, i. e., the requirement of a liberal education, the support of literary societies and the fostering of class and college organizations; all of which appeal

with equal force to the heart of every true student. Whether such an institution as a Greek letter fraternity ever existed or not, there would still be a bond of friendship and sympathy between college men. We introduce, however, our secret societies, and the young man attends his chapter's meetings regularly through his college course. But why? Is it because he has such a high sense of his duty toward his fraternity? We do not think that is the true reason. He is faithful principally because he will there find congenial spirits, young men of nearly the same age who have bound themselves together because of this congeniality; he can there discuss the events of the week with those who are as deeply interested as himself, speculate upon the result of some contest and build air castles never to be realized. These young men make plans together and work side by side to accomplish their fulfillment. The success of one is the success of all. Such an organization possesses all the elements of strength and perpetuity.

With our alumni this is all changed. There is among them no community of pursuits, tastes or interests. Their ways are divergent; they move in entirely different social circles and seldom meet except by accident; they have other associations and other claims which appeal to them much stronger than does their college fraternity. The Phi Psis whom they meet are not the Phi Psis of their college days—they are almost strangers to each other, and have but few opportunities to become better acquainted. And the fact that they do know so little of one another and have so little in common is the chief reason why they do not avail themselves of many occasions when they might meet together and learn to appreciate the good qualities which each possesses.

Does anyone seriously think that the G. A. C. can prescribe any law adequate to remedy this state of affairs? Can a law be enacted that will manufacture to order a common interest where none previously existed, or enable one man to discover in another congenial traits which were before unnoticed? Will an alumnus of twenty-five or thirty years standing take a street car of a cold winter's night and ride eight or ten miles in order to meet men whom he cares little about and who may be personally disagreeable to him, simply because a handfull of college boys think it is the proper thing for him to do? And if he is to be excused, then why not excuse all? Where are you to draw the line? And if all are entitled to an excuse, where and how is your chapter to meet? That our alumni can be tied down to any constitution prescribed by the G. A. C., is a mistaken idea. Any organization among them must be of the "go-as-you-please" character, and such an one is worse than none at all—as it accomplishes nothing and soon falls for lack of proper attention and "push."

But is any real or pretended organization of our alumni necessary? The proposed awakening of Phi Psi spirit and enthusiasm among them is not undertaken for the purpose of materially adding to the happiness or advancement of our alumni; no such result is sought to be obtained. It is desired simply that the fraternity itself may be improved, i. e., that our active chapters may be put on a firm and more secure basis by having the support, both moral and financial, of our alumni—and, if in so helping, our alumni should derive any pleasure or profit, so much the better; but this is merely collateral, and not the direct object. That our chapters should be so supported at times, there can be no doubt; hence this "Alumni Crusade" should be vigorously pushed. But should those who are most interested in its success, that is, the undergraduates, undertake and carry out this work? Are they not in a situation where it can be more easily performed by them? There is an edict of the G. A. C. which recommends that during the collegiate year each chapter issue a circular letter, or letters, to its alumni, informing them of the condition of the chapter, the number and names of members, addresses of other alumni, the time and place of holding any proposed banquet, etc., etc. The fact that our chapters had so far neglected their alumni as to render such an edict necessary, does not, to say the least, reflect much credit upon them; and yet we have grave doubts whether any chapter, except Pa. Epsilon, even after being thus reminded of its duty, issues any such circular letter. In addition to strictly obeying the above mentioned edict, we would suggest the following:

Require each chapter to keep an accurate list of the names, addresses and occupations of its graduate members; and when any alumnus resides in the neighborhood of any other chapter from which he graduated to forward to the former the name and address of such alumnus. If each chapter would detail one or two men to attend to this work this summer, by next fall each chapter would probably know the addresses of its alumni and also the names and addresses of the Phi Psis in its immediate neighborhood.

By this means our alumni would soon be in direct communication with their own chapters and would hear concerning the condition of the same at least once a year, and in addition thereto would probably receive invitations to attend all banquets, etc., given by the chapter nearest to them. This would be a long stride in advance of our present condition and would be appreciated by every true Phi Psi graduate. But much more can and ought to be done. Each chapter that discovers that there are many alumni within easy reach, should undertake to bring them together at least once a year for a general "round up." Furnished with a complete

list of the Phi Psis in the near northwest, the Ill. Alpha and Beta chapters could arrange for and successfully conduct the largest meeting of Phi Psis ever held at Chicago, and in a few years our fraternity would be the most widely known and the most influential of any in this section. Let other chapters located near prominent railroad centers undertake similar projects, and we are of the opinion that no one could ask for a more enthusiastic body of alumni. Let your alumni see that your interest in them extends beyond a request for financial aid, and that you are willing to undertake extra work for the pleasure of meeting them and becoming better acquainted with them, and you will soon find that no organization, no constitution from the G. A. C. and no alumni chapters are necessary to keep alive the interest in the Phi Kappa Psi.

Grant charters to no *sub rosa* chapters; initiate no candidate who for any reason must be kept *sub rosa*; have an alumni pin designed. Then, instead of its being a privilege, make it compulsory for every active member and for every member who graduates after 1885 to wear a Phi Psi pin in plain sight. Such a requirement would tend to keep a man's fraternity continually before him, and the increased number of brothers whom he would meet and know as such, would be very apt to strengthen his regard for his college society.

As to the share which our alumni should have in the fraternity government, we may trespass upon your patience in discussing that question at some future time.

ROBINS S. MOTT.

BISHOP WILLIAM XAVIER NINDE.

On the evening of December 6th, 1883, Rev. Dr. W. X. Ninde was received into Phi Kappa Psi by Illinois Alpha. Dr. Ninde became a member of the fraternity under the provisions of the constitution, he being at the time President of Garrett Biblical Institute, and Cornelia Miller Professor of Practical Theology, N. W. A.

Bishop Ninde was born in Cortland, N. Y., in 1832, graduated from Wesleyan University in 1855, and joined the Cincinnati Conference in 1861. For nine years he occupied the pulpits of four of the churches in that city. He was transferred in 1870 to Central Church, Detroit, and three years later was elected to the chair of Practical Theology in Garrett Biblical Institute. In 1879 he was elected President of the same institution.

Bishop Ninde, during his stay in Evanston, has been respected by the entire community and loved by those fortunate enough to enjoy his acquaintanceship. His kindness and generosity manifested toward the members of our chapter have endeared him to us by bonds that can never be weakened. The mildness of his disposition and faultlessness of his character have been means of inspiration to every student. Bro. Dr. Axtell expressed the right thought when he said, "His gentleness hath made him great."

After the adjournment of the Conference we decided to honor ourselves by giving a reception to the new Bishop. Although the arrangements were hastily performed and the gathering was somewhat informal, yet during our history as a chapter, no more auspicious meeting ever convened within our halls.

The formal address of welcome was made by Bro. Rev. Dr. Axtell, Penn. B., of Englewood. A response, earnest and inspiring, was given by Bishop Ninde. Short speeches were also delivered by Bro. Prof. Pearson, of the Univ., by Bro. Rev. Lewis Curts, pastor of the First M. E. Church of Evanston, and by Bro. Hon. M. C. Springer.

The presence of the ladies added to the enjoyment of the evening. The singing of the fraternity songs, and a banquet served by the city caterer made the "flow of soul" almost equal to the "feast of reason."

Bishop Ninde has the spirit of a true Phi Psi, and in his episcopal tours will be glad to meet all the brothers of the order. His residence for the coming quadrennium will be in Topeka, Kansas.

W. E. McLEMAN.

EDITORIAL.

WE wish to acknowledge the receipt of invitations to the commencement exercises at the University of the Pacific, and at Wittenberg College, to symposiums of Kansas Alpha and Illinois Alpha. The letter is a very neat bit of work from the fraternity jewelers and engravers.

OHIO Alpha has followed the example of some few of her sister chapters and has issued a letter addressed to the alumni and ex-active members of that chapter, detailing the condition of the chapter and extending a cordial invitation to all to reunite at commencement time.

THE fraternity will be grieved to learn of the death of the wife of our much loved brother Robt. J. Burdette, last month, at her home in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. We all know what a patient sufferer she has been in the past, and most deeply sympathize with our brother in his terrible affliction. "Her serene little highness" has passed from the domain of her earthly kingdom to one brighter far, where she shall reign forever and ever a princess of the highest rank.

OUR jewelers, in response to calls from many quarters, have manufactured a new pin, No. 16, which is called the alumnus badge. It is a small badge with No. 12 center and pearl border. It is moderate in price and exceedingly handsome, and meets fully the objection so frequently urged by alumni to wearing a pin, that of the ordinary styles being too conspicuous. Let us hope that brothers who have discontinued the wearing of pins upon leaving college will procure this badge, thus made especially for their use, and no longer preserve in their appearance the incognito which they do not feel.

THE Pan-Hellenic idea, after much discussion, has failed for want of a sufficient number of supporters among the various fraternities. Phi Kappa Psi, through our Grand Chapter, took a stand in favor of it last April, but for some reason the matter was not published in THE SHIELD. This failure was in no wise due to negligence of the G. C., but through some inadvertence the matter never came to the notice of the editor. Hence the reference in a previous issue. We believe, however, that there will be one held some day, although this scheme has proved abortive. The

idea of the plan proposed is a good one, but in our opinion the matter was sprung at an inopportune time. Fraternity journalism had not fairly gotten a firm foothold, and the discussion was too often confined to the editorial columns to make impressions of lasting character upon the fraternity world; chapters had too little idea as to the features of the proposed conference, although a most elaborate scheme was suggested; and some intemperate utterances of a few hot-heads at the meeting in Philadelphia, February, 1883, together with some equally foolish speeches in fraternity publications that so dampened the ardor of the originators that they are content now to "bide a wee."

WE are in receipt of "An Open Letter to Wm. Raimond Baird, Author of American College Fraternities," from Albert P. Jacobs, Detroit, Mich. Baird, it seems, has not pleased Mr. Jacobs in his statements regarding Psi Upsilon, and in so far as the fraternity is misrepresented, we sympathize with Mr. J.

There is no doubt but that Mr. Baird's labor was colossal in the compilation of this book, and we know that he was met with discouragement, neglect and opposition at nearly every step, but it is equally true that the second edition of his "American College Fraternities" is bristling with errors, both of fact and execution.

What Mr. Jacobs' purpose may be in thus throwing a "defy" at the distinguished author, we have no means of ascertaining, and wish to dismiss the letter and the whole matter as briefly as possible. Mr. Jacobs is the gentleman who has had so much attention paid to him in the journals of Greek letter societies on account of an article in the *Diamond* of two years ago. We should very much like to meet Mr. J., if a common man may be allowed to approach so august a presence, for a man who could undergo so unmerciful a drubbing as he has received and yet scatter broadcast a pamphlet which throws him open to even worse ridicule than the former article, must be nothing short of a curiosity.

Note this from the attack on Mr. Baird: "Only under extraordinary circumstances will a Psi Upsilon condescend to discuss with an alien the outside facts even, of the history of his society." "*Ab uno (sample) disce omnes.*"

WITH the close of this college year many of our active Phi Psis will become ex-active members, and will no longer get their SHIELDS with those of the chapter. A vast deal of trouble will be avoided in our mailing department if each G. B. will send to J. C. Lower, Springfield, Ohio, the address of each member graduating from his chapter. Please attend to this *at once*.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.—As this is my first attempt at writing to THE SHIELD, I take my pen with some trepidation.

Since our last letter, we have been very pleasantly surprised by a visit from Bro. King, of Ill. Beta. We hope that he enjoyed his visit as much as we did. We are so far from our sister chapters that it is quite a treat to meet brothers from other States; and our arms are always open to receive any who may happen this way. Bro. King has our best wishes for his future prosperity in our "Golden State."

In our chapter, all is well.

We do not, perhaps, have as strong fraternity feeling, born of closer connection with other chapters and contact with other frats., as our eastern sisters do, yet we are connected more closely every day in the bonds of Phi Kappa Psi and each one of us is growing in the love of its beautiful principles.

We have just adopted the plan of Ohio Gamma, I believe, of having a chapter historian, and anticipate much profit and pleasure from it.

In March we unveiled the beauties of our order to a new brother—J. C. Needham.

Bro. Clayton has been quite sick with typhoid fever, but we hope to soon see him among us again.

Rob. Sober, of '82, is soon expected to return, a full fledged M. D., from Bellevue.

The coming year promises to be of unusual activity, both to our chapter and the Univ. As the present accommodations are not sufficient for the number of students, it is the intention to have a new building, at an estimated cost of \$4,000, most of the funds for which are now in.

Commencement will deprive us of eight of our number, but we hope soon to recover, as there is a prospect of a very large attendance next year.

THE SHIELD has just made its appearance among us in its new form and we hail it with pleasure as a bright harbinger of increasing prosperity and usefulness.

The following are the names of those initiated since Jan.: J. E. Doak, A. Branch, J. L. Ballard, J. R. Welch and J. C. Needham.

L. L. DENNETT.

KANSAS ALPHA.—As Bro. Humphrey is very busy at present, he has requested me to communicate to the fraternity the latest events concerning Kansas Alpha.

In regard to the chapter as a whole, it is as prosperous as ever. While our boys have by no means shown themselves proof against the seductive pleasures of society, neither have they neglected nor slighted their studies, nor, above all, have they allowed their iraternity zeal to weaken or grow cold.

I believe that mention was made in a former letter of our new hall. Since then we have added a piano to its furniture which improves the appearance of the room very much. Also, some of our lady friends have made us a present of a piano cover; others of a neat paper basket, and still another presented us a rich tidy, which now adorns the chair of him who wields the gavel. We were greatly pleased with these, as evidences of the esteem of those whose friendship we value very highly.

Bro. Hodder, of Mich. Alpha, spent the latter part of last month here, visiting Bro. Webster. Of course all our boys gave him a hearty welcome, and to those who know him it will also be a matter of course that we enjoyed his visit hugely, and will be glad to see him back at any time. During his stay we gave a party at our hall. Conversation, dancing, music,—but why enter into details? It was a Phi Psi party; let that suffice. The day of Bro. Hodder's departure we had the pleasure of welcoming another Phi Psi who had decided to locate here—Bro. Esterly, of Ohio Delta. As soon as we discovered that he was one of our order, he was taken up to the hall and if our success equaled our desires he was made to feel that he had fallen among friends and brothers.

Of college honors, our boys still receive their share, and a very good share it is. Bro. Stocks will represent his department on commencement day. He received second honors in the Oratorical Contest held here in February and was one of the two who represented the Seniors in the Memorial exercises on Washington's birthday. Bro. Britton has been elected by his class to present the Juniors with the "hat" on class day. Bro. Crane, who represented his class on Washington's birthday, has been elected Orator for the June Contest by the Oread Literary Society; the first Freshman to receive this honor. As to class honors, we are trying to keep up the good standing which has been characteristic of our chapter in the past, and if we but do this we have no fears of being surpassed by any of our rivals.

In athletics, we are fairly represented having two men in the boat club and two in the foot-ball team. Athletics are in an embryonic stage here as yet, but there is at present a growing interest, and we expect ere long

to have an athletic association which will be a credit to the school.

Before I close, I want to say what so many others have said before; that we ever look forward to the coming of *THE SHIELD* with pleasant anticipations, nor have we yet found in its case the "pleasures of anticipation greater than those of participation."

S. T. GILMORE.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.—Michigan Alpha sends greeting to her sister chapters. Since our last letter, few things have happened which would be of interest to the fraternity at large.

We were all surprised and delighted at the great improvement in the last *SHIELD*. Bro. Olds, '83, writes: "Vol. V., No. 1 of *THE SHIELD* is at hand, and I rejoice greatly thereat. *THE SHIELD* is indeed an honor to the fraternity." We all echo his sentiments in respect to our fraternity paper.

The establishment of New York Beta is a move in the right direction, and the directors of that movement are entitled to a great deal of credit for the successful consummation of their plans.

Since writing you last, our law commencement has taken place, and Bros. Cooling and Leland, lits. '82, laws, '84, have gone to begin the battle. Bro. Cooling has begun practicing at Rockford, Illinois, and the "Judge" reports a tired brain and sleepless nights from the responsibilities thrust upon him by numerous clients. After this year the law term is extended to two years of nine months each. Judge Cooley is to retire from the law faculty at the end of the present college year. Since the lengthening of the law term, some frats. have begun to initiate "laws." We do not think this should be done, except in very exceptional cases, where the "law" is a graduate of some college. However, we would like to see the question discussed in *THE SHIELD*, and I suppose if all the other frats. initiate "laws," Michigan Alpha will be driven to it as a matter of self defense.

The High School Seniors are being "worked for all they are worth" by the sixteen frats. of the U. of M. Several are reported as pledged. We are having all the success we could wish. "War" will soon begin, and Michigan Alpha is putting on her war-paint and sharpening up her little hatchet. We are peculiarly fortunate this year, as we lose but one Senior, Bro. Rhoades being the only representative of the Class of '84 now present at college.

By the way, that class is at present in the throes of a mighty revolution. The iconoclastic spirit is abroad in it. The majority of the class are "barbs and wools," and notwithstanding the united efforts of the frat.

men, they have succeeded in abolishing "Senior reception" and some talk is made by the Philistines of abolishing Class-day too. May the gods deliver this University from another class like '84. Palladium, Junior Hop, Senior Reception, Class Hats, have all been done away with by them this year, and this community will not be surprised to learn that they have met and abolished Prex and the Faculty.

The Alpha Delt house is completed and they are expecting to occupy it before commencement. The Zeta Psi boys have again moved, this time near the University. They have a nice place. It is said that one of the law frats, Sigma Chi is to make an effort next fall to enter the literary department. They are also talking of getting a fraternity house near ours. The Phi Delt has given up their house on account of the reduction of their numbers by reason of the law commencement.

Bro. H. W. Berks, a charter member of Kansas Alpha gave us a call last week. He is in the real estate and loan business at Salina, Kansas.

J. V. DENNEY.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.—Since Miss. Alpha has last been heard from in *THE SHIELD*, many weeks have glide'd into the "recesses of the past," but we trust that our long silence has not been attributed to a diminution of interest and loyalty to our noble order.

The University is in excellent condition, and many improvements are being made on the buildings, but that in which the students are most interested is the erection of a new gymnasium. Last Friday we had holiday, as it was the anniversary of Phi Sigma Literary Society. The oration was good, and the entire affair was quite enjoyable, for you know that anything that brings a cessation from college duties is always pleasant.

Yesterday about half of the Senior class went out on a picnic excursion about twelve miles in the country, each in company with "his girl." The young ladies carried baskets of good things, and we provided ourselves with an abundance of candies, nuts, bananas and ice cream, and never did a dozen boys have a finer time than did we.

The session is rapidly drawing to a close. Our Profs. informed us that the examinations would begin earlier than usual, and that we would have to begin on 24th inst, so that the lower classes could get through by 20th of June.

Since we wrote last, Miss. Alpha has been on "the boom." We have initiated two excellent young men—R. Halsell and M. Waugh, both of whom bid fair to become bright lights in our fraternity and the fraternity of mankind. We all take a great deal of interest in our guys, and are

faithfully striving to do the work that is before us and place one chapter on a firm basis of moral, social and intellectual greatness.

In our commencement exercises Phi Kappa Psi will be represented in the Sophomore contest, junior debator for Anniversarian of Hermaean Society, Junior speaker and Senior speaker and second graduating honor.

Though we are young here, we nevertheless come in for our share of the honors, prizes, etc.

We are happy to learn of the birth of N. Y. Beta; and though Miss. Alpha has sent her a warm welcome, we again express the hope that she will always successfully march under the "ample folds" of the banner of Phi Kappa Psi and prove herself an honor to our fraternity. Long may she wave!

Miss. Alpha joins her B. G. in best wishes and love for each chapter and the beloved SHIELD.

W. P. TACKETT.

OHIO DELTA.—Ohio Delta still lives and moves. She numbers just thirteen, but at least three of this number will leave with the end of the college years, to be with us no more as active members of the chapter.

We have now to chronicle a brief report of a meeting of all the chapters in the State. On the 31st of May the first intercollegiate athletic contest of Ohio, was held at the Ohio State University. This occasion furnished an excellent opportunity for the different chapters in the State to meet and have a good as well as a profitable time, and at our invitation Ohio Alpha Beta and Gamma all responded and each with a full and lively delegation of Phi Kaps. Over twenty visitors were present. The day was spent in witnessing the contest sports and getting acquainted. In the evening we all repaired to our hall in the city where we were joined by quite a number of loyal old Phi Psi Alumni. Here for three hours there was an uninterrupted, genial, "feast of reason and flow of soul." Brother Charlie Cherrington acted as presiding genius, while Brother Bowdle eloquently discussed to us on the "Future of the Fraternity." Brother Galbraith spoke very earnestly in behalf of the prospective alumni chapter and Brother Lloyd with no little enthusiasm spoke of the duties of the coming G. A. C. Following this was a short speech by Brother U. S. Johnson on the history of the fraternity. Then jolly Brother Rikes, who says he never speaks less than an hour, gave us some of the reminiscences of his fraternity life. Brother Rikes fully impressed every one that he had been "one of the boys" when he was in college. Brother Framber was then called on and he responded in a few earnest and instructive remarks. The time had passed so rapidly that it was now eleven o'clock and we only had time to devour a few refreshments hastily when our Springfield

brothers had to take the train in order to get home before Sunday evening. However the Alpha and Gamma boys were not compelled to leave before 1:40 a. m. This time was spent in general conversation and in singing good old Phi Psi songs. No occasion has ever before brought all the chapters together, but this one was a success. Never have we been so well acquainted or had so much kindly feeling between the chapters as now. This ought to become an annual occurrence; it arouses fraternity spirit and enthusiasm.

There is at present in our institution a great deal of dissatisfaction on the part of the students on account of certain actions of the faculty, but we hope it may soon pass away, nevertheless it has already gone so far that commencement will be but little more than a farce this year.

J. L. McMURRAY.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.—Since last you heard from us Pennsylvania Alpha has been compelled to record the loss of another member. Brother Sutherland, our late B. G. and one of our most valued and esteemed fraters. was prevented from returning to college this term; and we mourn his absence as an almost irreparable loss. His worth as well as his popularity may be gleaned from the fact that he lacked but nine ballots of receiving the unanimous college vote on the editorial staff; while our chagrin may be imagined when we see a prominent "anti-frat" occupying his room as editor-in-chief. But though the thorn is long and sharp it is still hidden under the accompanying rose; and we have taken our harps from the willows to rejoice over a new accession.

Brother George Fife, of Elizabeth, Pa., is the recruit, who has at last left the shades of barbarism, and come under the radiant influence of the "all seeing eye." And just here we are happy to respond to the call of Pennsylvania Epsilon in the April SHIELD; and can contribute two names toward the twenty needed to make four thousand. Brother Ed. Wallace, '85, of Allegheny, who has been sub rosa for three months until this week; and Bro. Geo. L. Fife, '87, our infant child of light.

Much has happened recently in our college world and Phi Kappa Psi has been found in the path of duty, this time linked hand in hand with honor. The spring elections for the annual contest between the Literary Societies have been held, and we can boast of debater in Philo. and essayist in Franklin. The Philo. elections were phenomenal, the like of which were never known here before. The three contestants, debator, orator and essayist, were elected together by acclamation by a unanimous vote. Pennsylvania Alpha can sympathize with Pennsylvania Beta in the concord which exists between the various fraternities here. Never before has

there been such a union such a "fraternal feeling between the different branches of the Greeks. In fact the serious aspect of the "now-frats." who have been combined under the leadership of a few "anti-frats." has compelled alliance which might not otherwise exist. Our common ground on which we meet is the publication of an annual; and opposition to this is the prime cause of the hue and cry against fraternities throughout the college. The "Comet" will come out, however, before commencement, in spite of all their fierce but unavailing rancor.

At present the energies of our boys are devoted to furnishing a suite of rooms for the purpose of a fraternity hall. We are well "under weigh" in this good work and expect to be able to elect our new officers in our new apartments. If any brother should find it convenient to pass through Washington in the course of a month, he has an urgent invitation to come and see us in our new habitation; though we will not attempt to compare it with Pennsylvania Epsilon's chapter house.

Next month we may have an account to render of our opening exercises, but our plans are not yet formulated.

J. L. MARQUIS.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.—We were much surprisid at the editorial in the May number about the Pan-Hellenic Council, as we were at the language of Brother McMurray, of Ohio Delta, in the same number. Our surprise arose from the simple circumstance that the Editor and Brother McMurray should advise the G. C. to take a step which she has already taken, i. e., to take action on the part of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity with regard to the Pan-Hellenic. At a meeting of the G. C. held March 21, 1884, it was decided that Phi Kappa Psi favors holding the Council and W. G. P. empower to appoint three delegates to represent the fraternity on that occasion. Notice of this action was sent to the SHIELD by Brother Gotwold himself, and our surprise is aroused, then, that the fraternity in general is still in ignorance of Phi Kappa Psi's stand in the matter. Do not understand us to find fault with the Editor. We certainly think and have not hesitated to express our opinion, that the SHIELD is conducted by its present management most admirably and calls forth our heartiest commendations. We simply infer that Brother Gotwold's communication was mislaid, or, probably, never received.

Our Chapter has been doing nothing but progressing quietly. Our relations with all the other fraternities of the College are very amicable, and our band,—now reduced to twelve by the loss of Brothers Geiser, '86, and Whipp, '87—has made no recent additions. Our attention has been called, by one of the brothers, to the fact that our fraternity, rather

Chapter, interest appears to be retrograding and that we do not take the active interest in our relations with the other fraternities as regards our new men, etc., we once did. This may be—but I doubt it—true; but I think, since the Pennsylvania Epsilon has become the Grand Chapter, her interest in Phi Psi affairs has been transferred from the old local organizations to the more important and general relations which Phi Kappa Psi as a fraternity holds to other fraternities. As I look at it, it is decidedly a good thing. It has given each member of Epsilon a better and wider knowledge of his fraternity and consequently enables him to perceive what good and what bad points her mode of governing may have, and makes him love Phi Kappa Psi for what she really is, makes him strive to do all in his power to raise her to that ideal level which she has not yet attained but which every enthusiastic brother, in the depths of his love for her, is only too apt to ascribe to her as already hers.

Brother McNair, of Illinois Alpha, in his last letter to the SHIELD speaks of the efforts his Chapter has been making toward keeping up in alumni breasts the true Phi Psi warmth. Let me, in a friendly, brotherly way, tell him and all the brothers, of the method Pennsylvania Epsilon has adopted and which she has found to work excellently. That method is the publication, bi-monthly, of a little four-page sheet, filled with fraternity and college news best calculated to interest alumni. The expense is but little, the time and trouble not much, and profit derived very great. The plan was inaugurated in 1881 by Brother Geo. Gotwald, rather as an experiment than anything else, but it has been a most successful one. I can cordially recommend the plan to any and all of the Chapters, which have tried it.

As I mentioned above, we have lost two of our number by their leaving college—a loss which we feel much, but which we hope will be repaired by the return of the lost twain to our ranks next year.

On the 30th of May, Decoration Day, we enjoyed the pleasure of a visit from nine of the Beta boys, who we trust spent the day pleasantly. The crowds and general crush prevented us paying them the attention we would have desired, but we did our little all.

Brother Dittman, alumnus of Pennsylvania Eta, was in Gettysburg the other day and we were glad to show him through our Chapter house, and talk with him about the Phi Kappa Psi.

At the recent elections in the Literary Societies for Editors and Business Managers of the Pennsylvania Call, monthly, Brother Earnest was elected Business Manager for Philo. Society.

Our plans for the dedication of our Chapter house at Commencement

are not yet fully matured; but we have decided upon their character. Our original design of having both public and private exercises had been abandoned and, owing chiefly to our inability to secure time which would not conflict with the College exercises, we have concluded to have nothing but private ones.

EDGAR I. BRENNER.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.—Your last issue reached us at a very late date. The new form in which the first number of Vol. V appeared seemed to some of our boys to be an improvement, while others preferred the *terra cotta* and former division of the pages.

We know not whether our fraternity organ is the proper medium in which we should express disappointment at the indifference on the part of certain Chapters to permit the extension of the fraternity into suitable districts, but we feel confident that through the SHIELD, and the SHIELD alone, we can properly discuss the advisability of changing our form of government in regard to the matter of extension. Then with the facts derived from such a discussion we can all start out for the next G. A. C. with definite ideas how we should legislate.

We do not advance this subject because Pennsylvania Gamma alone is displeased, were such the case we would refrain to make mention of it. At the banquet held at Harrisburg on April 3d, general dissatisfaction was expressed by the members of the different chapters represented.

Especially was the inexpediency of the present system noticeable in the very recent attempt to raise the standard of Phi Kappa Psi in the most important city in a most important Western State. The instance referred to is well known to every active chapter of Phi Kappa Psi. That one voice which refused to assent, is empowered by our laws to utter a negative answer, yet without being required to state a single reason for its opposition.

Had all except Pennsylvania Gamma cheered on in that futile attempt, had she when asked by the G. C. to reconsider refused to do so, furthermore, had she declined to state her reasons for objecting, going so far as to request the G. C. to pay all attention to its own affairs, had Pennsylvania Gamma done this, surely its action would have been very unreasonable, and its members very inconsiderate. But in view of these noticeable faults, could she be censured? No, because she is upheld by law.

In making these few remarks we desire to cast no reflections upon any one or more chapters of our noble fraternity, but we hope to show that the laws by which we are governed are such as deserve reconsideration and remodeling. In the SHIELD of last December this same topic was

recommended as a very suitable one for the consideration of the several chapters.

There are of course two sides to this question as to all important questions, and not unlikely your correspondent from Pennsylvania Gamma may be convinced of the inexpediency of the side he takes, should the question receive thorough and judicious discussion.

Doubtless, all the Pennsylvania chapters East of the Alleghanys have in their last letters made mention of the very enjoyable time spent in Harrisburg on April 3d. We will, however, make mention of one matter which others may have overlooked. It so happened that your correspondent is a resident of Harrisburg. Having become acquainted with a number of graduate members of Phi Kappa Psi and having learned from them of others residing in the city, it seemed but proper to invite all who were once active to share the pleasures of the banquet. It proved an excellent test of their fraternity spirit.

Some, when invited, were surprised and pleased that the fraternity of their day had so far advanced that neighboring chapters were about to meet annually at a central point for interchange of greetings, expression of brotherly love, and discussion of interesting as well as important topics.

All were proud to know that they were still remembered by their old fraternity. We can safely say that all would have attended, had due notice been given, which will certainly be done next year, as the encouragement of these old brothers who fought the battles years ago was very inspiring.

We have but little to say concerning our own Chapter. We prosper. At our last meeting we initiated Brother Walter Frick, an ex-member of the University and a resident of Lewisburg. The Presidents and Vice-Presidents of both Literary Societies are Phi Psis. Our Commencement orator, elected by the Societies is Brother Willetts, of Louisville, Kentucky. Phi Kappa Psi will be quite well represented.

HOWARD L. CALDER.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.—At the Wisconsin State Republican Convention held in Madison, April 30, the following old members of Wisconsin Alpha were present as delegates: C. C. Buell, J. A. Street, Cap. Hooker, and Ruben A. Cole. The latter being the youngest delegate present and receiving the marked compliment of being appointed a member of the Committee on Credentials. It will be of more general interest to the fraternity at large to know that one of Ohio's graduates, Thos. W. Spence, was elected President of the Convention by a unanimous vote. Mr.

Spence is a loyal Phi Psi and a man whose ability and genial qualities are fast making him a prominent man in the political circles of this State. Other Wisconsin Alpha men were present to witness the proceedings of the Convention, among them being H. J. Taylor, O. D. Brandenburg, city editor *State Journal*, and F. J. Turner, representative of the *Milwaukee Sentinel*.

Last month (April) a number of men who have long been endeavoring to form a Chapter have appeared with Sigma Chi pins. Thus far but four have acknowledged their membership; but it is rumored that several more are to follow.

May 3d will no doubt remain for sometime one of the most eventful days in the histories of Wisconsin Alpha and Gamma, as it stands for many recollections of pleasant times and success achieved. The day being the opening of the Western College Base Ball Association's season, one hundred and fifty students from the University, sixteen Phi Psis being among the number, chartered two special cars, and proceeded with the nine to Beloit to witness the game. Wisconsin Gamma boys were at the depot and immediately took charge of the Alpha boys and the whole party proceeded to the Phi Psi hall, where introductions and general greeting were in order, after which the party scattered and spent the remainder of the time before the game in viewing the college buildings and interesting parts of the city. The game in the afternoon proved the most interesting and excited in the history of the League; the State University winning by a score of 2 to 3. In the evening the party reassembled at the Phi Psi hall and witnessed the initiation of Brothers Randolph and White into Wisconsin Gamma, and Brother Julius E. Olson into Wisconsin Alpha, both chapters holding a joint meeting. After the ceremonies the party adjourned for refreshments to return to the hall again and indulge in singing, conversation, and a jolly good time all around. The Beloit Chapter has the heartiest thanks and best wishes of every Alpha man present. By the accession of Brother Olson to our ranks we have added one more to the loyal band of Phi Psis, one who is noted throughout the College for his ability and gentlemanly bearing, and also who has often been sought for by Beta Theta Pi, and Phi Delta Theta.

In a letter from Pennsylvania Epsilon I notice the desire expressed to add the twenty names necessary to make Phi Kappa Psi members an even 4,000. We can help the matter along by adding thirteen names left out in totals given in the last annual catalogue. Instead of our entire membership until January, 1883, being 69, it should be 82. How the mistake occurred we do not know.

WISCONSIN GAMMA.—It is with pleasure that we announce to the fraternity at large that the long cherished hope of Wisconsin Gamma to be recognized by the authorities of the institution has at last been fully realized. Owing to the number and ability of our men the faculty, although formerly opposed to fraternities and well aware of our existence, deemed it expedient to recognize us as such. Any chapter, which may have had the misfortune to run "*sub rosa*," can well imagine our feelings when we gained our full freedom. The manner in which pink and lavender were displayed for a few days was really wonderful. It was by no means a rare occurrence to meet the fairest of Beloit's fair ones bearing with apparent pride, the same colors. But this is not the only cause we have for rejoicing. We have grown from the nine men who returned at the beginning of the school year, to number fifteen, the last three of whom, Brothers H. K. White, F. Randolph and C. W. Emerson have been initiated into the mysteries of Phi Kappa Psi since our last communication to the SHIELD.

Much to our enjoyment and mutual benefit it has been our privilege to entertain members of the Wisconsin Alpha and Illinois Alpha while the base-ball nines of their respective institutions were playing here, these nines together with those of Racine and Beloit Colleges forming the Northwestern College Base Ball Association. However, what few attentions we might have paid to them were more than repaid by the excellent manner in which they treated our boys that play in the nine when the return games were played. Such minglings are the occasion not only of pleasant social relations, but often are times from which we can date periods of renewed and more energetic action in behalf of Phi Psiism; at least, so they prove to be in many cases with us. May they occur more frequently and be as acceptable and pleasant to others as to us.

R. K. WELSH.

WE acknowledge the receipt of chapter letters from Ill. Beta, N. Y. Delta, Ind. Beta, Ohio Alpha and N. Y. Beta, which, owing to lack of space, we cannot publish in this number. That we cannot publish these communications we very much regret and trust we may soon be able to avoid the necessity of any one of the departments of our journal infringing upon any other.

WE are in receipt of MS from Bro. R. J. Murray, D. C. Alpha, containing interesting and useful statistics concerning the membership of our

fraternity. We had hoped to be able to publish this as a supplement to our June number, but circumstances have arisen which force us to withhold its publication for a future number.

SPIRIT OF THE FRATERNITY PRESS.

The *Phi Gamma Delta* takes up the cudgel in behalf of the smaller colleges against the editorial opinions of the *Crescent* and *Beta Theta Pi*:

The question of withdrawing charters from chapters which are located in small colleges is occupying the attention of at least two fraternities, and editorials have appeared in their respective organs favoring such a course. One of the arguments used in favor of the proposed action is to the effect that the best brain now seeks larger colleges. This argument is by no means conclusive. At many of the larger colleges of the country the expense of a college course amounts to a small fortune and only the sons of rich men can attend such institutions. To say the best brain is found in larger colleges is to say that brains and inherited wealth go together, which is almost anomalous. The smaller colleges of this country have graduated men who are today among the first of the nation. And from the very fact that many of the attendants at such colleges are men who make themselves, you will find that earnest and able intelligence is not absent from such institutions.

Another argument used is, that the chapters at small colleges detract from the reputation of a fraternity and impede its growth. This argument we believe to be ill-founded. If there were two fraternities of equal standing, with chapters at the same "larger colleges," but one with several chapters in smaller colleges, the one with such chapters we would consider the stronger fraternity. Certainly, however, the fraternity which has the chapters at the larger colleges is stronger than the fraternity which only has chapters at the smaller colleges. But when you hear a Greek talking about the "Grammar School Universities" at which a rival fraternity is represented, you will generally be right when you ascribe his sarcasm to a spirit of envy. Then the smaller colleges are feeders of the larger universities, and frequently the most active fraternity men in a university worth several millions, is an old fraternity man from a more modestly endowed college.

If a college has so far deteriorated that a chapter at such an institution is really a disgrace to a fraternity, then there is some excuse for a withdrawal of its charter. But when an old chapter of the fraternity, which is existing in a healthy, strong, but small college, is ordered to give up its charter, it seems that there is a great injustice done.

We suspect that the agitation of this matter has caused a question of but little importance to assume an appearance of great magnitude.

We quote from the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* for April the introduction to an editorial on "The Past of the Chapter Reform," in which a position is taken quite in keeping with opinions expressed at various times in these columns:

The *Quarterly* has never been half-hearted in its assertion of the rights of fraternities. Nor has it been slow to recognize their responsibilities. Of the latter, however, there is one which we feel deserves special mention—not that it has been evaded, but that intelli-

gent public opinion has too generally misapprehended the attitude of the Greek chapters in such regard—that is the office of co-operation with the institutions at which they are situated.

We may as well face at the outset the fact that the opponents of college secret societies have somewhat to say on their side. It is urged that Greek prosperity has been coeval with the decline of our debating societies, which once wielded a grand influence in college training. This is absolutely true. President Robinson, of Brown, says that Greek organizations necessitate absence in term time to attend conventions and other fraternity gatherings, and that breaks in regular class duty, however short, are injurious to the discipline of the college. He is right. Ex-President White, of Purdue, asserts that a body of students who look with disdain upon those pursuits which their institution is created to foster, and who incessantly demand instruction in lines calculated to wean them from such pursuits, is a nuisance. We agree with him.

To be sure the above "charges" can be easily met. Even if the Greeks were to pass out of existence, the old literary societies, in which fifty years ago the boys who attended the then isolated colleges found at once recreation and profit, would still be impossible among the older youth with time well filled that frequent the universities of today. And, could they be revived, it would be a question how much proportionate practical use they would now be in a community in which accurate written expression is every day more valued, but in which the influence of oratory has been long and steadily on the wane. To President Robinson's suggestion the answer is easy. *First*, that on inspection the actual evil dwindles almost to the vanishing point, and *second*, that if it is balanced against even a few of the matters which stand to the credit of the Greeks, the latter will instantly outweigh it. And, even if the assumption involved in ex-President White's statement were true, this would show, not that the fraternities lack or have failed in a beneficent mission, but that the Greeks at Purdue are inconsistent young men, and that Purdue, for the simple reason that it is not the seat of liberal learning, is no place for them.

These, however, are merely samples of the objections that are urged against fraternities, and while they are comically weak when urged as reasons why Greeks should not exist, they are more weighty when viewed as considerations which the chapters should regard. It is the duty of the latter, not merely to justify their existence by the benefits which they confer upon their members and incidentally on the student community, but, so far as possible, to remove all legitimate ground for opposition by avoiding interference with the institutions where they are situated. The existence of a chapter is justified when it is shown that the balance of its influence is to be good; its methods are justified only when they are calculated to secure the greatest possible good with the least possible conflict with other means of culture. And it is therefore incumbent upon each chapter for itself, and upon the fraternity at large for all, to so arrange meetings and convention gatherings as to interfere as little as may be with regular class work. This, we believe, is done not merely by Delta Kappa Epsilon but by all Greeks. So far the way is clear. But the chapters owe to their institutions the more important and delicate duty of giving positive moral support to every legitimate method by which such institutions attain the object of their existence, and of resisting every movement, old or new, from within or without, which lessens their efficacy. Of these, the first is much the more easy, since simple loyalty to one's *alma mater* is a virtue not puzzling to exercise. The other, however, is peculiarly liable to abuse, this even more from undue or impolitic exertion than from error in its aims.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

Phi Delta Theta, with its list of fifty chapters, claims to be in this respect the largest fraternity in the country. The chapters are mainly located at small institutions in the south and west.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* claims that there are in the present Congress sixteen members of Delta Kappa Epsilon. A permanent organization of alumni was formed in Washington, on December 19th of last year.

From *Delta Kappa Epsilon* we learn that oldest among College Fraternities is *Phi Beta Kappa*. Little is known as to when and in what form it was first organized. It is certain that it was founded in William and Mary College by Thomas Jefferson some time in 1776.—*Palm*.

Southern Kappa Alpha is agitating the question of a union with Kappa Alpha Northern. There is quite a diversity of opinion visible in the discussion. A Preliminary degree to be given the proposed candidate before initiation, is also spoken of.—*Crescent*.

The chapters of *Delta Tau Delta*, *Kappa Kappa Gamma* and *Alpha Tau Omega* at Adrian College, will publish an annual at the close of this scholastic year.—*Palm*.

It is claimed that *Kappa Alpha* has an authentic history reaching back over 59 years.

President Elliot, of Harvard, was lately elected President of the *Phi Beta Kappa* Senate.

In the past there have been three Societies known by the name of *Chi Phi*. The first was established in 1857, the second in 1858, the last in 1870. All were united in 1874.—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

Kappa Alpha is making efforts to revive her Washinton and Lee Chapter. This is the Alpha Chapter, the mother of the Fraternity, and should be preserved at all hazards.—*Crescent*.

Phi Gamma Delta is reported dead at University of Pennsylvania.—*Scroll*.

IN MEMORIAM.

T. R. WEDDELL.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his all-wise Providence to afflict our beloved Brother, T. R. Weddell, by laying the hand of death on his beloved mother, and

WHEREAS, We, the brothers in Phi Kappa Psi, desire to extend our heartfelt sympathy to him in his sore bereavement; be it

Resolved, That we, the Illinois Beta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi do hereby mourn with him the loss of his mother and extend to him and his family our deepest sympathy, and commend him to the care of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and given to our Brother; and a copy be published in the Phi Kappa Shield.

C. F. SWARTWOUT, }
R. S. THOMS, } Committee.
L. M. COY, }

JAY BROCKWAY.

WHEREAS, In the Providence of Almighty God, it has been His will, on this day, to remove from our midst our beloved Brother, Jay Brockway; and

WHEREAS, We recognized in him a loving Brother and true friend in all the various associations of college life, and

WHEREAS, We entertained the brightest hopes of success for his rising manhood; and

WHEREAS, We wish to extend our sympathy to the family in its sudden bereavement, be it

Resolved, That we, the Illinois Beta Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, do recognize in his death the loss of one whose memory will ever be cherished by all; and be it

Resolved. That his christian character and his fidelity to the interests of the Fraternity be a constant example to us. Be it

Resolved, That we do extend our deepest sympathy to his Parents and Brother in this, their sore affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family; to the *Shield*; to each Chapter of the Fraternity, and to the *Volante*.

F. R. SWARTWOUT, }
 C. S. THOMS, } Committee.
 L. M. COY, }

DR. A. R. MOTT, JR.

V. A. ALPHA, May 7th, 1884.

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to visit us with sorrow^d in the death of our brother, Dr. A. R. Mott, Jr., of New York City, N.Y., be it

Resolved, That in our bereavement we accept with submission the dispensation of the almighty Creator.

Resolved, That in the death of this brother our fraternity has lost one of its most cherished members.

Resolved, That we tender our sympathy to the bereaved family in their great affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and that the same be published in the Phi Kappa Psi SHIELD and the University Magazine.

J. S. PETERS, }
 JOS. SHAFER, } Committee.
 R. L. PRESTON, }

PERSONALS.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

Bro. Arthur C. Axtell, ex-'85, is keeping books in the wholesale department of Marshall, Field & Co., Chicago.

Bro. Ed. A. Schell, '86, expects to be present at Carlton College on the occasion of Bro. Curts', Iowa Gamma, '67, address.

Bro. Rev. Dr. N. H. Axtell, Penn. Beta, '58, was recently tendered the chair of Hebrew and Biblical Literature in the Garrett Biblical Institute, N. A. U., but much to our regret saw fit to decline. The church has some high position in store for Bro. Axtell.

Our annual reunion and symposium will occur on the 17th inst (June). A number of alumni promises to be present and we intend and expect to make this the largest and best anniversary we have ever held.

B. Gs. or others desiring communication with Illinois Alpha during the summer vacation, will please direct to Bro. Wm. E. McLennan.

Bros. Smith, Lansing, Crow, Welsh, Van Tassel, White and Sheean, of Wis. Gamma, visited us on the 6th and 7th insts.

Bros. Mars, Edmondson, G. F. James and Campbell were entertained by the Wis. Alpha and Gamma fraters. on the occasion of the league games between W. S. U., Beloit and N. W. U. at Madison and Beloit.

Bro. W. H. Crawford, '84, expects to be at Chautauqua during the latter part of July and first weeks of August. He hopes to meet a number of the brothers.

Bro. Harry G. Ohls, Mich. A., '83, gave us a call recently and promised to attend our "grinds" while he remains in Rush Medic.

Bro. Rev. Andrew B. Bishop, '69, dwells in San Jose, California. We recommend him to the mercies of Cal. A.

Bro. Prof. C. C. Bragdon, '65, made a visit to Evanston relatives and friends recently, preparatory to his European trip. Bro. Bragdon always wears his badge.

Bro. Judd W. Hanson, '88, rode in the Chicago parade of the League of American Wheelmen.

Everyone in the vast audience seemed to enthuse when our Bro. Foraker spoke. Bro. Gen. Bingham was also an especially marked man, and Bro. Piper's contested delegation and his fine voice, gesture and presence when he addressed the convention won for him great favor and prominence.

As your correspondent, with Bro. Andrews, sat in the west gallery at the National Republican Convention, striving to pick out the big Phi Kappa Psi delegates and wondering if the fraters who were outside would be able to run the blockade, we looked down upon the Nebraska delegates and there sat Bro. Scholl, '86, and in a few moments we beheld him again seated with the alternates from Iowa. How is that for political skill?

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

Bro. R. P. Gober, '82, was recently married to Miss Hattie E. Butler, of San Jose.

On Thursday, June 12th, Bro. Jno. J. Martin was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Miss Carrie L. Gosbey, of Santa, Clara, Cal.

Cal. Alpha seems suffering from an attack of the matrimonial fever, and from present indications we will soon have several more of those these interesting events to announce.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

Bro. Frear, of the Agricultural Department at Washington, and Bro. Phillips, of the State Normal School at Chester, made us a short visit a few weeks ago.

Bro. Earnest Tustin, '84, has gained first honors and is laboring hard on his farewell address.

Bros. Baldrige, Hand and Tustin, all of '84, each have one of the four first class orations.

Bros. Walter Frick and James Halfpenny, are the latest accessions to our chapter. They are both excellent men.

ILLINOIS BETA.

E lward F. Stone has accepted a position in Minneapolis, Minn. His address is Room 60, Chamber of Commerce.

E. R. Anderson has given up the lightning business and expects to finish his course at U. of C.

C. L. Geiger is out in California engaged in business with R. S. King, the "book fiend."

James P. Tapping is at his home in Delavan, Wis. Jim says that he wants all the Phi Psis to come and spend the summer at the lakes, *including the girls.*

J. G. Elsdon, who has been for a long time at his home, sick, is rapidly improving and will be in school next fall if nothing happens.

D. C. ALPHA.

Bro. Leban T. Bremmerman, M. D., '68, is successfully doctoring the citizens of Downington, Pa.

Bro. Williamson A. Suminous, '68, is teaching the young idea how to shoot, being Principal of the Public Schools of Norfolk, Va.

Bro. G. B. Gregg Custis, M. D., '72, is the best homœopathic physician in Washington, D. C.

Bro. Geo. R. Gott, '72, is a successful lawyer in Baltimore, Md.

Bro. Lewis K. Beatty, M. D., '74, has been appointed a physician to the poor in Washington, D. C. We are satisfied the poor will feel with gratitude his genial presence in the sick room.

Bro. Henry S. Elliott, '76, is enlightening the denizens of Johnson county, Wyoming, in the legal lore of his many years' storing.

Bro. Leon L. Frederick, M. D., '76, has sailed for Europe as a delegate to the International Medical Association. After the close of its sessions, he will visit Vienna, Austria, and remain in the hospitals there, perfecting himself in surgery.

By direction of the Secretary of War, First Lieut. Phillip G. Wales, assistant surgeon United States army, recently appointed, will report by letter to the commanding general, Department of the Columbia, for assignment to duty in that department.

Bro. C. S. Chesney, '81, has started out in the patent and legal business in Washington, D. C.

INDIANA GAMMA.

'87. Bro. Hoult received one of the Freshman prizes.

'87. Bro. Butler was elected Vice-President of the Lariatt Association.

'87. Bros. Hartley, Thomas and Campbell will represent Ind. Gamma on the Lariatt staff next year.

Bro. A. A. Milford, 'Princeton, '80, was in town a few days ago. He is a loyal brother and always wears the badge.

'79. Bro. Osborne finishes his third year as tutor of Wabash College.

Bros. Butler, King and Knight will spend the summer camping at Cedar Lake, Indiana.

Indiana Gamma wishes to acknowledge invitations from California Alpha, Kansas Alpha, Ill. Alpha, Penn. Zeta and Theta.

Prof. A. B. Milford, of the Ford school, this city, has been elected by the trustees and faculty of Wabash College, Crawfordsville, to the chair of English Literature and Modern Languages, of that institution. The chair was made vacant by the resignation of Prof. W. C. White, who long and most acceptably occupied it. Prof. Milford will be a valuable and foremost member of the faculty of that college. He is a graduate of Princeton, and although but twenty-seven years of age, is a leading educator of the West. He was at one time a student of Wabash College, and his appointment is due to the splendid record he made there, together with what he has made of himself later.—[Lafayette Journal.

Bro. Alfred T. Graham, Va. Gamma, '77, is now the pastor of the Rockville Bethesda Church (Presbyterian) in Maryland, and is winning golden opinions from his brother ministers, as well as the citizens.

Bro. James R. Bridges, Va. Gamma, '71, is now assistant pastor of one of the leading Presbyterian churches in Baltimore, Md., and is in charge of the Mission Chapel. He is highly spoken of by his confreres in the ministry.

Hon. J. B. Foraker has been elected trustee of Cornell University.

And now just as we are going to press we hear of another Phi Psi highly honored—Hon. Wm. H. Calkins has been nominated by the Indiana State Republican Convention for Governor. Maj. Calkins was a member of Ind. Alpha, and in behalf of his chapter and the fraternity, we extend to him our hearty congratulations.

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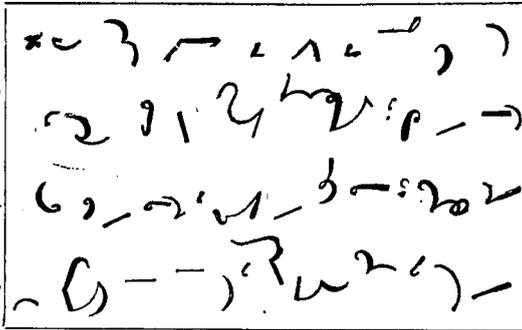
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OUR PRESENT SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.

All existing things, from the lowest specimen of plant life to man the highest of the animal, move and exist in agreement with law. The organs of each work in accordance with fixed laws, each part performs its allotted task, and helps to form a symmetrical whole.

If we notice the workings of nature closely we must become impressed with the necessity of its acting in harmony with fixed laws. Suppose that for one day the law of gravitation was suspended. Who could tell what would happen before night? The destruction resulting from the suspension of that one law would be immeasurable, yet the law of gravitation is only one of nature's laws.

Man has long ago become convinced of the advantages resulting from government, and the necessity of law.

In proportion as the government has been well organized and well administered, has the power of the state been great and enduring. A loosely organized empire lasts but a short time. The empire of Cyrus, of vast extent and embracing many people, soon crumbled to pieces.

The chief cause was loose government. Rome succeeded because of the organization in both her civil government and in her army. She saw the necessity of system and by study reduced it to a science. The result was; a military system the best in its time; and a legal system upon which to-day our laws are founded.

We see in nature, we learn from history, the necessity of organization. And will not to-day the same result come from the same cause? Most assuredly it will. No matter where it is tested, system and organization will win. It is applicable to all organizations, to the fraternity as well as to the nation. Without a close organization each will fall.

When introduced, the system of government in our fraternity probably answered well enough; when few chapters were in the fraternity and they

were situated near together. Then the business was light and easily transacted by one chapter. But now when the fraternity has been greatly extended, and the chapters number thirty four, the same form of government is used. One chapter, and that composed of college men, is obliged to attend to all the business for thirty-four active chapters. You say, "Well, no matter how it may look on the face of it, the system must work satisfactorily, or surely it would not continue in use." Has it worked well? I know not how the Grand Chapter before my initiation performed their duties, though I have heard numerous complaints against them by alumni; but the following fact in regards to the last Grand chapter I do know: On April 1st 1883 the Grand Chapter, then at Washington, was petitioned by alumni for an alumni chapter at Wooster. Up to Nov. 26 1883, no word had been received by the petitioners from the Grand Chapter, though the (Grand chapter) it had been repeatedly written to on the subject. The petition was not sent around to the chapters by the Grand Chapter at all. The same chapter, when acting as Grand Chapter stands charged with being the cause of losing a chapter to this fraternity, a chapter located in a rapidly growing part of the country, containing many rising colleges, and where we have only one chapter.

The last report from the Grand Chapter said that no votes had been received from some of the chapters in regard to the establishment of new chapters. The same report *prayed* for information in regard to the *existence* or *non-existence* of certain alumni chapters. Does all this look like the present system works satisfactorily? A Grand Chapter being the sole cause of the loss of a chapter; other chapters losing so much interest in the fraternity as not to vote on the admission of a chapter; and the Grand Chapter, the one having the means above all other chapters, of knowing the affairs of this fraternity, unable to determine the existence or non-existence of other chapters. Such a state of affairs is a disgrace to any fraternity, and more so to one occupying the position which this one claims.

Seemingly to make the government more difficult to be administered, the Grand Chapter is changed every two years. It is taken from men who have had it long enough to learn something about it, and is given to new men who know absolutely nothing about its management.

A chapter holding a Grand Chaptership for two years is a new feature. The last G. A. C. recognizing some of the defects of the old system, changed the time allowed for the Grand Chapter being at one place from two to three years. It tried by a poor device to patch up the old wreck and make it do duty for some time longer. It is vain to patch up a system which we have outgrown. As fast as it is patched up in one place,

it will break somewhere else. The greatest need of this fraternity is an entirely new system of government, well administered.

It has frequently been said that the subordinate chapters are slow in attending to matters relating to the fraternity, and that the officials of the fraternity have great difficulty in obtaining from the subordinate chapters their dues, and any information that may be wanted. What can be expected from subordinate chapters when the Grand Chapter sets them such an example as she has, not even answering a petition for over seven months, and through negligence losing a chapter?

Under the present system the Grand Chapter does not receive the obedience and cannot receive the respect which is due to the executive head of the fraternity. That the demands of the Grand Chapter do not receive the prompt attention and obedience which they merit is patent to every observing member of the fraternity. That the Grand Chapter cannot receive the respect from the subordinate chapters which is due to the executive, is easily seen.

The Grand Chapter is composed of college men like ourselves, who have had no experience in managing the Grand Chapter, and who have gone through no preparatory training to qualify themselves for the responsibilities of their position. They are no better fitted to govern than are many other chapters. The subordinate chapters see this and recognize in the Grand Chapter only an equal and not a superior. No one likes to be ruled by an equal. To merit respect, superior power requires superior qualifications. Superior qualifications the Grand Chapter cannot permanently have. It may possess them for a short time, but it loses them on its transfer to another chapter. The subordinate chapters look upon the Grand Chapter in its official capacity as one of themselves and too often treat it as such. Thus we see that as long as the Grand Chapter is composed of active men it never can receive the respect which is due to it as the executive head of the fraternity.

The chapter which last held the office of Grand Chapter, and which on first inspection seems to have been criminally neglected, is not so much to blame, after all. A man cannot do more than he is capable of, just because it is demanded of him. According to the same principle, a chapter cannot do more than it is able to do, simply because the fraternity requires it. A man does not come to college to attend to the business of a fraternity. He comes to fit himself for some occupation. His first duty is to attend to his college requirements, and afterward he may attend to the demands of his fraternity. But the requirements of the Grand Chapter, if properly attended to, occupy most of a man's time. This sacrifice the man cannot make, so he first attends to his college duties, and what

time is left is devoted to the demands of the Grand Chapter. In this way the fraternity is the loser. The man is not responsible for not attending to all the business. The sole responsibility rests upon the system which requires so much.

We, poorly organized and worse governed, are called upon to face powerful rivals, with a government much more perfect than our own, and well administered. The result of such competition is easily seen. Unless we drop our fossilized form of government we fall behind in the race. Other fraternities, seeing the defects of their old form of government, have changed it, and their increased prosperity has justified their course. But we, blind to the results of their change, still continue in the old rut.

The best form of government is that which divides the responsibility of administration; and makes each member of an organization responsible, to a certain degree, for its success. In this way each one has a greater interest in its prosperity; and having but a light duty to perform, does it well.

That we have not the best form of government in use by the fraternities, is plain to every one. That the system, founded on a division of duties, is the best in use, is equally plain. The system based on a division of duties is not an empty and untried theory; it has put in practice, and its advantages have been demonstrated. The leading fraternities have seen its advantages and have adopted it. Why should we hesitate to adopt it? Some may say that in adopting it we should be patterning after our rivals. Granted that we should be, shall we allow a false pride to keep us from improving ourselves?

A man, if he is not an inventor himself, had better profit by the inventions of others. When we see our rivals having a government better than our own, and rapidly progressing under it, should we hesitate to adopt it? If we did not adopt it or originate something better, we should not long be counted a rival by them. They would pass by and leave us to stumble along in our old foggy ways.

This is a progressive country, and to continue to hold the position which we have held in the past, we must avail ourselves of the latest improvements. What would we think of a farmer who, still continuing to use the old time farming implements, managed to obtain barely a livelihood from the soil, while his neighbors availing themselves of the latest inventions cultivators and reapers, were rapidly becoming wealthy? We all would inquire as to the sanity of the first farmer; and if he was found to be sane, we would think him incomprehensibly foolish. This case is parallel to our own. We are content to trudge along in the old fashioned way, getting along somehow, while the neighboring fraternities, taking advantage of all improvements, are making rapid progress.

That system seems best which is founded upon a division of duties. The fraternity should be divided into divisions. We could retain our Grand Arch Council, continue to hold it every two years, and give it supreme authority: Between its sessions, all but the most important business could be transacted by a board of control, composed of alumni and active members. The divisions could be so made that a certain territory would be given to each division to look after, and see if the institutions in it are such as would deserve a charter from us. By this, each division would watch its territory and be able to report to the fraternity any opportunity for establishing a chapter, and the fraternity would rapidly grow.

Yearly conventions should be held at the grand chapter of each division; and a yearly report, embracing the reports from the subordinate chapters, sent by each grand chapter to the board of control. Each grand chapter should be responsible to the board for the general fraternity work of its division.

In this way each grand chapter would be able to attend to all the work of its division, and the work of the entire fraternity would be well done. At the yearly meetings the brothers from the different chapters would become better acquainted with other, and increase their knowledge and love of the fraternity, and return to their respective chapters with renewed zeal to work for their beloved fraternity.

Let us, at the next Grand Arch Council, do away with the present form of government, which hampers us so much, and adopt a better one; so that we may enter into the race on at least an equal footing with our rivals.

W. J. BERNE, Jr.

MEETINGS OF ACTIVE AND EX-ACTIVE PHI PSIS.

The relations between the active and ex-active members of our fraternity furnish an important and interesting topic demanding the careful consideration of all loyal Phi Psis. The papers upon this subject in the last two numbers of *THE SHIELD* are worthy of careful perusal. Our esteemed W. G. P., Bro. Gotwald, in the May number, gives us a brief and melancholy history of alumni organizations in Phi Kappa Psi, and, in the June number, Bro. Mott displays a clear and, it seems to me, correct idea of some of the principal differences between active and ex-active fraternity men, and offers some valuable suggestions. If we succeed in our endeavor to arouse and maintain a more earnest fraternal feeling between old and new brothers, we must first acquire a comprehensive understanding of the characteristics of both classes, their differences and similarities, taken in connection with their relation to students and the outside world. If there are any subscribers of *THE SHIELD* who have not read Bro. Mott's letter, they ought to do so at their earliest convenience.

I do not intend now to enter upon a discussion of this subject, but desire to state the plan of Ohio Delta "to form a more perfect union" between the active and ex-active Phi Psis living in the city of Columbus and vicinity. Our chapter is only four years old, and consequently has not that abundance of alumni that our older chapters possess. Still, with our own little band of old members and a few recruits from Ohio Alpha who now live in Columbus, we have resolved to accomplish all we can. In the spring term of last year, at a meeting attended by a number of alumni, we decided to hold every month a special meeting, to be known as a joint meeting of active and ex-active members. It is expected that the active members will make extra efforts to secure the attendance of ex-active members at these meetings, while the ex-active Phi Psis are expected to make all reasonable efforts to attend. Our first regular reunion of this kind was a complete success. We had a fine attendance of "old boys," and a number of brothers from Ohio Alpha, Beta, and Gamma were present. After the delightful literary programme, refreshments were served, and the evening's exercises closed most happily. The expense to the chapter was small. The refreshments were by no means elaborate, but they answered the purpose admirably. In the Fall, we expect to renew these monthly re-unions.

This plan has several arguments in its favor. Alumni cannot be expected to attend all meetings of active members, and, as a rule, unless there is some special inducement, they will attend none. Even if an alumnus is disposed to attend meetings, he feels no strong attraction thither when he knows he will meet at the hall only a crowd of boys. But, if an alumnus knows, for example, that if he goes to Phi Kappa Psi hall next Saturday evening, he will meet there a number of old friends, as well as mingle with the younger brothers, his incentive to go will be much stronger.

Another good reason for adopting this plan is that it will devolve no great expense upon either the young or old brothers. At the same time, it may result in the alumni making voluntary contributions to the active chapters. That Prince of Phi Psis, Prof. Edgar Smith, says he believes it is excellent policy to have alumni contribute to the active chapters—not simply for the sake of the financial benefits thereby obtained, but because, after a man has given money to a chapter, he feels more deeply interested in its welfare, than he did before having pecuniary relations with it.

This plan is preferable to that of having separate alumni associations or chapters: first, because it will be more easily sustained, especially where there are few alumni; and, secondly, because it will arouse heartier fraternal relations between old and young brothers. By meeting together, the old may enjoy the vivacity and enthusiasm of the young, while the young may profit by association with brothers more mature in their experience with the fraternity and the world.

I submit this scheme in the hope that other chapters may try it, so that when the G. A. C. meets, we can compare notes as to the results, and be better prepared to engage in any discussion that may arise then upon the relations of active and ex-active Phi Psis. It might be well to have the re-unions less frequently than once a month. Some days before each meeting, every ex-active member ought, either verbally or by postal card, be reminded of the coming meeting. ,

GEORGE SMART.

EDITORIAL.

THE regular Fall meeting of the Grand Chapter occurs in October, and sub-chapters having business to present will please bear the time in mind.

THE SHIELD, after the long summer vacation, makes its bow to its readers and wishes them most heartily a prosperous year. For itself and its duties, THE SHIELD has some few things to say, things which though said at long range, are so weighty that we hope the projectile force with which they are sent forth will carry them to the ears and hearts of every loyal Phi Psi.

Paramount in our minds is the coming G. A. C. We meet next February, after a two years' adjournment, in full constitutional form, to discuss the situation and take "stock," as it were, to ascertain whether we have debited too much to "Profit and Loss" or not. We believe that the coming G. A. C., if well attended, will be by far the most important in the history of the Fraternity, and these seem to us the reasons for such a statement: During the past two years, fraternity journalism has assumed such importance in secret society affairs that intelligence of the doings of others has been widely spread; as so much more is known of our rivals, we must be admonished by the changes that have been made by them during this interval; and many deeply interesting topics have been broached and discussed at the safe distances by which we are individually separated, which upon our coming together must meet with settlement.

It is not our purpose at this time to recapitulate the topics discussed in these pages, but we wish to magnify as much as lies in our power the importance of the situation and the necessity for careful preparation for the February meeting, by enumerating some of the matters which every chapter should diligently consider. Phi Kappa Psi was never so well prepared to meet and discuss her affairs as now, largely owing to the fact that her organ has been supported and regularly issued during the interval since the last G. A. C., a time so rife with changes of government and intelligent discussion of fraternity affairs that one can almost say the American college fraternity has only begun to exist.

We think it wise for every chapter, at this early date, to prepare for the Grand Arch Council by discussing at every meeting the suggestions and recommendations in matters of policy found in the columns of THE SHIELD during the two years past. We would suggest a plan like this: Let every brother take his file of THE SHIELD and carefully looking

them over, mark so that they are ready for reference all discussion, editorial or otherwise, of topics of paramount importance; after getting a succinct idea of what has been said, let the chapter discuss with care each criticism or suggestion, and after mature deliberation come to some decision regarding it and without instructing the delegates to the G. A. C., at least let them go to the meeting with a clearly defined idea of the opinion of the brothers upon every matter likely to be brought up.

The opinion is very general that our method of government needs revision, and while we do not advocate the rash radicalism of some innovators we are far from recommending such a conservative course as has characterized meetings previously held. We think that if intelligent ideas are presented at Columbus in February, having been previously considered in chapter meetings, such changes as seem to be imperative will be made with confidence and yet with the caution that arises from a prudence begot of familiarity with the matters in question.

There are two dangers equally serious which arise from ignorance of the fraternity and its needs; the one that an ill considered plan may be rushed through by a few ardent advocates, and the other that a really good proposal may be rejected because it violates that respectable and antique bugbear—precedent.

We wish, further, in this connection, to express the hope that every delegate to the coming Council will have the courage to talk and act with an eye single to the thought that all legislation in our fraternity is for the present generation, and whatever may have answered the purpose when the fraternity was a sort of confederation of separate fraternities, will not be adequate to the present demand for a centralized government.

It has always appeared to us that Phi Kappa Psi, in its polity, closely resembles the colonies under the Articles of Confederation, or the States before the War of the Rebellion. Just as certainly as the doctrine of States' Rights was settled by the recent war, so must the defects in our government be decisively determined at Columbus.

Just as certainly as the Articles failed to make a nation during the Revolution and after it, so also our Constitution with its edicts come short of making us a distinct and compact whole in the fraternity world. These truths must be recognized, and the sooner the full force of the analogy impresses us, the better for us in every way as a fraternity.

THERE is another matter of just as much importance as the revision of the Constitution, and that is the disposition of THE SHIELD. Sufficient has been said, we think, to make it appear that the present plan, while successful, is not a satisfactory one. Ohio Beta, when made publishing chapter, had the prestige of several ventures brought to a successful issue,

to inspire her with confidence in her ability to manage the journal of Phi Kappa Psi and make it self-sustaining; nor has the sequel proved her inadequate, for the paper has been financially solvent and in other ways has had a fair meed of praise. But this plan, which was, at the best, an experiment, is not the one calculated to produce the most satisfactory results, not that many chapters would not gladly assume the burden, if the present place of publishing were changed, yet no chapter ought to carry such a load or undergo the pressure necessary to bring about a successful issue.

A few men have the work to do, men whose time is fully occupied with college duties which must often be neglected that the fraternity may not suffer. The work that these do is a labor of love, always cheerfully undertaken and completed, yet it is well in this connection to remember the adage, "Never ride a willing horse to death." There are many large-hearted brothers who are ready to assume the burdens when we lay them down, and who can carry them better, but we insist that they ought not to have them to carry.

We believe that the office of editor of the fraternity organ should be a salaried one, and should be filled by some brother of experience and zeal, whose occupation would give him the leisure to attend to his duties regularly, and he should have the entire management of the paper.

We have plans to suggest to so increase the subscription list as to make this possible, and we have a man in our mind well qualified in every way to serve the fraternity ably. His modesty forbids our mentioning him by name, but we imagine that zealous Phi Psis will have no difficulty in establishing his identity.

WE GET too far away from each other in vacation time, and we sadly miss our annual reunion, formerly held at Lake Chautauqua. We have allowed one of our rivals not exactly to steal our thunder, but at least to put into form and shape a plan discussed at our reunions in '80 and '81. It was thought by all present at those meetings to whom the matter was broached, to be a glorious idea to build and maintain a summer club-house for Phi Psis at Chautauqua, but the affair ended in smoke.

We do not know whether Mr. Seaman, *B Θ H*, had his plan in mind previously, but "Wooglin at Chautauqua" is now a fixed fact, and if one is to judge by the enthusiasm of those Betas who were present at the opening of the Club House, his fondest hopes have been realized in poetic form.

Phi Kappa Psi can well afford to profit by this example, and that without the reproach of being called imitators, though we know no reason why any one should be ashamed to imitate a good thing.

Heaven raise up for Phi Kappa Psi an enthusiast who shall, like Mr. S., through every discouragement press on to the culmination of his desires and enable us to meet the Betas in co-fraternity by the shores of the beautiful lake.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON—At the opening of college I write you a hurried resume of what our chapter did during commencement week and how she stands at present.

Our dedicatory exercises on the evening of the 24th of June were entirely successful, and, though intentionally not marked by any elaborateness of detail, were characterized by true Phi Psi enthusiasm, and genuine happiness on the part of all participating. Reminiscences—a rare treat to us younger members—were fully indulged in by the older alumni, a careful and gracefully written history of the Chapter House Project was read by Bro. Geo. D. Gotwold. Dedicatory remarks were made by Bro. Judge Hoy, founder of Epsilon, and responded to, on behalf of the chapter, by Bro. E. I. Bruner, and rousing Phi Psi songs were well interspersed and well sung.

On motion of Bro. Hoy, in consequence of the magnanimous liberality with which Bro. Daniel R. Miller contributed to the Chapter House Fund, it was unanimously carried that Penna. Epsilon Chapter House be henceforth known as Miller Hall.

I congratulate the fraternity on the election of Bro. McKnight—a just tribute to his recognized energy and intellectual ability—places a Phi Psi, for the first time in the history of the College, at its head, and naturally makes us all feel glad. Our worthy President ever has been and is a warm Phi Psi and an old member of Epsilon.

I have been requested by a Signia Chi,—a gentleman of honor and a recent graduate—to say in this letter that the order of merit in which the various fraternities stand here as given in the last number of “The Sigma Chi,” by the correspondent representing the chapter, is simply a personal view and does not represent the opinion of the chapter. I am not authorized to say, and, in fact, do not know, what the chapter’s opinion is, and would not have referred to the matter at all, had I not been requested.

We lose this year, by graduation, none, as Bro. Kroh will return to the Theological Seminary, and will still be with us; but we do lose, by his leaving the Theological Seminary, for Yale Theological Seminary, one of our best men and ex-W. B. G., Clinton D. Hoover. The best wishes of the chapter go with Bro. Hoover, Bro. Kahler and Bro. Philips, for their success in their new field of study, New Haven. Bro. Philips and Bro. Kahler have not been in active membership.

The Junior Latin Prize was taken by Bro. Brenner. The Senior honors were all taken by Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Theta, and the Freshman Prize by a non-frat.

We have initiated three new men of the Freshman class, Bros. J. C. Behney, L. F. Zerfoss and H. P. Sadtler, and have no others in contemplation at present. The other fraternities are quiet.

E. G. BRENNER.

INDIANA GAMMA.—The boys of the Indiana Gamma have once more resumed their work for the fraternity.

We start out this year with eight men, two Seniors and six Sophomores. As yet we have initiated no new men, preferring to wait until our kind turn up rather than increase our number from the timber on hand at the present time. Bros. Campbell, Butler and Wilson visited Indiana Alpha a few days ago and report her in a most excellent condition.

We intend to procure a new hall, in the near future, which will be furnished up in grand style, providing our alumni come down with a sufficiency of rocks.

The Lariat will be published this year by the $\Phi \Delta \theta$ and $\Phi K \Psi$ fraternities. Bros. Knight, Hartley, Thomas, Campbell and Hoult represent us on the editorial staff, and Bro. Butler is Vice President of the association.

Maj. Calkins, the Republican candidate for Governor of this State, spoke here on the 19th, he wore a $\Phi K \Psi$ badge while in town.

Bro. Hills, '76, of Madisonville, Ohio, recently attended one of our chapter meetings. He is anxious to organize an alumni chapter at Cincinnati.

In conclusion I would say that Ind. Gamma, although small in numbers, is carrying no dead material, and is in a fine condition both fraternally and financially.

THOS. S. WILSON.

OHIO ALPHA.—Under most pleasing and favorable circumstances, Ohio Alpha commences her twenty-fifth year.

As by graduation last term we lost no brothers, we have now at the head of the chapter, four members who have had a year's experience in that responsible position. What is our rank among the fraternities in this school, it would not be fitting for us to say. Members of other fraternities, however, when asked to name the two best fraternities here, almost always name their own and ours. For this tribute to our worth, we thank our rival Greeks.

During the summer many of the boys of Ohio Alpha met with Phi Psis of other chapters, with whom they were invariably pleased. Every one, in fact, who made the acquaintance of a new brother, now carries his head higher and wears his pin more proudly. Much stronger, indeed, becomes the Phi' Psi bond when riveted by friendships formed with brothers of other chapters.

Bro. Coulter, of the Senior class and Bro. Allison, of the Junior class, will not be in school this term. We regret their absence and wish them success.

Bro. William Gamble, of Miamiasburg, a cousin of our genial brother, Elias Hoover, rode the goat at commencement. Bro. Gamble, who promises to be a useful congenial member, forms the nucleus of our representation in the Freshman class.

Bro. Will Brewster, of '83, stopped with us for a few days on his way back to school at Boston Univeristy.

WILL G. FRIZELL.

KANSAS ALPHA.—Again I have the pleasure to address THE SHIELD. Another year of college life has just commenced, and one which we all confidently hope will prove as successful for $\Phi K X$ as the one we have just passed. It is the eighth year for Kansas Alpha, and, as we are about to enter the field in the contest for new men, which the beginning of the Fall Term always necessitates, we feel that our prospects were never better, and that the good name and fair reputation which our predecessors established for the chapter and handed down to us will suffer no diminution while in our hands.

Looking back through our past year, we see that we have oftentimes made mistakes, and we see with a firm resolve to profit by them; but looking again at the more important and substantial affairs of the year, we cannot help but feel a little vain as we perceive the number of honors and prizes carried off by our boys, and, above all, how high the class-standing of the chapter is, taken as a whole. Again, while it is always held with us as a minor consideration, we yet take considerable pride in the fact that it is generally acknowledged that socially we occupy the leading position in the University. So, on the whole, we have a more promising start than last year. We have lost only three men, viz.: Bros. Britton and Stocks, through graduation, and Bro. Jenks, who expects to return next year.

Again we are the happy possessors of an elegantly furnished hall. Right here I must make some sort of an apology. I am painfully aware of the fact that the letters from Kansas Alpha have generally contained a good deal of outright bragging about our hall, and that I have been the

unmeaning instrument of most of it. The reason for so much of it is this: The boys are subject to frequent severe attacks of vanity, and while thus afflicted they invariably come to the conclusion that the hall is not good enough for men of their tastes and calibres, and that they must have something better. And then unless the correspondent chronicles such evidence of "get up" and enterprise, he is guilty of a most heinous offense. So now I am in duty bound to report that, owing to an aggravation of their vanity just before last commencement, the boys seemed to imagine for a while that they were millionaires, and furnished the hall accordingly.

Now then, I suppose that our symposium is worthy of a few remarks. As anticipated, we were gratified by the presence of a large number of our alumni and other $\Phi \Psi$ s from around the State. They met with a hearty reception, but there is one thing which, notwithstanding all our zeal, we refrained from doing. We did not ask them to contribute in aid of our material prosperity. It was recently impressed upon us in a peculiarly forcible maner, that the habit so common among chapters of extending an indiscriminate invitation to the alumni members to assist financially is not likely to enhance the affection of the latter for their chapter, nor to encourage them to come again. We would like to convince them that our desire to claim fraternity with them is not induced by mercenary motives. However, I digress from the subject in hand. Briefly, our symposium was in every manner a success. Everyone went away feeling happy in the thought that they were members of so glorious a fraternity. It was, of course, held in our own halls.

Now to enumerate the honors bourne off by $\Phi K \Psi$ from $K \Sigma \Omega$. F. A. Stocks was one of the representatives of his department on commencement day; W. H. Britton delivered the old worn out cap to the Juniors; Cyrus Crane was the orator of Oread Society; the first prize in oratory was captured by S. T. Gilmore; and a smart Freshie of ours walked off with two prizes offered to best declaimers.

However, this letter is already too long, so with the wishes of all that THE SHIELD, will retain the merits possessed last year, and meet with better success financially, I remain,

J. V. HUMPHREY.

OHIO DELTA.—The $O S U$ has once more opened, and Ohio Delta, upon looking around, finds some of its best members among the missing ones. We expected last term to lose this term brothers McMurray and Conaway, two sterling Phi Psis. But these are not the only ones that will be absent to-night, when we meet for the first time. Bro. Hartwell, of Xenia, has been very sick for some six weeks with typhoid fever. We hope to have him with us soon. Nor does Bro. Payne, of Titusville, Pa.,

expect to return. We have never had a more earnest, jovial member than Bro. Payne. We are glad, however, to say that all our report does not consist of relating what losses we suffer. Bro. Davidson, our good old "Pa," who has been sojourning in Michigan for a few months, has come back to college. He has established his headquarters at the dormitory, the old stronghold of frat. workers.

We have many plans and much work before us this year. Our chapter has always been prosperous when its members were busy, and we hope this year will be no exception to the rule. Preparations for the G. A. C. will demand our college attention, and to our duties in this matter we shall soon direct our efforts.

Bro. Fred. Marvin, '83, we take pleasure in noting, has obtained an excellent position in the Signal Service at Washington, where Bro. Farrig, '82, is engaged. Bro. Van Harlingen, '83, recently met with a very serious accident while employed at his work as chemist in Cornell & Phenger's drug store in this city. By burning his own hands badly and by calling his pluck into service, Bro. Van prevented his employers from suffering the damage resulting from what might have been a fire of no small dimensions.

GEORGE SMART.

OHIO GAMMA.—Your postal urging us to send a letter for the September SHIELD, is at hand. I should have written before, but have been so busy "rushing" men, that I found it almost impossible.

As the result of our labors, I am able to introduce to the fraternity Bros. Ralph Laubie, Salem, O.; Geo. Jones, Finley, O.; Scriber, Orville, O.; and Holmes, of Minneapolis, Minn. These added to our original number, make a respectable ten. We have another "spiked," who will join if "Pa" is willing. Our new brothers are all good men, having been "bid" by some of the best fraternities. Bro. Holmes has a *B θ II* brother. As you might suppose, "Big Six" are all smiles.

I am sorry to say that Bro. Halderman, '86, will not return; nor will Mr. Davidson.

Bros. Speer, '84, and Kilgore are "keeping store" in town. We hope the other chapters of *ϕ K X* are as happy and successful as we are.

We expect to be "twelve" till Christmas.

For the next number I hope to be able to send in a larger letter. Am sorry I must write with such haste.

W. S. JOHNSTON.

INDIANA ALPHA.—Greeting to all! Long life and happy health to THE SHIELD. We have opened this year with sixteen able men. I believe I can freely state none are more so in the University. One Senior

at present, five Juniors, seven Sophomores, three Freshmen and two more will be in before the close of this term. We are working slow and cautiously for new men, to avoid any such disaster as cursed us the last year. One new man who lately visited *Δ K E* told me he thought us the most symmetrical men in college and liked us best of any set of boys he had ever met. Our college, as perhaps you know, has opened this year on the University plan, with a greatly increased attendance. We number thirty-five professors all told, which is about the half what we expect by another year. Time is up, I hear, so closed it is. May the love, good will, and charity that bind us here, stretch forth their conquering arms and grasp our sister chapters 'round, till the purest kiss of faith has passed from lip to cheek along our unbroken chain.

FRANK C. PAYNE.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.—We send greeting to you, our fraternity organ, and to all the sister chapters.

The opening of the school year '85 finds our ranks considerably thinned out; four stalwart *Φ Ψs* upon receiving their diplomas, having gone to contend in the battles of a life which we hope will be active and energetic. May it evince the worthiness of those whom Phi Kappa Psi calls her sons.

Three members of the University have already heard the call. They now enjoy the advantages of our fraternity, and with the proper appreciation and use of these advantages will undoubtedly develop into brothers both strong and honorable.

Allow me to present them to the sister chapters: G. Dreisbach, of Lewisburg; Will Gretzinger, of Reading; and Horace Johnston, of Huntington.

On his way back to college, Bro. Ferree, of Pa. Beta, stopped over with us. We are always glad to welcome our brothers, and will endeavor to make their sojourn as pleasant as possible. Bro. Ferree will perceive that the gentleman he voted for is now a brother.

Pennsylvania Gamma, in her ecstasy over the admission of Joe Baldrige into Pa. *θ*, cannot refrain from giving him a warm welcome through our journal.

At our College there is but little contention between the several fraternities this year. The three fraternities located here are such vastly different material that a sufficient number of students of each variety can be had, and without exciting ill-will.

That success will accompany *THE SHIELD* is our hope.

HOWARD H. CALDER.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.—In the midst of school duties which at present are burdensome to an unusual degree, a letter from this Chapter will not contain that proportion of interesting material which is due the fraternity at large. Nearly all our members have returned. We miss from our ranks Bro. C. O. Graves, '85, who will resume his studies next year with '86. Bro. J. H. Hill, '86, who expects to be with us in January, and Bros. Tuttle and Ninde, of '87. The latter has gone eastward and has entered Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn. Bro. Ninde was always an enthusiastic Phi Psi, and in his new relations he will not lose his interest in the fraternity.

During the vacation a few of our active members, together with several resident Alumni, decided to take time by the forelock and invite Prof. Edmund J. James, Ph.D., who, while enjoying a brief vacation from his work at the University of Pennsylvania, was visiting relatives in Evanston, to become an honorary member of the fraternity. Prof. James readily consented, and he was duly initiated in the presence of a large gathering of active members, alumni, and visitors. We expect that Penn. I has given Bro. James a hearty greeting and a true $\phi\psi$ welcome.

The report of our annual Symposium and the Kirk Oratorical Contest was too late for the June "Shield." Bro. Crawford captured the Kirk prize by his magnificent oration on "William the Silent."

This victory closed our record for last year as the winners of all the first prizes awarded under the direction of this University.

Our Symposium was well attended by Alumni and visiting friends. We were especially pleased to greet Bro. Clark of Indiana Gamma.

Our plans for this year have not as yet been fully matured. The keynote of our work has been given by Bro. Mors, our newly-elected G. P. "Internal Improvement" will therefore receive especial attention for a time at least. Such efforts may seem less interesting than laying schemes for capturing new men, but the profit derived from such a line of work cannot be overestimated.

The standing of our Chapter in college this year so far as numbers are concerned is as follows: Seniors, 2; Juniors, 5; Sophomores, 2; Freshmen, 4; *B. O. H.* has 12 men, *A. Y.* 10; *S. X.*, 6; *Phi. K. E.*, 5. We have one Freshman pledged, as well as several preps.

To our brothers everywhere we wish a pleasant and profitable year.

M. E. McLENNAN.

D. C. ALPHA.—With the collegiate year 1884-85, D. C. Alpha begins the seventeenth year of its existence. During that time the chapter has

had its times of prosperity and its dark days; but beyond all question the year just past has been the most successful yet experienced.

When the last annual catalogue appeared, in membership we led the list of chapters, but since that time many brothers have become inactive, which added to the loss by the graduation of the class of '84 has reduced our number to eight—seven Seniors and one Junior. We realize the fact that our Senior brothers will remain with us but a short time and we fully understand the necessity of augmenting our membership. But as there are no other fraternities, and the number of students this term being increased fifty percent, we have no doubt that when '85 graduates the helm will be placed in good hands and the chapter continue in its course.

The Columbian University has just completed its new building, which as to architecture and appointment will compare favorably with any college building in the country.

We have petitioned for a chapter hall and considering the friendly relations between frat. and faculty, it is quite probable that our petition will be granted.

A scheme has been projected to make a fraternal visit to Maryland Alpha, which will probably be carried into effect in a few weeks.

The members of ΣX which was represented in our College ('64-'80), are making vigorous efforts to revive their chapter. The law students will establish $\Delta B \Phi$ about the last of October. We would be glad to welcome these fraternities in our midst.

There are in Washington ninety-three members of the $\Phi K \Psi$ fraternity including the alumni and active membership of the D. C. Alpha and the alumni of sister chapters. They are working to get a chapter house, and if the plans succeed $\Phi K \Psi$ will have a headquarters in the Capitol of the Nation of which she may feel proud.

The annual convention of $X \Phi$ was held in Washington October 8.

In closing we extend to our chapters throughout the land fraternal greeting and wish for them happiness and success.

Yours in $\Phi K \Psi$,

H. W. S.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.—Again are the halls of our dear old University resounding with the din of the busy students, and it devolves upon me as quill-driver for Mississippi Alpha, to let our grand old fraternity army know we are yet in the ranks, and fighting for the victory and success of Phi Kappa Psi.

Of our old members, only four have yet returned, viz.: J. L. Buckley, R. E. Halsell, W. F. Stephens and W. P. Tackett.

Bro. Tackett is our alumnus, having graduated with distinction in the Literary department last year, and who has returned to familiarize himself with the laws of his country. He is a true patriot, as well as a loyal and zealous working $\Phi \Psi$.

Up to date we have initiated only two new members; and it gives me very great pleasure to extend a warm fraternal greeting to our new brothers, J. R. Tackett and J. R. Hoover. From which you perceive we number just "solid six," fully imbued with the exalted and ennobling principles of Phi Kappa Psi, and striving to maintain untarnished and unblemished the spotless reputation of Mississippi Alpha in the future, which she has so enviably enjoyed in the past.

The material here is quite inferior, and has been distressingly exhausted; some of our sister fraternities running almost at fatal hazards after new men who can but gaze with surprising glares at their wonderful boldness and enthusiasm. With best wishes and love to each of the other chapters I am, yours in the mystic bonds.

W. F. STEVENR.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.—At this, the beginning of another college year, let me in the name of Penna. Eta extend fraternal greetings to you, to her sister chapters and to all good and loyal $\Phi \Psi$ s.

It falls to my lot to be one of the correspondents to the dear SHIELD, but for the sake of Eta would that it had fallen upon abler shoulders; however we will succumb to the inevitable and do our best.

All the Bros., with one exception, have returned to College and report as having had a most enjoyable vacation, as is always the case with good $\Phi \Psi$ s

Eta's sons are hale and hearty, and busy at work in the interests of $\Phi \Psi$ principles.

An interesting feature of the opening of the College year is the struggle for new men.

Thus far, desirable material has been found to be rather scarce. There are quite a number of additions to the different classes but only two or three men toward whom we are directing our attention.

We have already unfolded the mysteries of $\Phi \Psi$ to one Freshman who bids fair to become a whole-souled Bro.

We have our hold upon a noble Soph., and in all probability, success will be ours. The only obstacle in the way, and so far a serious one, is the paternal restrictions withholding him.

Bro. Eschbach is the only one whom we lost, yet his loss is deeply felt, he being the only Senior $\Phi \Psi$ and a true, noble hearted one at that, was looked upon as a father among us.

Bro. Miller, from Pa. Theta, has entered the Theological Seminary, connected with this institution. He frequently attends our weekly meetings and takes an active part. We are glad to welcome Bro. Miller at Eta, and feel sure that he will feel perfectly at home.

Bros. Hoy and Ferner also of the Seminary, occasionally pay us a visit.

On the occasion of our last initiation, our cup of joy was overflowing as is always the case at an initiation. Near about the close of the meeting, Bro. Davy put in his appearance, having just returned from his sister's wedding. To be sure Davy always remembers the Bros.; so did he then, for he spread before us a fine sample of the bride's cake, grapes and the like, and you can well imagine that we did justice to the "Lay Out." Are any of the other Bros. blessed with a sister?

In fine I would say that the $\Phi K \Psi$ fraternity stands foremost at our College and it shall be our endeavor to maintain that position.

I close this letter with the best wishes for the success of the SHIELD.

C. H. KELLER.

SPIRIT OF THE FRATERNITY PRESS.

Beta Theta Pi for June is rich in editorials written with spirit and with a purpose. We quote a sample for the delectation of Phi Psis, merely adding the italics are our own :

A few words here upon some vital points : The policy of the fraternity on extension ought to be clearly set forth in a resolution. Our old Trag name "national" we cheerfully relinquish to Phi Delta Theta or any other fraternity that seeks it. The majority of our chapters are conservative. They believe that our fraternity is already large enough, and that new chapters are not to be sought after; but when they come to us are to be admitted only where the indications are strong for success and durability.

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There are a few chapters which have fallen below par. The question is, what shall be done with them? This is a question that will certainly be brought before the convention for discussion, and we hope will not be lightly treated. The policy of the editors, as is well known, has been to withdraw a few of our notoriously weak chapters, and thus remove spots from the name of Beta Theta Pi. We have nothing personal against any chapter or any man in any chapter; we are striving to build up the fraternity, and, being in somewhat better position to view chapters than any single chapter is, we are not at all backward in saying that there are a few chapters of Beta Theta Pi which should be withdrawn at Cleveland. Some are in diminutive schools, for name called 'universities,' which have no men of eminent reputation in their faculties, and which, physically, financially, and numerically, are in poor condition. Others are in colleges which are fairly good, but are patronized by a class of students who give Beta Theta Pi the slip and join the societies of father or brother. Beta Theta Pi, then, must take poor men or none at all, and poor men we can not afford to take and maintain a consistent and satisfactory social position.

Most emphatically, we want no set of men to keep up a form of a chapter just to let us say, "we have a chapter there." If any men are tired of Beta Theta Pi, two questions are pertinent : why do you stay in the chapter ? why don't you get out of the way of the boys who may mean business ? Other cases might be mentioned at length, but the live, active chapters know where the weaklings are situated. Is our work longer to be hindered and our fair name longer to be stained by a few lukewarm, incompetent Betas in a few shaky chapters ? The management of the journal know something about these poor chapters; the neighboring chapters, who lose men time and again because of poor chapters in poor colleges, can say a word, and now the day of conflict draws nigh, and at Cleveland it must be plainly settled, whether we are to have forty-five strong, active, enthusiastic, loyal chapters, or are to bury in the placid waters of Lake Erie, which even now yawns for its dead four or five of

our present charges. Let every chapter delegation have its mind made up, and stick to its vote, unless good and sufficient reasons appear for a change.

Sentimentalism will crop out, and there will be talk of "Herods," and stories of old times and the days that were. What is the college, the chapter *now*? "George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Hon. John Smith belonged to it once," Who cares if they did, if a degenerate offspring is there now? Let us be men, and though tears may fall as we bury our dead, let it be done if necessity demands it. But a further discussion of this point is unnecessary. The issue is to be met and must be met fairly and honestly.

The Delta Tau Delta Crescent for May-June contains a leader on "The Work of the Future" from which we clip the following :

Portentious shadows play upon the bosom of the future, but their translation is hidden. What great work will devolve upon Fraternities to achieve? In this new order of things, what will be the individual work of Delta Tau Delta? Feeling as she does, the life and vitality of her increasing strength, she stands waiting for some definite work to accomplish. A new aim has become necessary; without doubt extension deserves attention. As in the past, we must endeavor to extend the borders and influence of Delta Tau Delta. We must, as far as possible, introduce our order into every institution of the proper grade in the United States. Reduction must be carefully and politically looked to. This year has shown us that the time is at hand when we can remove a weak Chapter kindly, courteously, and without malice, when we are ready to sacrifice, more fully than ever before, our own personal feelings to the welfare of the general Fraternity. Internal improvements, change of government, the reduction of Chapter business to a better system; all these things have received their due attention, but beyond them higher, perhaps, in importance, the question still presents itself, what shall be the work of Delta Tau Delta in the coming years? Whatever the general work of Fraternities, however high their aims, or exalted their efforts may be, our Fraternity must have its separate mission to perform.

As we glance around us at the various Fraternities, and search their works to try and find the objects that direct their efforts, we cannot help but notice a marked lack of purpose; an aimless drifting on the tide. Some are turning their whole attention to extension; others are zealously working at internal improvements; perfecting a faulty, unwritten law, or, perhaps, crying out against a poor government, but the great majority are simply existing; they found an occasional Chapter, perhaps if unusually active, drop one, but beyond this listless existence they accomplish nothing. Very few have constitutional provisions upon the important matters of college life; still fewer their work beyond college halls, or, if such an attempt is made, the severest criticism is at once invoked; and not one, as far as we can learn, has any great work to which the united efforts of the order is directed. The time was when a Fraternity's whole attention was directed to the work of overcoming the unreasonable opposition of those who veiled their ignorance behind a mass of meaningless criticism. Little

by little this work has been accomplished, and to-day, with but one or two exceptions, no institution of any importance exists which does not welcome Fraternities to its midst. This work being accomplished, to what shall we now turn our attention? It is difficult to discuss this question in a practical manner. Every man has his ideal Fraternity. An organization which shall meet every requirement of college life; which shall advance the condition of college students everywhere; which shall be something to love, to cherish, to reverence; a society which, while it shall be devoted principally to students, will still go with a man through life; an influence which shall become a part of his existence, never to be forgotten or dispelled. Can this ideal be realized? Can Delta Tau Delta become such a society as we have attempted to suggest? If she can, we have then a grand work before us.

In this undertaking we have no example to follow, for while we frankly admit that a few of our sister societies have virtues which are not yet ours, they fall far short of the ideal to which we would direct our efforts. The first work, then, to be accomplished, is to adopt a plan. Let us have a system. If each Chapter alone and unadvised begins its work of reformation from its local, and perhaps biased standpoint, our condition will never improve. Let us, at the coming convention, carefully adopt a plan, fully adjusted and thoroughly understood, and with this guide our Chapters, one and all, working for a common purpose our advancement will be rapid and direct. In Fraternity work, nothing is absolutely impossible. Is Delta Tau Delta side by side with the highest, strongest Fraternities of to-day? If not, why? Is she compelled to acknowledge that some others stand above her in the critical grade of prominence? If so, it is her own fault. In five years, by careful, systematic work, by improving every opportunity, and if none presents, making one, by unity of purpose and a firm determination on the part of every member, our Fraternity will acknowledge no superior in the great constellation of Greek tribes. Let us have earnest, united, enthusiastic work, and our highest ideals will be realized.

Phi Gamma Delta for May-June grows facetious, or sarcastic, or both, in the following strain:

One of the sweetest, as well as one of the cheapest things granted by happy immortals to man is advice. It crystalizes into beautiful wards and covers the erring one with a mantle as does snow the black earth.

O, Advice, thou art the one altogether lovely—in thine own eye. Come, let me fold thee to my bosom and be comforted. But, where art thou? Hast thou vanished into air when I would have embraced thee. Art thou a thing so unsubstantial? Where, what is thy consistency? Wert thou made for delusion to the race of man? Thou hast a voice; tell me. Thy sweet and honeyed sentences shall fill my ears with music; and my soul shall overflow with delight. Surely thou art more than thou seemest. Come, gentle spirit of Advice, show us thy form and character; and if thy substance be solid like thy words surely will I follow thee whithersoever thou leadest. What! Dids't thou speak? Methought it was a voice from Wooglin, saying: O, Journal of Phi Gamma Delta, forsake thy present

habitation in the region of "active" men. Verily, thou art lingering too long in the hands of non-experienced, narrow-viewed active men, who have not the time to do thee justice. Thou shouldst come out from the wilderness upon the high plane of thy contemporaries. The fraternity which thou dost represent is worthy of a better habitation than that which thou dost occupy. Indeed, thou must build in the land of the alumni, else it will be a taunt to thee when we visit the other Greeks with praises. When wilt thou hide thy face in shame, when thou art alone without honorable mention. Nay, thou can'st not then hold up thy head among thy fellow Greeks. Thou wilt not need a trumpet blown before thee when thou goest abroad, for the small boy will precede thee and cry aloud, "Here comes one in scanty apparel—he may be honest, but he is poor—come to, let us lay for him. He is not much experienced in the Greek world, let us have some fun at his expense." Thus wilt thou be ridiculed and spat upon by boys; and *men* will shrug the shoulder and say, Fie! Now, if thou art a man of wisdom thou wilt follow me. I am Advice! Thou wilt go to thy General Convention in August and ask for an editorial lot on the land of the alumni—then for a liberal allowance of building material. Now, thou can'st build unto thyself, in the domain of respectability, a mansion worthy of thy fraternity. Make in length and breadth and depth just like mine. Here a dozen voices broke in, and methought Advice were multiform and every separate form were different from the rest and directed toward a different end, and my head grew dizzy and my heart turned sick as I tried to follow them. One says build here, another there—one of this size, another of that—one of this, another of a different material. But all agreed that the mansion should be more stately and commodious than the present one, and in keeping with themselves. The front especially must be imposing (not so much matter what is contained within). The rooms must be numerous and well filled. One would have the main hall large enough to contain a great deal of literary rubbish as a kind of ware-room or sample-room of the fraternity productions. He would have another department for the display of booty taken in war, and for fossils of all kinds collected by curious hands.

This same one whose voice seemed to be more distinct than the rest, whose plan seemed the most plausible, also, would have another apartment with a full-length mirror on every side, in order that one could not but behold himself, and beholding, be filled with admiration; for the mirrors were to be constructed in such a way that they would reflect nothing but the good qualities of the individual, or of those who might chance to be within at the same time. Another room was to contain the busts or pictures, enlarged, of all their great men. This was to be one of the finest as it was the one oftenest to be visited for inspiration, or for "self-admiration through mutual admiration." Still another room was to be arranged. This was to be decorated with such pet phrases as "Quality, not quantity;" "We are the oldest and therefore the best;" "The universal fraternity;" "The survival of the fittest," and a thousand others of as great value and age, as some of these.

The readers of THE SHIELD may not all be aware that there is a so-called "anti-secret" fraternity, but such is the fact. To all intents it is like unto

the other college societies which are wickedly (?) secret. This fraternity which owes its existence to a violent hatred of the Greek-letter societies, called "secret societies," is the Delta Upsilon, which until a recent date cherished the title, "Anti-secret." It is now officially called "Non-secret." In the July issue of its journal, *The Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, we receive this cheerful consideration:

As a rule, the fraternity publications, in their comments on one another, display a moderation and liberality which is creditable to the organizations they represent. Once in a while, however, one runs across a startling and amusing exception. A few months ago the Sigma Chi, organ of the order of that name, published a bit of chapter correspondence from Wabash College. Herein, as the old debaters used to say, lies the root of the matter. The Sigma Chi correspondent ventured to remark upon the relative standing of the other fraternities at Wabash; and with a temerity hard to understand, made its criticisms without submitting them to the approval of the Phi Kappa Psi, which has a thriving chapter on the spot. The article appeared, and Phi Kappa Psi was not favorably treated. Now, Phi Kappa Psi, too, has a publication. It is called THE SHIELD; in this case, perhaps, it would be more appropriately denominated the Spear, or the Shelaleh, or the Dynamite Gun—so utterly does it demolish the correspondent of Sigma Chi. This is the reply made by THE SHIELD:

'While we loathe to answer an article written by a literary thief and indorsed by men of such small calibre as constitute the Sigma Chi of Wabash College, yet the fact that a conclusion based on false premises conveys a perverted truth, demands that it should not pass unnoticed. * * * A more plebian herd never greeted mortal eyes than the gang of Sigmas which infests this institution.'

Those who complain that the days of Pott, the able editor of the Eatanswill Gazette, and Slurk of the Eatanswill Independent, have passed away, will find some consolation in this modern representative of their methods.

P E R S O N A L S .

INDIANA ALPHA.

Bro. J. E. Watson, formerly of '85, has returned to graduate with '86. He is an honor man wherever placed.

Bro. Tom. Shannon, of '83, has entirely lost the use of his right arm, from paralysis. The sympathy of us all is extended to him.

Bro. Pinkney Smith, of '82, has led over two hundred in a competitive examination, at Chicago, for a clerkship in the United States Treasury Department, and is now on duty at Washington. An honor for us, as well as him. Congratulations.

Bro. Tom. Hayman, one of our poets, who was West during the summer, will not be in for a few weeks.

Maj. Calkins, our candidate for Governor, whom, perhaps all do not know, is a brother from this chapter, and is the finest looking man in the State, or in Congress, and is sure to be elected, has a son entering the preparatory department this year.

Bro. Ed. Hender, of '83, will visit us in a few days.

An Inter-Fraternity banquet was held at Warsaw, in August, for residents, and thirteen Phi Psis, and Campbell, of Indiana Gamma, visited us last week.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

Bro. Joseph Halsted, Michigan Alpha, visited Evanston during the summer.

We had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Hodder, '83, Michigan Alpha, at the initiation of Prof. James.

Bro. J. H. Hill, '86, is City Editor of the Emporia (Kansas) Daily News.

On July 24th, Bro. W. H. Crawford, '84, was married to Miss Jennie M. Foote, at the home of the bride's parents, in Batavia, Ill. Bro. Crawford will unite with the Rock River M. E. Conference, at its coming session.

OHIO BETA.

Bro. E. E. Baker, '84, will enter Wittenberg Theological Seminary soon.

Bro. A. F. Linn, '84, is on the local staff of the Springfield Daily Transcript.

Bro. Dan. Arthur, '83, will soon enter a medical college in New York city.

Bro. A. J. Turkle is again at Yale Theological Seminary.

Bro. Al. Kunkel is pursuing a law course in this city.

Bro. W. E. Hull has entered Hartwick Theological Seminary.

Bro. W. Semans, '82, Ohio Alpha, is studying medicine at the Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

INDIANA GAMMA.

Rev. W. P. Kane, one of the charter members of the Illinois Delta, is now pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church at Lafayette, Ind.

Bro. John Forman, Indiana Delta, who graduated at Princeton, last commencement, is now traveling in Europe.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

Hon. A. Hoy, '56, has been nominated for Judge in twenty-third Pennsylvania District, where a nomination, coupled with such popularity as Bro. Hoy has, is as good as an election.

Rev. T. W. Dosh, D. D., '56, of Salem, Va., has re-established the Southern Christian magazine titled *The Home*. We wish him success.

Rev. Prof. J. R. Dimm, '57, received the title of Doctor of Divinity, from his Alma Mater, last June.

Rev. H. Burke, '64, leaves Baltimore and accepts a call to Lewisburg. Hope the Pennsylvania boys will welcome him.

Rev. H. W. McKnight, D. D., '67, formerly located at Cincinnati, Ohio, has received and accepted a call to the Presidency of Pennsylvania College, where our Grand Chapter is. Bro. McKnight has always been one of Epsilon's most loyal fraters. and he will, of course, continue to be.

J. M. Young, Esq., '68, has removed to Williamsport and is in the iron business.

J. S. Bridges, '74, is again in the printing business at Baltimore and Light streets, Baltimore, Md. Send him your orders. If it would be a good thing to have a fraternity printer, John would be the fellow.

Geo. Clabaugh, '77, was recently married at Taneytown, Md., and at once removed to Denver, Colorado, where he is in business.

Prof. Daniel Fleisher, '80, is now the Principal of the Troy, Pa., at a salary of \$1,200.

Rev. C. A. Eyer, '80, is preaching at Ely, Linn county, Iowa.

F. R. Kahler, '81, and our former W. B. G., C. D. Hoover, '83, have this year entered the middle Class, at the Yale Divinity School. Epsilon loses two good workers.

G. D. Gotwald, '82, spent three weeks on his bicycle, visiting Philadelphia, New York, Albany, Saratoga, and returning by Cooperstown and the Susquehanna Valley.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

Alpha Tan Omega is agitating the question of a song book. The matter is in the hands of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter.

The Scroll reports Phi Gamma Gamma Delta defunct at U. of P.
—[Crescent.

The $\Delta \emptyset$ club of New York city opened their headquarters at No. 5 East 27th street, Tuesday, June 10th.

Delta Kappa Epsilon maintains that a fraternity journal should be managed by its Alumni, for the reason that that the interests of the active membership demand it. Each chapter of this fraternity subscribes for a larger number of quarterlies than its membership is composed of, for the purpose of circulating copies among its alumni, giving them the option of paying their subscription price to their chapter or not. This is done on the ground that the interests of the chapter demand that each alumnus be informed, so as to revive his interest and renew his allegiance to the order.
—[$X \emptyset$ Quarterly.

“Another ladies’ Fraternity, the Phi Alpha Psi, has been founded at Meadville, Pa. There are now seven ladies’ fraternities in the United States.”—[Anchora.

Phi Delta Theta claims that none of its Chapters have died in the last six years. It all depends on what you call “dead.”
—[Crescent.

President Eliot, of Harvard University, has been elected president of the National Senate of Phi Beta Kappa.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon and Psi Upsilon Quarterlies furnish copies of these journals in a quantity at half price to Chapters who wish to send them to their Alumni.

Zeta Psi was organized by members of the Masonic Order, and it is said to resemble that organization very much in its internal workings. The Chapters are constitutionally limited to fifteen men.
—[Crescent.

Zeta Psi has established a strong Alumni Association in the city of Philadelphia.

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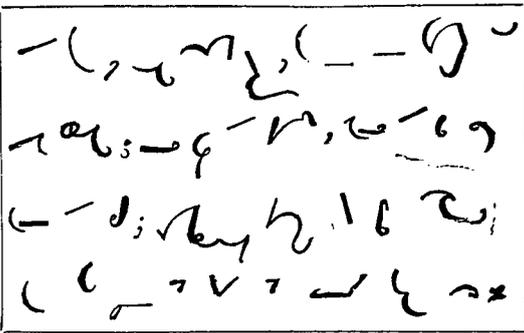
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OUR FUTURE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.

Much of the thought and talk of our fraternity at this time obviously has for its center the approaching Grand Arch Council. Phi Kappa Psi seems thoroughly possessed of an important conviction—a conviction that its future system of government must be in greater or less degree different from that under which it at present exists. That such a conviction is widespread has been apparent for some time to every “live” Phi Psi, while to the backwoodsmen of our frat.—if any such there are—the fact has been proclaimed by THE SHIELD.

The defects of our present system of government are well set forth by Bro. W. F. Berne, Jr. in the September SHIELD. He puts on paper what has been patent to many for a long time—that the present Grand Chapter system of government is a very imperfect one and falls considerably short of effecting the purposes of its creation. Not the slightest reproach is intended to the present Grand Chapter. Too much cannot be said in commendation of the zeal and ability with which it has discharged the duties incumbent upon it. The defect is inherent in the Grand Chapter system itself.

The demand of Phi Kappa Psi is for an important amendment by the coming Grand Arch Council of the present system of government or for an entirely new system by way of substitution. Bro. Berne’s suggestion in part is this: between the sessions of the Grand Arch Council “all but the most important business could be transacted by a board of control composed of alumni and active members.”

With some confusion of face I avail myself of THE SHIELD’S general invitation to address a word on this subject to the fraternity.

I submit that a serious mistake will be made if the transaction of fraternity business be delegated in *too great a measure* to alumni. One of Bro. Berne’s arguments—and a good one, too—against the present Grand Chapter system is that by it the interests of Phi Kappa Psi are left in the hands

of college men who cannot give to their care adequate time: "A man does not come to college to attend to the business of a fraternity. He comes to fit himself for some occupation. His first duty is to attend to his college requirements * * * and what time is left is devoted to the Grand Chapter. In this way the fraternity is the loser." Very true. But the same argument may be urged with even more force against a too complete committal of these interests into the hands of alumni. A man does not go forth from college to attend to the business of a fraternity. He goes forth to engage himself in the struggles of life. His first duty is to attend to his professional or business requirements, and what time *is left* may be devoted to the interests of his old frat. So far as our active members having less time to devote to fraternity matters than our alumni, the case would seem to be quite the reverse.

Again, it ought never to be forgotten that it is the *active* members who constitute the very life-blood of our organization. True, they are sometimes wanting in frat. experience. True, the need of some moderating and conserving power is not infrequently felt. These imperfections of the present system, I reiterate, the coming Grand Arch Council is expected to correct.

Now, alumni are valuable and desirable enough, after a fashion; the writer is himself an alumnus, and would in nowise belittle his own very prodigious importance to Phi Psi nor the like importance of any brother alumnus. But the control of an intercollegiate fraternity like ours ought to remain in the largest part with the *active collegians*, and it seems certain that a misstep will be made if its management is confided in *too great a measure* to alumni. What constitutes *too great a measure* is of course a knotty question which no one person may presume to answer. Each chapter can formulate and send to the Grand Arch Council by its delegates its own answer.

The suggestion of "a board of control, composed of alumni and active members" is good, only—for the interests of our alumni as well as active members, for the interests of the fraternity as a whole—let the "composition" of that board be long and well considered, and let our active chapters be jealous of too complete an abdication of their present powers in Phi Kappa Psi.

CLINTON GAGE.

Washington, D. C.

EDITORIAL.

IT HAS long been our purpose to write an extended article upon Fraternity Journalism, but many other topics have so engrossed our attention that we have been compelled to forego the pleasure which we anticipated in reviewing our reviewers.

Although we can no longer expect to treat the subject in a broad and comprehensive manner, we may say a few things, in a desultory way, to interest our readers. It was with fear and trembling that we essayed the management of THE SHIELD, fearing that we might not be able to conserve the best interests of Phi Kappa Psi, and trembling with conscious sense of inexperience.

We had a profound respect for the opinions of our contemporaries, a sincere admiration for their achievements and a vague wonder possessed us that they had so long and so successfully stood the criticism of unfriendly tongues. An experience of a year and a half has modified our views remarkably, though not so completely as to rob us of the respect and admiration which we then so keenly felt; on the contrary, we to-day are glad to record a delight that experience has not deprived us of the pleasure we then felt in cherishing these sentiments. But thanks to some sledge-hammer blows we have received from journalistic brethren whose zeal to deal us resounding thwacks, was only equaled by the gusto with which they were contemplated when once administered, we no longer in innocence cherish wonder at the stability of such periodical publications. Nay, rather, would we be surprised if any were to succumb, for, as competition is the life of trade, so also is abuse the *salvator vitæ* of journalism.

We rather flatter ourselves that we have not been damned with faint praise, and the attention we have received from several sources, in language far from complimentary, has led us, (without too great self-praise, we hope,) to imagine that we are not commonplace in the estimation of our contemporaries. Still we do not wish to be misunderstood as courting notoriety, but rather that THE SHIELD has met with opposition and adverse criticism from those outside the ranks of its patrons who have not been pleased with the utterances they have found in its pages.

We are not defending our policy or attempting to trim our sails to any new tack which we may be about to take and may dismiss the whole question of what we ought or ought not to have done by this statement:

We have made mistakes and they have been discovered very often by ourselves before our contemporaries have noticed them, but whether self-detected or pointed at in scorn and contempt, we have not hesitated to correct them without making any distinct avowal to that effect or saying to our critics, "By your leave, Sirs!"

As a measure of precaution, we adopted at the outset the policy of having no Exchange Department, and we have said on at least one occasion before, have had no reason to regret our determination. Our readers may be interested to know why we have refrained from such a course when our sister fraternity organs have adopted the plan of telling what they think of each other, almost universally. Firstly, because such a department is of very little interest except to the editor, as he is the only one who has access to all the journals commented upon; secondly, because it takes a peculiar gift to write judicious and trenchant reviews; thirdly, because the editor has a red-headed disposition and does not care to give vent to his feelings when "riled;" fourthly, because it takes more time than any other kind of writing, and that is the commodity which is scarcest in THE SHIELD office; and lastly, because it keeps us exceedingly busy to attend to ourselves, without straightening out other people.

We have received very handsome treatment at the hands of several of our contemporaries, among whom it may not be invidious to mention: The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly*, the Kappa Kappa Gamma *Golden Key*, the Alpha Tau Omega *Palm*, the Chi Phi *Quarterly*, and the *Beta Theta Pi*.

The most general criticism upon our journal is that it is provincial in its tone, too much engrossed with Phi Kappa Psi, and therefore narrowed. We respectfully refer all who cherish such sentiments to the first number of the last volume, wherein we outlined a policy which had for its cardinal principle *pro bono* $\Phi K \Psi$! No explanation or apology is necessary, we imagine, to the members of our beloved fraternity, for having adopted such a course. By far the most interesting comment made upon our journal has come from the fair editor of the Kappa Kappa Gamma *Golden Key*, and is not without good sense, though we cannot indorse the opinion expressed, and must disdain ever having meant to give the impression ascribed to us regarding outsiders.

If our course has been one of too great emulation of the days of the first Brutus, we could desire no gentler hand to correct us than that which has so charmingly attempted it. We append the comment, which appeared in a recent issue of the *Key*:

"The Phi Kappa Psi SHIELD, changed and improved in dress, continues to be as original as of old. There is something very real about THE

SHIELD, a sense of uncompromising and austere virtue, a sort of 'let justice be done, though the heavens fall' that reminds us rather of the ancient Romans than of the modern Greeks. But while this quality gives absolute weight to everything THE SHIELD says, and makes moderate praise from it worth more than elaborate compliments from others not so severe, its very fairness tends to grow unfair; and it is so particular not to discriminate in favor of its own fraternity, that in effect it discriminates against it, and presents Phi Kappa Psi in a far less favorable light than that fraternity deserves; and this not only to outsiders (for whose opinion THE SHIELD states that it has no regard), but to the various chapters of the fraternity itself. It is true that self-laudation is disgusting, that excessive praise makes its object ridiculous, and that it is no kindness to a fraternity to gloze over its faults. But the sunny hours should be registered as well as the cloudy ones. For chapters can not grow in an atmosphere of eternal cold; and if you convince them that their government is bad, their members indifferent, their successes moderate, and their failures great, they will inevitably conclude that they have no cause to fight for, and put their armor off, since they can accomplish nothing with it on."

WE sincerely trust that loyal Phi Psis will not be too much vexed at the tardy appearance of THE SHIELD. We are in good company since no journal of rival fraternities has this fall come to our table on time. We offer this in extenuation but do not mean to conceal the real cause, which is this: The delay has been wholly due to the inability of the editor to supply the material for this department on time and he was compelled to adopt Hobson's choice—a tardy beast or go without riding.

We have desired as earnestly as anyone for THE SHIELD to appear promptly, but the editor had the choice of doing nothing or delaying his work until such a time as he could find a few spare hours. It is due to our associate, the printers and all concerned with the publication to make this explanation.

ONE of our cotemporaries—the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quaterly*—has occasionally an elaborate review of the principal college annuals of the country. We read with amazement, never having heard of many of them, and reflect with sadness that it has not fallen to our lot to be an editor, though we use that title out of courtesy to those who chose us to the responsible post of conducting THE SHIELD.

Perhaps some of the brothers may recall the pathetic appeals we have made from time to time for publications of all kinds issued at the various colleges where we are represented. We have publicly acknowledged their receipt, we think without exception, and if any are curious to see how few the number is let him overhaul his file of THE SHIELD.

We may have offended some by not making use of everything sent and that is where we are tenderest. Far be it from our policy to wound any $\Phi\Psi$, but pray for a moment, consider how mortifying and harrassing it must be to know that so far as your functions are concerned you are nothing but chief contributor, call yourself what you will, and the editorial office is as far removed from your actual work as is that of the veriest penny-a-liner on a metropolitan newspaper.

Etymologically, the title may not be a misnomer, for we certainly do give out, and by far too commonly that which we give has never been sent in, but has evolved from a consciousness of necessity rather than expediency. We began our work with lofty ambitions and aspirations cloud-scaling, but Phaeton's experience has been well-nigh duplicated and we are all but tumbled to the earth. We believed that contributions of a literary character could be solicited, but it is a dire commentary upon our persuasive powers, that nearly if not quite all the contributions to our pages have been sent unsolicited.

We had intended to begin this screed with the statement that we did not propose to scold, but at this stage of the process candor compels a different answer. We are not in a reckless mood, nor are we too serve, but earnestly we desire to say: "Brethren, it ought not so to be."

WE HAVE been asked to express an opinion editorially upon a custom, which during the past has obtained quite an extensive practice among us—that of initiating honorary members—and we take this opportunity of stating our position.

We have no hesitation in affirming that Phi Kappa Psi has enrolled as honorable and earnest promoters of the well-being of society in its ranks of such initiates as any other fraternity and they have been as helpful and cordial in their relations to us as we could well wish, but we believe that the course is a pernicious one and has done us harm.

We had heard all the usual arguments advanced in support of the practice and we have neither time nor space to argue the matter, though we invite free discussions alike by advocates and opponents of the plan, yet we wish to indicate a little more clearly our position than to say we deem it unwise and inexpedient.

It is said and apparently with some show of reason, that a young fraternity needs the name and prestige of men of established reputation to give it standing before the world. So it might if it were an organization whose recruits were to be taken from society in general, or even from men of culture; but being composed as it is and as it was designed to be of undergraduates of American colleges, it is the greatest folly to advance on such a doctrine. It is an argument perfectly analagous to the case of the

parvenu, who bought an ancient castle, title, family portraits, ancestry and all.

It is further urged that it gives stability to young and inexperienced boys in college to associate with these men of standing and wider experience. What could be farther from the actual than this? With the exception of a very few whose business it is to appear before the public as contributors to their entertainment or instruction, and who move about the country at various seasons for these purposes, how many of the large number of members enrolled have been of any assistance to the fraternity except to swell the catalogue? We leave this question with the advocate of the initiating of honorary members: Is it a high conception of a college fraternity to consider it as eleemosynary institution?

VERY few of the journals of rival fraternities still adhere to publication at a monthly interval. This is due to two reasons, the first the desire to excel in elegant typography, which necessitates fewer numbers and a higher price, and the second, that in nearly every instance the actual labor of editing and writing is done by men engrossed in other business, who can only snatch odd minutes from their sleep to devote to their fraternity and who, whatever their convictions as to its desirability, feel the necessity of making the interval longer to enable them to devote even a modicum of labor to a cause which they have deeply at heart.

OUR department for chapter correspondence is not so well filled in this issue as we would like to see it. This is one method by which our distantly separated chapters become to a certain degree acquainted with each other. It vastly strengthens the bond which binds us as an order. It gives one chapter an acquaintance with any other and with its college, which can be made in no other way except by actual personal acquaintance. It is a feature of fraternity journalism which no magazine of this character can afford to disregard and allow to become apparently of little importance through too little attention. And it is a department of THE SHIELD of which we have heretofore been justly proud. It is our desire and our *intention* to maintain for the future this same high standard of excellence which has characterized this department in the past; but that we may do this, we must ask—nay, insist—that each of our chapters, upon whom the success of this department depends, respond promptly to our requests for chapter letters and personals. Don't forget the personals.

THE SHIELD circulates through a wide circle of alumni of various colleges. To them this feature is most dear. Learn what you can of the alumni of your chapter. It will do you good to hear of the old Phi Psis.

who once frequented the same places, who spoke in the same old hall, who experienced the same feelings of fraternity which you experience now; and rest assured that it will do these old Phi Psis good, vast good, to hear of one another, where they are located and what they are doing. *Don't neglect the personals.*

OF OUR alumni subscribers and who are on what we call our "individual subscription list." we request that they send in their subscriptions for the ensuing year at once. This list is quite large and represents considerable money, and to write to each one separately would be a task of very large proportions. So if each one will liquidate his debt to THE SHIELD at once, or as soon as possible, he will place us under many obligations.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

D. C. ALPHA—It has been some time since THE SHIELD has heard from D. C. Alpha, through her active members, although, thanks to Bro. R. J. Murray, who remains as active an in-active member as any member of the fraternity—we are still heard of, through the columns of THE SHIELD.

Our college has this year entered its new building, and seems in a fair way to retrieve its financial fortunes, which have of late years been somewhat shattered.

For a number of years, D. C. Alpha has held its meetings in rooms apart from the college, on account of the opposition to secret societies on the part of the Faculty.

This year, in accord with the general renaissance, we have petitioned "the powers that be," to give us a Chapter Hall in the new building. While doubtful over giving us a room, owing to the demand, Dr. Welling did not deny us permission to meet within the sacred walls of the college, so that, while dubious as to our procuring a room, we are rejoicing over the fact that the ban against us is removed, and that one step has been made in the right direction.

Our chapter, although weakened by graduations and withdrawals to the in-active list, is nevertheless flourishing. We have lately received "into the bonds," Bros. Roome, Hudson and Roose—all good men and true, and although for some time debilitated by initiation, they are steadily improving.

We have had the good fortune to meet a number of Phi Psis this summer;—Bro. Harry M. Clabaugh, '73, Pa. Epsilon, who is practicing law in Westminster, Md.; Bros. Howard, Wellford and Cocke, of Va. Alpha,—all lawyers in Richmond; Bro. Frank H. Hodder, '83, of Mich. Alpha, and Bro. Fassott, of Pa. Beta, who will enter our Law and Scientific School; and Bro. Edward Wallace, of Pa. Alpha, '85.

At our election on Oct. 6th, the following were the officers chosen: G. P.—Frank H. Stephens; P.—Chas. D. Rhodes; A. G.—J. E. Christy; B. G.—Chas. L. Sturtevant; H.—Harry W. Smith; Ph.—E. S. Hosmer; C.—Raleigh Sherman.

CHAS. D. RHODES.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.—We commenced college this year with eleven members and are in a flourishing condition, having more members than any other fraternity in college. We have been so fortunate as to capture two new men, who make very presentable $\Phi\Psi$ s, Bros. Cary, of Millersburgh, Ohio, and Williamson, of Mercer, Pa. We do not propose to lose our vantage ground, in point of numbers, as long as good fraternity material is in college. Our membership will be increased two or three more before the term closes.

We mourn the loss of our representatives in the Class of '84, Bros. F. M. Currie, C. W. Deane, and W. W. Hoffman. Bro. Currie is now located in Dunbar, Neb. Bro. Deane has "married a wife" and is filling the important position of Superintendent of the McKeesport, Pa., Public Schools. Bro. Huffman filled a very enviable position on the Pittsburg Dispatch all summer, but was forced to resign on account of ill-health. He has recently been afflicted with a severe attack of bronchitis, and his lungs were threatened. Being advised by his physician to try a change of climate, he has gone to Colorado, and is on a ranch with Bro. Al. Andrews, who was an old Pennsylvania Beta boy. Thus in a short time after leaving college we are separated from our friendly brethren, but may the bonds of old $\Phi\Psi$ always hold us together in friendship.

In the Senior class election for class day honors, Bro. Everett captured the dignified position of Valedictorian.

The Democratic brothers are very enthusiastic over the result of the election.

Next term we expect to welcome to our ranks Bro. Walter Hotchkiss, who has been out of college for the last year.

We have now six Seniors, two Juniors, two Sophomores, one Freshman, and two Preps.

We extend our best wishes to THE SHIELD, and hope that our chapters everywhere will have a pleasant and profitable year. ROBERT C. BOLE.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.—Michigan Alpha again sends greeting to her sister chapters, and hopes they are all enjoying the same prosperity that seems to have fallen to her lot, for we are making the chapter "boom" as never before.

We are now as finely fixed in regard to a house as we could ask. I think we have already said that it is the best located fraternity house in town, and during the summer we have made quite a number of improvements for our own convenience and comfort, the most important of which are the putting in of steam and a telephone, which connects us with nearly all of Michigan. Bro. Hess considers this last his especial charge, and his chum says he lies awake nights making up excuses for using it.

We have also expended considerable on our parlor, and take great pride in it, as indeed we do in our whole house.

We have fourteen men in the house, including one Freshman, who is "so small that he don't count." We have now nineteen men in college, about evenly divided among the four classes. We succeeded in "snagging" six fine Freshmen, which is certainly as well as any other frat. has done, and our men can't be beaten. Bro. Miner is not in college this year, but has gone into the dairy business, with a good prospect of doing well. Just now he is kept busy with looking after his "lost, strayed, or stolen" cows. Bro. Swartwood, of Minn. Alpha has entered the Medical department, and completes our list of members in town, a list of which we are justly proud.

In college our men take their share of honors. Bro. Denney is managing editor of the "Argonaut,"—the best office in college. Bro. Reynolds is business manager of the "Bulletin," and has a place on the Students' Lecture Board, and Bro. Hudson is an "Oracle" editor, besides our chance for this year.

Most of the other frats. in town are flourishing. The Alpha Delts are in their new house, which is certainly a very pleasant one, and the Beta Thetas have gone into the one the Alpha Deltas left; the rest are in their old locations. They all seem to have done fairly well for new men, and to be in good condition.

As to our old men, Bro. Rhoades, '84, is teaching at the Michigan Military Academy. He has been in town the past few days, looking up his old friends.

I must not forget to mention what we did last June. We went down in a bunch to the Clerk's office and became a corporate body under the laws of Michigan. This we consider as a step in the right direction, viz.: of purchasing a chapter house.

FRED. T. WRIGHT.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.—Welcome, thou noble organ of our grand old fraternity! THE SHIELD's first visit to Mississippi Alpha for the ensuing session was paid a few days since; and it would be needless to say that it always inspires new life and vigor into the workings of our chapter. May you ever live to shed your illuminating rays o'er our pathway, that our march on the road to prosperity may be clear and unobstructed. Since writing my last letter our numbers have been augmented by the initiation of a new member, for whom Mississippi Alpha claims the honor, especially as he comes from the icy regions of far distant Iowa, and whose name, though infrequent, is none other than W. R. Jones. He is a most worthy young kid, and promises fair to be a noble, congenial $\Phi K \Psi$.

Having written my last letter so hurriedly, I was debarred mentioning the honors won by our chapter during the last scholastic year, which are briefly stated as follows: Bro. L. J. Farley graduated with second honor in the Literary Department, and delivered a masterly, logical and eloquent address at Commencement. Bro. J. L. Buckley advanced to the front in the contesting debate for anniversarianship in the Hermalan Society, and bore off that glittering honor: also the Sophomore salutatorian was a $\Phi K \Psi$.

Bro. W. J. Bowen sojourned among us the brief period of one day and night last week, having come to this place to obtain license to practice law; and we are glad to say he passed a successful examination. Where e'er you may cast your lot, Bro. Bowen, Mississippi Alpha will entertain the most anxious solicitude for your success and prosperity. Suffice it to say, without wearying your patience with a lengthy letter, that Mississippi Alpha is prosperous and happy.

W. F. STEVENS.

PENN. ZETA.—Our hearts are filled with varied emotions, as, with pen in hand, we attempt to open the season of chapter correspondence. The first thought is one of sincere regret for the loss of our graduating brothers. Then the mind almost unconsciously falls to making comparisons between this year and last.

Such thoughts as these are no doubt common to every chapter at the beginning of the year.

The graduating class of last year contained five brothers. They were Bros. Strite, Arthur, Raymond, Conover and Johns, who divided almost all the honors between them in '84.

It is seldom that any chapter has sustained so great a loss, intrinsically, as was occasioned by the departure of these brothers.

Of the Sophomores three men left us. Bro. Church, whose unfortunate career has been made known to all and from whom we were obliged to separate, was the first to go. Bro. Bruner is now at Wesleyan University, Conn. While our strongest efforts were made to restrain him, he, for good reasons, received an honorable dismissal from us, and is now an Alpha Delta Phi. Phi Psi is not represented at Wesleyan at all.

Bro. Hughes has gone to Johns Hopkins' University. We heartily recommend him to our Maryland brothers as an excellent Phi Psi.

Bro. Needy, of the Freshman class, thought it best for him to stay out of College one year, that he might lay a stronger foundation for his future course.

As you see, dear SHIELD, nine brothers out of eighteen have left us and but nine returned after the summer's vacation to exchange the fraternal grip. Yet the events are not without good results.

Stronger union, a more harmonious action and a firmer loyalty to our noble fraternity are the effects.

One man of the entering class has already capitulated to the charms of Phi Psi.

Mr. William D. Boyer is the name of the infant. His residence is in Port Clinton, Pa.

Our chances are good of getting several more men, though the fraternity feeling here makes competition very strong.

We are very earnest in our wishes for the success of THE SHIELD, and will do all in our power to advance its interests. P. M. LEAKIN.

OHIO ALPHA takes pleasure in introducing to the Phi Psi world two new brothers: Hugh Runckle, of Kenton, O., a cousin of our Sophomore brother, Ralph Van Deman, and Frank A. Stivers, of Ripley, O. Bro. Stivers had the good luck to be bid and rushed by several fraternities. Both are members of the Freshman class.

Bro. Coulter, of the Senior class has returned to school.

Fraternity circles here have been, this fall, unusually harmonious. Although many of the fraternities have crossed swords and struck hard blows, yet as the fighting has been in every way honorable, no ill feeling has been caused. Moreover, no fraternity has muddied the waters of college politics, either by unduly supporting its own members or those of another fraternity. Let the good work in this direction continue until every vestige of fraternity narrowness be eliminated from the literary societies and class organizations. Fraternities are simply social organizations and not props for lifting into prominence undeserving men. The man who depends upon his fraternity for obtaining a position is not worthy of that position. Every time fraternity zeal or jealousy is carried into college politics, not only that individual fraternity, but the whole fraternity system is lowered. Let (early in the season, before politics become heated,) every fraternity well-wisher, in clear, vigorous and unmistakable terms, enter his protest against this degradation.

In fraternity circles, the remark is often heard that there is plenty of material in college for one or two more good fraternities. If any vigorous fraternity is looking for a good field in which to establish a strong chapter, it would be well worth its while to turn its attention towards the Ohio Wesleyan University.

The editorial in the last SHIELD in regard to each chapter discussing the questions that are apt to come before the next G. A. C. meets with the approval of Ohio Alpha—an approval expressed not in words but in deeds, as arrangements have been made for discussing from time to time the various subjects. WILL G. FRIZELL.

INDIANA BETA.—To the fraternity at large the boys of Ind, "B." may seem dead, in as much, as they have not been represented in the SHIELD for several numbers. However, the results of our work, this year, show that we are not only alive, but that we are a band of zealous workers. The boys have struck terror to other fraternities here, by their success in getting "new men." When Ind. B. dips a man in the river of her social influence, he becomes, like swift-footed Achilles, invulnerable to the darting "spikes" of others.

We have pinned four good men to the Greek Shield, since the opening of the college year—Messrs. Springer, Long, Varner and Gabe.

We now number fourteen active men—two Seniors, two Juniors, three Sophomores, and seven illustrious Freshmen

Our splendid hall has not, thus far, resounded with the old-time literary work, owing to the press of college duties and to the time demanded by the political campaign; but we look forward with a hopeful eye, when political matters may be rightfully adjusted, as well as to a revival of the literary part of our meetings.

We lack not in social status, to which the lulling serenades wafted aloft on the nightly air by our lady friends, is a telling evidence.

Ind. B. recommends Bro. W. J. Berne's article in the September number of THE SHIELD on "Our Present System of Government," to a careful consideration by each chapter. This question, perhaps more than any other, demands the thought of every active Phi Psi. The $\Phi K \Psi$ world with its four thousand inhabitants, cannot afford to be in any way dwarfed in its growth by a weak system of government. We have confidence in the ability of our next G. A. C., to legislate wisely on this point.

W. J. McCORMICK.

NEW YORK BETA.—The SHIELD for September is just at hand, Our fraternity publication has a large place in the affections of New York Beta, the new collegiate year has begun with new victories for Phi Kappa Psi at Syracuse University. The campaign was most satisfactory to us all. We have six men to introduce to the fraternity: A. D. Bartholomew, '86, F. J. Holtzworth, '87, and Levi C. Ball, C. A. Hagaman, E. J. Klock, and F. J. Schnauber, '88. These men are of the stuff that the best Phi Psis are made of, and will do much in promoting the interests of the chapter. This was New York Beta's first campaign and we realized that we had older and strong chapters as rivals. By taking men sought by those fraternities, we have at least shown that $\Phi K \Psi$ has no intention of taking an inferior.

In our last letter we mentioned the fact of our connection with the University Herald. The main support of this paper has been the Delta

Upsilon fraternity, and as Delta Upsilon was disposed to continue to be the great mogul of the concern, and as Phi Kappa Psi was solicited by Delta Kappa Epsilon and Psi Upsilon to unite with them on an equal footing in editing "The Syracusan," we have now an interest in that paper.

Two weeks ago we moved into our new rooms which are desirably located in the central part of the city. Here we will be glad to welcome any brother stopping in Syracuse. The Phi Psi boarding club at 136 Harrison street, is also a rallying point, especially three times a day. Bro. Ellis is the paternal genius of this institution.

Bro. Jones is President of the Agassiz Society, a microscopical club with a membership of about thirty and doing good work. Bro. J. recently distinguished himself in an inaugural address.

Bro. Louergon is wrestling with editorial duties in the local department of the Syracusan.

The approaching G. A. C. will command its share of our thought, now that the "cultivating" season is past. We will come to the discussion of fraternity questions certainly with as much love and zeal for the prosperity of our order, if not with as much wisdom as the older and more experienced chapters.

EUGENE WISEMAN.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.—At the request of the B. G., I take my pen to write a few lines to THE SHIELD, whose visits, away off here fifteen hundred miles from the nearest chapter, are highly prized—as they should be. Eastern chapters might thrive without THE SHIELD; it is a necessity to our life and growth.

Commencement Day took away eight of our men—men, too, who represented well the earnest of our triple bonds. At the fall opening, however, we were nine strong, and we have initiated two—Bros. Guy Manning and Harry Wilcox. They are both of the right stamp for good fraters. We have one or two others in view, after securing whom we shall rest on our oars for the present. We have no rivals, and can afford to be very circumspect indeed with regard to material. A rival fraternity however, is regarded by some as desirable, inasmuch as a healthy rivalry would perhaps develop a vigor in the chapter's life heretofore unknown.

The university is adding a new building—a substantial evidence of its growth. We intend to grow with it. A committee has been appointed to consider the question of a chapter house; and before the close of the college year, we expect a building fund to be established.

We hope to secure a desirable site in the near future; and that the building itself will be an established fact at no distant day.

Phi Psi's men here have carried off the prizes in three consecutive prize contests; they receive the positions of honor in the literary societies; they are the prime movers in college journalism! That this high standard may be maintained, that the chapter's benefits to the institution may be no less than they are to those united in its sacred bonds, is my wish.

L. T. TURNER.

WISCONSIN GAMMA.—The blight of a sub-rosa existence having been removed from Wisconsin *F* enables her to commence this college year with the brightest prospect before her that she has ever had. Although we feel the loss of several of our most active members, yet our present strength is fully sufficient to cope with either of our adversaries.

At present we number but nine men, one Senior, two Juniors, five Sophomores and one Freshman. Yet fully conscious of our superiority and on account of the lack of proper material, we have "bid" but three men, two of whom we are sure of getting, and with the most flattering prospects for the third. Such a conservative policy may seem to some like a lack of enthusiasm, but as Sigma Chi has made no initiations this year, and Beta Theta Pi but one, if this sentence is passed upon us, the same judgment must fall upon both our rivals.

Through the extreme kindness of Bro. Bergen, our hall will, in the near future, be further improved by the addition of a piano. The chapter takes this opportunity of extending its sincere thanks to him for his generosity.

By the untiring efforts of Bro. Hubachuk, the formation of an Alumni Association has been successfully completed, and shows that our chapter is still dear to him, to whose instrumentality our past success is so largely due.

About all that can be said about our chapter at present, is embodied in the two words, unprecedented success.

J. M. SHEEAN.

SPIRIT OF THE FRATERNITY PRESS.

We clip the following from the July issue of the *Kappa Alpha Magazine* not as reflecting the opinion and sentiments of the fraternity whose journal is quoted—which has been the sole purpose of the establishment of this department of THE SHIELD—but rather because of its value as information regarding the conditions affecting frat. life in the University of Virginia, from which the writer has dated his communication:

“The thing above all others that would strike a man, we shall say from the University of Georgia, is the laxity of our fraternity system. A man, upon entrance into the University, joins a fraternity as a matter of course: he would be considered ‘slack’ did he not do so, and he is almost compelled to do this in order to take the stand that every man wishes to take among his fellows. But in the majority of cases—and we are treating the subject from a majority stand-point—a member’s initiation is about the only active work done by him for the fraternity. He feels a certain pride in his club, as he calls it, in that it strengthens his social standing and gives him the *cclat* of a fraternity man, but he scarcely feels more bound to his ‘club-mates’ than to any other congenial fellows, and no more thinks of discommoding himself for his club’s welfare than for that of his dancing club, or the boat club, or any other club that is outside of the M. A. or B. L. course.

“We may say, then, that the average fraternity man here is a fraternity man rather because it is the thing to be than because he cares a copper about it personally one way or the other. There are certain seasons, of course, when fraternity feeling, as it were, flares up, as on the occasion of society elections or of some such ripples in the usually placid stream of college life, but these seasons last but a short while, and do little to arouse enthusiasm in the club itself.

“There are two other potent causes that produce a weakening in fraternity ties at this place, militating especially against the smaller and weaker societies. These are the separation of the rooms and the diversity of studies.

“A fraternity that wishes to do any work here must get its men together early in the season, and must, if possible, put them in localities where they can be easily accessible to each other. It can never do any concerted work without some arrangement of this kind. It must establish a kind of headquarters. A new man cannot be elected to membership until the members of the fraternity become acquainted with him, and if the members are scattered over the college, such acquaintance cannot be brought about until it is too late. Then, too, as I have said, men are so separated in their pursuits that unless the fraternity men themselves are thrown

together by the vicinity of rooms, they can scarcely know each other as fraternity men should.

"I have mentioned, so far, the causes of the decline in fraternity feeling here that depend upon the necessities of the place itself. I have now to mention another that is much more actively at work.

"The Eli Banana is, I think, peculiar to this institution; it is a kind of drinking club—a bringing together of congenial spirits. It was established at the White Sulphur Springs, and has been in operation at this place for some four or five sessions. It disclaims the charge of being a fraternity, and hence includes in its membership the leading men from almost every club in the college. The requisites for entrance are a popularity of manners, a proneness to good fellowship, and all the qualities that go to make up a dashing gallant. The consequence is that the Elis are, with one or two exceptions, the most popular men in college; they are all gentlemen, and, in short, possess, as a rule, the qualities that we sum up in that omniscient word—'nice.'

"This club, I think, exercises a most injurious influence on fraternity feeling. The Elis claim to be no fraternity, and thus are able to twig the most attractive men in each. They are far more clannish than any club-men here. They are, as far as sociality, continued companionship, and, if I may use the term, the stick-by-each-other propensities go, complete fraternity men. In short, the Eli Banana is about the only true fraternity, as far as feeling goes, at the University. It is easy to see what a wonderful influence such an association exercises in alienating men from their fraternities.

"If the fraternity system is as lax as I have represented it, some one may be led to ask how fraternities are kept running at this place at all. I have stated one reason. They have become a settled feature in student life, and this is reason enough for the average student. But there are some fraternities that are fed by certain preparatory schools, and thus are assured of a continued support. The most striking example of this is the monopoly exercised by the Sigma Chi over the boys from McCabe's school in Petersburg. This is one of the best preparatory schools in the State, and always sends fine men to the University, and they are invariably Sigma Chis—so invariably so that McCabe boys are known as Sigma Chi 'goats' as soon as they land here, and no other club makes any attempt to get them. They are probably pledged before leaving school. To mention other examples, Delta Kappa, Epsilon and Chi Phi seem to divide the High School; Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Chi, Hanover Academy; Chi Phi and Alpha Tau Omega, Bellevue. The men from these schools will join one or another of the indicated clubs, and there is not much use in any outside club making an attempt to secure them."

The *Chi Phi Quarterly* for July says in its editorial pages some pertinent things regarding the conduction of a frat. magazine, which we recommend for careful reading:

"It is very evident that the editors of the several fraternity publications are, in a manner, vying with each other to be in the ascendant so far as the excellence of their respective journals is concerned. In order to accom-

plish this satisfactorily several very important necessities confront them. They all appear to think that their labors in this behalf can be denominated nothing other than a work of love. The subscriptions are not large enough to make it anything else but this, and the circulation, of necessity, is limited. Each fraternity undoubtedly has members whose love for their society is such as to induce them to undertake the work of editing a magazine in the interest of their fraternity; but when confronted with the necessity of providing for their own livelihood, and with the further knowledge that such self-provision gives them insufficient time for the proper accomplishment of what their love prompts them to do, so as to maintain and elevate the standard of their magazine to be on an equal footing with the other publications, their thoughts naturally turn to a proper remedy. How then shall a very efficient and ambitious editor be remunerated in order to be in a position to carry out the dictates of his aims in the interest of his journal and fraternity? Simply by appointing or electing him, at a compensation to be fixed by the convention, liberal enough to pay him for the proper performance of the duties such publication imposes.

"Progression seems to be the watchword of every fraternity organ, and commendable efforts are being made by all in conformity therewith. The editor should be one who can put his heart and soul into this work of advancement. He should have ability and the requisite energy to carry out what his promptings for good dictate. He should be possessed with no small degree of discretionary powers. The efficient editor alone can keep up with the spirit of progressiveness; and his brains can provide the necessary mental pabulum for the enlightenment of its members; but publishers require something, as well as the editor, who of necessity must devote all his time, so as to do it in accordance with the spirit, which is so manifest in all fraternity organs. An editor should be paid no less than \$500 per annum for his services. The question will then be asked: "How can such an amount be raised?" Let the fraternity, at its coming convention, devise a plan of action that will cover this all-important ground, for a good journal very materially advances the general interests of the fraternity. The editor of the Sigma Chi journal suggests the feasibility of combining the office of secretary of the fraternity with that of editor of its official organ on the ground that the labors of the two positions could be done with far less work, than if performed separately. We think the proposition a good one, and our opinion is based on actual experience in this respect. When we had charge of the Chi Phi *Quarterly*, in the years 1879-80, we filled such dual position, and found that the two worked hand in hand most admirably. The reason of this will become apparent to every member who is familiar with the duties of the office of Grand Gamma. The editor frequently is inconvenienced because of not being possessed of such facts as this officer necessarily ought to and does have, which can only be acquired by the slow and tedious process of extra correspondence, and which frequently arrives too late for use. This will constitute a matter for due consideration by the Washington convention.

The *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* for October contains the following editoriaial which we cannot condense, but quote entire. Indeed it is usually extra-hazardous to treat the editorial page of this most excellent journal in any other manner, so choice is their diction and so discreet the sentiments to which utterance has been given:

Mr. Charles F. Thwing has written a book on American Colleges, which we think so good a one that we have suggested it in a former number as one of the books that each of our chapters would do well to own; and that his interest in his subject is unabated appears from an article by him in *The Continent*, for July 2d last, on "The Self-Government of College Students." In this, the pending transformation of college government into student government is appreciatively noted, the experiments in the latter, which failed at Illinois University and which are succeeding at Amherst and Bowdoin are fairly discussed, the futility of the old methods as applied to present conditions fully recognized, and the basis of the altered status concisely stated:

"The age of the students is now four years in advance of the former average. The studies demand and create greater capacities and knowledge. Of old, the collegian was a college boy. Now he is a college man. He feels that he ought no longer to be treated as if he were in the middle of his teens. He realizes that principles, not rules, should form his government. If he is able to select his subjects of study, is he not also able to guide the details of his conduct?"

But on reading his article, we receive again the impression left upon us by his book—that its author had "done" the American college world in the fashion that foreign tourists, resolved to write a book on "America," "do" the United States—by rail; noting, and noting correctly, the most conspicuous features of the country as hurriedly seen the from the main lines of travel, but ignoring the more important facts that really determine its progress and direct its developement. And of this trait we can conceive no more striking example than that, in his essay referred to, Mr. Thwing makes no mention of Greek fraternities, either as an incident in or a factor of self-government of college students. The old so-called student organizations, housed by the college and fostered by the faculty, have almost universally become defunct and their places have been filled by the compact bodies of Greeks; the old dormitory system is falling into disuse, and in more progressive institutions the nuclei of student social life are the club houses of the Greek corporations; it is no longer the authority of a popular president, or the tact of some magnetic professor, but the leadership of the Greek chapters, that determines the *morale* of the principal student bodies; it is precisely those Universities where Greek chapters have longest been most prosperous and numerous—the Universities of Virginia and Michigan—that self-government of students most prevails; it is at Cornell, the most rapidly developing of our great new Universities, that self government of students has been most thoroughly adopted as a principle, is most rapidly becoming realized, and is accompanied by a developement of the Greek system which in simultaneous rapidity and strength has had no parallell; it is at the two New

England colleges which have longest been the seats of the most powerful general fraternities in their most perfect development—Amherst and Bowdoin—that the most conservative of faculties have found the organized experiment natural and successful; it is at the Illinois Industrial University, where the conditions are incompatible with the best Greek development, that the trial proved a failure; it is at the one great college of America which still maintains an Anti-Hellenic position—Princeton—that survives that system of paternal government which has long been generally recognized as a failure, which, as shown by Mr. Thwing, cannot now be otherwise, which is ever more frequently breaking down at the institution in question, and which is as certain to be ultimately abandoned there as are sure to be gathered to their fathers the distinguished gentlemen who, as pedagogues, have of late spent so much time in cares from which professors are—or should be—free. Such are a few of the facts which in the aggregate are being recognized by the leading educators of the country, and which, we trust Mr. Thwing will agree, are at least coincidences worthy his consideration. Our own opinion in this regard has long been known, has been stated, too forcibly for us to attempt to elaborate it, by Governor Woodford in the leading article of the *Quarterly* for January last. We do not suggest that Mr. Thwing shall arrive at our conclusions, but that the subject is one for treating which his researches have given him many qualifications. And we confidently assume the weight and interest of an article from him which shall treat the matter with reference not merely to the past, but to the present status and possibilities of the Greek system. Among the results which we should expect would be that both Mr. Thwing and ourselves would add largely to our fund of essential data for the study of college problems.

The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*, for September, keeps up the cry or Pan-Hellenism, which had else well-nigh died out:

If we were asked to point out the most potent defect of modern Christianity, we think it would not be necessary to hesitate a moment in naming it. It is the tendency to substitute mere parszian zeal for charity. Nay, it is the actual substitution in most cases. It is this which has broken the band of believers in Christ into a thousand factions. It is this that has produced discords, wranglings, bitter animosities, cursing and reviling, till men who think coolly and reason soberly, having the misfortune to live among some of these wranglers and be taught that to be Christians they must join in the fray, have said, "We will have none of it." Such men, however hasty their judgment and unreasonable their action as regards Christianity, are generally of kindly natures, genial and hearty. They seek communion with their neighbors, and "neighbor" with them is a very comprehensive term. It will usually happen that they turn for the gratification of their social natures to some of the numerous secret orders of our times. Freemasonry thus attracts its recruits in every country, and does its splendid work among men of all sorts and conditions. Our own beloved Fraternity, and all other true Greeks, are doing the same kind of work among the younger men. This is pre-eminently an age of secret fraternities. They flourish in our colleges, in our business circles, among

all classes, and without reference to classes. Most of them have for their aim the cultivation of fraternity-love—charity. The wide prevalence of these societies is, then, a strong argument for the optimist. It gives voice to the fast-growing sentiment of mankind that love must prevail. Humanity rises up and declares that the “greatest of these is charity.” The voice of the people in this case is surely the voice of God. The day is passing when zeal for a sectarian dogma will be accepted as commutation for charity. All around us a new reformation is going on. It shows itself in no popular outbursts, no public disputations, no ex-communications, no burnings, either of books or heretics. The fire and storm have passed, and now it is the still small voice that speaks to each thoughtful listener and tells of the prevalence of charity.

In reflections such as these, what satisfaction should come to every Greek. And how should they stimulate us all to cultivate inter-fraternity courtesy. With such reflections, the fraternity loses all its trival aspects. It is no longer a mere social club. It is a great leading agent for a most significant world-movement. It is an important factor in human evolution.

These views seem to emphasize the importance of Pan-Hellenic action. They should encourage those who, in the true modern spirit, have endeavored to bring all worthy fraternities into more intimate friendly relations. Our own fraternity has been among the leaders in this endeavor, and many of the best Greeks have heartily responded to our advances. But it is mortifying to think that there have been even a few who have shown a churlish spirit in this matter. They should not be permitted to discourage in the least the growth of Pan-Hellenism, Let us work together in brotherly love for our common objects. Let us cultivate all kindly feelings. Let us lead the progress of our times and leave these grumbling, envious, suspicious, narrow-souled Greeks come limping along behind with their fellow-bigots of all associations of men.

PERSONALS.

INDIANA BETA

Our Seniors, Fitch and Mason, have been orating on the stump this fall.

J. C. Fitch, our big Junior, makes a good President of the Oratorical Association of I. U.

Spangler, University Librarian, bicycled his way from Auburn, Ind., to Indianapolis, enroute for Bloomington.

Bro. Chas. Egner, with '85, through Junior, is a candidate for surveyor of Kosciusko county, Ind.

Bro. Dan Driscoll expects to be with us next year. He will graduate with '87.

Bro. Frank Fetter, through Junior with '82, and Bro. Reddick, through Sophomore with '86, expect to be among the boys in the spring term.

Bro. Billy Taylor, Peelle's law partner at Indianapolis, stumped the State in company with Senator Harrison.

OHIO ALPHA.

"PATTERSON-GEARY.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Buffalo, N. Y., October 12, 1884. Mr. Frank Patterson and Miss Mattie Geary, both of '82."—[College Transcript.

Bros. Hoover and Lloyd visited Bro. Orville Watson, of '82, the designer of our monogram and of several cuts, at Cardington, O., recently. Bro. Watson is occupied in writing articles for the journals. He takes a position on the Washington Post next month.

Bro. Geo. Allison, who is necessarily out of College, is visiting us for two or three days. It does us a wonderful amount of good to see him again. Bro. Allison is his own man now and rumors have it that our "Jumbo" has some rather remarkable reason for leaving school.

The many friends of Sydney D. Strong, who was a member of Ohio Alpha during '78-79, and then of Ohio Gamma, will be interested in the following announcement:

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Tracy desire your presence at the marriage of their daughter Ruth Maria, and Sydney D. Strong, Thursday morning, November 20, at half-past eleven o'clock, 30 West Fourth street, Mansfield, Ohio, 1884.

Ohio Alpha numbers seventeen now.

The Transcript published a great story about Bros. Lloyd and Colter, the beauty of which is its absolute truth.

"Nothing would please me more," said Richard to his friend, LeRoy, "than to take home \$500.00 of my earnings, as the result of my summer's work." "Well, you can do it like a flirt," said LeRoy, as the two Seniors tucked their samples under their arms and started for the West. The first town the twain struck was Marion, Ind. The first night was a restless one, in which both the aspirants had flushed dreams of rubies and sheckels and pearls of great price. After a hearty breakfast the next morning, they started out to paint the town red and give their pockets a silver lining. At night, neither could report much progress. Day after day passed with the same ill luck; and Richard, whose vision of \$500 had melted down to beer check and a street car nickel with a hole in it, said to his friend, "Hodds, honor, Colt, I'm going to throw up the sponge, for I'm getting tired eating husks, while the servants at my father's house are eating baker's bread and corn on the cob." "Don't give up, old boy, let's give it another whirl," was the rejoinder of the other. That night the same old dream of rubies and pearls stood by the bed-side of the luckless members of '85. A worse fate, however, was in store for the boys; for the next morning just as they shouldered their samples of India ink and crayon, with double guilt, ebony frames, a copper stepped up, and, after putting on the bracelets, led the would-be-confidence men to "his home down by the sea." After being arraigned before his honor, the judge said to the astonished prisoners: "Gentlemen, you are charged with peddling thimbles without a license; are you guilty or not guilty?" This is too much for Colt, and yanking out one of the "firm's" business cards, handed it to the judge, exclaiming in a trembling voice, "Why, we never thought of peddling thimbles. Here's our card!" (On the card was printed, R. Ll—d and Leroy C—r, enlargers and peddlers of pictures.) The trial proceeded, and one of the witnesses, who was asked if he recognized the prisoners, said: "I don't know anything about C—r, but this man Ll—d come to my house yesterday, told my wife a pitiful story about the suffering of his family, and induced her to buy one of his thimbles. For the information of our readers, we will say that it was a case of mistaken identity, and after a few more interesting questions and answers, the prisoners were discharged, and shaking the dust of that city off their feet, left for home, not wealthier, but wiser.

WISCONSIN GAMMA.

Our founder, Bro. E. E. Heg, '82, spent a few days with us a short time ago. He is at present engaged in business at Beloit, Kansas.

Bro. E. M. Bugen, '82, was in town a few weeks ago, renewing old acquaintances. He is as loyal a Phi Psi as ever.

Bro. R. G. Collins, '82, is at the Chicago Medical College.

Bro. F. R. Hubacheck, '84, is book-keeper in the establishment of J. I. Case, at Racine.

Bro. E. J. Smith, '84, is now acting as cashier in the First National Bank of Morrison, Ill.

Bro. Geo. S. Wicker, '85, has not returned this year. His business plans are not yet fully matured. His loss is deeply regretted by the whole chapter.

Bro. Geo. W. Dunshee, '86, will remain out of school this year. He will probably enter Ann Arbor next fall

CALIFORNIA ALPHA

Bro. King, of Illinois Beta, but now residing at San Francisco, has taken to himself a helpmeet. May the union be a happy one!

Bro. Bért Cox, '82, and Miss Marian Jordan, of Santa Cruz, were united in matrimony a short time since. Bro. Cox is teaching school at Santa Cruz.

Bro. B. F. Hall, '84, has been canvassing for books in Oregon, but has now returned to his home at Alamo.

Bro. C. T. Springer, '84, is canvassing Washington Territory in behalf of an Eastern book house.

Bro. Will Clayton, '84, is in the real estate business with his father in San Jose, and Bro. H. G. Turner, of the same class, is in the grain business with his father at Modeste.

Bro. J. E. Doak has gone to the Yesomite Valley for a month's vacation.

Bro. Jno. Wheeler, '84, is attending Hastings' Law College.

Bro. J. J. Martin, '84, is preaching at Auburn, Sacramento county, California.

Bros. Jno. Fairchild and C. M. Hawkins, '84, are at home—the former at Lincoln, the latter at Hollesten. Mr. Hawkins paid us a flying visit the other day.

Bro. R. B. Gober, '82, is a full-fledged M. D., and is practicing at Los Galos, California.

Bro. Dennett, our present B. G., is business manager of the *University Review*, our new college journal. Bro. Tompkins is assistant, and Bros. Needham, Wilcox and Manning are on the editorial corps.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

The faculty of Rochester have petitioned Phi Beta Kappa for a charter. Two of the professors wear the key. [Crescent.

The faculty of Columbia College, Columbia, Mo., has repealed the anti-fraternity laws heretofore existing at that institution.

Sigma Chi is dissatisfied with Baird's estimates of their numbers. They propose to investigate and refute some of his statements.—[*A E Record*.

Kappa Alpha Theta has recently published a song book. To Misses Edith Hall and Grace Ward, of DePauw University is the credit of the compilation due. —[Crescent.

Delta Tau Delta held her general convention at Watkin's Glen, N. Y., Aug. 20; Beta Theta Pi at Cleveland, Aug. 27; Sigma Chi at Cincinnati, Aug. 27; Kappa Kappa Gamma at Canton, N. Y., Aug. 27; Phi Gamma Delta at Pittsburg, Aug. 27; and Chi Phi at Washington, Oct. 8.

Phi Gamma Delta has at last granted her long talked of charter to the Wittenberg petitioners. They received their charter on Nov. 21st, and celebrated its arrival by an elegant banquet at the Arcade Hotel, Springfield, Ohio, on the evening of that date. Representatives of five Ohio chapters of Phi Gamma Delta were present. The chapter is called Sigma and numbers nine men.

There are no native Americans, who value historical associations, who will not grieve over the closing of the old college of William and Mary. Nearly all the endowments of the college were lost through injudicious investments and the fortunes of war. This is a prosaic age, but it would become the South to build up again the institution which educated some of the most celebrated of her sons. —[Ex.

W. R. Baird, author of "American College Fraternities," was not a member of Beta Theta Pi during any portion of his college course. He graduated from Stevens Institute '78, and was at the time a member of the Alpha Sigma Chi fraternity, whose chapters were at Rutgers, Stevens Institute, and Cornell. In 1879 Mr. Baird was general secretary of the fraternity, and in that year propositions were made to unite the fraternity to Beta Theta Pi. At the conventions of the two orders that year, the plan was carried out, and all the members of Alpha Sigma Chi, undergraduates and alumni, were admitted to Beta Theta Pi.—[*A T Quarterly*.

Delta Gamma will soon publish a catalogue.

Two Chinese students were initiated into Alpha Delta Phi last year.

Phi Gamma Delta is said to be dead at the University of Pennsylvania.

No preparatory students are eligible to membership in Kappa Alpha Theta.

B θ H says she has forty-five distinct initiation services and wants a new ritual.

"*Sigma Chi* is dissatisfied with Baird's estimates of their numbers. They propose to investigate and refute some of his statements.—*Record*.

Σ X will issue this college year a catalogue of the most improved and elaborate style; also a complete history of the fraternity. —[*Crescent*.

The University of Heidelberg won't accept a donation of 1,000,000 marks because it necessitates opening their doors to women. —[*Ex*.

It is rumored that another journal will soon make its appearance in the *Greek World* under the management of the Tufts Chapter of Theta Delta Chi. —[*Anchora*.

Kappa Alpha Theta, it is stated, is the oldest ladies' society. The young ladies who organized it did so in 1870. Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma come next in order of seniority. —[*Record*.

W. O. Robb, O. W. U. '79, has again the control of the *Beta Theta Pi*, owing to the sudden and unexpected change in the plans of the managing editor, Mr. Chambers Baird, Jr., which necessitates the relinquishment of his office.

The oldest American college fraternity is Phi Beta Kappa. It was founded at the old William and Mary College December of 1776, by Thomas Jefferson. The next oldest is Kappa Alpha, founded in 1825 at Union College.

Phi Beta Kappa, which was reorganized so successfully last year at Yale, is flourishing under the management of '85. At a meeting of the society, October 7th, the executive committee, consisting of Prof. Newton and Edward N. Hidden and Guy W. Mallon, both of Cincinnati, were authorized to institute a course of lectures, under the patronage of the society, upon the questions of the day. —[*Crescent*.

A unique feature in the history of Sigma Chi, and one which has no parallel in the records of other Fraternities, was the existence, during the war, of a Chapter in a brigade of the Confederate army. It was called the "Constantine" Chapter, and was organized for the purpose of keeping alive the Fraternity in the South during the most intense period of that struggle.—*Baird's "American College Fraternities."*

IN MEMORIAM.

PROF. W. T. GRIER.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Great Ruler in Heaven to remove from among us our loved and honored brother, Prof. Wm. T. Grier, at Lewisburg, Oct. 26, '84, and

WHEREAS, By his death, the Φ K Ψ fraternity has lost a faithful brother, the University a valued instructor, and the community an honored citizen; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we deeply deplore our loss, we yet bow in submission to the will of an Omniscient Father; and

Resolved, That Pennsylvania Gamma has lost one of the most worthy and respected of her Alumni; and

Resolved, That the University has lost an able and efficient instructor; and

Resolved, That our heartfelt sympathy be extended to the bereaved family and friends of our deceased brother in their home of deep affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and that they be published in the Φ K Ψ Shield, the *University Mirror*, and inscribed on the minutes of the present meeting.

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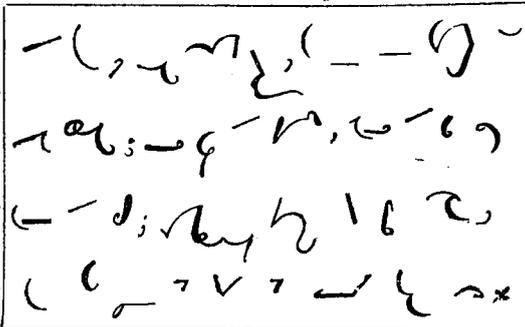
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SOME FEW REMARKS,

In glancing over the editorial columns of the various fraternity journals, one will find that nearly every issue contains some exhortation to the chapters, urging the necessity of the contribution of more and better chapter letters, the need of well-written and entertaining articles upon subjects of interest to fraternity men. There should be no necessity for such continual incitement and, as Phi Kappa Psi certainly wishes to stand at the head in this department as in all others, we should see to it that THE SHIELD is not forced to use such expedients. The fraternity has been criticised for its constant self-chiding through the pages of its journal and this may be considered, perhaps, an addition to a list of such anti-commendatory articles, though surely the writer has no intention of frigidity to that "atmosphere of eternal cold" into which the *KKΓ Golden Key* admonishes us not to fall.

The *Beta Theta Pi* for November has an excellent editorial upon the contributions of its constituents to its columns. It would be well for every Phi Kap to study and follow with all the zeal of which he is capable the admirable advice given to *B θ II*. The editor of THE SHIELD in a conversation with the writer said: "THE SHIELD wants some well-written leaders on topics of paramount importance to us at present. Editorially, the journal has given subjects enough on which matter might be written sufficient to fill its columns to overflowing. I say well-written, and mean by that that we want such articles as will take time to write and not mere dashed-off, ungrammatical letters. I suggest that you have Ohio Alpha elect a man to write upon some chosen subject, and let him write and re-write his production just as he would an oration for his society annual."

By such a course the literary excellence which the *Beta Theta Pi* urges might be gained and, indeed, I believe that no production of any kind, whether it be a list of personals, a literary dissertation, or most important

of all, a chapter letter, should be sent for publication without careful attention to rhetorical and grammatical construction. It is certainly not due to stupidity and the only explanation that can be given for the impropriety, poorness of diction and general school-boyishness of the style of the majority of chapter letters, not in THE SHIELD alone but in the other journals as well, is an unreasonable carelessness or, better, perhaps, downright laziness. The elected chapter correspondent wakes up from his dormancy about the day when his letter should have been in the hands of the editor, and then, perhaps, taking from his busy hours in the midst of college work, a few minutes, hastily scribbles off a missive remarkable only for its brevity and evident paucity of care in composition or thought. Or perhaps, on some evening when his mind is worn by the labors of the day and the preparation of next day's recitations, he painfully grinds out a weary and wearisome account of the month passed and finally, after a terrible struggle to find something to say, passes his letter to his room-mate with the anxious query, "There, that's good enough, isn't it?" Good enough! It should be the best production of his brain brought out by hard labor and careful re-writing.

"Is the correspondent enthusiastic? — Oh, yes!" We read his letters and the enthusiasm crops out like this: "Dear SHIELD: Welcome, thrice welcome, grand organ of noble $\Phi K \Psi$! Would that thy pages came twice as often. Our chapter is doing finely. Yours in the bonds, —."

Oh, he's *enthusiastic!*

Our letters seem stilted and uneven as if it were a task to obtain enough to say. Even when replete with news, they are often written in such uninteresting and ungraceful style, in brief, broken sentences that, before the completion of his perusal of the correspondence department, the reader is tired and skips that most important part of the make-up of the journal. Chapter correspondents, this is written to you, and let each one take to himself all that is here said. If the writer dared, examples of the right kind of chapter letters might be pointed out in many fraternity journals and once in a great while, in our own.

Let us have less fine writing, more of a straight-forward, well-written account of each chapter in interesting style. Let us not compel the editors to keep probing us with their sharp sticks, but follow the advice already given and make THE SHIELD of Phi Kappa Psi, in point of literary excellence, in contributed articles and in chapter letters, the leader among fraternity publications.

GROWLER, JR.

FRIENDSHIP.

Whatever our toil may obtain,
Whate'er by the bounty of Heaven
Of that which we never could gain
Above our desert may be given;
If riches and honor and fame
Our pathway of life should attend,
Success would be still but a name;
Man is *poor* if he has not a friend.

If the good things of life are all fled,
And misfortune and failure our lot;
If the hopes that we cherished are dead,
And our better deeds all seem forgot;
If darkness seems gathering more,
And evils still greater portend,
In all other things, however poor,
Man is *rich* if he has but a friend.

O Friendship! delicious retreat
From the cold and indifferent throng,
Heart kindles to heart as we meet
To hail thee with laughter and song;
The burdens of life we can bear,
Its perils all manfully face,
If our souls at thy shrine we prepare,
And strengthened, go forth from the
place.

C. W. PEARSON,

Evanston, Ill.

EDITORIAL .

IT IS universally the custom among fraternity journals to begin to sound the trumpets and beat the drums for several issues previous to the conventions of the societies of which they are the organs, in order to arouse the interest of the members in making such preparations as are necessary to insure large attendance and intelligent action.

Such is our intention in the premises, and Phi Psis everywhere will please understand that this, their "organ," is wide open in every stop, and the pedals and keys are being pounded for all they are capable of enduring, to sound mighty chords of call to the assembling at Columbus in February.

We shall be disappointed if this coming Grand Arch Council is not the most important ever called to represent $\Phi K \Psi$; important because stern necessity compels us to consider ways and means to maintain the high rank we have always held in the Greek world, and we shall be recreant and dastards if we fail to look the conditions of our present life fairly in the face and determine upon an advance in our manners and methods.

We fear that the gatherings of recent years have not taken very deeply hold upon the aspect of affairs in these latter days, and have had no adequate sense of the difference of life in the American college fraternity to-day and thirty years ago. It must be remembered that it has only been within, at most, the last decade that fraternities as they now exist came into being, for previous to that time they were nondescript and heterogeneous clubs gathered together in various colleges and bearing similitude only in so far as they observed the same organic law in local government.

To-day, how different! The Greek fraternity has become a power in the land, not alone in a political sense, but in a far-reaching commercial and social way as well, and it should be so. What more select body of men could be found to-day than the former members of college fraternities scattered throughout this land, and some few of our contemporaries have been alive to the importance of a compact organization of their membership even after their graduation. The sequel shows their wisdom. That fraternity falls weakly and pitiably short of its best possibilities which contents itself with maintaining a decent standing for its chapters in the

various colleges where it is located and the holding together of its members in union and good fellowship for the few years of their college life.

How many a young man going forth from the walls of the Alma Mater looks with fond longing at the dear familiar scenes and dreams his life a mockery that he must so soon leave to mingle with the base plebeian world. In imagination he sees himself, bereft of the sweetness and light which comes from content and happiness, fade and die, lapsing into a melancholy from which nothing can arouse him but the cold remorseless hand of the Destroyer.

One year of earnest effort in winning a place among his fellows in the busy world is sufficient to dispel these fond dreams and cruel irony of fate! he soon reaches a place in his experience where he can regard his college life as merely an episode, all too brief, in his busy existence. There is no earnest fraternity man who is ashamed of his membership in college of one of those peculiar outgrowths of American life—the Greek-letter Society—and who does not desire and intend to keep green the memories and cherish the associations which he has so long been cultivating. Alas, in how many does the memory keep green, even two or three years!

It has been the misfortune of the editor of this magazine to meet many former Phi Psis from almost every section of the country who fain must apologize for their ignorance of the fraternity and its progress, and not a few has he met who were at a loss to recall the grip or anything but the mere name of the fraternity. Some there are who have referred to their associations in *Φ K Ψ* as a foolish freak of boyhood days to be laughed at and condoned with other youthful indiscretions.

Out upon such, say we! The best, the purest associations of a man's life as those to be found in the ranks of his brothers in the chapter of his fraternity and he who feels called upon to apologize for his connection with them is unworthy ever to have been encouraged, supported and sustained by ardent and loving hearts. We believe, earnestly believe, that any man fit to be called "brother," would greet with warm cordiality any worthy member of his college fraternity in after days and regret with sadness the severance of those ties which bound him as with hooks of steel to them all in the years long since gone by. The time has passed when such a state of things need be, for fraternity men are no longer a rarity and everywhere are to be met if one but keeps his heart alive to his past associations.

We are firm in the belief that the active membership is primarily responsible for any loss of interest on the part of alumni and we specifically charge our aimless and inefficient form of government with the onus of the whole sad state of affairs.

HARD words, think you, about ourselves? Well, why not? Shall we rest content to see ourselves surpassed because thirty years ago, under an entirely different condition of things, those noble men who gave their best life and energies to the upbuilding of our grand fraternity formed for themselves a government which however adequate for their necessities, is notoriously inefficient to-day! Shades of Letterman and Campbell forbid!

We are in the habit of talking rather plainly about ourselves, a deal better than gossiping about our neighbors, according to our way of thinking, but did it ever occur to you, gentle critic, to look at other fraternities in this same connection? We are not fond of innuendo or insinuation, but we submit to candid minds if quite a number of our rivals who have, we fear, taken advantage of our plain speaking in the past to point the finger of scorn at us, are not tinged with Pharisaism in this matter. We do not presume to carry the parallel further.

The energy and enterprise of the founders of Phi Kappa Psi as shown during the early days of our history would long since have so modified our manner of procedure that we should not have to regret being among the laggards; in reform, but rather we should have been leaders. It has long ago passed into an axiom that what is everybody's business is nobody's business, and were it but recently formulated we should none the less appreciate its force. With us chapters rise and fall and sometimes die without an intimation of their condition reaching the membership of the fraternity outside of the college where these things are going on. It is scarcely worth while to specify the instances coming under our immediate notice during the past ten years, wherein has been illustrated our utter lack of anything approaching organization or system. It has been no unusual thing for the editor of this journal, who surely is in a position where information regarding his own fraternity should reach him, to derive much of his knowledge of Phi Kappa Psi from strangers and friends belonging to other fraternities. Ought any organization to be in such a condition?

Were it germane to our purpose, we might at this time startle the readers of *THE SHIELD* with an array of facts to show that our government does not govern, and in making this statement we intend no reflections upon our Grand Chapter now or ever, for, on the contrary, if there is anything to arouse one's interest and quicken one's understanding of the limitations of Phi Kappa Psi, it is membership for ever so short a time in an executive body of our misgovernment.

There are several chapters of our fraternity whose charters should have been taken from them for disobedience to authority, but how could it be known and who dared assert their power in the premises? There are others that should be given short shrift if a radical change is not made in the quality of men they are taking and the character of the work they do—no, the work they do not perform. Phi Kappa Psi was founded and has been perpetuated by men of high aspirations and earnest endeavors, and deserves to live only so long as she maintains the standard of excellence which they set up.

We had begun writing with the intention of enumerating the topics which should engage the time and attention of the G. A. C. at its coming meeting, but reserve that until the next issue.

WE SINCERELY hope that in the selection of its delegates to the Grand Arch Council, the members of the various chapters will be actuated by no specious sentiment of obligation to reward fidelity or long membership unless pronounced fitness for the responsible office shall be the pre-requisite. We have need for earnest, careful, brave men, capable of looking steadily at facts without being led astray by fancies, and Spartans enough to do heroic service to the cause they love, even though it be at a fearful cost to tradition and fond memories.

In this connection, we urge upon the chapters the pressing need for a large and representative gathering in February, and to this end we desire every chapter to be represented and as many as possible with the full constitutional number of delegates. Let this be a gathering notable for its activity, remarkable for the presence of alumni delegates and memorable for the great results accomplished.

IN THE last issue of *THE SHIELD*, we had the pleasure to announce the marriage of one of the brightest and happiest souls that ever breathed; in this, we chronicle the pitiful news of his death. On the 10th of December, 1884, Frank K. Patterson died, at the home of his father, 660 Freeman Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

How inexorable, how careless of human joys in Death! There has scarcely ever come within the circle of our friendship one who more deserved to live than this same genial "Pat," and yet he must die, with the holy marriage kiss not yet cold upon his lips. He was "a fellow of infinite jest," as companionable a man as ever graced a festive gathering or gave life and spirit to a meeting of Phi Psis. And he is gone. Gone, no, not gone! God give us hearts to love and memories to cherish the incarnate sunshine of his brief life!

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INDIANA BETA.—You desire a letter from Indiana Beta, which she is willing to furnish according to her ability. We did not receive the October number of THE SHIELD, and consequently do not know whether it contains our last letter. If some repetitions find their way in this, the above will explain it.

The fraternity at large, we suppose, wants to know of our progress and status. We number fifteen men—two Seniors, two Juniors, three Sophomores, six Freshmen and two “kids. We are comparatively few in number, but present a solid phalanx of native mettle. Along our line we are not necessitated to throw up any apologizing breast-works, but are defended as by a thermopylae of natural ability. Our success in securing society positions and college honors has been most peculiarly singular. Among others, we have a delegate to the State Oratorical Contest at Indianapolis.

The Beecher affair of I. U. has quieted, and the daily rotation of the college wheels has become steady.

Our lecture course opens very successfully. Our Bro. Bob Burdette is booked for February. Ind. Beta intends to banquet him royally, and extends a hearty invitation to her neighboring chapters.

The campaign with all its fire and smoke, has passed and left its ashes. Bro. Calkins did not “get there” for Governor. Sorry. Since the campaign, the resumption of literary work, a primal benefit derived from fraternity life has taken place in our chapter. Besides a regular literary programme, Ind. Beta issues fortnightly, a fraternity paper called *Phi Psi Tattler*. It is at once a moralist, philosopher and punster. It propounds questions raised all the way from a “hen party” to the “conflicting attributes of the unknowable,” with forensic legerdemain. We are in review and look forward with anxiety to salivate the Christmas Pie. Hoping our next correspondent may not be rushed as we were, we remain yours in the bonds.

W. J. McCORMICK.

PENNSYLVANIA THETA.—Theta is feeling in very good spirits this fall. We have taken in six new men, all of '88, and all desirable.

If I am rightly informed there is only one other fraternity in Lafayette, which has done as well.

The one man we had in '87 has left college, so that class is not represented, but there seem almost no desirable men in the class.

We are refurnishing our rooms and new paper, pictures, chairs and so forth, improve their appearance greatly I assure you.

I wish some of the Ohio Beta brothers could see how nicely we are situated.

It is too near examination time for a long letter, so I will close.

W. H. BLANCHETT.

VIRGINIA ALPHA.—Va. *A* opened the session with but four members, but this number has been raised to nine. Allow me to introduce to the fraternity, Bros. A. P. Saunders, of Emory, Va.; J. A. Ingle, of Frederick, Md.; R. C. Beckeley, jr., of Morgantown, W. Va.; C. E. A. Marshall, of Markham, Va.; and C. M. Blackford, jr., of Lynchburg, Va. Our members are very congenial and a delightfully fraternal spirit pervades the whole chapter.

With regard to the members who left us last year, Brother R. L. Preston won the Professorship of Ancient Languages at Ogden College, Ky., over eighty competitors. Bro. Trent, M. A., has been recruiting at Milboro, Va., but lately made us a visit. Brother Shafer, M. D., is practicing medicine in Leesburg, Va. We wish them all possible success.

At our fall election, the following officers were elected: G. P., John S. Davis; P. J., A. Ingle; A. G., J. W. S. Peters; B. G., E. Woods, jr., Ph., A. P. Saunders; C., George T. Smith.

With regard to the other fraternities, *J K E* is keeping up its old prestige. *A T Q* is flourishing. Vague rumors of an intended chapter house are afloat. I cannot tell whether there is a foundation for the report or not, but under the care of our Chaplain, O. A. Glazebrook, the founder, and an enthusiastic member of *A T*, that chapter is in a very prosperous state. There is also a rumor that *E A E* is to found a chapter here, but nothing has been seen of it.

I forgot to state that in the athletic games held here Nov. 14 and 15, we took two prizes, Brother G. T. Smith winning the 100 yards dash and the three-legged race.

C. M. BLACKFORD.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.—Since the beginning of the scholastic year, Illinois Alpha has initiated from the Freshman class, Charles H. Booth, Thawville; John W. Cleveland, Sterling; Frank Little, Osage City, Kansas; William A. Hall and George A. Bass, of Chicago. The first three were pledged last year, the last two this. All were running successfully the gauntlet of our rival frats., but the Phi Psi goat floored them. Their

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virtues must go unheralded for the present; we only add as we introduce them to the brothers they are worthy the honor conferred upon them.

We are seventeen this semester. Christmas will bring back to us Bro. Joseph H. Hill, '86, who remained out of college this fall to allow his class to catch up to him; in the Spring, Bro. C. O. Graves will join '86. The fraters, like the "little busy bee" that Bro Hanson takes for his text, "doth improve each shining hour," both for themselves and the chapter. We participate in the contests about as numerously as last year and hope to duplicate the record.

Several of the brothers are doing "honor" work in the Languages, Physics and mathematics. These tasks, together with our "booming" the chapter, make our leisure moments few, but we turn from these sterner duties to the pleasures of occasional *soiree*—two of which are worthy of special mention. The first was a reception given to Bros. Crawford and Stuart and their brides. Several of our alumni were present, and one of the happiest hours in the memory of "the oldest man in the frat." was enjoyed. On the evening of the 4th inst., we received a visit from Bros. Mott, Griffith, Lingle, Coy, Buzzell and Brockway, of Illinois Beta, and their lady friends. We enjoyed the evening incomparably and trust our Beta fraters (et sorores) suffered likewise. There were songs by the Alpha quartet; a declamation by Miss Griffith, an accomplished elocutionist and sister of Bro. Griffith; and instrumental and vocal music by the Ladies. Bro. Hanson utterly broke the assemblage up with his athletic rendition of the "Busy Bee Sermon,"—although he was necessitated to speak with his right lung only.

Nor should the "grinds" be forgotten—our caterer asserts that the Phi Psi rooms are the most convenient club rooms in town for a "spread."

Our rival frats. stand in about the same position relative to us and to one another as during the last two years. $\Phi K \Sigma$ initiates the men she wants—unopposed. ΣX , though working tremendously, does not attain. The chapter has at present but five men in college and a poor outlook for Freshmen. Yet the Sigs are a fine set of fellows, and by the aid of a strong and enthusiastic alumni, they make a good showing to their fraternity at large, which has honored them by placing the publication of the ΣX grand catalogue and history in their hands. Mr. C. A. Wightman, '85, who has general direction over these publications of his fraternity, informs me that his chapter will issue its chapter history about the 1st of February. This history is to be very complete and accurate, making a volume of 250 pages and is to receive the care of the printer's best art. In all which schemes, we wish the Sigma Chi's unbounded success.

We have four fine men pledged in Senior Prep, (out of a class of sixty.)

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Unlike all her rivals, Illinois A does not initiate Preps;—but thanks to Bros. Mars and Edmondson, we have perfected a little scheme by which the chapter may secure whatever gain there may be from Preps. and yet not initiate. Of this, our delegates will make mention at G. A. C.

Our quartet is becoming quite famous—receiving invitations to sing before the social clubs of the village. A second quartet and an orchestra will also be candidates for such honors next term.

Our most important scheme at present is the founding of a chapter house fund. The active members of the chapter and the alumni, as far as heard from, are enthusiastic over the idea. We could not think—in a village so full of beautiful residences as Evanston—of making a beginning with less than \$10,000. Half of that sum, I am confident, can be pledged before the next commencement. The lease of our present commodious quarters runs five years yet, at the end of which time we shall expect to build. Meanwhile, the possession of a goodly and augmenting fund will give to the chapter increased prestige and preeminence, confidence, and solidity.

With the idea that the coming G. A. C. is to so revise the constitution as to give the fraternity a more centralized and completer government, we heartily concur. An executive department consisting of an active chapter and alumni appears to be the best form.

While planning for the future, we should not forget to honor the present G. C. for its earnest and effective work for the fraternity.

RUSH McNAIR.

ILLINOIS BETA.—It has been some time since a letter from Illinois Beta has appeared in the columns of THE SHIELD; but the fraternity at large must not imagine that the chapter has been doing nothing of record, since several previous letters from lack of space or for some other reason did not appear. Some of the events of the latter part of last year may deserve attention.

The Phi Psis, with the assistance of the Phi Psi girls, bore off every prize and honor offered last year. First, second and third places on Junior Ex.; first and second on Sophomore Ex., and first and second on Senior prize essay, were all divided among the Phi Psi boys and girls. Beside taking the first prize of \$50 on Senior essay, Bro. Swartwont, our only graduate last year, was valedictorian of his class.

The event of the summer was the $\Phi K \Psi$ encampment at Delaware Lake, Wis. About twenty boys and girls, well chaperoned, spent a delightful month there in the various forms of camping amusement. The program is to be repeated next year, and the plan for an annual fraternity

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gathering at Chautauqua may develop into a Phi Psi Chautauqua on the beautiful shores of Delaware Lake.

Just before commencement last year we took in Guy Brockway, '86, and J. G. Marsh, '88, and about the 1st of October, we initiated J. G. Conley, '88. We now number ten men, three each in the Senior, Junior and Freshman classes, and but one Sophomore.

The boys have taken up their fraternity work vigorously. The meetings are well attended, the programs faithfully rendered and consequently enjoyed.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA,—Pennsylvania *A* has not been represented in your columns this term so we have much to tell you of ourselves, and happily our news all has a cheerful aspect. Though it may be that the color of our own glasses gives a golden shade to the surrounding prospect, still it seems to us that the general fraternity is also to be congratulated on its prosperity.

Through your pages, the several chapters all report progress. Our Grand Chapter continues as prompt and efficient as when first elected, and though no longer "a new broom," sweeps as clean as ever. Our organ and medium of communication, THE SHIELD, also evinces signs of a successful management, though it does not appear as regularly as it might. We recognize, however, that the prime cause of this irregularity is the lack of material to fill it, and a guilty conscience leads us to suggest that every chapter should be compelled to furnish correspondence every two months. Voluntary contributions are better, perhaps, but compulsory ones would not be so fluctuating, and would not necessitate the appearance of the October SHIELD in December. Still THE SHIELD also shows progress and prosperity, and is welcomed by all its readers.

The college year 83-84, witnessed the severest struggle that the fraternities of this institution have undergone. The non-frat. element combined to crush them, but as "gold that is tried in the furnace," they have come forth unharmed. The anti-frats., however, lie prostrate, a decenter to the ranks of $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$. In fact, the Greeks have made so many successful raids upon the barbarians, that their ranks are almost depleted, and our "annual" will probably meet with little opposition next spring. Among the seven fraternities in college, our beloved $\Phi K \Psi$ has met with the most success in this warfare, and wishes to introduce to THE SHIELD five new brothers, lately born in this world of mystic light. Of these, Bro. Will Thomas, '86, and Bro. Chas. Caldwell, '87, are twins, both being initiated on the fourth day of this term. The first is the champion light-weight boxer in college, while the other shines "behind the bat." The next in

age is Bro. Tom Gallaher, '88, the Orpheus of our crew, whose dulcet strains the stone and stocks can scarce withstand. Our fourth in order is Bro. James Herrow, '87, a youth, precious, great in football and in Greek, and the younger brother of our "wire puller." Our youngest is Bro. Newton. Large, an infant yet in arms, still the tallest of our chapter. All are royal, good fellows, and with the seven "antiques" give Penn. A a good, strong force.

We are enjoying our first term for several years in a hall, and find that by waiting for this one we have obtained the best in town. It came into our possession shortly before Commencement last term, and the event was celebrated with becoming ceremonies. During Commencement week, many of our alumni found it convenient to call on us, and all received a hearty welcome and appeared well pleased.

We were much pleased with the plan of Ohio J as stated by Bro. Smart in the September SHIELD, so determined to try it, and on Nov. 20, invited all our alumni in town to attend a meeting of the chapter. We were agreeably surprised at the number present, and regretted deeply that some others were necessarily absent from town who wished to be in attendance. The evening passed pleasantly with our regular exercises, enlivened by music was many "remarks." Afterwards an oyster supper with other refreshments was served, but this was by no means expensive. Such general satisfaction and experienced that it is our intention to have such meetings frequently, and we recommend them to all other chapters as the solution of this vexatious "alumni chapter" problem. We hope to hear of others trying this plan, and, if simply conducted with no pretense to "style," have no doubt that they will be delighted. J. L. MARQUIS.

INDIANA ALPHA.—With this, nearly the close of the first term of the college year '84-5, our chapter is able to address the fraternity with a feeling of pride, by reason of its success. Since the opening of the term, at which time thirteen able and enthusiastic brothers constituted our membership, we have patiently and cautiously worked during the entire term in our search for new men, and can now congratulate ourselves on the successful result, since we have added to our already strong and enthusiastic membership seven men of character and ability, and have gained glorious victories over opposing friends.

Bros. Runcie, '87, and McDoogle, '88, have added greatly to our strength and influence, as also Bro. Calkins, '90, son of Bro. Calkins, late Republican candidate for Governor of "Hoosierdom." At our last meeting another "love feast," and a grand enthusiastic meeting, was the result of the initiation of four grand and noble men, viz.: Bros. Kirkman, '88,

Axtell, '89, Reynolds, '90, and Bro. Ed. Cassell, '91; and with these already permeated by the spirit of "old Phi Psi," we look about us and feel that we can truthfully say that "We court no superior, we brook no equal."

The enrollment in the college has now reached 600, and all the departments are encouraged with their prospects; new buildings are being rapidly pushed toward completion, and it may be assumed that we have not only a University in name, but also in fact. With election and Thanksgiving vacation past, the boys have returned, and we start with a new impetus, renewed vigor, and increased numbers. In conclusion, would say that "Indiana Alpha" is in a splendid condition, and we hope that the love and enthusiasm which unites us so closely, may be but the reflection of the condition of our sister chapters, and of the fraternity at large.

BRIAN BAKER.

VIRGINIA GAMMA.—Your postal of Nov. 28, asking a letter for THE SHIELD just received this evening. We have been slow in performing what ought to be and what is our highest duty to our fraternity. Yet we would not receive all the blame without defending ourselves. Our college duties have been of such a nature this year, that time could scarcely be spared to attend to the local welfare of our fraternity. Yet we proudly say that we are not ashamed to point to any of our men and we are all honored in having such an excellent club. All of our old members have returned except Bro. Graham, who has assumed the responsible position of "Domine," and is teaching the young "shoots how to idea." In regard to our social status, I will simply say that we are unexcelled in college, although some of our rivals are quite popular. Bro. S. P. Preston, '85," will be the happy recipient of the Senior medal of the Union Literary Society next Commencement. The same brother has been appointed on the corps of editors, as also has Bro. T. S. Henry. Five new brothers have joined our ranks, Bros. Porter, Reynolds, Markland, Flood and Wood. All are fine students and take a very active part in the working of our fraternity, although the zeal of our old members has never been diminished. Recently, we organized a fraternity football team, and although we have not yet challenged any other club, we feel safe that we have as good players as can be found in any fraternity here. I have noticed it to be quite a common thing among the different chapters to have a baby, we, catching the spirit that inflames our sister chapters, have also *procured a babe in (the) Woods*. Our Fraternity is gladdened by the clerical countenance of our Alumnus Bro. P. C. Clark, '84.

Bro. R. L. Preston "'83," is now Professor of Latin and Greek in Ogden College.

We are glad to have again in our midst Bro. Herbener, " '83," who spent last session at Princeton Seminary.

Bro. Frank Thornton, '76, of New York, is now visiting his brother, J. R. Thornton, '72, Professor of Mathematics at this College.

All of our Alumni brothers, so far as we can ascertain, are doing well.

T. L. TRAWICK.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.—You must not construe our long continued silence as an intimation that we take no interest in the welfare and success of THE SHIELD. To the contrary, we are willing to make any reasonable sacrifice that will assist in its noble mission. But our frailties and weaknesses are numerous; and prominent among them is that of procrastination, which seems to have had complete control of our actions of late. Hence, our silence.

Now, that the time intervening between our last letter and the present has been so long, we fear lest we may omit some things of interest which have transpired, but with nothing to rely upon but our own feeble powers, we hope to recall the most important events and will endeavor to chronicle them in the order of their occurrence.

Our joys and triumphs have been manifold, our sorrows and disappointments few. The fact of the matter is we have become very subtle; we undertake nothing that savors in the least of disappointment. Schemes that we were wont to lay hold of as soon as originated and to apparently prosecute with a great deal of enthusiasm and energy, we now lay on the table indefinitely; for example, a scheme to raise funds to build a chapter house by engaging lectures.

One event which I take special delight in communicating to the readers of THE SHIELD is that we recently had the honor and exceedingly great pleasure of entertaining Bro. R. J. Burdette for a short time. Learning that he was advertised to lecture at Mt. Joy on the evening of Nov. 20th, the majority of the boys concluded to go to hear him. We had often heard of him, both as a lecturer and as a $\Phi \Psi$, and although we are of a literary turn of mind yet, in this case, it was an irrepressible desire to know more of his $\Phi \Psi$ inclinations that prompted us to venture from home on such a rainy night, for truly the weather was very disagreeable. We went, heard him lecture, and gave him the grip. After performing this last act, we felt greatly elevated. We were much pleased with the lecture, but greatly surprised in him as a fraternity man, for beside meeting a good, jovial brother, we met one of the most earnest and enthusiastic $\Phi \Psi$'s with whom it has ever been our good fortune to come in contact. Although having received pressing invitations to spend the

night at Mt. Joy, he readily accepted ours to accompany us to Lancaster. When we boarded the midnight train at Mt. Joy, the countenances of the passengers portrayed a decidedly somnolent appearance, but ere we reached Lancaster the scene changed. Those who were wrapped in the arms of Morpheus snatched themselves from his embrace and listened attentively to our $\Phi\Psi$ songs and Bro. Burdette's stories. It is not necessary to mention our course of proceedings after reaching this city, suffice it to say that we had a glorious time. During the forenoon of the next day, he called on our Alumni in this city, and at noon left for his home at Ardmore. The Penn. Eta boys will always recall this event as one of the most pleasant reminiscences of their fraternity life.

We were favored a short time ago by visits from Brothers Rothrock and C. J. Musser. Bro. Rothrock is in charge of a strong congregation at Hazzleton. Bro. Musser, who was recently laboring for the cause of christianity at Ronoake, but was compelled to resign on account of failing health, has acquired sufficient strength to resume his good work. Both retain their old-time enthusiasm and their love for the chapter and fraternity.

Bro. Shroder, '83, spent Thanksgiving at his home in this city. He attended our meeting and, as usual, made a stirring $\Phi\Psi$ speech.

Bro. Little and your unworthy correspondent have been elected members of the editorial staff of the *Oriflamme*, the college annual published this year by the class of '86.

Bro. Rev. Bauman, alias Chauncey, still continues as an active member of the chapter. He finds it quite a pleasure, after digging for Hebrew roots during the week, to mingle with the boys on Saturday evening (our meeting time) and dispel from his mind for the time being all subjects of a dogmatical, hermenetical or exegetical nature.

Owing to the pitiable scarcity of the proper kind of material, we have done nothing of late in the way of rushing new men. We are still ten.

D. F. MAUGER.

OHIO! ALPHA.—On the evening of Nov. 8, the members of this chapter with their ladies were most pleasantly entertained by Prot. Semans and his wife at their home. During the coming years, the boys will often look back to that evening as having been one of the most enjoyable of their college life, and will thank and re-thank the Professor and his wife for having been the occasion of it.

The question has been raised by Bro. Gage, as to how the "Board of Control" in the new form of government as sketched by Bro. Berne, shall be composed,

The settlement of this question depends largely upon what duties are assigned to the Board. To me, it seems that its work should be largely supervisory with as little red-tape work as possible to do. Let it be its duty to have a general oversight of the fraternity; receive the dues and reports of the various division G. C.'s; announce to the chapters petitions for charters; receive the votes upon petitions and issue the charters; and enforce as far as possible an observance of the constitution. What red-tape work may be necessary to be done, could be done by a general Secretary, who could be an active member. Most of the work of the Board would be slight and require but little time for its performance, so alumni could easily be found who would willingly do it.

If the Board were composed mostly of alumni, men of dignity and experience, respect and weight would be added to the acts of the general government. For this reason, then it would seem that the "Board of Control" ought to be largely composed of alumni.

It is often asked if an addition of one dollar to the present subscription of *THE SHIELD* would pay for a paid editor? Could the editor throw some light upon the subject? This chapter would second any effort for the improvement of *THE SHIELD*, and while I am touching upon this subject, allow me in the name of this chapter to compliment the editor upon his success in managing *THE SHIELD*.
WILL G. FRIZELL.

OHIO DELTA.—A few days before the Thanksgiving vacation, we had the pleasure of welcoming into our midst Edward J. Converse, of the Junior class. On the evening of December 6th, we brought within our fold Louis G. Haas, of the Sophomore class. We are proud of our new brothers.

Bro. Davidson has left us to resume his engineering work in Michigan.

Our committee on arrangements for the G. A. C. has begun its labors. The sessions of the G. A. C. will probably be held in the Odd Fellows' Hall. In this commodious hall the assembly will be nicely accommodated and the freedom of the deliberations from publicity will be secured. In obtaining hotel accommodations, the committee will endeavor to combine low rates with the suitable entertainment of the brothers. Our chapter will do all in its power to make the coming G. A. C. memorable in the history of Phi Kappa Psi.

The recent letters of Bros. Berne and Gage on our present system of government ought to be carefully perused by every reader of *THE SHIELD*. If, under the direction of our splendid Grand Chapter, Pa. Epsilon, our system of government is unsatisfactory, it certainly must be changed. How would it do to adopt Bro. Bernes' plan of dividing the fraternity into sections and then make our present Grand Chapter, according to his plan, a board of control?
GEORGE SMART.

REORGANIZATION OF S. C. ALPHA.

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Jan. 10, 1885.

I wish hereby to announce to the fraternity the very hopeful reorganization of our old S. C. Alpha chapter. It was active last in 1872, at which time it refused to continue, for the sake of the fraternity's good, because of the presence of negro students in the college. Some four or five years ago, State legislation provided a place for negro education, away from Columbia, and then established S. C. College on a firm basis for higher education. Since then it has had a remarkably prosperous existence, under the efficient Presidency of Prof. J. T. McBryde, a member of our old S. C. Alpha chapter. Prof. R. Means Davis, whose name may be found attached to correspondence in vols. i. and ii. of *THE SHIELD*, in which he records his devotion to the interests of "old Phi Psi," is at present engaged as Professor in the College. The prominence and influence of these gentlemen, together with that of ten or twelve other brothers, resident in Columbia insure the success of the reorganization, since all of these gentlemen are heartily disposed to lend their influence and assistance to the chapter.

S. C. Alpha, as reorganized, has as rivals the Rho chapter of *K A*, which is quite prosperous, and, though founded in '81, has recently fitted up a small chapter house; the *J* chapter of *Σ A E*; S. C. Beta chapter of *Φ Δ θ*; the *A Φ* chapter *A T Ω*; the B chapter of *Λ Ψ*—all of which are very prosperous.

The names of the petitioners who were initiated are as follows. T. B. Butler, S. M. Clarkson, S. W. Gamble, J. M. Knight, T. S. Martin, J. H. McLure, G. T. Simo, J. C. Stuart.

At the election of officers which was held immediately after reorganization, J. C. Stuart was elected B. G.

The standing which the College has assumed; the character of the men initiated, and their quick devotion to the work of the fraternity; the strong backing which the chapter has in the enthusiastic resident members, including the College President and one of the Professors—all these combine to give assurance, beyond a doubt, of the quick and continued prosperity of our latest acquisition.

Let me personally assure any brother who may ever reach Columbia S. C., that if he make himself known as a *Φ K Ψ*, a most hearty welcome is assured.

GEO. D. GOTWALD.

POTPOURRI.

We take pleasure in reproducing the latest report of the proceedings of the Diogenes Club from the *Beta Theta Pi* for November, not only because we think we perceive in it the "the fine Italian hand" of the editor-in-chief, but as a specimen of "chipper writing" it is well worth reading. The former editor referred to as the author of the "Owed" is S. G. Williams. This poetical effusion, we believe, was inspired in a railway station, away up in the northwest, after a severe and painful struggle of the author at a railroad lunch counter, and was a part of a private letter to the present editor of *Beta Theta Pi*. It is a very clever thing in the pun line.—[ED. SHIELD.]

MINUTES OF THE DIOGENES CLUB.

Meeting called to order by the chief of police, and the ex-general secretary ordered to take his chair. The fire department having been called out, asked leave to retire. Leave granted. On motion of the general treasurer the same privilege was extended to the police, the landlord and the janitor. The business manager of the magazine offered an amendment to the by-laws providing that the above-named persons be regularly excluded from the meetings of the club, and that Governor Hoadly be requested to call out the militia whenever necessary to enforce this provision. Referred to joint standing committee on back-rents, finance and the constitution.

The regular order of business having been thus disposed of, the ex-general secretary, who had gone to sleep over a game of solitaire, was awakened, upon motion of the chair, and suddenly—took the floor. It was unanimously agreed, upon appeal, that a motion could not originate from the chair; it being the rule of the club that no seance should be held in the club apartments. Thereupon the ex-general secretary resumed his seat.

The editor-in-chief of the magazine asked leave to read an original article. A vote being taken, permission was not granted, by a majority of fourteen to one. On motion, the editor-in-chief was given leave to print, and the aforesaid article was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, provided the author perform the necessary clerical work. [Mem. by secretary: Clerical work not yet performed.]

A noise being heard in the street, the committee on investigation of suspicious sounds was instructed to repair to the spot and report. The committee reported that one of the sub-committees on *ΔΟΡΥ* while returning from a neighboring restaurant, had been waylaid by one of the judges of the supreme court, with a writ of attachment issued at the suit of the furniture man, and a large supply of oysters and fruits had been taken into custody. Referred to the committee upon replevin with instructions to act at once.

Awaiting the report of the committee, the club listened unwillingly to an argument by one of its legal members upon the question: "Has a judge of the supreme court power to issue and serve in person writs of

attachment?" The argument having been heard, it was, on motion, ordered to be suppressed, and the author suspended for a week.

After a great deal of objection by several members, one of the former editors of the magazine was permitted to read a poem, during the reading of which the club took a recess. As the poem had been rejected by several reputable magazines, a vote of condolence was passed by the club and the poem ordered spread upon the minutes. The following is a correct copy of the poem, as certified by the sergeant-at-arms, who was the only member remaining in the room while it was read:

OWED TO BOSTON.

"Wal, stranger; bein's it's you, I don't mind tellin'."—*Anon.*

What keeps my drooping soul alive,
With strength against the world to strive,
And sweeter than all food besides,
Down through my epiglottis glides?
The oyster? Nay. The clam? Oh, no!
Dear though they be to Boston's heart:
I pass them by,
When you are nigh—
Though hard it be from them to part.
And turn to you, I love you so.
Sweet to my palate, tender, done through—
I don't mind tellin', bein's it's you.

II.

What nerves my mind, sustains my thought,
Freights deep with essence vainly sought
By ancient philosophic mind,
And bids me leave the world behind?
The oyster? Nay. The clam? Oh, no!
Essential beings though they be:
A deeper fire
Doth me inspire
Than clam or oyster e'er set free—
Transcendant flames within me glow.
Copia frumenti, born of the dew,
I'll tell you only, bein's it's you.

III.

What spreads the name of Boston far
Beyond the utmost glimmering star
That guards the universe by night,
Or outer sun's eternal light?
The oyster? Nay. The clam? Oh, no!
Though luscious fruitage of the bay,
And Cook's best dish
Doth smell of fish.
Sustained by you, I walk the way
Where essences transcendent flow;
Through you my blood, runs rich and blue—
I'll tell you, therefore,—Beans, it's you.

The special committee on the club house at Wooglin-on-Chatauqua reported that the club house will be completed early in the spring, and that the coming season will be made exceedingly attractive to all visitors.

The chairman of the committee was instructed to correspond with Chas. J. Seaman, treasurer of the Alumni Association with a view of buying in all the remaining shares in the club house, to be held in trust for members of the Diogenes club. A letter from Mr. Seaman was also read, in which he set forth in detail the programme of entertainments to be adopted at Wooglin next summer. The letter was listened to by the club with intense interest, and the reader was frequently interrupted by applause.

The committee on replevin having returned, accompanied by the property which had been attached, the club went into the committee of the whole to discuss and determine upon the best method of retaining permanent possession of the oysters and viands thus replevined. The committee of the whole failed to make a report, and the club adjourned without motion.

The Diogenes club elects a new president and secretary at each meeting. Its night of meeting is Friday of each week. The club has no by-laws, and its objects are not known. The place of meeting is at No. 11, Apollo Building, northwest corner of Walnut and Fifth streets.

OUR GOVERNMENT SYSTEM.

[We offer to our readers, for various reasons, an entire editorial from the October *Sigma Chi*, hoping that it will be read carefully and its wisdom absorbed by delegates to the approaching G. A. C. We have understood that it is almost entirely the work of Mr. Walter L. Fisher, Grand Tribune of the fraternity.—EDITOR SHIELD.]

The closing days of August, 1884, marked the opening of a new epoch in the history of Sigma Chi. Those same eventful days witnessed the culmination of a reform movement originated in the beginning of 1882, partially successful at the Chicago Convention, and finally triumphant at Cincinnati. Its object was the abolition of the antiquated and inadequate government which had prevailed from the origin of the Fraternity, and the substitution of a new and original system. It is of that system we propose to speak. Its central idea is the concentration of executive power in the hands of responsible individuals; but it presents a complex and closely interwoven system of checks and balances, uniting in one harmonious whole the best feature of many systems. Portions of it have been adopted and successfully applied by other orders. Single elements are not new to the Hellenistic world; but it remained for Sigma Chi to take the advantageous features of many existing forms of government and mould them together with many original elements, into a system unique in the history of American fraternities. We have no hesitation in asserting that Sigma Chi possesses the best and most efficient form of government ever put to the test of practical experiment by a Greek society. This we do the more readily because, during the long agitation of these radical reforms, our advanced ideas have met with the uniform approval of those of our rivals whose government is most progressive and efficient, coupled with the prophecy that we could never secure the adoption of such ultra-progressive doctrines, despite their theoretical advantages. But our Hellenic friends reckoned without knowing the real nature of the Sigma Chi fraternity. In confident reliance upon the support of the order, when thoroughly apprised of the transcendent advantages of the system, its adoption was successfully urged, after a prolonged debate which tested every bolt and rivet of the powerful engine now placed in the hands of our governing body. To-day, Sigma Chi is in possession of a government which should be her pride and boast.

The prevailing idea of the entire system is individual responsibility and individual power; its most conspicuous exponent and central feature, the office of General Secretary. The government of a college fraternity is largely executive, and hence it is not difficult to apprehend the advantages of the conspicuous application to this office of the doctrine of individual power and responsibility. We have but applied the true secret of all administrative efficiency to the government of a body where its application is natural and easy. Yet it is not without its attendant evils. No

strong government ever is. Its enemies may call it the "one man power." They forget that the essence of administrative efficiency is the unity and concentration of power in the hands of a capable leader; and, looking only at one side of the question, these timid souls are fearful of losing their individuality in that of the leader. Others are transpired by jealousy lest their tiny rush-light should be dimmed through the central flame. In other words, by looking only at the power conferred upon individuals, they lose sight of the work and responsibility which compensate for all their seeming elevation.

Nevertheless, there are certain necessary attendants of the system. The men who are fitted to fill the duties of the position must, of necessity, be strong men; they must have views of their own upon questions which arise and the will to act up to their honest convictions. When evils occur or injury is being done, they will naturally act firmly, promptly and with decision; but will as naturally incur the ill will of those whom their sense of right and duty thus leads them to oppose. Perfection is not born of mortals, and mistakes will inevitably occur; but the only way in which to secure the best results is by selecting a capable, earnest and trustworrying leader, with force of character and energy in executing plans, and in whose devotion to the cause there is confident reliance; and then to give to him the support of the entire organization, with none of the petty quibbling which seeks for flaws, and would rather retain the whole body in mediocrity of station than elevate some other man above the common level.

Appreciating the force of these objections, so far as they are justly valid, and recognizing that too much power may often be dangerous, restraints are placed upon the principal executive officer. Here, as in the entire system, the principle of balanced powers receives great consideration. Indeed, the whole has resulted in a most elaborate system of checks and balances. The principle of territorial representation is united with that of centralization. The powers of the central body are made properly dependent, first upon the decisions of the entire Council, and ultimately upon the voice of the individual chapters. The Tribune is subject to the Triumvirs, they to the Council, and the Council to the chapters. Despatch of business and promptness of execution are secured, subject to the guidance and control of a deliberate body. The alumni are conspicuously prominent in the government; but the voice of the active chapters is the court of ultimate appeal, and active members are found within the Council. And, best of all, a central body of experienced alumni is constantly meeting for careful and discreet deliberation upon the questions which affect the vital interests of the order, and is pushing those interests by plans which reach out in all the directions of fraternity advancement. Council and chapters are kept thoroughly informed, and are furnished with whatever they may need by way of instruction, advice or assistance, while a great movement is constantly going on to reach out after our alumni and reunite them to the practical work of the active organization. It needs no prophetic eye to forecast the ultimate results of strengthened executive, legislative and judicial departments in constant session, and working in essential harmony of purpose—the elevation of Sigma Chi to her proper place among American fraternities.

SPIRIT OF THE FRATERNITY PRESS.

The *Delta Tau Delta Crescent*, for October, contains this pungent paragraph:

The last Convention, by a constitutional amendment, adopted by a unanimous vote, solved the trying and vexatious problem which has demanded of late years the earnest and careful attention of not only Delta Tau Delta, but of all western fraternities. This amendment or law provides that no preparatory student shall be initiated by any chapter unless the consent of the Executive Council shall first be obtained. To three chapters, where extraordinary circumstances seem to exist, involving the most intense rivalry of other fraternities, the Convention granted permission to initiate Preps. during the ensuing year. At the close of this period the law will go into full effect, stripped of all limitations. The wisdom of this course must be apparent to all. Our recent progress has demanded the removal or destruction of all stumbling blocks which could check our further growth or retard our advancement. The crisis was bravely met and we congratulate the Convention that it had the courage to adopt this most salutary measure, although it may entail in many chapters increased labor and activity. The ultimate effect cannot fail to strengthen and dignify every chapter, to elevate the standard of the fraternity and to increase her reputation and enlarge her influence in the Greek world. Delta Tau has taken another long step in advance.

The October issue of the *Beta Theta Pi*—now bi-monthly—has largely to do with their recent Convention. We quote two passages from the editorials:

The Chautauqua Convention finally disposed of one of the oldest and most troublesome of all the problems that our fraternity statesmen have ever had to deal with—the problem, namely, of chapter nomenclature. And the plan adopted, while as far as possible from revolutionary, is likely to satisfy all reasonable demands. In brief it is as follows: The full and normal title of each chapter shall consist of two names, one English and one Greek; the English name to comprise one or more words from the official title of the institution where the chapter is located, followed by the word "chapter," and the Greek name to be made up of one or two Greek letters. Example: "The Miami chapter, the Alpha of Beta Theta Pi." The English titles of present and defunct chapters are to be assigned by the board of directors in accordance with the foregoing provision, and those of future chapters by the conventions granting their respective charters. The Greek titles of existing chapters are to be retained; as also those of defunct chapters, though with the prefix *z*, and in case the title of such defunct chapter was a double-letter title now taken by any other

chapter, the first of the two letters to be dropped after the *z*. The Greek names of chapters hereafter established shall be assigned by the conventions issuing their charters, no attention being paid to alphabetical arrangement. Of the two titles thus assigned each chapter, the first, or English, will be the public name, by which the chapter will be known and designated, not only outside the fraternity, but in all ordinary correspondence and publication within the fraternity. The second, or Greek name, will be a private name, for use chiefly in the chapter itself; and chapters are instructed to choose mottoes corresponding to their Greek-letter titles, and not to be made public. The double, or formal title, will not be used except in charters and other formal papers. The result of this enactment will no doubt be that the Greek chapter letters will soon disappear from common use and the English, or college titles, take their place; which will be a great relief to those of us (an immense majority by the way,) who never did master our Greek chapter roll, and yet never felt quite easy in conscience over the failure. At the same time, the Greek chapter letter, with all its associations in the memories of the alumni and the active membership of the chapter, will still be retained, "and given a" renewed significance and value. No better solution of the chapter-names problem could have been devised, we think, than this which has been adopted.

Our chapter roll remains the same in number and identity as before the convention, in spite of threats against poor chapters and of various petitions for the establishment of new branches, of the order. In particular, no summary action has been taken in withdrawing charters, although there exists a healthy sentiment against the continued existence of such chapters as to do us no credit and seem to be of a hopelessly weak character. Justice, however, has been tempered with mercy, and a kindly heed given to the appeals of their extenuators, and to the promises of most of the delinquents themselves that they will certainly improve. Indeed, the agitation of the subject, as carried on in the previous volume of this journal, has already largely rendered the application of the rule insisted upon of less force and limit. By this we mean that whereas, when the matter was first mentioned, an unfortunate number of our chapter roll were in an unpromising condition, this number through the improvement inspired by the summary action proposed, has now been reduced to a very few instances. This gratifying advance and fruitful stimulation, as noted, evidences the fact, of which we were from the first perfectly confident, that no Beta can ever resist an earnest appeal to his pride of his chapter and fraternity; or that, when thus called upon, he will allow the honor and interest of his local chapter to be made a disgrace and a discomfiture. The season of glory and extended reputation has certainly, to say the least, been suspended for certain chapters, whose past records have justly been an honor to themselves and the fraternity; but they may with industry and care in management, still be made creditable members of our body politic, and await quietly and auspiciously whatever improvement in circumstances and capabilities the future may bring them. To those active members and alumni whose efforts have during the past year been so successfully devoted to reviving the strength and usefulness of their respective chapters, very great praise is assuredly due, both for the desira-

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ble ends accomplished and for the faithful, commendable spirit of devotion to fraternity objects thus exhibited. We trust, then, that, under the present inspiring influences, there will be no slackening up in raising the standard and restoring, as far as possible, the former prestige of those few remaining chapters whose condition has of late been feeble and unsatisfactory. The gentle, though firm, intimation given at the convention we hope, be a sufficient reminder to all concerned or able to render assistance of their duties and opportunities.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

Phi Delta Theta has entered Dartmouth.

Alpha Delta Phi has refused charters to Colby and Yale.

The chapter of Chi Phi at Muhlenberg College has disbanded.

Phi Alpha Chi has established a chapter at Roanoke; it contains three men.

Colonel Isaac P. Gray, the Governor-elect of Indiana, is an honorary member of Sigma Chi.

"*Delta Tau Delta* and *Phi Gamma Delta* now prohibit honorary membership."—*A T Ω Palm*.

No preparatory student can be initiated into *Delta Tau Delta* except with the consent of the Council.

There has been recently added to the six ladies' fraternities, the *Phi Alpha Psi*, founded at Meadville, Pa.

Chi Upsilon, local, is the latest comer at Adelbert. Fraternity life is rather livelier than usual there this year. —[*B θ II*.

Beta Theta Pi wants a judicial system by which trials and appeals may be regulated. Why not adopt our office of High Chancellor?—[*Palm*.

Beta Theta Pi is trying to revive her dead chapter *Washington and Jefferson*. "Fellow-feeling makes *us* wondrous kind" in this instance.—[*Palm*.

Since her convention of 1882, *Phi Delta Theta* has established eleven chapters, and claims not to have lost a chapter in five years.

General Lew Wallace, author of "*Ben Hur*," and now United States Minister to Turkey, is an honorary member of the *De Pauw* chapter of *Phi Gamma Delta*.

Kappa Alpha Theta has entered Wesleyan, and is being petted to death by the other fraternities there—*Alpha Delta Phi*, *Delta Kappa Epsilon*, *Chi Psi* and *Eclectic*. —[*B θ II*.

Chi Psi, *Beta Theta Pi*, *Psi Upsilon*, *Alpha Delta Phi*, and *Delta Upsilon*, at Amherst, have Chapter houses, while *Delta Kappa Epsilon* is repairing and *Chi Phi* building theirs.

In the Chapter of *Delta Upsilon*, at Ann Arbor, a committee of five is appointed, whose unanimous recommendation is sufficient to admit a candidate to membership in that Chapter.—*Crescent*.

The chapters at Dickinson are reported in the shameful practice (ourown long since in more civilized regions) of stealing each other's constitutions and "secrets." This is a bad start in the new century of Dickenson's career.

Phi Deltr Theta held her annual Convention at Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 11-14. The attendance was large, and the Convention in every way successful. The public exercises were held in the House of Representatives which was kindly tendered the Convention.

The anti-fraternity laws of the University of Missouri have been repealed. Only a few institutions in the South and West are now hostile to fraternities, and the day is not far distant when even these will open wide their doors and invite the fraternities to enter.—*Kappa Alpha*.

"The alumni chapter idea has taken a new form at Cinicnati in the organization of the Diogenes Club; a strictly informal association, which meets every Saturday night. It is well attended and constantly growing. There are some unique features in the plan of its organization which seem to have added to its success. The room of the club is editorial headquarters, and the store of fraternity and college literature constantly on hand adds not only to the interest but to the general information of the members."—*Beta Theta Pi*.

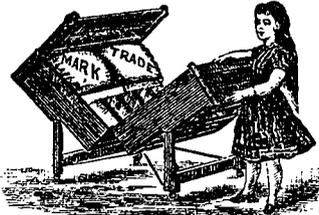
The Wofford College chapter of Phi Delta Theta is becoming smaller by degrees and beautifully less, and promises soon to give up its room in stead of its company. It has had up-hill work ever since its establishment, and with three powerful rivals a dozen years in advance of it, and only a limited quantity of available fraternity material from which to secure members, it has never been able to command much support from the students. Wofford is scarcely able to support four fraternities, and it is Phi Delta Theta's misfortune to be the weak chapter there, and the one most likely to be crowded out.—*Kappa Alpha*.

We are in receipt of a card announcing the marriage of Bro. R. D. Hoskins and Miss Florence M. Armstrong, at Bathgate, Dak. We extend our hearty congratulations.—[ED.]

THE Hon. M. C. Herman, Pa. Zeta, orator-elect for our approaching G. A. C., has notified our W. G. P., Geo. D. Gotwald, of his inability to be present on that occasion. His alternate is C. E. Piper, Ill. Alpha. The Rev. Rob. Lowry has consented to act as poet for the G. A. C.

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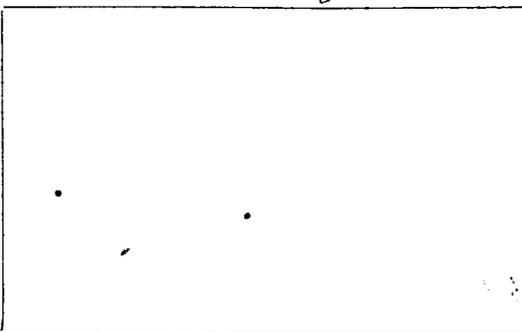
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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

The editorial comment in the last issue of *THE SHIELD* on this question must have been hailed by many as the signal of a movement toward the abolition of this custom, "more honored in the breach than the observance." It is not our purpose to enter into any lengthy discussion of the question, but rather to ask that the sentiment so tersely expressed, and, we believe, so generally accepted by the fraternity, be carried forward into action.

The fact is simply this: The fraternity is peculiarly a college institution. Its benefits can be appreciated only by college men; by the student in the shape of actual association and assistance; by the alumnus in the shape of pleasing recollections and youth-renewing influences. The man who is admitted to a fraternity outside of college derives none of these advantages; he feels none of these bonds. Is it natural that he should give interest and attention where he receives nothing in return? Can he be expected to distinguish the college fraternity from the dozens of other associations which have tendered to him the compliment of honorary membership?

Again, the mere fact of the names of these men appearing in our catalogue, does not add to the dignity of the fraternity in any true sense. The system of honorary membership is well understood among intelligent fraternity men. It is known that they are not members in the sense in which others are members—from the fact of their having been connected with a chapter during their college course.

Indeed, the injury becomes a positive one. When a fraternity is known to allow honorary membership, outsiders take for granted that all men of prominence connected with it are honorary members. The writer can recall how, in his active experience, the souls of himself and his fellow-members were often sore vexed to hear the innocent inquiry from some rival fraternity man, speaking of one of our noble sons: "So-and-so is an

honorary member of your fraternity, isn't he?" The question may have been asked with malicious intent—we generally suspected it was—but what could he say? We had laid ourselves open to such misconstruction by our own act in admitting honorary members to our ranks.

The practice has been condemned and discontinued by nearly all first-class fraternities. Nay, more; the law of our own organization prohibits it, as declared by the G. A. C. of '74, and re-enforced by that of '83. Yet the provisions of the enactment are so lax that the practice can exist under certain pretty wide conditions—sufficient, at least, to misrepresent us in the eyes of the college world, and prevent us taking a stand with our sister societies as opposed to honorary membership.

We have an impression that the coming G. A. C. will be a gathering of men who mean business, intent on reforming abuses and taking measures for the advancement of our order. As a member of the last G. A. C., the writer knows by personal inquiry that the sentiments of a great majority of our chapters are against the practice referred to. What he desires is that the delegates come to Columbus prepared to represent the sentiments—to do away with this "relic of barbarism," and to fix our position with reference to this matter so that it cannot be misunderstood. Let us have an organization made up of "bona fide" members—of men who are Phi Psis not in name but in fact.

E.

HIS SECOND DEGREE.

[From Beta Theta Pi for January.]

Two young men made their way out of the crowd that was flowing in disorderly student-fashion from the door of Professor Daly's recitation room, and walked briskly off together down the long walk that ran between two rows of maples diagonally through the college yard. The bare trees, the gray sky, and the damp, raw air of January, were not the accessories best calculated to show the beauties of the "Maple Walk," which, in June, when the leaves were full, seemed a very tunnel through the shade, with only fleeting glints of sunlight on its gravel floor. Yet, even in midwinter, it was rather a striking bit of prospective; for the trees were thick enough to preserve the outlines of its arch despite their winter undress, and away at the further end, just outside the college yard, the ground fell suddenly away, so that one saw through the opening, not houses and people, but sky alone. Our two brisk walkers, however, did not concern themselves with the aesthetic aspect of the long walk. To them it was just a walk, not a vista at all, and to-day it was too cilly a walk to tarry in.

They were rather an ill-matched pair, one would say, though unmistakably good friends. One was slightly built, with the darkest of hair and the lightest of blue eyes, a face that expressed good breeding rather than strength, and the carriage of a man of the world. Though he wore his dark-blue overcoat closely buttoned, you felt as sure of the perfect fit of the suit beneath as if it were exposed to view. He was not quite short enough—besides being a little too dignified—to be called dapper, but he gave an impression of lightness and grace rather than of any more stalwart qualities. His comrade, besides being nearly two inches taller, was broad-shouldered, and every way of larger mould. He had light hair, curling a little in a stubborn way, and gray eyes that looked out on the world with a steady gaze that is not always characteristic of young manhood. His face was saved from plainness by sheer strength—a rugged face that had taken on the look of refinement, as granite takes on the workman's polish. Altogether, a masterful sort of young fellow he appeared to be with no trace of the bric-a-brac order of mankind about him. Both wore the badge of the same fraternity. The smaller of the two did most of the talking, though his companion had a word ready for

every pause, if he chose to fill it. Half-way down the walk they met a gray-haired, erect old gentleman, who appeared to be quite as good a walker as themselves, and whose bow and cheery "Good morning, gentlemen," anticipated their own salute.

"The doctor appears to be unusually happy. He must have a new species of fallacy ready to snare the juniors with this morning," said Averitt, the slighter of the pair, as they passed him.

"Perhaps. But I think I heard some one say his daughter got back from Europe yesterday. Would that contribute to the result?"

"Miss Mary back! Good! Yes, that would furnish raw material for the whole of the doctor's smile, with some left over for my own use. Let me see. You never saw Miss Mary, did you?"

"No; she had gone away before I came to college. She must have been abroad nearly two years, I suppose."

"Just about; two years next spring, I think. I knew she was expected home soon. And I'm glad she has come. She was always worth any three girls in the town for any of the purposes of civilized society. And it will do the chapter good, too. She's the loyalest of fraternity girls. By the way," he added, laughingly, "you can take your second degree in the fraternity now, Max."

"Indeed! and what may that be? and what has Miss Marshall to do with such a degree?"

"Everything; she *is* the second degree!"

"Oh! And how, pray, do you go about it to take such a?"

"There, no puns; it is pleasant enough to take, I can assure you! No, the way of it is this: For the last half-dozen years, or more—since she was sixteen, I should say—Miss Mary has worn our fraternity badge. The old doctor gave her his own, or got a new one for her; for the doctor, as you know, has always been as proud of the fraternity as any of us. So, from the beginning, Miss Mary has been our staunchest champion. And I really don't believe we have initiated two men since '73 who have not, at one time or another, fallen in love with Mary Marshall! We have come to call it 'taking the second degree.'"

"Do you mean she is a flirt, a 'college widow,' as the boys call it?"

"Hold on! Don't look so disgusted. No, I *don't* mean anything of the kind. Mary Marshall hasn't a drop of the coquet's blood in her body. She never wore any other badge than her father's, never was engaged, never led any fellow to think she was fond of him. It isn't that, at all. She is just simply so charming a woman that nine young fellows of every ten who meet her fall in love with her on the spot. Then she sort of nurses them until the attack is past. I've no idea how she does it. But they

come out of it her warmest friends and most devoted body-guardsmen; make a practice of getting her advice about everything; tell her about their late love-affairs, very commonly, as they come on, and, if they get married, are just as loyal to Miss Mary as ever. Oh, you ought to see her take a sophomore or freshman through her course! I've watched the process quantities of times; for the matter of that, was duly put through it myself! But, seriously, it is really curious what an influence she wields. She has been the making of lots of young fellows. They do things—and don't do other things—they wouldn't dream of doing (or leaving undone, in the other case) but for her. She has done more to keep straight the wilder fellows of our chapter than all the laws on the college statute-book, and all private lectures of all the faculty!"

"The chapter's conscience, eh? I must know this astonishing young woman!"

"Oh, you shall, never fear; I shall have you around to see her before the end of the week, if she's really at home. But I must warn you, Max, that I don't know what will be the result of trying to get through Miss Mary's examination for advanced standing, so late in life as you come to it. I never saw that tried before, I think!"

"Thanks for the warning. I'll try to bear myself with the fortitude becoming to my years. But, by the way, how do you know but Miss Marshall has been made over by her residence abroad, and quite forgotten her fraternity career and her early fame as an expert in the diseases of youth?"

"I'll risk that," was the prompt reply; "Europe isn't big enough to make over Miss Mary, nor complex enough to cause her to forget."

Max Birney laughed—a low but hearty laugh—at his comrade's enthusiasm, and the two passed out of the college yard, and down the sloping street into the town.

Birney was almost the most popular man in college; which was a little remarkable, since he had not been with his class throughout the course, but had entered junior only the year previous. He was a *novus homo*; his people, it was understood, were just well-to-do farming people in the interior of the state. Birney himself had acquired all his "fit" for college in his native county; but it was an extraordinary "fit," for all that. Not only had he entered junior at once and with ease, but from the first he kept pace with the best of his class. "A strong man—a very strong man," Professor Ainsworth had pronounced him, after his first week's work in physics, and faculty and students were not long in adopting the professor's verdict. There was an unusual power of assimilation in his nature, that made him "take on" the college and its life with surprising

rapidity ; he was not out of place in it for a single day. The gift, together with his fine disposition and clear-grained strength of character, had made him a favorite at once. And it was not long until he had joined the leading fraternity, taken a prominent position in debating and athletic organizations, and made his presence felt throughout the college. He was rather older than most of his class, and appeared even older than he was, from the unusual maturity and self-poise he displayed. Though his senior year was but half gone, it was already an open secret that he would be offered a tutorship in the college as soon as he had finished the course, and everybody foresaw for him an honorable career as a college professor. Birney was not considered exactly a ladies' man in college. To be sure, he was quite at ease in female society, as he was everywhere else ; and the girls admired him, as girls invariably do a man of his sort. But with their admiration was mingled a touch of restraint, not quite amounting to awe, but nearly as difficult to get rid of ; his strong, calm dignity made gallant speeches and acts of even the commonest courtesy seem less easy to receive and treat as matters of course than when they came from other men. Yet the gayest society-girl in Beth-peor would almost rather have Max Birney notice and chat with her at an evening gathering than any other young fellow of them all. And it never occurred to any one that he was not a born society man (though rather a stately one,) instead of a broad-shouldered young countryman, who had but lately come up from his native farm along the river bottom.

As George Averitt had promised, he took Max to call on Mary Marshall before a week had passed. When they were coming away, George looked at his watch, by the light of a friendly street-lamp, and said :

"It's early yet : come over to the room and have a smoke. May-be Grif has some of his birthday box left yet."

"Thank you, not to-night, I believe. I don't feel in a smoking mood. I think I shall go up and take a stroll through the Maple Walk, and then turn in."

Averitt looked at him quickly, but Max did not turn his head. "Oh, very well," said the former, after an instant's pause, "I didn't know you went in for that sort of thing. Spring is good enough for me when I want to pace the Maple Walk ! Good-night." And when he got to his own room, George walked over to where his room-mate, [Grif Ormsby, sat reading in the easy-chair, quietly took his *Atlantic* away from him, tossed it through the door upon the bed, and said, sententiously :

"Max Birney's hit."

"And so will you be," was the prompt reply, "if you snatch away any more reading matter from the subscriber."

"But did you hear what I said? Max and I have been calling on Miss Mary, and it's a clear case of measles in the adult form. Max is over in the Maple Walk composing verses this very minute. Oh, he's hit, no doubt of it!"

"Well, it won't break him; he isn't bisque goods," said Grif. "And, anyhow, aren't you playing it pretty low down on the fellow to be splitting on him in this fashion? I'll just trouble you for that *Atlantic* again. You'll find it in the other room." Grif was a senior now, but he had not outgrown the bluff idiom and forthright manner of his sophomore days. It is quite possible that a certain lovely cabinet portrait that stood on his mantel, and that George Averitt always called "Grif's marine view" (its original was a Miss Waters,) had something to do with his apparent resentment of his room-mate's jesting tone. George grumblingly flung him his magazine from the other room, and stretched himself out on the bed for his smoke.

Meanwhile, Mary Marshall was sitting before the fire in her father's library, waiting for the doctor to lay aside his pen. She had stopped, as her habit was, on her way to her room, and found her father, as *his* habit was, busily at work on an article for the *Exegist*. They were very good friends, the doctor and his only daughter, and it never disturbed him to have her come into his study, no matter what the stage of the work in hand.

The writing stopped at last, and the doctor turned his revolving chair around to the fender, disposed his slippered feet at ease, and cheerily asked:

"Well, daughter, who were the callers this evening?"

"Mr. Averitt and Mr. Birney."

"A fine fellow, that Birney. His equal has hardly come to Beth-peor in a dozen years. A splendid specimen of physical manhood, too. Don't you think so?"

"Oh, ye-es," said Miss Mary, slowly; "but he isn't as handsome as Mr. Averitt."

"Handsome! Pshaw! You women judge of manly beauty by the rules of Harper's Bazar. Max Birney has a face in a thousand."

"Well, but he's ponderous, you know; he has a hand like a Kentucky Giant." And Miss Mary, with head on one side, gazed critically at the fire through the spread fingers of her own pretty hand, held at arm's-length, as if trying to reproduce, with the combined aid of illustration and imagination, the offending bulk of poor Max's member.

The doctor looked at her in some surprise; it was unusual for Mary to find fault with people—extraordinary, when the occasion was so slight,

But Mary went on looking at the fire through the little pink-barred fence.

Presently her father said, in a tone of affected asperity :

“ Well, I am just going to ask Birney up to dinner next Sunday, and I shall expect you to treat him as if he were Prince Charming himself, and without regard to the size of his hands.”

Then Mary suddenly let down the bars, and the old doctor found the odd little smile that appeared on her face even more puzzling than her slighting speech. But she only said, demurely : “ I hope I know my duty, sir,” and then began telling him about the rose-gardens of Southern France.

The doctor carried out his threat about the Sunday dinner, and he had reason to be proud of the exemplary manner in which Mary fulfilled his injunction. But, then, Mary never was a disobedient child, he reflected, with satisfaction. Afterwards, as Max Birney became a somewhat frequent visitor at the house, and he observed that the young people were also getting in the habit of going out together every once in a while, to evening entertainments of one kind or another, the good old doctor began to wonder a little at the rather elaborate way in which Mary was displaying her filial regard. But even when the time came when he had to acknowledge that he could not take all the credit for her behavior to himself, he was not wholly displeased.

That happened to be a livelier winter than usual in Beth-peor social circles. Besides the annual fraternity-hop, and the lectures and concerts of the senior class course, the wives of the professors were giving a series of very pleasant receptions, attended, as was the custom in the cosy little cottage town, by young and old alike.

One night towards the end of the winter Professor Daly and his wife had just got home from one of these gatherings, and were sitting in their room waiting for the fire to revive sufficiently to admit of being covered up for the night. The professor was a smooth-faced, alert-looking man, under forty, who invariably fell to philosophizing after an evening of contact with people in a social way.

“ The most astonishing studies in democracy,” he was saying, “ are those that a man can make in any good American college. I believe in blood and breeding with all my heart. There would be no history without them. But the number of young men who every year come to our colleges from absolutely nowhere, so to speak, and who yet display not only the keen intellectual strength, but the adaptability to varying circumstances, and the power of taking on polish, that go to make up the highest sort of culture—the number of such young men is incredibly large. Look at Max Birney, now. He never had an ancestor who went

to college, I suppose, and he almost certainly never mingled any in what we call society until two years ago. But before he reaches middle life he will be looked upon as an ideal college-bred gentleman, who probably sprang from a long line of scholars."

"By the way," put in Mrs. Daly, who, though a professor's wife, was also a woman, "I understand it is a settled fact that he is engaged to Mary Marshall."

"Thou Marshallest me the way that I was going," said her husband. "I have heard the same statement made several times, of late, and see no reason to doubt its accuracy. And Mary Marshall is a born lady, of the gentlest breeding, refined in every fibre of her nature. But—and here is the application of my discourse, madam,—no one who knows them both would think of doubting that Max Birney is every way—positively *every* way—worthy to be not only her equal and comrade, but her lord and master, and you like the phrase. Oh, great is democracy, and the American college is its prophet!"

But never mind the professor's philosophy.

In a year or two it came to pass that Dr. Marshall had to place the unreluctant hand of his daughter Mary in the big and strong one she had once reviled, and pronounce with his own lips the brief formula that made over a half interest or more in his chief earthly possession to his able young colleague, Professor Birney. Since then they have all lived together, the old teacher and the young one, with their common bit of real property, who is by turns the pupil and instructress of them both. And to this day the boys of the Beth-peor chapter do not consider an initiation complete in all its parts until the candidate has been taken to call on Mrs. Birney and has received at her hands the welcome and the adoption that comprise his second degree.

EDITORIAL.

WE know that the publication of any work requiring accurate investigation and prolonged labor is a task of such proportions as to appal any but the stoutest hearts. We well remember the thrill that went through the length and breadth of Phi Kappa Psi when in 1879-80 it was announced that two brothers noted for enthusiasm and pluck had voluntarily assumed the responsibility of compiling a creditable history of the life and work of our fraternity. They were working in a new field and had no guide for their literary venture except in so far as those rules applicable to historical writings in general were of avail.

Phi Psis every where know with what earnestness these brothers devoted themselves to this labor of love, and many of us, who were by our chapters chosen to assist them, readily recall the annoyances, perplexities and obstacles we encountered, and can therefore adequately appreciate the greater services by them rendered. Time, care and money were lavished upon the preparation of this work, which was to be a monument of the progress and vitality of $\Phi K \Psi$, but every plan for its furtherance seemed doomed to failure. Bros. List and Kinkaid were both compelled to plunge into the busier scenes of active life before their work was completed, and Bro. Niles, who assumed the burden, after further expense and labor, found the financial support which he had anticipated, lacking when the time for publication arrived. The last information which we have regarding the matter is from Bro. Niles, more than a year ago, in which the gratifying statement is made that the MSS. are intact, and with a few alterations will be available for present use.

It is high time that $\Phi K \Psi$ arouse in this matter from the lethargy in which she has fallen, and in this connection we have a suggestion to make: Let the G. A. C. elect a Historiographer who shall be instructed to review all the work so far done and make such corrections, emendations and additions as the present state of the fraternity demands and require a report from him as soon as practicable. We are in receipt of a letter from Bro. List of very recent date, in which he makes inquiry regarding the coming G. A. C., and promises attendance.

We are convinced that it demands tact, experience and genuine enthusiasm to resuscitate our History and we are sure there is no one better

qualified for the important work than its projector—Daniel C. List, of Wheeling, W. Va.

THERE are two other publications with which the approaching G. A. C. ought to deal; the Song Book and the Grand Catalogue. It will be necessary in the first place to secure competent musical talent to compile the former, and a veritable giant of industry can only be intrusted with the latter. These we have in our ranks, ready and able to do the work if it is assigned to them.

THIS leads us to a topic which we have much desired to discuss, but have refrained for a reason so simple and yet so satisfactory that its full force will impress every reader of THE SHIELD. It is briefly this: Two years of experience has convinced the editor that it is well-nigh useless for him to broach topics for discussion, since the only visible effect of his most careful and well constructed efforts has been occasional quotations from them in the columns of the journals of rival fraternities and a passing comment or two in chapter letters.

Despite these discouragements, we will at least hazard stating the theme which we have had in mind and a few points of suggestion upon it. It is the troublesome and harrassing one of how to procure the means necessary for an earnest, safe and competent conduction of the fraternity and its affairs.

We premise this trite observation: ϕ κ ψ has been run, or an attempt has been made to run it without money, or with so little that there is always a painful stress upon us owing to embarrassed finances. We do not mean by this that we have carried debts of large proportions as we have known other fraternities doing, but we are continually in the necessity of "nagging" somebody for amaraques, a far from pleasant experience.

We fear there is no adequate conception of the amount of money necessary to enable Phi Kappa Psi to maintain a standing in the Greek world commensurate with her past history and present condition, and so we hear of beautiful halls, pianos, billiard tables, elegant "spreads,"—and a tax upon each chapter to make up the deficiency in the publication of the last Grand Catalogue—a climax very similar in kind and degree to the celebrated one of the triumphant small boy boasting of the mortgage on his father's house.

It has been the pleasing (*sic*) custom among the chapters of Phi Kappa Psi at odd intervals to drop an exceedingly kind note to alumni brothers, suggesting the appropriateness and value of a contribution, about the only notice they ever receive of the existence of their respective fraternity

homes. The bulk of these petitions remain unanswered not from any inability of those called upon to respond, nor entirely because of a lack of interest in the old fraternity, but much more largely than we are willing to admit, from a sense of insulted dignity that remembrance only comes when favors are to be asked.

We are convinced that the sooner we all wake up to the fact that plain business sense calls for the contribution of double or treble what we now pay each year to the support and aggrandizement of the fraternity, the better. If any complain that fraternities are already too great a drain in a financial way upon the slender means of the many members of chapters in our smaller colleges, let us leave this question with them: Which would you prefer, membership in a strong, centralized fraternity, made so by the contribution from every member of $\Phi K \Psi$ of a few dollars every year, or an unsymmetrical, badly proportioned organization, with here a strong member—gorgeous halls, elegant “spreads,” great social prestige from vigorous expenditure of means for private display—and there a weak one—sans hall “spread,” etc.

THERE are several questions of minor consideration which we had hoped to add to our list and speak a word concerning, but we content ourselves with this statement merely. What position is $\Phi K \Psi$ to take on the subject of initiating honorary members and preparatory students? Will she longer sanction “combinations” for the self advancement of the schemers manipulating their cliques with the most adroitness?

Shall we hold our G. A. C. at a more frequent interval than two years, and shall we attempt to revive the annual reunions of several years ago? Shall we grant charters to petitioners simply because they put a very good foot forward? Shall we allow chapters to so love their standard for admission as to degenerate into coteries of fops and ninnies?

BUT we desist. Space and nature demand that we conclude. We take up the editorial pen of THE SHIELD for the last time, and its readers will pardon seeming garrulity, ascribing it to the most natural repugnance we have to saying good-bye.

We should avoid the responsibility were it not that we feel it due to ourselves to say a parting word. We sadly lay down the pen which we took up two years ago with so much apprehension, hope and enthusiasm, confessing surprise at our own temerity in attempting a work, the exacting nature of which we could not foretell.

Fraternity journals, during these two years, have sprung from obscurity to prominence, from typography most indifferent to the finished work of

our finest presses. In our endeavors to make THE SHIELD the compeer of these, our friendly rivals, we have striven for nothing more than to deserve their respect and esteem. In bidding them farewell, we wish to acknowledge again the uniform courtesy with which we have been treated, and to deplore any circumstances which may have led any of our cotemporaries to think harshly of our words in adverting to them.

THE SHIELD has been primarily—we had well-nigh said solely—conducted for the instruction and entertainment of Phi Kappa Psi, and to the members of our beloved fraternity we can say no word fitting to express the regret with which we relinquish an active participation in its affairs. Much that has been written for this department of THE SHIELD has been during hours stolen from sleep and all has been the product of a mind and body fully spent in the work of a calling not the least exacting.

To our successor we heartily wish a “far more exceeding and eternal weight” of influence than our own, but in advance will deny him any more of gratification at the privilege to be of service, however slight to the fraternity we have loved so well.

Salve et vale!

WE ARE on the eve of another Grand Arch Council, and whose importance can scarcely be over-estimated. It is of the highest interest in this connection to recall to the readers of THE SHIELD several topics which should engage the closest attention of the council, and which should receive some definite disposition at the hands of the assembled delegates.

We cannot, at this time, do much more than hint at the manner in which we would endeavor to dispose of these questions and shall have accomplished our object, if by their enumeration the attention of the delegates, to whom they are to be intrusted for solution is arrested.

A thorough revision of our form of government, a new and more permanent arrangement for the publication of THE SHIELD, the long delayed History, the Song Book, the Grand Catalogue, some systematic method of extending the fraternity, and building up its weak places, Alumni chapters; these are the most important of the many topics which should engross the attention of the Phi Psis from this time, and until some satisfactory adjustment is made of them.

THE conservative element has predominated in our Grand Arch Councils of recent years, which has expressed great regard and reverence for the established order of things, chiefly because that order had the sanction of years of usage to sustain its supremacy. From time to time edicts have been sent forth, and having been duly engraved upon the pages of the

Grand Book of Constitutions, have peacefully slept the sleep of the unobserved. We are far from being iconoclasts in our feelings in these matters, but are convinced that wholesome house-cleaning at this time will be of value even if no furniture is destroyed.

We have endeavored to show by suggestion in a former issue, that the logic of history is fairly against us in our present manner of procedure, and we deserve the fate in store for us if we neglect all warnings and remain inert at a time when the highest value is dependent on alertness.

If the delegates of Phi Kappa Psi, who are about to assemble at Columbus, believe that they have a mission to perform in the uplifting of culture and brotherhood in the American college, they can scarce refrain from making comparisons wherein $\Phi K \Psi$ will not be honored. We must not be understood as making any aspersions against the fraternity in whose membership we are proud to be enrolled, but we can say with no fear of being successfully contradicted that $\Phi K \Psi$ is today in the rear as far as the questions which have agitated other fraternities are concerned. Shall we ignore the progress they have made, and by clinging to old forms and customs say that we are right and all the rest wrong in the changes which they have undergone?

WE HOPE that THE SHIELD will come in for a liberal share of attention at Columbus next month. Delegates should devote themselves to a few questions of business when the publication of their journal is under consideration and allow no sentiment of locality nor earnestness of desires to undertake its conduction, obscure their judgement.

We introduce the first business question of how to make it pay by saying that it has during two volumes past maintained itself financially, but when this statement is made all has been said that perhaps ought to be said. We cannot refrain, however, from suggesting that the ideas entertained by some few chapters of $\Phi K \Psi$ upon business obligations would not keep their paper from going to protest if they were in mercantile circles. The supreme law making body of our fraternity made the support of THE SHIELD obligatory upon the members of $\Phi K \Psi$, and if, after repeated requests to honor the edict upon this point it has been disregarded, we believe that authority ought to come to close quarters with the delinquents and make a settlement.

It will be well to consider another question of business in this connection. Can THE SHIELD secure income enough to guarantee the addition of new typographical features entailing increased expense, and if so, who can best undertake the inauguration of this scheme?

Shall the present form of publication continue, and if not, what shall take

its place? We have spoken upon this point before and hazard the opinion without consulting the individual members of the Ohio Beta Chapter, that at many a time during the past two years they have occupied positions analgous to the man, too zealous on the bear question, in that having no difficulty in catching hold he need ed the assistance of a dozen to help

Perhaps it is just as important to have brains in the editorial management of THE SHIELD as in the business details of its conduction, and if so, we believe the editor ought to be an officer elected by the G. A. C., or her representative during the times between its assemblings. There may be smiles when the above sentence is read, but we speak from an observation sufficiently wide to have cleared the mind from prejudice when we say that business sense of the first quality is rarer than fine literary talent, taste and judgment.

THE SHIELD is a necessity to $\Phi K \Psi$ is it not? Have not its five volumes proved that? How shall we best conserve the interests of our fraternity in its continuation and support?

THE G. A. C. will assemble in the Odd Fellows' Temple, on High street, Columbus, on the morning of Wednesday, February 18, at 10 o'clock, and an afternoon and evening session will also be held on the same day. Other sessions subject to action of the convention. The banquet will be held at the Neil House on Thursday evening, February 19; this hotel will also be headquarters for delegates. Gen. John Beatty, Ohio Alpha, will be orator and Rev. Robert Lowry, Penna. Gamma, poet. Correspondence has been opened up with Brother R. J. Burdette, and we are told that there is a possibility that our genial "Bob" will lend his cheerful presence to our convention. Word has been received from several of our prominent alumnis, both East and West, signifying their intention of attending the G. A. C., and indications all go to show a very large alumni attendance.

THE Editor-in-Chief of this Journal is now the father of a family. The junior editor arrived on the morning of January 25. To our brother editor we present our very hearty congratulations and those of the fraternity at large. "May you all live long and prosper."

CHAPTER LETTERS.

PENNA. THETA.—Theta has just passed through an experience such as can be compared to nothing she has enjoyed before. At least nothing in the recollection of any of her present generation of members. We have had symposiums that fairly made the earth quake. We have painted the town red from river to river and from hill to hill. We have had spreads and rackets without number, but never until this week had Theta passed a *whole* night with Brother "Bob" Burdette. And what a night! Only the chapters who have had the pleasure of entertaining him, or rather of being entirely entertained by him, can understand what a time we had. As soon as he had made his bow to the audience in Pardee Hall and taken off his 'swallow-tail and war paint,' as he called them, he delivered himself totally, but not "teetotally," to the "boys." And what a deliverance it was! Story followed story—joke followed joke, until had it not been for the stimulance of the midnight supper, we should probably have all evaporated and left in the rooms nothing but the long, loud six hours laugh we gave vent to. Indeed, notwithstanding the amount of nourishment, our beloved little "Joe" Baldrige had stored away under his new Prince Albert and frat. pin, we came near losing the dear boy. I think it was the famous "bull story," so well known to the friends of Bro. Burdette and which he declares has ruined his reputation as a farmer, that gave Joe his first attack. Laugh? Hysterical? Tears? Well, yes, and so combined and conglomerated that we could scarcely tell which was Joe and which was the hysterics. Happily there is a physician among our resident alumni, and Dr. Apple, with some trouble, found him, medically speaking, and got him ready for the next story. Theta could not have had a more favorable time for such an occasion, as Bro. Burdette's visit. Those of the brothers who have been in Easton during the past year have seen our new quarters in Center Square, the most desirable part of the town for rooms, and know how well they are arranged, as to size, and number for suppers and large meetings. Until lately, however, we have been unable to furnish them in any but the simplest way and only a few months have passed since we almost metamorphosed the place with new paper, pictures, chandeliers and furniture. Nor is our new furniture altogether of the inanimate kind. We have six pieces that are really and truly alive. "They move, they surely do." And are not

so fresh as one might think, either. (That is if we leave out six of them in the calculation.) Of course the first men we took in were Joe Baldridge and Howard McFadden, of good *Φ. Ψ.* ancestral brothers. *They're* not fresh. *Oh, no!!* Then we made a queer haul. A trio—two from the West and a Southern youth, "Bob" and "Hal" and "Cum.min." The first two are from Pittsburg and distantly related to Bro. Swift, of '86. Osborne is their family name, and if they don't keep out of the streets more while the girls' primary schools are being dismissed Osborne will be the family name of a pair of others of a difficult species, unknown to them until they came to college. Cummins is from—from—Oh, yes,—from Delaware—that's the place. I knew he was large for his State, but thought Delaware too small. He is one of McKenzie's students from Lawrenceville, and a foot-baller from the word go—that is if he isn't asking for a cigarette. And then there's "Bunny." Hard studying, sober "Bunny" McDowell, of Chambersburg. One of the sweetest, cutest, neatest little fellows that ever studied Greek or ponied Latin. None of your make-believe students about him. No, sir! A regular midnighter, even if he will call black white and declare to a professor that a yellow table's blue.

Theta has very few alumni residents in Easton, but managed to get together about twenty brothers, counting ourselves, for the other night's spread. After the feast was over and a few songs sung the *whole* of the entertaining—indeed everything except the laughing, was fully attended to by Brother R. J. B., not counting a few minutes halt now and then while the doctor would straighten Joe up and pound some wind into him for immediate use. No attempt of mine could give any idea of what our guest said, and I shall not think of trying it. But, let me say, that if ever any chapter knows of Bro. B.'s being within twenty miles of them and have never had a night with him, they will lose the best opportunity of their lives for a jolly, good, social time. Nor is he one of these fellows who only *make us* laugh. He enters into the jokes and stories as much as his hearers and laughs as long and as loud as they. Don't have any fear of his being at all dyspeptic or invalid or anything in that line, as one of our *new* men, who did not know him, suggested, when he saw the "spread" awaiting our mid-night attack; No, indeed! Give him a good meal, with *all* the appendages, and then all the songs you can, for he thoroughly enjoys them. To get him started, demand the good old substantial "Bull Story," and for six or more hours you will need all your strength and spare breath as an outlet for your feelings.

† Bro. Buroette saou a chance o see tuis nope he will accept the public acknowledgement or tae obligations Theta is nder to him for the

pleasure his presence afforded her and will consider himself forever possessed of an earnest invitation to renew the occasion and acquaintance at any and all times.

J. T. GREEN.

INDIANA ALPHA.—Since our last letter to THE SHIELD we find that the time for the coming session of the G. A. C. is near upon us, and at this time the most vital steps in the interest of the fraternity will be taken. To say that a change in our government is inevitable, is but to voice the sentiments of our members, as also that of the fraternity at large. We coincide fully with the many valuable suggestions already given in THE SHIELD, especially those lately written by Bro. W. J. Bune, Jr., concerning a new system of legislation for the fraternity. We doubt not that the delegates representing the various chapters shall either remodel the old or substitute such a new system that we shall start out anew with the much needed reform. Fraternities are very quiet during the year, but "old Phi Psi" still maintains her position among the first; new buildings are being erected, additional chairs constantly supplied, and everything both in the fraternity and college life is very encouraging.

BRIAN BAKER.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.—At the request of our B. G., I again assume the duties of quill-driver for Mississippi Alpha, which extends New Year greetings to all the chapters of Phi Kappa Psi, and bids them God-speed in their noble endeavors to advance the cause which we all so zealously espouse. Since our last communication we have not been inactive, and by our energetic efforts we are enabled to introduce to the readers of THE SHIELD, Bros. W. T. Calvert, of West Point, Miss.; W. P. Mills, of Kosciusko, Miss., and J. B. Perkins, of Starkville, Miss., all of whom were solicited by other fraternities. We now number *ten* as *noble* set of boys as is to be found in any fraternity. Examinations are approaching with alarming rapidity, and involuntarily we shudder at the thoughts of having to undergo the dreadful ordeal so soon. Beginning on the 6th prox., we have about ten days vacation, in order that the student body may avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the Exposition at New Orleans.

Our chapter intends to send a delegate to the Convention at Columbus. We have not been represented before, and we feel it important that as many of the chapters be represented as possible, as business of much interest to the entire fraternity will be transacted.

The Beta Theta Pi's have had some trouble in the chapter at this University, and on last Saturday night they threw up their charter, volunta-

rily. Some of them will resign and probably join other fraternities, while others intend remaining members. It was an unfortunate occurrence for them, as this was considered one of their most prosperous and flourishing chapters.

We hope to see and know a great many Phi Kappa Psi branches of the Northern chapters at the G. A. C., and express the sentiment of Mississippi Alpha by wishing success to each and every $\Phi \Psi$.

W. P. TACKETT.

OHIO GAMMA.—What changes, now and then, time makes in our plans. What hopes are crushed, what prospects blighted. Ohio Gamma—that chapter which four years ago was considered the ideal of a college organization; yes, which three months ago started so brilliantly and prosperously on its year's work—has been reduced to four lonely—but enthusiastic $\Phi \Psi$'s. Earnestly did we work, and well—during the fall term; not losing (if I remember correctly) a single man, and ran our numbers up to ten, but time worked its changes, and at Holiday vacation, Bros. Flickinger, '86; McMillan, '87; Hostetter, '88; Laubie, '86; Jones and Myers, '89, left us, leaving two Sophomores and two Freshmen to run the frat. This was indeed a severe blow, but we have rallied as much as possible and have succeeded in pledging two splendid men.

Notwithstanding our seven "talls," we propose to keep our heads above water for the remainder of the year, when we can strike boldly and are sure we shall be able to compete with our rivals successfully.

$\Sigma \Lambda$, $B \theta II$ and $\Phi \lambda \theta$ seem to take the lead here just at present.

The KKI 's gave a reception to their gentlemen friends on the 24th, to which three-fourths of our boys were invited. No other frat. being able to say as much. (?)

'Till another time I hope we will be able to show the fraternity that

"We are not dead, but 'liveth.'"

I hope any Phi Psi, coming any-ways near Wooster, will make it convenient to call on us.

W. S. G. JOHNSTON.

INDIANA GAMMA.—We have just received a postal requesting a communication from Indiana Gamma for the January number of *THE SHIELD*. Nothing of any importance has occurred to change the "even tenor of our way," and should this letter prove provokingly void of interest it must not be attributed to any lack of effort on the part of the writer, but rather to the circumstances which surround him. Without indulging in any self-laudation we will simply state that the chapter is in a very flourishing condition and moves along in a manner highly satisfactory to our-

selves. Since our last letter we have initiated Bro. Scranton, of Iowa, into the fraternity. He belongs to the class of '90; is very pretty; something on the "kid" order, but "Oh my!"

Bro. Crawford failed to return at the beginning of the year. He has secured a very lucrative position in Chicago, and in the future will reside in that wicked city. We are looking forward with considerable interest to the G. A. C. which assembles in Columbus next February. Indiana Gamma, with an active membership of only nine, will have at least three, and probably five representatives on that occasion. In addition to this number it is quite likely that some of our alumni and ex-active members will also attend.

Bro. Wilson has a scheme to establish a fraternity library which he expects to "spring" on the convention, if his creditors in this place permit him to go to Columbus. Bro. Wilson's idea is a good one and not the least significant of those to which the G. A. C. might direct its attention. The benefits which would arise from the consummation of such a plan can not be exaggerated, and we trust that it will receive all the consideration which it deserves.

A. W. KNIGHT.

PENNA. GAMMA.—The November and December number has just arrived. After reading your editorials we do not hesitate to admit the fact that the few letters from Penna. Gamma which have appeared in your columns can be classed among those which you so justly censure for being hastily written, consequently uninteresting, and in a certain sense, unnecessary.

The work in our chapter, preparatory to the coming G. A. C., has been progressing very favorably. We have all, at your opportune suggestion, taken upon ourselves the duty of looking into the inner workings of $\Phi K \Psi$ as well as to busy ourselves about the order which we with pleasure strive to uphold. We have, very conceitedly, torn to shreds and woven anew, as it were, our form of government, fully convinced from our own experience and from that of our sister chapters as given in your columns that many of the present existing laws by which $\Phi K \Psi$ is governed are time-worn and inadequate.

The delegate who will represent the Alumni of Penna. Gamma at the G. A. C. is the Rev. Dr. Robert Lowry, of Plainfield, N. J. Our active delegates are Samuel Bolton, Jr., '85, and E. E. Keiser, '86. If we can judge from the voluminous documents these brothers have prepared, it is certain that a revolution will be attempted, but it remains for time to tell whether it will be effected.

Thus far in the year, the feeling between the different fraternities at

our college has been remarkable because of its kindly nature. It was but lately that we were aware that the slightest rivalry existed between any of us. The chapter of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, which was established here a short time ago, compliments us indeed, since we learn from their last chapter letter that in their estimation $\Phi \theta \Psi$ is their only rival at the University. Such racy *jewd'esprit* discomforts us.

We take pleasure in introducing through THE SHIELD two more Freshmen, Bro. J. Schreyer, of Milton, and Bro. J. B. Ricard, of Plymouth, which new additions increase the number of our initiates for this year to five.

KANSAS ALPHA.—Your postal notifies me of a duty undone, one which I shall at once fulfill.

Kansas Alpha has commenced the second session of the college year with a feeling of more than ordinary satisfaction and comfort. We have been able to pin on the members who seemed to possess the necessary qualifications for good $\Phi \kappa \Psi$'s, and came up to the holiday vacation with an active membership of 19. Bro. Himore, '86; Bro. Bullene, '88, and Bro. Mulvane, '88, have dropped out of college for the remainder of the year, leaving us with but 16 active men at present. Bro. Gault intends to try his fortune in New Mexico early in the spring in order to raise the funds necessary to graduate in good shape in '87.

Bro. Ed. C. Little, '83, who is principal of the largest school in Kansas, will resign his position and enter the Law Department next week. He entered Kansas Alpha in '78; has been one of her most enthusiastic members and she is largely indebted to him for whatever she has accomplished in succeeding years. We have just purchased an elegant piano for our and now everything seems complete.

The dances given every two weeks have been very enjoyable and as nearly all the boys dance they have proved a decided success.

We are in full sympathy with THE SHIELD in its desire to have our governmental system organized, and hope the matter will be thoroughly and carefully considered by the G. A. C.

In regard to the "Alumni Chapter problem," I might say that last year an Alumni chapter was formed in Topeka, Kansas, composed of Geo. H. Nicholson, assistant General Passenger Agent of the T. & S. F. Railroad; W. H. Simpson, Chief of Rate Department of the same road; Chas. S. and J. W. Glead, and Frank Thompson, of Kansas Alpha, and Congressman Peters, Missouri Alpha, E. B. Cowgill, Iowa Alpha, and a number of other prominent men of the State, but I believe that it never received charter and has finally died.

W. C. SPANGLER.

SPIRIT OF THE FRATERNITY PRESS.

The *Delta Tau Delta Crescent* has had the misfortune too common with fraternity journals like it deserving better treatment.

For the first time since the *Crescent* came under the control of the Alpha, the accounts of the journal, for 1883--84, show that the expenses exceeded the receipts. Although there was published one-third more pages, and by actual printers' measurement, three times more matter than in any preceding volume, and in addition a monthly salary was paid the editor, there remains the undeniable fact that the accounts show a debit balance. We are glad to say that this was not owing to any lack of industry or skill on the part of the business management of the Alpha, but simply because a large number of Deltas forgot the obligation which they owed the *Crescent* and the fraternity. While the large list of unpaid subscriptions was a painful revelation to the convention, it could not fail to add an element of discouragement and mortification to those who, after a year of hard and conscientious labor, find their plans thwarted and their hopes blasted by the carelessness of those of whom much better things were expected. This evil, once of little moment, has now grown to dimensions so vast that the earnest attention of the fraternity is demanded. *The future success of the Crescent depends not so much on the addition of new subscribers as upon the prompt and business-like payment of those subscriptions which are already enrolled.* We wish every Delta could appreciate the importance and worth of this statement and govern himself accordingly. The business management of a monthly paper like the *Crescent* is no child's-play, but a great and heavy responsibility. When we reflect that all the toil which such a duty involves must be carried on amid the additional demands of a severe college course, it requires no great mental power to see what inconvenience and worry the delay (to say nothing of the total failure) to pay, entails upon the business manager. A prompt payment from all subscribers would not only relieve the manager of a vast amount of extra labor, would enable him to pay off the indebtedness of last year and present a credit balance to the next convention.

The experience of *E X* is by no means an uncommon one as witness this quotation from a recent number:

There was once a king who greatly desired a certain article of royal apparel, which it involved great expense and peculiar skill to prepare, but which he regarded as essential to his proper dignity and comfort. Many of his courtiers, hearing his majesty express so great a longing, and by reason of their affection for the sovereign, undertook to gratify his wish: but so numerous were the difficulties that, after repeated trials, one after

another was compelled to acknowledge his failure. Finally success crowned the efforts of one who had devoted time; money and talents to the task. The delight of the king was unbounded, and upon the loyal subject were lavished the usual extravagant praises. But as the whim had passed soon after its gratification, instead of purchasing the article at its real value and bestowing upon its owner a substantial reward, with a great blowing of horns the great council of the realm was convoked and solemnly passed the courtier "a vote of thanks," leaving him to sell his article to whom he could, in which his efforts were unsuccessful as it was appropriate to none but the king himself. Moral: Base is the ingratitude of kings.

Now, this touching little incident happened "once upon a time, a long while ago;" but our readers will be interested in hearing of a more modern instance, which, while it differs from, yet greatly resembles, the classical anecdote given below.

For many years, Sigma Chi had been seeking to secure a Song Book. A number of chapters were successively entrusted with the difficult commission, and successively failed. Finally, Beta Chapter undertook the task, and, at considerable expense both of time and money, with the help of our honored brother, Prof. Karl Merz, it was carried into completion. Beta advanced the money which paid the publishers, and, out of loyalty to Sigma Chi, assumed the financial responsibility. Previous to the meeting of the last convention the number of books sold was not sufficient to reimburse the Chapter; and also the convention, after much laudation of the song book and its worthy competitors, "passed a vote of thanks," and resolved that Beta should retain all she could get for the rest of the edition. Now, most of our chapters appear to think that this settled the whole affair and relieved them of all concern in the matter. As a result, the sale of song books has not been remarkably brisk, and a small deficit remains which the chapter is compelled to bear in expectation of its ultimate return. The Fraternity seems to have forgotten, or, remembering, not to heed, the fact, that only to its members can the book be sold.

Therefore, if we would not also be reproached with our ingratitude, we must see to it at once that the Songs of Sigma Chi do not remain a drag upon the market. The collection is not all that we could desire (our own fault by the way, and not Beta's), but it is creditable and well adapted to its uses. Some day we shall issue a new one, when the success of this one has justified the undertaking; but our present responsibility is rightly to appreciate the songs we have. Every chapter should possess at least as many copies of the book as there are active members, and the songs should be sung at their meetings and at their banquets, so that they may become as familiar words about which, in after years, will cling sweet memories of chapter life. What a charm there is in these ringing melodies, so full of the expressions of buoyant life and happiness! These songs of Sigma Chi are among her priceless treasures, but they gain their value only by being used; and the chapter which does not make the most of them is losing half of its possibilities of enjoyment. This fact should unite with our debt of gratitude to Beta to prevent our modern instance

from concluding with a similar moral to that which adorns its ancient relative.

Beta Theta Pi for January has taken again the piquant tone for which it used to be so noted, as witness the excerpts:

A fraternity initiation ceremony should contain two oaths, instead of one, and the second and greater of the two should be administered to the chapter, and not to the candidate. The duties and responsibilities of the chapter with respect to a young member are serious enough to be re-stated and re-assumed on every initiation night. The real education and development of a young freshman, who has just got away from home for the first time, will inevitably devolve upon his fraternity chapter in a greater measure than upon the faculty of his college. No purely intellectual influences can have so great a part in the shaping of his personality and the making of the man he is to be as will those social influences that spring from contact with his equals and intimates. Quite apart from the purely moral results these associations are sure to work out within him—results that must infallibly make of him either a better or worse man—they will also largely affect his habits as a student, his bearing in general society, and his attitude of mind upon a wide range of subjects. It is within the power of a fraternity chapter, conscious of its responsibilities and opportunities, to make of a half-fledged, ill-balanced, restive and light-headed boy, a ripe and self-poised young man, valuable in every relation he sustains as a college student, and fit for every relation he must assume as a man among men; and it is also within its power to bring about the exact reverse of this transformation, and be a teacher of lax habits of thought and work, and a sower of the seed of false and fruitless living. These are considerations that the older members of a chapter can afford to weigh well when they see a new face at the chapter fireside.

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“There is honor even among thieves.” is an old adage, and usually accepted, and yet we are led to doubt it when we hear of the exposure of the secrets of one Greek-letter society by thieving vandals of another. A high ideal of honor is a valuable trait in any man or any chapter, and when once honor is lost all is lost. Several cases have come to our notice where private documents of other fraternities which have come into the hands of Betas have been returned unread and unopened. In contrast with such conduct, what can be more contemptible than the childish actions of some of the modern Greeks, who break locks to plunder chapter halls, and rejoice to publish to the world the documents thus obtained? Such little freaks are not only ungenerous, but they are unkind, debasing and utterly dishonorable, and do more to cast reproach upon the cause of college fraternities than anything else possibly could. Some fraternities seem to delight in such things, and they are doing their own cause irreparable injury. There certainly can never be a time of universal Greek friendship until such thievish, malicious, spiteful tendencies are rebuked. Every man who wants to see college life improved, who wants to see the abolition of hazing, rushing, and other relics of barbarism, will use

his influence to boycott and ostracise the men, or rather boys, in the Greek fraternity ranks who are disreputable enough to expose the secret work of a worker in a common cause and to a common end.

Away with such rascality! and in our fraternity tilts let us meet as honorable knights used to do, with lances pointed straight to the front. The man who stabs you in the dark is a knave. Can we not, as Betas, do our part to elevate fraternity life in this respect, so that others fraternities can say of our fraternity as knights of old might have said of some Sir Galahad:

“I’ve scanned the actions of his daily, life,
With all the industrious malice of a foe,
And nothing meets my eyes but deeds of honor.”

P E R S O N A L S .

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

Rev. Johnston D. White, of Washington, Iowa, of the Washington and Jefferson class of '76, died suddenly in the cars while returning from New Mexico about June 2, 1884. Probably consumption.

Judge Geo. A. Jenks, of Brookville, Pa., is in poor health, and has gone south to recuperate.

Rev. Moore Buchanan made a trip through the Northwest this summer and while in Chicago called on Bro. Marquis. Bro. M. also had the grip given to him by several delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Rev. C. Hayes has a charge in Pittsburg and is occasionally seen in this vicinity.

Bro. Wm. Wise and J. H. Johnston are studying law in Pittsburg.

Bro. E. E. Crumrine is reading law with his father, Bro. Boyd Crumrine, and runs a job printing office *ad interim*.

Bro. Walter Johnston studies medicine in Philadelphia.

Bro. "Bun" Oliphant is in the Cambridge (Mass.) law school.

Bro. A. B. Sutherland is confidential secretary to W. U. T. Co. District Manager, St. Louis, Mo.

With the first of Dec., Bro. S. McKennan entered the drug business as half owner of the largest drug store in town. With such an opportunity in a prohibition town, it is almost a pity that none of the boys drink.

Bro. W. McIlvaine wields the editor's pen in the office of the Washington *Observer*.

Rev. J. F. Magill, D. D., has been pastor of the 2nd Presb. church here for over a year, after twenty years in Lewiston, Ill., and though a D. D., is still "one of the boys."

Bro. Alex. Acheson has returned home from Reading, Pa., where he was assistant City Engineer.

Bro. Ed. Wallace met several *Ø*'s during his stay in Washington City this summer, and retains a high impression of their gentlemanly conduct.

Rev. John Morehead, of Greensburg, Pa., visited us recently, and spent much of his time with "the boys," though he was a graduate of '59.

Bro. "Kid" McDonald has gone into partnership with his father in the cattle business.

Two of our active brothers, Wallace and Marquis, took prizes last Commencement; the first in German, the latter in the classics.

Bro. A. J. Walker has been elected Master of Ceremonies on the Class Day programme of '85

ILLINOIS BETA.

A. B. Hostetter, '68, is State's Attorney at Mt. Carrol, Ill.

Rev. E. O. Taylor, '68, is pastor of the Central Baptist church of this city.

Rev. Lee W. Terry has taken unto himself a wife and has settled at Edgar, Neb.

Prof. F. L. Anderson, '82, of the University, is to be married during the holidays. He has the best wishes of the Beta boys.

F. P. Swartwout is a student at the Morgan Park (Baptist) Theological Seminary.

R. S. King, '84, is making wonderful success in the publishing business on the Pacific coast.

Charlie Henson, '85, is taking a course in Mechanical Engineering at the Illinois State University.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

Bro. Wm. M. Raymond, '69, has recently become a resident of Evanston, making our fifth "frater. in urbe" exclusive of Profs. Baird, Pearson and Horswell, of the University.

Bros. Barnett and Taylor, alumni of De Pauw and Ind. A, are pursuing studies in the Theological department, and meet with us occasionally.

Bro. Ed. S. Ninde, who entered Sophomore year at Wesleyan Univ., Conn., writes that he will visit us on his journey back to Middletown after holidays. Bro Ninde received bids from $A \perp \Phi, \Psi \Gamma$ and Eclectic ($\Phi \Lambda \theta$). And, although one of these fraternities offered to give him a written pledge to honorably dismiss him after graduation if he desired it, and although a declination of these invitations would leave him without the benefits of a fraternity for the three remaining years of his course, Bro. Ninde preferred to keep untouched his relations to $\Phi \kappa \Psi$, the fraternity that is very dear to him. It was a matter of principle with Bro. Ninde, and his decision was from his conscience. Certainly we are greatly gratified over his course in the matter, and consider his action most honorable.

Bro. Chas. Horswell, '84, will represent the Garrett Biblical Institute in the general reunion of Chicago Theological seminaries, where he will deliver an oration.

Bro. Edmund J. James, Prof. of Finance and Administration, Univ. of Penn., is a frequent contributor to the *Popular Science Monthly* and other similar publications.

OHIO DELTA.

Bro. O. L. Fasssig, of Washington, D. C., spent a few days in Columbus during the holidays.

Bro. Walter Miller, of Portsmouth, was in Columbus for a few days before Christmas. Bro. Miller has been very successful as a teacher of sciences in the Portsmouth High School.

Bro. Ed. Payne is employed in a caligraph manufactory at Corry, Pa. We hope to have him with us during the G. A. C.

Bros. Gilbert and McMurray are engaged in business at Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. Conaway is teaching school near Columbus. He occasionally drops in to see the boys.

Bro. Charles Esterly, now a dentist at Lawrence, Kansas, made the boys a brief visit recently. Bro. Esterly has enjoyed very pleasant relations with the Phi Psis of Lawrence, and is enthusiastic in his praise of Kansas Alpha.

Bro. Fred. Marvin, now a Junior Professor in the Signal Service at Washington, spent Christmas at his old home in Columbus.

Chas. S. and W. J. Glead, charter members of Kansas Alpha, are building up a fine law business in Topeka, under the firm name of Glead & Glead.

E. A. Munsell is publishing a grand paper at Pittsburg, Kans.

Gred. A. Stocks, '84, is cashier of the Bank of Blue Rapids and is growing wealthy.

KANSAS ALPHA.

Bro. Geo. H. Nilson has just been appointed Assistant General Passenger Agent of A., T. & St. L. R. R. George was one of the virtuest men captured by Kansas Alpha and the boys are highly elated over his success.

E. C. Little, '83, is principal of the Morris school, Leavenwoath—the largest school in the State.

Clarence Hines, '86, has left college and will act as traveling salesman for his father for a few months.

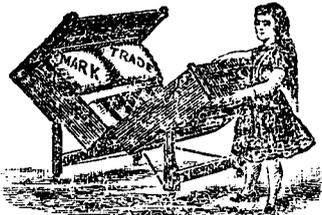
R. N. Allen, of Ind. Alpha, now located at Chaunte, will represent his county in the State Senate this winter.

W. S. Jenks, '86, is principal of the public schools at Holden, Mo.

Geo. C. Smith, formerly of '82, is now editor of the St. Joe daily *Gazette* and is now editor and proprietor of a Sunday paper called *Life*.

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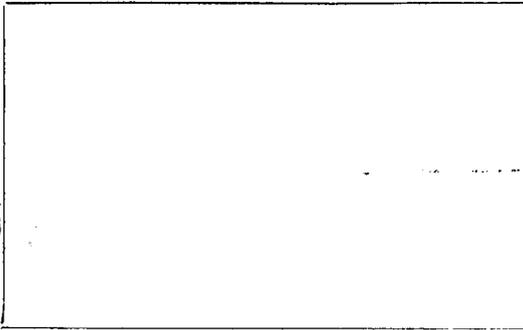
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