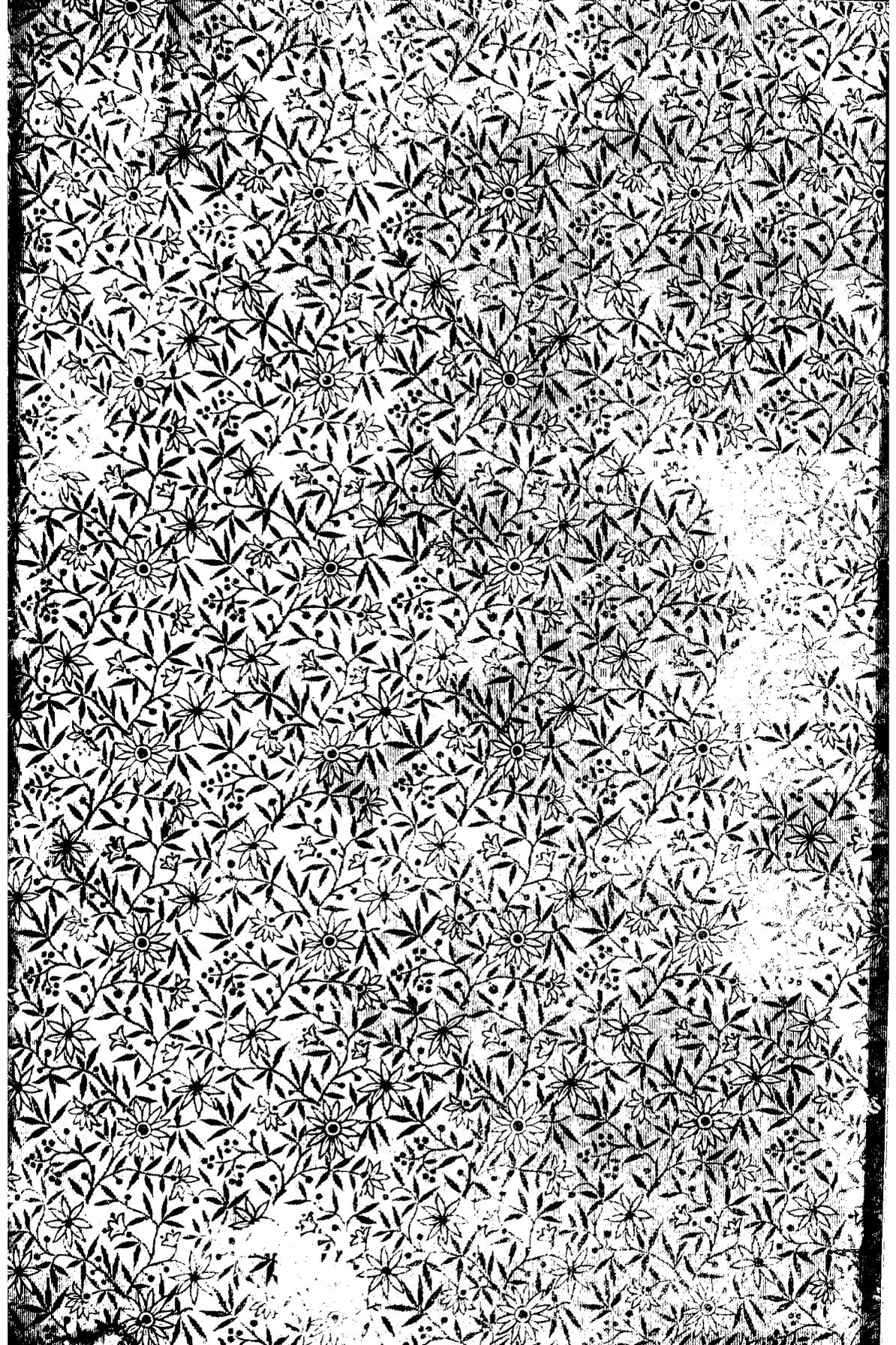


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## WORK AND WASTE.

Doubtless this law of College Medes is right,  
That changes not with any changed condition;  
That lays its traps to catch some luckless wight,  
And test his powers on a sharp winter night,  
To meet the claims of some antique tradition.  
When virtuous Gradgrinds, clamorous for facts,  
Gulp down the practical without a whine,  
How dare we these cast-iron stomachs tax  
With whipped up syllabub tossed off in fleecy rhyme?

Waste work is this—but then all work has waste;  
Nature, no less than Art, has her debris;  
Utility must sometimes yield to Taste,  
Hard Fact with threads of Myth be interlaced,  
And soberest minds find change in trifling glee.  
All history shows waste as well as work;  
All life bedecks its gravity with flowers;  
Book drudgery e'en we will not shirk  
If some gay College song lights up the dreary hours.

And so we will not count it a mishap  
That work and waste are found in all earth's mines;  
Even a College screed may fill a gap,  
When a tired audience stretch them for a nap,  
And wake refreshed to bless the soothing lines.  
If work brings waste, then waste is work's sure sign;  
The two ideas hang by one short tether;  
And when with jingling sound these two combine,  
We take the good and what is not so good together.

Are there no compensations for this waste?  
No occult law that brings from out the storm  
The value of the lost, and with slow haste  
Builds from the work a more enduring form?  
Nay, what is all this loss of time and life—

*Work and Waste.*

This trimming flowers beneath the toppling grain—  
 But working out the Future through fierce strife,  
 The building up of Man at cost of men?  
 And so, whatever Seed is sown in any sod,  
 There is no waste in all the universe of God.

We work with Him who "worketh hitherto;"  
 Whether a worker trim the temple lamp,  
 Or lift the heavy sacrifice to view,  
 The work is true, and bears the Master's stamp.  
 Whether a life be like the full-ripe shock,  
 Or shrivel back to death without a bloom—  
 Whether a worker die on foreign rock,  
 Or find outside the College door a tomb—  
 Whether a life be rich with holy fruit,  
 Or spout in one great waste of branch and root—  
 When God concretes His purposes in man,  
 Both work and waste will fill the one eternal plan.

High on the musty page of classic lore,  
 Dimmed with the damps of twice three hundred years,  
 Lies the mute record of historic store.  
 Telling its tale of myths that long before  
 Held their wild sway alike o'er hopes and fears;  
 And from that moldering tome, with many a trace  
 That still Imagination loves to see,  
 Embossed in beauty and bedecked with grace,  
 Spring flaring on our eyes the deeds of Chivalry.

Back in the shadows of the olden time,  
 When happy vassals bent to feudal sway,  
 Broke on the world the echoes of a chime  
 That charmed the valorous souls of every clime,  
 And rang the prelude to a noble fray.  
 Religion, giving up her throne within,  
 Rode forth in tinselled pomp on prancing steed;  
 And he who would the smiles of heaven win,  
 Must bathe his sword in blood to gain the victor's meed.

Days of delusive promise! Yet the soul  
 Of all that makes life lovely, and refines  
 The view man has of Honor's self and goal,  
 Was in them, and the laws that give control  
 To Right and Justice, drawn in rigid lines.  
 Though lofty wall and frowning tower flung afar  
 Their chilly shadow over brain and heart,  
 And Mirth and Bondage waged continual war,  
 The gleesome hour brought sovereign balm for every smart.



To see such Chivalry, man's tireless flight  
 To other scenes and nobler triumphs still,  
 Would for the moment cease; and from the height  
 Of some old castle, where the owls indite  
 Their midnight dirges, and the valleys fill  
 With sounds sepulchral, his quick eye would scan  
 The field where Beauty reigned and Valor strove;  
 Nor would he deem the act unworthy of the man,  
 To drop a tear where Honor poised a lance for Love.

The soul of all that makes man great, and shows  
 Redeeming signs of good in pravity,  
 And beautifies that good, and plants the rose  
 Where human footsteps naught but blight disclose,  
 Lived 'neath the noble crests of Chivalry.  
 When Christianity, with vigor gone,  
 Withdrew in cloistered cell from gaze of men,  
 Her robes and deeds erratic knights put on,  
 Till Christianity should throb and rise again.

But not with stainless skirts — like all things sprung  
 From earthly mould — wild Chivalry has striven;  
 Its banners over reeking shrines have hung,  
 Its blows for Beauty, Beauty's heart have wrung,  
 Its strongest strokes for Right were wrongly given.  
 Strange, that a moral chemistry permits  
 The deadly herb to taint the purest rill—  
 Distains the pearly throne where Virtue sits,  
 And suffers greatest good to blend with direst ill!

In name of Honor, and for love of God—  
 Which sometimes took strange forms of love for man—  
 Embattled hosts, with priestly blessing, trod,  
 In sacred panoply, the slippery sod  
 Which red with blood of saint and pagan ran.  
 From Britain's heights, from Salamanca's plains,  
 From hills of far Sarmatia, wasting work  
 For Holy Cross, rose knights and knightly trains,  
 To thrust their blessed institutions on the Turk.

It was their mission—so proclaimed the friar,  
 And so, with ready blades, brave knights agreed—  
 To plant the school-house and the lofty spire  
 In foreign lands, and then, with sword and fire,  
 Force on the infidel their sacred creed.  
 Yet Chivalry it was not, but the lust  
 Of ghostly warriors for increased command;  
 The Moslem dared to tent on sacred dust,  
 And pious Filibusters seized the Holy Land.

But silent are the voices now of camp and hall;  
The flags that ruled the world no longer float;  
Snapped swords lie buried on th'ensanguined mall;  
Thick grows the rock-moss o'er the crumbled wall;  
Prone is the massive draw, and choked the moat.  
The knightly Samson in his last mad throe  
Made for himself a speedy, funeral train;  
And when the world's short grief had ceased to flow,  
Cervantes laughed away the Chivalry of Spain.

'Tis said—though only poets say it, and  
They of small weight among a doubting few—  
That when great men their destiny had spanned,  
And passed from earth to try the spirit land,  
A Phoenix from their ashes rose to view.  
The artist—brother of the poet—paints  
The fabled bird with eagle's beak and cowl:  
And yet, had fancy's pencil no restraints,  
It might as well have been a buzzard or an owl.

There is a modern Chivalry, a sprite,  
Or, if you please, a Phoenix, that lays claim  
To gallant ancestry, with rare delight  
Entering the lists all belted for the fight,  
To lift up Woman to a nobler fame.  
Poor Woman—so it seems—still feels the ban  
Of that fell monster, her relentless lord;  
And platform knights rush bravely to the van,  
With lance rhetorical and logic-pointed sword.

Well, is it not the Nineteenth Century?  
What shall we do with all our surplus steam?  
May we not better make the waste-pipe free,  
Than shut the valve down on Society,  
And in one crash make life itself a dream?  
In the near future some bright day may dawn,  
When skirted chivaliers will have their sway:  
And so we let the gallant fight go on,  
Till Don Quixote comes and spoils the little play.

In days of yore, when knights, from hate or love,  
Sought honor or revenge in hostile fray,  
The outraged brave, his Chivalry to prove,  
Threw at his foeman's feet th' defiant glove,  
And in fair combat wiped the stain away;  
But now, with murderous step and noxious breath,  
The dynamiter plays his hideous role;  
And while he springs his mine of wreck and death,  
In safe retreat he slinks, and hugs his coward soul.

*Ad Mortem.*

There is a Chivalry, which with that past  
 Nor present is allied; its field, the world;  
 Its foes, all moral wrong; its trophies cast  
 Like living gems in shining clusters vast  
 Before that throne with holy deeds impearled.  
 Be this thy Chivalry, Phi Kappa knight;  
 Gird on thy sword and follow her command;  
 Let thy strong blows be dealt for Truth and Right;  
 Spur thy fleet courser through the thickest fight;  
 Strike for Humanity, for God, for Native Land.

*February 19, 1885.*

ROBERT LOWRY.

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 AD MORTEM.

As a child all tired of toys that charm but a moment,  
 All weary of plays that please but bring not peace;  
 With eyes that are wet and limbs that are languid and heavy,  
 In the arms of his nurse at last finds sweet release,

So I am tired of toil and weary of living;  
 My heart is languid and sad, and it riseth and saith:  
 There *is* no peace in life worth getting or giving.  
 Be mine, the peace of them that sleep in Death!

O kind, strong Death! thy touch is not hurtful but healing;  
 Thy arms are ever open and soft and warm;  
 Thy heart is full as a mother's of tender feeling;  
 Upon thy breast no child shall suffer harm.

*Kansas Alpha.*

NO NAME.

## The Grand Arch Council.

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The Council recently in session was a memorable one for Phi Kappa Psi in many ways. It was by no means remarkable for actual business accomplished, but in the nature of things it could not be. We are on the eve of radical changes in our governmental system, and delegates as well as spectators in the Council, felt this to so great an extent that the unusual responsibilities of their position gave them pause. There was a time in the third day's proceedings when many of us feared that hasty work would be done, and trembling for the future of our dear fraternity we urged the point that calmness should characterize our course and not haste. Better counsels prevailed, and we firmly believe that almost, if not quite, all was done that in the present condition of the fraternity could be done.

The crowning weakness of the Grand Arch Council was the incertitude of the delegates—a fear possessed the writer that such would be the case from the attitude which the fraternity had held toward THE SHIELD during Volumes IV. and V.—and with rare exceptions none of them had mature convictions upon the various subjects presented for consideration from time to time in our columns and which came up for discussion in the Council hall.

It is certain that the Scriptural aphorism "In a multitude of counsellors there is safety," has often been paraphrased in practice into "In a multitude of counsel there is confusion," and so we found it. Opinions were not lacking, by no means, and suggestions were multitudinous. The committee appointed to report upon a revised form of government looked exhausted and distressed when they appeared before the Council, not alone from their arduous labors and loss of sleep, but from their conviction that their report embodied by no means a consensus of the feeling of the fraternity upon any of the points in issue.

Much impatience was displayed during the closing hours of the meeting that so little had been done, and the feeling by delegates that their chapters would be by no means pleased when they returned, as they thought, with empty hands, became intense as it appeared that little could be done. I, by no means agree with them (how awkward that "I" sounds as I read it), since the conviction was strong within me before going to Columbus that Phi Kappa Psi had not made herself ready to take any rapid strides in the direction of progress, and the sequel did nothing more than to confirm my opinion into belief of the existing fact.

Did the Grand Arch Council pay then? Certainly, for by it the fraternity has been aroused, and such action as was taken was sound, conservative and progressive. The Committee on the State of the Fraternity (for such it ought to be called), although too largely from one section, will proceed calmly and earnestly in the direction of their duties.

It is hard to confine one's self when the field is so broad and the prospect so inviting, but it is not my purpose to give a detailed account of the proceedings, since that will be included in the report of the recording secretary.

Interest to the under graduate centers in the banquet, which was held at the Neil House on Thursday evening, February 19. The *menu* and programme were as follows:

MENU:

- Oysters :—Blue Points on Half Shell  
 Soup :—Consomme of Game, a la Rohan.  
 Fish:—Fried Smelts, Sauce, Remoulade. Pomme Brabant.  
 Relevee :—Fillet of Beef, Larded a la Matignon. Pomme Chateau.  
 Entree :—Escalope of Chicken in Paper Cases, a la Toulouse. French Peas  
 Roast :—Saddle of Venison. Current Jelly. Celery.  
 Desserts :—Peach Maringues. Vanilla Ice Cream. Coffee. Chocolate.

PROGRAMME.

- Toast Master, R. M. Linton, Pennsylvania Epsilon.  
 Invocation, Rev. W. Aylsworth, Virginia Delta.  
 Music.  
 Poem, Rev. Robert Lowry, D. D., Pennsylvania Gamma.  
 Oration, Gen. John Beatty, Ohio Alpha.  
 Music.

TOASTS.

- "Our visitors," George Wm. Dun, Ohio Delta.  
 "Phi Kappa Psi," J. W. Emison, Indiana Alpha.  
 "The Grand Chapter," Rev. G. D. Gotwald, Pennsylvania Epsilon.  
 Music.  
 "The Shield," C. L. Van Cleve, Ohio Alpha.  
 "Our Alumni," Prof. W. A. Eckels, Pennsylvania Zeta.  
 "The Greek World," W. C. Wilson, Pennsylvania Beta.  
 Music.

INFORMAL TOASTS.

The singing of Phi Kappa Psi songs was by all means *the* feature of the evening, and it is due Ohio Delta to say that under the leadership of Bro. Marple a glee club of her membership had been practicing for this event and the result was astonishing! Men from all the various colleges sang together harmoniously and with enthusiasm, and whenever songs were undertaken with other leaders the results were ludicrously abortive.

The number at the tables was 116, and we append a list of the brothers as nearly complete as the confusion would permit of making it:

OHIO ALPHA.

Gen. John Beatty, C. L. Van Cleve, Hugh Runkle, C. H. Humphrey, H. Brand, C. F. Hoover, E. F. O'Kane, F. S. Monnett, L. B. Cherrington, R. Bentley Lloyd, F. B. Drees, G. E. Randall, Wm. H. Gamble, W. P. Henderson, E. M. Seamans, F. W. Roudebush, H. S. Runkle, E. M. Van Cleve.

OHIO BETA.

C. H. Ehrenfeld, J. H. Lyday, J. W. Shannon, Wm. H. Manss, Frank H. Phillips, J. C. Lower, Jas. Minnek.

OHIO GAMMA.

H. A. Clemens, E. F. Siegenthaler, D. C. List.

OHIO DELTA.

Edward J. Converse, Wm. Neil, J. L. McMurray, T. Porter Milligan, J. W. Conaway, L. G. Hostetter, G. Y. Anderson, P. C. Robinson, W. B. Cornell, Will R. Gibbs, Ed. L. T. Schaub, Horace Allen, George Smart, Wm. W. Keifer, H. M. Hubbard, Fred. Shedd, Fred. Hubbard, John Taylor, Harry Shedd, L. H. Godman, C. B. Shedd, Geo. W. Dun, L. G. Haas, F. L. Marple.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

R. M. Linton, George D. Gotwald.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

R. D. Culver, C. M. Benedict, S. B. Smith, W. C. Wilson.

PENNSYLVANIA THETA.

H. A. McFadden, John J. Chester, G. W. W. Porter.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

Albert J. Walker.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

Samuel Bolton, Jr., Elmer E. Keiser, Rev. Robert Lowry.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

D. F. Mauger.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA.

H. E. Howell, W. A. Eckels.

INDIANA ALPHA.

E. T. Carson, Bryan Baker, C. R. Cameron, J. W. Emison, John Dice, Chas. C. Spencer.

INDIANA BETA.

P. K. Buskirk.

INDIANA GAMMA.

Clarence G. Campbell, A. W. Knight, T. S. Wilson, S. B. Thomas.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

Rush McNair, W. E. Wilkinson, W. E. McLennam.

ILLINOIS BETA.

T. F. Weddell.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

F. G. Coldren, Harry G. Ohls, Charles C. Hudson, J. V. Denney, S. C. Parks.

*The Grand Arch Council.*

## VIRGINIA DELTA.

Frank W. Allen, George W. McCoard, W. P. Aylsworth.

## MARYLAND ALPHIA.

W. L. Mussey.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA.

C. M. Wales.

## WISCONSIN GAMMA.

A. P. Lansing.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

Harry W. Smith, Clinton Gage, Samuel R. Church.

## KANSAS ALPHIA.

F. D. Hutchings, W. C. Spangler, A. E. Curdy.

When the last cup had been drained Bro. Linton, the toast-master, briefly introduced the toasters in order with an appropriate word or two. Bro. Aylsworth, with choice language and solemn manner, besought Divine protection for Phi Kappa Psi in all her rightful endeavors, and then Bro. Lowry, with remarkable clearness and force, read the poem "Work and Waste," which appears elsewhere.

Bro. John Beatty wittily repudiated the title given to his effort, and for fifteen minutes delighted us with a speech so unique that its reproduction, except in its entirety, would so mar the effect as to render it unreadable. It is with keen regret that the writer records his inability to secure a written reproduction of it for *THE SHIELD*.

Bro. Geo. W. Dun responded to the first toast, "Our Visitors," in kindly words, as follows:

*Brothers of  $\Phi$  K  $\Psi$  fraternity:*

Ohio Delta extends to you a most hearty welcome this evening. We have felt that it was our first duty to make this convention one of the most successful in the history of our beloved fraternity, and should we fail I assure you Ohio Delta will deeply regret it, feeling that she has been guilty of dereliction.

Since the foundation of Ohio Delta it has been our desire to promote, not only the intellectual and moral, but to an equal degree the social nature of our fellow brothers.

In connection with our sister chapters of Ohio, we have held, at least, two state conventions, or more properly speaking, reunions, which have been not only very pleasant but most beneficial.

We have tried to solve that most perplexing of all questions—How shall we retain the interest and enthusiasm of our Alumni and ex-active members; we have tried with much success the plan of having joint meetings, i. e.: our chapter at various intervals has invited the resident Alumni and ex-active members to meet with us.

These meetings have been most pleasant and more beneficial than the most sanguine could have hoped for. But the extreme modesty of Delta,

the "baby" chapter of Ohio forbids my saying anything further respecting our own work.

However glad we are to welcome the young, active and energetic brothers, we feel a deeper pleasure, if such be possible, in greeting those whose heads are turning gray; whose faces are marked with the inevitable signs of time; whose loyalty to  $\Phi K \Psi$  has been doubly tried. Brothers, let us unite the energy and enthusiasm of the younger brothers, with the experience and judgment of our Alumni and there can be no doubt as to our future prosperity.

Recently there has been some complaint because many of the older brothers had forgotten the signs, perhaps the grip, nay, even the words of recognition. Many brothers who have been in *active* life may fail to recall the minutiae or details of our initiation; but brothers do they, can they ever forget those God-given principles upon which our beloved fraternity is founded? Those principles which, in our youth, have been indelibly stamped within the breast of every loyal  $\Phi \Psi$ , death alone can efface.

Brothers our work is broad and extensive in its scope: let us then *work* and not alone for our fellow brothers, but all mankind. Ohio Delta grasps you warmly by the hand and bids you welcome.

Bro. J. W. Emison, of Indiana Alpha, responded eloquently and with oratorical fire to "Phi Kappa Psi:"

"O, Shield! thou art my comfort and my guide;  
To look at thee unlocks a warmer clime;  
The spirit thou givest me is in the heart, and heeds not space or time."

Away up among the Alleghanies there is a spring so small that a single ox, on a summer's day, could drain it dry. Unmolested it steals its way among the hills, till it spreads out into the beautiful Ohio; thence it stretches away a thousand miles; joining the mighty Mississippi, it rolls southward, carrying peace and happiness to a million souls. Then not weary of its journey, it falls into the emblem of Eternity. Warmed by a Southern sun, joining the great Gulf stream it sweeps onward through the cold waters of the ocean, laden with the fragrance and fruits of every zone and gladdening the hearts of men in the icy regions of the North. So with our beloved Fraternity. Small at first, only an idea, unnoticed, yet irresistible, it spread out among the institutions of men, enveloped in its mystic cloud, warmed by the ever burning lamp of fraternal love, it moves onward through the cold ocean of humanity, laden with the blessings of God. It is the calm, peaceful stream of happiness, upon which is launched our staunch old ship—our constitution, upon whose deck we so harmoniously stand tonight. Her sails swelling with prosperity; the beacon star of her future ever shining nobler and brighter, gilding the highway of her progress with a golden lustre; strewing laurels in her own pathway, she moves on through the years, grand, irreproachable, sublime!

In looking back through the long vista of time, in search of those who led its march through the generations, in search of those who have ever guarded and protected it, *in search of those who gave it life* our minds instinctively turn to William H. Letterman and Charles P. T. Moore

Thirty-three years ago, in Pennsylvania, they sowed the first seed. Nourished by their united efforts it took deep root. The Mind directing its course, it entwined itself into the deepest recesses of the Heart; it penetrated the depth of the Soul, and there awakening sweet melodies of music, it branched off and fastened its rootlets firmly round the vibrating chords of love. Up sprang the colossal trunk, issuing forth branches, guided by the all seeing eye of God, it grew higher and higher, and broader and broader, until to-day it embraces the Union and forty-one hundred hearts beat in happy unison in its Divine shadow. And throughout this mighty throng there runs with magic swiftness the sublime sentiment—"we are brothers!" It enters every mind, it penetrates every soul, it knocks at every heart and awakens the new response—"rejoice, for thou art beloved!" What a grand institution is this Fraternity of ours! Broad and comprehensive in its views, Divine in its fundamental idea, Sublime in its teachings, it never ceases to purify, to shape and mould the characters of men.

Phi Kappa Psi! What a multitude of varied emotions are called forth when we review your history and your true glory! What thronging memories crowd the brain when thy name is spoken! What inexpressible music fills the soul when we approach thy sacred portals! What speechless joy o'ercomes us when they are thrown open and we kneel at thy secret shrine! Ah, there is a magic in the feeling which carries us beyond cold humanity, beyond the earth, beyond the dark clouds into the pure azure sky of heaven. What is it? Is it imaginary or is it real? Is it worldly or is it Divine?

I have often thought that, in the breast of every true and loyal Phi Psi, there existed an ever burning fire, which, when neared by a kindred fraternal spirit, begins to glow and glisten through the eye, like the stars at night, to greet and cheer each other. Like a fireside glow, making all around it joyous; dispelling the clouds of adversity, admitting the pure, clear sunlight from heaven. May it ever burn, filling the earth with its sweet aroma. May each coming Phi Psi catch its eloquent glow and waft it on and on forever.

The S. W. G. P., Bro. Geo. D. Gotwald, in responding to "The Grand Chapter," read a telegram from Judge Moore, which we cannot reproduce, but as the spirit of it was embodied in a letter received the morning after the banquet it will not be inopportune to quote the latter at this place:

POINT PLEASANT, W. VA., Feb. 18.

*George D. Gotwald, W. G. P. of Grand Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi:*

DEAR BROTHER:—I am provoked, and could I recall thirty-three years it is probable the natal day of Phi Kappa Psi would be nearer the vernal season than its founders placed it. Yes, I am provoked because my body cannot be where my heart is—with you in this, the meeting of your great law-making body, and this, the banquet and union of noble spirits, yes, spirits—Phi Kappa Psi—the sign manual of which is Integrity, Purity, Truth, as none but noble spirits dare to bear its badge or claim its name. I had hoped to be with you, but matters of importance hold me enchained, *noles rolens*, and debar me of the pleasure and gratification of meeting and

communing with you. I think you should modernize your government polity, and am therefore pleased to note you have mooted the question by able articles in *THE SHIELD*.

God bless you all. May earth's full cup of all that you may wish be more than the cornucopiæ of health, prosperity and happiness through the future, is the heartfelt wish of you brother,  
C. P. T. MOORE.

After reading the telegram Bro. Gotwald spoke substantially as follows: Pennsylvania Epsilon greets the fraternity in convention assembled, and returns thanks for the very high honor conferred upon her. There is little I can say in response to this sentiment, for I am too much absorbed in the broader theme—Φ K Ψ. We assumed the duties of the Grand Chapter with trembling, and now regard our action as little short of gross temerity. We have found our office no sinecure, but fraught with cares of the deepest import. We felt that it was radically wrong to impose the burden of governing a fraternity so large as ours upon any sub-chapter, and experience has confirmed our judgment.

The fraternity has been kind enough to flatter us, and though we deem you too indulgent, we yet thank you. I can scarce reproduce for you the scene when the archives of the Grand Chapter were turned over to us, nor can I tell you with what reverence we regarded them. We took the reins of government with the firm conviction that our hands would be upheld by the sub-chapters, and experience has done scarcely less than confirm it. In relinquishing control we wish for our successors greater wisdom, more activity, but deny to them the power to esteem the sacred duty higher than did we.

The retiring editor of *THE SHIELD*, in responding to his toast, said:

"If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well  
It were done quickly; if the assassination  
Could trammel up the consequence, and catch  
With his surcease success."

We have no knowledge that Macbeth used such language as this regarding after-dinner speeches, in fact the sanguinary Thane was not given to post-prandial efforts, but rather to those intra-prandial. It matters not whether we have any classic parallel to justify this language or not, the fact remains that, although every free-born American citizen thinks he can make a speech, on most occasions his auditors could, with good grace, use Macbeth's language regarding the incoherent babblings that masquerade under the title, "Feast of reason and flow of soul."

It is with no purpose to forestall criticism that I, myself, use this ominous prelude, but rather that I may indicate to you my appreciation of the fact that speech-making, like stabbing kings, is a bloody business, and one which Uncle Sam's American even cannot quietly endure. That prince of after-dinner speakers, James Russel Lowell, has afforded illustration of what can be done in this direction, and just as every young American is a possible President, so also may we aspire to become Lowells in this line. Lowell in his prelude to the First Part of *The Vision of Sir Launfal* says:

Joy comes, grief goes, we know not how,

But you will have no difficulty in understanding the cause of your joy or the flight of your grief when I am through, for it will be all too apparent.

I am, in fact, too full for utterance. For two years past I have had but one thought for Phi Kappa Psi, and that was to demonstrate the essentiality of the organ to which Ohio Beta elected me editor. The best response I can make to this toast is to be found in the editorial department of *THE SHIELD* during Volumes IV. and V., and in addition the utterances of the convention sessions. Phi Kappa Psi has honored me, the Grand Arch Council has flattered me with kindness overwhelming, and while I can but feel grateful for your courtesy, must enter a protest against being made the recipient of such largess unless it be meant for Ohio Beta and my coadjutors.

*THE SHIELD* needs one thing—oh, yes, many things—but one thing above others and to those who have been present when its disposition was under consideration this one thing is well known and recognized. The editor of *THE SHIELD* is in all respects like the orphan in a Philadelphia Home, his range of vision is exceedingly limited, and his mind is so engrossed with this one idea that lofty sentiments find there no lodgment.

The late Dr. Lilienthal used to tell with great unction an anecdote in which he figured as spokesman to a large assemblage of orphans in Philadelphia, the home of Independence Hall and Liberty Hall. The Doctor, although not an American by birth, had the speech-making proclivity of the latter fully developed and never lost an opportunity when occasion offered to deliver, with a style at once grandiose and grandiloquent, addresses to the young.

As is the general custom with those who speak to children, he interlarded his speeches with climacteric bursts, which often ended with a question, asked in the expectation of an answer so apropos as to thrill the whole assemblage. In a burst of patriotism the learned Rabbi said: "Shildren, vat beelding in all dis grand, glorious and be-autiful citee of Pheeladelphia-a is most dear to te American heart?" Dead silence for a full half minute. Again he propounded his inquiry with even greater emphasis. Still silence. At last, just as he was about to make a third effort, the tiny hand of a little boy of unmistakable Jewish parentage, in the extreme rear of the room, was raised.

The sight electrified the Doctor. "Ah! I see one bright, little fellow nit intellishence beaming from hees face, can tell us. Speak my leetle man! Vat beelding in all des grand, glorious and be-autiful citee of Pheeladelphia-a is most dear to the American heart?" The answer, though far from being the one sought, was much nearer the truth than it could be. "The Mint."

As if to exemplify the truth uttered as to the possibilities of the young American to make acceptable after-dinner efforts, Bro. W. A. Eckels gave the wittiest speech of the evening, and it is a great source of regret in preparing his MS. he has thought best to omit much that was most keenly appreciated and vociferously applauded. He responded to "The Alumni:"

I might begin, like the average school boy composition, by remarking that there are a good many different kinds of Alumni. I want to speak

first of a class who are not represented here this evening. You know that is not an uncommon kind of preaching. Any of our clerical brethren will bear me out in saying that they are often conscious that they are denouncing the terrors of the law and pointing out the right way to the regular pious, steady-going part of their congregations; while the sinners, who ought to be getting the overhauling, are dozing comfortably in their own chairs at home. And its about the softest kind of preaching, too. Now I am not at all afraid of any of my congregation picking up their hats and slamming the doors when I come to speak of "The indifferent Alumni."

You all know him—I mean the man who, when you speak to him of his college fraternity, greets you with a sickly smile or a vacant stare; who treats it as one of the youthful follies that is to be apologized for and which he makes a virtue of forgetting as soon as possible; who has "gotten over all that sort of thing, you know." He exists even in our own ranks, although I can honestly say that I believe Phi Psi has as small a proportion of these incumbrances as any fraternity in our land. It has been one of the saddest parts of my fraternity experience to meet such men, and I have gone out of my way at times to prevent young brothers from coming in contact with such Alumni, because of the effect I knew it would have on their character as fraternity men. Even now, though I think I am able to estimate such men at their true worth, so as not to be much affected, I confess I can scarce meet one without a feeling of instinctive repugnance and a disinclination to trust him. This may seem like a strong statement, yet I believe that such a feeling is but just and natural; for it is founded on a conviction that a man who is unfaithful in one of the relations of life will be unfaithful in others. It is because I see in him the spirit of the man who, having gotten all the aid and advantage to be derived from a certain association, casts it aside as unworthy even the poor return of gratitude; of the man who, having climbed to the top, would fain kick down the ladder by which he ascended. A man who can forget or speak lightly of his fraternity connection is unworthy ever to have worn the shield of Phi Kappa Psi upon his breast. Either that, or else his fraternity experience was a very unfortunate one; and, though I know the standard of chapters differs, I can hardly believe that there is one which represents so little of the true spirit of Phi Psi as to warrant such a feeling on the part of an Alumnus.

But I turn to another class, more numerous than the first. Indeed, I should not wonder if it comprised the greater part of our Alumni. These are not the men who would willingly throw aside fraternity interests and obligations. Many of them have been among the most earnest fraternity men of their chapters while in college. But they have gradually dropped out—they can hardly tell how—till they feel cut off from the circle of fraternity interests and find it hard to regain their old position. With these, I only desire to leave this question: "Could not such a state of things have been avoided by a little reflection and effort at the right time?" I know that, as has been said in THE SHIELD recently, the first year or two out of college is a critical time. The man has new interests to engage his atten-

tion. The fraternity ceases to be *everything* to him, as in his college life. But is that a reason why it should cease to be *anything*? There are men of such narrow calibre that they can contain but one interest at a time; but do you wish to be classed among that number? You may not be in entire sympathy with the men in the chapter at a certain time; but does that release you from your obligations? It is not to the men who are in my chapter now that I feel I owe a duty. It is to the men who stood side by side with me during four years of college life; it is to what the fraternity has done for me in the past; it is to the future which I hope for my chapter; it is to the promise I made to aid, assist, and encourage this fraternity by every lawful and honorable means.

You naturally forget much of the internal machinery and workings of the order; but a man can retain the true spirit of Phi Psi and do good service in her behalf, even if he remember not a word of her constitution or ritual.

In passing, I would mention a few things it seems to me every Alumnus can do for the fraternity. He can subscribe for his fraternity journal and thus keep posted on the general progress of the order. He can make it a point to be present at the re-unions of his chapter, except when absolutely prevented. He can help to keep up the standard of membership in his chapter by seeing to it that desirable young men of his acquaintance, going to college, get into the fraternity.

And this brings me to my third class—I would it were larger—made up of the men who not only have the right spirit, but have shown it in the right way; men who believe that the associations which were good enough for them during four years of the best period—the important formative period—of their lives, are good enough still; who believe that the obligations they took to be loyal to the fraternity, were not an empty form of words, to be dissolved at their own convenience. Such men are the bulwark of our organization. I cannot yield this place even to the active membership. The work of an active member, however efficient, is limited to a period of four years; while that of an earnest, well-informed Alumnus, goes on increasing in value with each succeeding year. The zeal of the active member is liable to some suspicions of interest, since a man's personal comfort and social standing in college depend largely on the position of his fraternity; but the disinterested devotion of an Alumnus has a weight of moral influence. It tends to confirm in the younger members the belief that there is more in fraternity than "the mystic glitter of badges and midnight revels." I have no hesitation in saying that, if I am anything as a fraternity man, if I have a high ideal of the relations which an Alumnus should sustain to his fraternity, I owe it entirely to the influence of Alumni with whom I was brought in contact during my active experience; among others, a man whose name has been a synonym for fraternity zeal outside of college life; a man who, during twenty years that have elapsed since graduation, has never failed to take his place at the head of the banquet table of the chapter to which he has been a father; who, while occupying an honored place in the world's affairs and pressed with arduous

professional duties, has never been too busy to lend a ready ear and a helping hand to the wants and interests of the boys of his chapter. I hardly need, in a gathering of Phi Psis, to name the man to whom I refer—Hon. Martin C. Herman, of Pennsylvania Zeta. Am I not right in saying that such men *are* the bulwark of the fraternity? A word in closing to the active members present: With you rests the making of the future Alumni **of this** fraternity. And just in proportion as you make fraternity worth **something** to a man now, something which he will not care to forget, will Phi Kappa Psi **have** an Alumnj who will be a help to her and of whom she can be proud.

The brothers assembled turned to the last toaster, Bro. W. C. Wilson, with interest unsated by the long exercises, since as every one knew Wilson was ripe for "treason, stratagem and spoils," and by all odds was the funniest man in the Grand Arch Council, unless we include in that category his fellow Dromio, Bro. F. S. Monnette. In explaining why he couldn't respond to his toast, "The Greek World," he made a speech so witty that he emulates Dr. Holmes, when he said he "dared not be as funny as he could.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, FEB. 28, 1885.

*C. L. Van Cleve, Troy, Ohio:*

MY DEAR BROTHER:—That *toast* ought never to be published. I don't know what I said, except that it was very idiotic. I had in fact outlined a sort of speech in my head, but did not say a thing that I had beforehand intended to say—result, a rambling good-for-nothing harangue, that might pass muster at 1:30 a. m., but would only mutilate the fair pages of THE SHIELD. Now, Mr. Editor, just say, "Greek World," W. C. Wilson, who declined to enter the broad field of speculation opened up by this important subject. For which act of philanthropy his name will ever be inscribed on the red leaf tablet of the memory of all present.

Really Van Cleve I think this the best horn of the dilemma. With many regards,

Yours Fraternally,

W. C. WILSON.

I can conclude this account with no better valedictory than the following letter of one of the truest men that ever wore a shield:

WITTENBURG COLLEGE, SPRINGFIELD, O., Feb. 27, 1885.

*To the Φ K Ψ Fraternity:*

DEAR BROTHERS:—Permit me here to express my sincere thanks for the magnificent gift presented by the recent G. A. C. It has surprised me so completely that I'm not yet sure that I know its full meaning, but as you doubtless did the deed for some reason best known to yourselves, I'm constrained to submit to the inevitable; but, Boys—why did you — ?

Yours Fraternally,

EDGAR F. SMITH.

I wish for THE SHIELD, under the new management, every success that enthusiasm and hard labor will bring to it.

C. L. VAN CLEVE.

## G. A. C. Notes.

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Bro. Gotwald informs us that an abstract of the minutes of the G. A. C. will be published and mailed to the sub-chapters in a short time, so we will only attempt to give a general outline of the work done by the Council this year.

The most important question discussed was in regard to a change in our governmental system. Early in the session a committee was appointed for the purpose of revising the Constitution, but after laboring arduously two days without making any satisfactory progress, the G. A. C. decided to place the matter in the hands of a committee of five, with instructions to submit the question to the chapters, gather their ideas and then be prepared to present to the next G. A. C. a revised, and modernized system of government.

In order that the fraternity might act upon the matter at an early day it was decided to hold the next G. A. C. in May, 1886.

In the meantime provision was made for the strengthening of the G. C., authorizing that body to revoke the charter of any chapter which—after reasonable notice—refuses to meet its financial obligations.

By an almost unanimous vote, the Council decided to abolish the custom of initiating honorary members.

As a token of the appreciation of the work already done by them in this line, D. C. List, of Wheeling, W. Va., and C. F. M. Niles, were elected official historiographers of the fraternity.

Bro. List, who has had the fraternity history in charge, reported that the manuscript was nearly ready for the printer, and stated that he was willing to undertake the publication of the work.

The question of the publication of a song-book was postponed for the present. The friends of this scheme should advocate the matter during the interim, and we offer them free space in *THE SHIELD* for that purpose.

Believing that the interests of the members would best be subserved by having two jewelers, J. F. Newman, of New York City, and D. L. Auld, of Columbus, Ohio, were elected fraternity jewelers.

In order to further the work on the '86 Grand Catalogue the fraternity was divided into five districts, and the G. C. was instructed to appoint one member from each district to act as a

GRAND CATALOGUE COMMITTEE.

Acting under these instructions the G. C. informs us that the following appointments have been made:

W. A. Eckels, Pa. Z., Chambersburg, Pa.  
Clinton Gage, D. C. A., Washington, D. C.  
Geo. Smart, Ohio B., Columbus, Ohio.  
T. S. Wilson, Indiana F., Crawfordsville, Ind.  
W. E. McLennan, Ill. A., Evanston, Ill.

The publication of *THE SHIELD*, for the ensuing two years, was placed in the hands of Kansas Alpha, at Lawrence, Kansas.

The next meeting of the G. A. C. will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, on the first Wednesday in May, 1886, and Bro. Emison, of Indiana A, was elected orator, and Orville E. Watson, of Ohio Alpha, poet for that occasion.

The petition from the students of Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., was refused.

The G. C. was continued under the charge of Pennsylvania E.

One of the most beautiful acts done by the G. A. C. was the presentation of an elegant Phi Kappa Psi pin, set with diamonds, to Prof. Edgar F. Smith, of Wittenberg College, as a slight token of the high regard in which he is held by the fraternity, and as a recognition of his arduous and unceasing labors in behalf of *THE SHIELD*, during the early years of its history. This will explain the letter from him found at the close of the former article.

The following telegram and letter, which escaped the hands of Bro. Van Cleve, have just been forwarded to us. Any notice of the G. A. C. would be incomplete without them, so we insert them here in full:

POINT PLEASANT, W. VA., Feb. 18, 1885.

My heart is with you. May the spirit which has proven so true from the foundation strengthen the fraternity under your management, is the prayer of  
C. P. T. MOORE.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Feb. 17, 1885.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Your letter of the 12th inst., is received. I can only again thank you for the very kind invitation you extend to me to attend the approaching Grand Arch Council and banquet, and assure you, that if it be possible when the time arrives, I shall be with you. But I fear that it will be impossible for me to come. I am in the midst of the trial of a case that commenced one week ago yesterday, and from present indications it will continue for the next ten days to come. As long as I am so situated I cannot possibly leave here for a single day. Be assured, however, that you cannot possibly regret my inability to attend any more than I shall, for I have the most pleasant recollections of my membership in the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. While it has fallen to my lot to be so situated, since I left school, as to be unable to show in an active way the interest that

I have in the prosperity of the fraternity; yet I have never forgotten it or ceased to be interested, in the highest degree, in everything that pertains to its success and good name. I remember when I was initiated that I was particularly impressed with the injunction, "Never forget that you are a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity." I have never forgotten it, nor do I ever expect to.

I have frequently thought that the recollection of this injunction, in its spirit as well as according to its letter, is the accounting cause for much of the success that has attended the members of our fraternity. It has been an inspiration to them to have at all times a proper regard and appreciation for good character and for the accomplishment of that which would reflect credit upon their fraternity as well as do honor to themselves. If I were present with you I could not think of anything better to say to you than to repeat, as I now do, that injunction, and ask you to remember, at all times, *that you are members of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.*

Sincerely wishing you an enjoyable and successful occasion, I remain,

Very truly yours, etc.,

To George Smart, Esq., Columbus, Ohio.

J. B. FORAKER.



## The Re-organization of N. Y. Alpha.

315 WEST 21ST STREET NEW YORK CITY, }  
March 5, 1885. }

DEAR BRO. EDITORS:—I am aware that your next issue of our ever welcome Fraternity Organ will be more than crowded with exceedingly important matter, relative to our recent G. A. C., yet I trust you will pardon me for sending you this brief communication, the contents of which, I am sure, will be hailed with great joy by all our chapters.

*New York Alpha is alive again!* She was put through with a boom on the evening of February 13. But I must go back a little.

Last April I was appointed by the G. C. to investigate into the feasibility of re-organizing our New York Alpha Chapter at Cornell University, but strenuous duties rendered it impossible for me to take any definite action before last September, the first of which was the appointment of Bros. John M. McNair, Alumnus of New York Alpha, and Eugene Wiseman, of New York Beta, to act with me as a *Committee on Re-organization*.

The work of the committee was, from the first, of the most active and unremitting character. The amount of Phi Psi vim with which dear Bro. McNair poured his whole soul into the scheme is well worthy of mention and would, I am sure, serve as a powerful antidote against the indifference into which Alumni brothers have only too often fallen; while the peculiar tact with which Bro. Wiseman discharged his duty showed keen perception and good judgment on his part. The fraternity has in both of these brothers enthusiastic and model workers.

We were aware of the excellent material at Cornell for the re-establishment of Alpha, and we were not slow in appropriating it in a most practical manner.

On the 7th of February the old charter of New York Alpha was recalled by fifteen (15) under-graduate students at Cornell University, several of whom are personal friends of Alpha and Beta brothers. This favorable petition, strongly endorsed by several brothers, was kindly granted by the G. C., and the evening of February 13 was set for the re-organization and installation of the chapter. The G. C.'s ambassador reached Ithaca at seven o'clock of that eventful night, and was waited on to the Clinton House, where the petitioners had secured the use of a double set of parlors for the occasion. These spacious rooms soon began to fill, New York Beta had turned out in full force, and the petitioners soon presented themselves with three (3) additional "victims," whom they had succeeded in winning for  $\Phi K \Psi$  after the petition had been sent. Never was an ambassador more fortunate in having such an efficient force at

hand to act as "subs" in this important work. Bro. McNair, in discharging the duty of "P," seemed to be in his "element," while Bro. Wiseman, as "Master of Ceremonies," filled this position in a right masterly manner. Bros. Jones, Ellis, Eldridge, and Ball, all of New York Beta, took special part in the program.

The following gentlemen were then initiated into the mysteries of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, whom I now have the honor and pleasure of introducing to the fraternity:

Chauncey Howard Bickford, Russell Joseph Bliss, Fred Martin Chappell, Harry Falknau, Wilber Hazelton Smith, William Emery Gray, Elias Leavenworth Elliott, George Edwin Higgins, Cadwallader Edwin Linthicum, Archie Collamer Burnett, Willis Herbert Hampton, Henry Edward Heath, Fred Harvy Shepard, Wallace Carlton Squier, and George Rufus Weeks.

The amount of vigor, grit and perseverance with which each of the "Infants" tried his hand at the "wily goat," was great(?), making the scene at times highly amusing, as well as interesting. So the good work went on until the fifteenth degree had been reached, when the chapter was declared re-organized by the ambassador.

The usual set of officers and a regular correspondent to THE SHIELD were then elected by the initiates. This last office fell to the lot of Bro. Smith, who I am sure will soon favor you with a ringing epistle. Immediately after the installation, the chapter convened in special meeting, proceeded in regular form to the initiation of the three additional candidates, who, all this time, had been indulging in some of the wildest speculations as to what the dreaded ordeal which the "horrible fates" had decreed for them to pass through was like. This was putting theory into practice, and charming practice it was. Again it is my privilege and pleasure to introduce to the fraternity these three new brothers:

Stephen Ryder, Ernest George Merritt, and John Waring Taylor.

New business ended, speeches were in order. Bros. Bliss, G. P., McNair, Gray, B. G., Ellis, Blanchet and others were listened to with interest.

This meeting having closed in due form, about forty (40) Φ Κ Ψ's passed in a body out of the memorable suite of rooms in which eighteen young, loyal hearts had just been welded together into the bonds of our Grand Brotherhood, to partake of the *Spread*, which, for some time, had patiently awaited the completion of "the work of a night." The brothers indulged in singing I'hi Psi songs, which had been specially arranged and neatly printed by the new brothers for the occasion. Bro. Bickford, who is a fine pianist, also entertained us with some choice music.

The small hours of the morning had long gone to rest when we left *The Clinton* to "go up the Hill."

The past career of New York Alpha needs little comment from me. Its career, though brief, was, from the first, a most brilliant one. As a chapter it stood second to none at Cornell. It has on its roll to-day thirty-three (33) Alumni and eighteen (18) under-graduates. Hon. J. B. Foraker, one of the founders of the chapter, is a trustee of Cornell Uni-

versity, and his love and zeal for Phi Kappa Psi, I am told, is that of former days. In fact, all the Alumni of New York Alpha are determined, by their guidance, influence, words of encouragement and financial support in co operation with the under-graduate brothers, to restore the old prestige which our Alpha has in the past so gloriously earned for Phi Kappa Psi at Cornell.

The present outlook of the University is most encouraging, the number of students having doubled in less than three years.

The Alpha boys intend to move into their new chapter house early next term, where they will not only enjoy all the privileges and comforts of fraternity home-life, but also will be pleased to entertain Phi Kappa Psi who may favor them with a call.

On my return to the city I had the pleasure of Bro. Wiseman's company as far as Syracuse, the home of our New York Beta, where, during a couple hours of "lay-over," Bro. W. treated me to a *sleigh-ride* to the University, and showed me around the buildings, all of which was highly enjoyable and greatly appreciated.

In closing let me say, that  $\Phi K \Psi$  has taken a very important step in reviving New York Alpha. The fraternity has now three chapters, Alpha, Beta, and Delta, within fifty miles of each other in the Empire State. Beta is in first-class condition, so is Alpha, while Delta, which, on account of the small number of students at Hobart, has been obliged to run with a comparatively small number of men, is now picking up apace with the increasing prosperity of the college under the able and efficient administration of its new President, Rev. Dr. Potter.

All this is *glorious work*; for a *grand cause*; for a *noble fraternity*.

New York Alpha sends greeting and best wishes to all the sister chapters.

Faithfully yours in Phi Kappa Psi,

JOHN B. BLANCHET,  
Ambassador.

## Editorial.

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DURING the ensuing year the editors of THE SHIELD will endeavor to so conduct the magazine that it will continue to hold the loyal support of all Phi Psis and the respect of other fraternity men. With regard to the fraternity, its journal will be sincere in praise, honest in criticism, careful in advice, and fearless in defense. Gentlemen of Phi Kappa Psi, we will meet you at the next Grand Arch Council with THE SHIELD or on the shield.

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OUR Fraternity is under great obligations to Brothers Smith, Van Cleve and those who have assisted them to found and sustain a representative Phi Psi magazine. In many respects their work has been as valuable as was that of Letterman, Moore, and Campbell. Earnest, enthusiastic, and unselfish, they have striven to advance the interests of our honored order without thought of reward, and the great heart of  $\Phi$   $\K$   $\Psi$  will ever hold in kindly remembrance these most loyal sons. In the name of the fraternity we congratulate them on their success and mourn that their mantle has fallen on such unworthy shoulders. For THE SHIELD we extend to our predecessors a hearty invitation to visit its columns early and often. In no slight degree we look to them for advice and assistance, nor should we have ventured to undertake the editorial duties did we not feel confident that the same unselfish spirit which has characterized their past labors will actuate them in future. Phi Kappa Psi is not yet ready to say to them, cease from your labors for your works do follow you.

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THE fraternity is to be congratulated that our predecessor was honest enough and brave enough to say some things that were long waiting to be told—unpleasant though they were. We sincerely pray that however prosperous our order may be,  $\Phi$   $\K$   $\Psi$  will never face high Olympus with complacent smirk and Pecksniffian drawl to thank the gods that we are not as other Greeks. Nor do we believe that the seed fell by the wayside in stony places, though the sower some times lamented that his criticisms and suggestions met with stony silence. "Doth not the fig tree put forth its fruit in season?" Perhaps among its many good things and wise things, THE SHIELD has said nothing truer or wiser than this, from the editorial column for last December: "We are firm in the belief that the active membership is primarily responsible for any loss of interest on the part of the Alumni." We wish that sentence could be printed in burning letters on the walls of every chapter, to continually remind the brothers that they should bind their elder brothers to them by bands of steel.

FROM the prairies, Kansas Alpha sends greeting to her sister chapters. She fully appreciates the honor the Fraternity has conferred on her and the responsibilities she has assumed. This action by the G. A. C. was a generous evidence of confidence in the loyalty and enthusiasm of the Western chapters, which they will not be slow to prove has been well placed. The publishing chapter will spare no effort, hesitate at no sacrifice that will contribute to the success of THE SHIELD. We shall, of course, expect the hearty co-operation of the other chapters, without which our endeavors would vanish like breath into the frosty morning air. We shall hope to see short, spicy, *good-natured* chapter letters always on time. We trust that each chapter will forward us, every month, a list of initiations, and should be much pleased if THE SHIELD be able to publish a full page, at least of Alumni personals in each issue. Above all, it is to be hoped that the officers of the chapters will see that the brightest and keenest pens among their under-graduates and Alumni are at the service of THE SHIELD. Poems, sketches, stories, treating of fraternity life, are most earnestly desired. Letters with regard to fraternity matters will always be most welcome. If you lack suggestions, send subscriptions. If you are out of advice, send money and—though grieved and disappointed—we will endeavor to wriggle along with a full exchequer in lieu of a crowded waste-basket. So, brothers, we salute you, hoping by your kindly aid and generous confidence to be able to keep our shield brightly burnished for battle while the Grand Chapter guards so well the flame on the altar of Phi Kappa Psi.

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WE desire to be able to issue THE SHIELD on the first of each month, and as we do not like to be embarrassed in the start, with a delayed number, we make this the first of Vol. VI. We pledge ourselves to have it out "on time," and wish the brothers would aid us by forwarding all correspondence so that it will reach us by the fifteenth of each month. And we make the old request, so often made by newspaper men; please write on one side of the paper and make your letters brief and to the point.

## Chapter Letters.

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MICHIGAN ALPHA.—The ides of February have passed; the G. A. C. is over with, and fraternity life has commenced to flow along in the customary channels.

Our chapter wishes to express its entire satisfaction with the results that were attained at the late G. A. C., and to congratulate the fraternity on the generally conservative and sensible stand that was taken on the question of fraternity government. We believe in reform, certainly, but maintain that it should be a slow and rational growth rather than any sweeping change.

Our delegates also wish to extend their sincere thanks to Ohio Delta for the hospitality that they have received at her hands, and to express their belief that the complete success of the G. A. C. must, in great part, be attributed to the earnest efforts of that chapter.

With regard to ourselves, we are in the midst of the most disagreeable season of the year. Winter is just beginning to gather up her be-draggled skirts previous to taking a precipitous departure, and except for the momentary fervor of patriotism that the G. A. C. has produced, we have little new or interesting to chronicle.

Our engineers are still grinding at the mathematical mill, our "cow-boy" still struts in cavalry boots, our "troubadour" still thrums his guitar and "Swish" still bones.

We have, however, made some important changes in the internal workings of the chapter.

For a long time we had felt the need of something that would aid us in keeping up the interest of our Alumni in the chapter, and of the chapter in the Alumni. Various plans were suggested, but all proved ineffectual until the following plan was hit upon: A copying press was purchased, and now in connection with his other duties, it is the duty of the correspondent of *THE SHIELD* to send out a monthly letter to every Alumnus of the chapter, giving him points of interest concerning the chapter and concerning his brother Alumni.

All of our Alumni have expressed themselves as highly pleased with the scheme, and thus far it has proved itself quite successful.

By this means our Alumni have not only been awakened to a lively interest in the chapter but have been united to it by a tie that almost amounts to active membership. We are thus, as it were, the center of an active and united organization that stretches out its arms in every direction, drawing its inspiration from the central, fountain head, the chapter. We are not only kept advised of the movements of each of our Alumni,

but we are, also, in this way, constantly gathering together valuable historical information.

We receive long and interesting letters from our Alumni M. D.'s and L. L. B.'s, whose professional labors have not yet assumed such magnificent proportions as to preclude those quiet moments of reflection and retrospection, when the mind turns back with a keen delight to the memory of the joys and cares of college life.

Altogether we believe it to be quite a success and well worth the trouble and expense.

Fraternally,

March 3, 1885.

ROBERT E. PARK.

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PENNSYLVANIA ETA.—The return trip of the Eastern delegates was rendered memorable by the many thrilling incidents that occurred on the way, and by the "stop-off" over night at Newark, Ohio. Particulars relative to this latter statement can be obtained by addressing Bro. Smith, of D. C. Alpha.

Eta is much pleased with the work of the G. A. C., and especially commends the action taken in regard to the payment of dues and honorary membership. While she greatly felt the need of immediate legislation on the question of government, yet she humbly bows to the will of the G. A. C. and awaits the report of the committee on the revision of the constitution with the anticipation that the fruits of its labors will clearly prove the wisdom of the G. A. C. in deferring action on this important question.

The success, in every respect, of the banquet of the Pennsylvania Chapter, held about a year ago in the city of Harrisburg, was apparent to all present, and in view of the fact that it was the universal wish of the banqueters to have an annual repetition of the same, Eta has written the several chapters, asking their earnest co-operation in bringing this to pass. Although no definite time has, as yet, been decided upon, yet it has been suggested that it be held this year about the middle of April. We trust that every Phi Psi, active and Alumnus, within the borders of Pennsylvania will interest himself in this matter, and make it a point to be present. The success of last year's banquet was so great and obvious that the advisability of repeating is unquestionable.

Brothers Nev. Bauman, Apple and Little visited Washington during the fourth of March season, and were entertained by the D. C. Alpha brothers in a manner which, as one of them expressed it, "baffles description." Judging from their glowing account of the trip, D. C. Alpha deserves a great deal of credit for the hospitable manner in which she entertained visiting Phi Psis; and I feel sure that no one more fully appreciates their kindness and generosity than do the boys of Pennsylvania Eta.

We feel happy to announce the marriage of Bro. G. C. Stahl, '83, to a charming and accomplished young lady of Milton, Pa. The happy couple spent a few days of their honeymoon in Lancaster. Whence they took a trip through the East, visiting Philadelphia, New York, Boston and other

large cities. Bro. Stahl has recently assumed the editorial duties of *The Milton Economist*, the best and largest weekly published in Northumberland county.

Eta was represented in the G. A. C. by Bros. Harvey Musser, Fred. W. Biesecker and the writer.

To conclude, I desire to wish the present management of *THE SHIELD* a prosperous career.

D. F. MAUGER.

OHIO ALPHA.—“If 'twere done when 'tis done, then 'twere well 'twere done quickly,” for, no doubt, Kansas Alpha will enter the field of fraternity journalism, determined to conquer the former fate of *THE SHIELD* and make it appear on time.

Thirteen of our members attended the Grand Arch Council, which shows a high degree of enthusiasm. But we find this enthusiasm carried to even a higher range by our attendance to the National Council and an interest in our chapter broadened into an interest in the whole fraternity. Nothing can equal such a gathering for giving rise to a renewal of energy and a quickened zeal.

It is the sentiment of this chapter that the G. A. C. should be held once each year, were it convened only for this purpose.

Fraternity life at the O. W. U. is at present undisturbed in its peaceful quietness. Ohio Alpha, enrolls nineteen, a number almost unprecedented in her history, being the largest of the chapters of the six fraternities represented here.

There are at present seventy-seven fraternity men in college.

Last Saturday night, February 28, there gathered in the “Crescent Dining Rooms” seventy-three Greeks, among which number was here and there noted an Alumnus, for the purpose of holding the Second Annual Pan-Hellenic Banquet. A description of the first was given in the February number of last year’s *SHIELD*, but this repeated would do but inadequate justice to the affair of this year.

We believe in Pan-Hellenism here. We believe it tends effectually to dispel the narrow prejudice which too frequently exists against other fraternities, and that it creates a broader and more enlightened spirit. Selfishness and bigotry are often the controlling factors in a chapter. Let there be a brief, though free, intercourse with the brethren under other banners and these ruinous vices are undermined and forced to a hurried retreat.

A full report of the affair—the *menu*, literary program, songs sung, the enjoyment and benefit derived from it—would fill a page and hence must be passed over. Suffice to say, Brother Klock, recently from New York Beta, toasted the “Pan-Hellenic spirit,” and could some of our brothers, dissenting from the idea, have heard him, their minds must inevitably have been turned in the right direction.

Though our chapter favored a different course in the publication of *THE SHIELD*, believing in the plan of having a paid editor, yet we expect from

**Kansas Alpha**, exercising her great enthusiasm, a much improved and vigorous journal. Most sincerely do we hope soon to see our child among fraternity publications grow into a rival of the best.

E. M. VAN CLEVE.

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**WISCONSIN GAMMA.**—Wisconsin Gamma is far from a lifeless chapter at any time; but even a strong and vigorous growth can bear an awakening. Such a stimulus is the biennial convention, and certainly that were an unworthy Phi Psi who could not feel his pride in the fraternity swell upon hearing the glowing descriptions of Phi Psidom assembled at Columbus, as uttered by our delegate, Bro. Lansing.

We regret exceedingly that no scheme for the more progressive government of our fraternity was fixed upon, for certainly it does appear that we are falling behind our rivals in this respect. Yet we have great faith in the good sense of the Grand Arch Council, and undoubtedly it was better to wait until a satisfactory plan should be devised, than to rush inconsiderately upon a new and hastily formed system of government. A distribution of labor is what we need most of all; and, as a result of this, a feeling of responsibility for the successful management of the fraternity should rest upon every chapter, and every member of the chapter. We shall await with much expectation the report of the committee upon this subject at the next meeting of the Grand Arch Council, and in view of the opportunities offered of copying good points from the governments of the fraternities (for in this there should be no hesitation or false pride in borrowing good from every quarter), there is much reason to hope that Phi Kappa Psi will soon have a method of government suited to the present demands of such organizations, and worthy of her position in the Hellenic world.

It was with feelings of surprise and considerable disappointment that we learned of the ignominious defeat of a motion to prohibit the initiation of preparatory students and of the unwillingness of many chapters to hear of any limitations being placed upon the right of initiation. Theoretically, I suppose one who is still preparing for college, may be just as good a man, or will develop into as good a man as a Freshman. Yes! more than that. It may fairly be assumed that he is a better man, for the presumption is that a junior Prep. has neither learned to pony, smoke cigarettes nor call on the girls. But in spite of these virtues, we know it to be a fact that of all those who start upon a course of study, only about forty per cent. ever enter college. Surely it will be admitted by all that it is undesirable to have a great number of those who have never entered college, enrolled as Phi Psis. Yet this must be the inevitable result when the initiation of preparatory students is as common with some chapters, as the last annual report indicates.

Glancing down the list of the classes, the eye is continually met by the figures '89. Well, that is not so bad, and we would not find fault with any chapter for taking '89 men, if a mere pledge were not binding enough to hold them for a year. Passing on we will observe more rarely, yet alto-

gether too frequently, the figures '90, hazy with the mist of futurity. Counting backward on our fingers we discover that that indicates a middle or second year Prep. Now certainly we have nothing against second year preparatory students; we were all second year Preps once. But no one, however much he be an admirer of himself and his past record, would wish Phi Kappa Psi to be represented by men of the degree of development which he had attained when a second year Prep. But the end is not yet; lo and behold '91 appears! Shades of Thermopylae! Greeks of the olden time! Has it come to this? Why does not the Grand Arch Council grant charters to grammar-schools and academies? Apparently the only limit to initiating lower class students is because the end of the rope has now been reached. Yes, we have come to junior Preps. If the chapter were feeble there might be some excuse. No, there would not be even then. When a chapter has arrived at that mile-stone, where junior Preps must be initiated to keep it alive, it is certainly time to withdraw the charter. Well, now we are prepared for anything. Lo! what next? And at the word Michigan Alpha steps forward and presents us a gentleman whom the infallible annual declares to be a member of '01. That is to say, my brethren, 1901. But that is not surprising, and we are told on good authority that, owing to the sharpness of rivalry at that University, Michigan Alpha is obliged to initiate men at a *remarkably early age*. But some one suggests that this is a misprint. Thanks, my friend, for the suggestion, and would that all the '91s, '90s and '89s of the annual report were misprints. But I have harped long enough on this strain and will cease with saying that when Wisconsin Gamma pledges a preparatory student, we take him to our hall, associate with him as intimately as may be desirable, and, by giving him our plain reasons for not initiating Preps, raise his estimation of the discernment and tone of our fraternity.

As to the material prosperity of Gamma, we have a very satisfactory report to make. A fine piano has adorned our hall for some time, and at the first meeting in January we made an acquisition to adorn the piano, Mr. Helmer E. Bunstum, of Chicago, musician, scholar and gentleman. This gentleman was secured after a very exciting campaign, in which the clouds of doubt obscured his ultimate goal for many weeks. But the sturdy goat of Phi Psi at length floored him, and the memories of the struggle added flavor to the victory. He is our latest addition.

Our relation to the three fraternities at Beloit,  $\Sigma X$  and  $B \Theta \Pi$ , are exceedingly pleasant, and never were more free from that jealous, narrow-minded rivalry which is the curse of fraternity life at many schools.  $\Sigma X$  is in the same place that the opening of the year found her, and at the end of the year will be reduced to five men, unless additions be made in the meantime. She has been, and probably will continue to be, our chief rival; for, though few in number, her men are deservedly popular, and we recognize in them worthy opponents and good friends.

It is rumored that  $\Delta \Upsilon$  or  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is meditating an attack upon our school, but there is very little reason to believe it. For Beloit, although an old school and of good reputation, does not gather enough students to feed

four fraternities well. Three are about the right number for a college of this size, and another fraternity would cause Greek life to deteriorate.

With best wishes for the success of THE SHIELD under the new management, I am  
Very fraternally yours,

March 8, 1885.

GEORGE L. HENDRICKSON.

OHIO BETA.—Ohio Beta once more sends greeting to her sister chapters.

Last year we lost four men by graduation, Bros. Baker, Linn, Hull and Kiser. Bro. Baker is with us again, however, having returned to study theology. Bro. Linn is at home studying chemistry. Bro. Hull is at Hartwich Seminary studying theology. Bro. Kiser is married. We began this year with eleven men.

On September 27th, we initiated Bro. J. H. Lyday, of Newton, Iowa. On November 1st, a night long to be remembered by us all, we initiated Bros. M. R. Dial and E. R. March, both of Springfield. Our G. P., Bro. Chorpening and H., Bro. Ellsworth saw fit to give us all quite a surprise that night in the form of a bogus initiation. Dial had 'rid the goat' and we were waiting for March to be brought in, when the G. P., calling Bro. Manss, who had been let into the secret, to the chair, left the room. Suddenly we were startled by a terrible bang upon the door from without. All eyes were directed to the door when, to our indignation, the H. leaped into the air and gave the door a terrible bang from within. We were just beginning to consider the advisability of wiping up the floor with said H. for raising such a disturbance, when he knocked all the wind out of us by striking a tragic attitude, and with an unearthly yell, waving in air a huge femur, the end of which was decorated with a couple of yards of pink and lavender ribbon. Then ensued a dialogue we shall not attempt to describe. With mouths open and surprise depicted on every countenance, we beheld Bro. March danced in 'right quick' and, with hand upon the skull and cross-bones, made to take terrible oaths and to swear eternal allegiance to the Lavender and Pink. It was the first *bogus* initiation we ever witnessed and we all declared that we shall never see a better one.

About the first of November we were startled by the news that 'little Billy Phelps' had been bid and had consented to join the ΦΓ's. "To the rescue!" was the cry. No sooner said than done. November 8th, he was initiated. We are beginning to consider ourselves experts in this kind of work. We boast of the fact, that of our fifteen men, ten have been bid by other frats. and that five of these had been pledged by the other frats. before we bid them. Of the two dozen men in the other frats. but one of these ever received a bid from us.

During the holidays the boys who were in the city enjoyed the rare treat of once more grasping the hands of Bro. A. J. Turble, now of Yale, and Bro. D. H. Arthur, now of the New York Medical College. It's the same "jolly old Turb" of former days; but Dan—well,—he's a *medical student* of New York City, otherwise we knew him. The only thing we

regret is that they could not stay longer and meet all the boys. We are also sorry that we did not get to see Bro. Van Cleve, of Ohio A, when he was in the city not long since. Remember brothers all, when you come to Springfield, to call and see Ohio B. Our hall is opposite the Arcade, and, if you do but look, you cannot fail to see the letters on the windows.

Yours in the bonds,

JAS. MINNICK.

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**VIRGINIA BETA.**—We hope that our long silence will not be construed as a lack of interest in *THE SHIELD*, or in the fraternity at large. On the contrary one might journey through the length and breadth of Phi Psi-*dom*, and hardly could be found more loyal Phi Psis.

As this is our first letter to *THE SHIELD*, this session, we deem it proper to give a short account of old Virginia Beta's misfortunes, and also of her triumphs.

Last year our little band of four, which had remained a solid phalanx for so long, was broken by the departure of Bros. Preston, Houston and Irwin from the University, thus leaving the future of a chapter, which has reared and nurtured 121 sturdy Phi Psis, hanging, as it were, by a thread. But soon our ranks were increased by the addition of two men, the peers of any in the University. And now let me introduce to the fraternity, Bros. P. Randolph, New Orleans, Louisiana, and H. D. Irwin, Lexington, Virginia.

Bro. Preston is now practicing law in Richmond, Virginia, and is considered one of the rising young lawyers of that city. Bro. Houston is engaged in the grain business in Cincinnati, Ohio. Bro. Irwin is conducting a flourishing school and am glad to say will be with us next year.

We have a nice, cozy hall and for some time past have been meeting every Saturday night, and in scarcely any other way can an hour or two be spent more pleasantly, than when, having thrown aside all thoughts of books, we mingle in true Phi Kappa Psi congeniality.

We have several old men in Lexington who seem to delight in giving us the grip, and take almost as much interest in our welfare as if they were active members.

Brother Coe, Virginia Gamma, who has just left college, has come to the neighborhood, and we find him an exceedingly genial and pleasant brother. Also we have our share of lady members, which adds to our enjoyment in no small degree.

J. W. WARWICK BIAS.

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**NEW YORK ALPHA.**—I take pleasure in announcing to *THE SHIELD* and to the fraternity at large, the awakening after a long sleep of the New York Alpha chapter of Phi Kappa Psi.

This chapter was first established at Cornell in 1869, soon after the University opened, and was at that time one of the most active chapters here. It was the fourth in order of establishment, the fraternities already having chapters here, being the Zeta Psi, the Kappa Alpha and the Alpha

Delta Phi. In 1875 the chapter ceased to exist, and for the past nine years Phi Kappa Psi has not been represented at Cornell.

At the beginning of the present college year, measures were taken by some of the Alumni members of the chapter for its re-organization, and on the evening of the 13th inst., it was again formally brought to life. The New York Beta and Delta chapters assisted in the opening ceremonies.

The society starts off strong with the large membership of eighteen.

At the meeting for the election of officers, which was held soon after the chapter was organized, Bro. W. E. Gray was elected B. G.

Although this makes the ninth fraternity at the University, we feel confident that we shall soon be able to stand on an equal footing with any of them. We shall, of course, labor under some disadvantages, for many of the other societies have fine chapter houses and are strongly represented in the Faculty. Especially is this latter advantage possessed by the Psi Upsilon and the Alpha Delta Phi.

It is the intention of the chapter to secure rooms as soon as possible, and try to get settled next term. We have several houses under consideration, though nothing definite has been determined as yet. We shall endeavor to keep our sister chapters and Alumni brothers well informed through the columns of *THE SHIELD* concerning our progress; and we hope soon to be situated so as to welcome back to Cornell, in true brotherly style, the former members of New York Alpha as well as other brothers of Phi Kappa Psi.

Ithica, N. Y., Feb. 22, 1885.

W. H. SMITH.

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**SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA.**—After returning to college when the X-mas holidays were over, we addressed a short communication to *THE SHIELD*, which was misdirected, and probably never reached you.

Our chapter has been moving smoothly along, although it sustained, a few days ago, a heavy blow in the loss of one of its truest and most prominent members.

On account of sickness Bro. Butler has left college and will very probably not return. Although this is a severe shock for South Carolina Alpha to receive, while still so young, yet by the earnest co-operation of its present members, we hope to be able not only to keep its banners from trailing in the dust, but to place them in a conspicuous position among the other fraternities of the South Carolina College.

We have initiated no new members this year, but have some that we will whenever it is deemed best.

We have just experienced the intermediate examination. Our boys all took respectable stands in their respective classes.

Bro. Gotwald's visit was very much enjoyed by us all, and we hope it will not be a great length of time before we shall again have the pleasure of gazing upon his pleasant face. Should any Bro. ever, in any of his wanderings, pass through Columbia, if he will only make himself known as a Phi Psi, we promise him a hearty welcome.

With best wishes for all the brothers, and a special love for *THE SHIELD*, we remain,

Yours fraternally,

GEO. T. SIMS.

NEW YORK BETA.—It has been some time since a letter from New York Beta has appeared in THE SHIELD; and from no other reason than the neglect of the correspondents, for our chapter is even unusually active. It is now nearly a year since our chapter was established, and the time has been one of rapid progress for New York Beta as compared with its rivals.

At the beginning of the year  $\lambda \psi$  was removed from the board of editors of the *Syracusan* and  $\phi \kappa \psi$  took her place. Recently another change took place on the board and  $\psi \tau$  this time is the unfortunate one left out. The paper will hereafter be published by  $\Delta \kappa \epsilon$  and  $\phi \kappa \psi$  alone. Our boys have an equal representation with each of the other fraternities, in publishing the college annual, which is soon to appear, and in all works of interest about the college have been represented.

We have succeeded in capturing another good Freshman, Wesley L. Pratt, whom we can introduce to the fraternity, not only as a good Brother, but one who is acknowledged to be the best student in his class.

The 13th of this month, nine of our fellows visited Cornell and were present at the re-organization of New York Alpha. All report a splendid time, and hope that it is but the beginning of a long and pleasant acquaintance between the chapters.

Alpha seems from her strength, devotedness, and prospects to be well entitled to the position of Mother Chapter in this state, and may her children never again be orphans. We are also glad that the difficulties with Delta, our nearest Sister, have been entirely removed and that she is again among the vigorous, active chapters.

Despite all our good fortune and encouragements, we are still subject to small afflictions. Bro. Lackett, '87, has dropped out of college for the rest of this year, and Bro. Klock, '88, has gone to Ohio Wesleyan to complete his course in Ohio Alpha.

Our delegate's return from the G. A. C. and his report has been the leading topic of interest of late. The action of the convention was highly pleasing as far as it went, but much was left undone that should have been attended to at once. Pennsylvania Epsilon has been justly retained as G. C.; for she has worked hard and faithfully, and, by her promptness and ability, has increased the dignity of and respect for the G. C. among the chapters.

E. G. ELDREDGE.

KANSAS ALPHA.—Since we were last heard from in THE SHIELD one brother has been added to our list, Henri Nichel, a jolly Teuton not long from the "Faderland." He was sought by  $\Sigma \chi$ , but preferred to unite himself with Phi Kappa Psi.

On the 18th inst., we had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Burdette. He lectured under the auspices of the chapter on that date, and at the conclusion he met the brothers assembled in  $\phi \kappa$  hall, where a few minutes were spent in getting acquainted before adjourning to Pershall's, where a banquet had been spread. All barriers of reserve were very quickly dispelled under the exhilarating influence of Brother Burdette's humor, and

every one present seemed bent on having a good time. Brothers Burdette, Thacher and Little made short speeches, and assisted by Brother Crane, succeeded in amusing the assembled brothers, while at supper, as they never had been before. At 12 m. the company returned to the hall, and from that time until "Brother Bob" left at 4 a. m., there was not a straight face among the number. We heartily agree with the correspondent of Pennsylvania  $\Theta$  in January SHIELD, when he says: "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, if they do not meet him." "Brother Bob," when tendered the receipts from his lecture, would accept but half, making a present of the other half to the chapter, for which he has the most hearty thanks of said chapter.

Another event in the annals of Kansas Alpha that is worthy of special mention, was the arrival on the 11th inst. of an assistant editress of the Lawrence *Journal*. Brother W. M. Thacher has added to his many other achievements that of paternity. The Miss in question, we believe, is claimed by the mother as a K A  $\Theta$ , but in time, no doubt, will be borne off by some valiant  $\Phi$  K knight, as was her mother before her.

Kansas Alpha considers herself highly honored by the confidence manifested in her by the G. A. C. in entrusting the management of THE SHIELD for the next two years to her care, and desires to assure the fraternity that ever possible exertion will be made to prove worthy of the trust.

March 23, 1885.

F. D. H.

ILLINOIS BETA.—Fraternity matters are prosperous here.  $\Delta$  K E and  $\Psi$   $\Upsilon$  are stronger now than they have been for several years past, but Z  $\Psi$  still languishes. We are glad, however, to be able to say that Phi Kappa Psi still heads the list. Bro. D. J. Luigle, of the Senior Class, presided at Washington Supper, which was *the* event of the year here. On Monday night, February 2, we initiated Mr. W. L. Whipple, '88, of Cheyenne, Wy. He having been ill, we could not give him as warm a reception as we might have wished; but he got enough to make him a thorough and worthy Phi Psi. We extend our best wishes to THE SHIELD and to all our other fraternity interests.

T. R. WEDDELL.

## Personals.

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### ILLINOIS BETA.

Robins S. Mott, '81, is now with the law firm of Barnum, McCaffery & Ames.

Ora P. Seward, '81, after his European trip is looking for a location in the West, where he will practice law.

F. L. Anderson, '82, assistant professor in Latin in the University, was married to Miss Gertrude B. Fuller on Christmas eve. A large number of the Beta boys were present to congratulate our brother on his happy start in married life.

E. T. Stone, '82, is now First Traveling Auditor of the North-Western Pool, with headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

### MINNESOTA ALPHA.

W. D. Abbott, '83, is practicing law at Owatonna, Minn., with County Attorney W. F. Sawyer.

E. K. Cheadle, '83, is Superintendent of Public Schools, Cannon Falls, Minnesota.

J. W. Morris, ex-'84, is a member of the present graduating class at Amherst.

A. R. Nichols, who left us last year, is now a member of the class of '85 of the Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass.

J. E. Ware, ex-'85, and founder of chapter, is cashier of the Clark County Bank and Secretary of the Dakota Loan Association, Clark, Dakota.

S. O. Arnold, D. D. S., ex-'86, is practicing dentistry at Red Wing, Minn.

W. A. Hunt, M. D., '78, and '82 of the Medical Department of the University of Michigan, is enjoying a lucrative practice here in Northfield.

Dwight E. Woodbridge, ex-'84, is Associate Editor of the Duluth *Daily News*, Duluth, Minn.

E. G. Adams, ex-'86, is a member of the Junior Class at Amherst.

W. A. Lelleck, '82, is practicing law with Senator Hickman of the class of '60, Pennsylvania Beta, at Owatonna, Minn.

G. Bliss, '84, is principal of the schools at Mantorvel, Minn.

Fred Jackson, '83, is pursuing a course of commercial law at the Curtiss Business College, St. Paul, Minn.

F. G. Barrows, '83, is a real estate and insurance agent at Fergus Falls, Minn.

Bro. Bill, '82, is an attorney at Redwood Falls, Minn.

Bro. Swartwood, formerly of '86, is now a member of class '86 of the Medical Department of the University of Michigan.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

W. J. Bowen, class '85, paid us a visit recently. He is now practicing law at Chulahoma, Miss.

L. J. Farley, second honor man, class '84, is teaching school at Plum Point, Miss.

W. D. Waugh is still in the mercantile business in Goodman, Miss. He has recently made up a suit for life of a *Sample*, beautiful and stylish, and is the picture of health, happiness and contentment.

M. J. Manning is practicing law at Clarendon, Ark. He has been quite sick, but we are glad to learn he is rapidly improving.

Jno. F. Park is now a hardy Texan, and writes he is doing well "teaching young ideas how to shoot." He is still a loyal and zealous worker for Phi Kappa Psi, and it is to be regretted we have few like him. Success to you always, old fellow!

TO THE ALUMNI:

We send this, the first number of Volume VI., to many of our Alumni brothers, and hope you will be glad to hear from us. We certainly shall be glad to hear from you, editorially and fraternally, and should be pleased to add your name to our subscription list. We hope, with the co-operation of under-graduates and Alumni, to publish a magazine which shall realize the fondest anticipations of our esteemed predecessors. To do this we must have that prompt and generous financial support which your regard for Phi Kappa Psi will suggest.

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## Fraternity Journalism.

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A few words—at Mr. Editor's invitation—upon the subject of Fraternity Journalism. And first: all honor to those who, in the past, have labored, and labored so earnestly, upon THE SHIELD. To Ohio Beta chapter in particular, the hearty thanks of Phi Kappa Psi will ever most deservedly be accorded for its now-past work in a toilsome vineyard. Remembering the disadvantages attendant upon the publication lately of THE SHIELD, all say in concert to Ohio Beta, "Well done."

But what of the *present*? The last issue of THE SHIELD, the first issue from the hands of a new management, is before us. And what a change! What a pleasing change! The receipt of our journal in its new dress was to us—as it must have been to every true Phi Psi—a source of much elation. If the April number points the way to the near-future of our journalism, we surely must conclude that the late Grand Arch Council acted wisely when it designated Kansas Alpha to be guardian of THE SHIELD.

The remark that within the past year or two fraternity journalism has been taking long and rapid strides forward, is becoming somewhat trite. But it is true. And it is likewise true that our own dear SHIELD—vast as indeed has been the recent improvement—is not yet quite to the front. Of course we cannot reach that goal in a moment, nor at a bound; but we can make rapid progress thither—we *are* making rapid progress. Perchance a consideration or two of "ways and means" will, in some slight measure, hasten the day of our advancement.

The best contemporaries of THE SHIELD are neither optimistic nor pessimistic—they hold a happy mean; while, *as between* its optimistic and its pessimistic rivals, the former are the more successful and take the lead. An examination demonstrates this to be a *fact*—and its explanation would not seem difficult. A bright, cheerful, hopeful paper—like an animated, lightsome, good-natured man—is a more congenial companion, a more welcome visitor than is one in character, austere and hyper-critical. And being the better visitor, it in turn will be the more frequently and with the greater pleasure visited. "Gold buys gold," is an old proverb, and a true one too. Just so an *enlivening* paper, one that notes and makes noticeable

to its own fraternity men the *bright* side of its fraternity quite as assiduously as it does the dark side, will most likely draw to itself hearty and substantial support and encouragement. The success of a fraternity journal must ultimately depend in considerable measure upon the cordial co-operation of those for whom it is published; and the co-operation accorded is likely to vary somewhat in proportion as the journal makes itself dear to its fraternity men. It will not make itself very dear if it devote its time too much to pointing out and emphasizing the weaknesses of its readers, too little to noting and approving what is good in them and in their uniting brotherhood. It would seem to be a condition to success that our national pride and confidence in the fraternity should be advanced rather than retarded by the journal. Let us, Brothers in Phi Psi, remember this, and when writing for THE SHIELD, in whichever of its departments, let us put the principle into practice.

We cannot but heartily endorse the paragraph which appeared some time since in the Kappa Kappa Gamma *Golden Key*: "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 cannot 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 concur with Bro. Van Cleve in saying of these words, that they are "not without good sense."

Now we are of opinion that Phi Kappa Psi is, after all, a pretty good fraternity. Surely we would not exchange places with any rival—as probably no rival would with us. To be sure we haven't got at present the form of government which might be desired, and there are things here and there which we would were otherwise than as they are; but still there is really nothing "rotten in Denmark" just yet, and—Phi Kappa Psi *is* a pretty good fraternity after all.

But it does not follow from what has gone before, that an absence of adverse criticism of the journal itself is desirable. Not at all. An element of success would seem to be in a conservative but honest criticism—through the medium of private communications to Brother Editor—of the paper and its management. The paper is the *fraternity's property*. Quietly to point out what, in his own cool judgment, are its defects and their possible remedies, wherein are the means of its improvement, is the privilege of every brother. But it is far more than his privilege, it is his duty also. Frequently we ask ourselves, or ought to ask ourselves, do we do our duty by the fraternity journal? Now if we support that journal with an annual subscription—*paid*—and an occasional chapter letter, and on these grounds alone answer affirmatively we often answer wrongly. We do *not* do our *whole* duty if we withhold a seemingly proper and, perchance, beneficial criticism from him to whom it should be directed. Honest expressions of opinion in this direction are apt to be suppressed through a fear that we may appear presumptuous in the eyes of Mr. Editor. Let us, of course,

avoid presumption; but if we think we see avenues through which advance may be made, let us privately point them out. Surely the brother who does this candidly and without carping, will not fail to receive the sincere thanks of the conscientious editor. Such editor you may be sure will credit such brother with "service rendered."

Again, very many of THE SHIELD's best contemporaries give considerable space and attention to rival fraternities, and to Greek journalism as an entirety. "The Greek World"—or the same thing under some corresponding name—constitutes a conspicuous, valuable and interesting department of the leading fraternity journals of the day. And it is not strange that it is so. All Greeks have much in common; are more or less interested in the movements of each other; are benefited by the study of each other; are curious to know in what estimation they are held by their fair-minded rivals. This is natural and well. And it is a matter of congratulation that experience has shown, these departments—"The Greek World," *et al.*—to be unquestionably promotive not only of inter-fraternity liberality, but of intra-fraternity advancement as well. Other things being equal he who knows something of Greece as a whole, is a more thorough Greek than he whose world is bounded by his Athens' walls. The watchword *pro bono* A B Γ, may be a good one for a fraternity journal; but it is *pro bono* A B Γ that it have a medium through which it may note the important movements and interesting expressions of Γ B A.

Perhaps the first purpose of the fraternity journal is to assist in the greatest possible degree inter-chapter communication. Now chapter-letters may be bright and interesting, or they may be dull and uninteresting. They are likely to be of the latter sort when coming from "Yours fraternally and *in great haste.*" This chapter-letter department has been the most characteristic feature of our SHIELD. Let it never become the least so. If there is a possibility of making it even more attractive than it now is, let us as a unit labor to that end, and the end will be compassed. There is another work, which we can here make but passing note of, and a giant work for Greek journalism: the solution of the more or less vexing alumni problem. The first step in the solution is to grasp and remember the fact that the Fraternity ought, like a good shepherd, not only to "feed its lambs"—that means us, Lambs!—but to keep its eye constantly on the sheep. The sheep are the alumni. See? Very pretty. Some of the fraternity papers are at least aiding in this work. Others can lend further aid. The "Personalialia" of THE SHIELD's esteemed and energetic friend, *The Sigma Chi*, is a valuable guide-post to what will prove, perchance, the right road.

But to what a length we have rattled on! We will hasten to a close. And in doing so let us come down from the subject of Fraternity Journalism to that with which we started out—Phi Kappa Psi Journalism. Brothers, do we do our duty by THE SHIELD? But stop. Let's substitute this question: *Will* we do our duty by THE SHIELD? Certainly we will. And we'll begin *now*. Our affirmative answer is a very positive one, and we'll all "live up to it." So far as doing our duty involves giving prompt *financial* support, it is assured by the provisions of the timely Columbus Rule. Thank Denney! But we will do more than give it financial support,

We will in other ways co-operate with its managers as best we know how. We will write good chapter-letters, and we will send them in promptly. And when Editor Little solicits us to write an article on this or that, or any subject, we'll try hard to comply with his request, we will prepare the article to the best of our ability. Being true Phi Psis, and expecting, as we do, great things of THE SHIELD, we will do our *whole* duty towards it, remembering that, as Bro. Mussey forcibly remarked to the late Grand Arch Council, "We can't have the Earth without working for it."

CLINTON GAGE.



## A Study in Sadness.

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No one liked little Tom Jeffreys. God had not been good to him, and why should humanity take him in its arms and help him over the rough places?

Tom was little, and crooked, and cross and sullen. Tom was no one's friend. Tom was a waif and an outcast and a failure.

When nineteen years find a boy a failure, the other two score leave him one. Jeffreys was born discontented, without the power of attaining anything better, and without the physical health to encourage active employment. I first met him when he swept out the rooms of the building in which our chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity temporarily met, in the village of Arcadia, Nowhere.

He received a small pittance for his services, and in some unaccountable way managed to exist.

To be sure, Tom had food and clothes and a place to lay his head when the stars came out; you and I have no more, if the truth be said. The food might have been a little cleaner and more plentiful, the clothes less ragged, the bed not so hard, had Fate and God not decreed that some of us shall suffer in this life, more than others. Tom was one of those to whom the edict had gone forth; "Henceforth there is nothing but work in the world, and sorrow, and pain." No child prattled sweetly on his knee, and taught him faith because of her innocence, and let him caress her golden locks and kiss her red lips.

I felt sorry for Tom, and often tried to help him; but he refused aid.

"You pay me enough to keep body and soul together. Some day I shall refuse that pittance, which will be when my soul gets tired of its miserable body and goes away to the green fields and the running waters to find another and a purer tenement."

It was no use to argue with him.

"I've lived long enough to know one thing," he used to say, when I stopped him at the foot of the stairs as he was leaving for his humble home down by the river—"and that is, it's better to drag as few people down with you, when you start down grade, as possible. I might have saved myself a while longer and been respectable, if I had taken the money my blue-eyed sister offered me and left the country and never have returned—but ill luck was a mere matter of time, and it was more manly to meet it at the outset and fight the battle as best I could, alone. I wonder if she has forgotten me?"

"Who?" I asked.

"The one I once loved, a pretty girl—fresh and red as the morning sky—but I musn't think of those things. It's all gone by now."

"Do you ever hear from her?"

"Does the grave speak?" he replied, slowly and with evident pain.

**I never troubled him with the past again.**

A month had elapsed. It was now the middle of winter, very cold and cheerless; the wind raw and penetrating. The chapter hall was the only bright glimpse in the wide gloom. We had been listening to an eloquent debate concerning a disputed question in history. It referred to the time of the Christ, and one of the speakers had touchingly spoken of the great law of life, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." He gave a new meaning to the words, and a better influence for the time came among us. We discussed the speech, boy-fashion, as we hurried to the street.

"Halloa! What's this?" shouted the foremost youth, as he stumbled against something in the darkness.

"It's only me, boys; it's only me, no one but Tom."

We stopped, and could hear him groan. A match was lit, and by its dim uncertain light we saw he was suffering deeply. His thin, pale face was thinner and paler than ever. The pain tortured him until he writhed in very agony.

"It'll be over soon, boys. I've had a hard time of it. Death has looked at me many times, and I have prayed it would take me, but it has always refused until now. See how cold my hands are and how hot my head. And these awful pains! Oh God! how much more am I to suffer!"

One of the group hurried away for a doctor. When he returned with the man of medicine Tom was still living, but breathing more feebly each minute.

"How d'ye do, doctor," he said, smiling feebly. "It's no use now. Just ease my head a little, while I tell you all about her." The physician did as requested, and pillowed his head against the wall.

"I hear the birds sing again as they did when I was a little boy. The sky is blue, and there is sunshine in the air. That little girl walking down the street is Mary. The prettiest girl in the town, she was, doctor. Many's the time I've sat and watched her from my sick-room window, and fell asleep thinking the angels had been there. That was ever so long ago. It seems all like a dream now."

He shifted uneasily.

"Her name was Mary. A good name, and a good girl. I used to watch her coming and going more eagerly than I now pray to die, for she was so sweet. After a while I met her. She came to my bedside and read to me. I will never forget that dear voice—Oh! when will the pain end!"—

He was growing weaker.

"Have you any message for her?" I asked.

"No. She is gone. I will see her soon. Look there, in the door-way; with the white shawl and the flowing hair. She beckons. Mary! Mary! I—am—coming—at—last."

Tom was dead.

We buried him in the college campus, which had been his home on bright days. I go to that grave now, when worn out with fretting and toiling, and see that the spring flowers are growing over the body of The Failure. What more can any one ask, than that the spring flowers grow over his grave?

## A Sigma Chi History.

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Mr. Frank M. Elliot, of Sigma Chi and Evanston, Illinois, has edited and issued a History of the chapter of his fraternity located at Northwestern University. Typographically, the book is a great credit to Mr. Elliot, being as neatly printed and handsomely bound a little volume of two hundred and sixty odd pages, as one could wish to see. It is, too, well written and seems to deal fairly with other chapters at Northwestern, though the editor does occasionally hit the Beta Theta Pi chapter a rap or two. Considerable attention is given to college history and reminiscences not connected with fraternity affairs, and of interest only to students or ex-students of Northwestern.

The first chapter of the book is given to a general sketch of the fraternity, which was founded at Miami in 1855, by six "Dekes," who revolted from a chapter of twelve men. The editor says that his fraternity has established fifty-four chapters, of which thirty-eight are active, with an average under-graduate membership of twelve students. The alumni members number about 3,500. The Northwestern chapter was founded in 1869, finding  $\Phi K \Psi$  and Phi Gamma Delta as rivals. It seems to have died in 1872, and was reorganized in 1873. The membership of the different chapters, including all initiated, is reported as follows: Phi Kappa Psi, 101; Sigma Chi, 110; Phi Kappa Sigma, 75; Beta Theta Pi, 69; Delta Upsilon, 42. No attempt is made to give the standing of the chapters, though Phi Kappa Sigma is well spoken of, and several peculiar references are made to Beta Theta Pi.

A good, healthy roll of honor is published, containing the names of Sigma Chi's who have gained prizes and held positions. Phi Psis who read Northwestern chapter letters will remember that Brother Crawford won the Kirk prize for oratory in 1884. Speaking of this Mr. Elliot says: "A diploma is of little consequence in comparison with this honor. To win the Kirk is worth all the other gifts of the institution put together. It is considered a high privilege to compete for this honor and the goal of the student's ambition is reached when he has won it." The writer never knew, till he read this, just what Brother Crawford won. He is evidently to be congratulated. In 1871, the year the  $\Phi \Psi$  chapter died, and the year this contest was instituted, one of the five speakers was a  $\Phi K \Psi$ . Our chapter was re-established in 1878, and I note two Phi Psis in the list of five for 1881, one Phi Psi among the three men who were beaten by a lady in 1882, one in 1883, and two in 1884. It is possible that there may be others in the list, but I am not at all familiar with the Illinois Alpha muster-roll, and observe no other names which I recognize. Mention is made of a Spade and Serpent senior society organized in 1875, after the fashion of Skull and Bones. And so the book runs on, treating of Bowling Alleys

given to the Gymnasium by Sigma Chi, of a famous bear stolen from a professor and "barbecued" on a winter night in the woods, of Inter-Collegiate contests in New York city where Northwestern men won renown and prizes, of honored members dead and gone, of "comical events" which may have been funny once but are so no more, and of far-famed Policeman Carney.

Second in interest only to Mr. Carney is the account of Omega's attempt to enter Psi Upsilon or of Psi U's attempt to capture Omega. It appears that the Phi Gamma Delta chapter had, in early days, given up their charter with the expectation of entering Psi Upsilon, but the project had not been carried out. Psi Upsilon professors in Northwestern, at a later date, "worked the boys" of Sigma Chi in a way that would have done credit to the blindest and subtlest of all the cute men usually sent by chapters to bring in the desired Freshmen. The Hon. Smith, a Chicago Psi Upsilon, tendered his private car to convey the party to Michigan, where initiation was to be performed. A committee of eastern alumni came on and made a favorable report. The executive council of Psi Upsilon, which seemed to have an odd preference for perjurers who break their oaths to swear allegiance to Psi Upsilon, pressed the matter. Psi Upsilon, too, was peculiarly fortunate in possessing prominent and distinguished alumni, who considered it an honor to be permitted to aid in inducing the young Sigma Chis to forget their vows and honor, to perform what college boys occasionally call the "sneaking duty of lifting men." A few Betas and Phi Sigmas were roped in.

But perhaps the most amusing feature of the whole affair was the way in which it ended. After receiving the hearty approval of all the rest of the little world of Psi Upsilon, after being favorably considered by the chapters at the fourteen colleges where Psi Upsilon had chapters, the scheme was coldly, positively and effectually squelched by the boys at Kenyon—little, Western Kenyon—much to the disgust of Omega and the Psi Upsilons away from the Ohio college, who harshly berated Kenyon's obstinacy. We are not told why Kenyon voted no. Possibly it was because that chapter differed from its sister chapter in that it preferred as brothers men who came in the first flush of their college manhood with no friends forsaken, no vows broken, and no treacheries to do penance for. If so, its standard appears to have been too high for Psi Upsilon, for we read that the Kenyon chapter "did die within a year from that time"—a melancholy hint to chapters of that fraternity that they must not be too particular as to the manner in which they secure men.

However, Psi Upsilon went her way, as a leading and prominent fraternity with a long record and lots of good men, while the "Sigs" of Northwestern who seem to have been, once from under the influence of the proselyting missionaries, as honorable a body of young men as any fraternity need desire, became a credit to Sigma Chi, whose magazine they have made one of the first in the Greek world.

Take it all in all, Mr. Elliot's history, while not brilliant, is a manly and straight-forward publication of which his chapter may well be proud.

E. C. L.

## The Areopagus.

*From Our Old Leader.*

The first issue of our journal (April) under the direction of Kansas Alpha, has just been read by me, and as usual thoroughly enjoyed. What would the alumni do without it? It has become a necessary episode in my life, and although it has been seventeen years since I was honored with active membership in the  $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$  Fraternity, I still retain the same love for its members and desire for its success that I possessed as a student. How much I regret that I was unavoidably prevented from attending the G. A. C., as I always enjoy gatherings of  $\Phi \Psi$ 's, and invariably attend when possible. The G. A. C. left much undone, but its sessions are too short to accomplish much, and matters to be presented to it should be thoroughly discussed by the sub-chapters and fully prepared for action by the G. A. C. when it meets. What was done, was certainly a step in the right direction, and knowing the efficiency of the present Grand Chapter, I am satisfied that the decrees of the G. A. C. will be promptly enforced, without any partiality whatever. The retention of Pennsylvania Epsilon as G. C. was certainly a deserved recognition of the ability and enthusiasm manifested by that chapter in the past year and a half. With Bro. Gotwald at the helm, there need be no fear of failure.

D. C. Alpha, my *Alma Mater*, is in a most excellent condition, and is possessed of the true  $\Phi \Psi$  spirit. Where all are such enthusiastic and hard working  $\Phi \Psi$ 's, it would be unjust to discriminate; but the success of her entertainment to  $\Phi \Psi$  visitors during "inauguration week," is mainly due to Bros. Gage, Smith and Stephens. The symposium held the night of March 3, was a delightful occasion, and long to be remembered by those present. Six members of Virginia Alpha were present, and old "A" was well represented. Pennsylvania sent many delegates, and all her chapters were represented, except "B."

To under-graduates, and also alumni, allow me to say, "Boys, whenever you are away from home, take a Grand Catalogue with you and make yourself known to the members in any city, town or village, and you will meet with a true  $\Phi \Psi$  greeting and enjoy every hour spent with  $\Phi \Psi$ 's." Such has been my experience, and it seems to me, that the older I grow, the more love I have for honored old  $\Phi \Psi$ . My boy (now aged 11 years) looks forward with interest to the time he can enter college and become one of us. He has always talked of  $\Phi \Psi$ , meets many of the brothers, and the height of his ambition is to be enrolled among its members.

Bro. Eckels, of Pennsylvania Zeta, made remarks in his response to "Our Alumni," that are filled with truth and interest to us all. However, in all my varied experience and numerous journeys I have met with but one

of the class styled "indifferent," but it may have been my good fortune to have met the true hearted ones, who always look back with pleasure to their four years of social intercourse with their active chapter.

The scheme of organizing D. C. B. is now talked about among the alumni here, and is one of the fruits of the Symposium of March 3. As one of the D. C. A. active brothers was selected to write you in regard to that event I refrain from saying anything about it, except that I am very sorry Kansas Alpha was not represented.

We feel satisfied, from the reputation of Bro. Little, that this volume of *THE SHIELD* will equal, if not excel, its predecessors. If I can ever be of service, call on me, and I will respond to the best of my ability. One word in conclusion. Bro. Geo. U. Porter, of Baltimore, (now dead) published and edited the *Phi Psi Monthly*, and Bros. Stubbs of Ohio, and E. B. Hay of this city, the *Phi Psi Quarterly*, both of which had a short and uncertain existence. The thanks of the fraternity are also due Bro. Otis H. Kendall, of Pennsylvania Iota, who so ably seconded Bro. Smith in the publication of *THE SHIELD*.

With best wishes for the success of *THE SHIELD*, I am,

Yours Phipically,

R. J. M.

Washington, D. C., April 3, 1885.

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*From An Old Cornell Φ Ψ.*

Through the kindness of Bro. John B. Blanchet I have received the April number of *THE SHIELD*, containing an account of the recent meeting of the G. A. C., also the re-organization of the New York Alpha chapter at Cornell University. As an alumnus of that chapter, to whom was committed a portion of the work of re-organization, and being fairly conversant with the causes that led to the downfall of the old organization, I desire to make a few suggestions to the fraternity at large and to the different chapters in particular, which I deem of first importance.

Old New York Alpha, at the time of its dissolution, and from the time of its first institution in 1869, was unquestionably the foremost college fraternity at Cornell University. To break up such a society there must have existed either a peculiar combination of unfortunate circumstances, or else there were, and possibly still are, serious defects in the constitution of the fraternity. Both of these general causes contributed in my opinion to the downfall of Alpha. It is true the immediate cause of the dissolution was treachery and a base conspiracy inside the active membership of the chapter, but back of this were primary causes of graver importance, because of their underlying and continuously operative character.

We can afford to ignore the temporary success of a few ambitious traitors, but we cannot and must not shut our eyes to fundamental defects which render such schemes feasible. So far as I know these defects are not confined to our fraternity, but are common to all the Greek letter fraternities. The chief of these defects is a lack of union between the alumni members and the chapter which they leave behind them on graduation.

They are not expected and are really not bound by any obligation which they assume, to take anything more than a *sentimental* interest in their chapter, or in the fraternity generally, after they leave college walls.

As a consequence they soon become cold in their attachment and indifferent to the fraternity's success and perpetuity. I need hardly emphasize the fact that this is a wrong state of things. It has been sufficiently recognized and commented on heretofore. The point that concerns us most, is the remedy: (1.) Let it be understood, and let it be so thoroughly grounded in the constitution that there shall be no escape from it, that when a man joins the  $\Phi$   $\Kappa$   $\Psi$  fraternity *he does so for life*. His interest and his responsibility as well, are not to cease when he becomes an alumnus, but on the contrary, are to *re-commence in a new and broader field of action*. (2.) The payment of fees and dues and subscription to the fraternity organ should be obligatory after as before graduation. (3.) In every state where there are established chapters there should be a state organization, comprising in its membership every brother attending college or residing in the state.

Such state organizations might appropriately be called "Arch Chapters," or "State Arch Chapters," and their conferences "Arch Councils." Their powers and jurisdiction should be constitutionally defined, and they should have particular oversight of the different chapters in their several jurisdictions and of the institution of new chapters in such jurisdictions. (4.) Every chapter should be a legally incorporated body, capable of receiving and holding property by deed or devise. This will ensure a permanence and stability which cannot be attained in any other way. (5.) In every chapter, provision should be made for the establishment of a fund, to be regularly contributed to by all resident and non-resident members, such fund to be devoted to the erection and equipping of a suitable chapter house.

These are a few of the plans which suggest themselves to my mind for solving the vexed problem of alumni indifference, which has such a dispiriting effect upon the under-graduate members, and particularly where the chapter is young and not upheld by a strong resident membership, as is necessarily the case with chapters of our fraternity planted in colleges of the Middle or Eastern States.

I will not burden your columns with any further arguments in favor of the plans I propose, but simply lay them before the fraternity for consideration, hoping that some action may yet be taken looking to the adoption of them or some similar reforms.

Meantime I remain in the bonds of our great and glorious fraternity,

Faithfully yours in  $\Phi$   $\Kappa$   $\Psi$ ,

J. M. McNAIR.

Dansville, N. Y., April 6, 1885.

*From Ohio Alpha's Kansas Congressman.*

I have yours of the 30th ult., which was awaiting my return from the east. I have been taking THE SHIELD for several years, and have enjoyed reading it very much. I am really glad to know that its *sanctum* has been transferred to Kansas soil. I have met a few of the fraternity at the State University, and am very much pleased with them. We have quite a number from various chapters who hold prominent positions in Kansas, and I am satisfied THE SHIELD will not lose any of its interest while in the hands of the Kansas boys. I shall be very glad to render any assistance in any manner that will tend to increase its worth and add luster to the rapidly growing state of our adoption. If, at any time during the year, you should feel the need of a little assistance in filling its columns, a card from you jogging my memory will meet with as fit a response as my time and ability will permit.

Yours fraternally,

Newton, Kas., April 10, 1885.

S. R. PETERS.

*Our Intentions.*

The following list, compiled roughly from the late catalogue of the fraternity, may interest the readers of THE SHIELD, as showing the tendency of what we regard as *the best part of American college students*. Of the professions, Law comes first, claiming 31 per cent. as her share. Then Medicine, with 10 per cent.; Engineering, 6 per cent.; Journalism, 4 per cent., and the Arts and Sciences, 4 per cent. Fifteen per cent. will enter business, other than mentioned above, and fourteen per cent. the ministry. Eight per cent. will become professors and teachers, and the remaining eight per cent. are divided among farmers, politicians, horse jockeys, cowboys, mechanics, jesters, landlords, "gentlemen" and undecided.

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. DUDLEY RHODES.

Washington, D. C., March 17, 1885.

*The Second Annual Reunion*

It becomes my pleasant duty to chronicle, in the columns of THE SHIELD, the festivities of the Second Annual Reunion of the Pennsylvania chapters of  $\Phi K \Psi$ . The unprecedented success attained by the movers in this direction last year rendered its regular recurrence an absolute certainty. Accordingly, after some preliminary arrangements on the part of the committee, the 1st of April was selected as the time and the Bolton House, Harrisburg, as the place for holding the second meeting of the series. The weather proved propitious, and on the evening of that date about twenty-five brothers, active and alumni, assembled at the hotel. There were numerous hand-shakings, much renewing of old and making of new acquaintances, and not a few inquiries after missing ones.

At about 11 p. m. the assemblage adjourned to the dining rooms, where a most sumptuous repast had been prepared. The tables groaned under the weight of the viands and the brothers immediately engaged in the laudable endeavor of trying to relieve them as much as possible of their burden. After the Bill of Fare had been amply discussed from the Blue Points to the Cafe "Noir," Bro. G. F. Clark, of Pennsylvania Gamma, assumed the gavel and the following toasts were responded to:

Phi Kappa Psi, Bro. P. M. Lakin, Pa. Z; The Pennsylvania Chapters, Bro. Chas. S. Pardoe, Pa. Z; The Grand Chapter, Bro. G. D. Stahley, M. D., Pa. E; THE SHIELD, Bro. H. L. Calder, Pa. T; The G. A. C., Bro. W. A. Eckels, Pa. Z; The Alumni, Bro. Fred Ott, Esq., Pa. E; The Ladies, Bro. P. C. Evans, Esq., Pa. Θ; The Lambda Chapter (in prospectu), Bro. R. E. Gotwald, Pa. E; The Second Annual Banquet, Bro. J. H. Apple, Pa. H. Informal toasts were then listened to from Bros. C. F. Hager, of Eta, J. M. Cummings of Zeta, G. P. Miller of Gamma, and D. F. Mauger of Eta. A vote of thanks was tendered to the efficient committee of arrangements, consisting of Bros. Mauger of Eta, Pardoe of Zeta, and Niesley of Theta; your correspondent was selected to render the occasion immortal by recording it in THE SHIELD, and after singing the parting Ode the brothers gradually dispersed. Each, however, with his love for Phi Kappa Psi renewed and strengthened, and feeling that the bond of union between the Pennsylvania chapters had been cemented closer than ever.

Those expecting to take the early morning trains, whiled away the hours in an upper room with such selections as "Old Dog Tray," etc. Sleep was ignored as unworthy of noble Greeks in conclave assembled, and thus the time sped pleasantly until daylight, when we boarded the train which bore us homeward.

Every one present agreed that the occasion was a decided success and one fruitful of much good, yet many regrets were expressed that more of the brothers did not avail themselves of its advantages. We fear that no individual chapter will agree to assume the responsibility of conducting the banquet another year. Shall a custom so auspiciously inaugurated be so short-lived by reason of a lack of enthusiasm? This is a question over which it will be well for the Pennsylvania chapters to ponder during the coming year.

J. H. A.

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#### KINDLY GREETING FROM BISHOP NINDE.

BRO. E. C. LITTLE:—I send you my subscription for THE SHIELD, and wish you large success. I am pleased to learn that we have so fine a chapter of our noble fraternity at the State University. Any Phi Psi brother visiting Topeka, who may call on me at 146 Topeka avenue, will be warmly welcomed.

W. X. NINDE,

Topeka, Kansas, April 22, 1885.

## Editorial.

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THE next issue of THE SHIELD will be the last of this college year and we desire to make it a review of the year's work. Every chapter is requested to forward by May 15, a letter to fill just one-half page of THE SHIELD, containing a careful statement of what has been accomplished in the last ten months. In your letter please insert a list giving the number of  $\Phi$   $\Psi$ s in each class, and *the number of men of rival chapters* in each class. Let the form be thus, for instance: Beta Theta Pi; Seniors 3, Juniors 6, Sophomores 6, Freshmen 8; total, 23. Please arrange the rival chapter reports so that we may know their comparative importance by position in the list, the strongest being first. We are *very desirous* that chapter reports and statistics be promptly and accurately made.

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AFTER while, when we have a little spare time, we hope to borrow the Grand Chapter bugle long enough to blow a blast that will startle some of our drowsy financial delinquents into meeting their financial obligations promptly. If you owe your chapter two dollars, as a man of honor, you should pay it. If a chapter owes the Grand Chapter or THE SHIELD ten dollars, it should pay just ten dollars. It is a very simple matter, but it is the first essential of manhood to meet one's obligations. The work of reorganizing and extending a fraternity, of publishing a history, a song book, a grand catalogue, or a SHIELD cannot go on if the brothers do not promptly and faithfully pay as they go. The close of the year should be signaled by a clearing up of the record. Financial success is the base of fraternity success.

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### HONORARY MEMBERS.

The late Grand Arch Council appears to have had a happy faculty of doing just about the right thing. If the Council had accomplished nothing but the prohibition of the initiation of honorary members we believe the Fraternity would say, "good servant." There never was any logic in the arguments for honorary members, though the initiation of such men in early days, when fraternities had no famous names on their muster-rolls, was excusable, and the admission of genial and cultured non-college men imbued with the true Greek spirit has often produced good results. A fraternity should have too much pride in itself and its own men, to desire to wear honors borrowed from men who are under no obligations to it, and who have won their positions without aid or encouragement from the Greeks. A healthy self-respect will be found in any fraternity that has a long list of honorable and successful men who have profited by its associa-

tions and teachings. But there can be little satisfaction in enrolling the names of illustrious leaders whose college days knew no Greek grip, and whose college nights saw no chapter hall. Probably no fraternity catalogue was ever issued that has not on its pages the names of men who never attended college, or who were students in institutions where chapters were unknown. Perhaps some will occasionally deny this, but such denials are mere subterfuges, only redeemed from a blacker list by the probability that the denials are but facetiously made. A college fraternity should be for and by college men. A chapter should number among its members only men who are, or have been, students of the institution at which the chapter is located. Only under such circumstances have we a right to expect that generous enthusiasm which is the very life of the system. So we are glad that hereafter Phi Kappa Psi will wear no borrowed plumes, but will be honored only by the deeds of her loyal sons, whose fondest recollections are entwined with memories of her chapter halls. Still, any order could but be proud of the fact that its spirit is such as to merit for it the confidence and fellowship of men of genius and national reputation. And Ψ K Ψ, while believing that the logic of fraternity purpose forbids the continuance of the custom, will not be the less grateful to those of our brothers who, in the bustle of business, politics, and literature, found time and inclination to renew their youth in our chapter halls. Such men will ever be most welcome to council, chapter, and banquet. They will ever receive a grip which time cannot wither nor custom stale, till the last of this lisping, stammering generation is silent in the grave. Perhaps even then Phi Psis to come, will observe with a touch of pride, albeit "honorary" pride, that in the days when honorary members were initiated by all, no Greek-Letter society enrolled among such members more honored, more honorable, more distinguished men than Charles Sumner and Carl Schurz, or more loyal Greeks than the genial, witty, talented, and brilliant Robert J. Burdette, who, as one of our friends would remark, is only "*in one sense* an honorary member."

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#### OLIVER TWIST.

Oliver Twist would have made an excellent fraternity man. He knew what he needed and had the nerve to try for it. Too many of the Greeks of to-day have no comprehension of fraternity possibilities, and are content to hold weekly meetings, give pleasant parties, win college honors, and drift off into the world of business, leaving little behind but a rocking chair or a picture in the chapter hall. At the present "stage of the game" every Greek owes it to himself to utilize each opportunity for the extension of his order to all such colleges as are worthy of fraternity fellowship. It is too soon by at least fifty years for any Greek-Letter society to brag and bluster of "leadership," "first rank," and the like. Every wind that whistles down the Mississippi valley sweeps by more colleges that are destined to become great institutions of learning than there were Greek professors in the United States when the first modern Greek donned a badge. Old fraternities, clinging to their cradles, clad in purple and fine linen, have boasted of

blue blood and lost the prestige which was once theirs, or drifted into comparative oblivion. While younger, more energetic, more democratic organizations have made phenomenal progress and won the respect of their fellows in state after state. Fraternity extension should be organized and logical, not incidental and accidental. A special levy should be made for that purpose. This is done by some of our rivals, and Phi Kappa Psi should not neglect any meritorious plan, because it has not happened to originate it. Every effort should be made to restore those chapters—few in number, thanks to  $\Phi K \Psi$ 's good fortune—lost by the war, anti-fraternity laws, and in other ways, if only the institutions at which they were located are worthy. Nothing looks worse than a long roll of in-active chapters, and our Fraternity is to be congratulated that we have not been, comparatively speaking, unfortunate in this respect. But in the meantime we must not neglect other opportunities. The State Universities will all some day be great colleges. There is in every direction a field open for pre-emption. Of late our chapters have shown a decided disposition to be conservative, and several charters have been refused to good men in colleges where some of our strongest rivals are located. Probably this is proper, and these decisions have been wisely made. However, conservatism should not degenerate into apathy. Rapidly as the college world is now developing energy is preferable to conservatism. Wherever there is a good college with good men, there is apt to be room for other chapters. If our Oliver Twists will go out during the summer with this thought in mind, we may hope for excellent results next year. By your works we shall judge you, gentlemen.

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#### AN ARCH COUNCIL.

We presume that there has never been a time in the history of  $\Phi K \Psi$  when the Grand Chapter was more reliable or more efficient than at present. We are inclined to believe that the order has never had an abler, more active, more satisfactory chief than George D. Gotwald. Nevertheless we heartily rejoice that our last assembly of delegates took steps looking to such a re-organization as will do away with the present Grand Chapter system. It is a little odd that this should be done at a time when affairs at headquarters are in so satisfactory a condition. But no better evidence of the capability of the present governing body could be given than the fact that this action was advised and heartily approved by it. Situated as our Grand Chapter is, it appreciates the necessity of a change in the system. Indeed, a careful analysis of the situation will convince any earnest Phi Psi that what our Fraternity now needs above all things, is a centralization of authority in some alumni body. We must have an executive council of some sort, composed of men of maturity and experience—a body that will not change with every arrival of Commencement. The present system is essentially vicious in a dozen ways. We can never know, from year to year, who our rulers are to be. The chapters are liable to be careless of the authority of other chapters which are only temporarily superior. But Mr. Van Cleve has stated all these things a score of times and Phi Psis, thanks to his persistence, realize that a change should be made. The only question

is, "What manner of a government shall we have?" First, THE SHIELD believes that a chartered body of alumni, most of whom reside in some one city, should select the general officers. Second, we are of the opinion that this body should edit and publish THE SHIELD. Third, we think that the  $\Phi$   $\K$   $\Psi$  headquarters should be located in the immediate vicinity of a  $\Phi$   $\K$   $\Psi$  chapter, that the members of this chapter may be utilized in doing Fraternity work. Fourth, THE SHIELD hopes that this Arch Council will be granted such powers as will make it aggressive, positive, and influential. Of course the Arch Council should be subject to the Grand Arch Council and to the vote of the chapters. But it should be a power in itself. We want no man of straw. It should be able to discipline dormant chapters and to push the work of organizing new ones. It must be composed of loyal and energetic men, who will have an eye to  $\Phi$   $\Psi$ 's welfare and we believe that the neighboring college chapter should, in some way, be an essential element of the new organization, as it will not fail to keep alive the enthusiasm of the leaders. Now as to location; Indianapolis is the center of a fine circle of  $\Phi$   $\K$   $\Psi$ s, but has no chapter of under-graduates. Columbus is hardly strong enough in alumni members, as yet. Cincinnati would be available were there a chapter at hand. Chicago would be an excellent place for this work, with its live chapter and its many loyal brothers in the city. If Pittsburg were not such a smoky, old village it would answer the purpose, being admirably located, full of loyal men, though the nearest chapter is a little distant. Richmond is not without advantages, and Washington, with its under-graduate chapter, its large body of loyal alumni and many opportunities offered by reason of its being the seat of national government is peculiarly adapted to this very purpose, and its claims should be carefully considered. However, we have no hesitation in saying that, with our present knowledge of the situation, we regard Philadelphia as the true capital of Phi Kappa Psi. Perhaps in no state do we have as large a number of men, and loyal men, as in Pennsylvania. Philadelphia offers the advantage of a seat of government in a great metropolis, around which center extensive business, social and other interests. There we will find in Iota a prosperous and earnest chapter. There we have a large body of warm-hearted Phi Psis. There, in the University of Pennsylvania, our honored founder, Dr. Letterman, studied medicine. There, too, THE SHIELD first sparkled in the Grecian sunshine. History and reason, sense and sentiment, all hail Philadelphia as the great  $\Phi$   $\K$   $\Psi$  metropolis. In these days of steam and electricity, its geographical location counts not for much. We earnestly hope that our alumni brothers in Philadelphia will live up to their opportunity to do a grand work for  $\Phi$   $\K$   $\Psi$ . But wherever the government is located, let it be given full powers, and composed only of enthusiastic and aggressive men,

## Chapter Letters.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.—In a moment of forgetfulness our G. P. appointed me to write for *THE SHIELD*, thinking, no doubt, that we would go the way of all would-be contributors. But no! With unusual perverseness we find ourselves writing for *THE SHIELD*.

As you probably know, we had some of our brothers with us during Inauguration week. Our letters of invitation to the various chapters did not meet with as many acceptations as we could have wished, nor of those who promised did as many come as we desired.

Our first arrivals were Bros. Chorpene and Minnick, of Ohio Beta. Next came Bro. Crumrine, of Pennsylvania Alpha. We were much disappointed because Pennsylvania Alpha did not send us a larger delegation, and very sorry to learn the reasons that prevented her from so doing.

On Monday evening, March 2, some of the boys went to the theatre. Upon their return to the "dennery" on Rue de Kappa, they held a jig seance. About 12:30 A. M. Pennsylvania Gamma came in. Then we had another jig seance, several Græco-Roman wrestling matches, and finally, rest. About an hour later Bros. Lower and Baker of Ohio Beta came. Then we had another jig seance and more music(?). Each time a visitor arrived, Smith would celebrate the event by worrying the piano. He could not sleep until he had played himself into a fit of exhaustion. When this happened of course everybody else had lapsed into a state of utter insensibility. The last thing the writer heard just previous to his third attempt at sleeping, was Smith-i-culus playing an accompaniment, for he had grown too sleepy and weak to play anything else, and singing "Old Dog Tray" in the most fiendish voice that a mortal ever possessed.

Tuesday evening we had our symposium, which same was furnished by Crump, Garfield's old caterer. There were present only sixty-one, a much smaller number than we expected. Bro. McCleary presided in true fraternity style. At the head of the board, near Bro. McCleary, was seen the genial and familiar form of Bro. Murray, who, during the course of the evening, complimented Virginia Alpha in high terms. All speeches, toasts, etc., were wholly informal. Absence of formality was the feature of the evening. Among the alumni present were Bros. P. W. Smith, Ind. A; F. H. Hodder, Mich. A; S. C. F. Hugo, Md. A; F. R. Hubacheck, Wis. Gamma; Wm. Frear, Pa. Gamma; O. L. Fassig and E. M. Van Harlingen, Ohio Delta; R. L. Jons, Pa. Z; W. M. Duncan and C. S. Duncan, Pa. E. In all, eighteen chapters were represented.

It is safe to say that D. C. Alpha enjoyed the Inauguration as much, if not more, than her guests. It has never been our good fortune to have met with a more whole-souled, gentlemanly, genial and good-natured set of boys

than these our brothers, and we thank them each and all most earnestly and cordially for affording us the opportunity they did, of becoming acquainted with them. And if any of them ever again get as far as Washington and do not call upon D. C. Alpha, there will be a fuss in the family, certain.

"All quiet along the Potomac they say," and I guess "they" are about right. D. C. Alpha was highly delighted with the account her delegates gave her of the G. A. C.; and at least three-fourths of the chapter and one or two of our alumni have declared over and over that they are going to the next G. A. C. "if it busts the bank."

The provisions enacted to enforce payment of Fraternity dues meet with our hearty approval, and we deemed them of such great practical utility as to embody them in a modified form in our chapter by-laws. We expect now to meet every Saturday evening, and to make our meetings more of a social character than heretofore. Several other changes have been made in our by-laws that we expect will bear good fruit.

There is a large gap in our circle at present caused by the absence of Bro. Rhodes, who has gone to Highland Falls, N. Y., to "cram" for West Point. If any of our brothers in that part of the world should meet him, they cannot express their love for D. C. Alpha in any more efficient manner than by making things pleasant for Bro. Rhodes.

FRANK H. STEPHENS.

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MARYLAND ALPHA.—This will be the first time that Maryland Alpha has had the honor of a place in your columns, thanks to the laziness of her accredited correspondent, though not altogether. The chapter has been quiet this year, more so than usual, and there has been little to break the monotony of the old ruts of enjoyment in which it runs along. For half the year it was a homeless wanderer from house to house, but it is now settled down in a room about two squares from the University, which we have succeeded in making tolerably cozy with our modest furniture, aided by the yearly contributions to our "rogues' gallery." Here we meet bi-monthly, and after we have debated wisely *de bono publico fraternitatis*.

It is a very difficult question and a very important one, how to keep up the interest in our meetings. We have had numerous talks upon the question and many suggestions have been offered, but nothing seems to touch the root of the matter yet. There was certainly last year a decline in enthusiasm, at many of our meetings not even a quorum appearing, and though by great expense of "gas" and stimulants of other kinds we have succeeded in keeping up life this year, still we must confess that it is not that spontaneous and harmonious action of all the functions which constitutes health. In THE SHIELD for October, 1884, there was a clipping from the *Kappa Alpha Magazine*, describing the condition of fraternity life at the University of Virginia, which immediately struck me as the counterpart of what we are struggling against on a larger scale at the Johns Hopkins University. In fact the ΒΘΠ and our own ΦΚΨ are the only fraternities that have succeeded in maintaining an existence. The lack of common interests, produced by diversity of studies and separation

of rooms is increased among us by the almost total absence of that indefinable something, call it "college feeling," which is so potent to draw men together. But the larger part of our students are graduates of other institutions, who come here with their affections already occupied; and among the under-graduates the large majority are natives of Baltimore, living in their own homes, who have never known nor will know the strange bond of union and interdependence that a common separation from home comforts and restraints sets up among college students. There is absolutely none of that element which comes to college "to have a good time." Perhaps it would be better if there were a little more of the spirit of revolt against the folly of the *mens sapiems in corpore insano*.

This tendency to isolation, which makes us an aggregate of individuals rather than a solid mass united by a common feeling and interest, is the chief difficulty which our chapter has to contend with, but there are others, which are hardly less important arising from the position of our University, in the midst of a large city, and from the character of the men on whom we depend to fill up our ranks. We may leave graduate students out of consideration altogether, for they have little time to devote to anything but their studies, and are not able to become really active members. We want them nevertheless and are willing, if we may only obtain their closer friendship, to forego the expectation of any fraternity work from them. The work must be done by the under-graduates, and even they have little time to themselves—the standard of the J. H. U. is so high and examinations are so frequent. They, as a body, are from this city, and consequently by the time they come to the University have formed their friendships and associations already, and their entrance into the University makes little change in that respect, for it must be remembered that they are only day scholars and live in their own homes. The result of this is, that our chapter is composed, with the rarest exceptions, of fellows who have moved in the same circles for many years, and have known one another well before entering the University. Now this is a good thing on one side, because we can be sure of a man's character when we elect him and we have a basis of friendship on which to build a higher and more intimate relation of fellowship in  $\Phi K \Psi$ . But there is a bad side to it also, and that is that we are constantly meeting one another at other places, in society for instance, or at public amusements, and so do not feel that lack of one another's society to supply which is the *raison d'être* of a chapter. And this brings us back to the bearing upon the difficulty of our position in a large city like this. The little time that we have left from our studies and exercise of sports may be often spent, we cannot deny, in ways more enjoyable and more profitable than it is possible to do at our chapter meetings. There are theatres, and parties, and Germans, and regimental drills, and Shakespere circles, and French conversation, etc., etc., not to mention the various clubs, and it is no wonder if these attractions often prove stronger than those of a poorly furnished room, where some few faithful souls are engaged in a desperate attempt to keep alive the smouldering embers of fraternity enthusiasm until they may blaze up once more in their old brilliancy.

In a city like this, it seems to me, the only hope for a chapter is to turn

it into a sort of club, to have a room or two in a central location, comfortably and attractively furnished with a piano or billiard table, or both, and to have it open at all hours, with some of the magazines on the table that are of most interest to young men. But to have all these things requires a large amount of money, and there's the rub. We haven't the money and we have to struggle along as best we can without them. Consequently and inevitably the outward life of the chapter will always be subject to periods of weakness and lack of interest on the part of the members, but through it all be sure that the main thing after all, the source of life itself, will never fail us, and that is our *esprit de corps*, the pride of membership in such a chapter as ours has ever been and of fellowship with the men who have made and are making it what it is.

There are other chapters of our fraternity in large cities, such as Philadelphia and Chicago, and, if this letter is the means of drawing from them some suggestions as to the best means of maintaining a chapter in a flourishing condition, Maryland Alpha will be much indebted to them.

April 13, 1885.

WM. L. GLENN.

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA.—Some time has elapsed since Zeta has had a letter in *THE SHIELD*. In that time much of interest to the Fraternity at large has been accomplished. Especially are we pleased with the new abode of *THE SHIELD*. The April number was simply "immense"—both as to literary merit and typographical arrangement.

We have recently appointed a committee to look after the building of a chapter house. Much encouragement has been already received from our alumni. If promises are worth anything—and surely Phi Psi promises should be worthy—we can give the news very soon that a second "home" has been built by Phi Kappa Psi!

This is the time of year when we begin to do good work for an increase in our numbers. Preps. are not taken in, of course, but we find it necessary to look them up for next year even before the end of this. All that need be told is, that we are not left, having already three who will eventually wear the "Shield."

Just here let us ask why Mr. Newman has not sent out his price list? As a chapter, we opposed leaving our old jewelers, but now we think the new ones should show some spirit and interest in the affair.

At the Second Annual Banquet of the Pennsylvania Chapters, it was reported that a petition for a chapter at a well known University, would be sent to the chapters soon. We are heartily glad to hear this, as we have had one brother there for some time doing his best. We are assured that the outlook is good, and hope it may soon receive its charter.

By the way, why don't Pennsylvania Alpha and Beta send some one to the annual banquet? It is certainly a place of enjoyment, as may be apparent to all who read Bro. Apple's account of the recent one in this number of *THE SHIELD*. Brothers of Alpha and Beta, we hope you will be on hand next year. Enough this time, more again.

April 17, 1885,

C. S. P,

OHIO ALPHA.—The Ohio Alpha Chapter has well entered upon her 25th year, and, perhaps, never since 1861 has she seen more prosperous times. Before this, the third, term of the year had begun, Burt M. Allison, '88, of Mansfield, Ohio, was enrolled as our twentieth man; but now we are compelled to mourn the withdrawal from college of Bro. Humphreys of the Junior class. ●

We have a rule in the Ohio Wesleyan, whose purport is that no preparatory student shall in any way connect himself with a college secret society. Since the adoption of this law it has been systematically broken, and so openly that the faculty seeing this have recently passed a resolution forbidding the fraternities themselves, under penalty of severe discipline, to approach any man under Freshman rank. We consider this an excellent rule, and could it be lived up to, it would enable the fraternities of the O. W. U. to compare more favorably with eastern chapters of these same organizations and with others in colleges which have no preparatory schools. But we sadly fear the rule will be a dead-letter, since the faculty have no means of ascertaining the action of the fraternities; and unless the chapters themselves make an agreement which, if broken, will reflect upon their honor, the mystic and mystifying word "pledge" will be still in vogue.

We are at present prosecuting an enterprise which it would be well for every chapter of  $\Phi K \Psi$  to undertake. At an election last fall Bro. Gamble was appointed "Registrar" of Ohio Alpha, and assigned the duty of obtaining from every alumnus a short biography to be placed in what is known in  $\Phi \Psi$  parlance as the "Special Register." The work is long and communications are sometimes unhonored, but it is still going on; and to such an extent is success attending our efforts that it is expected that the Register, together with a history of Ohio Alpha, will be published during the summer.

With the first number of *THE SHIELD* we are all very much pleased, and look with much expectancy for improvement in every direction.

April 12, 1885.

E. M. VAN CLEVE.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.—What varied emotions arise as we contemplate the vast changes and rapid strides made by our whole fraternity since last the sweet voice of Mississippi Alpha was heard in the busy realm of fraternity life and discussion.

We perused the pages of the last issue of *THE SHIELD* with eager eyes and breathless anxiety. We were delighted with its new outside appearance and its typographical neatness; but much more were we delighted and enthused to read the thrilling toasts and the eloquent appeals of our noble Phi Psis.

We congratulate the G. A. C. on its important transactions, which are all calculated, we think, to advance and promote the interest of the fraternity; and to the worthy brethren now steering the helm of our ever dear guardian, *THE SHIELD*, we tender our heartiest wishes for triumphant success!

The past few months have been the proudest epoch in the existence of this chapter. The angel of prosperity has seemingly borne us on her wings, and all events have been proud and propitious.

The exalted honor of filling the anniversarianship of the Hermaean Literary Society was ably sustained by Bro. J. L. Buckley, during last month. For the bright lustre and honor conferred upon our fraternity by his brilliant oration, the chapter presented him with a gold-headed cane a few meetings ago. He is a devoted brother of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , and so this little episode aroused the latent warmth of our younger brothers. In the Senior contest a few days since, Bro. W. P. Tackett won the place to compete for the Senior medal in June. He is regarded as the most chaste and magnetic orator in the University, and hence we confidently expect to win this medal then. We have, also, two representatives on the editorial staff of the *University Magazine*. One of our old charter members, Bro. W. J. East, paid us a visit not long since and delivered an address warm with devotion to the order, and which was greatly appreciated by the members present.

We desire to express our sincere gratification to the alumni of this chapter for their liberal response to the financial call made upon them. It inspires us to greater effort and nerves us against the more trying vicissitudes of this chapter's existence.

With fraternal love from Mississippi Alpha to all the sisterhood of the fraternity.

W. F. STEVENS.

April 14, 1885.

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CALIFORNIA ALPHA.—Since our last communication California A. has enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity. Sometime since we learned that Bro. W. G. Raymond, of Kansas Alpha, was instructor in Surveying in the State University. We immediately conferred with him as to the prospect and advisability of establishing a chapter there; Bro. Raymond thought it not best, considering that there are only two hundred students, and five fraternities have chapters there already. We were greatly disappointed, because we have, as a chapter, felt our isolation. The members and ladies had a picnic several weeks ago. To say that we had a good time does not half express it. However, Bro. Turner paid dearly for his fun. He received a severe attack of poison oak, necessitating absence from school for over two weeks. On last Saturday evening we made a notable acquisition in the person of Frank D. Decker, '87. After initiation we repaired to the residence of Bro. Richards, where our hospitable brother gave us a reception and banquet. The oysters, songs and jokes made our new brother feel as if he had reached the acme of felicity. Dr. C. W. Breyfogle, our founder, is to deliver the address at the coming Symposium, and Hawkins, '84, is to write the poem. Well, I suppose I must say something about the G. A. C., as all the other chapter correspondents have. At first we were disposed to be disappointed with the outcome, but after a second thought, we believe the action taken wise. However we fail to see the wisdom of the G. A. C. in raising the maximum initiation fee. To us it looks as though the fraternity desires more money than men. Often the best men go through college without any too much money. Why does the fraternity desire to keep them out?

But then, you say "That this matter rests with sub-chapters whether the fee be five or fifty dollars." Very true. But the fact that the G. A. C. thought it wise to give chapters the power of charging a large initiation fee shows that something is wrong. Let us see this matter discussed in THE SHIELD.

J. C. NEEDHAM.

April 8, 1885.

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INDIANA GAMMA.—Since the Grand Arch Council the post office box of the B. G. of our chapter has been watched anxiously and closely for the new edition of THE SHIELD. Upon its arrival there was great excitement and rejoicing; it was eagerly read and copiously discussed.

The general tone was particularly admired, and the verdict was—excellent.

Our chapter has always adhered to a conservative plan in taking in men, from which reason it is quite small, but we have enough life and fraternity spirit for several chapters. We have never so far sacrificed the reputation of our alumni as to take in inferior men.

Brothers Hoult and Hartley, '87, have left college, reducing our eight to six.

We enthusiastically advocate the plan which Michigan Alpha has taken to keep up interest and enthusiasm among her alumni, and we are in favor of a general law throughout our fraternity, by which each chapter should send out reports to their alumni quarterly, bi-monthly, or at some such period. We support Michigan Alpha in this, regardless of the fact that they initiate children in arms.

But notwithstanding Brother Hendrickson to the contrary, we met some of their men at Columbus who had more than likely "cut their eye-teeth." Our Grand Arch Council delegates send kindest regards to all the brothers whom they met there.

April 13, 1885.

CLARENCE G. CAMPBELL.

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PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.—A few comments on THE SHIELD's improved appearance are not in the least inappropriate. We are glad to notice the taste and interest manifested in its publication, and encourage the steps so earnestly taken to make our journal one that will render valuable and important information to the fraternity.

Though some time has elapsed since a letter has appeared in THE SHIELD, Epsilon still pursues her regular and busy course, discharging all of her duties willingly and promptly, and at the same time managing to keep pace with her urgent rivals.

The spirit of the various chapters located at this college had been dull, but since the third term opened the presence of new students has awakened the dormant energy and renewed the vitality to a more conspicuous degree.

The project of the different fraternities to publish during this term a college annual, entitled *The Arcana*, has been abandoned. The business managers were not successful in soliciting advertisements, and the expense incurred would be more than the chapters are willing to pay.

Bro. Brenner, '85, received honorable mention on the Graeff Prize Essay.

Last February, Bro. Earnest, '86, our former correspondent to THE SHIELD, received an appointment to the Signal Service. Having passed perfect examinations, both mental and physical, he was admitted to the Signal Service Bureau. In Bro. Earnest we recognized a true and loyal Phi Psi, always bearing the deepest regard for his active chapter as well as for the fraternity at large, and ready to perform all duties incumbent upon him thoroughly and faithfully. He obtained the highest standing in classroom of any man of '86. We are sorry to lose him, but congratulate him on his cheering success and wish him a prosperous career.

We regret that Epsilon was not represented at the banquet so lately held at Harrisburg. Some of the members fully intended to be present, but after they got home, (or in that neighborhood at least,) it is supposed they found warmer hearts than Phi Psis.

We lose four of our leading and best men this year. Bros. Brenner, Harding and Richardson in the graduating class, and Bro. Gotwald in the Seminary. We expect to swell our ranks next September by choice selections from the expected number of new students, and thus keep our chapter in a thriving and flourishing condition.

Extending our best wishes to all the brothers, I remain,

April 16, 1885.

D. C. R. MILLER.

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ILLINOIS ALPHA.—The readers of THE SHIELD have not heard from us for some time, and this is to certify that we are alive, and well and as jealous as ever of our great fraternity's interests.

Our "chapter-house scheme" is the all-important one before us at present. During the past winter we have been investigating the subject as to cost, plan of structure, and means whereby enthusiasm may be converted into funds; and, while we realize the difficulties of the undertaking, the conclusion reached is that the possession of a chapter-house is worth to us the toil, sacrifice and energy necessary to secure it. A subscription list, started among the present membership upon the condition of payment when the contributions shall have reached \$5,000, is the practical result. Though our present hall is better and more convenient than that occupied by any fraternity in the school, yet we feel the need of a chapter-house, and to the filling of this want we shall direct our energies for the future.

In order to keep up our reputation for first prize, Bro. Schell thought it his duty to carry off the oratorical prize a short time ago, which he accordingly did. Bro. Tuttle, who is out of school this year teaching, will re-enter in the fall with '88.

Our annual, the *Syllabus*, published for the first time by the fraternities, is just out, and we are happy to say that  $\Phi \Psi$  is represented by a new cut.

To instance the fact that we strive for quality rather than quantity of men, and that our striving is not in vain, it might be mentioned that at the election of Commencement speaker by the graduating class, two of our pledged men were elected, one receiving the highest vote of the class.

In closing allow me to introduce to the fraternity our infant, Bro. P. B. Bass of '88; and to remark that in our opinion the new dress of THE SHIELD is a great improvement.

April 16, 1885.

F. J. CAMPBELL.

IOWA DELTA.—Iowa Delta sends greeting to all brothers of the fraternity. Though she has been silent for some time, the boys are still as active as it is possible to be, "*ne erres*"— $\Phi K \Psi$  still leads. Last year we lost five men by graduation. These were men that had been with us from the beginning of our history as a chapter of the fraternity. This left us with but thirteen men to begin the year with. We have but one Senior this year, but he is a host in himself; seven Juniors, four Sophomores and one Freshman; and are now working for another Freshman. We believe that it is the best policy to look ahead to the future of the fraternity—at least four years. For this reason we try to keep a full force in the Freshman and Sophomore classes, when there are good men to get.

Our relations to the other fraternities of this place are good. I may say I never saw them better. We believe the days when fraternities will stoop to any disgraceful means to accomplish an end are past. They have ceased here since the establishment of  $\Phi K \Psi$ . A higher grade of fraternal life, loftier ambitions, motives and desires was what we needed in this college and what was found in our fraternity. When a disgraceful scheme is unearthed—well it has never yet been laid at the door of a member of Iowa Delta of  $\Phi K \Psi$ . We, with Ohio Alpha, believe in Pan-Hellenism, and so far as our influence goes have been trying to establish fraternal relations with our sister fraternities here upon that basis; and it is successful in so far that it does away with the prejudices so common to fraternal life.

Long life and a prosperous year to each member and chapter of  $\Phi K \Psi$ .  
April 6, 1885.

J. H. NEWLAND.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.—You came to us neatly covered, carefully printed and ably edited. Our sincerest wish is, that your future may be bright. Kansas Alpha deserves to be commended. She deserves to be aided in the performance of the duty she has assumed. But few chapters of  $\Phi K \Psi$  would have the courage to edit our journal, even if they had the ability.

The work of the G. A. C. has satisfied the members of our chapter. The enthusiasm of all the delegates must have been unbounded. But the end for which they were striving can not be attained in a convention having a week's session. We, therefore, live in hopes; believing that, through the committee which has been appointed,  $\Phi K \Psi$  will soon be able to take on the long-needed, much longed-for form of government.

The night of April 11, was one of great enjoyment for our boys. It is customary to receive our old members in a becoming manner when they return to their *Alma Mater*. And especially do we give them a hearty welcome when, as men of recognized ability, they come to take part in

college exercises.. Rev. Johnathan Nicholas, of Phœnixville, who delivered the annual address to the Y. M. C. A., was the hero whom we worshiped on this occasion. Many of the alumni gathered with us at the banquet, where the enjoyment was kept up till a late hour.

J. C. Eccleston, of Parana, Argentine Republic, is our latest addition. His ancestors have been honored members of our fraternity. May he prove himself the same.

April 13, 1885.

CALDER.

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OHIO GAMMA.—Ohio Γ is scarcely able to express her feelings of gratitude for the manner in which she was treated by the fraternity at large at the G. A. C.

Two months ago our chapter, laden down with despair and discouragement, was about to send in the robe of purple as a sign that Ohio Γ was no more. All had left college but five of us; three more of the number expected to leave us at the end of this term, thus leaving but two lonely Sophomores. The storms of misfortune came upon us so thick and fast that we saw no kind obstacle to stay our downward course to dissolution; even the faculty favored our dissolution, yet did not forbid our re-establishment. At last when we thought we must, as a chapter, fall off the plain of existence, we gathered together in one of the brother's rooms (each one holding at least one office) and prepared to breath our last. We accordingly petitioned the Grand Chapter to remove our charter. We fully expected that it would be done and closed our eyes to die. But notwithstanding all our sighs and groans, Bros. Clemens and Sieghenthaler, of our resident alumni, were not entirely devoid of hope for our recovery, and straightway proceeded to the doctors (the G. A. C.), where they were given a remedy which was guaranteed to bring relief; it was not pills nor powders, but something like this: "We authorize the Gamma sub-chapter of Ohio to admit to its active membership all alumni members." This had the guaranteed effect; we opened our eyes and were cured immediately.

Ohio Γ is on her feet again, and with fifteen alumni members starts forward to build up a chapter with brighter prospects than were ever before open to her.

Cheerfully now will Ohio Γ "glide down the smooth stream of prosperity; her sails swelled by fair gales" of success, with her helm in the hands of fifteen of the best and most influential men of the city of Wooster.

With sincerest thanks to the delegates who attended the G. A. C., and congratulations to Kansas Alpha on the improved appearance of THE SHIELD, I must close.

GEORGE NIMMONS.

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ILLINOIS BETA.—The April number of THE SHIELD came to us on time and by its neat appearance called forth the praises of all. Bro. Weddell, on his return from the G. A. C., reached us while assembled in business session of our weekly meeting, and we were furnished with a glowing account of the doings of the G. A. C. Our hearts burned with

fraternal love as he related to us the joys of meeting the brothers from the sister chapters.

Everything in Illinois Beta moves smoothly on. Our men all made good records in class work last term, reflecting honor, both upon themselves and their fraternity.

We initiate five or six men at the end of the present year. We are now taking good care of them.

On the 6th, ult., Bro. Bob Burdette was in the city to give his famous lecture on "The Rise and Fall of the Mustache." The Beta boys, never willing to lose an opportunity of having a good time with Bob., took him from the lecture hall to a hotel, where he was greeted by all the boys from our chapter with their lady friends, and some of our enthusiastic alumni, among whom were Bros. Mott, Alsip, and Scott. Here we indulged in a banquet, speech making and songs, including some of the characteristics of Bob's. and then adjourned to the parlors, where time was at a premium until the "wee hours of the morning."

We urge upon all our sister chapters who have not banqueted Bob., never to lose the opportunity; it is a rare one, and if once enjoyed, will never be forgotten.

April 10, 1885.

C. S. THOMS.

OHIO DELTA.—Ohio Delta has examined, with great interest, the April SHIELD, and congratulates the new managers on their success. We regret the absence of the February and March numbers, but suppose it was unavoidable.

Since our last chapter letter we have initiated Bro. E. L. T. Schaub, a worthy member of the class of '85, whom we welcomed into the fraternity last January.

Bro. George Smart has not been in the University since last December, having accepted a position on the *Evening Dispatch* of this city. George is as active a Phi Psi as ever, perhaps even more. He has commenced work on the new catalogue.

Bro. Arthur Hartwell, who has been seriously ill for the last two months, is, we are glad to say, much better, but will not be able to return to college this year.

Bro. Joe Hull, who was out of college most of last term, and Bro. Ed. Esterly, have again returned. This makes our number in the University now twelve. Of our rivals,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has fifteen men;  $\Sigma X$ , nine;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , eight;  $X \Phi$ , twelve. They all seem to be prospering, each after its own fashion. There has been but little bitter fraternity spirit this year, good feeling generally prevailing.

We have for some time been expecting to see chapters of  $\Theta \Delta X$  and  $B \Theta \Pi$  established here, but as yet neither has materialized. It begins to look now as if both parties had failed in obtaining charters. In our opinion there are already as many fraternities here as the University can well support, and, if any more come, it will likely result in lowering the standard of some.

We have recently purchased a fine piano for our hall and consider it a profitable investment. Formerly we rented one, but found this a losing game.

Ohio Delta sends greeting to all her sister chapters, and hopes they are as happy and prosperous as she is.

W. W. KEIFER.

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VIRGINIA ALPHA.—It has been some time since Virginia A sent a letter, but we have been so busy with college work that we have been able to do nothing worthy of record in our organ. Bros. Davis, Ingle, Peters, Marshall, Saunders, and Blackford attended the Inauguration and were entertained by D. C. A. Would that I could fitly describe the glorious time we  $\Phi$   $\Psi$ s had. D. C. Alpha knows well how to give a brother a hearty welcome and a splendid time.

We are contemplating a quartette. As three of the four belong to the University choir, the feasibility of the plan is beyond a question.

Our usually quiet college was invaded by a bevy of young ladies from a school in Staunton, Va., and as might be expected, our chapter was prominent in making their brief stay agreeable.

We lose only one brother by graduation this year. This is Brother Woods, who makes M. D. He proposes to go as a medical missionary to China. Bro. Marshall has had to leave on account of ill health, but will return next session.

Hoping THE SHIELD all possible success under its new staff and congratulating it on its new dress,

April 8, 1885.

C. M. BLACKFORD, JR.

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KANSAS ALPHA.—Since the last issue of THE SHIELD two events have happened that deserve mention. On Friday evening, April 24, Kansas A was royally entertained by K chapter of K A  $\Theta$  at the home of Miss Hattie Haskell. The parlors were beautifully decorated with floral designs, pink and lavender ribbon, and several of the ladies were dressed in the same colors. Buch's orchestra was in attendance, and the hours quickly sped by, tripping the light fantastic, etc. As the guests were about to retire they were presented with one of the most elegant of the floral decorations, a monogram of the three Greek letters  $\Phi$   $\Kappa$   $\Psi$ .

The other was the marriage of Bro. F. A. Stocks to Miss Sallie Loveland on the 29th ult. Bro. Stocks graduated in '84, and Miss Loveland was a student in the University at the same time, and a member of the  $\Kappa$   $\Kappa$   $\Gamma$  fraternity. The ceremony was performed at Independence, Kas., by Rev. Dr. Marvin, ex-Chancellor of the University, from whence the happy couple started on an extended wedding tour through the East. On their return they will make their future home in Blue Rapids, Kas., where Bro. Stocks is in the banking business with his father, a half interest being the paternal wedding gift.

F. D. H.

## Sword and Shield.

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No feature of fraternity growth has of late been so marked as the rapid development of Greek journalism. This is right, for we may well believe that in the work of teaching the fraternities respect for each other and uniting them on the common ground of cultured manhood no other factor could accomplish so much as has been and will be effected by the fraternity press. So we shall remind Phi Kappa Psi of other Greeks with whom we shall perhaps some time meet in modern Amphictyonic Council.

The howl of the gay and festive Wooglin is heard on every page of the March number of B Θ Π. He is undoubtedly a sociable "Dorg," but a little inclined to overdo things. However, any sensible canine would elevate his voice at being placed in the company of the most fearfully and wonderfully constructed affairs that ever made hideous the cover of an excellent bi-monthly. "Beauty Clare" was very neat, and "The Bachelor's Guest" was a little jewel. No wonder B Θ Π publishes literary matter when it has such elegant little poems in store. Despite the fact that Mr. Baird, who in his book lists Hon. Schuyler Colfax with Beta Alumni, is on the Board, one of the editors managed to slip in an article on the dead statesman which cautiously admits that "He was an honorary member in one sense." Well, yes, as he never went to college a day in his life, we should say that "in one sense he was an honorary member." Peace to his ashes! He was a good man and a good Beta, though "in one sense an honorary" one. However let us hope we will not be compelled to wait until they are dead, or till some one else writes a history, to learn just how many of the prominent Betas are "in one sense honorary members."

Mr. Baird advocates a policy of extension, adapted to the wants of Beta Theta Pi, "and not to the wants and needs of any of our eastern rivals," while on the able editorial page Festinus and Lentulus discuss the shortcomings of Beta Theta without gloves. Says Festinus—a supposititious Beta—"Beta Theta Pi is a good deal of a fraternity, I grant that to start with. She probably ranks among the first half-dozen in the country, judged by any fair standard that can be applied." But, "in the first place there is a suggestion of general crudeness about us that makes me wince every time I encounter it. There is something in the air and attitude we assume as a fraternity that occasionally reminds me of the bearing of a man who has not got quite adjusted to his fine house and his standing in good society, and whose self consciousness keeps getting in his way. The thing I speak of appears at frequent intervals in the pages of *Beta Theta Pi*, both in the communications and editorial utterances; sometimes it approaches a swag-ger, and at best, it is not pleasant to observe. We do protest too much. Even our great catalogue of 1881 is, I am afraid, ostentatious rather than

elegant; at least it is not a monument of good taste though it is of energy, devotion, and pains-taking research. I see that one of the fraternity journals, good-humoredly enough, to be sure, speaks of it as an assemblage of horrors. \* \* \* \* \* The effect is that of a library or art gallery got together by an owner better endowed with money than with literary or artistic discrimination. \* \* \* But what I am contending is that the rawness, the pretentiousness, the lack of repose that we find in the artistic half of the catalogue, is characteristic of our fraternity in other respects as well. \* \* \* † I find an aimlessness, a lack of coherence, in its successive plans of work and phases of existence, which seem to me to have permanently stamped the fraternity."

And he continues about "lack of roots," "congressmen and dead chapters chiefly," instead of "chapter-houses and helpful traditions." Evidently Festinus is of the genus "Kicker." Lentulus—the ardent enthusiast—consoles him with the story of the Hebrew, whose friend remarked on the "picture of woe he presented" over the death of his wife. "Ah, said Isaac, with lugubrious pride, you should have seen me at the grave!" Said Lentulus: "You are too young to remember how much worse things once were, but, I assure you, you should have seen us at the grave!" All this brings us to the conclusion that the late editor of THE SHIELD, though perhaps the first Greek editor who had the courage to severely criticise the faults of his own order, was not the first to confess to himself that there is room for extensive improvements on every foot of sod in Modern Greece.

The January number of the very creditable and readable *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* gives a list of one hundred and thirty "Dekes" about whom information is wanted, and devotes fourteen pages to exchanges. It kindly and justly says of our predecessors, "If there are more thoroughly honest, conscientious and devoted Greeks than the editors of THE SHIELD, as shown by their work, we have yet to find them. They believe that what  $\Phi$   $\Kappa$   $\Psi$  wants is work from the inside, not outside advertisement. Julian Hawthorne's address to the Delta Kappa Epsilon convention is published. Mr. Hawthorne hardly does himself justice in it. John Addison Porter has a very interesting and elaborate article on "Greek Homesteads." He says that the first lodge owned by a chapter was the log-cabin in the woods, erected by Kenyon  $\Delta$   $\Kappa$   $\Xi$ 's in 1855, though as early as 1846 the Michigan Chi Psi chapter had a small hut—temporary and primitive—in the "Black Forest," to which they resorted to escape faculty persecutions. He says: "Some of these homesteads are almost lavish in their cost and are very complete in their appointments; such as the new Sigma Phi house at Williamstown, (cost nearly \$50,000), and the new Chi Psi house at Amherst. Others please by a lack of pretense, perfect good taste and the convenience of their internal arrangements, as the Kappa Alpha, of Williams and the Phi Nu Theta, of Wesleyan. While still others, as the Phi Kappa Psi, of Pennsylvania College, (cost \$3,000; stone, granite; interior woodwork, quartered oak;) though costing far less, are gems in their way."

After speaking of the "graceful and splendid" temple of Delta Psi at Trinity, which cost nearly \$35,000. and its Delta Psi sister at Columbia, with their elegant Egyptian and Gothic lodge rooms, Mr. Porter adds: "By far the most satisfactory artistic feature about any of the houses is a system of memorials to deceased members, recently introduced into several of the newer lodges. The list, so far, includes, noticeably, a large fire-place and memorial windows, by the deceased Princeton chapter, in the new Sigma Phi house at Williams; a carved mantel and several beautiful emblematic stained glass windows, by relatives of deceased members of Kappa Alpha at Williams; a similar tribute from a father for his son, in the Phi Kappa Psi lodge at Gettysburg, and a handsome stone porch and balcony in the Alpha Delta Phi house at Williamstown, for a deceased undergraduate, by his family and chapter mates."

Amid the general excellence and fairness of this issue of the  $\Delta$   $\kappa$   $\epsilon$ , the following close to an editorial shows a cheerful self-respect: "And so it is that in every advance of Greek development  $\Delta$   $\kappa$   $\epsilon$  is found first in the race. The great fraternity of the past, the greater fraternity of the present, the— shall she not ever be the greatest?—fraternity of the future." O Modesty, Thou art scarcely a Delta Kappa Epsilon jewel.



## Fraternity News.

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Chi Phi has withdrawn its Muhlenberg College chapter.

B Θ Π reports Φ Κ Ψ as their leading rival at Ohio Wesleyan.

It is reported that Zeta Psi has established a chapter at the Case School of Applied Sciences, Cleveland, Ohio.

Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta have chapters at Westminster College, Missouri, where Φ Ψ has just refused a charter.

The editor of THE SHIELD desires to secure a copy of THE SHIELD for April, 1881, Vol. II., No. 9. If any brother has such copy which he is willing to sell he will confer a favor by sending us his name, as we wish it to fill our file.

In reviewing the Epitome, *Beta Theta Pi* speaks in this kindly fashion: "The *Diamond*, the journal of Psi Upsilon, has all-said for it that can possibly be said. It is so far behind the periodicals issued by the other fraternities that, almost any mention of it seems unkind."

Of United States Senators Beta Theta Pi has had 9, Alpha Delta Phi 7, Psi Upsilon 6, Delta Kappa Epsilon 4, and Phi Kappa Psi 3. Of Congressmen 37 have been Alpha Deltas, 34 Dekes, 32 Betas, and 17 Phi Psis. though as we are not as we write in position to look the matter up the Φ Ψ list may be longer.

K A Θ decided at their recent convention to establish a fraternity organ and wisely gave this responsibility to their Kansas chapter. The young ladies of the latter, with their old-time energy and zeal, have instituted preparations for the publication of the first issue, which will now soon be out. The following is their efficient choice of editors: Editor, Miss Agnes Emery; Associate Editors, Misses Maggie Eidemiller and May Webster; Business Manager, Miss Hattie B. Haskell. THE SHIELD is glad of the company. The experiment of trusting Western chapters with important work is thus given another trial, and certainly in this instance at least cannot fail.

The chapter correspondents of the non-secret *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* pay their respects to Psi Upsilon in extensive form. The Cornell man says that Δ Υ has beaten Ψ Υ "in the cases of five men over whom there was a contest, and have not lost a single one to them." He adds, "the Ψ Υs are unpopular from their treachery in elections, and whatever offices they hold

are due to combinations with the neutrals, the other societies declining to have anything to do with them."

The ΔΥman at New York University hits harder. "The Psi Upsilon, in general, are unpopular in college; having a wild idea that they are better than any one else. They seem to 'want the earth'—and in consequence get comparatively nothing—largely through their treachery and greediness." He says that the Psi Upsilon chapter there once petitioned, "in a body for admission to the Delta Phi chapter." As it seems they were not admitted, perhaps Psi Upsilon's standard is not as high as that of Delta Phi.

The University of Kansas is trebly honored. Closely following the move of K A Θ towards enlarging the field of fraternity journalism, comes the announcement that the Kappa Chapter of the I. C. Sorosis is about to take advantage of the privilege given them at their Iowa convention last October, and send forth to the world a quarterly. Misses Ethel Allen, Mary Miller, Nettie Hubbard, and Mary Gilmore will ably watch over the destiny of the enterprise for the present, and judging from their well-known literary ability, the first rank must at once attend their magazine.

The address of Δ K E *Quarterly*, is 52 William street, New York City; the ΔΥ *Quarterly*, 83 Cedar street, New York City; of the *Beta Theta Pi*, room 11, Apollo Building, Cincinnati, Ohio; of the Delta Tau Delta *Crescent*, Meadville, Pa.; of the ΑΤΩ *Palm*, Richmond, Va. These journals receive subscriptions from any person, at one dollar per year. We believe we may add to the list the *Sigma Chi*, room 23, Portland Block, Chicago, one dollar and fifty cents per year, and the *Scroll*, P. O. Box 1398, New York; one dollar per year. Every chapter should subscribe for at least one of these.

## The Phi Psis.

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Below we publish greetings from two old Kansas Alpha boys: Mr. Nicholson, now Assistant General Passenger and Ticket Agent of one of the most powerful railroad corporations in America, and Mr. J. W. Gleed, now Law Lecturer and late Greek Professor at the University of Kansas. The old boys do fall in.

ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO,  
General Passenger and Ticket Department,

*My Dear Little:* TOPEKA, KANSAS, April 20, 1885.

The "eternal fitness of things" is again manifest in the consignment of "THE SHIELD" to Kansas, its Alpha, and to yourself. Long may the trio wave—the aforesaid "SHIELD," if that motion be in the manual of arms. With best wishes—and what is of more value, my subscription.

Yours in  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,

GEO. T. NICHOLSON.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, April 2, 1885.

*Editor Shield:*—Allow me to compliment you and the chapter on the last (your first) number of the SHIELD. Kansas Alpha should be glad of the opportunity given it by the Grand Arch Council, and proud of the honor conferred.

Yours fraternally,

J. W. GLEED.

OHIO GAMMA.—Bro. H. N. Clemens, '79, Ohio Gamma, our supreme worthy B. G., on the first of April became editor-in-chief of the Wooster, Ohio *Republican*, one of the most flourishing county papers in the Buckeye state. Bro. Clemens is making his mark in his profession, and is still a whole hearted and enthusiastic Phi Psi,

PENNSYLVANIA ZETA.—'82. Bro. A. C. Strite is reading law in Hagerstown, Maryland. Brothers who take time to stop there when passing through will always find a hearty welcome from "Abe."

'84. Bro. Raymond has received an appointment near Chester, Pennsylvania, from the late session of the Philadelphia Conference.

'83. Bro. Gibbs has been heard from at last. He is reading law at Mt. Holly, New Jersey.

'78. Bro. J. H. Morgan has been intrusted with the work of classifying and cataloging the larger library of Dickinson College. He has recently purchased a fine house in Carlisle and rumors are afloat as to who the fair occupant will be.

## Incidents and Accidents.

This department will be published incidentally and accidentally — little tales will be the incidents and little rhymes the accidents, that will occur from time to time. Any real cheerful little incident or accident that may happen to the brothers, THE SHIELD will be pleased to have.

An Abilene Phi Psi friend tells of a niece, aged four, who celebrated Easter, and astonished the family by inquiring of a sprinkled and spangled Easter egg: "Little egg, are you done as it is done in Heaven?"

Here's a little incident a "kiffie" from U. of P. tells on one of our Pennsylvania Iota boys: Professor of Chemistry told of some mysterious system of chemical affinities and infinities, reaching his conclusion amid the solemn silence of an awe struck class, which was soon broken by the encouraging voice of our genial  $\Phi \Psi$  with, "Ah, Professor, I think you have the idea!"

A prominent young lawyer, a "Deke," was lately elected county attorney of one of the leading Kansas counties. The chief argument used against him was that he had not yet practiced law for even one year, and therefore lacked experience. *Apropos* of this he tells of an Irish friend who came to his office to secure information for a certain school board of which he was a member. Said he, "We dunno if this be the county attorney's business. If it is, wud yez tend to it? If it ain't, by gorra, we'll jist git some *lawyer* to fix it."

### THE KANSAS MAID.

She wore a ribbon in her hair,  
As blue as bluest summer sky;  
I do not know, nor do I care,  
Wherefore the blessed bliss, nor why  
It sometimes made me deeply sigh  
To see that token nestling there.

She was a picture fair to see,—  
This Kansas maid, aged seventeen;  
Beloved by saint and Pharisee,  
In every heart the reigning queen.  
I loved her with a love too keen,  
And fondly thought she fancied me.

We formed a secret league of two—  
Its password, friends; its grip, complex;  
Our mission, to get wider view  
Of starry fields, a task to vex  
And often seriously perplex:—  
But what is that to such as you?

"It is not proper," so she said,  
"To kiss at parting, by the gate.  
The roses white, the roses red,  
The moonbeams sitting up so late,  
Would jest; perhaps we'd better wait."—  
Then blushed, and was discomfited.

I'm waiting yet, am waiting still,  
To kiss the Kansas maid's red lips.  
The shadows creep adown the hill,  
As 'cross the vale she blithely trips  
And softly, sweetly, calmly slips  
Her hand in that of brother Bill!

W. H. S.

Topeka, Kansas, April 2, 1885.

### MY PICTURE,

Two sweet brown eyes, the sweetest ever  
seen,  
So soft, so radiant, timid yet serene,  
In whose dark depths a fairy seems to  
dwell,  
An angel now, and now a sprite as well;  
A roguish mouth, demurely downward  
drawn  
Which asks for pity while it lures you on;  
Two rounded cheeks, soft-flushed by  
royal blood  
That paints in matchless hues each chang-  
ing mood;  
Rich, wavy hair, impatient of restraint;  
A smile to cheer and lift or lure a saint.  
And, crowning joy of all! a fresh young  
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We regret very much that through lack of space the personals solicited from the Kansas Alpha Alumni were crowded out of this issue. Other chapters, also, missing the items they sent will know the whereof of their non-appearance.

EDITORS.

### TO THE B. G'S.

We desire to open a separate account with each member of the different chapters, and request that each B. G. send in the names of all members present April 1st, and henceforth, also, the names of initiates from time to time during the year. When money is sent us from the chapters, please give the names of those to whom it is to be credited.

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## The Chapter-Hall of Epsilon.

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College men are proverbially the most enthusiastic of the genus homo. Their good humor is more enduring, their patience is more inexhaustible—to allow an impossible comparative—and their perseverance more tenacious than the same qualities in any of their brethren in other ways and by-ways of life. It is owing, perhaps, to the life-giving simple of college-begotten assurance.

But, however much good humor you may have; however much patience or perseverance, you will have need of it all, if you have an active part in the work of obtaining money for the erection of a chapter house. We are taking for granted that you are soliciting this money from your alumni fraters; that you are building such a hall as shall truly be one built by the brothers, for the brothers; and such an one is the little Queen Anne structure of Pennsylvania Epsilon.

Among the alumni, there is the immobility of long separation from direct fraternity association to be contended with. You will perceive, from the tone of letters received, that there are many who are lavish of encouraging phrase, but lacking sadly in encouragement of a more solid nature. There are some, who, from financial embarrassment, are unable to contribute. To these who would, but cannot, all praise. To those who can, but will not—they are still our brothers. We are glad that, in the history of our chapter-house scheme, but few of the latter class have been revealed.

It is, indeed, a glorious thing if an old member well gifted by the gods with filthy lucre and an abiding love for his fraternity build a handsome edifice and present it to his chapter as its home. He builds a monument to himself visibly large, and no less an one in making his young brothers' hearts swell with gratitude till they are as large (it seems to them) as the chapter-house itself.

But such men are rare, and such occurrences, through truly much to be prayed for, are exceptional events in the annals of fraternity life.

Pennsylvania Epsilon, in the persons of some of her alumni, possessed men with energy and foresightedness enough to undertake the building of a chapter-hall. It were well, perhaps, to state here, that the chapter claims no excellence to her house as a chapter-house, in the commonly accepted

spirit of the term, as combining a place of residence for her members and a meeting place for fraternity work. It is simply and plainly a hall or lodge-room for meeting purposes only. It cannot vie with the commodious establishments of wealthier chapters in other fraternities; but for the purpose for which it was intended, and under existing circumstances we call it a great success. As the pioneer chapter-house of Phi Kappa Psi it is the fit fore-runner of many nobler buildings yet to be.

Long ago, in 1855 and following, when Epsilon first began her existence as a chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, the meetings were held in the rooms of the different brothers, resident in the College and Theological Seminary. Afterwards repeated efforts were made to obtain a permanent room for meeting purposes, but they only proved partially successful. This was from 1860 until 1875. The 9th of February of the latter named year witnessed the final securing of a room, and this same room, after being enlarged in 1878, was used by the chapter until, with proud and thankful hearts, they left it for the hall at present occupied.

Early in September, 1880, Dr. Edgar F. Smith, '74, and Harry Claybaugh, Esq., '77, laid before the chapter the advisability of building a chapter-house of her own. It is interesting and amusing now to know that the first idea of the chapter was to build a frame structure to cost not more than \$500 or \$600, and on this evening, upon the presentation of the project, a committee of three was appointed to inquire into the possibility of success. The twenty active members present were canvassed for subscriptions. Result, \$200.

The committee did not consider this amount sufficient to justify any further procedure and the matter was dropped; but individual enthusiasm still kept alive the almost extinguished spark, and, as the result of pages of correspondence with many alumni, a simple telegram was read on the 11th of February, 1881, at a regular meeting of the chapter. The telegram read as follows:

"I will give one hundred dollars, if you can secure the rest of the one thousand."  
DANIEL R. MILLER.

This was the beginning of substantial alumni backing. In the language of Bro. Geo. D. Gotwald, in his paper read at the dedication of the chapter-hall, on the evening of June 24, 1884: "The reading of this message to the chapter produced as much encouragement as surprise. No one but the recipient of the telegram knew of it until its presentation to the chapter. Peals of applause, with endless expressions of gratitude, sounded out from that old third-story room; and for the first time the chapter felt that it had alumni who would support the proposed project, and that it could do nothing else but go ahead."

Active measures were at once taken and a building committee and a correspondence committee were elected. The building committee was composed of Brothers Harry Claybaugh, Esq., '77; George S. Bowers, '80; C. A. Eyler, '80; F. R. Kahler, '81, and R. M. Linton, '83, to which were afterwards added Brothers Hart Gilbert, '67, and J. M. Krauth, '64; the correspondence committee of Brothers George D. Gotwald, '82; H. L. Jacobs, '82, and Allen J. Smith, '83.

The house now assumed to Epsilon the shadow of a reality, and the trustees of the college granted permission to build on the campus and the site was selected. The correspondence committee did everything in its power to secure subscriptions, and nothing in the history of Troy can compare with the more than Trojan character of their activity throughout the entire campaign, so to speak. They out Trojane the Trojans. The building committee visited various edifices and inspected designs, and were by no means inactive: but it was not until near the close of the college year '82 that a suitable design was adopted and the work placed in the hands of a builder. None of us who were present will ever forget that evening during Commencement week of '82, when we laid the corner stone of our house. Talk about visiting *Chateaux en Espagne!* Talk about magnificent edifices costing thousands! We would not have exchanged that evening and that 22 by 38 foundation for them all. It was indeed an occasion of great joy to Epsilon. It was during the semi-centennial celebration of our *Alma Mater* and we were the observed of many observers. Long may the memory of that evening remain! The winter following caused a cessation of the work and subjected the chapter to the taunts and slurs of rival Greeks, who asserted our inability to proceed with it from lack of funds. In the spring of 1883 it was again resumed under a contract with a new builder from York and our success was finally assured. It was then rapidly pushed to completion, and last Commencement the building was dedicated to its future use as a chapter-hall. The original estimate of the cost was again and again changed, and the cost of the building, completed, was in round numbers three thousand dollars.

It is but a trifling matter to write a history, plain and unvarnished, of what has been done. The sincere effort put forth by the active chapter and alumni can easily be mentioned, but to give it fitting tribute is impossible. The hours spent in writing letters, in discussing plans, in honest work of all kinds for the chapter-hall, if there be justice in the Olympian Council of these latter-day Greeks, will not go unrewarded.

It was during this period of the chapter's existence that Epsilon's *Echo* was born. The first number appeared in September, 1881, with Geo. D. Gotwald, '82, as editor, and Allen J. Smith, '83, as associate editor. Its purpose, as stated in the editorial initiative, was to restore fraternity love and interest in the alumni. After the first four numbers its matter became largely devoted to the development of the chapter-house subscriptions and to notes concerning the progress made therein. After doing faithful duty from a humane desire for the happiness of the alumni, by its frequent dunning, it has lately returned into its original channel and is now a bi-monthly messenger from the chapter to the alumni—a messenger of local fraternity and college news.

To Brother Judge Adam Hoy, our honored founder, we are indebted for much good counsel in legal matters and much good encouragement and hearty sympathy. We are, too, indebted to him for contributions worthy of his generous heart.

To Brother Daniel R. Miller, whose telegram is quoted above, the chapter looks with like love and gratitude. The telegram was but the

fore-runner of subsequent contribution, and to him we are indebted for nearly half of the entire sum contributed. In honor of him, by motion of our founder at the meeting of alumni and actives last June, the house was named "Miller Hall," and we feel that the name adds all honor to it.

The building stands on a rising knoll in the southwest part of the campus and directly south of the President's residence. Its front faces east, and the position commands a good view of the campus and town. It is built of granite in the style of Queen Anne, and the gray of the granite, penciled between stones with red, presents a pleasing effect to Phi Psi eyes and a not unpleasing one to others.

In front there are three gables, one above and slightly back of the other two. On the first is the Greek letter Phi, on the second Kappa, on the third Psi. At the sides of the building, on the gables at the top, are small gilt shields with  $\Phi$   $\Kappa$   $\Psi$  in black letters across the centers. Across the top of the rear, on the wood-work, is painted in huge letters

$\Phi$   $\Kappa$   $\Psi$

PENNSYLVANIA *E*,

commanded in good view by passengers on the Gettysburg and Harrisburg railroad. The windows are sufficiently high from the ground to prevent prying, and the panes are of stained glass of various designs.

The interior is divided into three compartments—the main room, used for meetings, a small side room to the left as you enter, used as a library room and general repository and a small ante-room into which the entrance door leads. The entire interior wood-work—doors, windows and wainscoting—is of quartered oak, the doors being particularly heavy and substantial, and the *tout ensemble* is classically free from vulgar trivialities. The chandeliers and other appointments are in keeping with the rest. A beautiful carved memorial mantel, presented by Mr. Jere Carl, of York, Pa., surmounts the fire-place. It is likewise made of polished oak and bears on the tablet above the mantel proper these words:

In Memoriam,  
CAROLI W. CARL,  
Fratris Ordinis.

$\Phi$   $\Kappa$   $\Psi$ .

A Suis Parentibus.  
Ob. XXVII. Feb. A. D.  
MCCCCLXXXII.

Below the mantel, and over the fire-place, this legend greets the eye:

GOOD FIRE, GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD CHEER.

At sight of this mantel comes up the thought of days forever past—days when the noble young brother whose memory it cherishes was with us and of us. Epsilon has changed since then, short though the time be. Brothers have gone and new ones have been added; but to those who knew him the memory of his cheery ways and pleasant smile lingers long and lovingly.

His was a life "pure and fragrant with the record of generous deeds." The ennobling influence of a pure heart was shown forth in the love he had from all. We think of the "might have been," of the glorious hope that

promised a useful and ever-widening future, and then of that career cut short, of that crescent light doomed never to grow full. He still lives in his influence upon us; for does not that mantel, by its sacred memories, render better and purer the atmosphere of our Hall to us? Surely, and the influence, "unseen though not unfelt," can never cease.

While writing this, somewhat rambling description, there occurs to me an incident in the building of our hall, which will serve to show the readiness of the chapter to work for the good cause in every way. It occurred one evening after the foundation was laid and resulted in our putting some personal muscle into exercise. The space between the foundations had to be dug out for the sake of ventilation. The men we had hired, if I remember rightly, had failed to put in appearance, and, at last, we concluded to do it ourselves. And so we did; and after we all got together with pick and shovel it was not long until there was evidence that "where there's a will, there's a way."

The furniture of the hall is, at present, rather meager. We have the old tables which graced our third-story meeting room before the building of the hall. Three or four benches, which, in former times, adorned some recitation room in the college, banished now to give place to better accommodations, serve the members for seats. Suitable furniture has not as yet been bought, but the revolution of a few years, it is hoped, will witness the completion of all internal comfort and adornment.

There are chapters in the fraternity that are desirous of building. There are those that already have begun the undertaking. To them we have only to extend our best wishes for their success. But to all we say, do not attempt such a plan without a full determination to succeed and the resolution to meet brave-facedly all discouragement and ill-success. Phi Kappa Psi, with over four thousand members, ought to possess a few chapter-houses worthy to be compared with those of the Eastern fraternities. The work requires constant, unceasing effort, but let no one despond.

Some chapters would not entertain the thought of building such a small edifice as Pennsylvania Epsilon has the good fortune to possess; but as the first chapter-house of old Phi Psi it needs neither commiseration nor exaltation.

"Then till our life-work here is done,  
Until our hands can do no more,  
Until we sit at setting sun,  
And listen to old Charon's oar,  
Let us revere the dear old hall,  
And work with mind and heart and soul.  
God's blessing be upon us all  
And speed us onward to the goal."

Our house is neither a great triumph of architectural skill nor a gigantic cenotaph to the power of money. It is a little Lodge that holds modestly its place on the campus of Pennsylvania College; but each member of Epsilon, as he contemplates her house with pride, feels that the object of the chapter's efforts has been accomplished, and in the language of Mr. John A. Porter concerning it, in the January *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, that "it is a gem in its way."

EDGAR IRVING BRENNER.

## A Suggestion.

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The attitude of the majority of the delegates to the last G. A. C. plainly showed that Phi Kappa Psi is neither ready nor willing to accept any radical change in organization and government unless it can be demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt that the change proposed is to prove of lasting benefit to the whole fraternity. The expressed desire of those who would at once have swept away the accumulated fraternity experience of thirty-five years, in order to put into operation a theory of government remarkable only for its ingenuity and complication, met the cool reception which it deserved. The men who believe that all change is progress and that fraternity evils can be removed by mere changes in our organic laws, were fortunately in the minority. Let us congratulate ourselves that the G. A. C. refrained from hasty and radical action and referred this important subject to a committee whose preliminary report indicated care, caution and a wise conservatism.

In view of the present state of public feeling in the fraternity and of the invitation of the committee for suggestions and discussions of topics that come within the purview of their authority, a few statements of what I believe to be facts may not be unacceptable. And first, no necessity is apparent for any alteration in the ritual, address and statement of the objects of our organization. To many of our older men these forms are in their familiarity possessed with a charm that amounts almost to sanctity. The statement of Charles Sumner on his initiation, (related to the writer by Brother Dyce), that nothing could better express what should be the holy purposes of such a society than the words to which he had just listened, has lost none of its force and truth with the lapse of years. Many a man, whose recollections of his fraternity life have grown dim in other respects, has never lost the remembrance of the vows so nobly symbolized in Phi Kappa Psi.

For similar reasons as many of the provisions of our constitution should be retained as possible. Especially should the formal parts of those instruments be retained. Scarcely a chapter exists that has not now become familiar with the methods prescribed by the constitution in dealing with other chapters, the G. C. and the G. A. C. Those methods, once mastered, are found to be as efficient as could be desired. If any change is to be made here, let it be by way of addition and completeness. To supplant these present methods, by instituting intermediate agents, will be to unsettle the present familiarity and to place us all, as far as dealing with each other is concerned, in the ignorant and awkward position a chapter occupies until our methods of procedure are mastered.

By all means let the unit rule as to admission of new chapters be preserved in its full integrity. Greatness in numbers can never compensate

for the loss of unity of purpose and of feeling among all the chapters. The very basis of our chapter life rests upon the principle of unanimity so wisely conceived by our founders. Its beneficial results in chapter life none will deny, And if so advantageous between individuals of the same chapter, why not equally beneficial between individual chapters of the same fraternity? At what point does the principle good for one, cease to be good for the other? The presence on our roll of names of chapters, which some of our sisters had striven in vain to exclude and the cause of which had been championed with equal fervor by other chapters, would be a standing menace to the peace of our fraternity, would breed factions and discontent and would end in the final rupture of the fraternity, and the withdrawal of those chapters whose protests had been so long disregarded. The destruction of the unit rule, too, would mean the destruction of the strongest element that maintains the interest of the chapters in each other and in the fraternity at large. If our sisters chapters are to be selected for us, if we are not as individual chapters to have the deciding voice as to the placing of new chapters, we will feel that our only business is to maintain our own individual welfare; we will feel that the welfare of the fraternity rests in other hands, and that our influence is unimportant, and our opinions of little account. Let no one urge that at present many chapters vote blindly, and with little idea of responsibility of fraternity welfare. I grant it, but your proposed plan to take the matter entirely from their hands, only aggravates the evil, encourages their listlessness and hastens them from stagnation to decay. If such were true of all the chapters our condition would be sorry indeed. But it is not true of even a majority of them and as long as even two or three chapters shall continue to feel their responsibility, and the consequent importance of thoroughly examining into every new petition, — considering before voting for or against, the standing of the college and the men from whom the petition comes, the desirability of extension in the direction proposed and the advantages or disadvantages of increasing our list, — so long will the power of veto be in good hands and chapter interest sustained. The committee should then hesitate long before proposing any plan that will take this power from the hands of the chapters, to whom it rightfully belongs. We have a right to say who shall be our compeers; take away that right and you destroy our foundation principle of unanimity.

Whether the G. C. system is retained or not, the rule giving the governing body the power of withdrawing charters from delinquent chapters should be maintained *and enforced*. In short let all changes be made with the fact ever in view that reform must be a rational growth, and that radical measures are apt to defeat the ends for which they are enacted.

JOSEPH V. DENNEY.

## The Areopagus.

### *Iowa Alpha.*

Iowa Alpha sends greeting. Saturday evening, April 18th, our chapter, so long dead, at least it seems long to us, ten years I think, awoke "with a start." Last September Brother E. E. Dorr, a member of Iowa Delta, went to Iowa City to attend the University. The subject which has been so long on our minds, how to revive Iowa Alpha, was mentioned to him and so he went to work. Good work was done until at length the petition came in and was acted upon. The brothers know something of how good this lonesome chapter, Iowa Delta, felt when the news came that we would be able once more to regain our footing at the University. Well, Saturday the 18th, we met to re-organize the chapter. First at the hall, for the boys are enterprising and have a beautiful hall all ready to furnish, which they are doing now. From there the company adjourned to the spacious office of Brother H. E. Swisher. The three rooms of this office seemed just built and fitted for the purpose of initiation and installation; shortly, in came Brother L. Swisher, the banker of the city. With these brothers the Ambassador proceeded to initiate the members present. The alumni brothers were as expert, and seemingly as much at home as if they were but yesterday active members. At length the Ambassador declared Iowa Alpha re-organized. As the result of this allow me to introduce to you Brothers H. H. Monlux, R. F. Skiff, Fred A. Nye, and Howard M. North. Brother Dorr you have already met. Business was relaxed and speeches indulged in. Brother H. E. Swisher gave an interesting account of each man who had gone out from our fraternity at that place; told of their successes, where they were; pointed to the catalogue and challenged us to turn out in ten years another forty men, who should stand as well in the state as have the alumni of  $\Phi K \Psi$  who graduated between '67 and '76 from the University of Iowa. The little party already having the fraternal feeling developed sufficiently, adjourned to the European House where we proceeded to discuss the viands prepared. Then the Swisher brothers were alternately called out for reminiscences, and oh, they were just side-splitting. The experiences of those whole ten years was condensed for the evening's entertainment — old initiations were gone over, old episodes related until all were convulsed and supper was neglected.

The conversation flowed on until late when the alumni brothers excused themselves and the fraternity returned to the hall to finish the work of arranging for the future of the chapter. At a very late hour we adjourned well pleased with all the outlook. It was impossible for all the new boys to be at the initiation. Since, three members have been initiated — Brother Joy, '86, Eggart '86 and Cloz, '87. There are at present four fraternities besides our own at the University;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $\Sigma X$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$  and  $\Delta T \Delta$ .  $\Sigma X$  is

going out soon. They have given up their hall, and will soon, if they have not already, surrender their charter. There is no reason why  $\Phi K \Psi$  may not regain her old place. Brother E. E. Dorr, I must not neglect to say, has done his part to give the fraternity prestige by taking the Freshman prize in declamation, the highest prize of his class. He did it easily over strong competitors. There is much more I might say, but the editor says the letters of this issue must be short.

A long and prosperous career to Iowa Alpha!

Yours very fraternally,

J. H. NEWLAND, Ambassador.

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*Michigan Alpha Fraternity House.*

Our house was originally built and owned by C. R. Miller, a merchant of Ann Arbor, who had some luxurious ideas in the house building line and failed and lost his house in consequence. Its original cost was \$25,000.

The situation is very pleasant. The grounds, within ten minutes' walk of the University, contain about five acres well shaded by native oak, fitted out with drives and walks with orchard and grapery in the rear.

The building is the ordinary brick mansion of twenty years ago, an abundance of gables, wings and chimneys, surrounded by a broad porch, and the whole surmounted by a tower from which the Phi Psi colors float. We have seven rooms that are occupied by the boys, besides the parlor, dining room and kitchen and the rooms occupied by our matron and the servants.

The house is finished in black walnut. Each room is furnished with grate, surmounted by marble mantel-piece, which, together with the colored stucco decorations of the ceiling, makes a very handsome room. The house is heated throughout by steam and furnished with bath-tubs, etc. Our parlor, where we hold our semi-occasional hops, is large and well adapted for entertaining company.

Our matron, who presides at our table, receives our company and looks after us generally, occupies the greater portion of the wing in the rear. There is a large vacant room in the third story that has been intended for a gymnasium and boxing room, but as yet no effort has been made to fit it up. As time goes on we will find opportunities for carrying into effect all the little schemes we have in view, in the meantime we keep our lath-string out to all Phi Kap that come our way.

Fraternally,

ROBT. E. PARK.

## Editorial.

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FOR a quarter of a century Ohio Alpha has been one of the best Phi Psi chapters. It has initiated some of the ablest men in the fraternity, and was at one time the Grand Chapter. Just at present it is engaged in securing data and subscribers to a chapter history. The move is an excellent one, can scarcely fail in Ohio Alpha and should be imitated by other old chapters.

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OUR Historiographers report the History manuscript in good condition and nearly ready for publication. They suggest that the work be published by installments in THE SHIELD, a proper number of extra copies of the History installment being run off each time, till the whole is ready for publication in book-form. The plan seems a feasible one. Brother Weinschenk reports that he has nearly all the songs. It ought to be a very easy matter for some active under-graduate to publish them in some form, to be improved hereafter.

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AT the close of the college year THE SHIELD congratulates the Fraternity on the re-organization of New York Alpha at Cornell and Iowa Alpha at the University of Iowa. The colleges are too well-known to need any mention here. The Cornell chapter was founded in 1869 by Judge Foraker, M. L. Buchwalter, and John A. Rea, all of Ohio Alpha. For eight years it was the leading fraternity chapter at Cornell. Carl Schurz is an honorary member. The new chapter, of eighteen men, has behind it an alumni membership of thirty-three fine men. Judge Foraker is a Trustee of Cornell. Iowa Alpha was founded by Professor Commodore P. Rodgers, who was a member of Ohio Alpha at the time the founders of New York Alpha were in the Ohio chapter. He is now Superintendent of Schools at Marshalltown, Iowa, and ranks among the best superintendents in the West. The old chapter lived nine years and left forty fine men to sustain the present active chapter of eight. In times past these chapters were among the best in Φ K Ψ, and we have every reason to believe that they will do much honor to the Fraternity hereafter. We give them a hearty welcome. Phi Kappa Psi will not soon forget the earnest work of Brothers Blanchet, McNair, Wiseman, Newland, Dorr, Swisher, and New York Beta and Iowa Delta

chapters. This work, with the re-establishment of South Carolina Alpha earlier in the year, gives us good reason to hope that Phi Kappa Psi will soon be in possession of all her old outposts that should be hers. And the fraternity has been as fortunate in other directions. The Grand Arch Council was largely attended by enthusiastic men. Take it all in all the the last year was one of the most fortunate in Phi Kappa Psi's history.

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“TOO FREQUENT.”

It needs but a few months' experience to convince us that it is simply impossible to make a fraternity journal what it should be, if it must appear monthly. First, the same money that would publish five numbers a year in an acceptable manner, will not publish ten issues of equal elegance. It must be expected that, other things being equal, quarterlies and bi-monthlies will be larger, handsomer, more neatly printed, and on better paper than monthlies, for the simple reason that a number which costs \$150 will surpass that on which but \$75 is expended. Again, fraternity literature must be collected from every quarter of the Union. Two weeks of each month must be given to the mere publishing of the magazine. This leaves but two weeks in which to collect matter and edit the publication. You cannot expect that good work will be done in that time. An editor should have time to choose, collect, assort, and *edit*. The quarterlies are naturally the largest and perhaps the handsomest of the fraternity journals. But are so similar to angel's visits, as to fewness and far-betweens, that they are apt to lack the true fraternity enthusiasm and remind one of the stately stiffness and elaborate have-my-best-dress-on manner of a Grand Catalogue. They are “too seldom” for real life. The bi-monthly combines the sprightliness of the monthly with the careful work of the quarterly, and is undoubtedly the proper form for a fraternity journal. Its issues are so far apart that the editor has some opportunity to do good work without sacrificing his personal interests, while it reaches the under-graduate subscribers often enough for all practical purposes. The alumni members are a little bored by a monthly visitor which they would be pleased to see if it came but bi-monthly. Such journals as *Beta Theta Pi* and *Sigma Chi* will convince any one that the bi-monthly is the ideal. It would be well if such a change could be made in our own journal, and it will be made sooner or later without question.

## A GENERATION.

A third of a century ago Letterman and Moore wrote their names at the head of the muster-roll of Phi Kappa Psi. A generation has come and a generation has gone. Near five thousand cultured and manly men have passed between the careful sentinels who watch our altars and inscribed their names on our great roll of honor. Letterman's name has been written on a sad and sombre roster which no man ever calls. The echo of his hopes lingers in all our hearts. But the echo of his footsteps has been lost in a dim and dusty and trackless distance. He has passed through a grim and ghostly cordon, beyond which we will meet him when the sun goes down. Moore has lived to see his work taken up by younger, but never by abler or worthier men. Phi Kappa Psi was singularly fortunate in her founders. Nor has the Fraternity less reason to be proud of the men who have gone from her chapters into every respectable and honorable walk of life. They have graced the bench and honored the bar. They have ornamented the pulpit and added lustre to the senate. They have not been slow of foot in the paths of science, scholarship, and literature. They have been just in business and brave in war. We know that the graves of our soldier brothers are the tombs of gallant men, whether they fought under the Stars and Stripes or beneath the banner of the Lost Cause. Our chapters, in thirty-six honored colleges, are as much respected and as respectable as their alumni. Doubtless there are in ours, as in all fraternities, places that might be improved. Phi Kappa Psi, like her rivals, has not always sung the songs of victory, but has sometimes hung her harp on the willows of defeat. But the victories have much outnumbered the defeats and the fraternity is stronger than ever before. Experience has taught us where we are strongest and where we are weakest. Henceforth the generous enthusiasm of youth will be guided by the wise counsel of age. Care must be taken to make needed changes and to avoid former mistakes. But to-day Phi Kappa Psi is jealous of no friend and fearful of no foe. We enter on a second generation of the fraternity's history proud of our record and confident of our resources. We have the kindest regard for our ambitious and fair-minded rivals. But we have learned to despise the boastful arrogance of silly braggarts whose long-eared vanity is constantly on exhibition. Their blessing would shrivel, their benediction wither. The true Greek is a gentleman, but not an aristocrat. The most cautious seer must predict for Phi Kappa Psi a brighter second generation than our honored founders ever dreamed. Who can tell what the record will be when the present undergraduate "shifts into the lean and slipper'd pantaloons"? So, across half a continent, THE SHIELD sends greeting to Brother Moore and con-

gratulations on the success of his fraternity. We hope he will live long to be honored, respected, and loved by his brothers in the bond. At the close of this college year and our first generation, we send greeting and good wishes to all loyal brothers. The names of many, like Brother Letterman's, have been written on a sad and sombre roster which no man ever calls. The echo of their footsteps has been lost in a dim and dusty and trackless distance. They have found their way through a grim and ghostly cordon beyond which we will meet them in Grand Arch Council when the sun goes down.

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#### MILLER HALL.

Much of this number of *THE SHIELD* is devoted to the discussion of the chapter-house question. Brother Brenner of the Grand Chapter has a very interesting article on Pennsylvania Epsilon's Lodge. This Lodge is one of the handsomest buildings of the kind that has ever been erected. It reflects great credit on the Epsilon boys and their alumni. We feel sure that all Phi Kappa Psi will unite with us in congratulating them. In this, as in all they attempt, the vigor of our Grand Chapter is evinced. As for Daniel R. Miller he is a royal and loyal Phi Psi of whom we are all as proud as are his chapter brothers. Michigan Alpha contributes a brief description of the handsome residence in which the Michigan boys are "at home" to all  $\Phi K \Psi$ . Theirs is indeed a fit home for worthy Phi Psis, elegant and commodious. The Zeta chapter of Pennsylvania expects to be able to build soon. Illinois Alpha has begun operations in that direction. *THE SHIELD* hopes to have similar reports from Ohio Alpha, Ohio Beta, Indiana Alpha and most of the Pennsylvania chapters. Beyond question the time will come when every chapter will have a home of its own. Secure a suitable location and deed it to a chartered body of Alumni. Begin to discuss ways and means and before you can really believe it a dozen chapters will be as happily situated as the boys at Gettysburg. Of course the home in which all can live is preferable to the lodge. If you are not ready to build, rent as neat a residence as you can afford and go to keeping house. If not prepared to do that, fit up your hall as well as you can and get your boys together in a house where only Phi Psis room. Organize  $\Phi \Psi$  eating clubs. All this is within the power of every chapter even now. Let us mark the close of this college year by arranging to live together and eat together next year. This will give your chapter unity of thought and purpose, teach the brothers a kindlier regard for each other and enable them to entertain visiting alumni; keep a "spare room" and an extra seat

at table for the old boys. See that they are provided for on their occasional returns to *Alma Mater*. A year of such experience will bind a host of old boys to you, give your chapter a strength it has never had before, and put you many years nearer a homestead of your own. No chapter whose members do not dwell under the same roof — though it be but the roof of a boarding house — and dine at the same table, lives up to its opportunities or appreciates its duties as it should. Get the boys together under the same roof, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, Oh Jerusalem !



## Chapter Letters.

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PENNSYLVANIA BETA.—The May number of THE SHIELD is at hand. Our boys are all delighted with it, and our enthusiasm for our beloved order, which always has been very great, if possible, has been increased by the prompt arrival and splendid and dignified appearance of our fraternity journal. If hitherto general excellence has characterized THE SHIELD, par excellence, judging from the two numbers before us, is not too much to bespeak for it under the present administration.

Pennsylvania Beta is wide-awake, you can depend upon it. We have sixteen of the most gentlemanly and scholarly men in Alleghany College, and all of them thoroughly alive to the interests of the fraternity. They are distributed among the different classes, from first Prep. to Senior, with rather a large percentage in the latter, there being six Phi Psis in the present graduating class. We are of various ages, types of beauty, ambitions, etc., especially the etc. Law, medicine, ministry and teaching are some of the goals toward which the laudable ambitions of our boys lead them. With excelsior for their watchword, manliness and large-heartedness for their characteristics, you may ever expect to hear encouraging news from Pennsylvania Beta.

During the year five men have joined our ranks, Brother Corney Laffer, son of our late lamented Brother P. A. Laffer, being our last initiate.

Our rival fraternities in order of importance are  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and  $\Delta \Gamma \Delta$ .

The  $\Delta$ s have a finely furnished suite of rooms, and in this respect surpass any other fraternity here represented. This is their grand chapter, and with the aid of their alumni they publish their fraternity organ, the *Crescent*. The K A  $\Theta$ s are represented by a flourishing chapter of thirteen members.

We subjoin a statement of the different fraternities as requested:

	Sen.	Jun.	Sophs.	Fresh'n.	3d. Prep.	2d. Prep.	1st. Prep.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi.....	6	2	3	1	2	2		16
Phi Gamma Delta...	6	2	0	3	2	1		14
Phi Delta Theta....	2	4	0	4	1	3		14
Delta Tau Delta....	0	0	1	1	5	1	1	9
Kappa Alpha Theta	4	2	2	5				13

Wishing you health, happiness and success, we remain yours in the bonds of the mystic three,

May 13, 1885.

CHAS. T. FOX,

ILLINOIS BETA.—We received the May SHIELD day before yesterday. It is a model of neatness and good taste, and at last the proof-reading is accurate. I do not know whether we owe you the enclosed or not. If we do, here it is; if we don't, take it anyhow for the cause. Illinois Beta is flourishing. We are divided thus in college:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophs.	Freshmen.	Total
Phi Kappa Psi.....	3	3	1	2	9
Psi Upsilon.....	2	3	2	0	7
Zeta Psi.....	0	2	1	0	3
Delta Kappa Epsilon.....	1	1	3	2	7

I was adding up to-day an accurate list of prizes taken in college from 1879-80 till the present time, including this year's Sophomore and Junior exhibitions, in which the  $\Delta$  K Es routed us. I find the following result, highly creditable to us, the youngest fraternity:

$\Phi$ K $\Psi$ —29.52	per cent.
Ladies—25.90	“
$\Delta$ K E—23.00	“
$\Psi$ $\Upsilon$ —6.41	“
Z $\Psi$ —2.23	“
Oudens—12.94	“

The only thing that worries us is the state of the college, which has been sold for debt. The prospect is dubious, but we hope for the best. Notwithstanding these financial embarrassments there are more students here than ever before.

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IOWA ALPHA.—Iowa Alpha is again alive, re-organized through the efforts of Brother E. E. Dorr, with the assistance of the resident alumni. The installation occurred on the evening of April 18, 1885, the ceremonies being conducted by Brother Newland, of Iowa Delta, and Brothers Swisher and Dorr. The charter members were Messrs. R. F. Skiff, H. H. Monlux, '85, C. L. Joy, '86, Ed. Dorr, H. M. North and C. F. Clarkson, Jr., '88, the latter not having joined as yet; the resident alumni are Prof. S. N. Fellows, Prof. Amos Hiatt, Lovell Swisher and A. E. Swisher, all active members. We have since initiated C. E. Eggert, '86, F. A. Nye and Jacob Closz, '87, giving us two members in each class. Brothers Skiff and Monlux are captains, the former having the highest military rank in the University. Brothers Closz and Dorr have first honors in oratory in the Freshman contests of '84 and '85, respectively. The past conduct of the other fraternities here has made desirable the establishment of a fraternity, which, like  $\Phi$  K  $\Psi$ , places respectable moral character at a premium, and the disbanding of Sigma Chi is quite opportune for our starting up.

We have already rented and partially fitted up a hall in a very desirable locality, but will not furnish it entirely until next fall. The boys are all enthusiastic and are earnest to have Iowa Alpha stand as high as  $\Phi$  K  $\Psi$  does elsewhere. We have three fraternities to contend with, viz: Delta Tau Delta, with about twenty members, composed entirely of society boys; Beta

Theta Pi, very conservative and exclusive, having eleven members, and Phi Delta Theta, whose object is not known.

The following officers were elected at our first meeting: R. F. Skiff, G. P.; Hal. H. Monlux, P.; Ed. E. Dorr, B. G.; Howard M. North, A. G.; C. E. Eggert, Ph.; F. A. Nye, H. HOWARD M. NORTH.

SUB-ROSA.—Sub-Rosa sends greeting to her sister chapters. Some of you may wonder *why* Sub-Rosa. The reason is this: About ten years ago some “crank” died, and in his will, left about ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the college here, if they would root out fraternities from the school. The authorities passed a statute to that effect and they received the money. But how about the fraternities? Not a root! In the words of the famous poet, “They’ve struck a snag!” Once in a while a splinter flies off, but the roots are still here. They are as follows: Phi Kappa Psi, with seven; Phi Delta Theta, with two; Kappa Kappa Gamma and the I. C. Sorosis have about fifteen between them. Bless their hearts, the ladies can run Sub-Rosa too. There have been about twenty-five expelled or suspended, but the good work still goes on, and it shall continue so.  $\Phi K \Psi$  shall never die in this college as long as it *is* a college. Seven more loyal men could not be found in the whole fraternity. You all know *where* we are, *who* we are, and *what* we are, so if you visit our city don’t forget to make yourself known. B. G.

SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA.—We received the April and May SHIELDS on time, and were delighted with their appearance and contents. We hope Kansas Alpha will give the lie to the proverb “a good beginning makes a bad ending,” and put the organ of our noble fraternity among the best.

Not long since we made a great acquisition in the shape of Brother E. D. Smith, '88, who has recently entered college, and of whom we only say that he deserves “the grand old name of Gentleman,” and stands among the first of his class.

With the aid of some of our generous alumni in the city we have gotten our hall very nicely furnished; several of our boys have very nice badges also.

The following is the table showing ourselves and rivals:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophs.	Freshmen.	Prep.	Law.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi.....	3	0	2	4			9
South'n Kappa Alpha	6	2	3	1		3	15
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	8	0	4	4	1	2	19
Chi Psi.....	3	3	2	0			8
Alpha Tau Omega.	1	2	4	1			8
Phi Delta Theta.....	0	0	3	3			6

We are working surely, but slowly, and it is our desire and hope to put S. C. Alpha in the pre-eminent position she once held and which we think is her right by *primo-geniture*.

With greeting to all the chapters and best wishes for the prosperity of  
 THE SHIELD, yours in the mystic bonds,  
 May 12, 1885.

J. H. McLURE.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.—In our chapter we have a custom by virtue of which the G. P. on the first meeting in each month appoints a brother to write to THE SHIELD. This I suppose is on a rotation-in-office or distribution-of-patronage principle. At any rate it is now my turn. But as THE SHIELD desires for June simply a review and that it shall "*fill just one-half page*" we must be brief.

If D. C. Alpha has any rival here it is very thoroughly *sub rosa*. Our present active membership is classed thus: Graduates—Class of '84—2, Seniors 5, Juniors 5, Freshmen 4; total 16. The chapter is stronger in earnest and enthusiastic under-graduates than it has been in a half-decade, and yet it promises to be doubly stronger in this direction next year than it now is. There are at least two Freshmen "barbs"—very desirable fellows—who as Sophomores will receive the grip early next year; and the Senior Preps. constitute excellent material, and plenty of it, for our purposes in the near future. Everything is propitious.

We are happy to report—and it may be said without the least prevarication—that the present collegiate year, so near its close, has been the brightest, most truly profitable and enjoyable one which this chapter has known for a long time. Two or three years ago D. C. Alpha was in a condition kindred to that so graphically outlined in the May SHIELD by Brother Glenn, of Maryland Alpha. *It is a very long way from being so now.* While we have theaters and "hops" and skating rinks and "society" roundabout us, and all live at home, yet our regular Saturday evenings' meetings, which are wholly social in character, are looked forward to with much pleasure and are very well attended. Many alumni Phi Psis are residents here in Washington and there are few of our meetings at which some of these do not put in an appearance.

Brother Raleigh Sherman has just been elected Enosinian Debater. This is the fourth consecutive year in which Phi Psi has taken this honor, and each time without anything like a combined movement on the part of our men. Thrice consecutively, too, we have had the Enosinian Parliamentarian, this time in the person of Brother H. W. Smith. I confidently predict that two-thirds of the Commencement honors will go to Phi Psis, and the "barbs" are welcome to the residue.

We all have been rather interested of late in the movements of our brother, Dr. Harris, of '83. At length rumor has it that he is certainly to be—retained in his present medical position. Our sincere congratulations and very best cheer to THE SHIELD. And, since it must be so, a sorrowful "good-bye for the summer" to every sister chapter in Phi Psi.

CLINTON GAGE.

OHIO DELTA. — The fraternities now in the University are as follows:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophs.	Freshmen.	Prep.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi.....	3	3	3	2	1	12
Phi Gamma Delta....	3	3	5	3	1	15
Sigma Chi.....	1	1	3	4	2	11
Phi Delta Theta.....			5	4		9
Chi Phi.....	1	2	4	6		13

The Phi Alphas, a local fraternity striving for a Beta Theta Pi charter, have nine men. These, excepting ourselves, are named in the order of their establishment. We might add, also, that we have recently pledged two Preps.

On last Saturday the 16th nearly all the members of Ohio Delta spent the day and evening with the Ohio Alpha boys at Delaware. Ohio Alpha stands at the very front of the fraternities at Delaware and we know from experience that they are as good and loyal Phi Psis as can be found. The visit to the "Sem" in the afternoon will be long remembered by many of the boys. In the evening after a meeting in the chapter hall, we enjoyed the "spread" prepared for the crowd at a restaurant. We then stayed at the hall and had a time, as only Phi Psis can have, till about one A. M., when our train left and the fourteen Columbus Phi Psis started for home with nothing but pleasant recollections of Delaware and Delaware boys. These chapter visits have been to us one of the most pleasant features of fraternity life. It gives one a broader and better view of our fraternity. Our only regret is that these visits are not exchanged oftener.

W. W. K.

NEW YORK BETA.—We have just received the second number of THE SHIELD, and while we admire the general character of all its contents, yet we especially appreciate the fearless yet cautious way in which some of our rival fraternities are criticized. So frank and open a treatment of some of them by our editor is a source of great help to some of the sub-chapters, in giving them a clearer and more general idea of their Greek neighbors. We are prompt to reply to the editor's request for a review of the year, for with our boys it has been one of steady growth and development. The beginning of the year found us with but eight men; since then we have added six to our number.

Here is a schedule of the fraternities as represented in this institution :

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophs.	Freshmen.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi.....	3	4	3	5	15
Delta Kappa Epsilon.....	8	4	3	10	25
Delta Upsilon.....	8	3	7	5	23
Psi Upsilon.....	5	5	3	5	18
Zeta Psi.....			2	2	4
LADIES.					
Alpha Phi.....	2	8	10	8	28
Gamma Phi Beta.....	3	5	6	8	22
Kappa Kappa Gamma.....	2	2	5	1	13

The prospect for the classes entering next Fall is very encouraging and we fully expect to prove our ability to cope with the other fraternities in gaining men. Our men have secured a full representation in college publications and in the athletics of the college. Brother Lonegon has just been elected president of the College Athletic association, and Brothers Cleveland and Holzworth have secured positions on the University Ball nine. We have no system of honors or prizes in our college, except the naming of Commencement Speakers, and Brother Traeman has received an appointment as one of these.

E. G. ELDRIDGE.

May 13, 1885.

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INDIANA BETA.—THE SHIELD is always a welcome visitor in our midst. Nor is there anything that affords more pleasure to the boys of Indiana Beta than a couple of hours spent in reading the good common-sense advice, and manifold effusions of Phi Psi spirit, contained in our excellent journal. We must congratulate the fraternity at large for its choice of such efficient editors, and the boys of Kansas Alpha for the healthful and greatly improved condition of THE SHIELD.

As to the condition of our chapter, our banner flies high. We have two Seniors, three Juniors, two Sophomores, six Freshmen and three Preps., giving us an active membership of sixteen. Our number would have been twenty had circumstances not compelled four of the boys to drop out during the year. I know the heart of every loyal Phi Psi will rejoice when I say that our boys surpassed everything on the recent exhibitions of the literary societies; that Brother Dan Fitch is class orator for '85, and respondent on Valedictory exercises; that Brother Mason ('85) won the first prize on the Temperance contest. This contest is acknowledged to have been one of the best exercises that has ever occurred in the history of Indiana University. The next time we hope to report the success of our Freshmen on competitive essay, Freshmen exhibition. Where any honors are to be had Phi Psi always has her share, and often more.

Our chapter has been quite fortunate this year, in having with us two distinguished and loyal Phi Psi—Burdette, in February, and Riley, the Hoosier poet, a few days ago. Each was entertained, or rather entertained us, in true Phi Psi style. Years will pass by before we will ever forget Brother Bob's famous stories, or Brother Riley's humorous recitations. In both instances, it was early morn when we parted. Best wishes for THE SHIELD.

J. CHURCHILL FITCH.

May 17, 1885.

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PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.—Having the duties and responsibilities of the Grand Chapter, our chapter has paid more attention to general fraternity work than to her own advancement, although she has not been wanting there; but has nobly sustained the honor and reputation, both in college and in society, that is justly her due. We have the pleasure of introducing our recent initiate, Brother Robert W. Short, class of '89, from Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

The number of active members of the various fraternities here is as follows :

	Sem'ry.	Senior.	Junior.	Sophs.	Fresh'n.	Prep.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi . . . . .	1	3	4	1	2	1	12
Phi Delta Theta . . . . .		3	6	2	4	1	16
Phi Gamma Delta . . . . .		6	3	3	2	1	15
Alpha Tau Omega . . . . .		4	3	0	2	3	12
Sigma Chi . . . . .		0	1	2	0	3	6

The graduating class numbers 23. The honors have been awarded as follows : First, Phi Kappa Psi ; second, Non-Fraternity ; third, Phi Gamma Delta ; fourth, divided between Phi Gamma Delta and Non-Fraternity. Brother Brenner, '85, received first honor and valedictory. Our chapter has reason to feel proud of the success with which Brother H. W. McKnight has met in promoting the interests of Pennsylvania College. The outlook for new students next September is better than it has been for many years and college affairs are placed on a promising basis.

May 18, 1885.

D. C. R. MILLER.

OHIO BETA.—Ohio Beta began the work of the year by initiating four men, who, together with one Brother of '84 who entered the Theological department, made us sixteen, which number has remained unchanged throughout the year. The following is how we and our rivals are divided among the various classes :

	Theologs.	Senior.	Junior.	Sophs.	Fresh'n.	Prep.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi . . . . .	1	4	3	2	2	4	16
Beta Theta Pi . . . . .	3	1	6	2	5		17
Phi Gamma Delta . . . . .	1	2	1	0	3	4	11
Alpha Tau Omega . . . . .		0	1	3	1	1	6

We have accomplished nothing wonderful or startling, but have been pursuing our customary work, when occasion required taking a hand in college politics, and in every instance coming off victorious. We sent nine men to the G. A. C., who did their duty in holding up Ohio Beta. Once during the year we had a little dance and social time in our hall, which was enjoyed very much by all the boys as a matter of course. This spring we graduate four men who hold almost all the positions worth having, both on Commencement and Class Day. All in all, it has been a very prosperous year for us.

CHARLES H. EHRENFELD.

May 12, 1885.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.—Thirty-three years ago, when Letterman and Moore established this chapter and the  $\Phi K \Psi$  fraternity, our college was considered an institution of the "Far West;" but Time, in its march, appears to have left us away in the East. Everything seems to follow Greeley's advice, "Go West." Each succeeding G. A. C. finds itself nearer the Mississippi; and now THE SHIELD, by one great leap, has passed that boundary and reached the plains of Kansas. To it, in its new home, we

extend our greeting and best wishes. May Kansas Alpha conduct THE SHIELD with the same zeal and vigor Ohio B has shown, and the bracing air of western life will soon make it the healthiest organ in the entire Greek body.

Since THE SHIELD last heard from us, Pennsylvania Alpha has lost two of her most valued members. The allurements of the Christmas holidays proved too strong, and Brothers Dave and Jim Herron failed to return to our midst. Both were able students, among the first in their classes, and were typical  $\Phi \Psi$ 's. The latter is now at Wooster, a loyal member of Ohio  $\Gamma$ , and we enviously congratulate that chapter on its acquisition. Their vacant places, however, have already been, in a measure, filled; and I would now introduce to the fraternity four new brothers, all well qualified to take their place among  $\Phi \Psi$ 's. The first of these is Brother Jesse W. Lazear, '88, of Pittsburg, Pa.; then close behind him Brother Alex. New, '86, of Wabash, Ind., our chapter "wire-puller," since Brother Herron's departure; then follows Brother Chas. S. Wise, '88, of Zollarsville, Pa., the brother of our renowned "Billy," and last, but not least,—for he measures 6 feet 2 inches,—comes Brother John P. Patterson, '85, of Elizabeth, Pa. All of these brothers came to us after refusing  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ; indeed, the reason why the "sisters" hate us so is probably because eight of our fourteen  $\Phi \Psi$ 's have declined bids from them.

We have also had our share of college honors. At the last annual contest between our literary societies we obtained six of the ten possible points. Brother Wallace quite outdid himself, and annihilated his opponent in a beautiful and erudite essay on "The Search for the Useful"; and Brother Marquis distinguished himself by winning the negative and unpopular side in debating the question, "Should the Public Observance of the Sabbath be Enforced by Civil Law?" Verily, the stock of  $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$  is at a high premium. We have not received a single defeat this year, but have been successful in everything. Brothers Walker and Wallace are presidents of their respective literary societies. Brother New represents us on the *Junior Annual*. Brother Thomas has been elected business manager of the *Jeffersonian*, after the hottest election fight this college has probably ever witnessed, and Brothers Walker and Large constitute the committee on the Annual Commencement Hop.

But in the midst of all these honors and victories, we have one sad event to chronicle. On Friday, March 27, at 6 A. M., Brother Lue S. McKennan died at his home in Washington, from inflammation of the bowels. For several years he had been out of college, but his great fraternal heart brought him continually to our meetings, and we knew and loved him as a brother. He died on the threshold of life—a life that promised to be unusually happy and successful. With Antony, we can merely say: "His life was simple; and the elements so mixed in him, that nature might stand up before the world, and say—'This was a man'." Three of our Brothers, Walker, Large and Patterson, came from home to attend his funeral; and with all of us his death has left a void which cannot be filled.

J. L. M.

OHIO ALPHA.—The past year has been one of the most successful in the history of the chapter, the best of the three years experience of the writer. We began the year with fifteen men, Brother Geo. D. Allison, of '86 having left college, and of the fifteen only one, Brother Gamble, was a Freshman. In the first week Brother H. L. Runkle made our second Freshman, and soon following Brother F. A. Stivers was initiated. At the first of the winter term Brother Klock came to us from New York Beta, and shortly afterwards Brother W. P. Henderson was initiated. Near the close of the term Burt M. Allison made our acquisitions for the year five, and gave to the chapter a score of members, a number larger than we have had since the days of '76. Perhaps right here it might be well to say, that as a rule, we do not believe in large numbers, for reasons which will appear obvious when the surroundings and the danger of a split are taken into consideration. But the year has been unmarked by trouble among us—our unity is perfect. As this is desired to be a *resume* of the year's work, I have tried to give the events as they occurred, without mention of particulars. So, now, in regard to the contests we have had with our rivals, let this be sufficient; no man whom we have asked to become one of us has been initiated by any other fraternity, while we have been victorious over our three leading rivals. Our roll now stands:

'85.—L. S. Colter, F. W. Rondebush, R. B. Lloyd, W. J. Berne, H. Brant; '86—D. L. Bell, C. F. Hoover, E. M. Semans, W. C. Davis, E. M. Van Cleve; '87—F. R. Garver, W. G. Frizell, R. H. Van Deman; '88—W. H. Gamble, B. M. Allison, E. J. Klock, H. L. Runkle, W. P. Henderson.

To outward appearances Ohio Alpha of  $\Phi K \Psi$  has passed a very flourishing year. Of our internal workings I doubt if there could be a report of more unity, more harmonious and fraternal fellowship. It is here that we have done best, and our activity has thus been differently directed than in previous years, when our energies were chiefly exerted toward the acquisition of men. It would be a task almost impossible to tell exactly how we have worked in this manner, and what is the result, and then it would probably be uninteresting. That our rivals give us a high position in college and Greek circles may be seen from the reports to their respective journals. Our relations have been most amicable with them all. They are ranked from a careful survey of their respective merits:

	Seniors.	Juniors.	Sophs.	Fresh'n.	Total.
Beta Theta Pi.....	2	5	2	3	12
Phi Gamma Delta.....	4	5	2	2	13
Delta Tau Delta.....	6	4	3	4	17
Phi Delta Theta.....	2	2	2	2	8
Chi Phi.....	1		2	3	6

E. M. VAN CLEVE.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.—In accordance with your request we will answer your questions promptly, and as briefly and accurately as possible. Thus far in the college year of '85 we have initiated seven members. We now number twelve, two of the Brothers being absent from college this term. It has been our endeavor to sustain our reputation with the faculty, which is largely composed of  $\Phi \Psi$ 's, and we have reason to believe that we have succeeded. We have, also, labored to retain our standing in social circles, both in town and in the Seminary connected with the University. Our lady friends in Lewisburg have shown us many favors, which we will return on the 28th inst., by giving them a reception. The only ladies' fraternity at the Seminary considers us worthy to be its best friends, and thinks the "sun rises and sets" in  $\Phi \Psi$ . We have been fairly represented in all college exercises, in the literary societies, on the *Mirror* board, and in athletics. We hold the honor men of two classes and expect to initiate the "first man" of '87 before Commencement. Our hall has been gradually improved until it is now very comfortable. Having worked for the welfare of one another, and having learned a great many impressive lessons, we look back over the year with a feeling of pleasure, not of regret.

O. B. Finn, of Coatesville, a born  $\Phi \Psi$ , was our last initiate. By a special vote, we send greeting to the chapters and SHIELD of  $\Phi \Psi$ .

Numerical strength of the fraternities at the University at Lewisburg :

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophs.	Fresh'n.	Prep.	Total.
Phi Gamma Delta.....	4	4	0	4	2	14
Phi Kappa Psi.....	2	2	4	2	2	12
Sigma Chi.....	3	0	0	4	1 Spec.	9

May 19, 1885.

HOWARD L. CALDER.

VIRGINIA ALPHA.—The session which is drawing to a close has been rather a prosperous one for Virginia Alpha. Beginning with but four members, we initiated five men, bringing the total to the respectable number of nine. As there are fourteen fraternities here the available material is necessarily much divided, and consequently each chapter is small. They average about ten.  $\Delta \kappa \epsilon$  has been our principal rival, although there has always been the best feeling between the chapters. With regard to our individual members, Brother Smith won two prizes in the Athletic game held here last fall; three are members of the University choir, and one a member of the Carr's Hill Instrumental Glee club. One of our Brothers is Final President of the Temperance Literary society. In the regular University work Brother Peters makes B. A. this year, and Brother Woods (our B. G.) makes M. D. We expect two M. A. degrees next session. Our prospects for next session are encouraging. We will have seven members back and expect some transfers, and hope to get a good number of initiates. In conclusion, let me tell any brother, that if he should come to the Universities of Virginia and let it be known that he is a  $\Phi \Psi$ , we will try to give him a Virginia welcome in the broadest sense of that term.

May 20, 1885,

C. M. BLACKFORD, JR.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.—In answer to your request Michigan Alpha has to chronicle for herself a generally successful year. Strictly speaking, there are no honors to be had at our University, except those conferred by the students themselves. Of these, we had the managing editorship of the *Argonaut*, the college weekly; the business management of the *Bulletin*, the college monthly; an editor upon the *Oracle* board, the annual of the Sophomore class, and the presidency of one of the literary societies. Besides this we have expended some \$60 in decorations upon the walls of our parlor, together with considerable money upon furniture. In improvement in the internal workings of the chapter we have taken a step toward solving the Alumni question, by sending out chapter letters every month. In a social way we have given the most elegant German of the season, and have had the honor of entertaining one of the most prominent men that have visited Ann Arbor this year, in the person of the Hon. Carl Schurz. The following are the fraternities here, their number and classification:

	Law.	Med.	Pharm.	P. G.	Sen.	Jun.	Sophs	Fresh'n.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi....					4	6	4	6	20
Psi Upsilon.....		1			6	10	5	8	30
Alpha Delta Phi..	4				3	1	5	7	20
Delta Kappa Epsilon	1	1			3	2	9	5	21
Delta Tau Delta..	5	2			1	4	2	4	18
Beta Theta Pi....	1		1	2	3	5	5	4	21
Sigma Phi.....	2				2		2	2	8
Chi Psi.....	3	2			1		4	5	15
Zeta Psi.....		1				1	3	4	9

No. students in Literary department 524. No. students belonging to secret societies in Literary department 159.

May 10, 1885.

ROBT. E. PARK.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.—First, before I offer to you the greetings of Eta, it would be fitting to congratulate the lately appointed editors of THE SHIELD, for they well deserve it on the fine appearance of the first number, which is issued in an attractive and unique garb. Its beauty is not merely external, but internal as well. We are pleased to see such a marked improvement in our fraternal organ, and hope it may ever continue. The second annual state banquet, which was spoken of in our last letter, proved a success. It was held at the Bolton House, Harrisburg, on the evening of April 1. Nearly every Pennsylvania chapter was represented, and we are sorry to say that all were not; but this was due to the fact that the date was not and could not be arranged to suit all. However, twenty-three of the brothers from the several chapters assembled at Harrisburg, and, after taking in the city, we all, at the still hour of midnight, sat down to a sumptuous feast, which was well served. You may be sure that we did justice to the viands. Toasts were freely indulged in, and at a late, or rather early hour in the morning, we adjourned, with the resolution to re-assemble in one year hence. All had a good time, as is generally the case when a band of  $\Phi \Psi$ 's get together. Eta was there in full force, with the

exception of Brother Bauman, who had left to enjoy his Easter vacation at some more attractive place. Brother Nev was called away to Clarion Co., Pa., to take charge of a school, which position was made vacant by the death of a fellow student of our present Senior class. We wish Brother Nev God speed in his broad field of labor.

C. H. KELLER.

ILLINOIS BETA.—The year with us has been one of work. We close with as many men as we began, and have four good men whom we are to initiate about the tenth of June. During the year we prepared and sent to the Alumni a chapter letter, with good results. We, also, inaugurated our prize essay competition, which is to be a feature of every fall term hereafter. Two prizes, of fifteen and ten dollars, are offered, and the literary interest excited by the contest is of great value to the chapter. We have entertained Bob Burdette, which is in itself an experience never forgotten. We have lost two of our Freshmen, but expect to have them back next year. Our relations with the other fraternities here have been amicable, in pleasant contrast with preceding years. With the exception of Z & the other fraternities are coming up from the lowly estate they reached two years ago. They stand as follows:

	Seniors.	Juniors.	Sophomores	Freshmen.	Total.
Delta Kappa Epsilon.....	1	1	3	3	8
Psi Upsilon.....	1	3	2		6
Zeta Psi.....		2	1		3
Phi Kappa Psi.....	3	3	1	2	9

The financial matters of the college seem, at present writing, in fair way to a favorable outcome, and all indications predict a prosperous year for Illinois Beta in 1885-86.

TOM R. WEDDELL.

KANSAS ALPHA.—The past year has been a successful one for our chapter. We have received our share of honors both from the University authorities and from the students. There are six gentlemen and two ladies' fraternities and one Sorosis represented here with a membership as follows:

	Seniors.	Juniors,	Sophs.	Fresh'n.	Preps.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi.....	3	3	3	6	0	15
Phi Gamma Delta....	4	5	4	4	0	17
Phi Delta Theta.....	2	2	2	4	3	13
Beta Theta Pi.....	4	2	1	2	3	12
Sigma Chi.....	1	1	1	2	1	6
Sigma Nu.....	0	1	2	0	2	5
Kappa Kappa Gamma		3	2	3	2	10
I. C. Sorosis.....	1	2	0	6	1	10
Kappa Alpha Theta..		2	2	2	3	9

The following, in the last communication from the *Phi Gamma Delta* correspondent here, well expresses the estimation, as regards themselves individually, in which we are held by all our stronger rivals. Under the circumstances we do not think it necessary to make any claims for

ourselves: " $\Phi K \Psi$  and  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  come into conflict more frequently than any others, and while we have always held our own and advanced, we acknowledge them as foemen well worthy of our steel."

Our three Seniors Brothers Spangler, Humphrey and Curdy graduate with high honor, Brother Spangler representing his class. Brother E. C. Little will be back next year to study law.

We have just won a very exciting contest for the editor-in chiefship of the *University Review*. Brother S. T. Gilmore was our candidate and we were in a combination with the  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $\Sigma X$  and  $K A \Theta$ . The opposition candidate was a  $B \Theta \Pi$  and was backed by the  $\Sigma N$ ,  $K K \Gamma$ , I. C. Sorosis and the barbs, with few exceptions. Our whole ticket was elected.

F. D. H.

INDIANA GAMMA.—Fraternity life at Wabash college is uneventful at present. Each chapter of the different fraternities represented here pursues the even tenor of its way, with nothing but an initiation occasionally to break the spell. This college year,  $\Phi K \Psi$  has initiated four men,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  nine,  $\Sigma X$  four,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  one, and they now stand:

	Seniors.	Juniors.	Sophs.	Fresh'n.	Preps.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi.....	2	0	3	0	3	8
Phi Delta Theta.....	3	6	4	5	5	23
Sigma Chi.....	2	0	3	1	2	8
Phi Gamma Delta....	4	0	2	1	1	8

Since our last communication we have initiated Brother C. E. Acker, of Bourbon, Ind., and Brother S. C. Day, of New Albany, Ind. These men have already caught the spirit after the most approved fashion, and will, without doubt, make Phi Pisis of the first water.

Brother I. S. Wilson and Brother A. W. Knight graduate this year, the loss of whom the chapter will feel very seriously indeed; but judging from their past work we could not wish for better alumni.

We cannot express too strongly our gratification in *THE SHIELD*. With the second number the worth and interest has increased in a very pleasing ratio.

CLARENCE G. CAMPBELL.

MARYLAND ALPHA.—My letter in the May number gives pretty much all that has been accomplished in the last ten months. However there are no divisions into classes in J. H. U., so that statistics on this point are impossible. As  $\Phi K \Psi$  is one of the two fraternities that have been able to maintain an existence here at all, and as we have been here for some five years, we begin to feel that  $\Phi K \Psi$  is one of the established institutions at Johns Hopkins. We have great hopes for next year's work. In my chapter letter of May the following should have been inserted just after *de bono publico fraternitatis*: "Relax our muscles from the rigidities which becomes such solemn questions as requisitions for cash, and seek to drive away all such disturbing thoughts around our jolly board,—it's hardly big enough to call a table,—in very much the same way that our distant brothers do themselves, I fancy." With greeting to all the chapters.

W. L. G.

## Sword and Shield.

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*The Delta Upsilon Quarterly* is, without doubt, one of the best fraternity journals. Its editor, Rossiter Johnson, is well-known in the world of literature. The most prominent feature of the February number is the address to the Annual convention, by Wm. E. Griffis, of Rutgers, class of '69, on "The Manliness of Non-Secrecy." The orator refers to the charge that D. U. has become "as secret as other secret fraternities," as "an extemporaneous and individual jest," but tacitly admits it to be true, after all. We are free to confess that we might not recognize "an extemporaneous and individual jest," as such, if we should stumble against it suddenly. But we are equally at liberty to suggest that we never met a D. U. who did not acknowledge, that for all practical purposes, his fraternity is as secret as any. The simple facts are, that while D. U. has drifted from "anti-secret" into "non-secret," and exceedingly mild applications of that; the other Greek societies are more fraternal than secret. We have no sympathy with silly mummeries in dark lofts, and not much with an affectation of devotion to principle which is not good enough for practice. Mr. Griffis refers to the under-graduate as one who "roams with the desolate freedom of the wild ass among boarding-houses, crops unsavory dinners of herbs and browses on thistles of hash. He is gregariously inclined, and bound by an unwritten code of heavy traditions, which to an outsider seems as fragile as gossamer, but which he finds willy-nilly (usually willy) is as tough as the British constitution." His close is especially good, and we republish it.

"Fellow students of the Greek-letter fraternities, here on this platform of that culture in which is highest wisdom we greet all brothers of the college world. We thank you for your presence with us to-night. We, like you, would run in the one race toward the same goal—the perfection of manhood. Shall not we, *fratres*, in the *studentium* of the ages, provoke each other to the noblest of good works? Shall we not each of us love his society not less, but Alma Mater more, and all of us, as our ideal, the Manliest and Divinest of men?"

"Brothers in Delta Upsilon, we greet our flag to-night, beautiful with fifty years of honor; her stripes, fraternity, morality, and culture; her field glittering with eighteen stars. That lone-light, whose astral ray first a half century ago trembled on the horizon of Williams, now nears the zenith. Other stars have joined her lustrous train, ever becoming a more glorious galaxy and shining with a steadier splendor; while on our roll of names that spans the sky of our country's history, like heaven's baldrick in the Milky Way, are some that shall 'shine as stars in the firmament forever and ever'."

The poem read to the convention by Mr. Johnson tells a neat little story. We quote :

“Some scalping rascal lies in wait  
 For every wig that’s worth the taking ;  
 Some sharper blade than our will cheat  
 The best endeavors of our making ;  
 Until at last the lines we trace,  
 The work we do, the words we utter,  
 Are narrowed to a half-yard space,  
 And finished by the marble-cutter.

“But on ourselves such lines are drawn  
 By college classmates, friends, and teachers,  
 As still remain when all are gone,  
 To mark life’s most enduring features.  
 We read them by the silvery light  
 That Time upon our head besprinkles ;  
 Nor Age can blot them from our sight,  
 Or cancel with his deepest wrinkles.”

A little poem—Triolets—would seem to indicate that the *Quarterly* gives some attention to literature as well as to fraternity affairs. The chapter letters are of an excellent character, newsy, enthusiastic, yet not blustering. Several pages are given to describing the late convention and banquet. In the Exchange department is this kindly and well-merited reference to our predecessor. “THE SHIELD has been well edited during the past year, and the January number contains a strong series of editorials calling for a new and progressive system of government and an awakening to the necessity of immediate and united action.” Equally cheerful is this :

“The new *Psi Upsilon Diamond*, in its salutatory, says : ‘It will be the aim of the board of editors to produce letters from the different chapters, which will display their character, worth, and collegiate standing.’ Produce is good ; after reading the batch of bombastic and highly-colored chapter letters in the last number, we were inclined to think that it was a very fertile imagination which had ‘produced’ most of them.”

This issue is noticeable for a long list of personals, and has more advertisements—so it claims—than any of its rivals. It closes with a review of the Delta  $\Upsilon$  *Quinquennial Catalogue*, which is evidently a good deal of a book.

Throw your shield over your heart gentlemen for *The Arrow*, “official organ of Pi Beta Phi,” better known as the I. C. Sorosis, has flown. This is a handsome little quarterly under the management of the ladies of Kappa chapter, University of Kansas. As the directory page remarks :

Its mission is to cheer and bless  
 Where’er its lot be cast ;  
 And come what will of weal or woe,  
 Be faithful to the last.

Miss Mary E. Miller is editor-in-chief, Misses Gilmore and Hubbard associates and Miss Sue Miles, business manager. The title page is ornamented by a neat cut representing a column bearing the lamp of learning, from which is suspended the famous I. C. arrow. A strong box in the rear is marked Π Β Φ. This issue opens with an I. C. "Founding Song," by Miss Ethel Beecher Allen. Listen :

"While walking in the garden,  
Before the sun was up,  
A maid found Cupid sleeping there,  
Within a lily's cup.

"She knew 'twas Cupid by the bow  
And arrow by his side.  
And as she closed the leaves so white,  
His eyes he opened wide ;  
And quickly then he promised  
If she would let him go,  
An arrow he would give her,  
Its secrets she should know.

"To make it speed the faster,  
And touch a heart if cold,  
He made this little arrow  
All out of shining gold.  
He put two letters on it,  
One on either hand,  
'Infantes Cupidonis are  
The words for which they stand '."

An account of the Eighth Annual Convention of I. C. Sorosis follows. The convention was held at Iowa City with the State University chapter, and the next will be held at Lawrence, Kansas. Two charters were revoked, on account of faculty opposition, and two others were granted. The standard of membership was raised. "The lunch was simply superb; the ladies all looked lovely, and everything passed off 'as merry as a marriage bell,'" or more properly, unmarried belles could expect. Following is a sketch of "Mrs. Grundy," referring to "public opinion" of secret societies. Another lady reviews the "Genesis of Kappa." The editorial page suggests that the Annual convention should be held in August, instead of October. A goodly list of personals and thirteen bright chapter letters, from Iowa State University, Kansas State University, Iowa Wesleyan, Simpson Centenary, Lombard, Knox, Cincinnati Wesleyan, Denver University, and other colleges completes the journal, which ends with another poem. Pi Beta Phi or I. C. is, we believe, the only Sorosis the other ladies' societies preferring to be known as fraternities. We wish the "sisters" well. Their first *Arrow* was well shot, and we doubt not that, as their editor says, "like new wine, the older it grows the better it will become." So make room, gentlemen, for the wily Greeks who shut Cupid up in the city and stole his famous dart.

## Fraternity News.

Phi Gamma Delta has entered Denison with a good chapter.

Alpha Delta Phi has initiated two Chinese Students at Kenyon — Teu and Woo.

The aggregate value of chapter-house property is between \$350,000 and \$400,000. — *John A. Porter in Δ K E Quarterly.*

At Hampden-Sidney there are 14 Phi Psis, 14 Betas, 9 Phi Gams, 9 Kappa Sigmas, 8 Chi Phis and 7 Sigma Chis.

The seventh ladies' fraternity has been founded. It "takes its rise" at Meadville, and is known as Phi Alpha Psi.

The *Zeta Psi Quarterly* at last seems to be on a good footing. It is issued from New York as a forty-eight page magazine.

The *Delta Gamma Anchora* is as practical as ever. It is a bright little quarterly conducted by Eta chapter at Buchtel College.

Ex-Governor Brass presided at the annual convention of Delta Upsilon. He was one of the founders of that non-secret fraternity.

Delta Upsilon regards Φ K Ψ and Β Θ Π as their only rivals at Northwestern. The Betas hold the Φ Ψ's as their most important opponents.

The April *Phi Gamma Delta* announces that "if fifteen more songs can be procured by the first of May the song book will be ready in June."

At Amherst, Chi Psi has 24 men, Beta Theta Pi 29, Chi Phi 31, Delta Upsilon 32, Alpha Delta Phi 34, Delta Kappa Epsilon 34, Psi Upsilon 36. — *D. U. Quarterly.*

At Columbia there are 42 Delta Psis, 42 Dekes, 33 Phi Gams, 32 Psi Upsilons, 22 Zeta Psis, 19 Alpha Deltas, 26 Delta Phis, 15 Delta Taus and 13 Phi Delta Thetas.

*Our Record*, by Delta Upsilon, appears to have been the first Greek journal issued. It contained thirty-four pages and was edited in New York City by H. R. Waite and N. B. Sizer.

Let surges roll as they will;  
Let variant hues crack the sky;  
Or shatter the dome of the Capitol — still  
We are all for Chi Phi.  
— *Chi Phi Quarterly.*

The May *Beta Theta Pi* is by no means up to its usually high standard. As the editor says: "This issue of *Beta Theta Pi* is both belated and reduced in size; the former because of the extraordinary failure of contributions from the fraternity, and the latter because the June number is to be a famous and expensive one.

*The Echo*, issued by Pennsylvania Epsilon, after an absence of some time, has reappeared with the April number. While its special purpose is to dispense news of its own chapter, it proves a valuable medium for carrying important information of the general fraternity to the alumni and ex-active members. This number, especially, is full of items of both local and general interest. It is a worthy enterprise which should be imitated by other chapters.

The committee on catalogue has begun its labors, and has been engaged for some time principally in obtaining the names and addresses of the members of the different chapters of Phi Kappa Psi. Considerable progress has been made. This preliminary work is done to assist the committee in collecting facts, so that when the list of questions is sent a brother it will be properly directed. Several thousand copies of the list of questions to be sent to ex-active Phi Psis have been printed, and will soon be circulated.

We are informed that this is from the *Psi Upsilon Epitome*: "Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Chi, at the Northwestern University, have sought charters from Psi Upsilon." As far as Phi Kappa Psi is concerned this is a direct, positive and unqualified — mistake, without any foundation in fact.

The SHIELD is much pleased to thank California Alpha for a handsome and kindly invitation to their fifth annual symposium. The invitations are ornamented by a very neat cut of the SHIELD. We very much regret that the intervening mountains forbid our presence at a banquet we should much enjoy, and hope the boys will have a royal good time.

*The Diamond*, of Psi Upsilon, is now issued from New York City by the alumni, and is a much better journal than formerly. It is a quarterly. The first issue under the new management was a very civil and modest one. Its most marked feature was an able article on "The Meaning of Psi Upsilon," by Rev. E. J. Haynes. The design of the title page is simple but attractive. A handsome picture of the Psi Upsilon Lodge ornaments the first page. It has a good list of chapter letters and is well edited.

The introductory number of the *Kappa Alpha Theta* is about to make its appearance. A hasty glance at its proof sheets convinces us of its merit. The introduction and editorials, which bear the impress of a firm determination to succeed, if success is possible, tell of their object and ambitions: "It is well to aim high. We want our kite to fly near the sun." Surely we know of no aerial flight too high for its speedy ascent. We regret that the late hour prevents a further review of it.

## The Phi Psis.

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ILLINOIS ALPHA. — Prof. Robert Baird, '68, is still a member of the Northwestern University faculty. Prof. E. L. Parks, '70, was long a professor at Northwestern and is now at Simpson Centenary College.

IOWA ALPHA. — E. B. Cowgill, '67, is U. S. Agent for Kansas, Department of Agriculture. It is his duty to assist in the development of the manufacture of sugar from sorghum. His is an excellent position.

INDIANA BETA. — Hon. Matt T. Campbell, '69, is practicing law at Topeka, Kansas. He has served one term in the Legislature. Frank J. Burton, '79, is in the ticket office of the union depot, Kansas City. Frank is a good railroad man, merits the excellent position he holds, and is as loyal a  $\Phi \Psi$  as you'll find anywhere. Frank Fetter, '79, is doing a successful business at Peru, Indiana.

WISCONSIN BETA. — F. E. Weeks, Wisconsin Beta, '76, is in the lumber business with his father, at Racine, Wisconsin. L. M. Dearborn, Wisconsin Beta, '76, is in the law office of Clifford, Anthony & Paulson, Chicago, Ills. W. A. Paulson, Wisconsin Beta, '77, is a member of the firm. Clarence G. Reton, Wisconsin, Beta, '76, whose address is not given in the catalogue of 1880, is now located at Elizabeth, N. J.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA. — Wm. A. Starrett, '55, is practicing law in Chicago. He does much literary work. Bishop Crumrine, '59, is practicing law in Topeka, Kansas. He was a prominent candidate for county attorney in the last republican convention, receiving some unexpected  $\Phi \Psi$  help in the convention, and only missed it by two votes. George C. Gormley, '62, still gets his SHIELD at Bucyrus, Ohio. E. S. Torrence, '66, resides at Winfield, Kansas, and is judge of that judicial district.

OHIO BETA. — Rev. A. J. Kissell, '68, is pastor of the Lutheran church at Salina, Kansas. Rev. Thomas F. Dornblazer, '69, is pastor of the Lutheran church at Topeka, Kansas. Brother Dornblazer served as a soldier in the late war, is chaplain of one of the Topeka posts of the G. A. R., and is the author of a handsome volume of "Reminiscences of an Army Chaplain." Arthur D. Hosterman, '76, is one of the editors of the Emporia, Kansas, *Daily Republican*. James B. Pollock, one of the founders of Ohio Beta, was for a long time county superintendent at Olathe, Kansas.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON. — Chas. S. Duncan, '82, will deliver the Master's oration before the Pennsylvania Literary Society at Commencement. William M. Duncan, '83, is at present private secretary to Congressman Swope, of 19th Pennsylvania district. Rev. Horace L. Jacobs, '82, is pastor of the Vernon Street M. E. Chapel, at Harrisburg, Penna. He has been se-

lected as one of the speakers representing his class at the Drew Theological Seminary Commencement, Madison, N. Y. Chas. S. Duncan, '82, and Wm. Arch. McClean, '82, have been recently admitted to the Gettysburg Bar. Rev. Geo. D. Gotwald, '82, will graduate at the Theological Seminary this year, and expects to take a charge in Nebraska in August.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.—Hon. Francis P. Fitzwilliams, who founded Pennsylvania Delta thirty years ago, has slept in Mount Muncie cemetery at Leavenworth, Kansas, for nine years. He was one of the leading Kansas lawyers, and served with distinction as county attorney, representative, and senator in the state legislature. He was an able and popular man, and should have lived to be honored by further trusts. His was a most untimely taking off. Rev. Duncan C. Milner, '64, is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Atchison, Kansas. He is quite well known as a worker in the temperance cause. As a preacher, he is able, eloquent and well liked.

TENNESSEE BETA AND GAMMA.—Wm. L. Murfree, Jr., '76, is practicing law at 325 Chestnut st., St. Louis, Missouri, and resides at Webster Groves, a St. Louis suburb. E. C. Reeves, Tennessee Beta, '67, of Knoxville, Tenn., is clerk of Supreme court of Tennessee. Geo. M. Thornburg, Tennessee Beta, '78, of Smithville, Ark., is a member of the Arkansas Legislature. Henry Lee Gosling, Tennessee Beta, '81, late United States Marshal for the Western district of Texas, was killed last March while performing his duties. W. W. Blake, Tennessee Gamma, '72, is in the manufacturing business at Nashville, Tennessee. E. H. Taylor, Tennessee Beta, '74, is in the newspaper business at Brownville, Tennessee. F. Williams, Tennessee Beta, '75, is practicing law at Bolivar, Tennessee. Geo. Gillespie, Tennessee Alpha, '70, is mayor of Starkville, Mississippi. Joseph L. Griggs, initiated in '58, at Mississippi Alpha, and the founder of Tennessee Alpha in '59 and Tennessee Beta in 1860, is in the general merchandise business at Macon, Mississippi; Brother Griggs has spoken for a copy of the new catalogue. Jas. S. Frazer, Tennessee Gamma, '70, and Tennessee Beta, '72, is a member of the firm of Dickinson & Frazer, lawyers, McGavoc block, Nashville, Tennessee.

INDIANA ALPHA.—Our class of '84 has completed its first year in practical life in the following pursuits: Brother M. G. Lee, real estate agent, Terra Haute, Indiana; Brother Wilbur Ward, professor public schools, Clayton, Indiana, at present law student South Bend, Indiana; Brother Geo. M. Payne, journalist, Indianapolis, city reporter on *Times*; Brother F. W. Hanawault, Professor of Mathematics, Mt. Morris College, Illinois. Of class '85, Brother F. C. Payne intends pursuing the profession of law, and Brother E. E. Ballard will enter Harvard later to pursue the same profession; Brothers John W. Emison, Chas. Spenser and Harry Oliver have been obliged to "lay out" during the present term by reason of ill health. Kirkman has also been obliged to stay out to re-enter next fall. Chas. W. Farr intends spending the coming vacation at Hyatt's Laboratory, Boston, to pursue his scientific work. James E. Watson represents the students of the University in memorial services by an address to be deliver-

ed on that occasion. Visits from several of our alumnists and "old brothers" are promised the chapter soon, among others, including Hendee and Funk, '83. and Phillips, of Warsaw, Indiana; Warrum, of Greenfield, Indiana and Geo. Neff, of Marysville, Tennessee. Invitations received 5th inst. announced the marriage of A. L. Doss, '83, of Evansville, Indiana and "Sister" Emma Heinold, formerly of '86; and also on 22nd inst. that of T. O. Cunningham, '82, Kansas City, and Miss Jennie Wilcoxon.

Hon. Robert N. Allen, '65, one of the founders of Indiana Beta, resides at Chanute, Kansas. He is a state senator and has been very successful as a lawyer and business man. Brother Allen is still a loyal  $\Phi \Psi$ . John Garrett, '78, is making lots of money in the lumber business at Leavenworth, Kansas. For the first three years after he graduated Brother Garrett was in the stock business in the Rocky Mountains, and he expects to eventually make his home among the Colorado peaks. Ed. E. Hendee, '79, of Warsaw, Indiana, has been writing some very readable articles for the *De Pauw Monthly*, on "College Heroes," old boys, you know.

ILLINOIS BETA.—Lucius Weinschenck, '80, is practicing law at 163 La Salle street, Chicago. He is after Brother C. L. Geiger to whom he loaned a complete collection of  $\Phi \Psi$  songs. Geiger, where art thou? William H. Alsip, '80, has changed his office to 171 La Salle street. Brother Alsip stands by his chapter nobly, and the boys are indebted to him for many kindnesses during the year. Sam. B. Randall, '81, was one of the four selected from the graduating class at the Morgan Park Theological Seminary to deliver addresses on commencement. Ora P. Seward, '81, is now located in a law office at Omaha, Nebraska. C. W. Henson, ex-'85, is taking a course in engineering at the Illinois State University at Champaign. W. L. Whipple, '88, was called to his home in Cheyenne, Wyoming by illness in his family, and did not return to complete the remainder of the year.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.—Hon. Simon Wolverton, '60, and Hon. S. H. Orwig, '57, were rival candidates for state senator. Robt. Lowry, D. D., '54, has resigned his position as pastor of the Plainfield (N. J.) Baptist Church. Senator Wolverton, '60, received the democratic vote for speaker of the state senate. Shaw Loo, '64, Maulmain, Burmah, enjoys a famous reputation as a physician in his native country. Prof. G. M. Phillips, '71, is the efficient principal of the West Chester Normal school. William Leiser, M. D., '72, has been practicing pigeon shooting, for competition against the renowned Dr. Carver, F. Bertolette, '72, is one of the leading lawyers of the Luzerne county Bar. William Coulston, '83, was the successful competitor for the silver cup; he calls his son  $\Phi \Psi$ , and it is said that Driesbach will receive "honorable mention." E. L. Tustin, '84, is studying law with S. Wolverton, '60. A. W. Hand, '84, has accepted a pastorate at Dover, Delaware. H. H. Baldrige, '84, is a law student with his father, Hon. H. M. Baldrige, '59. G. P. Miller, '84, is taking a civil engineer course at Lehigh. W. W. Klechner, '86, "first man" in '86, is now out of college, but will return in time to commence the fall term with his class. W. C. Gretzinger, '88, now out of college, will complete his course with '89.

MISSOURI ALPHA.—Hon. R. M. Field, '69, is managing editor of the Kansas City *Daily Times*, the leading democratic paper between the Mississippi and the Pacific. Mr. Field ranks very high among western journalists and wields a bright, keen pen. He was the poet of the convention of 1871. The quotation in the article on "Epsilon's Chapter-Hall," this issue, is from his poem on that occasion. The *Phi Kappa Psi Quarterly* for October '77, says that Warren W. Switzler, '71, practices law in Omaha, Neb. Who can give his present location?

OHIO ALPHA.—Hon. William Dill, '64, is a prominent attorney at Leavenworth, Kansas. He has served several times as county attorney of Leavenworth county and is a man of very considerable influence in Eastern Kansas. Brother Dill attended the Grand Arch Council of '66 at Cincinnati, just after he graduated. He declined the Greek chair of an Illinois college, refused the very position in a Cincinnati law office in which Judge Foraker found the road to fortune, and went to Leavenworth, where he was at once appointed deputy county attorney by Brother Fitzwilliams of Pennsylvania Delta. Frank S. Monnette, '75, is practicing law successfully at Bucyrus, Ohio; readers of THE SHIELD will hear from him ere long. Joseph E. Maxwell, '67, is in business at Paola, Kansas. Dr. Geo. E. Mosher, '79, is practicing his profession successfully in Kansas City, Missouri. A very interesting life of Luther M. Buckwalter, one of the founders, has been obtained by the compilers of the contemplated History of Ohio Alpha. Jas. M. DeCamp, '67, is general agent of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co., at Cincinnati. Rev. T. C. Reade, '69, has sent us a little volume of poems, called "The Exodus, and Other Poems," of which he is the author. He is stationed at Hicksville, Ohio.

KANSAS ALPHA.—V. F. Brown, of '76, who is also a member of '79, in the Theological Department of Northwestern University, is located at Cincinnati, Ohio. Brother Brown's labors restored to Illinois Alpha their charter in '78. H. W. Berks, to the utter astonishment of all old Kansas Alpha boys, is now a *married man*. He is a successful land, loan and insurance agent at Salina, Kansas. Geo. C. Smith is now managing editor of the St. Joseph *Daily Herald*. J. T. Burney is practicing law in Harrisonville, Missouri. He writes that he intends moving into sunny Kansas. F. O. Marvin is Professor of Civil Engineering in Kansas State University. He is one of the founders of Kansas Alpha. W. M. Thacher, of '82, is editor and proprietor of the *Lawrence Journal*. On the 23d inst. he had the misfortune to lose his wife, formerly Miss Carrie Heyward, who will be remembered by many members of Kansas Alpha as a very pleasant lady. L. L. Davis, of '83, and S. T. Williams, of '79, have formed a law partnership, and now stand prepared to do *any amount* of legal fleecing. H. S. Crandall, one of '81, is now in Denver, Colorado. He writes: "I still revel (?) amid the sweets of bachelorhood. M. W. Sterling, of '83, is assistant Professor of Greek in the University of Kansas. The name is characteristic of the man. G. T. Hapgood, one of the founders of our chapter, is a merchant in Hiawatha, Kansas.

## Incidents and Accidents.

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### ON A CERTAIN WISE LITTLE GIRL.

I know a little maiden  
 Aged, four.  
 Every day she makes me love her  
 More and more.

She is good, and wise, and loving  
 And so sweet,  
 There is music in the tripping  
 Of her feet.

And her voice is like a robin's song  
 In May,  
 It carols sweet, and sweeter  
 Every day.

On her head the light of Heaven  
 Overflows,  
 And it robes her in the beauty  
 Of a rose.

You should see the tender glory  
 Of her eyes,  
 Shining forth from out its fountain  
 Paradise.

And who taught her all her wisdom  
 None can tell;  
 But I think the angels know it  
 Very well.

### TO LESBIA.

(AFTER CATULLUS)

Sweet Lesbia come, let us live, let us love;  
 A penny for carping old age!  
 The jolly immortals will never reprove,  
 Tho' priests and philosophers rage.

The sun it will rise and the sun it will set;  
 The stars will roll round and about;  
 But *our* brief candle of life, you may bet,  
 When once it is out, it is *out*.

Then kiss me, my dear, and then kiss  
 me again,  
 A thousand sweet kisses and more;  
 One thousand? Two thousand, ten  
 thousand, and then,  
 "Having squared it proceed as before."

And finally, dear, when the work is complete  
 And the total is infinity,  
 We'll rub the sum out, lest somebody  
 see't

And—try it all over—Whoop-ee!  
 WONT WE?

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Who seeks to paint the blushing rose,  
That in the crown of summer glows,  
Or purify the drifted snows?

    If vain the task, why do we aim  
    To enhance the glory of thy name,  
That far and wide a radiance throws?

What fitter tribute dost thou need  
Than in thy gallant sons we read,  
Foremost in every deed?

    Throughout our land their praise is rung  
    Their virtues are on every tongue;  
The highest record is their meed.

Their noble powers thou dost inspire,  
And quicken with ambition's fire,  
To honor thee their first desire.

    The guerdon of their toil is thine,  
    They lay their laurels at thy shrine,  
Their motto "Higher and higher!"

The mighty, yet mysterious chain  
That bindeth heart to heart again,  
A sacred bond shall e'er remain.

    Blest friendship's spell is round thee cast;  
    Its mystic tie will ever last  
Potent throughout life's joy and pain.

And yet a brighter link doth shine,  
Drawing each longing soul to thine,  
"In one great Brotherhood divine."

    The lofty thoughts, the noble dreams,  
    The starry hope that radiant beams,  
To elevate thy sons, combine.

From out the dark, mysterious night  
The stars upon thy badge gleam bright;  
Thus may it be when joy takes flight.

    May purer stars shine thro' the gloom,  
    And e'en the darkest clouds illumine,  
Till all are lost in endless light.

B. L. W.

## Ohio Alpha Reminiscences.

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In 1860, at the Ohio Wesleyan University, the Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi had undisputed sway. There was room for another fraternity, and George W. Wilson, Lucien Clark and some others whose names I do not now remember, took steps to secure a Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi. The Ohio Alpha flourished from its beginning, and became a permanent factor in the annals of the Ohio Wesleyan University. I well remember the first meeting which I attended. It was held in a secluded room, in the north part of the city. The light was "dimly burning." Noiselessly the members dropped in at about 11 o'clock at night. Secrecy and silence seemed to be a necessary precaution. After a time spent in reconnoitering, the work of initiation began, and the youthful *Freshman* was made a *Frater*. Some personal recollections of some of the group present at that meeting, may be interesting: Lucien Clark was a short, heavy, compact-built man, of about 24, with a good brain, a good heart, and a cheering, lively disposition. He met difficulties when they presented themselves, climbing no hills until he reached them. An honest student, with a laudable ambition in his chosen profession, he was withal, a pleasant companion. He was a believer in that kind of religion, that lit up the face as well as the heart. I have never met him since October, 1861, but have learned with pleasure, of his successful ministrations in the profession to which he devoted himself. Harlin Page Hall, was the humorist of the "Chapter." He had a fair record in his classes, but a fairer record as an essayist. His humor was of the "Mark Twain" style, that pleased all, without wounding any. He was a genial companion, with a good knowledge of human nature, and could readily adapt himself either to the society of the grave professor, or the rollicking school-boy. He chose the field of journalism, and has had a fair measure of success.

George W. Wilson was a good student, with good mental ability. He pursued his collegiate studies under difficulties that would have discouraged many. He had the respect as well as the sympathy of all who knew him. He was a strong debater in the "Zeta" society, but lacked confidence in his own power. This made him somewhat secluded in his associations, but to those with whom he was intimate, he was a very pleasant, as well as an instructive companion. He chose the profession of the law, and has since served with credit as Attorney General of the State of Minnesota.

C. W. Breyfogle was a frank, open-hearted student, who always had a word as well as a smile of welcome. He stood well in his classes, but was not a leader. He was about 21 years old, medium height, of compact build, good appearance, and was universally popular. He chose the medical profession, and has gained prominence.

Johnson N. High was about 18, an *Adonis* in form and style, but not by any means a ladies' man. He was always ready for sport, and did not believe it was all of college life to study. Being naturally quick to learn, he made fair recitations upon as little actual time spent in studying as any other student in the Ohio Wesleyan University. Some of the sedate ones thought him a little "fast," but his genial disposition and sprightly conversation made him a favorite with all. He left college in October, 1861, and entered the navy, and after the war, went to one of the north-western Territories, and made a fortune in cattle and horses.

Frank H. Woods was a young man of 20, dark complexion, handsome in form and feature, of strong mental endowments and a faithful student. He enjoyed society, but would permit nothing to interfere with duty. If, on the night of my initiation, I had been asked to name the one of the group present, who would fill the measure of fame, I should have unhesitatingly named Frank H. Woods. I parted with him in October, 1861, and two years after, when the command to which I belonged, was transferred from the army of the Potomac, to the army of the Cumberland, I learned of his death, in the battle of Chicamauga.

Another *Phi Psi* was with me when we heard the sad news, and that brother was also a member of the group, of which I am writing. Luther M. Buckwalter was 21, of medium height and heft, light complexion, with classic features, a sharp Roman nose; a nervous, quick, active man; a fine student, attentive to duty, not only because he was conscientious, but also because he believed duty well performed, led to success. He was the orator of the University, and a member of the Junior Class when he went into the army in October, 1861.

We joined the same regiment, he becoming 1st Lieutenant of company "A." The strictness of military discipline and the distinction between officers and enlisted man, gave us but little opportunity for association, until my promotion in March, 1863. During the remainder of his life we were intimate. He had been promoted to Captain of his company; had passed through the battles of Second Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, unscathed. In October, 1863, General Hooker's command, of which the 73rd O. V. I. was a part, crossed the Tennessee at Bridgeport, Alabama, and moved up the river to the relief of Rosecrans, at Chattanooga. We expected some hard fighting, but much to our surprise, reached the Wauhatchie Valley, beneath the frowning point of Lookout Mountain, without much opposition. This was on the night of the 27th of October, 1863. After going into camp and having all prepared for the night, I went to Captain Buckwalter's tent, where I remained in conversation until about 11 o'clock. We had first learned during the day of Lieut. Frank Woods' death, and, as we both knew and loved him, we spoke of his accomplishments and his bright future at the University, and then our thoughts went back to Delaware, and we spoke of the night of my initiation and of each member present. As I rose from the ground upon which we were sitting, with the intention of going to my quarters, the captain said with a tone of sadness, "Sam, I wonder if *we* will live to see this war close? Grant is coming to take command of this army, and

there is some more hard fighting for us to do before we go into camp for the winter." "I hope so," I replied. "The harder the fighting, the sooner the end will come, and we can then go back and finish up our college course." We parted to meet no more on earth. Two hours later, the long roll sounded, and soon we were marching to the relief of the 12th corps, which had camped one mile in the rear of us, and which had been suddenly attacked by a superior force of the enemy, sent from Lookout Mountain. Our regiment was the head of the column, and as we passed by a spur of the mountain, we were fired upon by a force of the enemy, which had taken a favorable position to prevent us from reenforcing the attacked corps. We were halted, faced to the left, and Captain Buckwalter and his company were sent out as a skirmish line, in advance of our line of battle. While moving forward to ascertain the exact position of the rebel line, our skirmish line soon met that of the enemy, and in the first fire, the Captain received a fatal wound through the body. We charged and drove a brigade of the enemy from the ridge, but with the loss of nearly half of our regiment. The wound received by Brother Buckwalter, was necessarily fatal. He was taken to the field hospital and died the next day, about one o'clock in the afternoon. His sufferings were intense, but he retained consciousness most of the time. He was resigned to die, but said "It was hard to die so young, and with life so full of promise only a few short hours since."

Thus two of our little group that met in the room on North Main street, gave their all for Union and country. I do no injustice to the rest (all of them living, as I think) to say, that these two were the most promising. Brave, honest, conscientious, talented, with laudable ambitions, I doubt not, if they had been spared, they would now be occupying honorable positions in the land, but

" On Fame's eternal camping ground  
 " Their silent tents are spread,  
 " While glory guards with solemn round  
 " The bivouac of the dead."

Twenty-five years have passed since the meeting of that little group. A quarter of a century, with its changes and its activities necessarily effaces memory of much that might be interesting. When I left college in October, 1861, others had been added to the members of the Chapter, but not having a catalogue to refresh my memory, I cannot recall all of them. I may have omitted some member of the Chapter who was present at the meeting, but certain it is, that Ohio Alpha, prior to the war, was a band of which any Chapter might be proud. Not a single member of it now living, but what has been reasonably successful in his chosen occupation. They are now widely scattered. Wilson and Hall are in Minnesota; Clark is a prominent minister of the M. E. Church, at present stationed in Cincinnati. Breyfogle was in Louisville, Ky., when I last heard of him. High, after making a fortune in the West, returned to Napoleon, Ohio. J. W. Peters has occupied some of the best pulpits in the M. E. Church, and is now stationed at Wilmington, Ohio. H. W. Peters is a merchant in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Others I do not now recall, but shall watch with interest for the appearance of a history of this Chapter, which, I understand, is now being prepared.

S. R. PETERS.

## Greek Homesteads.

(Abridged from D. K. E. Quarterly.)

The following quotations, each coming from a man of recognized prominence, writing from broad experience, form at once the best introduction to this subject and serve as an indorsement of its importance:

"Their (the 'Greeks') influence on American college life has been curiously great. Their chapters of fifty years ago were mere student clubs, working within the line of faculty decrees. Later on, as one petty prerogative after another was given up by the college officers, the fraternities extended the scope of their influence. \* \* \* They were prophets of the new dispensation. To no one cause more than to the fraternity movement has been due the altered conditions of college culture. If these conditions have changed for the worse, the fraternities must bear much of the responsibility: if, as I believe, they have changed for the better, then to them is a large share of the credit due. \* \* \* In matters of study and discipline each student is now largely guided by his personal predilections, by the advice of those whom he sees fit to consult, by the moral force of his chosen associations. These associations are now determined in many colleges by the Greek-letter societies or fraternities. Being the exponents of the movement which has thus prevailed, the fraternities have met the requirements of the circumstances they have thus so largely brought about. At each loosening of the 'parental' care of the college, there has been created for them a new opportunity which they have promptly met. \* \* \* The faculty of Amherst, abdicating its old position as the guardian of college order, has called to its aid a committee of students, whose selection is practically made by the fraternities. Bowdoin has placed the discipline of the college in the hands of students, a majority of whom are chosen as the direct representatives of the chapters. On every hand college corporations are disavowing much of the old responsibility for the personal conduct and moral training of students, and the fraternities are left as the sole efficient and stable centers of student organization. The time is apparently at hand when 'college government' is to be largely changed into 'student government,' and it is in meeting this, their new responsibility, that the fraternities have taken upon themselves that intense activity which has marked the past five years."—Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, in *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, Vol. II, No. 2.

\* \* \* "The means of organizing chapter work and making its effect continuous and lasting, furnished only by an establishment complete in its appointments, which, as temple, or, better yet, as chapter-house, shall be the fixed and become the venerable home of the chapter. The very idea of stability and dignity which, among students, attaches to the well-ordered home of a Greek chapter, gives it a standing and character which enables

it at once to be independent and select in its elections, and, within the walls, to enforce a high ideal upon its initiates. As time passes, the lengthening series of records, the orderly collection of unique and quaint relics, the library every year more complete and valuable, the chapter-hall each commencement more richly adorned by the generosity of the class which leaves, all become so many matters of which each member is rightly proud, to do his part in the growth of which each is properly zealous. \* \* \* Chapter traditions grow stronger and purer, chapter customs become settled and respected, and the aggregate of chapter associations takes upon itself a definite form. \* \* \* The continuity of chapter existence is wonderfully strengthened. The graduate returning to his Alma Mater must find new faces; but could he sit in the old hall, rest in his old college home, join in the old songs and take part in the old ritual, he would soon be a stranger, not so much to the band of youth about him, as to himself, in his mature form. And though located far from his college, knowing that in the old chapter homestead are being repeated his own experiences, the chapter will remain to him a vivid reality, in which he has a permanent interest, to which he feels a personal obligation."—Editorial "Graduate Relations," *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, Vol. I, No. 2.

"Both theory and experience show us that \* \* \* when a body of young men, in a university like this, are given a piece of property, a house, its surroundings, its reputation, which, for the time being, is their own, for which they are responsible, in which they take pride, they will treat it carefully, lovingly, because the honor of the society they love is bound up in it. \* \* \* And this feeling extends not only to the mere structure, but to the atmosphere of the house—to its reputation. This, to my mind, as a college officer, interested in the development here of one of the great universities of the country, is that which mainly leads me to rejoice in an action like this, and to hope that the sister societies of Psi Upsilon, as well as other groups of students, may urge on the erection of houses similar in character, and may Heaven bless each and all of them! \* \* \* This house, judging from the plan of its architect, will be a 'house beautiful' from the moment of its creation. But it ought to grow more and more attractive as time goes on. The colleges and halls of the old English universities were beautiful when the mason and the carpenter and the sculptor and the glass-stainer had just finished their work; but far more beautiful are they to-day, now that generation after generation have left upon them the evidences of their living thought. Of such evidences are paintings, busts, engravings—here a bit of carving, there a stained window; here a noble chimney-piece, there a richly decorated ceiling, until these buildings have become living things, embodying the living thoughts and affections of students from age to age. Even in our own country this has begun. At one of our sister colleges, two or three years since, the President kindly took me with him to the public receptions given at commencement in three or four of the society houses. I remember being especially struck with one of them (it was in the chapter-house of the Kappa Alpha at Williams College), with a beautiful chimney-piece, placed there in loving memory of a member of the fraternity who had died before the

completion of his college course. It was a beautiful memorial and will add a charm to the building forever. \* \* \* What has given to the educated men of England and Germany that peculiar ripeness of culture, with depth of feeling and thought? \* \* \* Not, I think, what has been obtained in lecture-room or recitation-room so much as in these surroundings, which suggest deep and quiet reflections — these accretions of historic interest, these embodiments of tender sentiment. I am aware that it may be urged that such establishments may engender cliquishness, narrowness, the substitution of a feeling of attachment to the house and its inmates, for devotion to the interests of the entire university and of good fellowship with all of its students. Such has not been the result.”—President Andrew D. White’s address at laying corner-stone of Psi Upsilon house, Cornell University, May, 1884.

“Everything which gives a permanent character to the chapter, which prolongs the influence of its best men, must be carefully cultivated.”

The student of education in this country may be pardoned for looking back with a self-congratulation verging on impatience upon the deep ruts into which more than one of our colleges had fallen some fifty years ago. There were rare scholars in those days; men of fine personal talents and laborious research; but genuine teachers of youth, who struck the spark of enthusiasm with all whom they came in contact, were fewer than now, because preceptors of this type of genius cannot be hampered by playing the police to their pupils, or seeking to pound ideas into their heads; and with a messwork of such espionage our oldest institutions were sorely afflicted at the time of which we write. The colleges turned out a good many first-class “digs,” and some who were not “digs” were also turned out! A cast-iron curriculum, exercises conducted in cramped and foul recitation-rooms, in winter begun before the dawn of day, in freezing cold; tenement dormitories, a barbaric “commons,” where coarse food was “bolted;” absence of all athletic sports, and even of sufficient outdoor exercise; utter ignorance of the methods used and the events transpiring at neighboring colleges; no student press to ventilate reforms imperatively demanded; no gladsome glees to invest the grim classic shades with the glamour of legitimate romance — such glaring defects must necessarily have stamped themselves indelibly upon former generations of American students. If some products of this extraordinary system — disciplinary, so-called — attained the proportions of robust and splendid manhood, still they did so rather by self-ordained exercise of their individual talents than by any inspiring and comprehensive training which they received at *Alma Mater*. The picture, undoubtedly, has its lights as well as its shades; but it was after all a bleak college horizon upon which the genial sun of the fraternity system shed its first feeble beams now a full half century ago.

To be frank, all the Greeks’ later ideals were then undreamed. No wild enthusiast prophesied such a picture for the system as is now its present. In making their struggle with the *ancien regime*, they were drawn the closer together; temporary intimacy begat the desire for lasting and close co-operation; such ambitions made possible and developed their own opportunities.

With the necessary data in hand, the genesis of the society home—from garret to mansion—is not difficult to trace. Each rendezvous—college-dormitory, hotel-parlor, even fence-rail—was, in a certain sense, the natural and suitable one for a chapter, at a given epoch in its history. The new forces which it was constantly gathering to itself created new needs. No better proof can be had of the strength of a fraternity or a chapter than whether it evinced an inclination early in its history to own property and to keep adding to that property. Every well-established young chapter saw that to own a chapter house would soon be imperative to its fullest development.

The significant point about the present fraternity system is not that it is common to so many colleges, or that it professes to confer great advantages on its members in the way of literary drill (for the old debating unions did that), but that it binds its members together on terms of such true intimacy, it subjects them all to such a constant and thorough discipline, it establishes such an *esprit de corps* between them, that their relationship becomes, not a minor item, but by far the greatest, or as has truly been said, the “aggregate” of the social side of their college life, and this cannot possibly help affecting, to a very marked degree, but if for better or for worse, the prosperity of the college itself. And it is pre-eminently the society house, owned and directed by the students themselves, which renders this relationship possible. More than anything else, more than all else combined, it embodies the ideals of this unique system, demonstrates its practicability, shows its progress, suggests its future, exhibits its visible relationship to college government. In studying the permanent homes which they have made for themselves, one gets at the very kernel or gist of the so-called Greek-letter system. Considering the wide proportions to which the foremost of the fraternities have already reached, the deliberate, energetic and far-reaching plans which they have formed for increased activities in the future, the direct relation to a college community which they now bear by reason of their landed proprietorship,\* no student of American education who is without prejudice and desires to keep fully abreast of the times, can fail to inform himself as accurately and as fully as possible on the history of these society homes. We need scarcely add, that no fraternity or chapter which aspires to be and to be thought a coadjutor in this grand march forward, for the promotion of college friendship, the elevation of morals, the advance of culture, the broadening of liberal education, can hesitate for a moment to throw itself, mind and body, with all the enthusiasm of youth, in favor of building, at the earliest practicable moment, worthy homes for the altars of their vital interests—realizing that these homes are the very essence and aroma of fraternity life.

Further investigation of the subject leads first to a brief summary of the different types of fraternity buildings now existing; next to comparison

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\* Several college corporations have, within the past year or two, granted chapters permission to build on the college grounds. In some instances the college authorities have requested the chapters to do so.

of their merits, with a few suggestions as to the home a chapter should strive to build, and how the funds should be provided.

Acquainted and in sympathy with the extraordinary results which sprang from the art, no warm-hearted man will fail to yield spontaneous praise to the originality, the courage, the patience, the hard-earned success of those boys of the Lambda chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon of Kenyon College, who, in 1855, went into the Ohio forest and reared the famous "log-cabin," the first and most unique lodge ever owned by a college chapter.

It was left to the mother chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon, at Yale, in 1861, to perfect an appropriate and feasible type of fraternity building for all colleges, to rear it in durable materials, and to furnish it with complete appointments; in appearance, a well-proportioned Greek temple, whose interior plan provided an assembly-room for grand occasions, a smaller hall for ordinary meetings, facilities for dramatic entertainments and banquet festivities, space for the preservation of archives and the storage of relics. This type of building has since been frequently elaborated, but not essentially improved upon, except in point of size. Other temples, which bear a strong family resemblance have been built by the chapters of Delta Kappa Epsilon at Michigan and Madison Universities. The Delta Psi temple, or chapel,\* at Trinity College, Hartford, is exceedingly graceful in appearance, splendidly constructed of stone, and may be considered the ultimatum in this direction.

The next step, to the chapter-house, where the students belonging to the chapter room, and, in some cases, board, was a long and very important one, in its consequences. The Tri-Kappa (local) fraternity of Dartmouth College is said to have had the honor of first exemplifying this system, in 1860. The chapter of the Sigma Phi at Williams College "bought its first house," writes a member of the fraternity, "nearly twenty-five years ago." But speaking generally, until within the past fifteen years the movement of the fraternities toward settling themselves in homesteads was sluggish and irregular, and the past five years have witnessed a more rapid and satisfactory progress toward the solution of this problem than the total period of their existence preceding. Here must be noted a fact which should constantly be uppermost in the mind of a student of the fraternity system, viz., these innovations but faintly suggest the future which they produced. Much was at once gained by bringing the chapter members into a closer daily relationship with one another at every point of their college lives. Most of the houses first rented, or bought, and occupied by chapters, were very ordinary dwellings, usually somewhat out of repair, and possessing none of the attractive individuality, the proper seclusion, the necessary facilities for the display of objects of historic interest to the members, but to them alone, characteristic of the new, comfortable, and secure buildings constructed especially for this purpose. Moreover, chapter work was too often, amid distracting surroundings, reduced to a minimum. In most of these former dwellings converted into society houses, the lodge-room was confined to an obscure corner, and its exercises

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\* Cost of the building was nearly \$35,000.

regarded as a minor affair. In this way fraternity traditions, drill, development, would be daily vanishing into thin air, while the chapter, unconscious of any dereliction on its part, might be growing all the time more prosperous as a club of young gentlemen of congenial tastes, living together in pleasant surroundings. Although the past year has been unprecedented in the annals of the system for the erection of fine houses and the gathering together of resources for similar enterprises, there is reason to believe a well-grounded conservatism pervades the fraternity world to-day, against doing what cannot readily be undone, until intelligent discussion and sufficient experiment have proved exactly what the best and lasting society home will be. In short, the building of these homesteads may be expected to wax largely instead of waning, just as soon as the above conditions are admitted to be fulfilled. In view of these facts, it may be worth while to consider a little more in detail what the best specimens of these buildings are, and if they may be improved upon.

A majority of the houses are built of wood, a fair proportion of them are of brick, and five are solidly constructed of stone. All are two or more stories in height, most have made ample provision for broad verandas and comfortable bow-windows. In shape they vary from the spreading cottage, designed pre-eminently for comfort, such as the Delta Kappa Epsilon at Williamstown, to the imposing mansion with towers, owned by Psi Upsilon\* at Ann Arbor; from the ordinary city block house transformed into the appearance of a society lodge by the addition of stone ornaments and emblems to its front, successfully employed at Columbia and Wesleyan, to the suburban villa with many gables and chimneys, chosen at Cornell. Some of these homesteads are almost lavish in their cost and are very complete in their appointments, such as the new Sigma Phi † house at Williamstown, and the new Chi Psi ‡ house at Amherst. Others please by a lack of pretence, perfect good taste and the convenience of their internal arrangements, as the Kappa Alpha § of Williams, and the Phi Nu Theta || of Wesleyan. While still others, as the Phi Kappa Psi \*\* of Pennsylvania

\* It is neo-Gothic in style, faces the University grounds; the material is brick, with terra cotta and stone trimmings. The main hall is nine feet wide; on the right a reception-room (17x22 ft.), on the left a library (16x24 ft.) There are sleeping-rooms for twenty-two students, and a basement dining-hall. The lodge-room is on the third story. Cost about \$20,000.

† The house faces the main street of the village. The materials are brick, with granite foundations. The first floor contains a square hall (16 ft.), club-room (32x16 ft.), four studies (17x12 ft. each), with small bed-rooms attached. The second floor includes reception and lodge-rooms. The premises cost nearly \$50,000.

‡ The building is situated near College Hall. The style suggests the Colonial; first floor clap-boarded, shingled above. On the right of the front hall (13x26 ft.), is a reading-room (17 ft. sq.) There are front and rear parlors; the former has a large bay-window. The rear hall is 21x9 ft.; the lodge-room (28x19 ft.) is secured by a secret passage. The upper stories accommodate fourteen students with studies and bed-rooms. The wood-work is cherry and butternut.

§ It fronts Field Park. The studies, bed-rooms and library are below, assembly and lodge-rooms above. The first story is built of brick, with granite foundation and trimmings; the second story and cupola, of wood; cost, about \$15,000.

|| This establishment has a dining-room and studies, but no dormitory. Several of the rooms are used exclusively for society purposes. Cost \$18,000.

\*\* Cost, \$3,000; stone, granite; interior, wood-work, quartered oak.

College, though costing far less, are gems in their way. These may be taken as the best types of recent fraternity architecture; though nearly all of the houses have one or more commendable features, as the Alpha Delta Phi at Williams, solidity; at Ann Arbor, space; Chi Psi at Hamilton, a charming situation; Delta Kappa Epsilon at Wesleyan, comfort; Psi Upsilon at Cornell, completeness.

In their internal arrangements and furnishings these lodges differ as radically as in external appearance. Some are severely plain, not to say shabby; others are, in student phrase, "regardless;" most parallel ordinary college rooms at the larger colleges. The generosity of departing members who wish to leave some of their effects to the chapter, often gives its best rooms an incongruity of decoration, which is severely to be deprecated from an artistic standpoint. There are pleasing exceptions, in several of the model lodges just mentioned, which were evidently completely furnished at one time, and by connoisseurs. Among the few notable rooms, the most conspicuous are the lodge-rooms of the Columbia and Trinity College Chapters of the Delta Psi, finished, respectively, in Egyptian with designs imported from Thebes, and pure Gothic, vaulted. By far the most satisfactory artistic feature about any of the houses is a system of memorials to deceased members, recently introduced into several of the newer lodges. The list so far includes, noticeably, a large fire-place and memorial windows, by the deceased Princeton Chapter, in the new Sigma Phi house of Williams; a carved mantel and several beautiful emblematic stained-glass windows, by relatives of deceased members of the Kappa Alpha, at Williams; a similar tribute, from a father for his son, in the Phi Kappa Psi lodge at Gettysburg, and a handsome stone porch and balcony in the Alpha Delta Phi house at Williamstown, for a deceased undergraduate, by his family and chapter-mates. Indeed, the tasteful stone lodge of the latter fraternity, erected at Hamilton College some years ago, is named the Samuel Eels Memorial Hall, in honor of the estimable founder of the chapter and fraternity; and the magnificent Delta Psi Lodge at Hartford, perhaps the most perfect, in its way, of any yet completed by the fraternities, was the gift of a graduate member, though not bearing his name.

The uses and the opportunities of such memorials bear emphasizing. They serve not only to venerate the dead, but to inspire the living. The intellectual and moral atmosphere of any lodge where they abound will thereby be rendered the nobler and purer. American college students love to live over again the struggles and victories of those who have worn the same harness. The boy-hero who yielded his life for his patriotism; the brilliant scholar, bidding fair to make a great name for himself and his college; the youthful philanthropist whose life was pure and fragrant with the record of generous deeds; these and other young leaders, whose lives have been cut short in the pride of their dawning strength and usefulness, may speak to all who follow them in the vows of manly friendship and unselfish co-operation. Here, in scenes which were dear to them, though being dead, they may live again in influence—more surely, more practically, more honorably than by costly monuments. There is inspiration in the thought that the day is not far distant when the scope and usefulness of

this manner of honoring their beloved dead may be favorably known to patrons of liberal education throughout this country; when each important chapter of every worthy fraternity will eventually abound in memorials, either those described, or libraries, portraits, tablets, and the many less costly contributions within the range of these suggestions.

To subject this class of buildings to technical criticism would be an ungracious as well as a fruitless task, for many have been confessedly experiments, and most are the result of limited and hard-won funds. Nevertheless, it may be useful to know that the radical defect of most, externally, is their fickleness to any legitimate type of architecture. Not a few of their "finest features" seem to be put there purely for display or to attract attention. Probably this arises fully as much from the eagerness of young members to have their house planned wholly by their chapter or fraternity, as from lack of means to pay the bills of a first-class architect. To seek the advice and employ the services of one of the brothers in the bond, is, of course, highly desirable when he is a competent workman. Some of the finest society houses extant are the result of such a combination of professional skill with fraternity experience and enthusiasm. But on the other hand, several of the most unsightly and inconvenient buildings of their class, though costing enough to be perfectly satisfactory, have been perpetrated by the chapter accepting the plans of some young architect of their own, with the best intentions, who did in an evening with his pencil what the chapter may have to regret for half a century. To give to fraternity buildings the individuality which each should possess, to render them convenient inside as well as handsome in appearance, to know just where to economize, and where not to, needs the services of the very best architect whom the chapter can afford to hire.

Of late years it has come in vogue to decorate the exterior of lodges with emblems, such as fraternity letters or monograms in stone, ornamental transoms, etc. Such devices, though pretty in themselves, are but the "guinea stamp;" they do not suffice to give a lodge that air of individuality, as belonging to a college fraternity, which so especially becomes it as appropriate, whether large or small, costly or inexpensive, and increases the affections of its members. The only way to be sure of the desired result is to make the whole building conform to a well-defined plan.

A small proportion of the buildings have enough land about them to do justice to their merits, to afford recreation to their members, and for further additions in the lapse of years. A convenient site is of advantage, but space is more desirable than show, and there are good reasons for preferring a central position in the vicinity of the college buildings to one directly on the campus.

Few of the chapters have paid sufficient attention to the number and sequence of rooms which belong to the members in common, as lodge-room, banquet-hall, library, smoking-room, etc. These should be planned not merely with reference to under-graduate membership, but make ample provision for occasional re-unions of large numbers of the alumni. One good room at a time, conforming to some general plan, well laid out in advance, will be found more lastingly useful by a chapter than a whole suit

of pretty little apartments, which will have to be discarded just as soon as the chapter attains its mature growth.

Too often has the dignity and character of the best rooms been sacrificed to secure a "pretty" effect, and a few studies and bed-rooms of a lodge been made "show rooms," intended to eclipse those in the college dormitories or rival societies. This is strangely out of place in any fraternity which encourages democracy. The presence of bed-rooms and studies in the lodge is now a legitimate and prominent feature of society life at most colleges. Nevertheless, they should not be allowed to intrude themselves. The true scholar does not need or wish luxurious surroundings, but prefers comfort and retirement. To these reasons for divorcing the dormitory and the social features of the chapter may be added a third still more convincing, viz., that if a few choice suites absorb all the space and money, the chapter cannot accommodate at one time all the members who desire to dwell within its walls, and from this deprivation, according to the best authorities on this subject, not only the chapter but the college will suffer. These young scholars should endeavor to remember, in the spirit of Euripides, that their rooms will not make them famous, but they can render their rooms so.

The ideal chapter house will doubtless differ largely according to the precepts of the fraternity which it represents, and the canons of individual taste; but from the defects in existing homes may be deduced a few axioms governing first-class fraternity homesteads of the future; ample grounds, conveniently but not obtrusively situated; an appearance of individuality, but correct architecturally; materials, stone or the best brick, with hard-wood interior finishings; sufficient rooms for ordinary society purposes, and ample space for the entertainment of all graduates who can be induced to return to Commencement or other re-unions; plain but comfortable bed-rooms and studies for all members who wish to room in the lodge.

Thirty years ago Delta Kappa Epsilon set the example to the fraternity world of chapters owning their lodges. For years many of its chapters have been accumulating building funds, but with advice of their elder alumni, have wisely refrained from beginning operations till all conditions were satisfactory, at least until some one type of house had proved itself preferable to the others. And now our old and strong Sigma at Amherst sets her sisters a worthy example, in beginning what promises to be in many respects a model lodge, according to the standard here discussed; which is surrounded by spacious grounds; will be seen through a vista of grand old trees and beautiful shrubbery; will command an eligible site; will present in its temple spacious and well-proportioned rooms for society purposes, and separately (perhaps eventually forming a hollow square, or small court), a series of comfortable bed-rooms and studies, the kitchen, if one is used, store-rooms, etc., the whole not unsuggestive of some features of scholastic and baronial establishments, where a chapel or castle was the center of the group of buildings mutually supplementing each other. The main plan easily adapts itself to a great variety of circumstances, and may be added to indefinitely without presenting a patched-up appearance. One

feature—the tower—might be common to all the chapters. At all events, it is intended that a portion of every Delta Kappa Epsilon building of the future shall be constructed with especial reference to preservation of the most valuable archives. The tower, besides being a thing of beauty itself, and of classic origin, is especially adapted for this purpose; for the insertion of fraternity and chapter arms in carved stone-work, a chime of bells, the display of the chapter, fraternity, college or national flags on appropriate occasions, the training up of vines, and many other such details which would serve to add charm to the premises. While for interior decorations, no other plan affords such wide and appropriate scope for escutcheons, freizes, arches and mullioned windows, and the many other artistic effects already outlined in these pages, and above all the noble and hospitable chimney piece.

That the present writer has not ignored the peculiar difficulties in fund-raising and house-building by chapters whose alumni are numbered by the tens instead of the hundreds, as with Phi and Alpha, may best be proved by closing this article with a few practical thoughts on this subject, which, it is believed, express not merely the author's opinions, but illustrate the policy of Delta Kappa Epsilon as at present formulated.

For a chapter that has a graduate body, say, of four times its active membership, the question should have no terrors. Enough funds should be collected to secure the site and ensure that the premises, when completed so as to be occupied, shall be at least one-fourth paid for. This does not mean that the building as at first used shall be complete in every detail of the plan adopted. It is an easy matter for an architect to plan a building which, when completed, will cost, say \$20,000, which for \$12,000 or \$15,000 can be erected so as to be comfortably used, and, without alteration, can be added to till the plan is realized. Expensive additions—extra verandas, carving in relief, carrying up tower, etc., etc.—can safely be left to the liberality of individuals and the future enterprise of the chapter, when free of debt. To get the strictly necessary structure well planned, thoroughly built, and paid for, are the things needful first. Nothing does more to create confidence and enthusiasm among the alumni, for the accomplishment of these ends, than the possession of the best possible, site, for the purpose for which it is to be used. Having secured such a site, under competent advice from the oldest and most influential members of the chapter, and having collected funds, say to one-third of the value of the premises when ready to be comfortably used, let the chapter have the lot deeded to the corporation of its alumni. This corporation can mortgage the lot to trustees to secure bonds for the remainder of the funds necessary, in denominations, say, of \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10. These bonds should be payable "on or before" a certain date, and draw a low rate of interest. If properly prepared, there should be no difficulty in placing all of these bonds among graduates of the chapter or other Delta Kappa Epsilons. The real security is good, and the enterprise is a common one, of mutual advantage to those who build and occupy the homestead and those who loan the money. Relieved of rent, and in the enjoyment of the advantages which the new establishment would give, the income from

rented rooms and ordinary chapter dues should easily meet interest on the bonds and ordinary running expenses, and provide a small surplus besides toward the sinking fund. Probably this fund will not grow fast enough if left to itself. It should be increased each year by the zealous efforts of the chapter and individual members, working quietly but persistently, among the influential alumni or other friends of the chapter. But care must be taken not to make Commencement or other re-unions distasteful to the body of alumni present by *dunning* them; otherwise the most active canvassers may only defeat their own ends. It is freely admitted, however, that personal appeal is far more advantageous than circulars. A reasonable debt, well managed, is not necessarily a disgrace or burden to a faithful chapter, provided the undergraduates work under the supervision and with the co-operation of a local committee of graduates, who hold them to strict business methods and responsibilities. The principal of the indebtedness will surely be cancelled without difficulty, and probably in a surprisingly short time, provided the right means are adopted for meeting the interest. But extravagance of any kind, either of outward show or luxurious furnishings, or expensive entertainments—at all times to be deprecated in college lodges—is especially deplorable in chapters which are not free from debt.

An objection has been raised against graduate contributions to the building of chapter houses, not on the score of such investments being unsafe in any way (for the *esprit de corps* of any first-class fraternity would render the defaulting of its bonds an impossibility), but because the first-class chapter-house, possessed of fine dormitories and similar advantages, might ultimately attract some men there for the unworthy object of cheapening or saving their lodging and board. The argument has some force in the abstract (practically, there would be extremely few cases in which the chapter would be deceived into receiving such men) but the danger is one which can be easily guarded against. Under the plan outlined above, ordinarily a period of some years would elapse before the original premises would be completely paid for, added to, perfected and decorated. Nevertheless, that would seem to be a reasonable and a creditable provision in the terms for the building of Delta Kappa Epsilon houses, which should assure each donor that his benefaction would never be perverted into a charitable institution. To meet this it has been suggested that the chapter occupy the premises under an agreement with the chapter corporation to render a perpetual ground rent of moderate amount, which (after there shall no longer be interest or principal upon the premises to meet) shall be appropriated, say one-half to permanent improvements of the premises, to be applied at discretion of the chapter corporation, and the remainder to the maintenance of a college scholarship, open to all competitors, for excellence in some one of the departments of general culture of the institution at which the chapter is situated. While other plans may be matured, it is clear that the one named meets squarely the weightiest objections which have been raised to the building of chapter homesteads; that it would connect the chapter in a most honorable way with the institution to whose usefulness it is, and hopes to be, increasingly

auxiliary; and that it would add to the other laudable inducements for graduate contributions to chapters, the weighty consideration that they would thereby ultimately be benefiting Alma Mater. Once in operation the chapter or chapters showing such wise generosity would gain so noted a prestige that they would be sure to be quickly imitated by others in the same fraternity, and, possibly, other fraternities, to the subsequent very positive advantage of the institution thus affected, and the lasting credit of the Greek system.

JOHN ADDISON PORTER.

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FADED VIOLETS.

Oh violets, sweet violets,  
You tell a tale of love,  
Sweet children of the earth below,  
Bred by the Heaven above.

Alas! that as your beauties,  
Have vanished in a day;  
So all sweet sights, and all sweet loves,  
Pass, as you pass, away.

## The College Annual.

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There is one phase of college literature which is a veritable *terra incognita* to the non-college reader. The annual magazine with its long array of handsome Greek Fraternity engravings, its quaint columns of goats and ghosts, its irreverent and un pitying gags on Faculties and Freshmen, its barbarous poetry and apt quotations, has become a better test of the character of the students of any university than a withered catalogue or skeletonian calendar can hope to be. Every feature of student life is given proper attention, and for once in the year the undergraduate, unrestrained and untrammelled, gets his lamp out from under the Faculty bushel and lets it shine on fault and foible, on prank and crank. THE SHIELD owes its thanks to many of the chapters for kindly response to request for these annuals, but is peculiarly grateful to Pennsylvania Iota, and New York Delta for their thoughtful promptness in sending without request. In artistic merit, in original and unique pictorial design, in excellence of drawing, the *Record*, issued by the Senior Class of the University of Pennsylvania, probably ranks first among the annual magazines the writer has happened to see. The *Record* is such a book as a college annual ought to be, and very seldom does one find so much of artist humor and artistic skill under the same covers. Our readers will be pleased to know that two Phi Kappa Psis, Cresswell and Hagert, designed and executed nearly every illustration in the book. Their work is without doubt the most interesting and most attractive feature of the *University Record*, and Pennsylvania Iota is to be congratulated on the talent shown by her two representatives on the board of six editors. The literary department of the *Record* is well conducted, though not up to the standard of the illustrations.

The list of fraternities represented at Penn, includes Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Psi, Zeta Psi, Delta Phi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, and Sigma Chi. If one may judge from the *Record*, the chapters of the last three are very far from being of any particular value to their excellent fraternities, while Alpha Tau Omega is but little better represented. The rest appear to be in good condition, though Phi Kappa Sigma could be improved quite easily. Delta Psi and Zeta Psi seem to be Iota's strongest rivals. However, a careful study of the *Record* cannot fail to convince any unprejudiced person that at present the Penna. Iota of Φ Κ Ψ is the leading fraternity chapter at the University of Pennsylvania. In athletics Iota's supremacy cannot even be questioned, and this chapter probably excels every other chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, and perhaps all fraternity chapters in that respect. The positions held in the various college organizations and on the college papers, give evidence of Iota's high standing among the students, while the writer is reliably informed that in

scholarship the brothers of Iota stand as high as in society, athletics or college organizations—that is to say, first in college.

Penn is a great sporting college. Base-ball, foot-ball, cricket, tennis, lacrosse, tug-of-war, bicycle club, gun club, racket club, canoe club, chess—all seem to thrive exceedingly, while every college man knows of Penn's famous rowing four, now captained by Brother Alex J. Gray, formerly by Brother Tom Hunter. Famous runners, too, are Brother Randolph Faries, who won the inter-collegiate mile race this year, and Brother Ellison, the sprinter. The Philomathean, the great literary society, boasts but fifty members. The *University Magazine* is conducted by a board of eight. In the days of long ago, when the writer was exchange editor for a college magazine, the aforesaid *University Magazine* was a very well gotten up publication. Of late years I have seen it not. And the famous bowl-fight? Well, on Friday, January 30th, 1885, for the third time in the history of the custom, the Sophomores inserted the Freshman in the bowl, after a twelve minutes contest. Long live the bowl-fight! The entire absence of any list of the Faculty is most noticeable in the *Record*.

In literary merit, both as to originality of conception and finish of execution, *The Palladium*, issued by the secret societies of the University of Michigan, with class of '85 editors, leads all the annuals that have reached THE SHIELD. It hardly equals *The Record* as to illustrations, even if the pen of Thomas Nast himself has been pressed into service. Evidently assistant Latin Professor Gayley believes in plenty of fresh air. A full page is given to a picture representing him as standing on an ice field in the shade of the north pole, coat off and fan in hand, surrounded by a class of Esquimaux-clad students, while snow-house and icebergs are all around. On the opposite page is a *Carmen Expostulans ad Demi-Professorem Frigifactorem, in Hoc Universitate Michiganiense*.

O Muse, put on an ulsterette about thy lovely form,  
Thy shapely neck do not forget to drape in sealskin warm,  
Bid Boreas blow, come wind and snow, let Sol withhold his rays;  
I sing a song of Gayley and his little frigid ways.  
—Uncommon frigid ways.

When Jove begins to give 'em hail, when Mercury comes down,  
Then Gayley, Gayley, spread thy sail, unreef thy trident frown.  
Thy fancy teems with icy dreams of storms that never stop;  
Then thinkest of Soracte and his ever snowy top.  
—Confound his snowy top.

'Tis then thou gatherest in thy hall a crowd of shivering wights,  
Who rise and tell thee at thy call what they have learned o' nights.  
"Pull down the sash!" And with a dash old Boreas comes in,  
He puts his arms around our forms with many a chattering grin.  
—13° below zero grin.

Our very breath, it forms a wreath of snowy flakes anon,  
It would be nice to have some ice to warm our hands upon.  
If thou couldn't stand with book in hand on frozen Arctic mere,  
With all that air thou wouldst declare, "I think it's close in here."  
—"It's deuced close in here."

One of the brightest things in *The Palladium* is a little comedy, "Progressive Euchre." I quote the epilogue. The first two verses refer to the close of the play:

The curtain falls and hides the scene  
Behind its sombre folds of green;  
And still we gaze and wish we knew—  
Does Jack do what he tries to do,  
Or does some hindrance intervene?

May be mamma comes in between,  
With puckered lips and prudish mien;  
We guess in vain when on the view  
The curtain falls.

The prompter smiles. Oh his demesne,  
A play is but a play, I ween,  
Where wooden puppets weep and woo.  
And when they've tripped their dances thro'  
And man and maid, on king and queen,  
The curtain falls.

The "Coasting Song," too, is very neat. An immense amount of ingenuity and real humor is manifested in the "Cribs," "Examination Papers," and "Catechism." "Important to Editors of College Papers," is a bright take off on the *Chronicle* and *Argonaut*, or *Chronicle Ill* and *Rag-o-Naught*, as they are dubbed. In fact, the whole book teems with witticisms, and gives evidence of real talent. Brother Joseph V. Denney was chairman of the committee on literature, and is responsible for most of the bright things. Michigan Alpha was certainly very fortunate in her choice of an editor. The book is a very handsome one, printed on beautiful paper, and has a fine picture of Professor Frieze as a frontispiece.

Two hundred and forty-nine students belong to the secret societies, which are as follows: Phi Kappa Psi, Chi Psi, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Phi, Zeta Psi, Psi Upsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta. The ladies fraternities, Kappa Alpha Theta and Gamma Phi Beta, as well as Delta Upsilon, and the department fraternities are not represented on the Board of Editors. With an average membership of eighteen, the nine leading chapters all appear to be in good condition. However, some jokes are indulged in at the expense of Psi Upsilon, which carries a very large number, probably some necessarily not being of the first rank. Perhaps this is due to the fact that the interest on their chapter-house mortgage is a little severe, and it takes a goodly number to keep it paid. The Sigma Phis and Zeta Psis, on the other hand, have very small memberships—too small. Delta Tau Delta is a little new to the ground, and has to depend on the Laws and Medics for some of its material, thus being at a disadvantage.

A prize of twenty dollars was offered for the best song written, for *The Palladium*, I believe. "The Yellow and Blue" won the first prize, but in my opinion the "Elixir Juventatis," by a member of '84, was the finer song.

## AIR—"Old Nassau."

A health! clink! clink! and now we drink  
 No juice of grape or grain,  
 But we sip, forsooth, the wine of youth  
 That leaps from heart to brain.  
 We're young! we're young! let every tongue  
 Intone the choral hymn,  
 While memory swings her silent wings  
 Above each headed brim.

## CHORUS.

Here's health! Clink! clink! Here's wealth! Clink! clink!  
 As much as we can spend;  
 Here's a wife! Clink! clink! Long life! Clink! clink!  
 And weal to every friend.

No bud that blows 'mid Alpine snows,  
 No bloom of tropic beds,  
 Is half so rare as those we wear  
 In wreaths about our heads.  
 For every gleam of sun and stream,  
 And every breath of day,  
 Has yielded dower to friendship's flower  
 Which buds and blooms for aye.

## CHORUS.

When men are old their hearts grow cold  
 In life's tumultuous storm;  
 But ours shall glow amid the snow,  
 And keep our bosoms warm;  
 The laughing lip, the hands that grip,  
 When friendly hands are wrung,  
 Some day must die and powerless lie—  
 Let's use them while they're young.

## CHORUS.

'Tis time to part, the tear drops start,  
 And turn our drink to brine;  
 Good-bye, old friend, may heaven send  
 Good hap to thee and thine;  
 And when we're gray and 'round the way  
 The darkling shadows creep,  
 Upon our knees we'll drink the less  
 And gently fall asleep.

## CHORUS.

The literary societies, Adelphi and Alpha Nu, have from thirty to sixty members. Brother James B. Sheean presides over the Adelphi. In publications Michigan excels. *The Argonaut* is a weekly. The  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Psi \Upsilon$ , and  $\Delta T \Delta$  are interested therein.  $\Sigma \Phi$ ,  $\Delta K E$ ,  $X \Psi$ , and  $B \Theta \Pi$  are on *The Chronical*, published fortnightly. Brother J. V. Denney was managing editor of *The Argonaut* during the first half of the year — elections are held semi-annually — and added much to the interest of the paper. *The Bulletin* is issued monthly by the students Y. M. C. A., and *The Oracle* annually by the Sophomore class. Of course the two are very similar. The fraternity boys are well represented on the base-ball nine, but conspicuous

for their slim attendance on the foot-ball eleven. And foot-ball seems to be the great sport at Michigan. Field Day was a great day, seemingly. Bonine ran one hundred yards in ten seconds, thus equalling the best college record, while Hibbard only fell two feet and five and one-half inches short of throwing the base-ball 379 ft., 6 ½ in.—the best college record. There is an extended array of glee, bicycle, sketch and gun clubs. The Lecture Association is, I believe, quite a success. Evidently the people of Ann Arbor know that the students are in town.

If *The Palladium* excels in literature and *The Record* in art, *The Cornellian*, by the Junior Class of Cornell, is the most elegant and most expensive of all the Annuals I have seen. The printing is in two colors and on magnificent paper. The photographs of Faculty and buildings are simply superb. The etchings are very neat, though not particularly unique or original. The literary department is rather slim, though the following is decidedly quaint:

TO A COLLEGE WIDOW.

My pretty village maiden—  
 My little darling dove,  
 My father writes when he was here,  
 Thou also wast his love.

So may the Lord preserve thee,  
 That when my son comes here,  
 Thou who now enjoy'st my love,  
 May also be his dear.

The fraternities at Cornell are  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $Z \Psi$ ,  $K A$ ,  $A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta \Upsilon$ ,  $\Delta K E$ ,  $\Theta \Delta X$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ , and  $\Psi \Upsilon$ . The ladies are represented by  $K A \Theta$ , and  $K K \Gamma$ . All seem to be in flourishing condition, though  $Z \Psi$  might seemingly spare a little time from sporting matters to studies, with advantage. The Dekes at Cornell are perhaps hardly up to the general standard of that worthy fraternity. Kappa Alpha is composed of wealthy men. Delta U and Psi U have fine chapters.  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $A \Delta \Phi$ , and  $\Theta \Delta X$  are well represented by good chapters. New York Alpha of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , lately re-established, has a fine body of alumni, and was fortunate in securing five of the strongest men in the late Senior class. What the chapter has already accomplished satisfies us all of a brilliant future in store for the Cornell  $\Phi K \Psi$ 's. Phi Beta Kappa only chose three men from the class of '85. Among them was Brother Chauncey H. Bickford, while Brother Harry Falkenau represented New York Alpha on Commencement Day. The Cornell  $\Phi \Psi$ 's appear to be of scholarly tendencies.

The University publications include the *Daily Sun*, *Era* and *Review*. College men all know these and recognize their merit; though to be honest, the writer always did think that Cornell should boast better papers. The literary societies — Irving and Debating Club — are not very well patronised. The Engineering Associations are quite strong. Architectural, Agricultural, Natural History and other societies thrive. The Military Department is a thing of beauty and a joy forever. Cornell had last year a fine ball nine, while we all know the Cornell navy is the pride of the Institution. Neat

biographical sketches of Ezra Cornell, Henry W. Sage, John McGraw and wife, Hiram Sibley, Andrew D. White and Goldwin Smith, are given.

Though not so handsome a book, *The Cornellian* of '84 excels that of '85 in originality and real ability and power. The little poem below is entitled "Jugglery:"

Before the piano she poses at ease  
And gracefully touches the ivory keys.

Her fingers so taper flit over the board,  
Revealing by magic its musical hoard.

*Andante, allegro*, then *lento* again,  
And *teneramente* is echoed the strain.

But when from its slumber some fantasie rare  
Awakes to the call of the sorceress fair,

A marvel of action those fingers become;  
While, filled with amaze, all the hearers are dumb.

With nimble precision she strikes the clear notes,  
And quickly succeeding before us there floats

Of runs and of trillings a swift gliding stream,  
Till *sempre piu forte* her motto might seem.

But though in your wonder you fancy, perchance,  
That art so artistic our souls should entrance,

Still, somehow or other, I think as I muse,  
In watching her fingers, the music—we lose.

Perhaps the finest page is the one given to the following poem, in antique characters and gracefully interwoven with etching of tower and town and lake.

AT MIDNIGHT ON THE CAMPUS.

The midnight air is cold and clear.  
The stars shine down from silvery sphere.  
All fragrance laden in the night  
Pass murmurous breezes in their flight  
Through the heavy lattice-work  
Wherein naught but shadows lurk,  
Through the gloomy tower that stands  
Overlooking lonely lands.

Up from the nestled tower below  
The twinkling lights so softly glow.

On distant

Beach

In murmurs

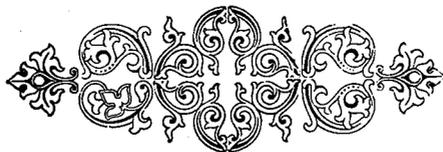
Break

The gentle lappings of the Lake,  
O'er the church-yard's moss stones  
Music floats in Angel tones;  
'Tis from the shadowy tower it wells  
The moaning of the wind-swept bells.

I note the name of Brother Will H. Smith among *The Cornellian* editors for '84, while quite a number of the neatest pictorial sketches in the book were from the pencil of Brother Bickford, notably that of the famous cider raid—an honored institution peculiar to Cornell. An annual like that of Cornell is an expensive luxury not to be indulged in by every college.

I had intended to touch all college annuals in which  $\Phi$   $\Kappa$   $\Psi$  is interested, but find it impossible to do so in one article. *The Syllabus* from Northwestern, *The Echo* from Hobart, *The Makio* from Ohio State University and the last *Bijou* from Ohio Wesleyan are in THE SHIELD library. In the next issue the writer will endeavor to complete this work. The importance the annual magazine has attained in college circles, makes fit and proper that they should be reviewed at some length, while the high character of this year's issues is really worthy of much more favorable notice than the average man is apt to give to college publications.

E. C. L.



## The Areopagus.

G. A. C. of 1874.

*The Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette* has been republishing Judge Foraker's address to the Grand Arch Council of ΦΚΨ at Columbus in 1874. The noble sentiments are worthy of the noble man. I wish the whole could be republished in *THE SHIELD*, but will only quote.

"You are here to-day for a purpose. You are here as the representatives of the active, working members of the fraternity; the men who are now in college operating the machinery by which the organization is carried on; the men who are soliciting and securing recruits for the places which they are themselves soon to vacate. You are here to consider for them in what manner the welfare and interests of the fraternity, in so far as the machinery and management thereof are concerned, can be best subserved and promoted.

"Those of us who preceded you in the discharge of the duties that have devolved upon you did the best we knew how, and did, we thought then, and still think, much toward perfecting the government of the society.

"We knew that even the sun had his spots; much more all things thereunder, and that the laws and government of our fraternity, being the work of men, were notwithstanding they were Phi Psi men, necessarily more or less imperfect. Consequently we expected, and still expect, you to make changes, and we shall expect those who shall come after you to do likewise. Therefore, while cautioning you against inconsiderate and unnecessary change in any of the fundamental laws of the society; and while invoking your respect for that which has the sanction of age and usage, I would nevertheless say let not your hands be tied by any such things.

"The very object of your mission here is to see that what is right shall remain so; that what is not right shall be made so. The world is progressing, and as long as it continues to do so there will be abundant evidence of it in the manner in which adaptability to the growing wants and ideas of society will require the change and displacement of things about which hangs the charm of age and veneration.

"So that as a representative of the former ages of Phi Psi's, I would say to you, here, to-day, that while we are each and all proud of our respective contributions to the laws and general government of the order, and therefore anxious to see them stand as parts and parcel of that government, yet we ask that they may do so only consistently with your ideas of the best interests of the fraternity—our love for which overrides all selfish claims and personal gratifications.

"We are not, however, without our demands. For while recognizing your right and duty to so change the laws and rules as to promote the welfare of the fraternity, we do so upon the sole ground that we have the right to expect, and do expect, and demand, that the fraternity, itself, in spirit, in influence and in reputation be preserved every whit whole. I know I thought when in college, and I expect you now think, you appreciate the importance of this.

"But I come to you to-day as one who has enjoyed the experience which you are now enjoying, and as one who has carried the influence of that experience out from the college walls into the struggles and strife of life. We are perhaps equally acquainted with the worth to us of our fraternity as students, but only those of us who have experienced it can understand the beneficent influences of this relation in the life that succeeds the college life.

"Only those who have experienced it can have any adequate idea of how sweetly, grandly, and proudly will resurrect themselves in one's memory, bringing peace and quiet to the troubled mind, teaching the heart its always noble duty, where the way is not plain, and lending strength to withstand and overcome when the soul is tempted, those quiet, modest, but diamond-like words, '*Never forget that you are a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.*'

"The good influence of these words is not owing to any intrinsic merit or beauty which they possess as such, but to the fact that their recall is the hoisting of the flood-gate through which is poured in upon the soul a tide of memories dear, duties gentle, and lessons grand. Because they revive the spirit of development, christian kindness and general nobleness of character which constitutes the great aim of the fraternity, and by which, in our associations, so much of strength and encouragement are mutually imparted to one another.

"And such must ever be the necessary result of our fraternal relations where, in admitting new members, and in the general conduct and management of the chapter, the spirit and aims of the order are the only guide. It was by a strict adherence to these cardinal ideas that our founders placed us upon a sure footing in the outset, and by the power and character which a similar adherence gathered unto our name, that our banner has been going forward ever since, and must hereafter continue to triumph. And it is because she taught us these things and imbued us with these aspirations, that we cherish the memory of Phi Kappa Psi to-day.

"I conjure you, therefore, to appreciate the fact that we are in earnest when we demand that the fraternity shall live; we demand it as due to us; as due to yourselves; as due to the thousands of students who are to succeed you, and as due to the world in which we are all alike to labor.

"Your duty in this regard is not, and was never was intended to be, a mere college pastime. Its objects are higher. It means the symmetrical development of the whole of one's good nature. It means men; men in the highest sense of the word; men who will go out from college to the battles of life with an honesty of purpose, an appreciation of right, and a power for good that will make the world better for their having lived in it. Hence

it is not sufficient that our name merely shall live. We demand that you preserve it in all its glory, in all its purity, in all its beauty, in all its significance.

“To this end we admonish you to admit no one into our house who is not willing and worthy to do the appointed work; that in your associations and every day walk and life you practice toward the world and one another those elemental virtues which the fraternity enjoins; that you be diligent, earnest, brave, honest and God-fearing; a credit to yourselves, an honor to your society, a gain to the world; that you may leave behind you an instrument of increased power for the same good to others, and carry with you down the roadway of life the recollections and influences of an association that will make the mind brighter, the heart warmer, and the soul nobler, as you pass on to eternity.”



## Editorial.

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WE regret the loss of our associate on THE SHIELD, Brother J. V. Humphrey. He graduated from the University last June, and will teach this year. Ever obliging and of sound judgment, his work was of great value. We feel confident he will succeed, and give him THE SHIELD's best wishes.

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GOVERNOR HOADLEY, Judge Foraker's rival, is a prominent Beta Theta Pi. These gentlemen have both held the Judgeship of the Superior Court of Cincinnati, and are personal friends. Hoadley, though never a soldier, was an old-time Republican, long quite prominent in that party. His abilities won him high position in the Democratic ranks.

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WE wish the chapter correspondents to remember that personals should not be inserted in chapter letters, but should be sent by themselves. Nor should such letters be devoted entirely to fraternity affairs. Let us know what is happening in your college and who are the new professors. What additions have been made to your endowment and what improvements in your buildings? If you wish to discuss matters with regard to fraternity welfare, please do so through *The Areopagus*. A chapter letter should be a news letter. Put your advice in some other shape.

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THE many brothers who have met Brother W. C. Spangler at Grand Arch Council or elsewhere, or have made his acquaintance through THE SHIELD, will unite with us in congratulating him on his happy marriage to Miss Carrie Bauman, a most estimable young lady. Kansas Alpha never had a more valuable man than Spangler, and we regret to lose him. However, he has located in Lawrence as law partner of the Hon. James W. Green, Dean of the University Law School, and we shall still have him as business manager of THE SHIELD. Graduating with high honors from the University in '83, he immediately entered the Law School. There he finished his course at the head of his class, representing them on Commencement Day. He immediately entered on the practice of the law, and his success

has been remarkable. He has even already a well-established practice. Everything assumes a brilliant future for him, and THE SHIELD heartily wishes that the good omens may be fulfilled. His unselfish labors for Kansas Alpha have been of incalculable value, and she owes more of her prosperity to him than to any other brother. We hope for him the kindest benediction of a smiling Providence. Loyal and true, he is a gentleman in whom we place an absolute trust.

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#### JUDGE FORAKER.

For the second time the State Convention of Ohio Republicans has unanimously nominated Judge Foraker as their candidate for Governor. Rarely if ever has a defeated candidate for so distinguished an office been accorded a renomination. This could only happen to a man whose ability, whose character, whose record merits and receives the warmest confidence of the people. Any one can retain his friends in victory, but only a man of rare power could rally an unbroken legion to his standard in defeat. Our distinguished brother in  $\Phi K \Psi$  is such a man, and has been anointed the leader of Ohio Republicans when John Sherman shall have finished. As a private soldier at sixteen, Brother Foraker won the admiration of his comrades and the approval of his superiors, leaving the army after four years gallant service a boy captain of twenty. As Judge of the Superior Court, he possessed the highest respect of the great bar of Cincinnati. As a political leader he was unanimously elected chairman of the Ohio delegation to Chicago, and proved himself one of the ablest men and most eloquent orators in that great national assembly. His speech in nominating John Sherman was universally conceded to be one of the strongest ever made in such a gathering. As a college man he graduated with high honors at Cornell, and has been honored by the alumni with the greatest office in their gift — the Trusteeship of Cornell University. As a fraternity man we are under peculiar obligations to one who was a loyal son of Ohio Alpha, the honored founder of New York Alpha, and Orator of the Grand Arch Council of 1874. Ever a consistent and loyal member of the fraternity, we all hold Brother Foraker in warmest fraternal regard, and wish for him the same brilliant success he has assisted in making for  $\Phi K \Psi$ . Perhaps no one of our brothers who has attained public eminence has been so unswervingly loyal to the fraternity, so constantly mindful of her welfare. He is a man, too, whose integrity and ability have won for him the respect of his opponents, and if elected — and now that the peculiar circumstances which

contributed to Republican defeat are removed his election seems probable — even his Democratic adversaries can but acknowledge with Governor Hoadley himself, that Foraker is worthy of holding the baton of leadership of a great party. Still a young man, he already has a record that has made his fame national. He is a good citizen and was a just judge. Soldier, scholar and statesman, he deserves well of the Republic and of Phi Kappa Psi.



## Chapter Letters.

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### OHIO ALPHA.

THE SHIELD made its appearance last shortly before the closing of our school year. Commencement at the O. W. U. came a week earlier than usual, and that much earlier than most of other colleges. In all her history, the last was, perhaps, the best Commencement at our college, something of the old style being mingled with a new plan. This new plan was the appointment of only eleven out of sixty-six as speakers, and it is a fact that the whole met with almost universal approval. Class Day was also a success, although it might more properly, perhaps, be called Field Day. In her five graduates Ohio Alpha lost five strong men, and in their leaving we are reduced to a band of rather young men; yet we feel that the year we are about to enter will be a successful one, strong as we are with at least fourteen men to start on. Our prospects, at any rate, are bright.

In our letter for May there was mentioned the matter of the compilation of a biographical sketch book of Ohio Alpha. This is, of course, now a matter of great interest to us as the consummation of the editors' labors is near at hand, and it is expected that before THE SHIELD makes its appearance the *Record of Ohio Alpha* will be in the hands of its subscribers. The book is to be a neatly bound 16 mo. of about 192 pages, composed of biographies, short and concise, of each member of the chapter since its establishment, to which is prefaced a belightful poem by Orville E. Watson, '82, a history of the chapter by C. L. VanCleve, '79, and a sketch of Ohio Alpha's early days by James M. DeCamp, '69.

Ohio Alpha's twenty-five years of existence warrant an attempt at such a preservation of its records, and it would be well for others of the older chapters to do likewise. In young chapters the course of Ohio Delta might be followed with great success—a collection of the histories of its members so far, and the appointment of some member as registrar to preserve and add to these as the members graduate and grow older. In this way the chapter is able to keep sight of its members and be always in direct communication with them.

E. M. VAN CLEVE.

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### D. C. ALPHA.

The existence of all things human seems fated to fluctuation and change, now advance, now decline. Some five years ago our chapter was in a not very encouraging condition; but as our college has awakened to new life, better times have come to the chapter. Each year has seen increasing interest

and activity. Young blood has been infused in the chapter, and many changes and improvements have occurred, until to-day we feel that we partake of the spirit of a lively, progressive, modern fraternity. Last year was one of the best in our history. Our regular weekly meetings at each other's homes reached the acme of enjoyment and profit. Their effect on the chapter was immeasurable; no one of us will ever forget the warm greetings of brothers, the spirit of business that marked the chapter's doings, the scenes of merriment that followed, and the jovial crowds that rendered midnight *musical* with Phi Psi songs. The visits of alumni, the inauguration, and many occurrences of pleasant memory helped the chapter and filled the cup of fraternal joy to overflowing. Six of our boys were graduated in June, taking high honors—indeed Phi Psi captured nearly all the honors. The new year opens very auspiciously for us. Though few in number we are enthusiastic, and will take up the lines where they were laid down last year. We intend this year shall be no exception to our recent history of progress. We shall carry out the plans that were so carefully laid out last year, and make every endeavor to advance the chapter's interest. I believe our latest additions have not been reported in *THE SHIELD*; I take great pleasure in presenting to the fraternity Brothers T. B. Anderson and G. B. Corey. These brothers were initiated late last year; they give great promise. There is good material in the college now which we will work in shortly. I am glad to say that everything points to the speedy establishment of D. C. B. For years A has been milling out alumni, and alumni of other chapters are constantly being attracted here, so that there are over a hundred alumni here. There is no reason why the fraternity should not be represented at the national capital by a wide-awake, flourishing chapter of honored alumni. The matter is being talked over in a business way, and there is every prospect of our having one of the largest, best equipped, and most enthusiastic alumni chapters that a fraternity was ever blest with. We wish to give a word of encouragement to *THE SHIELD*, and the committees of the G. A. C. now acting. Of late our boys have taken a marvellous interest in general fraternity matters, which I hope will never decrease.

Washington, D. C.

J. E. CHRISTY.

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#### PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

With the opening of the college year Pennsylvania Eta sends greeting to all the chapters. Our term began on the 3d inst., and since then we have been keeping wide awake for new men. We have made one addition to our number, but on account of reasons in the shape of family objections, we are, for the present, obliged to withhold his name. We have been expecting his initiation for some time, and it is sufficient to say that he is a good fellow, which he can easily prove to the satisfaction of any loyal brother who calls around to see our "baby." Material, good for fraternity work, is by no means plenty this term; there are, however, some promising students in the lower classes, and for these our prospects are very encour-

aging. Our number is at present the same as it was last year. Our loss was that of Brother Joe Apple, who was our only Senior representative, and who graduated with the first honor. He is now the principal of the high school at St. Petersburg, Pa., and, to any Phi Psi coming within his reach, we can assure a hearty welcome. It is too early in the term for any fraternity news in the shape of conquests, etc., but we hope that we may soon be able to report.

H. A. DUBBS.

September 15, 1885.

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#### PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

DEAR SHIELD:— After a silence of several months Pa, Γ again extends greeting to her sister chapters.

The year opens with all our old men in their old places excepting Brother J. C. Eccleston, who has changed his course and will enter either Syracuse or Cornell. The best wishes of Γ go with him.

Last year we lost by graduation Brother Bolton, who will enter the University of Pennsylvania, Medical Department, next October; and Brother Sagebeer who has since entered Crozer Theological Seminary. Brother Sagebeer took the first honor of his class and delivered the valedictory address at Commencement. Brother Bolton succeeded in capturing a first-class oration.

On June 16th we gave a reception to the ladies of Lewisburg. Many of our alumni in town were present with their wives.

The night of June 22nd, the occasion of our annual symposium, was also a memorable event in the history of the chapter. Many alumni members were present who had not been to Lewisburg for years.

We have initiated one new man this year in the person of Will M. Woodwar, '88, of Coatesville, Pa. He is of the stuff that good φ Ψs are made of and with a proper appreciation of the advantages offered by the fraternity will develop into a brother both good and strong. We now number eleven men and when Brother Kelchner, the honor man of '86 returns we will once more be raised to 12, our old standard. φ K Ψ still maintains her own at this college. In social circles we are the recognized leaders and in college affairs we take our share of honors.

Brother Keiser, '86 and Brother Clarke, '87, were elected editors on the *Mirror* editorial staff, from their respective classes. The remaining members of the staff are non-fraternity men. Brother Owens was elected president of the publishing association. Σ X and φ Γ Δ were both blocked out.

WILL C. GRETZINGER.

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#### DELTA TAU DELTA,

We are informed that Pi chapter of Delta Tau Delta, at Lehigh University, has handed in its charter and the members have tendered their resignations. This was perhaps the best chapter of that fraternity and was composed of ten fine men. They went in a body to the convention at Detroit this summer and it is rumored that they were not pleased with the convention.

## The Phi Psis.

### MICHIGAN ALPHA.

C. M. Hammond, '76, is on the *Boston Daily Globe* staff.

A. F. Hanson, '76, is practicing law at Hornellsville, N. Y.

James W. Johnston, '76, of Oregon, Ill., has ordered a copy of the new catalogue.

Geo. W. Spencer, M. D., '76, receives the lame and the blind in Room 19 Wicks' Block, Cleveland, Ohio.

William Yost, Illinois Gamma, '75, Ohio Alpha, '76, and the founder of Michigan Alpha, is practicing law. His office is at No. 93 Diamond street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

J. V. Denney, '85, teaches Latin in the High School at Aurora, Illinois, and helps edit the *Beacon*.

John W. Dorst, Indiana Beta, '73, and Michigan Alpha, '77, had charge of a party near Vicksburg, Miss, last winter, gauging the river and making experimental observations on the velocity of the current. His address is 35 Rowland street, Detroit, Mich.

James W. McKinley, '77, is city attorney at Los Angeles, Cal.

C. R. Buchanan, '78, is superintendent of the public schools at Wilton, Iowa.

Festus C. Cole, '78, is principal of the public schools at Hinsdale, Ill.

A. B. Cook, '78, travels for the Detroit Paper Company. His address is No. 80 Adams avenue, West, Detroit, Mich.

W. S. Hill, '78, is city attorney at Marquette, Mich.

F. B. Leland, '78, a well-known fraternity worker, is practicing law at Flint, Mich.

F. L. Wilson, '78, is proprietor of a drug store at No. 747 Woodward avenue, Detroit, Mich.

H. G. Ohls, '80, is laboratory assistant in chemistry at Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill.

James C. Dunning, '80, "jerks lightning" for the Michigan Central Railroad at Bay City, Mich.

Frank H. Hodder, '80, is instructor in history in Cornell University.

E. L. Hollingsworth, '81, is head book-keeper in a bank at Rensselaer, Indiana.

### MISSOURI ALPHA.

Warren Switzler graduated from the Law Department in '77, and is now practicing law with much success at 213 South Fourteenth street, Omaha, Neb.

Bently H. Runyan, a founder of Missouri Alpha, died in 1872.

Cary H. Gordon, '70, is a wealthy farmer living near Columbia, Mo.

Turner McBain, Jr., '71, lives in Columbia, where he has a beautiful home. He is a stock man, and owns a great deal of property.

Elgin L. Runyan, '71, is at Monterey, Mexico.

Hon. John R. Letcher, '72, is at Trinidad, Colo.

John H. Overall practices law in St. Louis, Mo. He is secretary of the Alumni Association of Missouri University.

#### D. C. ALPHA.

Dr. Harris, '83, is assistant surgeon U. S. A., and is stationed in Texas.

Brother C. D. Rhodes, ex-'85, entered West Point in June.

Brothers Lodge and Roome, '85, with Brother Hodgkins, '83, are members of the University faculty.

Brothers Hosmer, Sherman and Stephens, '85, will shortly commence studying law.

Brother Sturtevant, '85, our "dear morsel of fatness," is studying patent law here.

Brother H. W. Smith, who stopped in Newark on his way home from the G. A. C., is representing one of the city papers.

Brothers Beck and Groasmun, Pennsylvania B, and Brothers Earnest and Hardinge, Pennsylvania E, are at the Fort Myer signal station. We welcome them cordially, and hope to see them often at our meetings.

Brother D. Clark Stockstill M. D., recently appointed as physician to Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas, is a graduate of Columbian College.

#### WISCONSIN ALPHA.

Charles Q. Albertson, '75, is practicing law, in Chicago, Illinois.

Alfred H. Anderson, '75, is interested in the electric light company at LaCrosse, Wis.

Dr. William A. Germain, '75, is located at Sioux Falls, Dak.

Richard Meyer, Jr., '75, is a member of the banking firm of George Ryland & Co., at Lancaster, Wis.

Albert S. Ritchie, '75, who captured the first prize in the Wisconsin Inter-Collegiate Contest Association in '76, is assistant city solicitor at Racine, Wis.

Charles E. Buell, '76, of Madison, Wis., is a member of the Wisconsin legislature.

Guy L. Coke, '76, is teller in the First National Bank of Fort Atkinson, Wis.

Walter S. Field, '76, is city attorney for Viroqua, Wis.

H. C. Martin, '76, of Darlington, Wis., was recently elected county superintendent of schools for LaFayette county.

H. J. Taylor, '76, is practicing law at Sioux City, Iowa.

Elbert J. Clement, '78, has been elected a member of the city council at Ashton, Dakota, where he is engaged in the manufacture of flour.

G. H. Dickey, '78, of Valley City, Dakota, is a member of the Dakota legislature.

W. H. Lewis, '78, is in the dry goods business at Butte City, Montana.

Hugh H. Price, '78, of Black River Falls, Wis., is alderman from the first ward; secretary Jackson County Agricultural Society; director of the Jackson County Bank, and also county commissioner.

John A. Street, '78, is engaged in business at No. 184 Washington street, Chicago, Illinois.

Louis E. Walker, '78, is a prominent lawyer at Beatrice, Nebraska.

Harry R. Clise, '79, may be found in his law office rooms, 22 and 23, Times Building, Denver, Col.

James A. Coke, '79, who graduated at West Point in the class of '84, is 2d Lieutenant, 6th U. S. Cavalry, at Fort Bayard, Grant county, New Mexico.

C. E. Evans, '79, is located at No. 601 Market street, Chattanooga, Tenn.

E. S. Moe, '79, is practicing law in Milwaukee, Wis.

Chas. H. Thomas, '80, is the freight and ticket agent of the Milwaukee & Northern R. R., at Marinette, Wis.

WISCONSIN BETA.

Kenneth Chase, '76, is practicing law at Abilene, Texas.

Percival S. Fuller, '77, is a member of the law firm of Fuller & Fuller, Racine, Wis.

William Rhodes, '78, is in the wholesale iron business, at No. 221 East Fourth street, St. Paul, Minn.

H. B. Sanderson, '77, is in the flour business at Milwaukee, Wis.

WISCONSIN GAMMA.

T. G. Lewis, the founder of Wisconsin Gamma, graduated at Amherst College in 1883, and is now at Harvard law school. His address is No. 735 Cambridge street, Cambridge, Mass.

Elmer E. Heg, one of the first members of Wisconsin Gamma, is attending the Bellevue Medical College, at New York city. His address after October 1st, will be Crawford, N. J.

R. G. Collins is the physician for the Michael Reese Hospital, at Chicago, Illinois.

Frank S. Dunshee, '81, who graduated at Princeton last June, is studying law at No. 423 Walnut street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Joseph P. Lansing, '81, is farming in Hand county, Dakota.

Jacob E. Jacobson, '82, is a missionary among the Dakota Indians. His address is Oahe, Hughes county, Dakota.

KENTUCKY ALPHA.

David W. Armstrong, '65, is practicing law in New York city. His office is at No. 120 Broadway.

E. L. Campbell, '65, (Va. Delta '64), formerly of Denver, Colorado, is now located at No. 230 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal.

Rev. O. A. Carr, '65, who spent five years in Australia, is now located at Columbia, Mo.

## Married.

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GOTWALD—BAUGHNER.—At York, Pa., Tuesday, July 7th, 1885, Rev. George D. Gotwald to Miss Mary B. Baughner.

Brother Gotwald is located at Salina, Kansas, where he is pastor of the Lutheran Church. We can wish him nothing better than that the world treat him as well as he has treated the fraternity. If he is as good a pastor as he was G. P., the Salina Lutherans are very fortunate.

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SPANGLER—BAUMAN.—At Neodesha, Kansas, September 3d, 1855, Brother William C. Spangler to Miss Caroline Bauman.

Brother Frank D. Hutchings, Mr. Spangler's boyhood friend, was groomsman—Brother Fred A. Stocks and wife, and Brother Ed C. Little attended the wedding. Spangler is in luck as usual. Miss Bauman graduated from the University of Kansas in 1881, and is a member of I. C. Sorosis and a most estimable young lady.

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RAYMOND—BAY.—At Fort Scott, Kansas, Wednesday, July 1st, 1885, Professor William G. Raymond to Miss Helen W. Bay.

Brother Will Raymond finished the Junior year at the University of Kansas, but graduated from Washington University. While there he organized a chapter and asked for a charter which was injudiciously refused. He was for a time division engineer on an Arkansas railroad and is now Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of California. He is a loyal  $\Phi K \Psi$  and a young man of exceptional ability. His bride graduated from the University of Kansas in 1883 where she was an I. C. She is a most pleasant young lady and we wish the young couple the success they are sure to have.

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NICHOLSON—WATSON.—On Wednesday morning Sept. 9th, at the Episcopal church in Durango, Col., were married Brother George T. Nicholson, of Topeka, and Miss Julia Watson, of Lawrence.

Brother Nicholson was one of the charter members of Kansas A, and was ever an energetic worker in the chapter. Since leaving college he has always been ready to lend any possible assistance that would advance the interests of Kansas A, and in every way is a loyal brother. He now holds the important position of Assistant General Passenger and Ticket Agent of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. Miss Watson graduated from K. S. U. in '81, was a charter member of Kappa chapter of K A  $\Theta$ , and is a most charming young lady. The happy young couple are now taking a trip to the Pacific coast.

**—IN MEMORIAM.—**

*Whereas*, It has pleased God, in His Almighty Providence, to remove from our midst, on July 14th, our beloved Brother,

**CHARLES H. SMALL,**

*Whereas*, We, the members of Pennsylvania Iota Chapter, of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, desire to record our sense of the loss we sustain, therefore be it

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

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

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

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

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

MILO D. BALDY,  
MORRIS DALLETT,  
JOHN S. ADAMS,  
ALEXANDER J. GRAY,  
JOHN P. CROASDALE,

*Committee.*

*Philadelphia, July 14, 1885.*

*Whereas*, Through a sudden and terrible calamity, our Brother,

**RUBY JAMES ALBRIGHT,**

Was removed from this life, July 30th, 1885, and

*Whereas*, In the death of Brother Albright we have lost a brother and a loyal member of the Ohio Alpha Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, we do offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and friends in their deep affliction;

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our lamented brother, to THE SHIELD, and to each Chapter of the fraternity.

DORSEY L. BELL,  
E. M. VANCLEVE,

*Committee.*

*Delaware, O., Sept. 16, 1885.*

*Whereas*, We, of Kansas Alpha, desire to express our sorrow for the death of our beloved Brother, who went from us August 9th, 1885,

**JAMES WILLIAM MULVANE,**

*Resolved*, That we mourn the loss of one who was a Christian gentleman, a loyal Brother and a true friend.

*Resolved*, That Phi Kappa Psi loses in him one whose gentle and manly ways endeared him to all, and whose sound judgment and bright talents gave promise of brilliant success in the business to which he intended to devote himself.

*Resolved*, That we tender the bereaved family our warmest and kindest sympathy.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our lamented Brother, to each chapter of the Fraternity and to the THE SHIELD.

WILLIAM T. LITTLE,  
WILLIAM M. THACHER,  
JAMES LAWRENCE,  
JOHN PRESCOTT,

*Committee.*

*Lawrence, Kansas, Sept. 23, 1885.*

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## HERE'S TO THEE, PHI KAPPA PSI!

Let no tarnish on thy shield  
Mar the polish of its field;  
Blot or blemish there will yield  
    Weakness to thy purpose high.  
Let the sword of thy endeavor  
Bear upon its hilt forever,  
    Graven deep, "Phi Kappa Psi."

Heart that throbs to answer heart,  
Soul, that sees thy hopes depart,  
Mind, that mourns that long is art  
    And feet of time so swift to fly,  
Bonds of love are hard to sever,  
Brand of love will last forever,—  
    Brand us deep, Phi Kappa Psi.

Sweet as clover after rain,  
Sweet as slumber after pain,  
By-gone thoughts will thrill again,  
    Catch the heart and fill the eye,  
Early bonds are hard to sever,  
Bonds of youth will bind forever,—  
    Bind us fast, Phi Kappa Psi.

Brows that burn with care and fret,  
Eyes all dim with vain regret,  
Let the weeping hours forget  
    That the flowers were born to die.  
Bonds of joy are hard to sever,  
Bonds of love will bind forever,—  
    Bind us fast, Phi Kappa Psi.

Sweet as hope to those who weep,  
Like a summer sail asleep  
Far upon the drowsy deep,  
    Gleam the thoughts of days gone by.  
Ties of youth are hard to sever,  
Heart of love will bind forever,—  
    Bind us fast, Phi Kappa Psi.

None can stand or fall alone,  
 No man's self is all his own,  
 Deed of shame or honor done  
     Draws or slackens many a tie.  
 Bonds of love are hard to sever,  
 Bonds of love will bind forever, —  
     Bind us fast, Phi Kappa Psi.

Drink, on the fateful future's brink!  
 Drink, to friendship's magic link!  
 Drink, to the lavender and pink!  
     Fill the blushing goblet high!  
 May the rushing College river  
 Bear thee on in peace forever, —  
     Here's to thee, Phi Kappa Psi.

ORVILLE E. WATSON.

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## Wesleyan University.

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In New England, Wesleyan University is the "young" college, though its life of fifty-three years has seen many changes. Starting with almost nothing, it has to-day property amounting to \$1,250,000, a faculty of twenty-two members, and 202 students, of whom eighteen are ladies. Strictly speaking, Wesleyan is a *college*, having no professional schools, but the comparatively large faculty for the number of students, affords a very wide range in the departments of instruction, so that during the Junior and Senior years, while eight studies are required, a student can choose the remainder of his work from twenty-eight elections; each man also has a much finer opportunity for receiving personal instruction and assistance than is possible in the larger colleges around us. The classical is the favorite course here, the class of '85, of forty-three members, having thirty-nine A. B's. The Orange Judd Hall of Natural Sciences, costing over \$100,000, and the addition of four instructors, has made the Scientific Department very popular in the Junior and Senior years. The telescope, a 12-inch refractor, is used constantly by Seniors who elect astronomy, a privilege enjoyed by students in no other college.

Wesleyan, though under the special care of the Methodist Church, is not a sectarian school. Some of the members of its faculty and trustees are usually, as at present, from other churches than the Methodist, and its students are of all denominations.

In athletics we have been very successful. For the past five years football has been the popular sport. In the fall of '81, the first team was put in the field, and at the close of the fourth season, in December, '84, Wesleyan had won fourth place among the colleges, defeating the teams of Harvard,

Williams, University of Michigan, and other colleges. Of course we have the usual share of "rushes," "cremations," and other "innocent" sports.

There is nothing here which has interested me so much as the fraternities. Having the honor of being a "Uden," with nothing to do but to look on, I have tried to discover some of the strong and weak points in the management of the different chapters. There is one local society here, the Eclectic, and four chapter fraternities are represented, Psi Upsilon ( $\Psi \Upsilon$ ), Alpha Delta Phi ( $A \Delta \Phi$ ), Delta Kappa Epsilon ( $\Delta K E$ ), and Chi Psi ( $\chi \Psi$ ).

Eclectic was founded in 1837, and has made a brilliant record. One-half the members of the college faculty, including the President and Vice-President are members, and I must add, unfortunately, for in spite of the "poo-hoo's" of interested parties, it is not the best thing for the college. Probably two-thirds of the alumni of the college who have attained prominence as ministers of the Methodist Church, are members of Eclectic. An elegant club-house was built a few years ago at a cost of \$18,000. The Psi U's have been here since 1843. They own a very pretty chapter-house, but located too far from the college. They have at present four men in the faculty. The Psi U's have always taken a large share of the prizes given by the college, of which they very justly feel proud. During the year ending December 1st, '84, of twenty-two prizes awarded, they received twelve. The Alpha Delta Phi's are at present congratulating themselves on the completion of their new club-house. It is built on a corner opposite the college campus, the finest location of any of the houses, and inside and out is very handsome. One of the professors, a member of a rival society, has said that the Eclectic and Alpha Delta Phi club-houses "are perhaps the best specimens of domestic architecture in the city."

I believe the greatest element of strength in the fraternities at Wesleyan is the strong bond of brotherhood existing between the brothers who are students and the brothers who are professors. Every man in the faculty attends the receptions and banquets of his society, and while having thought for all the students, takes a peculiar interest in assisting his own brethren in sickness and trouble, thus binding them to him not only by a high respect for him as their instructor, but by a fraternal love for him as their brother. On the other hand, I believe the greatest source of weakness in the societies is the large membership of men in college. The five societies average thirty-two active members. Necessarily the highest type of fraternal union is lost. A few days ago I asked a friend in regard to an incoming Freshman, "Does your society intend to take in ——?" He replied, "Most of our men object to him, but some of us who want him are at work forming a *combination*, and if we succeed we shall be able to elect him." Where such a "combination" is necessary or even possible, the *fraternal* spirit must be burning low.

EDWARD S. NINDE.

## The Phi Psi Camp at Delavan Lake.

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On the 29th of August, 1883, three  $\Phi \Psi$ 's, weary of the bustle of the city, set out for Delavan Lake, on the southern border of Wisconsin. Their names were Robins S. Mott, '81, David J. Lingle, '85, and Frederick L. Anderson, '82. They hailed from Illinois Beta, and had made vast preparations for having a good time in the way of spoon-hooks, flies, rods, &c. They carried in their valise a rubber stamp, on which was the now famous inscription—"Phi Kappa Psi Encampment, Delavan Lake, Wis." They knew that this was but the beginning, but they were confident that it was the beginning of glorious things for Illinois Beta.

Well, in good season they arrived at Delavan, and put up with Brother J. P. Topping, '84. Next day they reached the lake, about three miles from town. The lake is a beautiful sheet of water, about five miles long by one wide, and it lies in the form of a crescent. Bluffs line the shore, except at the inlet and the outlet. These quiet estuaries are opposite each other at the north end of the lake, while at the extreme south, the rocky island juts out into the water. The lake is full of fish (and sometimes the weary fisherman thinks it liable to remain so), and the outlet is full of water-lilies. Well, the three  $\Phi \Psi$ 's, the "Judge," the "Pirate," and the "Prof.," as they fondly dubbed each other, spent ten days in fishing, shooting, and general jollification. Why should I speak of the "Judge's" favorite shooting-iron, "Old Both-ways," of Revolutionary fame, which nearly annihilated our *frater* and missed the duck? Why should I speak of that little girl who was nearly scared to death by the "Pirate's" savage mein, when he once visited town? Time would fail me to tell of the good boat "Bonaventure" and its wonderful sail; of the receipt for kisses from the girls at home; of the mud-hens rendered palatable to the starving three by a four hours' boil, followed by a two hours' roast, &c., &c.

At any rate, the three "originals," as they were afterward called, determined that next year Illinois Beta's girls should enjoy camp life at Delavan. So three cabins were rented at the north end of the lake, one for the girls, one for kitchen and dining-room, and one for the boys. Three row-boats and two sail-boats were also engaged, and on the 5th of August, 1884, the party started for a month at the lake. It consisted of R. S. Mott, '81, F. L. Anderson, '82, J. P. Topping, '84, E. R. Anderson, C. W. Henson, and D. J. Lingle, '85, Guy Brockway and L. M. Coy, '86, C. S. Thoms and J. G. Marsh, '88, Miss Bessie Faulkner, '85, Miss Josie Gibson and Jennie Griffith, '86, Miss Aura Howes and Lucy Anderson, '87, Miss Laura Loomis, '88, and Misses Sadie Brockway and May Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Brockway, parents of Brother Brockway, protected the party from the Indians. On arriving at camp, the bunks were filled with fresh straw, the fire was started, and soon "Gusty," the cook, had our dinner ready.

I shall not attempt to describe that month of halcyon days, fishing, rowing, sailing, singing, hammocks, corn-roasts, shady walks. Moonlight suggests thoughts which language can simply indicate, not reproduce. And have I omitted the midnight serenades in which Charlie Henson used to warble with such pathos the favorite tune "Boom-da-dy-day?" I must not leave out the swimming and the hunting. I really do not believe any party of young people ever spent a month of such unalloyed pleasure. No style was affected. The girls, to be sure, wore blue-flannel camping-dresses made alike, but the boys wore their old clothes.

It was a grand success, and so on August 5th, this year, we started again. We had the same party except that instead of Marsh, Miss Griffith, Miss Brockway, Miss Lucy Anderson, and Mrs. Brockway, we had E. A. Buzzell, '87, A. E. Mabie, and D. C. Shafer, of '89, Miss Amy Jarrett, '89, Mrs. F. L. Anderson, '84, Misses Nell Read and Mamie Gould, and Mrs. Gibson. August of this year was a very wet month, and Delavan got as much rain as the rest of Wisconsin. This, however, did not spoil our pleasure, it simply turned it indoors to some extent. There is a spring of the clearest water just across the lake opposite the Phi Psi camp, and this was a continual resort. Getting pop at Pete's, was also a fashionable amusement. Nobody will soon forget the excursion to Geneva Lake, and the bad boys who appropriated apples on the way home. This year we bought four boats in Chicago and took them up with us. The "Beta," our sail-boat, is sixteen feet long, and when the mast is unshipped, is a splendid four-oared row-boat. Who shall ever tell the amount of joy derived from the long rows in the Beta in the moonlight, going for the milk or down to the Island, when the oars rose and fell with the cadences of the  $\Phi \Psi$  songs, now merry, now thoughtful and sad? The other boats were the "Phi," the "Kappa," and the "Psi."

No accident befell us, but we had two pretty narrow escapes. Four of the boys and three of the girls started on a sail in the Beta for the milk, which we got from a farmer across the lake. The sky was clear when they set out, and though it was cloudy when they started to come back, nobody on board foreboded ill. All of a sudden there rushed down on the lake what one of the boys called a "young cyclone." The water came down by bucketfulls, and the lake was lashed into fury. Fortunately they got the sail down just in time, or they would have all gone to Davy Jones' locker. As it was, their situation was perilous in the extreme, as they flew before the wind back to the shore from which they had just set out. The position of one of the girls was not only perilous but ludicrous, as she sat in the bottom of the boat, the water which the Beta had taken, and the milk, which had been upset, swashing to and fro every time a wave struck the boat. But a fringe and a wetting were all there was to it.

Two of the boys, out of a laudable desire for solitude, took the "Beta" out in a calm. The sail was up and there was not a breath of wind. The boys were lying around in the boat, when along came a breeze, and over she went in a twinkling; just why, is a matter of conjecture. One of the boys could not swim a stroke, but the other was a very powerful swimmer, and managed to save him. They are now indeed *fratres*.

Our encampment at Delavan is designed to be a permanent affair. Illinois Beta has found out that nothing so much tends to unite brethren as the joys and labors of camp life. After you have camped with a man, whoever he may be, you ever after have a fellow-feeling with him. Brothers in the fraternity have found in camp life another basis for true  $\Phi \Psi$  friendship—another common ground on which their affection may rest—another link to bind their hearts together.      FREDERICK L. ANDERSON.

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### CROSSING THE PLAINS.

There is no rest but motion;  
 There is no joy but hope;  
 No harbor in mid-ocean;  
 For eager hearts no scope.

One sea, a dream behind me;  
 The next, a dream before—  
 The treeless waste around me—  
 Dead sea, without a shore.

This is the heat of noontide,  
 The burden of the day,  
 Gone is the dew of morning,  
 And night is far away.

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## The College Annual.

### II.

Scarcely if at all inferior to the Annuals reviewed in the October SHIELD, *The Syllabus* does credit to the fraternities at Northwestern, which have just succeeded the Senior class in its management. The book is a handsome one, well printed on excellent paper. The frontispiece is a beautiful, full-page picture of the five college buildings. Another page holds the faces of the ten leading members of the faculty, among whom are two  $\Phi K \Psi$ 's, Robert Baird, Professor of Greek, and Charles W. Pearson, Professor of English Literature. Except the ladies, the fraternities are all represented by fine cuts, and the illustrations are all fairly well done. The most noticeable cut is that which opens the fraternity department proper. It represents the fraternities as skeletons brewing *The Syllabus*, and is decidedly original. This, as well as most of the others, is by Brother Charles A. Graves.

However, I think the Eastern magazines excel in illustrations, but am inclined to believe the West leads in the Annual literature. The Western wits are wittier, the jokes funnier and less antique. In this *The Syllabus* ranks as high as any I have seen except *The Palladium*. As Northwestern is somewhat of a Theological School and the boys are all good boys, the literature is of a theological turn. On one page is a sketch of a fair hand—four aces. Just below the holder has scribbled, "*In hoc signo vinces*," and under that

How often have I held  
That little hand in mine,  
And overcome with rapture  
As though 'twere with wine,  
Have gazed with eager yearnings  
On my silent partner's blush,  
And have backed my little pile on  
That old-time bob-tailed flush.

The "Story of The Skeleton" is very well told indeed, and the "Botanical Lyrics" are as neat series of horticultural puns as one could wish to see.

With Law, Medical and Theological Departments, Northwestern has become very much of a University. Each Department has societies peculiar to itself. The gentlemen conduct two prominent literary societies—Hinman and Adelpic. The ladies are satisfied with one, the Ossoli. Of other associations there are enough, including chess, gun, tennis, canoe, and other clubs. The base-ball nine has quite an extended record. Booth Chapter of  $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ —the law fraternity—is located here. Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma and Kappa Kappa Gamma are the ladies' fraternities.  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $\Sigma X$ ,  $\Phi K \Sigma$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Delta \Upsilon$ , complete the list. Of these  $\Phi K \Psi$  was first to appear at

Northwestern, and is, I think, the strongest chapter there. Beta Theta Pi and Delta Upsilon are quite strong, and Sigma Chi has a fine record in the past. The fraternity history of Northwestern is a rather peculiar one. Phi Gamma Delta was once quite strong there. The chapter severed its connection with the Phi Gams to enter Psi Upsilon, with whom they were negotiating. They were disappointed. However, this did not deter Sigma Chi boys, who applied for a Psi U charter. All the Psi U leaders were anxious to take them, but the Kenyon boys objected. Since then Psi U has made several attempts to get in. Less than five years ago a Psi U professor brought the matter before  $\Phi K \Psi$ , but as our correspondent remarks, "he was delightfully sot upon." In a nice little almanac about "Us and the Alpha Deltas," Mr. Isaacs or Jacobs, or some other Israelite in whom there is, presumably, no guile, goes out of his way to make some mistakes about  $\Phi K \Psi$  at Northwestern. It may, perhaps, fall to the lot of THE SHIELD to correct the mistakes.

The  $\Phi K \Psi$  chapter of last year consisted of eighteen men. Rush McNair represented them in *The Syllabus*. Of the seven editors of *The Northwestern*, the fortnightly magazine, two, Campbell and Thwing, were of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , one of B  $\Theta$   $\Pi$ , one of  $\Delta \Upsilon$ , one barbarian and two ladies. At '84's Commencement Brother Crawford was Salutatorian. That year Crawford and Horswell were among the Deering Prize Essayists, and Schell won the Mann Declamation prize, Hill the Gage Debate prize, and Crawford the Adelphic Oratorical prize. Mars was an Honor Student in English Literature and Latin, John James in Physics, Geo. James in Latin. The Presidents of '86, '87, and '88 were all of  $\Phi K \Psi$ . The great event of the year is always the Kirk Contest in Oratory, by five Seniors, who were successful in the Essay contest. This prize, \$100 in gold, was won by Brother W. H. Crawford in '84, and by Brother Gerry Mars in '85. Illinois Alpha's record in scholarship and oratory is a most brilliant one. I was surprised to note that nearly 1,000 students attended Northwestern last year. *The Syllabus* very wisely gives a full list of their graduates with business and address. Northwestern University holds an honorable and distinguished position among American colleges, and cannot fail to grow in influence.

*The Echo of the Seneca* talks for the class of '86. On the first page of cover the *Echo* appears as a Grecian lady dragging by the hand a bright little youth marked '86. Henry T. Morrison is New York Delta's man on the Editorial Board. Delta is well represented on the nine, the eleven, and in the navy. The chapter seems very strong in athletics, winning quite freely of prizes on Field Day. They are well represented, too, in the Everett Literary Society — the only one. Nothing is said about '85's Commencement, but I note that in '84 Brother John C. Flood graduated at the head of the class, was First Honor man, graduating *summa cum laude*. He delivered the Valedictory Oration, and was chosen Phi Beta Kappa.

Daniel Webster once remarked of Dartmouth: "It is a small college, but there are those who love it." He might have said that of Hobart. It is a small college. There are but ten professors, and this year but nine graduates. Yet it was founded sixty years ago, and its long line of honorable and distinguished alumni hold in kindest memory their little

cherishing mother. The "*Echo of the Seneca*" itself is twenty-four years of age. Hobart is time-honored, as are all its institutions. A Military Department is maintained. The *Hobart Herald* is published monthly by the Seniors, but never reaches THE SHIELD. Quartettes, choirs and DeLancey Associations flourish. I am informed that Hobart is a great ball-playing college. The nine made a good record last year.

In the *Echo* the illustrations are not numerous but are tolerably well drawn. The poems and jokes are very well done indeed. Quite a little drama is presented, called "The Rushers." Extracts from Freshmen Letters, Regulations of Hobart College, and Notes on Faculty Meetings are all very funny. A poem on Hon. Charles J. Folger, an Alumnus of Hobart, closes as follows:

He leaves an honored and unsullied name,  
No breath e'er dimmed the mirror of his fame.

The Greeks are Sigma Phi, established at Hobart in 1840, Kappa Alpha in 1844, Theta Delta Chi in 1857, and Phi Kappa Psi in 1881.  $\phi \kappa \psi$  and  $\theta \Delta X$  have excellent cuts. Last year  $\Sigma \phi$  had eight men, Kappa Alpha fourteen, Theta Delta Chi fourteen, and Phi Kappa Psi six men. Phi Kappa Psi is well represented in every feature of college life except on the *Herald*, on which  $\Sigma \phi$  and  $\phi \kappa \psi$  have no men. President Potter, late of Union, will doubtless do much to advance the interests of Hobart.

*The Makio*, by the Greeks, reminds one that Ohio State University is fast becoming a leading institution. *The Makio* is a very lively affair, with an imitation alligator cover, and is dedicated to the "Royal Bumper," *i. e.*, the fraternity goat. An editorial bewails the fact that the University is not "a worn-out canal or a mismanaged prison"! The boys think the Legislature would then make a proper appropriation. In fact, the editors seem not to be pleased with the manner in which O. S. U. is conducted, and have no hesitation in criticising. A good many of the drives are amusing, particularly those on the students who were trying to plant chapters of  $B \theta \Pi$  and  $\theta \Delta X$ , but some were rather too emphatic, too broad and not keen enough. The Faculty consists of eighteen members, besides eleven assistants. Either it is not as strong as it should be or *The Makio's* criticisms are stronger than they should be.

Alcyone, Horton and Browning are the Literary Societies. The first two are composed of gentlemen, the last of ladies. Alcyone is the larger. The society halls, as shown by cuts, are very handsome. The Military Department consists of three companies, Brother Keifer being captain of company B. The O. S. U. Rifle Club, of thirty-five members, seems to be quite an institution. I believe it is the only one of the kind in the country. The Greeks, in order of establishment, are  $\phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\phi \kappa \psi$ ,  $\Sigma X$ ,  $\phi \Delta \theta$ ,  $X \phi$ . Each is represented by two cuts, one large, one small, and all very creditable. The small picture of our shield is the finest I have seen. H. P. Converse is the  $\phi \kappa \psi$  editor. The frontispiece is a picture of the five editors and three of the college buildings. *The Lantern* is published fortnightly. Brother Keifer was business manager last year. This journal does not reach THE SHIELD. As far as one may judge from the Magic Mirror—I believe *Makio* is Japanese for Magic Mirror—there is really not much difference in the

strength of the five chapters.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  had no Juniors and Seniors last year, Sigma Chi being but little better of. This gave  $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  and  $X \phi$  an advantage. However I have heard from other sources of the high standing of Ohio Delta, and do not have to depend on *The Makio* to learn of its excellent condition. This *Makio* being very non-partisan, one can scarce learn from it anything with regard to fraternity strength. In speaking of each other the editors are duly cautious, evidently remembering their motto:

"Some books are lies frae end to end,  
And some great lies were never penned;  
But this that I am gaun to tell,  
Is just as true as the Deil's in hell."

THE SHIELD has still on its bookshelf the *Bijou* of '84 from Ohio Wesleyan, and the *Cicala* from University of Kansas of same year — none being issued this year. I am also thankful to Pennsylvania Eta for the *Ori-flamme* from Franklin and Marshall. *The Onondagan* from Syracuse, and *The Melange* from Lafayette have not yet come so far west. In the next SHIELD I shall complete these reviews, and should be glad to hear from all chapters appearing in such magazines. One cannot but be gratified to note the excellent condition of  $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$  as shown by the annuals, and it would be well to enable THE SHIELD to make the work as complete as possible.

E. C. LITTLE.

## The Areopagus.

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### WISCONSIN GAMMA.

EDITOR OF THE SHIELD: Pursuant to the request of Bro. T. S. Wilson of Lafayette, I send you herewith a brief account of the establishment of Wisconsin Gamma.

For twenty years prior to 1880, a chapter of B Θ Π had existed at Beloit College which, though not officially sanctioned by the College authorities, was nevertheless secretly countenanced and encouraged, their policy being merely a passive one so long as the fraternity existed *sub rosa*.

In 1879, owing to some carelessness on the part of a few members of the chapter, its existence became generally known, and much wonder was expressed that it should be tolerated, it being a well-known fact that the rules of the institution disallowed any such organization.

Immediately a few of us conceived the plan of establishing another fraternity chapter, and at once entered into communication with Wisconsin Alpha. Accordingly in the winter of '79-80 three of us were initiated into the Wisconsin Alpha, that chapter being the most convenient for our purpose as being nearest. Such a proceeding was, of course, irregular, and Wisconsin Alpha, after having accorded us a royal welcome and in many ways displayed courtesy almost Quixotic for its elegance and munificence, was obliged to bear the brunt of much criticism throughout the fraternity which we poor novices were unable to appreciate in our great zeal for the welfare of Φ Κ Ξ.

Meanwhile our numbers had increased to such an extent as to permit us to indulge in the luxury of renting a hall, and throughout the year of 1880 many of the best men in College were initiated by Alpha. In the fall of 1880 the announcement from the faculty came like a thunderbolt, that we should "give up" our charter; whereupon, with due modesty, we submitted that alas, we had none to "give up;" they then presented us the alternative of resigning from the fraternity or leaving the institution. We resigned (?), but the resignations were not accepted. Such a contingency was, of course, unforeseen, and our adversaries were again routed. There was much talk among the professors about a "few seditious spirits" whose aim seemed to be the "subversion of authority," and after many hems and haws and much wagging of sage heads, these Mephistophelian anarchists were given up as hopeless.

The good work went bravely on until salutatorians, honor men, athletes and literary geniuses filled our ranks, and we only waited for the long-delayed charter for which we had already made numerous applications through Wisconsin Alpha. After all formalities with the G. C. had been carried out and the charter was an assured fact, my connection with the College

ceased; but in the fall of 1881 Wisconsin Gama began its course, and my informants tell me that in spite of the two other fraternities represented at Beloit,  $\Phi$   $\kappa$   $\Psi$  leads and well merits the recognition accorded her by the College.

Fraternally, THEODORE GRAHAM LEWIS.

735 Cambridge St., Cambridge, Mass., October 5, '85.

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#### FRATERNITY EXTENSION.

Not the least of the many advantages afforded those whose good fortune it was to attend the last G. A. C., was the opportunity of exchanging views upon the important subject of fraternity extension. While the matter did not come in a formal way before the whole Council, it was quite thoroughly discussed among the delegates, and the claims of both schools of opinion on the subject were fully presented before the committee on rules and regulations. That the committee fully understood the importance of their recommendations on this subject, no one who listened to their preliminary report before the G. A. C., can doubt. That they will do the best for the welfare of the whole fraternity, as they see it, all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance will agree.

The committee asked for discussions of this and other important subjects in the columns of *THE SHIELD*. In the June number I presented a few thoughts upon the necessity of preserving the unit rule with reference to granting petitions for charters. To my mind that is the most important subject with which the committee has to deal. Next in importance and intimately connected with it, is the subject of fraternity extension.

If the rule requiring a unanimous vote to grant a petition for a charter be retained in its full integrity, as, with many others, I believe it should be, much of the difficulty surrounding the question of fraternity extension will be obviated. For there will always be in the fraternity a few chapters, at least, who will make it their business to inform themselves of the standing of the college and the men from whom the petition comes, the desirability of extension in the direction proposed, and the benefits or injuries which would probably accrue from increasing the list of chapters. As long as one good chapter should be faithful to its responsibility in this respect, it could with safety be trusted with the power of veto.

There are certain general principles, however, that may be applied by a chapter in arriving at an answer to the question: Shall we vote aye or no on the petition that may be before us? And first, it may be set down as a surety, that Phi Kappa Psi wants all the chapters in first class institutions that she can get. We do not want to make ourselves ridiculous by running up a long list of chapters in second-grade institutions as certain fraternities, which might be mentioned, have done. Nor do we desire to confine ourselves to a few priggish, exclusive and unprogressive chapters whose sympathies are so self-centered that they cannot look outward to the world. This much is certain, however, Phi Kappa Psi cannot afford to grant any more charters to second-rate institutions as long as she carries a list of dead chapters on her rolls. The rejuvenation of New York Alpha and Iowa

Alpha is a move in the right direction. Our best energies should be devoted to strengthening and reviving what we have, rather than multiplying our numbers.

We should never neglect an opportunity of placing chapters in the older institutions of the East. Nor need we be in too great haste to extend our list among Western institutions whose success and standing are not yet assured. We can afford to wait for others to make the experiment. It will be time enough for us to enter them when they have more than a local reputation. No more chapters should be placed in schools to which we cannot point with pride wherever we may be. It will do us no good to place chapters in schools of which, by way of apology, we must say, "The school is not first class, but we have the best men there, and the institution is bound to rise some day." To this extent we may well be exclusive.

All this would be wisely done on the principle of self-protection. Better far have our present number of chapters unchanged for the next five years, but rejuvenated, strengthened and perfected in organization than have twice that number on our rolls, and half of them listless and semi-defunct.

It is to be hoped, then, that whatever other changes in government the committee may recommend at the next session of the G. A. C., they will see to it that by their plan, the fraternity shall be preserved from hasty and inconsiderate extension, and that the rights of the chapters now in the fraternity to say who shall be their compeers, shall be guarded with fidelity.

JOSEPH V. DENNEY.

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WISCONSIN ALPHA'S FOUNDER.

DEAR LITTLE: I enclose you herewith a cutting from the *Grant County* (Wis.) *Herald* concerning the death of Bro. J. M. Mills, the founder of Wisconsin Alpha. Yours in  $\Phi K \Psi$ , THOS. S. WILSON.

"In the matter of the death of J. Milton Mills, a member of the bar, the following action was taken:

"At motion hour on Friday morning, Mr. Bushnell said: 'May it please the court, I desire to call your Honor's attention, and that of the bar, to the fact that since the commencement of the present term we have been called to mourn the death of our brother, J. Milton Mills. He was born and reared here in Lancaster, and was one of our most promising young lawyers. Here he began and for some years practiced his profession as a member of this bar, and then went out from among us to try the fortunes of an attorney in Colorado. His health failed there. He returned and died among us, and yesterday your Honor adjourned court that we might attend his funeral. At the request of my brethren, I move that your Honor now appoint a committee of this bar to draft and report at motion hour on next Tuesday morning, suitable resolutions of esteem and respect to the memory of our deceased brother.'

"His Honor, Judge Clementson, said: 'The motion just made is eminently fitting and proper. The deceased was a young man of much ability and industry, and gave great promise of usefulness in his profession and to society. We all highly esteemed him. His father, whom we all greatly

respect, lately presided upon this bench, and still resides among us. We deeply sympathize with him in his great affliction. I appoint as such committee A. R. Bushnell, John G. Clark and R. C. Orr.'

"The following is the report of the committee:

"*To the Honorable the Circuit Court of Grant county, and the members of its bar: We, your committee, appointed to draft suitable resolutions of esteem and respect to the memory of our deceased brother, J. Milton Mills, Esq., respectfully report the following:*

"WHEREAS, in the inscrutable Providence of Almighty God, we have been called to mourn the death of our greatly esteemed brother, J. Milton Mills, Esq., son of the Hon. Joseph T. Mills, late judge of this court, which took place on the 23d inst., during the present term, and we, the members of this bar, desire to express our sense of his worth, our respect to his memory, and our sympathy with his family and friends in their great loss; therefore,

"*Resolved, That in the death of our said brother, our profession has lost one of its most promising young members, society a bright ornament, and the country a good and useful citizen. That while we deeply deplore his premature death which cuts him off from the highest honors to which we hoped he might arrive, we yet take pride in the scholarly acquirements and eminence in his profession to which he had already attained; and while we mingle our tears with those of his relations and friends who so deeply mourn his loss, we yet bow in submission to the inevitable, and humbly accept the decree of that omniscient wisdom which rules over all the earth. That we tender to the bereaved widow of our deceased brother, and his honored father and family, our most sincere sympathy in this their great affliction, and trust that they may be sustained and supported under it by the spirit within them of that Supreme Judge of the universe who commits no error. That a copy of these resolutions and the proceedings of the court in reference thereto, under the seal of the court, be presented to his widow and to his father, and we recommend that the same be spread upon the records of the court—all of which is respectfully submitted.*

"Dated Sept. 29, 1885.

A. R. BUSHNELL,  
JOHN G. CLARK,  
R. C. ORR,

*Committee.*

"By the Bar unanimously adopted, ordered recorded as recommended.

"Dated Sept. 29, 1885.

"By the Court,

GEO. CLEMENTSON, *Judge.*

"Attest: A. C. MORSE, *Clerk.*"

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DR. E. O. SHAKESPEARE, Φ Κ Ψ, PENN. ZETA, '64.

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APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT CLEVELAND TO INVESTIGATE CHOLERA IN SPAIN.

On October 10th, 1885, Dr. E. O. Shakespeare, of Philadelphia, who has been appointed by President Cleveland to visit Spain for the purpose of making an exhaustive investigation into the causes, progress and treatment of Asiatic cholera, sailed from New York for Europe. He has not yet decided positively as to which of the Spanish ports he will visit first. It will probably be Barcelona. His first investigations will be for the purpose of enabling him to decide upon the most effective mode of quarantine. He will visit a number of Spanish cities, and spend some time in Lisbon, making in all a series of investigations lasting at least four months. The Doctor thinks that if cholera should appear in this country next year, there should be improvement in quarantine, treatment and diagnosis sufficient to offset its becoming epidemic.

He was born at Dover, Del., in the year 1846, and received his preliminary education in the classical academy of that place. His subsequent

academic studies were at Dickinson College, where he was educated a Bachelor of Arts in 1867. In 1870 the degree of Master of Arts was conferred on him by the same institution. After leaving college in 1867, he studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated in 1869. He then began a general practice at Dover, where he resided until February, 1875, when he removed to Philadélphia. During his last year at Dover he was Secretary of the Delaware Senate.

His professional career in the city of Brotherly Love began by his connection with the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, where he filled an engagement as assistant at the eye clinic, and lecturer on operative eye surgery in the spring course of that school. Dr. Shakespeare has not maintained this connection. He is now President of the Pathological Society of Philadelphia, Pathological and Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Philadelphia Hospital, a member of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, of the American Medical Association, etc., will be President of the Section of Pathology in the approaching International Medical College, and is commissioner to investigate cholera in Europe.

Dr. Shakespeare is the author of numerous contributions to medical knowledge, which have gained him fame and honor. His last work was a report upon the Nature and Origin of the Epidemic of Typhoid Fever at Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

No fault is or can be found with Dr. Shakespeare's appointment. His special learning and energy qualify him without question, for the important mission which he has undertaken.—*Indianapolis Sentinel.*

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#### THE BOYS.

SIoux CITY, IOWA, October 14, 1885.

DEAR SPANGLER: I enclose or attach some slips from which you may be able to "dig" personals:

*Sioux City Journal*:—While talking with friends at the Hubbard, Gov. Fairchild paid this compliment to Henry J. Taylor, our new attorney from the general's home: "In the Blaine campaign last fall, on the subjects treated, I heard friend Taylor make two of the best political speeches I ever heard in my life."

Taylor is from Wisconsin Alpha, and has been here a short time.

*Sioux City Tribune*--(Every day)--"Henry S. Slaughter and Daniel H. Patrick—Slaughter & Patrick—attorneys and counselors, practice in the courts of Iowa, Dakota and Nebraska. Collections promptly attended to. Real estate law a specialty. Rooms 9 and 10 post-office block."

Patrick is a jolly young fellow with lots of sport in him. He has a wife and a good sized family for "a boy." He is from Indiana Alpha chapter.

J. N. G.

## Editorial.

MANAGING EDITOR, E. C. LITTLE.

— EDITORS: —

EXCHANGE..... FRANK D. HUTCHINGS.

CHAPTERS.....CYRUS CRANE.

BUSINESS MANAGER, W. C. SPANGLER.

WHAT has become of the committee on constitution? Surely we are not to have five sleepers instead of seven. In the May SHIELD McNair suggested several reforms of very considerable importance. Denney has given our readers some excellent suggestions as to revision. All thoughtful Phi Kappa Psis look for the report of the Revision Committee with great interest. Certainly nothing could secure the best results more rapidly than a proper discussion, through THE SHIELD, of debateable points. A great many are waiting for hints from the committee.

IN order to facilitate the work of our chapter letter editor, we suggest that each chapter forward a letter once in two months. That there may be no misunderstanding, it would be well to divide the thirty-six chapters into two divisions, one writing for the odd and one for even numbers of THE SHIELD. The present number is for November, No. 5. If the following chapters will forward letters for No. 6, and thereafter for all even numbers, it will greatly aid us: New York Alpha, Penna. Alpha, Beta, Theta and Iota, Maryland Alpha, Virginia Beta, South Carolina Alpha, Ohio Gamma and Delta, Indiana Beta and Gamma, Illinois Beta, Michigan Alpha, Wisconsin Alpha, Minnesota Alpha, Iowa Delta and California Alpha. We shall expect to hear from the other eighteen chapters for No. 7—January—and for all odd numbers afterward. We merely mean by this, that we shall depend on the chapters for letters as suggested. Any additional ones we shall be glad to receive at any time. Personals are welcome at all hours of the day and night. All chapter letters and personals must reach us by the seventeenth of each month, other matter by the fifteenth. We have endeavored to have THE SHIELD out by the first of every month, and hope that we shall have the prompt support of every chapter in the undertaking.

OHIO ALPHA'S RECORD.

WE have received the first sixty pages of Ohio Alpha's *Record*, compiled and edited by W. H. Gamble and E. M. VanCleve. The poem is by Orville E. Watson, '82, and is really a beautiful "Song of Phi Kappa Psi." THE SHIELD opens this issue with an extract from it. The "History" is by C. L. VanCleve, '79. It does credit to the talented gentleman who so long and so ably presided over the destinies of THE SHIELD. James M. DeCamp, '69, has a neat sketch of the "Infancy" of the chapter. We should republish one of these were it not for the fact that from the advance sheets several pages are missing. The book is to be an elegant 16 mo. of 192 pages, and should be in the hands of every active member, and all Ohio Alpha men at least. More of it anon.

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THE SHIELD SEES.

The gay and festive Wooglin thanks the gods that his honorary men are not as other honorary men. "Schuyler Colfax was not an honorary member in the  $\Phi$   $\K$   $\Psi$  sense of the word. He was elected to membership not *because*, but long *before* he was famous, and as a young man among young men. Does THE SHIELD see?" Ah, yes, we see. "As a young man among young men!" We had supposed Beta Theta Pi to be a society for college men, among college men, but it is not a college society, evidently, merely a society for young men among young men! Oh, yes, we see. Our esteemed friends are certainly right. This is not the Phi Kappa Psi sense of a fraternity. Thank Zeus! *Haec fabula docet* that great care should be taken in making up lists of Beta Alumni, lest some one should lose his cue again. No, Wooglin, old boy, you are barking up the wrong tree. You had better say no more on the honorary business, and devote yourself to the long line of illustrious men whom you can so proudly boast. Never in college, but "as a young man among young men!" Scarcely "the Phi Kappa Psi sense." THE SHIELD sees.

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THE SPHINX.

The Sphinx is a grand and gloomy monument. For centuries it has looked out over the desert, and what has passed before its dreamy eyes no man can tell. No man can tell and the Sphinx is silent. So all its treasures of knowledge are as useless as the chariot wheels Pharaoh lost in the Red Sea. Phi Kappa Psi has a good many Sphinxes. They are of decided ability, of extensive information, and oftentimes of wide acquaintance

with the fraternity and its history. If they would only tell what they know they could add in a very marked degree to the interest of *THE SHIELD*. Now can some one tell us how to reach them? What is the "open sesame" that will unlock their lips and set their silver tongues to wagging? Fraternal reader, if you know anything that would interest the readers of *THE SHIELD*, for sweet charity's sake send it along. Don't wait to receive a special invitation. We regard it as the duty of every loyal Phi Kappa Psi to advance the interests of his fraternity in all honorable ways. Certainly it should not be much of a task to gather a few reminiscences or opinions for the Areopagus. Every chapter should let us know of the men who can aid *THE SHIELD*.

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#### CHAPTER LETTERS.

The average chapter letter writer has a profound and extensive knowledge of what he should not write. He has a thoroughly self-possessed and complacent ignorance of what he should write. He labors, or idles rather, under the impression that there is nothing to say. His native modesty tells him that one letter a year from him is enough. His perennial laziness is of the same opinion. When he does deign to write he is firmly convinced that a man of his ability can easily write a chapter letter in ten minutes, while he knows that it will be impossible for one of his many cares and responsibilities to devote more time to so insignificant a task. He has a hearty contempt for the little affairs occurring in his college. He never mentions such puerile things as additions to the faculty or the endowment. He is not interested in new buildings or literary society affairs. He is hardly aware of the existence of any other fraternities, and is all too lofty a gentleman to permit himself to tell what they are doing.

He knows, forsooth, just what a chapter letter should be. Accordingly he proceeds to say that the fraternity he happens to belong to is the leading Greek letter society; that his chapter is easily head and shoulders above all rivals, and that it sends greeting to all in the bond. He then proceeds to air his phenomenal stock of misinformation about his fraternity's principles, and to give some most wonderful opinions as to the best methods of running a fraternity. He makes it a point to avoid anything newsy. The reader must not get the idea that we are not pleased with the average chapter letter correspondent. We would not for the world convey such an impression. He is a jewel, a whole box of jewelry. He is a mighty good fellow, but honestly, he is a mighty poor letter writer. Nor are we now criticising *THE SHIELD*'s correspondents. We have long been of the opinion,

that no fraternity journal has brighter, more enthusiastic, more readable letters than has THE SHIELD. But there are some decided improvements that might be made.

First, the letter should give the doings of the chapter, of rival chapters, of other students. Second, it should speak of improvements in the college, additions to the faculty and similar affairs. Third, all personals should be sent as personals, and never included in the letter proper. The chapter correspondent should make it a point to secure as extended a knowledge of old members as he can for THE SHIELD. Items with regard to men still in college, would of course, be included in the chapter letter. Fourth, a chapter letter should not be made the means of reaching the fraternity with the writer's opinions on fraternity policy. The Areopagus, as its name implies, is the high court of THE SHIELD, where we wish to collect all suggestions and opinions of fraternity polity and history from the fraternity at large. If you wish to free your mind on any subject, the Areopagus is open to you. Indeed, we should be much pleased to see it filled each month with short letters, but make your chapter letter a news letter. Fifth, be sure to write the letter most carefully. Chapters are very apt to judge each other by the letters published, and you should don your best bib and tucker before you appear in public.

Finally, as we have said, THE SHIELD's correspondents are of the best, and while we think some improvements could be made, if they will only write more frequently we will try to be content. The writer sent the first subscription from west of the Mississippi, and as B. G., wrote the first chapter letter this side the Father of Waters to THE SHIELD. The letter was four lines long, and as no other appeared for several months, the chapter seized upon the only meeting from which the B. G. was absent, and elected a chapter correspondent who did write some good letters. We were pretty mad at the time, but the boys acted properly, and it is to be hoped that every chapter will serve inefficient writers in the same fashion. Having been kicked out ourselves, we feel that we have a right to demand the heads of all these young St. John the Baptists, on a silver salver. The chapter letters should be the careful work of your best men in all cases, as they have been only in a majority of instances heretofore.

## Sword and Shield.

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The second number of the *Arrow*, the official organ of the I. C. Sorosis, comes to us greatly improved in every respect. The mournful cut that ornamented the cover of the former issue is removed and in its place a very neat and unostentatious announcement appears, "The Arrow, September, 1885." Thirteen pages are devoted to literary matter that has no distinctive relation to Sorosis or fraternity. The article "Portraiture of Women in Poetry," by Mina E. Selby, of the Iowa City Chapter, indicates a wide acquaintance with the poets and a comprehensive view of their work. One passage in point:

"He (Byron) seems scarcely to speak of woman without suggesting the passionate and licentious, and has left little or nothing to encourage or help us. And yet what better can we expect of a man who had such a mother and such a wife as Byron had? How could he have any truly noble idea of woman? His sister only was true to him, and to her he gave all the generous love of a brother.

"When fortune changed and love fled far,  
And hatred's shafts flew thick and fast,  
Thou wert the solitary star  
Which rose and set not to the last."

"Though human thou didst not deceive me,  
Though woman thou didst not forsake."

"That last line tells all the sad story."

In addition to the literary, the *Arrow* contains full and well-edited departments—"Editorial," "Our Chapters," "Personals," &c.

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*Purple and Gold* for June gives a short narrative of "A Chi Psi War Incident." A Greek letter fraternity badge on an enemy calls back the memories of the old college days, and subduing the passions aroused by civil strife makes two men brothers again despite the martial array with which they are surrounded:

"The work was rapidly done, and the dusty, weary and foot-sore prisoners gladly received their parole, and freedom. When arising from the ground, supposing the work was completed, one of my men said to me: "Major, there is a young officer over there who is sick and not paroled." I stepped over to the prostrate form of a young man, dressed in the Federal uniform, and wearing the shoulder straps of a second lieutenant. The light of the fire shone upon him, and I accosted him, asking if he did not wish to be paroled. He replied, "Yes, but I am too sick and weary to stand up." In reaching down to him, I discovered the flashing of a pin in his neck tie, his coat being open, and upon a second glance discovered it was a Chi Psi badge. There were a few remaining drops of spirits in my canteen, which I offered him, and which seemed to revive him, and for which he expressed his gratitude. Immediately came the order to mount and move on. My servant held by the bridle my extra horse, and I at once, with his assistance, placed the lieutenant on the horse, and we rode on in the dark. "You are a Chi Psi," said I. "Yes, but how did you know it?" "By your badge."

There was a trifle of something to eat in my haversack, which I gave to him, for the poor fellow had not had a mouthful to eat for forty-eight hours. We rode on in fraternal company for eight or ten miles, recognizing that though war with all its horrors was separating us, there existed between us a Chi Psi bond, that nothing could sever. Reaching a farm house, my friend and enemy dismounted. I commended him to the kindness of the good old hostess, and with a Chi Psi grip we parted. The event impressed me deeply, as I rode on under the stars that night, mile after mile, forgetful of the hoofs ringing on the stony pike, the jingling of sabres or the occasional shot in the rear. My thoughts were busy with the memory of happy college days, the free and hearty association of untroubled youth."

The editorial on "The Chapter House and the Freshman" can hardly be appreciated by students of western colleges and universities, where class spirit, with all its attendant evils or virtues, as you may choose to see them, is very little known:

"Hazing (quoting from the editorial) in its offensive forms has in our larger and better colleges had its day. But without resorting to midnight attacks and personal assaults, the average sophomore, to say nothing of the upper-classmen, has still a thousand-and-one ways to remind the freshman of his deficiencies and superfluities. That it is a kindness to remove the freshmen in any large measure from necessity of contact with these disciplinary influences, we do not believe. If he is ever to become a man, the discipline must do its work for him sooner or later, and when can there be a better time than the traditional period of college life? The freshman, then, should not be allowed to immure himself with his chosen friends in the chapter house, escaping as much as possible the general associations of the college and their disciplinary training."

The chapter letters are in many respects models. The correspondents confine themselves exclusively to affairs connected with their institution, either as referring more directly to themselves or, in a general way, to its welfare and prosperity. It is published in New York City under the management of an editorial board of six editors. The typographical work is excellent.

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The *Zeta Psi Quarterly* for January puts in an appearance many weeks after date of publication. A considerable portion of the space is taken up with the consideration of matters connected with their convention, but evidently the editor does not think that it was an entire success as is evinced by his editorial, "After Thoughts of the Convention:"

"But the convention itself? What the true Zeta Psi wants to know is whether the deliberations of the grand chapter were conducive of permanent good to the fraternity; whether the urgent questions of the day regarding Zeta Psi's welfare were calmly and wisely discussed, and whether they met with satisfactory solution. Alas! Like the king of France, who, "with forty thousand men, went up a hill, and so came back again," the convention met, deliberated and adjourned, and it is difficult to point out a single wise and important measure which the representative body of Zeta Psi adopted. To all intents and purposes there might have been no convention and the fraternity would not have suffered. To be sure a few good measures were adopted, but their inherent goodness was disproportionate to their importance, and the sober truth remains that, save as a delightful and genial gathering of Zeta Psis, the convention was not a successful one."

As in our last convention, one of the important questions that came up for consideration before the assemblage of brothers was the revision of the

constitution. One provision seems to indicate a remarkable state of affairs among the Zetas, as regards membership in other fraternities. In speaking of the matter the *Quarterly* says:

"The new committee appointed at the recent convention to revise the constitution of Zeta Psi, and submit this revision at the ensuing convention, have been given a task of great importance. The present constitution of Zeta Psi, adopted, we believe, in 1862, or thereabouts, has served its purpose well, but has outlived its period of usefulness. While its general tenor and spirit need no change, vexed questions have arisen upon which that venerable instrument sheds but little or no light. It is yet an open question whether the grand officers have a constitutional right to vote upon the question of establishing chapters, and on the subject of membership in other fraternities there is also a disagreeable silence. As regards the latter question it is a *lex non scripta* of the fraternity that membership in Zeta Psi is incompatible with membership in any other similar secret or affiliated society in the same or in a different college, and candidates for initiation take a pledge to this effect, while the spirit of the fraternity is strongly antagonistic to the "class system" of societies now prevalent in many leading colleges; but the difficulty lies in defining the word *similar*. It is not the intention of our founders, nor is it, as we understand it, the present desire of the fraternity to prohibit membership in local societies, nor in college "clubs" even if the latter have branches, but the difficulty is that no one can draw the line. Without question the constitution should be rigid on this point, and with the adoption of our new constitution the question should be irrevocably settled."

The Zetas seemed to have neglected to support the *Quarterly* and the editor complains that the assistance which he expected from the chapters had not been forthcoming, and we must compliment him upon the mild manner in which he answers those who had been scolding, and at the same time had not done anything to assist.

The *Quarterly* contains very little news, the convention and editorial comment taking up almost the entire book. The paper is published by the Zeta Psi Publishing Company in New York City, and as far as arrangement and typographical work is concerned is unobjectionable. This issue gives as a frontispiece a cut of the present presiding officer of the fraternity.

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The *Sigma Nu Delta* is a neat little publication from Dahlonga, Ga., the official organ of the Sigma Nu fraternity, an almost exclusively southern organization. The issue before us—September, 1885—contains two communications on northern extension, a subject which seems to have claimed considerable previous attention from the fraternity. We give extracts from both:

"In entering Cornell, Union, Amherst, Williams, and colleges of that class, we would have to contend with Delta Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Sigma Phi and northern Kappa Alpha, with their chapter houses and influential alumni, so we would have to buckle on our strongest armor and contend most valiantly with our four noble rivals. Such obstacles need not daunt us. Have we not already surmounted difficulties almost as great? But in effecting such extension let us not be too eager. Have these well established and highly honored eastern fraternities attained their present position except by age and caution, as well as limited conservatism? So let us proceed slowly but surely, lest we attain a mushroom growth that the slightest reverses can fatally blight. Past successes are almost intoxicating, but remember the fable of the pitcher that went to the well once too often."

"The object of a fraternity, as the writer understands it, is to form ties of friendship in school-boy days which shall last through life. Then why not make the bond of friendship embrace as large a number as possible. In this day when conservative persons of both sections are trying to heal the existing breach existing between north and south, we can make our fraternity a potent factor in the good work. Let us then embrace our golden opportunity, extend our bounds, and as far as our fraternity is concerned, know no north, no south, no east, no west, but be one united and harmonious whole. Nearly every boy expects at least to visit the north, in which event, being a member of the southern fraternity, on arriving there he will be deprived of fraternity privileges. The best colleges in the union are in the north, and to have chapters at such colleges as Yale and Harvard would raise our standard in the Greek society world. Lastly, northern brain is more active and inventive than southern brain, and by having northern members they will give us many valuable ideas and inspire us with a determination to go forward, and will be of incalculable benefit to us in many ways. Let us establish chapters, of which we may well be proud, in every first-class college from Maine to the Rio Grande, from the Lakes to the Gulf, and when we have done this we shall have the gratification of seeing our fraternity second to none."

We sympathize with our brother Greeks in their laudable desire to extend their fraternity north, but we fear the undertaking is a larger one than they contemplate. Very few fraternities have been able to win their way to a desirable position in the extreme eastern colleges and universities, such as Amherst, Williams, Wesleyan, Yale and Harvard, and it is a very serious question whether it is worth the while for a prosperous western or southern fraternity to enter these institutions at the present time, unless they can obtain a very favorable opportunity. It is a mere matter of time when many institutions farther west will outrank all these, excepting perhaps the last two. This has been the case with Michigan and Cornell Universities, and within the next two decades many others will follow, to which fact some of our "holier than thou" brethren of the east will wake up one of these bright days from their blissful dream of me and mine.

Another correspondent makes a plea for consolidation. Hear him:

"There remains only one remedy, and that is consolidation. Oh, for the day when there shall, instead of thirty, be no more than ten—some northern, some eastern, some southern, some western, some national. When the Greek world recognizes that knighthood should betoken a knight; that it is better to sacrifice a name, a badge, or a ritual, than to sacrifice the fraternity principles, and allow them to be rudely handled and virtually betrayed by coarser clay, and go to work in common for a better end—for the upholding of the fraternity standard—then, and not till then, will there be any likelihood of consolidations, or any other means by which we may be reassured that a Greek badge covers the heart of a Greek—a high-minded and noble man."

The exchange and chapter correspondent departments are well filled, but we looked in vain for an editorial representation.

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Psi Upsilon wishes to enter the University of Minnesota. At its last convention resolutions to that effect were adopted.

## Fraternity News.

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Δ K E held its last annual convention on the 21st and 22d of October, at Middletown, Conn.

The Zeta Psis are considering the feasibility and desirability of extending branches of their fraternity to European institutions.

Sigma Nu has decided to issue a catalogue. It is intended to publish a short history of each institution in which that society has a chapter.

The number of students at present living in fraternity houses (Hamilton College) has perceptibly thinned out the college dormitories.—*Purple and Gold.*

Chi Psi revived her chapter at Cornell April 24, 1885, after an inactivity of nearly fifteen years. There are at present 150 fraternity men in this institution.

On June 9, 1885, D. K. E. reorganized her Iota chapter at what was formerly the Kentucky Military Institute, now Central College. A local society, I. B., was taken in a body. A portion of the society had previously petitioned Β Θ Π, but from some reason did not get a charter. The original band then broke up into two sections, one entering Α Τ Ω, and the other organizing the local society, which became Iota chapter of Δ K E.

During the last two years considerable attention has been paid by other colleges to Amherst's "College Senate." This senate is composed of four members of the Senior class, three of the Junior, two of the Sophomore and one of the Freshman. The president of the college is president, with absolute veto. Cases of discipline, and other college matters in which the students are particularly interested, are brought before the senate for discussion and action. The experiment, which has been copied in a measure by other colleges, seems to be fairly successful, and although it does not now enjoy the fullest confidence of the college, it seems to be rapidly gaining it.—*Chi Psi Correspondent at Amherst.*

By the way, friends and foes alike, is it quite the thing, in these days of panhellenics, to misrepresent one another's standing? In matters of opinion boasting and even misrepresentation must be expected up to the evening of the day before the millenium; but in mere statistics truth can be demanded even in these days of sin. To do all parties justice, we believe that the statistics given are invariably true—as far as they go. In comparisons, however, there is seldom more than a mere pretense of fairness. One's own best foot looks so much better than that horrid person's worst foot, and one's own worst foot is, besides, a matter of so little consequence,

you know, that it is natural to make mistakes. Yet it would be creditable, we think, either to make no comparisons at all or to make them fairly. Above all, it is cowardly to thrust upon an innocent compositor the task of misrepresenting an opponent. Yet this is done now and then. We have in mind, and under our eye at this moment, an article that, though professing to give comparisons justly (in answer to some alleged misrepresentation), prints the statistics of the various fraternities with all of the dishonest skill of which types are capable, attempting—and with some success—to give to its own fraternity and to some others an apparent superiority over a strong opponent. The facts are there, doubtless; but the intent to deceive is there, too. That is not good Greek. How that man would like to tell a lie.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

The Greeks at Hanover College had a Pan Hellenic banquet on June 13, 1885, Β Θ Π, Φ Γ Δ, Φ Δ Θ, Δ Τ Δ, Σ Χ, Δ Γ, and Κ Α Θ, have chapters in this institution, and were represented by large delegations. Φ Κ Ψ was also represented by President Fisher, and Δ Υ by Professor Morse. The *Daily Courier*, of Madison, Indiana, gives a glowing account of the festivities, and says that it was a grand success in every respect.

We are given to understand that there is now a periodical called the *Diamond*, professing to be an official organ of Psi Upsilon; and, from extracts contained in our exchanges, it seems that the *Diamond* vents most of its ill-nature upon Beta Theta Pi. That was the course, we remember, of the *Diamond* of former times; and a rather famous article in the *Beta Theta Pi* caused that *Diamond* to disappear. The new *Diamond* does not exchange with us. Now, doubtless, the reader who does not know our modesty thinks that we are hinting that a *Beta Theta Pi* on the *Diamond's* table would be a sort of death's head, whispering *memento mori* (doubtless with a Greek accent), and, naturally enough, shocking the nerves of polished gentlemen. We intended to hint nothing of the kind. The reason the *Diamond* does not exchange with us is simply because it does not want to.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

As the result of various conferences on the part of members and prospective members of Σ Ν, Φ Δ Θ and Κ Α, a petition was sent in last April to a special meeting of the Board of Trustees, signed by three-fourths of the Law and Senior classes, requesting that the obnoxious anti-fraternity laws should be repealed as regarded the Law, Senior and Junior classes. The Board referred the matter to the committee on rules and regulations, to be reported on Commencement, and greatly to our joy we were informed that on Tuesday of Commencement week a committee of Trustees would meet representatives from such secret societies as desired recognition at the University of Alabama, for the purpose of hearing the reasons why the anti-fraternity laws should be repealed. \* \* \* The fraternities, through Brother Foster, signified their willingness to give up all privilege of suffrage in the literary societies, and that in future such honors as had been awarded by ballot, should in future be appointed by the faculty, thus doing away with the most disagreeable phase of Greek Letter Societies—college elections.—*Sigma Nu Delta Correspondent*.

## Chapter Letters.

### NORTHWESTERN.

No report from us for the latter part of last year having been published, it may not be out of place even now.

The chapter had a roll of about nineteen members in the College of Liberal Arts. B Θ Π, about 14: Σ X, 6; Δ Υ, 14; Φ K Σ, 4. With Φ K Ψs in the departments, in faculty and "*in urbe*" we counted 33 for our list in the *Syllabus*. All of our contemporaries initiated Preps. B Θ Π, had 4 Preps; Σ X, 6; and Δ Υ—peculiarly voracious—had about a dozen. Our chapter held strictly to its policy of non-Prep. initiations—a policy that stood so well the test of the year's experience as to become a fixture. The competition for Preps. is very sharp at N. W. U.—one fraternity going so far as to "pin" men in first year Prep., *i. e.*, three years before the Freshman year. From this it occurs to me, that since Illinois A prospered so well in her determination under such circumstances, other chapters might gain by a similar rule. Wisconsin Γ has, I believe, a similar scheme.

The relation between the several chapters was, on the whole, quite amicable. The *Syllabus*, suggested by Φ K Ψ, and published by a joint board, in which each of the five fraternities and three soroses had equal representation, furnished a common enterprise and bond of union. Some dissatisfaction was caused by the insignificant financial aid lent the enterprise by Δ Υ. Δ Υ paid for fifteen copies and expectantly awaited the "distribution"—which never came. An offensive alliance of Δ Υ and B Θ Π won for these two fraternities most of the small offices during the year.

Our prize list is as follows: Deering Essay Prize, Brother Mars; First Adelpic Oratorical Prize, Brother Schell; Kirk Oratorical Prize, \$100, Brother Mars. Brother Mars' Kirk theme was "John Quincy Adams—the Representative." This is the same contest in which Brother Crawford was the winner in '84. On Field Day, thanks to Brothers Little, Hall, Hanson and Bass, Φ K Ψ won a majority of the prizes. Among these athletic prizes won by Φ K Ψs were those offered by Σ X, Δ U, B Θ Π and Φ K Ψ—the B Θ Π prize unpaid at last accounts.

For political honors Φ K Ψ was not ambitious. A fair proportion, however, of such as were in the gift of the literary societies and classes, were bestowed upon the members of the chapter. The presidencies of the Freshman, Sophomore and Junior classes were held by Φ K Ψs, likewise three out of the six editorships of the *Northwestern*.

Socially, the year was unprecedentedly successful. A number of happy receptions occurred during the last term. Prominent among these was the Symposium. Brother Prof. Horswell was the Symposiarc, and a number of alumni were present. During the early part of the evening a chased silver tilting water set—each piece engraved with "Φ K Ψ"—excited the admira-

tion of the fratres and their friends. Later, a card explained: "Compliments of the Phi Psi Girls." A beautiful gift and duly appreciated.

A prime object with us was strict discipline within the chapter and careful organization of all chapter schemes. As an indication of the result, it may be added that in no instance did we fail in contest for men. At Commencement, and after they had matriculated as Freshmen, there were initiated into the fraternity Charles S. Graves, Sycamore, Ill.; Stephen J. Herben, Jersey City, N. J., and N. Adelbert Lyman, Rockford, Ill., worthy brothers in  $\Phi \Psi$ .

Mention has been made in THE SHIELD of an Illinois A chapter-house scheme. Such a purpose might be Quixotic to one who considered the comparatively small number of the chapter's initiates and the cost of a suitable edifice in a city containing so many beautiful edifices as Evanston, but the chapter has certain ambitions in that direction, and with such an object in view, a course which appears most expedient is being pursued.

The total number of students in the University during the year (counting students in the theological school), was 837. At the June meeting of the trustees the faculty in the College of Liberal Arts was increased by the election to the Chair of Chemistry, of Prof. Abram Van Epps Young, a graduate of Michigan University, a fellow of John Hopkins, and late of Harvard; and to the Chair of Political Economy and History, Brother Rev. Dr. Robert D. Sheppard. Prof. Young relieves Dr. Long, who will devote his whole time hereafter to the Medical Department. Brother Dr. Sheppard will study in Europe during the present year, and then enter actively upon the duties of his chair. No especial innovations will probably occur in University management until 1889, when a new appraisal of university property in Chicago will bring an increase of the annual receipts of upwards of \$30,000. The University has no debt, and its assets are estimated at about \$1,250,000.

RUSH MCNAIR.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Another college term has opened, and with it come the dear brothers whom we are always glad to meet. Of the ten members present during last term only four have returned to us. This number has been increased by an addition of three to our small band, and I have the pleasure of introducing to our brothers J. W. Moseley, Mount Carmell, Miss.; C. C. Swinney, W. F. Ashley, Lexington, Miss. The loss of six of our members was a severe blow to us, as they were well distributed from prep. to senior. All the fraternities, with the exception of the  $B \Theta \Pi$  and  $X \Psi$  were severely crippled by the loss of men. We now number only seven, and all in the freshman. We are about on an equal footing with any of the fraternities in regard to members. Brothers Tackett and Buckley, of class of '85, visited us at the opening and did some excellent work for us. Mr. W. Latham, of Virginia, A '57, has been elected professor of chemistry here. We have two or three men in view and hope to give you a better report next time, and wish that THE SHIELD may ever prosper.

R. E. HALSELL.

Oxford, Miss., October 3d, '85.

## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

New York Beta has been silent in *THE SHIELD* for the two last numbers, but during that time important changes have been taking place in our chapter and university. The history of Syracuse University, though reaching back but fourteen short years, has always been one of progress, but during the last year there has been such marked improvement in the college curriculum and finances that the future cannot but look encouraging for our Alma Mater, and consequently for our chapter. The faculty of the Liberal Art College, ten in number, remain the same as the year before, except that Dr. Little, of Dickinson College, takes the chair of history and logic, in place of Dr. Bennett, resigned. Brother Eugene W. Manning, of Penn. Zeta, is our instructor of modern languages and takes a strong interest in our chapter. By a recent decree of the faculty, no extra work can be elected during the first two years, and not over eighteen hours per week can be taken during the last two, thus rendering it impossible to finish any course of study here in less than the full four years. This change, it is hoped, will somewhat raise the standard of scholarship here. Through the efforts of the chancellor, the university during the last year has been nearly self sustaining and can now begin to hope for some of the long-needed additions to the college buildings and their proper furnishing.

To New York Beta the future is even more promising. It is only eighteen months since the establishment of our chapter, yet the excitement of our initiation into the Greek world has passed away; the uncertainty of our first step has given place to firm and definite action, and already we feel that our position and success here are assured and permanent. The classes of '84 and '85 have drifted away from us, and those of '88 and '89 have come to take their places. In '84 and '85 we lost the *fathers* of our chapter, but in '88 and '89 we trust we have found most worthy sons. Ten of our old men returned this fall and Thursday eve, October 1st, we initiated six as loyal and worthy Phi Psis as ever wore the lavender and pink. I have the pleasure of introducing to the fraternity Brothers W. M. Brooks, F. N. Burritt, N. R. Peckham, P. F. Piper, W. H. Walrath and G. A. Wright. The campaign has been unusually vigorous by all the fraternities and nearly all the desirable material in the class has been captured; yet Ψ U and Z Ψ have initiated no men at all as yet. Three of our men received bids from other fraternities, and not one that we bid has joined any other rival. Bro. Brooks will be the pitcher in the university ball nine and Bro. Burritt is catcher in his class nine. Bro. Eccleston, of Penn. Gamma, who was expecting to be in college here this year, has been confined to his home on account of sickness since the opening of the college, and it is feared that he may be obliged to give up his college work for this year. We hope always to be able to send as hopeful a letter as this to *THE SHIELD*.

E. G. E.

October 10th, '85.

## OHIO WESLEYAN.

We have begun one year and well. Brother E. K. Drees was initiated September 24th and two nights later we initiated Brother W. S. Small, who was pledged but is now in Howard Douglas' law office, in Cincinnati. Our membership is fifteen, Brothers Garver and Klock remaining out of college.

We have nothing new or startling to report; everything moves along smoothly. I am sorry this letter must be written so soon. Were it delayed until after the 20th we would have to report one of those delightful evenings with Brother Bob Burdette. We are expecting several members of Ohio Beta and Delta to be with us and our alumni. There will be quite a concourse of Phi Kaps to bid him welcome.

The book is progressing slowly. It was expected that the work should appear September 1st, but some delay with our printers has annoyed us not a little. However, the end is not far and the History and Special Register will soon be in the hands of its subscribers.

E. M. VANCLEVE.

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DE PAUW.

Again we are happily obliged to realize that the work of another college year, with its duties and responsibilities, is now upon us, and with great pride and satisfaction do we review the scenes of the past year, with its trials and pleasures, its defeats and victories, and recall its many pleasant associations and scenes, now more fully appreciating its advantages and realizing its worth; what golden days they were, their experience so pleasant, their memory so sweet, for then, as in all your college life, are you free from the cares and responsibilities which are in store for you; then is the future golden tinted, and spanned by the bow of promise; then it is that imagination paints for you a brilliant career, to which there is no background of disappointment; then are the happiest and most vital days of our preparatory life, and no less important than its many other advantages, what can be better than those offered for the cultivation of a brotherly and unselfish spirit, which shall instill higher and nobler principles into our natures, and tend to the cultivation of a nobler and better character; what other can be worthier and grander for the encouragement of ambition or for the development of true manhood than such advantages as offered by our fraternity, with its pleasant associations and memories, and its ennobling principles and teachings? Such are the thoughts revolving in our minds during the past summer months, while away from direct fraternity influence, and while experiencing the rougher treatment of the active world, and hence we have re-entered this fall even the more appreciating its worth and value.

With the promptness and zeal characteristic of "old Indiana A.," our phalanx advances cautiously and firmly against our local opponents, in the "war for men," our first duty on our return; and, as a result of the Waterloos and Marathons suffered by our rivals, we stand to-day victors—successful in *every* contest—claiming justly to be "fearing no equals, and courting no superiors."

During the entire spiking season we were marvelously successful, and have this year added to our roll six men of strength and ability. On the list are the following: Brother D. H. Reavill, '87, and Brothers Charles K. McIntosh, Lew B. Lesh, D. H. Smith, J. L. Vermillion, and J. F. Lawrence, of '89; to which number is also added Brother Jno. W. Cleveland, '88, a member of Illinois Alpha, and a splendid representative of that enthusiastic and loyal chapter. All of these men are of sterling worth and merit, and have already imbibed of the "spirit of old Phi Psi." It is with just pride that we review these victories, and with confidence in our present strength, and encouragement for the coming year, we press forward with zeal and determination into the duties awaiting us.

We greatly regret that during the coming term we shall be obliged to miss counsel and advice of three very strong men—Brothers Watson, Emison and Carson, but we sincerely hope that the love and enthusiasm which has bound us together so closely here, may be but the beginning of the development of that brotherly spirit, to be confined not alone to our ranks, but extended also to that numberless list in life, against whom are turned the favors of fortune and success.

The chapter is "booming," the boys enthusiastic, and every thing encouraging, and we only hope that the feeling so closely knitting our chapters together, may be but the reflection of the condition of her sister chapters and the fraternity at large.

GEO. B. BAKER.

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#### WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

The October number of THE SHIELD came duly to hand, and was greeted by all of our members. Its appearance was especially welcome this time, as we had been deprived of it during the summer vacation. There is nothing which can so interest our members, in general fraternity news, as our own SHIELD. Three cheers for our next Governor, Brother Joseph B. Foraker. We had the pleasure of seeing him receive the nomination, and since his glorious victory, we hope to be present at his inauguration.

The beginning of this term finds us as a chapter in good working order, and with an encouraging future before us.

With the close of the collegiate year of '84 and '85, Ohio Beta met with a loss which cannot be easily regained. The graduating class took from our midst four strong men, all of whom will be greatly missed. To this class belonged Brothers J. W. Shannon and H. N. Follmer, from Pennsylvania, also Brother Bruce Chorpening, former associate editor, and Brother J. C. Lower, former business manager of *The Shield*. This year we are also deprived of the company of Brothers A. H. Chorpening and E. M. Ellsworth, who are not attending college this year. Last but not least, Brother James Minnick, the fighting man of the frat. will not be with us, as he has accepted the superintendency of the Van Wert Ohio High School. Although our numbers have been reduced, we go forward with confidence of success and with bright prospects for the future. Commencement week was exceedingly interesting to all  $\Phi$   $\Psi$ s. Especially was this true of "Class.

Day." The exercises of the day were an eminent success, which may be accounted for as Brother H. N. Follmer, first honor man, presided, while Bruce Chorpening delivered a fine oration, and J. C. Lower related in glowing terms the many(?) achievements of the class of '85.

I now take great pleasure in introducing to all, our latest addition, Brother Frank Geiger, of '87. He is a number one man, standing high in his class, and will make a strong  $\Phi \Psi$ . Another valuable addition has also been made to our chapter in the person of Brother M. R. Harris, '89, who was formerly a member of Indiana Beta. We extend to Indiana Beta our condolence, but can congratulate ourselves in this acquisition. All of our meetings are well attended, and we are usually favored by the presence of a number of our alumni.

J. H. LYDAY, JR.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

We commence this year as a chapter with more flattering prospects than we have had for several years past. We start out with ten men, divided as follows: Seniors, four; Sophomores, two; and Freshmen four. The four Freshmen, Messrs. D. C. Shafer, A. E. Mabie, Fred Templeton, and J. V. Streed, are our new initiates, and have in them the making of good fraternity men. On Commencement last June we had three men. Brother D. J. Lingle delivered the Salutatory Oration, and Brother E. R. Anderson took the first prize of fifty dollars in the Senior Essay contest. Brother Guy Brockway, '80, received honorable mention on Junior Exhibition. The college does not know exactly where it stands. The trustees are to have a meeting next week for the purpose of finding out. We shall miss in the faculty our brother, Prof. F. L. Anderson, who is commencing a course of theological study at Morgan Park. May the gods grant a prosperous year to the fraternity and THE SHIELD.

T. R. WEDDELL.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Virginia Alpha opened with eight men—Brothers Berkeley, Davis, Peters, Smith, Ingle, Saunders, Blackford and Preston. Of these all except Preston are old, *i. e.*, last year's men, and he is a transfer from Virginia Gamma. We are delighted to have such a transfer, and Gamma could not please us better than to send such representatives oftener. We went to work at once, and I have the pleasure of introducing to the fraternity Brothers Woods, S. W. Venable, S. P. Preston, E. M. Stires and F. W. Hains, all of Virginia. These are all prime men and have been much sought after. In our elections we have arrived at the following choice of officials: For G. P., J. S. Davis, Jr., who held the same office last year; P., Brother E. M. Stires; Ph., A. P. Saunders; A. G., J. W. S. Peters; B. G., C. M. Blackford, Jr.; H., R. C. Berkeley. Virginia Alpha proposes to make strenuous efforts to build a chapter house during the term. We will do all in our power to erect a building worthy of  $\Phi \kappa \Psi$ , although it may sink into insignificance contrasted with the splendors of Miller Hall or Michigan A's domicile. We have no "Brother Miller" and are sadly deficient in resources.

In regard to last year's brothers, Brother Edgar Woods, Jr., is studying medicine in New York. Let me commend him to any  $\phi$   $\psi$  in that city. Brother C. E. A. Marshall is teaching. These are the only losses Virginia A sustained. Brother Harry Smith, late of the U. S. diplomatic corps, and stationed at Berlin, is paying us a visit.

C. M. BLACKFORD, JR.

October 11th, 1885.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Iowa Alpha has not sent her usual letter before for the reason that there was nothing new to write; nor is there now. Two of our most promising men have not returned to school this year, C. F. Clarkson preferring a private tutor this year and J. Cloz being in ill health. Regardless of our small numbers, we have furnished our hall nicely and are now prepared for some jolly evenings this winter. There has not been the number of boys to join fraternities that there were last year. There are two other fraternities besides ours that have not taken any men. It is not meant that we have not taken any of the new men. To be sure, we have taken only one, but he is a good one, and will do the fraternity honor. Allow me to introduce our initiate and chaplain Edward R. Meek. We are not working so hard for new men as we should, perhaps, but are confident that we will come out all right in the end, as we have constantly in mind that quality and not quantity is what we want.

ED. E. DORR.

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#### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

As usual, the fall term is a busy one for frat. men, and the members of the Ohio Delta are no exception to the rule, having twelve active members at the ropes. Brother Baker, Ohio B., a graduate of Antioch class of '85, is one of our number, and Brother Payne, '87, our former "kid," is again with us. Also our last two initiates of the spring term, whom the fraternity have not met, Brother Hudson Hartman, of Santiago, Cuba, and Brother Horace Keifer, of Springfield, Ohio. Brother Hartman is now filling that office of trust awarded to young Phi Psis. At the beginning of the term Phi Gamma Delta had 11 men, Sigma Chi 8, Phi Delta Theta 8, and Chi Pi 9. This shows about twenty per cent. of the students are frat. men.

Brother George Smart, of the grand Catalogue Committee, has been dangerously sick with typhoid fever for the last three weeks, but we are thankful that we can say the worst is over, and that he will soon be able to take his accustomed place as active and enthusiastic as ever. Sickness or trouble shows the love that Phi Psi's cherish for each other in its noblest form.

We, with the fraternity, feel proud that Brother Foraker has been honored with the governorship of Ohio. We are still more delighted to think that we will have the pleasure of seeing him occasionally, and judging from previous acquaintance, we know that he will do us all good. Ohio Delta again sends congratulations and a hearty welcome.

Brothers Van Cleve and Hoover, Ohio A, made us a flying visit and invited us to the banquet to be given in honor of Brother Burdette. Some of us intend to have the pleasure of meeting Brother Burdette, and also to participate in the "feed," as he calls it. The girls have remembered our serenade, which we gave them last spring, after the reception given them by Brother Pen Converse for the chapter, in a shape highly edible. Last Saturday we initiated Harry Miller, of the Freshman class. We hope we can find some more like him.

H. E. PAYNE.

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#### KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

Our University is making material progress, of which we, as her children, are very proud. The new natural history building in process of erection will be finished at a total cost of \$50,000. This will be a handsome and valuable addition to the little colony of buildings on Mt. Oread. A department of pharmacy has been added, with Prof. Lucius G. Sayre, of Philadelphia, at its head. This makes a total of twenty-six professors and instructors.

Prof. A. M. Wilcox, the newly elected professor of Greek, is a graduate of Yale, a Ph. D. from the University of Liepsig, and recently a fellow of John Hopkins University. Miss Adelaide Rudolph, a niece of Mrs. Garfield, was recently appointed assistant in Latin. But what caused especial rejoicing in Kansas Alpha was the appointment of Brother J. W. Gleed to a professorship in the law department. On the whole the University is enlarging its departments and gaining strength and dignity. Our hope is that the chapter may grow as it grows and take no backward step.

The opening of the term found us ten strong and ready and eager for the fray. We lost five of our best men by graduation and other causes, but nothing daunted, we immediately set about to repair this loss. As a result of our work, we have initiated five good men in the Freshman class. Stand up, brothers, and let me introduce to you O. B. Taylor, Leavenworth, Ks.; E. L. Swope, Junction City, Ks.; W. S. Allen, Concordia, Ks.; Y. M. White, Lawrence, Ks.; W. W. Davis, Winfield, Ks. In addition to these new men, Brothers Little, Hutchings and Thacher have entered the law department and will be active members in the chapter. This gives us a total strength of eighteen in the University. We still have two faculty members and the appointment of Brother Gleed raises the number to three. We also have a number of alumni in the city, who take a lively interest in all the chapter's doings. Politically we, as a chapter, take no part, but our men have always had their share of "the good things," and it is a matter of pride to us that they have always filled ably the positions which they have held. This year Brother Gilmore is Editor-in-chief of the *Review*, which is the best elective position in school. Brother Dunn was recently elected local editor on the *Weekly University Courier*, and Brother Fritz business manager on the same paper.

The Oread Literary Society elected Brother Jenks its Orator in the contest which it holds in December with its rival the Orophilian Society. This position has always been eagerly sought for, and is regarded as no small

honor. Socially our chapter has always had a wide reputation, and in this respect, if in no other, it has been envied by its rivals. We have already given two progressive euchre parties and intend to follow these up with many other entertainments of a similar nature. However, we do not wish to develop our social natures to such a degree as to dwarf our other interests. And our record will show that we have not done this. In scholarship we are well to the front. Brother Gilmore has the highest grades in Senior class and will graduate at its head. Brother Jenks also has the highest rank in the Junior class and will no doubt keep it through the remainder of his course; while in the Sophomore and Freshman years two of our boys have not been beaten. In the distribution of oratorical honors our boys have nothing to complain of; we have always had an ample share of them and expect to have in the future. At present Brothers Gilmore, Crane and Jenks have taken as many prizes in oratory and declamation as all the other men in college taken together. From this it will be seen that we hold no inferior position among the fraternities here, and while we do not believe in boasting or in making false claims, we think we have a right to be proud of our chapter, and we believe that any of our rivals will subscribe to the truthfulness of everything in this letter.

On the 17th of last month the triumph of Governor-elect Foraker was celebrated in an appropriate manner at the Beta's expense, and we, at their invitation, helped them carve and assimilate a "Δorg" with no small degree of pleasure. The evening was pleasantly passed and at its close three rousing cheers were given for Foraker and the Phi Psis; likewise three cheers for Hoadly and the Betas. We are much gratified at the good feeling which exists between us and our old and honored rivals, the Alpha Nu chapter of the Beta Theta Pi.

We expect this year to be one of great pleasure and profit to us, as the chapter is united and harmonious within and at peace with its rivals. We have a number of projects on foot which we think will add greatly to the interest of our chapter meetings. We already have an excellent orchestra of six pieces in operation, under the management of one of our new men, Brother Swope. We hope that all our chapters feel as cheerful as does Kansas A.

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### MARRIED.

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**WISEMAN—BLISS.**—On Tuesday, June 30, 1885, at the residence of the bride, Salsbury Centre, N. Y., were married Bro. Eugene Wiseman, of Fairfield, N. Y., and Miss Jennie A. Bliss.

Bro. Wiseman graduated last June at Syracuse University, and was one of the ten to receive Commencement honors. He was one of the charter members of New York Beta, and was the real agent in securing the re-establishment of New York Alpha last year. He was considered the finest writer in his class, and ranked among the first in scholarship. He goes forth into his profession—the Christian ministry—with the best wishes of all who knew him.

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## The Phi Psis.

PENNSYLVANIA H.—'83 Brother E. E. Porterfield will this year fill the position of principal of school in Hancock, Md. '82. Rev. Wm. E. Hay has received an appointment as missionary to China and will sail shortly.

PENNSYLVANIA Δ.—'58. Rev W. C. Falconer, D. D., is a well-known Presbyterian minister, now located in Springfield, O. '60. Prof. Robert D. Wylie, formerly a member of the faculty of Washington and Jefferson College, still resides in Washington, Pa.

VIRGINIA Δ.—'66. C. A. Snow is a solicitor of patents at Washington, D. C. His office is at the corner of 9th and G. streets. Louis A. Malone received the degree of M. D. from the Northwestern "medic" school last spring. He is practicing his profession at Jacksonville, Ill.

VIRGINIA A.—Hon. Boyd Winchester was appointed Minister to Switzerland by President Cleveland. His home is Louisville, Ky., and he is said to be the choice of Hon. Henry Watterson for the position. Watterson and Winchester are great friends. '55. W. Latham is Professor of Chemistry in the University of Mississippi.

PENNSYLVANIA Δ.—'55. Rev. Jno. F. Magill, D. D., is now residing in Washington, Pa. '56. Rev. Jno. L. Milligan still fills the position of chaplain of the Western Penitentiary, Alleghany, Pa. '58 Rev. T. Davis Ewing, D. D., is the successful President of Parson's College, Fairfield, Iowa, one of the flourishing young institutions of the State.

OHIO Δ.—C. E. Esterly, who has been practicing dentistry in Lawrence, Kansas, will spend the winter in Cincinnati, in order to do special work in his profession. The "Doc" is a fine fellow, a courteous and affable gentleman, and a loyal and warm-hearted  $\Phi \Psi$ . Whenever a  $\Phi \Psi$  meets Doc Esterly he should take him by the hand and give him that cordial and warm welcome which is due to the fraternity's most loyal and truest men.

NEW YORK B.—'84. Broadway is preaching at Cardiff, N. Y. '84. Brigden is managing an insurance agency at Auburn, N. Y. '84. Devel is professor of Mathematics at Napa Collegiate Institute, Napa City, Cal. '84. H. D. Wadsworth is preaching at Livingston, Montana. '85. G. E. Ellis is in the law office of Congdon & Co., in this city, and will continue in the chapter as an active member. '85. E. Wiseman is preaching at Round Lake, N. Y., where he has a very pleasant charge.

PENNSYLVANIA E.—'83. C. D. Hoover, well known to the fraternity as B. G. of the Grand Chapter, has returned to his studies in Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn. He was accompanied by Brother Edgar I. Brenner, '85, who was his successor in office. These, with Brothers Kahler and Phillips, of E, and Brother Turkee, of Ohio B, make a goodly company of

loyal Phi Psis at Yale. '86. R. M. Hardinge has gone into the U. S. signal service, and is stationed with Brother J. P. Earnest, of the same chapter, at Fort Myer, Va

ILLINOIS B.—'67. Frank S. Whiteman, M. D., is now mayor of Belvidere, Illinois. '82. Prof. F. L. Anderson is taking a Theological course at Morgan Park. '83. R. S. King has returned from San Francisco, and is now the head of a prominent publishing house in Chicago. Sam has had phenomenal success, both in business and matrimony, as the little King that arrived the other day, attests. '84. S. A. Perrine is at the Morgan Park Theological Seminary. '84. D. J. Lingle is preparing to enter Johns Hopkins next year. A. A. Griffith, Jr., is taking a year at Amherst, so as to be near his girl. '84. Fred R. Swartout is at Morgan Park, studying Theology. '81. Sam B. Randall is pastor of the Baptist church at Augusta, Wis. '85. E. R. Anderson has removed to Salem, Mass., and expects to enter a law school in Boston.

IOWA I.—'70. John Wesley Akers is Superintendent of Public Instruction for Iowa. He resides in Des Moines. '69. C. W. Rollins is practicing law in Ida Grove, Iowa. '69. Warren Harman and M. L. Ward, '73, compose a law firm of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. '69. Franklin W. Hart was a member of the 19th General Assembly of Iowa, and is now a loan and land broker in Logan, Iowa. '68. Ben McCoy, of Oskaloosa, is at present a member of the Iowa Senate; '69. James E. Harlan is vice-president of Cornell College, and Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy in the same institution. '70. R. H. Randall, who was associated with C. E. Leslie in preparing "The Song Champion" and "The Conqueror," has just issued a system of "Thorough Bass," and "The Key Letter." '69. H. H. Freer, has been principal of the Preparatory and Normal Departments of Cornell College since 1872. '73. James S. Hays is a physician and surgeon in Denver, Colo.

INDIANA A.—'85.—F. C. Payne and Ballard are both law students, and endeavoring, as are numberless others, to equalize, if possible, the numerical forces of lawyers and clients. To these brothers our present excellent condition is in part due, and their aid and counsel shall be greatly missed in the chapter. '81. Will Neff is at present filling one of St. Louis' prominent pulpits, and is obtaining quite a deserved reputation as a prominent pulpit orator. '84. Hannawalt and Ayers are both mathematical professors, the former at Mt. Morris, Ill., and the latter in De Pauw University. '83. Neff is at present in "Deutschland" pursuing the language of the "Fatherland." '87. Jackson Boyd is honoring our name at present by appearing in the role of an actor, soon to be an envied rival of a Booth or Irving. '88. Rhodes and Reynolds, and Olwin, '89, have laid out this term to be active, rather than passive, as "wielders of the birch." Ed Cassell has also been obliged to remain out of college, by reason of ill health, expecting to spend the winter in Cincinnati for treatment. '86 and '87. George and Walter Neff are having an experimental trial of the inviting life of a country editor, locating for that purpose at Marysville, Tenn. '88. Spencer and Axtell return during middle of term. '87. Haymond has returned this fall.

PENNSYLVANIA Z.—'59 George Baylor, Esq., is a leading attorney in Charleston, W. Va. '59. Henry E. Dillon is engaged in mercantile pursuits in Lagrange, N. C. '59. Rev. J. Lester Shipley is a Methodist minister in Harrisburg, Va. '60. Harris Archer has been renominated for the House of Delegates in Horford county, Md. with good prospects of election. '61. Wm. P. Willey is professor of law in West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va. '62. Alfred T. Canfield is traveling accountant in the employ of the Missouri Pacific railroad, St. Louis, Mo. '66. Will H. Basley is a member of the firm of D. S. Giltings & Co., bankers, Baltimore, Md. '66. Rev. Summerfield E. Snively is rector of an Episcopal church in Flatbush, L. I. '69. Wm. P. Headden, Ph. D., is professor of chemistry in the University of Denver, Colo. '78. Prof. Chas. S. Conwell is principal of Wilmington Conference Academy, Dover, Del. '80. L. D. Bullett practices law at 400 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. '82. Peyton Brown is a member of the firm of Miller, Satterfield & Brown, attorneys, in Austin, Texas, and has recently become one of the editors and proprietors of the *Austin Statesman*. '82. Dr. J. V. Champion was married in July last to Miss Minnie Smithson, of Alexandria, Va. Brothers O. C. Stribe and E. Conover, of Zeta, were present on the happy occasion. Brother Champion has located at Carthage, Kansas, where he will practice his profession. '85. P. M. Leakin has entered as a law student at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

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Ill. Alpha, F. J. Campbell, Northwestern University, Box 992, Evanston, Ill.  
Ill. Beta, L. M. Coy, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.  
Kansas Alpha, W. S. Jenks, State University, Lawrence, Kansas.  
Mich. Alpha, Joseph Halsted, State University, P. O. Box 2870, Ann Arbor, Mich.  
Md. Alpha, Wm. L. Glenn, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.  
Wis. Alpha, C. H. Bennet, State University, Madison, Wis.  
Wis. Gamma, Louis W. Crow, Beloit College, Box 452 Beloit, Wis.  
Minn. Alpha, Geo. M. Williamson, Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.  
Miss. Alpha, R. E. Halsell, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss.  
New York Alpha, W. C. Gray, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.  
New York Beta, Ezra G. Eldredge, Syracuse University, 33 University Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y.  
New York Delta, H. T. Morrison, Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y.  
Cal. Alpha, J. C. Needham, University of Pacific, San Jose, Cal.  
Iowa Alpha, E. E. Dorr, State University, Iowa City, Iowa.  
Iowa Delta, A. O. Miller, Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.  
S. C. Alpha, J. H. McLure, South Carolina College, Box 76, Columbia, S. C.  
Alumni, D. C. Beta, Harry W. Smith.

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## OI BABBAPOL.

We sat one evening, after literary society meeting in Harry's room smoking. Harry never indulged; perhaps that was the reason why we always brought our pipes and pouches when we met there. We four, Tom, Dick, Harry and I, were chums, as "thick" as ever men get in this world, and we were strangely assorted, so strangely that all our companions at "Parvo" University called us the "Happy Family." Tom was a Beta, and from "away down East;" Dick was from one of the lake ports in "York State," and an ardent Sig; Harry was a Virginian, a typical Southerner, with all their warmth of feeling, generous instincts and noble impulses, and a "barb;" I was a wearer of the Shield and a Buckeye.

"Parvo" University—so named by the boys in derision from the oft-quoted utterances of the President that "*Multum in Parvo*" was the proud boast of the institution, meaning that much learning could be there acquired at little expense—was so situated geographically and so managed denominationally that its patronage was well distributed, and the class of its students good so far as family and brains went, but it did not take a young man of active mind long to learn that "*Parvum in Multo*" represented the faculty in breadth of intellect and freedom from narrowness.

The College, for the University was as yet a figment of the brain of the enthusiastic friends of the institution, might be taken as a type of that school where fraternities flourish, and where the highest, best development of the fraternity idea finds expression. We had eight hundred students and a college secret society for each hundred; chapters varied in size from eight members to eighteen, with the average membership in the neighborhood of twelve or fourteen; fraternity zeal was earnest, and the anti-fraternity element rampant.

We four were Seniors, and were soon to leave the college for various pursuits already determined, either by our own choice or through the overruling kindness of fond parents. We were feeling none too well over the prospect of parting, and always given to speculation and discussion of the profoundest problems of human destiny, it was the most natural thing in

the world that we should all be thinking of the one, strange, unaccountable experience which had served to dim the luster of friendships well-nigh ideal. We were all enthusiastic, even exuberant advocates of the value of human companionship; of the noble aims inspiring man to uplift his fellow-man, and though as members of rival fraternities, we had often heard the clash of resounding arms and dealt each other lusty blows, we never wavered in our fondness for one another. Harry was a born fraternity man, one who would have been a leader in every scheme for the aggrandizement of the order of his choice, but the most earnest solicitations from all the more desirable fraternities in college did not weaken in the least degree his predetermined resolution to remain a non-fraternity man. He had never given a reason why he so refused, and we who knew him best, never pressed the matter. Tom was a blunt fellow, kind enough, but persistent to a degree often exasperating, and he had determined at the risk of a scene, to compel Harry to-night to give an answer.

"Harry," said he, "next month we four go out from these walls, perhaps never to meet again, and in the light of that anticipation, I want to ask you a plain question, to which I expect an equally plain answer. Why are you a non-fraternity man?"

Leaning far back in his easy chair, Harry gave one quick glance toward Tom, and I, who had been a little closer in companionship with him, and therefore knew what would serve to fire his warm Southern heart, felt uneasy and apprehensive for the questioner, who, with pipe in hand, was blowing a thin blue cloud of smoke at a fly far away on the window curtain.

"I am inclined to think, Tom," said our friend slowly, almost with a drawl, "that you fellows have set up a job on me. At any rate, you have taken advantage of me at least to the extent of attacking me at a time when am most vulnerable. My mind has thought of nothing else for weeks but our coming separation, and knowing how anxious you three, almost the only friends I have in this strange Northern land, must be to know the solution of the one problematical thing I have done while at 'Parvo,' I have wavered in my resolution not to reveal it, and will answer your question as plainly as it has been put.

"When my father bade me good-bye on my coming North, he said: 'Harry, I am not a college-bred man, and therefore ought not to attempt to give you advice as to how you can meet and overcome the peculiar temptations with which your untried experiences will abound, but from as good a point of observation as my busy life would allow, I make this single request: ally yourself with no secret fraternity until such a time as you have had opportunity to test them and know whether they are the unmixed evil so freely charged of them, or only the partial good which can safely be foregone.' Briefly, then, I didn't join a frat. because my father wished me not to do so."

"O! ho," cried Dick, "and so you immured yourself in your room and

denied yourself the close companionship which a band of brothers enjoy, simply because your father, who confessed he knew nothing about it, said no. My father said pretty much the same thing to me, but I thought to myself that he'd have a pretty time defending himself from all the charges made against secret societies, if he undertook to answer why he was a Mason, and so I just made up my mind that I had to live my own life, and guessed I'd try the frat. side of college experience, and I don't regret it."

"Not so fast, old fellow," said Harry. "I didn't intend to open the way for an argument, but since you have put me on the defensive, I presume I can in no way get training for my chosen profession better than to specifically indict the Greek-letter societies by special counts. Permit me to premise the arraignment with a protest against any such specious trash as Dick has just delivered. He knows how much I have denied myself human companionship, or made a cloister of my room, and I call you all to witness that my father put no interdict upon me, but asked me to wait and judge for myself. I arraign the college fraternity system: 1st. It is a sham in that it pretends to raise the standard of morals and culture among young men at school, 2d. It fosters extravagance. 3rd. It encourages the keeping of late hours and the indulgence in nocturnal feasts. 4th. It brings young men together in organized opposition to constituted authority. 5th. It organizes, controls and manages all college affairs wherein students express a choice of candidates for places of honor or profit. 6th. It creates social distinctions of invidious character. 8th. It injects into the society of a college town the poison of disappointed ambition, when party cliques are sometimes overthrown. 8th. It seems to me to be an organized means to make the close student looser, the careful student careless, and the good student bad."

"Phew! do *all* frat. men step off the Commencement platform into the hands of the Sheriff, to be conveyed directly to the penitentiary?" asked Tom.

Fearing that Harry's ardent spirit would not brook sarcasm, when he was with all his honest soul striving to state his case fairly and clearly, I broke into the discussion with an appeal against frivolity.

"You have made some very serious charges, Harry," said I, "and they must be answered, if at all, seriously. For the fraternity system, I enter a general plea of 'not guilty' to all counts of the indictment. We live here a potent factor in the development of the American young man, and are charged by you as a representative of the anti-fraternity sentiment with certain very weighty crimes against good order. You have summed up about all the charges usually made against us, and when we enter a general disclaimer, you must not forget that it rests upon you to prove your case."

"Well, that is bringing home to me with a vengeance my proposition to indulge in a little legal practice, and I fear I am not quite well enough armed to win my case before a jury that have all formed and expressed an

opinion, and when the opposing advocate is himself in the jury-box. I desire to say that I am arguing from no hearsay, and am not a representative of the actively anti-fraternity element, at least so far as they are known in 'Parvo,' for they are to a man such fellows as could by no means secure an election into a secret society, and their loud-mouthed vaporings could be hushed in a moment by a breath of fraternity favor."

He talked earnestly, with scarce an interruption, for an hour, and when he had concluded with Tom and Dick, he awaited from me a reply, I confess I felt shaky, for he had arrayed a large enough number of ugly facts before us to sober us, and make us realize as we had never done before, what it was to see ourselves as we appeared to those outside our ranks. As nearly as I can remember at this late date, for we have all grown to maturity and respectable middle-age since then, I said substantially the following: "It is by no means an easy matter to tell to one outside a charmed circle, why the cords exist that bind the individuals comprising it together, and it is harder by far to repel charges made against an organization by a careful observer whose mind is not turned by prejudice or heart inspired with hatred. I think, though, that you and others of your class, lose sight of several fundamental principles in civil government when you arraign us so severely before the bar of public opinion. The first of these is that you charge upon the organization the faults of the individual members of it; true, the individuals make up the organization, but the vast majority who are not guilty of the charges made, are overshadowed by the misdeeds of the few. Then, charges are made against fraternities for crookedness, of which they are seldom guilty. Again, we are condemned wholesale if a lot of bad fellows get together in a chapter and the combination breeds havoc to good order and decency. You insist that this is a fair argument against the system, that the oaths of secrecy and close ties of fellowship render these enemies of college discipline well-nigh beyond the reach of detection and punishment. To this charge I say bosh! When did ever a band of evil-doers combine to make society unsafe by their depredations that they did not use the same means to escape detection and punishment? I say the fraternity system is in no way responsible. You say that that argument is old, and that it is a significant fact that wherever fraternities exist, these organizations for the defiance of law are ready made, and all that need be done to secure depredations from them is the mere suggestion that some bit of rowdyism would be fun.

"Well the oldest arguments are ever the best. They are the mature thoughts that have sifted down through a mass of prejudice and rubbish, and can stand hard knocks without collapsing. Talk about significant facts, how does the significance of this strike you? You know that I was for two years the executive officer of my fraternity, and as such it was my duty to visit colleges, inspect chapters, report upon petitions for membership, and in short, keep myself posted regarding the status of American college life.

I found, without exception, the standard of morals lower at those institutions where fraternities were either prohibited or openly discouraged, and cliques for mischief abounded to an extent that would make the average college politician turn green with envy.

"I insist that where fraternities are encouraged by the authorities, and where college men are treated as if they were responsible men and not children, the Greek-letter society is a positive and powerful adjunct in the fostering of college spirit, in the broadening of the influence of the institution, and in the supporting of the legally constituted authorities. Why should membership in a frat. make a man so heinous in his offenses that he must be visited with condign punishment and his chapter be held responsible for his misdoings, when in all probability the fact is that his brothers are striving with all their power to keep him from going astray?"

"A man must be held accountable for his violations of good order, whether in or out of a fraternity, and if it so happens, as it sometimes does, that a whole chapter gets crooked, why, as a well-wisher of the fraternity system, I say, emphatically, 'bounce the whole crew.'

"We have discussed the late hours and dyspepsia, expense and social discrimination, so many times, that I had hoped you would not bring them up again. For all your fiercely democratic speeches, we happen to know that you do as much careful scrutinizing of your companions as any man in college, and are far more severe in your judgments than the average chapter of a fraternity. I am glad to report substantial progress in a strong movement among fraternities themselves, to break up combinations, and this is a movement prompted by a spirit to be above their surroundings, and be leaders, not the followers of right thinking, for you know that combinations and all such abominations for the elevation of mediocrity, are not confined to the Greek-letter society by any manner of means. I wish to call your respectful attention to the fact that so many men eminent at the bar, in the pulpit, upon the press, Judges, Doctors of Divinity, Editors, Senators and College Presidents, never forget their fraternity relations, but participate in all gatherings that conduce to the keeping alive of memories they would fain not have to die. Do you suppose these men would advertise their connection with the corrupt and debasing organizations you would have us believe we are? Perhaps you think that since they live in memory, that the virtue has departed from Israel, and we are not as good as they. On that point, I pin my faith on Solomon, and you may well do so too.

"But you say, why don't we meet and answer these charges that are so freely made against us? I can answer you no better nor close my part in this discussion more aptly than by the relation of a little story: In a certain church, of a denomination where new ministers are secured by a method called 'candidating,' there preached one Sabbath a zealous young minister who had successfully passed the preliminary ordeal, and had received a 'call.' At the conclusion of the service the congregation lingered to discuss

the merits of the sermon, and to suggest ways in which the new pastor might improve upon his first attempts, which were rather muscularly forcible and emphatic in language than dignified and calm. . One of these free-and-easy critics, accompanied by her small son, aged six, had reached the door of her own home before it occurred to her to ask the child what impression had been made upon him.

“ ‘ Well, Tommy, how did you like the sermon ?’ With face all aglow and a voice trembling with excitement, he cried out; ‘ He’s a bully preacher, he is! He des stomped his foot, he did, an’ he hollered, an’ he shook his fis at ’em, an’ he swore, he did, an’ there wasn’t one of ’em dast to git up and fight him.’

“ A fraternity, old fellow, is nothing if it is not a social organization chiefly, and did it ever occur to you that the intimate companionship which has bound us together so closely for four years, is nothing less than a refinement upon the fraternity idea, and a somewhat selfish one, too? Don’t you see that in avoiding the jaws of the Scylla of Greek-letter societies you have been engulfed in the maw of a Charybdis none the less insatiate ?”

“ Do you think, then, that I ought to join Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Psi all at once ?” was his only reply.

*C. L. V. e.*

#### THE PHI PSI GAVEL.

At close of day  
When, far away,  
’Gainst winter’s storms I travel,  
Methinks I hear,  
My heart to cheer,  
The thump of the Phi Psi gavel.

It warms my heart,  
It thrills my brain,  
Doth half my woes unravel.  
And I well nigh  
See the boys again —  
God bless old Alpha’s gavel!

## The College Annual.

### III.

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The *Melange*, from Lafayette, is in many respects similar to the *Palladium*, from Michigan. Like the latter, its literary department is particularly well executed, while the illustrations are very creditable. Not the least point of similarity is the fact that a member of Phi Kappa Psi was in each instance responsible for the most attractive features. Brother Harvey M. Watts was Literary Editor of the *Melange*, and practically did all of the literary and artistic work. He is both fertile in imagination and prolific in execution. The frontispiece is a photograph of the six editors, including the classical features of Watts and the handsome face of Brother Niesley. The full-page drawing, which opens the college music department, is well done, while page 132 is devoted to an illustration of the burning of King Calculus, which was a very noteworthy affair indeed. This drawing is very well executed.

The dedication is quite happily done :

“ Yet  
I'll bet  
Old Epicurus  
Couldn't of such work assure us.”

The Finale begins :

“ Here I end; how do you like me?  
Are you mad?  
Are you glad?  
Or did a happy medium strike ye?”

The advertisers are nicely handled by the poet;

“ Here are the men who gave us their aid,  
Without them this book would never 've been made,  
So all ye students, we, as your advisers,  
Pray that you'll patronize these advertisers.”

The following might be applied to several professors besides the great Fuchs ;

“ A good way, we admit, when you can't make an answer,  
Dear Herr Professor Fuchs is to sit on the man, sir.”

“ *Satira I, Carmen II, A Letter* ” from college contains some rather bitter things, for instance:

“ For some Christians one justly with Balaam's beast classes,  
Divine is their message, themselves being asses.”

There is a good bit of philosophy in this:

We would liken our course to a swift flowing stream,  
 O'er which the sunshine of Wisdom doth gleam.  
 High grades are the scum which floats on the top,  
 And the dregs of the class to the bottom must drop,  
 While the great middle course flows free from defects,  
 And absorbs Wisdom's rays which the surface reflects.

Ad Pyrrham ought to satisfy her.

What Freshman art thou with those eyes beguiling?  
 Those deep brown eyes, long lashes, lips all smiling  
 Pyrrha for whom are thy blushes?  
 When coyly each tender cheek flushes.

In gay attire doth shine thy many beauties  
 And of unlearnt lessons broken duties,  
 Must he complain in lovers cadence  
 Ignorant of Easton maidens.

Who enjoys thy coquettish dimples?  
 Some starveling culler of chemical simples;  
 But I, they say, by hard endeavor  
 Escaped with peace of mind forever.

*Triumphus de Kalkulo* closes with :

ALICUJUS SUPPLICATIO, QUI SUB IMPERIUM HARDI EST.

O Jupiter deus,	"Hoc Vide, si placet"
Speravi in te,	Atrox est ad me,
O carus mi pater,	Differtus scholarum,
Nunc libera me,	Et stultitiarum,
Nam <i>Hardius Josus</i>	Desidero te
Qui est odiosus,	Adoro, imploro
Qui toties dicet	Ut liberes me.

Mr. Watts' work reflects great credit on him, and is really all there is of the *Melange*.

Last year Lafayette had a Faculty of twenty-six, fourteen post-graduate students, sixty Seniors, fifty-eight Juniors, seventy-two Sophomores, and eighty-six Freshmen. The literary societies-- Washington with 104, and Franklin with 100 men--seem to be well supported. The latter was founded in 1831. The *Lafayette* is the college magazine and appears monthly. The editorial positions are won by competition in writing. Brother Watts is now editor-in-chief. This is one of the best of the college magazines. Football, base-ball, lawn tennis, bicycle, hare and hounds, and polo clubs all prosper. The Y. M. C. A. has 106 members.

The Greeks are D. K. E., 1853; Zeta Psi, 1857; Theta Delta Chi, 1866; Sigma Chi, 1867; Phi Kappa Psi, 1859; Phi Delta Theta, 1873; Chi Phi, 1874; Delta Tau Delta, 1874; Phi Gamma Delta, 1883-4. Last year D. K. E. had 13 men, Zeta Psi 15, Theta Delta Chi 2, Sigma Chi 5, Phi Kappa Psi 13, Phi Delta Theta 16, Chi Phi 13, Delta Tau Delta 9, Phi Gamma Delta 10--96 Greeks. Of the chapters Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, and Chi Phi appear to be the strongest. Ten of Zeta Psi's 15 men

were Freshmen. The *Melange* itself is nicely printed on elegant paper, and quaintly bound. It is one of the very best of the Annuals, and reflects credit on the class of '86.

The *Onondagan* is the ward of the class of '86 at Syracuse University. This institution is but fourteen years of age, but has grown to manhood's estate while its older rivals, like Union, have almost shifted into the lean and slippered pantaloons. Under the Presidency of Steele, the Scientist, Alexander Winchell, and Bishop E. O. Haven, Syracuse has grown rapidly. Besides the college proper, there is a College of Medicine and a College of Fine Arts. Last year there were 30 Seniors, 37 Juniors, 37 Sophomores, 49 Freshmen, besides those in Colleges of Medicine and Fine Arts.

The *Syracusan* and the *Herald* are the college papers. Of clubs and associations and societies, there are quite a number. The Y. M. C. A. seems to thrive. The Athletic Association is particularly prosperous. The boys have polo and foot-ball teams, and get up a first rate Field Day. The University nine seems to have been well supported. The *Onondagan* itself is neatly printed on 200 pages of excellent paper. Eight pages are given to a neat melodrama, *Discordia Discors*. The Soph. and Fresh. ditties are very well done. The frontispiece is a photograph of the five editors. Joseph G. Cleveland represents  $\Phi \text{ K } \Psi$ . A full-page picture of the Hall of Languages, shows a fine building. Other halls and several of the faculty are also pictured. Several humorous sketches are indeed funny—the four stages of college loves being immense. The first page of cover is the most worthy in the book. A powder horn dangles from above. A placid stream rolls below, and in a birch canoe sits a stern, sad-visaged and sturdy old chief, while a log across the stream bears the inscription *Onondagan*, in curious characters. The fraternities are D. K. E., 1871, 26 men; Delta Upsilon, 1873, 26; Psi Upsilon, 1875, 18; Zeta Psi, 1875, 5; Phi Kappa Psi, 1884, 14, and a local society Sigma Psi, 1881, 12 men. Two ladies' societies have been founded at Syracuse—Alpha Phi in '72, and Gamma Phi Beta '74. Kappa Kappa Gamma is now at Syracuse. Theta Nu Epsilon, a Sophomore and Kappa Gamma, a Freshman society also flourish.  $\Phi \text{ K } \Psi$ ,  $\Delta \text{ K } \text{E}$ .,  $\Psi \text{ } \Upsilon$ , and  $\Delta \text{ } \Upsilon$ , all are in excellent condition. Zeta Psi languishes. Our own men seem to be quite proud of their base-ball and foot-ball teams. Ellis was catcher of the University nine. Several of them were on the University eleven. I notice the names of Brothers Ellis and Wiseman on the staff of the *Syracusan*, while Brother J. G. Jones was President of the Agassiz Society. Brother Harris was Junior class President, Eldridge, Sophomore President. Brother Eugene W. Manning, formerly of Dickinson, is Professor of Modern Languages. New York Beta is in excellent condition in every respect.

The *Oriflamme*, by the class of '86, Franklin and Marshall, comes from an old and honored chapter of Phi Kappa Psi. For a quarter of a century Penna. Eta has prospered like a green bay tree, or perhaps I should say like

an *apple tree*. Last year they had nine men in college and twenty-four more in the city. Of four fraternity editors of the *Oriflamme*, two were Phi Kappa Psis. They were Little and Mauger. The members hold as many positions in college organizations, and have won as many prizes in athletics and classes as they could comfortably attend to. Brother J. H. Apple, Jr., closed their list of honors last year with the Valedictory. Their rivals last year were Phi Kappa Sigma, 1854, 8 men; Chi Phi, 1854, 10 men, and Delta Tau Delta, 1874, 8 men — all doing nicely. Probably Phi Kappa Sigma is in as good condition as any of the others.

The Goethean, founded in 1835, and the Diagnothian are the Literary Societies. Both are well sustained and have handsome steel engravings. A Y. M. C. A. flourishes. The college nine made a good record last year. Foot-ball, lawn tennis and bicycle clubs have many members. Most of the students belong to either the Democratic or Republican club. They have an orchestra of eight pieces as well as a large choir and a number of glee clubs. Franklin and Marshall appears to be quite musical. Thomas G. Apple is President of the College, and the younger Apples are quite numerous. One was catcher of the nine and valedictorian. In 1884 another — they are all  $\Phi \Psi$ s — was valedictorian. Several pages are given to a Latin discussion of the burning of Analytical Geometry.

The dedication is not bad:

To all the Profs,  
 To Profs and Sophs,  
 Freshmen and Juniors gay,  
 To Seniors wise,  
 To ladies' eyes  
 That beam for us alway;  
 The Alumni, too,  
 That they may view  
 Again their college days,  
 To friends, to all,  
 Both great and small,  
 We this submit  
 And hope 'tis fit,  
 In truth and wit,  
 All hearts to hit,  
 That all may feel it pays.

The *Oriflamme* contains 152 pages of good matter, very nicely bound. The illustrations are sufficiently numerous, well designed and well executed. "Deep down in Pluto's Kingdom," is peculiarly original and appropriate. The little accounts of the editors are unique. The jokes are funny, the poetry good. An "Alumnus" tells the sad results of riding a college pony.

"Jubet vicissem," I did say,  
 And thought of charming her,  
 And so translated calmly thus;  
 "You bet we kiss 'em" sir.

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Then summoned I my courage all,  
My strength with all my force,  
And shouted loud with might and main,  
"My kingdom for a horse."

It is now twenty-eight years since Franklin and Marshall colleges were united. It is a classical college and not co-educational. Last year's Senior class contained 27 men, the Junior class 28 men. The college is a credit to the *Ori-flamme* and the *Ori-flamme* is a credit to the college.

The *Bijou* of 1884, from Ohio Wesleyan University, is a neat book of 180 pages. R. B. Lloyd represented Φ Κ Ψ on the board. The illustrations are mostly by Brother Orville E. Watson, the poet. They are quite quaint and curious. The "Jolly Goats" picture is great.

"When bats come forth to suck men's blood  
And ghosts their shrivelled shrouds put on,  
When pale-witch lanterns skip and scud  
In the grisly place where church-yards yawn,  
In the grisly place where church-yards yawn,  
With many a bounce and many a bound.  
The gay goats gallop round and round."

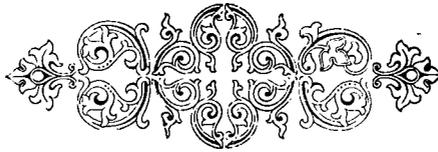
The Senior's farewell to his pony, is also very touching. The Senior class contained 72 members, the Junior 73, the Sophomore 76, the Freshmen 55 gentlemen and 19 ladies. There are five literary societies. The *Transcript* is a bi-monthly. Athletics are fairly well developed, and the military companies are in full bloom, Brothers Lloyd, Semans and Van Deman holding the three highest positions. The closing words are somewhat different from those usually used in closing college annuals: "And now friends, we will not bid you Good-night, but will bid you, one and all, Good-morning. The sun is rising. May you go forth and fight, like true nights, on life's dusty plains. May you live to be merry-hearted old men and women, and may you always be charmed with the music of the little birds in the peach trees. Good-morning!"

The *Cicala*, from the University of Kansas, like the *Bijou*, has not appeared since 1884. The *Civala* was preceded by the *Cyclone* and the far-famed *Kikkabe*, with Brother E. C. Meservey, '82, as editor-in-chief. The *Cicala* was published by the Greeks, Will S. Jenks being Φ Κ Ψ's editor. His fine Italian hand appears all through the book, which contains 130 large pages of good matter, copiously illustrated on excellent paper. The feature of the book is the appearance of the typical bird of Kansas, the *Cicala*, otherwise the grasshopper, in picture after picture. The students, faculty—all *Cicalas*. At that time there were 175 students in the collegiate departments, and the Greeks were Φ Κ Ψ, Β Θ Π, Φ Γ Δ, Φ Δ Θ—the ladies, Ι. C., Κ Α Θ, Κ Κ Γ. The book was a creditable one in every respect.

I have finished. It was my intention to give the chapters an idea of what has been done in each, as far as I could from the annuals. In no case

has anything been found discreditable to  $\Phi K \Psi$ . One must be more than pleased by the universal excellence of the chapters reviewed. Several annuals have been received from colleges in which  $\Phi K \Psi$  is not found, but have not had time to touch upon them. I have seen none superior to those mentioned. I trust in another year the list of annuals in which  $\Phi K \Psi$  is found, may be longer, and shall be more than satisfied if they are found in as good condition. So much for the figures—hereafter the SHIELD may have something to say of the philosophy of that Paradise of the college wit, that Tartarus of the college crank—the annual magazine.

E. C. L.



## Ohio Alpha's Record.

Ohio Alpha's Record is a handsome book of 216 pages, well printed on excellent paper. Typographically, the work could hardly have been more nicely done, and the editors showed good taste in arrangement. It was compiled and edited by W. H. Gamble, '88, Registrar of the chapter, and E. M. Van Cleve, '86, and printed by Nitschke Brothers, of Columbus, Ohio. The proof was carefully read and the press work was first class. The dedication is simply "To the Chapter." It wears a brown cloth binding, with the title stamped in gold letters on the cover, while on the back, likewise in gold, we read, "Ohio Alpha, Phi Kappa Psi, Gamble, Van Cleve, O. W. U., 1885," and it makes as attractive an appearance as one could wish. Typographically it is perfect.

There are three very neat illustrations. The frontispiece is a sketch of "The University Buildings," stretching across a pleasant campus. The second is of the latest addition to their buildings. This is an imposing three-story stone structure called Merrick Hall, in honor, I believe, of a prominent Professor. The last is of Monnett Hall, the young ladies' department. This is a spacious edifice with towers and cupolas. The illustrations add much to the book.

The editors shall speak for themselves as to its preparation:

It is twenty-five years since the founding of Ohio Alpha Chapter, and her history comprises the record of the deeds of men whose names are honored in public and private life, men whose young manhood was part of the Ohio Alpha's infancy, men who have honored themselves, and thereby honored her.

The propriety of a record of the lives of her members was suggested in the early part of the fall term of the College year 1884-85, and a Registrar was appointed who should collect and copy into the Special Register short biographies of each of the chapter's alumni.

The work was begun, and at first met with little success, but, obeying instructions, the officer whose duty it was continued his correspondence until the beginning of the spring term, when it was suggested that the matter be made into a book.

The Registrar, together with his room-mate, at once began earnest work, and in a few weeks were rewarded by many communications from their correspondents, though not to the number expected or hoped for. Comparatively few answered the first call, and a second and third, and finally a fourth request was made, and at this point the work rested.

In compiling this record we have labored under peculiar difficulties; first, in obtaining sufficient material wherewith to write the biographies; second, in not being able to devote as much time to the work as would be necessary to the accomplishment of a more nearly perfect production; third, in presenting what material we have been able to obtain in a form both readable and unstatistical; and fourth, in publishing at a reasonable price a substantial and presentable book, having so few subscribers.

As will be seen, much of our work has not escaped the fault of being statistical, and almost wholly so, do what we would to obviate this difficulty. The reason will be evident, however, to one who has ever undertaken a like work, and if it is remembered

that the work has been done by college boys in the very midst of duties absolutely imperative, and among other troubles which seemed to make the appearance of this book of very dubious prospect. But it is still a matter of self-congratulation that Ohio Alpha can possess a record of two-thirds of its members at least, in however crude a form it may be compiled.

The editors present this book to the Alumni of their chapter, hoping that it will be received as it is intended, a start toward a future perfection.

After four months of patient labor, with all the numerous drawbacks consequent on the appearance of a work of this kind, the manuscript was placed in the hands of the printer. We do not wish to apologize for this work, it is only that the circumstances may be thoroughly understood under which it is written, and whatever the work is worth we cheerfully ascribe to Ohio Alpha.

Mr. Orville E. Watson, '82, has been very kind in furnishing us the poem, which appears first. To James M. De Camp, of '69, we are indebted for the very interesting article upon "Ohio Alpha's Infancy," and the history is the work of C. L. Van Cleve, '79, appointed Historian for the Chapter.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, DELAWARE, O., Sept. 1, 1885.

W. H. G.,  
E. M. V-C.

The book opens with a "Song of Phi Kappa Psi," by Orville E. Watson, who graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1882. Brother Watson has already achieved no mean reputation as a poet and story-writer, and the "Song" is well worthy of him. I wish I could quote it all, just as it was written for the annual June banquet, when Mr. Watson was a Sophomore.

Oh, college paths, where yet we feel the dew  
Upon the time-worn ways that still are new;  
Oh, college world, where first we fully wake,  
And, with the solemn sky still full of stars,  
Look out across the red horizon bars  
To see the dim and dappled morning break;  
Where far o'er shadowy wood and misty fell,  
And wastes of intervening ages, swell  
The seven Roman hills in dim outline,  
And rise against the kindling gray of dawn,  
The dark Acropolis and Parthenon,  
While in the moving mists below them shine,  
In serried ranks, the glittering points of spears,  
That prick the purple vapors of the years.  
And dimmer still, oh, city reft of joy,  
And darkly veiled in doom, and wed to woe,  
With fearful gaze upon the plain below,  
Arise thy lofty walls, oh, leagured Troy!  
And fainter still, in flush of morning pale,  
There glimmers on the sight the Trojan sail  
Afar upon the dusky Tuscan sea.

The refrain of each verse is very musical.

Sweet as clover after rain,  
Sweet as slumber after pain,  
By-gone thoughts will thrill again,  
Catch the breath and fill the eye;  
Bonds of youth are hard to sever,  
Bonds of love will bind forever,  
Bind us fast, Phi Kappa Psi.

Brows that burn with care and fret,  
Eyes all dim with vain regret,  
Let the weeping hours forget  
That the flowers were born to die;

Bonds of joy are hard to sever,  
Bonds of love will bind forever,  
Bind us fast, Phi Kappa Psi.

Sweet as hope to those who weep  
Like a summer sail asleep  
Far upon the drowsy deep,  
Gleam the thoughts of days gone by;  
Bonds of youth are hard to sever,  
Heart of love will beat forever,  
Bind us fast, Phi Kappa Psi.

The last verse has all the witchery of an old song.

It may not be for us, Commencement Day,  
And not for us that wedding bells will ring,  
And not for us that sweet Content will sing;  
Our ships may far at sea be cast away;  
Our swords may rust undrawn within the sheath,  
And fame forget to weave for us a wreath.

But, oh, when in the dusky land at eve,  
The weary Years take up their scythes and slow  
Across the stubble-fields of memory go,

Up thro' the twilight soft and gray, and leave  
Beneath the wings of dusk their sheaves of corn  
For other hands to gather in at morn,

Oh, then we'll see again this night in June,  
Where pleasure walks the sward, and music drifts  
Thro' glancing lights, till midnight wakes and lifts

Above the dark the eye of a rising moon.  
It waves a beckoning hand, and the swift night flees  
The smooth and polished grooves of time along,  
And moonlight sifts thro' silent campus trees,  
That hear afar the beat of a banquet song.

Drink on the fateful future's brink,  
Drink to friendship's magic link,  
Drink to the lavender and pink!  
Fill the blushing goblet high!  
May the rushing college river  
Bear thee on in peace forever—  
Here's to thee, Phi Kappa Psi.

The fact that the "History of Ohio Alpha" was written by Professor C. L. Van Cleve, the former editor of *THE SHIELD*, is evidence enough of its excellence. It is thorough and well written. In a future issue *THE SHIELD* will republish it in full. Van Cleve gives Charles W. Breyfogle, John W. Peters and Luther M. Buchwalter as the originators of the movement. They organized January 12, 1861, when H. P. Hall, H. R. Gwynn, John S. Jones and Breyfogle were initiated. Breyfogle had been a Phi Delta Theta, but resigned because of dissatisfaction. Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi preceded Phi Kappa Psi. The sketch gives an account of a terrific struggle with the anti-Greek element, and a list of Ohio Alpha's delegates to Grand Arch Councils. Ohio Alpha men founded the N. Y. Alpha, Iowa Alpha, and California Alpha chapters. The chapter also sent delegates to establish Ohio Beta and Delta, Indiana Alpha and Michigan Alpha. Says Mr. Van Cleve:

The three literary societies of the O. W. U. have afforded the principal means of achieving college honors, on the occasion of their annual anniversaries, and it is safe to say that no other fraternity represented at all has carried off so many and so brilliant honors as has the Phi Kappa Psi.

Brother James M. De Camp, '69, has written a very readable sketch of "Ohio Alpha's Infancy." Hereafter it will appear in *THE SHIELD*. He closes with :

The influence of those early Phi Kappas was strong in the line of moral development. I often feel thankful for the bias given my life and thoughts by the early association of those pure and honorable men. There were good men in other societies, but the whole tone and literary culture of the Phi Psis was pre-eminently and thoroughly good.

I heartily believe in college fraternities as the Phi Kappas are conducted. I believe in early choosing the best men, keeping the standard so high that it will be difficult to find more than twelve or fifteen who will be perfectly congenial to each other. Don't go for numbers, but for quality, in mind and morals, which is the highest kind of aristocracy. Other colleges may count much on their prestige, and wealth, and antiquity. It is the crowning glory of our institution that it develops the moral character of her students, educates the conscience, the courage, the manly parts of her young men. This is the spirit and essence of our fraternity. It was on this high plane that our founders moved. It is along these lines that this chapter will continue and deserve to prosper.

An article by Congressman Samuel R. Peters appeared in the October *SHIELD* on "Ohio Alpha Reminiscences." It re-appears in this book, and is decidedly interesting. In last June's *SHIELD* a chapter article by E. M. Van Cleve gave a review of last year's work. This is republished as a fitting conclusion.

The greater portion of the book is devoted to Biographical Sketches of all the members. A most valuable feature is the Index, which refers to every one of the 244 men Ohio Alpha has enrolled. The Biographical Sketches open with: "On January 12th, 1861, the Ohio Alpha Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, was founded by the initiation of C. W. Breyfogle, H. P. Hall, H. R. Gwynn, and J. S. Jones. The service was conducted by George P. Wilson, of Pennsylvania Gamma." Wilson was lately Attorney General of Minnesota. There is a short list of honorary members, including Theodore Tilton and Gen. John Beatty, ex-Congressman. Most of these are graduates of O. W. U., initiated in after years. A strong prejudice in the Faculty against secret societies resulted in the initiation of several professors as a guarantee of trustworthiness.

Among the regular initiates are Governor Joseph B. Foraker, General John S. Jones, ex-Congressman from Ohio, Congressman Peters of Kansas, Judge M. L. Buchwalter of Cincinnati, Capt. John P. Rea of Minneapolis, Minn., Hon. Thomas W. Spence of Wisconsin. Governor Foraker is of national reputation, and it is not improbable that he will be the candidate of his party for President in '88. A long list of college professors opens with John W. White, of Harvard, one of the most distinguished and learned Greek scholars in the world. Prof. Amos E. Dolbear, of Tufts, is well known as one of the telephone inventors, and ranks very high in his department. Merriman, of Rutgers, and formerly of Michigan, Sears, of West Point,

Davies, Nelson and Merrick, of O. W. U., with many others, form a noble galaxy of learned men.

But among them all, one's heart goes out to the two gallant boys who marched away from their fraternity hall a quarter of a century ago, to die on the field of honor. First Lieut. Frank Woods fell at the grim struggle of Chickamauga, and Captain Luther Buchwalter died under the frowning shadows of Lookout Mountain, mortally wounded at the head of his company. Nothing could be more touching than Peters' little sketch of the midnight tent talk of Buchwalter and himself about the death of Woods, of which they had just heard, and the sad death wound of two hours later. Ohio Alpha sacrificed the flower of her young chapter on the field of battle, and the memory should lend a touch of tenderest remembrance to all her associations.

Ohio Alpha is and always has been a first-class chapter, the editors were equal to their task, they had a magnificent opportunity and much to say. Their work is well done. The book is an honor to an honored chapter, and I trust that others will remember that this is the first book of the kind ever published by any fraternity chapter, and sets an example for others of Phi Kappa Psi. Live up to your opportunities, gentlemen.



## The Areopagus.

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### DELEGATES TO THE G. A. C.

The coming meeting of our G. A. C. at Indianapolis should be a matter of great interest to every loyal Phi Psi. Every Brother should spend some portion of his time during the intervening days and weeks in propagating thoughts and theories, plans and policies in regard to those vital questions which that body will be called upon to decide. The committees which have special work assigned them, should see that everything is completed at the proper time, and the Indiana Chapters should immediately prepare for the reception of the G. A. C. in their State.

The present year will prove an epoch in our history, for the words, change and progress can be felt in the throbbing heart of our masses. We are preparing a new catalogue, firmly establishing our journal, and contemplating a change in our system of government. Such matters as these will present themselves to our next G. A. C., and it should be composed of men of more than ordinary ability.

Our chapters should in a short time begin to select their representatives, and a word for the consideration of all before they vote, may not be amiss.

Who should our delegates be?

First, they should be men of brains. That is, they should have strong, statesmen-like heads, be noted for their keen perception, great intellectual abilities and broad mental capacities. Their intellects should be of a political and law-making nature—above and beyond that class which centers all its brain force in the acquirement of knowledge as to the best style of pants and the proper adjustment of neckties. And in addition to such intellectual abilities, they should be men filled with such fire, enthusiasm and love for Phi Kappa Psi as will lead them to take great interest in the work, and not discharge their duties as mere formal machines.

In the second place, they should be fraternity men. The ignorance of college men in respect to other fraternities, is painfully prominent in our fraternity as well as others; but in every chapter there may be found some one or two men who have made a study of all fraternities. These are the men for delegates.

Brothers, work hard, and fill our G. A. C. with such brothers as these (both from your alumni and your active members), and you will see their brains and education shining and glittering like golden threads through all their legislative acts. Our policies will be strong and victory will be ours.

Faternally yours,

ALUMNUS.

MIAMI.

The following will be of interest to Ohio  $\Phi$   $\Kappa$   $\Psi$ s, at least:

MIAMI MEDICAL COLLEGE,  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, Nov. 1, 1885.

I understand that at present about sixty students are in attendance at Miami. Phi Delta Theta revived their chapter there in September, with eight charter members. It is reported that Beta Theta Pi also attempted to revive her chapter, but failed. The revival of the college is an experiment. Its success depends on the financial backing it can get. The college only has an income of about \$5,000 per annum. It labors under the disadvantage that it is neither a denominational school nor supported by the State. Delaware really killed it ten years ago. Delaware is gradually killing others at present; and Wooster will soon cause Marietta to close her doors.

If I can do any thing for THE SHIELD at any time, please let me know.

Yours fraternally,

WM. M. SEMANS.

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J. M. MILLS.

SPENCER, IND., November 10, 1885.

DEAR SHIELD.—Your notice of Brother J. M. Mills' death causes me personal sadness, and revives some memories of the founding of Wisconsin Alpha. In 1875, the Inter-State Oratorical Contest took place in Indianapolis. Indiana Beta furnished the contestant for Indiana, Brother W. J. McLeod.

I was a delegate to the business convention. Our chapter had been planning for Wisconsin Alpha, and some correspondence had become a matter of record. Brother Mills was known to be the representative from Wisconsin, and from Madison. Our plans were soon formed.

In Indianapolis I met Brother Mills and brought him into association with our boys from Crawfordsville, Greencastle and Bloomington. In connection with Nat. U. Hill, of Indiana Beta, I heard Brother Mills describe the condition of fraternities in Wisconsin University, and the chances of success for another.

He did not win the prize in the contest. But when he started home, he had given us a half-dozen names of good students, and had promised to organize for Wisconsin Alpha. With many hindrances, the work was delayed till the next college year; but finally the charter was secured, and Indiana Beta sent Brother Hill to initiate the men of Wisconsin. In absence of some technical authority, they were initiated as members of Indiana Beta in 1875.

This letter is to call to mind the patient and earnest work of Brother Mills through a full year to secure the charter of Wisconsin Alpha.

Though we saw him but two days at Indianapolis, we were all strongly

drawn toward him as an earnest and able young man. After ten years comes the report of his death. It necessarily takes the mind back to that first meeting in the Hoosier capital.

These memories are pleasant to me, for members of Indiana Beta feel that Wisconsin is our god-child, and Brother Mills its head.

Success to you in  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,

SAMUEL E. HARWOOD.

#### REVISION.

The "five sleepers" composing the Revision Committee, will endeavor to wake up in time to present their report at Indianapolis. It may possibly be found, however, that the members of the fraternity-at-large have gone to sleep on this question, relying upon the vigilance and industry of the committee to solve the problem for them.

At the Columbus Council a general discussion, through the columns of *THE SHIELD*, was requested, and urged by the committee. Most of the points of reform alleged to be necessary, were argued before the committee if not in open council. On a majority of these the fraternity seemed to be practically a unit. The evils are apparent; the remedy, in a general way, is also apparent; but the exact method of applying the remedy is perhaps not so easily defined. To point out specific evils, to prescribe specific remedies and the exact method of their application—these constitute the difficulty and drudgery of the work, and were the points of failure in the deliberations of the G. A. C. Much of the minutiae cannot be discussed in the columns of *THE SHIELD* with propriety or profit, but we would invite correspondence with any member of the committee on matters of this character, leaving those of more general scope for public discussion.

The new government should possess the elements of simplicity, directness and strength; no finely adjusted complication, no wheels run by the bands of fraternal love, no sentimental machine—but one "born to command" and be obeyed. I have read with great interest the papers already published on constitutional questions, and hope to see a more general consideration in the future. Personally, as a member of the committee, I do not wish to enter into a discussion of the various debateable points, but would rather listen and learn.

W. C. WILSON.

Cleveland, Nov. 6.

## Editorial.

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THE SHIELD is published monthly at \$1.00 per year. All Phi Kappa Psis are requested to contribute items of interest.

THE Grand Catalogue Committee is having excellent success. We thank its members for much valuable information. It is to be hoped that their requests and questions will meet with the prompt replies they deserve. The work they have in hand is a most important one, they are evincing an interest in it that shows them to be the right men in the proper place, and they should be given every possible aid.

WE rejoice in the establishment of the Alumni Chapter at Washington. Phi Kappa Psi has always had a large membership in the national capital, and the Columbian College boys deserve much credit for the energy they have manifested in uniting them. The Alumni begin most auspiciously, and will have a hall which they will share with the local chapter. The SHIELD will have a full account of the organization and establishment of D. C. Beta, which we sincerely believe will become one of the most valuable features of our fraternity.

THE committee on Revision of Constitution met at Chautauqua in July, will meet at Columbus in December, and at Indianapolis next May, before the Council assembles. The committee is wide awake to their work, and will be on hand with a constitution thoroughly adapted to the needs of Phi Kappa Psi. Meanwhile they would be glad to see the subject discussed through the columns of THE SHIELD, as they are perhaps, a little of the opinion that it is the fraternity which sleeps, not the committee. If you have any ideas on revision, we trust the Areopagus will hear from you.

WE desire to call the attention of the Fraternity to the desirability of erecting a monument over the tomb of Dr. Letterman. This should have been attended to long ago, and we shall speak of it at greater length next month.

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WE have a copy of every SHIELD that has been issued except that of April, 1881, Vol. II, No. 8. We were out of college that year, and did not receive them very regularly, hence the loss. Except one for which we are under many obligations to C. L. Van Cleve, and one which we owe to the kindness of Frank C. Thompson, of Topeka, those we have were received as a paying subscriber, which the writer has been since THE SHIELD began its course in 1879. For this reason and because our's is probably the only file west of the Mississippi, we are anxious to make it complete. We will pay liberally for a copy of April, 1881, or will give in exchange almost any number desired, as we have many duplicates. The number wished is one of the old newspaper style.

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THE healthy tone of our chapter reports indicates that the year has opened in a most auspicious manner for  $\Phi K \Psi$ . New York Delta, which labored under difficulties last year, is now in a most prosperous condition. Ohio Gamma has regained its once lost ground. But perhaps the most encouraging feature is the decided improvement in Old Virginia. The Virginian colleges are so old and so honored that they have been entered by a large number of fraternities—more than they could properly support, perhaps—as a consequence it is probably harder for a chapter to flourish there than in any other State. The University of Virginia chapters have always been sustained in a large measure by transfers from other institutions of men who came to do advanced work, and initiations have not been very numerous. Virginia Alpha has always been a good chapter, but we cannot fail to be especially pleased with the vitality shown this year. The second of our chapters, and the child of Father Moore, we are all glad to note her prosperity. Virginia Beta was the third chapter of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , and has a most honored record. Last year, however, one lonesome member finished the year in solitude, but the chapter opens this year with a larger membership than has any other fraternity at Washington and Lee. THE SHIELD congratulates Virginia Phi Kappa Psi.

## Chapter Letters.

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### CORNELL.

The University opens this fall with a large entering class and a total of six hundred and twelve students. This is a larger number than we ever had before. Sad as was the unexpected resignation of President White, it is gratifying to know that such a competent man as Charles K. Adams was chosen as his successor. Already our new President has created a good impression, and has made many warm friends among the professors and students. His formal inauguration will take place on the 19th inst. Brother Frankenheimer as President of the Alumni, is expected to deliver an address upon the occasion. Among the important additions to our faculty, is that of Prof. Thurston, formerly of Stevens Institute, as Dean of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. He is introducing many new features here, and is continually making changes for the better. Brother Frank H. Hodder, '83, (Michigan Alpha) is here this year as Instructor in History and Political Science. We enjoy his company very much, and learn from him a great deal about fraternity life in general, as well as many interesting facts concerning our sister chapters.

The news of Brother Foraker's election was especially gratifying to us, as he was a Cornell graduate, and one of the founders of our chapter. The professors and students showed their appreciation of his success by holding a mass meeting for the purpose of sending him congratulatory resolutions. Some very flattering speeches were made by those who were acquainted with him when he was in the University. We certainly have good reason to feel proud of our worthy brother.

Considerable excitement was caused by the resignation from the Delta Upsilon society of one of the prominent members of the Senior class, and his subsequent initiation into the Kappa Alpha fraternity. It is difficult to imagine two chapters which differ more widely in their whole make-up than do these two.

Since you last heard from us, we have initiated two new members, Brother M. C. W. Wheeler, '87, and Brother M. G. Menocal, '88. Brother Wheeler received the Silby prize in Mechanic Arts last year. We expect to have another initiation within a week or so, several men being already pledged. Our chapter was well represented on last year's Commencement program. Four of the seven speakers were fraternity men, and one of these was a Phi Psi. The theses of three of our five graduates received honorable mention, while Brother Bickford received honors for general excellence.

Brother Falkenau having succeeded in obtaining a Fellowship in Literature, is with us again this year. Although we commenced work this fall with only one-half of our original members back, the prospect for a successful year is excellent.

S. RYDER.

Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 13, 1885.

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FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Excuse us, dear SHIELD,, but we can't help but feel a trifle nervous just at this moment; the words, by no means sugar-coated, of a certain recent editorial are fresh in our memory, giving us an indescribable feeling of guilt (original sin), as we make our first effort to write a Chapter Letter.

Penna. Eta has three new sons to introduce: Will R. Peters. Harry Apple and Bert Bauman. They are all ministers' sons, but we think we can safely say they are exceptions to the rule. Brother Apple is a son of our worthy President, Dr. Thomas G. Apple, and a brother to our Brothers in Phi Psi, Jno. N. Apple, '74, and William N. Apple, '78. Brother Bauman is also accustomed to a Phi Psi atmosphere, having been preceded in the family by the loyal Phi Psis, "Dodge" Bauman, '80, and J. Nevin Bauman, '83. The other fraternities have also made creditable additions.

The Junior class recently held an election for the editors of the *Ori-flamme*, our college Annual. Of the nine men elected, there were two non-frats., one Delta Tau Delta, two Phi Kappa Sigmas, and four Phi Kappa Psis, including the editor-in-chief. Brother Peters, who was elected one of the editors, was obliged, through reasons which it is unnecessary to explain, to resign his position, and a Chi Phi was elected to fill the vacancy. But in such esteem was Brother "Pete" held by the boys, that the staff, at their first meeting, elected him "consulting editor."

We have learned during the past week that Delta Tau Delta has withdrawn her charter from chapter Tau, at this institution. This is a thorough surprise to us, as the chapter, to all outward appearances, was in an excellent condition. It is composed of eleven men, and men whom we have always recognized as manly and generous rivals. The chapter intends to sever all connections with Delta Tau Delta.

Prof. J. E. Kershner, the head of our Mathematical Department, has had the degree of Doctor of Philosophy conferred upon him by Yale College. Our professors may now all be addressed by the title "Dr." The college observatory is nearly completed—it wants nothing but the dome.

A. H. ROTHERMEL.

## HOBART.

Owing to our long silence you doubtless thought us to be somewhat backward this year. Such is not by any means the case. N. Y. Delta is certainly in a vigorous condition. Last May three new members, H. T. Morrison, '86; G. W. O'Brien, '88, and C. A. Smith, '88, were taken in, making our number six. This year there was considerable good material in the Freshman class, and the "rushing" was unusually vigorous. Five of the old members returned, and we have succeeded in adding six more worthy brothers, who swell our number to eleven. Let me introduce to you E. S. J. Grimke, W. E. Morrison, A. L. Mowry, H. Pegram, R. H. Coatsworth, '89, and C. D. Beam, '81. Brother Beam is taking a post-graduate course, and at the same time is studying law in the office of his uncle, Major J. E. Beam. We have a fine suite of rooms, occupying the entire third floor in the Nares Block. They are furnished in a style second to none, and are admirably located as regards the view and convenience. Besides these, we have a fraternity parlor in Trinity Hall, at the College, nicely furnished, where we while away many a leisure hour pleasantly.

Several important improvements have been made at Hobart. A new library building has been erected and will be ready for use about June 1. Seven hundred dollars has been raised for the purpose of grading and improving the campus. The work is now in active operation, and a ball ground and tennis court will be laid out. A gymnasium and bath-room are also to be added, and perhaps another dormitory hall. Hobart has taken a decided "brace," and we feel that this will certainly have an encouraging effect on our chapter.

Φ K Ψ is well represented in the various athletic associations, base ball, navy, and polo, and is able to hold her own in scholarship against any of her rivals.

At present the fraternities are divided as follows among the different classes:

	Post Grad.	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	
Σ Φ	0	0	2	3	4	9
K A	0	2	5	4	7	18
Θ Δ X	0	2	4	2	6	14
Φ K Ψ	1	2	1	2	5	11

In the College election we secured the presidency of the Sophomore class, and a good representation in the other classes, the different athletic associations, and the editorial board of the *Hobart Herald*.

With best wishes for the SHIELD,

GEO. W. O'BRIEN.

## PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania Epsilon sends greeting to all the chapters and best wishes for a prosperous year. College opened under encouraging circumstances, and with bright prospects for a future more successful than the past. Renewed energy and vitality have regained a general interest, which by proper influence, it is hoped, will be disseminated more widely than ever before. The attendance of new students being large, offered good material for fraternity use, which has brought into play the most strenuous efforts of the various chapters. Fraternity spirit increased on a rapid scale with intense enthusiasm, but has now calmly quieted down to congenial intercourse. We have taken our pick, and have no others in contemplation at present. We have recently initiated Brothers F. G. Gotwald, of York, Pa.; J. F. Dapp, V. A. Fager and C. B. Fager, of Harrisburg, Pa. They are our first choice, and have the promise of making loyal Phi Psis. Our chapter numbers thirteen active members.

Epsilon has had the pleasure of entertaining a few Phi Psi visitors. Brother Meeser, Pa. F., spent a day and night with us. He is a whole-soul Phi Psi, and it will do any one good to meet him. Brother Thomas, Pa. I, one of the party on the fall trip of the Tally Ho coach, "Yellow Jacket," spent a night in Gettysburg. He is a warm Phi Psi and a jolly companion. Brother Geo. D. Gotwald made us a flying visit while home, and Brothers Hoover and Brenner spent a few days with us while on their way to Yale. Glad to see them all, and only regret that they could not spend more time with us. A social meeting of strange Phi Psis infuses new life into a chapter, and we extend to all who may chance to cross our way, a hearty welcome.

Our boys are considering the project of furnishing our chapter house. We expect to furnish by degrees, and purchase nothing but the very best goods. Brother G. D. Gotwald made several good investigations for us, which will enable us to buy first-class furniture suitable for our hall at very reasonable rates. Many thanks to him for his unswerving interest in Epsilon. Our Commencement last June was a success. The weather was pleasant, and the many visitors hugely enjoyed the many pleasures the occasion afforded. Brother Brenner's valedictory won for him many comments of highest praise. Our chapter had no reunion, but we intend to give our alumni a more inviting reception next June than we have done in the several years past.

D. C. R. MILLER.

## ALLEGHENY.

We make haste to do the bidding of our beloved SHIELD and send in our contribution for the December number. At last we have a paper that we can support with pride. Any request it makes of Pa. Beta will receive prompt attention. If any one of our brothers of the class of '85 were to look in upon us at the present time they would find us in our new hall; they would see some new faces and would miss some old ones. Our first and very pleasant duty would be to introduce Brother M. E. Blystone, '87, of Jamestown, N. Y.; Brother W. H. Corrin, '88, of Franklin, Pa.; and Brother McCreary, '89, of Olean, N. Y. After they had given their eyes a feast upon the manifold beauties of our new hall they would, no doubt, be thoughtful enough to ask why Clark and Orr and Bole were not around to the meeting? Then would come a duty not so pleasant. With tears in our — wherever you keep tears — we would say that Clark and Orr had deserted us; Orr having gone to Washington and Jefferson College, and Clark having left Allegheny for Ohio Wesleyan University. They are guileless youths, and we hope Pennsylvania Alpha and Ohio Alpha will keep them as pure and spotless as they receive them from us. Bole has been laid up all term with inflammatory rheumatism, but will be able to be out, we are glad to say, in a week or so.

The  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ s started in this year with eight men;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  with nine, and  $A T \Delta$  with two. Each fraternity has initiated three or four men and all may be said to be in a good condition. We have had an unusually good set of students to pick from.

College opened with 235 students, of whom fifty are young ladies. Two new professors are added to the faculty, Prof. W. G. Williams, professor of Ethics, and Rev. T. N. Luckcock, professor of Mathematics. Also a new course is added — a Civil Engineering course. We take pride in welcoming these improvements in our College.

R. G. BOLE.

## COLUMBIAN.

As we had our say last month, we will make this short and sweet. We commence the year with only four, but we will soon double our number, and then gradually increase till we have a goodly number. Our boys are enthusiastic and intend to liven things up this winter. We expect to occupy a suite of rooms with B., and every Phi Psi who doesn't call on us while in our city, will be "bounced" D. C. B is only a matter of a week or so. The conditions for taking up the charter have been complied with. Their numbers are encouraging, and their spirit still more so. Only the installation ceremonies, settling in good quarters, and D. C. B will be a fixture in  $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ . Hail to the new star in the east!

I desire to speak of a plate for stamping stationery made, by our order, by Bailey, Banks & Biddle. It consists of a *fac simile* of the B. B. and B. badge No. 13, surrounded by a network of concentric circles.

We consider it the neatest and handsomest design yet for our stationery.

I am requested to bring to your notice the question of official certificates of membership. We favor them, and would like to see the matter taken up. I would like to inquire the addresses of Judge Moore and Mrs. Letterman. With best wishes for the several chapters and THE SHIELD.

J. E. CHRISTY.

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WASHINGTON AND LEE.

As Virginia Beta has not been represented in THE SHIELD in either of the former numbers this year, we take pleasure in giving a short account of her life up to the present time. Like every thing else, Virginia Beta has had her ups and downs, her bright days and her dark days, and the latter part of last session, by a singular train of coincidences, nearly all of our boys left college, and it seemed as though the fates were against us; but this session we were so fortunate as to have five of our old men return. Filled with enthusiasm and love for the old chapter, and with that energy and unity of purpose, through which one can always perceive success from afar, we went to work, and as a result, we are now eight. Three new men, perhaps, may seem to some a small number, but if we could only have the fraternity to give them the grip, we feel assured that all true  $\Phi \Psi$ s would be proud to own them as their brothers. And now rise and receive these new Brothers: M. Billin, Shreveport, La.; E. L. McGowan, Memphis, Tenn.; and H. W. Eggleston, Brooklyn, N. Y.

All the fraternities here seemed to have been particularly unfortunate this year in the loss of old men, and as a better class of new men entered college this year than usual, consequently there was a *mighty rushing* during the first month, indeed it has scarcely ceased yet. We have now three more men than any other fraternity in the University, and we consider the chapter to be standing on firmer ground than it has done for eight years. We have procured a new hall and have it nicely furnished, and we always look forward to our regular meetings with much pleasure.

Our election of officers at a previous meeting resulted as follows: For G. P., J. W. W. Bias, P.; P. L. Randolph, Ph.; H. W. Eggleston, A. G.; H. D. Irwin, H.; L. W. Irwin.

Our chapter seems to be ratifying the G. A. Council's choice of Jeweler, Mr. D. L. Auld, in a substantial way, as he now has an order for five badges, and all handsome—three pearl and two pearl and diamond. We have two new professors in our faculty this year: Dr. J. P. Strider, late of Atlanta, Ga., who fills the chair of Moral Philosophy, left vacant last year by the death of Dr. Kirkpatrick, and Mr. D. C. Humphreys, of Ohio, Professor of Applied Mathematics. Dr. Strider is a  $\Phi \Psi$ , and one of Virginia Beta's sons, and we, with just pride, point to him as one of many of her fair sons who have done honor to themselves and honor to their fraternity.

Within the past few years W. and L. U. has been the recipient of several no mean gifts, in the way of additions to her library, bonds, &c., and now her assets are estimated at considerably over a million dollars. Her high standard of scholarship and her facilities for training young men, make her deserving of more students than she has; but unfortunately for the institution, the professors seem to care very little whether they have few or many students—seeming to act on the principle that to ask a man to attend the University would be detracting from their dignity as professors. More anon.

J. W. W. BIAS.

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COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Our College opened so late (October 6) that we were not able to get a letter in either of the last two numbers, and we fear we are rather tardy in wishing all the Chapters and the SHIELD a prosperous and successful year, but we believe "better late than never." We opened the year with eight men all full of enthusiasm and determination to do our best work for old Phi Psi. As a result of our labors I now have the pleasure of introducing to the fraternity four new brothers: W. S. Blakeney, of White Plain, S. C.; G. E. Shand, of Columbia, S. C.; W. R. Cathcart, Jr., of Columbia, S. C., and P. I. Harrington, of Cheraw, S. C. These brothers have fully imbibed the noble principles of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , and are ready to aid us in our endeavors to place the Lavender and Pink banner among the foremost in South Carolina College. We all felt very much grieved and discouraged when we heard of Brother Stuart's death, last summer, as he was one of the truest and most enthusiastic of Phi Psis, and it will be very hard to fill his place. Brother Butler, the only other one of our original number who is not back, is studying law at present. We had our picture taken last June, and would like very much to exchange with some of the other chapters. Brother Blakeney made the hundredth man that South Carolina Alpha has initiated, and with Brothers Shand, Cathcart and Harrington, we started our second "century" of members, and if we do as well every year, we have nothing to fear for the future.

J. H. McLURE.

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OHIO WESLEYAN.

In the first place, Brother Editors, Ohio Alpha reports one of those delightful times with Brother Bob Burdette. A description is out of the question as much as it is, perhaps, uncalled for, inasmuch as the story will be a repetition of that of the other chapters, which our Brother has visited. But briefly, Brother Burdette lectured in Delaware on "The Pilgrimage of a Funny Man," on October 20. After the lecture twenty-four of us, comprising Ohio Delta boys to the number of four, and our chapter, with the several alumni in the city, sat down to a "feed," as the hero of the occasion called it. Your correspondent had the honor of sitting beside the guest during the

midnight festivities, which he says are as delightful to him as they are to the "boys." After the banquet we adjourned to our hall, where Brothers Burdette, John Williams White, of Harvard, and R. E. Hills, of Delaware, entertained us until 2 o'clock in the morning, when we bade our visitor good night. Brother Burdette completely won our hearts, not only by his exquisite humor, but also by his good and sensible advice. We were delighted to have Professor White with us, for he is, as Brother Burdette said, one of the readiest and best talkers he had ever heard. Besides that, the meeting awakened in our resident alumni a more intimate knowledge of our chapter. By the way Bro. White is spending his year of leave from Harvard in this city. I am taken to task by our boys for my negligence in omitting to introduce to the fraternity at large the brothers whom we initiated last commencement, the oversight being entirely unintentional. Brothers C. C. Roberts, H. M. Seamans, and G. A. Harrop, all of '89, make their bow. Brother Harrop is not in college this term, but came from Bucyrus to attend the Burdette banquet, and will be in college next term.

Brother Frank Deere, of the Xenia Twine and Cordage Company, and Brother Frank Monnett, a rising young lawyer of Bucyrus, Ohio, visited us lately. Brother Monnett is on the committee for constitution, and gave us an interesting talk on that subject. Brother B. M. Allison and myself had a delightful visit with Ohio Delta last Saturday, and came home with flattering opinions of our sister chapter at Columbus.

Nothing new is going on in the Greek Circle. There are seventy fraternity men in college, and the best of feeling prevails among the six fraternities represented here. But a time was had in the college proper. We have a rule against theater-going, but nevertheless a goodly number of students went to hear Frederick Ward play Richard III, October 20. On the Wednesday following the long roll was called, and each one was to answer "yes," or "no," as to whether he had attended the theater. Sixty-three answered "yes," and Tuesday night last all were suspended. All but the Seniors who had ranked up, had the privilege of again entering college by signing an iron-clad pledge. The Seniors, eight in number, were suspended until next term, when they can enter by being examined and signing the pledge mentioned above. All the under-classmen but three signed the pledge, and the Seniors — well, they went home. Five of the Seniors suspended are on the College Transcript, and one is on for the Oratorical Contest. The affair created great excitement and varied criticisms.

E. M. VAN CLEVE.

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#### INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

First it seems proper to state briefly the outlook for the University, since its growth is necessary for a continued advancement of its fraternity organizations. Though its progress has been checked by fire, bad management and sectional prejudices, yet it has steadily advanced. Three new

buildings have been built, the old University building being used as a Preparatory Department. Under our present energetic President, Dr. Jordan, everything is moving as regularly as clock work. Under his regime the elective system has been introduced on quite an extensive scale, giving complete satisfaction. The third obstacle to its progress is rapidly dying out, and the University is becoming more endeared to the citizens of Indiana. The prospect of the University was never better than it is to-day. This with equal truth I can say for Beta chapter of  $\Phi K \Psi$  fraternity.

Beta chapter stands high both in the class-room and in the literary societies. In literary work no fraternity in this college can point to as many brilliant victories as adorn the record of  $\Phi K \Psi$  here.

However, in this letter we do not wish it to appear that we are so proudly independent or so exceedingly arrogant as to ignore the standing of other fraternities. In our frequent battles in the societies and in the Oratorical Association, we are often forced to call upon Brother Sims to invoke the powers that be, and administer a scathing rebuke, upon Brother Fitch to convince his hearers by logic, and upon Brother McCormick to soften the passions of friend and foe by his conciliatory tones.

Before proceeding to a more direct statement of our standing, I wish to introduce to the Brothers of  $\Phi K \Psi$  at large, Brothers McNeal, Mussett, Golden, Monroe, Powell, Mutz and Rhodes.

The relative standing of the several fraternities here as regards numbers, is as follows:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 13;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 11;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 14;  $\Sigma X$ , 14;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 18.

In Athenian Society we hold the following positions: Contest Orator, Response to Valedictory, one Spring Speaker. In Philonethen Society the following positions: Valedictorian, Response to Valedictory, Contest Orator, one Spring Speaker.

Socially,  $\Phi K \Psi$  is easily first. Realizing the powers that form a man,  $\Phi K \Psi$  endeavors to combine social grace with a developed mind. In this letter justice has not been done Beta Chapter, nor could I in so short a space. Beta is a living, active power, unexcelled, and we fondly believe unequalled.

T. D. LONG.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC.

California Alpha is not dead nor yet doth she sleep, although she has not been very prompt in her letters to THE SHIELD.

Last Commencement we received our share of the honors, having three of the orators at the anniversaries of the two literary societies, and capturing the prize at the usual contest in elocution—Brother Wilcox being the victor. Every year since the chapter has been organized a  $\Phi \Psi$  has come off victor in this contest. The commencement of school found us all together again, with the exception of Brothers Doals and Hawkins, who graduated, and Brother Turner, who has left school. At present we are well represented in college affairs, having three men on one paper and one on the

other, four on the Annual Contest between the two literary societies, and one on the Annual, besides being well represented in the different athletic organizations. These honors all came with the aid of no combinations or cliques, California A disclaiming all such methods for her aggrandizement. Heretofore our existence has been a very tranquil one, as the "barbs" have gone their own way and we ours; but this year, by some means, we encountered quite an opposition. However, we have been successful, and with great pleasure introduce Brothers Stephens, Ross and Mering, three as true men as ever wore the lavender and pink. Our University has never entered upon such an auspicious year since its foundation. The school opened with one hundred new students, making a total of four hundred in attendance. Two new buildings and an observatory have been erected, costing respectively \$40,000, \$5,000 and \$9,000. Some few changes have been made in the faculty, Prof. H. H. Howe, a graduate of Syracuse University, takes charge of the Preparatory Department. Professor Howe is a very aggressive anti-fraternity man, though an excellent teacher. Our faculty now numbers twenty, and it is hoped that soon the Medical Department, which for some cause was separated from the University, will return to its mother, and then we will have a University which in its real work will be excelled by none on the Coast.

May the fates prepare a glorious future for California A and the fraternity at large.

L. L. D.

November 12, '85.

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#### WASHINGTON ALUMNI.

With pleasure it is recorded that D. C. Beta has become a fact. Her existence began on the evening of October 31st. Brother F. D. Power, an alumnus of Virginia Delta, and invested with the power (beg pardon) of ambassador from the Grand Chapter, started her upon her career in a very satisfactory manner, his reminiscences of chapter life in Virginia Delta being especially edifying. The election of officers resulted as follows: G P., Brother R. J. Murray, D. C. Alpha; P., Brother P. W. Smith, Indiana Alpha; B. G., Brother H. W. Smith, D. C. Alpha; A. G., Brother J. G. Falck, D. C. Alpha, H., Brother R. L. Johns, Penna. Zeta; Ph., Brother S. R. Church, D. C. Alpha; chaplain, Brother F. D. Power, Virginia Delta.

The Beta roll contains, in addition to the officers just mentioned, Brothers McCleary, Beatty, Chesney, Reeves, Wilson, Hosmer and Stephens, all of D. C. Alpha; Brother Hubacheck, Wis. Gamma; Brother Poler, Penn. Gamma; Brother Deale, Penn. Zeta; Brother J. E. Smith, Va. Beta; Brother C. A. Snow. As yet we have not a permanent abiding place. A committee consisting of Brothers Hosmer, Wilson and Falck, is hunting for rooms, and we hope soon to enter quarters where we can receive all Phi Psis with open arms and contribute an increment to their sum of earthly joy—or misery,

perhaps—by forcing them to partake of Beta cheer. We are enthusiastic and hopeful. By our next meeting we hope to concentrate our forces sufficiently to put everything in smoothly running order. We meet Saturday evening and fortnightly.

November 23, '85.

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ANN ARBOR.

Michigan Alpha rises to report progress. Last spring we lost four of our very best men, and the prospect for the ensuing year seemed rather dubious. We had a large house to keep up; there was new furniture to be purchased; many needed improvements, all of which would require money, and at that time we were not at all certain of finding the necessary men to fill up our number. But thanks to the energy and the pluck of our upper-class men, we are to-day stronger than ever. Last year was a very successful year for us, especially in a social way, and Michigan Alpha gained a reputation which it was feared she could with difficulty sustain. But, judging from the present status of things, this year will as much surpass last year as every succeeding year in her past history has surpassed the preceding. Michigan Alpha is proud, and justly proud, not so much of what she is, as of the history of her growth. This year we have to introduce to you five new members of Phi Kappa Psi: Brothers Holden, Preble, and Wilcox, of Chicago; Brother Hudson, of Hinsdale, Ill., and Brother Johnson, of Steubenville, Ohio. We also have three men pledged—one in high school and two in University. Our chapter at present numbers twenty-four active members, four inactive, and fraters in urbe, two. In the way of improvements, the chapter has expended some \$300 upon furniture for their house

Those of the boys who remained at the house during the summer had the pleasure of meeting Brother Yost, the founder of Michigan Alpha, who entertained them with numerous reminiscences of the early struggles of the chapter. Two weeks ago the chapter had the honor and the pleasure of entertaining Brother Bob Burdette over Sunday. Saturday night, after the lecture, he assisted at the initiation of several new members, a ceremony which he seemed to enjoy very much; after which the whole company repaired to the dining room, whereupon the usual symposium of story-telling followed. A detailed history of that night (for we did not get to bed until three in the morning) would develop some interesting particulars, but I will spare you.

The University has also made considerable progress. Besides the numerous gifts that she has received, she has established one new professorship and engaged two new instructors, and is also erecting a very handsome mechanical laboratory.

The Frat Men in the Junior and Sophomore classes will both give fra-

ternity hops this year. It has been whispered that the "Kats" (K A Θ) have given up their charter, though nothing certain is known.

Michigan Alpha gained a signal victory over the other fraternities this year in the capture of five men from Chicago, especially as several of the other fraternities were supposed to have the lead of her.

November 17, 1885.

ROBT. E. PARK.

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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Wisconsin A is still alive, and although its active membership is somewhat decreased, yet, owing to an extremely healthful feeling of fellowship which prevails among us, the chapter is still prosperous. Our present membership is twelve (the smallest in years), three of whom, Brothers Stevens, of Neenah, Dockery, of Milwaukee, and Youmans, of Waukesha, are initiates. Many of the sister fraternities have surpassed us in point of numbers this fall, "but what we lack in quantity," etc.

The last number of *THE SHIELD*, thanks to Brother T. S. Wilson, contained a notice of the death of our beloved brother and founder of this A, J. Milton Mills, which occurred at his home at Lancaster, September 23rd. Although Brother Mills was unknown to the great majority of our members, he having spent several years past in Colorado, yet we were greatly shocked and saddened at the announcement of his untimely death.

During the past week the controversy between the local chapter of Phi Delta Theta fraternity on the one side, and the chapters of the four other fraternities, has been settled for another year. This controversy, which has occasioned the most bitter animosity among the fraternities of our universities, is substantially as follows: The college fraternities have been accustomed to giving an annual inter-fraternity party, occurring on or near Washington's birthday, in which all the fraternities participated, and which, withal, was the grand social event of the year. Two years ago difficulty arose in regard to the position which the various fraternities should take in the College Annual, the Phi Delta Thetas claiming the first position by reason of priority of existence. The other fraternities unanimously took a stand against this, on the ground that although that fraternity had established the first chapter in the University, yet owing to a dormant existence of nearly twenty years, she had no right to the claim of first position, and furthermore, should be ranked by the date of her re-organization, which would be third in the list. This matter was never amicably settled. That fraternity was excluded from the inter-fraternity party last year, and as before mentioned, the same position will be taken this year, as decided by an inter-fraternity meeting last week.

The University of Wisconsin being comparatively a new institution, is consequently undergoing continual change. The loss of our most massive building, Science Hall, last year by fire, is now being quickly followed by the erection of three magnificent buildings, which will rival any similar college

buildings in the United States. They are Science Hall, Chemical Laboratory, and Machinery Hall, the first of which is being constructed of blue granite, and will be a building of large proportions, exceeding the old hall in size, The other two are white pressed-brick buildings, and will, when completed, be equipped with the most approved machinery and apparatus of every description. Dr. Davies, Professor in Physics, is now abroad selecting apparatus for his department.

Prof. E. S. Holden, who has been our instructor in Astronomy, and Director of Washburn Observatory for five years, will at the close of this calendar year sever his connection with our university to accept the presidency of California State University and the directorship of Lick Observatory, the largest in the world. Prof. Holden, like Prof. Rasmus B. Anderson, now Minister to Denmark, has made the faculty of the University of Wisconsin known throughout the United States. He is a man of national fame, and nothing need be said of him. We feel the loss.

A reference to our faculty recalls the fact, which we are proud to publish, that two of our '83 men are now occupying influential places in it, Brother J. E. Olson, Professor of Norse, and Brother F. J. Turner, assistant professor in Elocution.

Wisconsin A, though derelict in its duty to our fraternity organ, THE SHIELD, is nevertheless anxious that it shall prosper in its new hands, and we promise to do our share toward its prosperity more promptly and efficiently in the future.

W. S. DWINNELL.

November 14, '85.

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LAFAYETTE.

Another, and what promises to be a very successful year for Theta, has opened. Our two fathers, Brothers J. T. Green and Porter, graduated last commencement. Both are well known to the fraternity. Brother Green was Salutatorian at last commencement, and Brother Porter was the presentation orator. We have still, however, left with us a Green, Brother C. B., and what's the fun of it, more of them are coming in the future. Brother J. T. has gone to the University of Pennsylvania, and Brother Porter is studying law in Newark. Alas, we have other losses to record. Brother McFadden completed his college course in one term, and left last Christmas. He is in the drug business at Hackensack, N. J., and I cordially commend "Mac" to any Phi Psi who wants to paint the town red. Another missing one is sweet, innocent Joe Balduge. How the feminines of the burrough mourn his departure. If any of our beloved brethren should meet a dear little fellow of some seventeen summers, carrying a silver headed cane as big as himself, and wearing a regulation pair of specs, that individual is Joe. Two other losses—in Hal, and Bob Osburn. Hal met with a painful accident last summer, while playing ball, and will not return. We hope to see them again next year.

And now for our additions. The Freshman class, though rather small, numbering about seventy, was not devoid of fraternity material. We captured three, and nice ones they are: George D. McIlvaine, the champion roller-skater of Chambersburg, the home of "Gilly" and "Bun," and how he rode the goat! it made his legs a little crooked, but he vows it came from skating. Next, Harry C. Fay, of Altoona—innocent, smiling Fay—and Harry Watrous, a nice youth, who will be a worthy member. Another, and the list of additions is complete; this time from the Senior class—a nice little gentleman—black eyes, black hair, and the daintiest little moustache you ever gazed on. He is the chief editor of our college paper, and his poems—well, the SHIELD, I hope, will hear from Harvey M. Watts, '86. Brothers Brenner and Hoover, of E, paid us a visit recently.

Our Syposium last spring was a grand success. Forty were present. The year closed happily for us, though we regret that graduation took Porter and Green from us. Green was a noted prize winner, taking the Early English Text Society's prize and the Mathematical prize in his Junior year. Porter won one of the oratorical prizes in the same year. Brother Watts distinguished himself last year as Augur Maximus, at the immolation of King Calculus. He was, too, literary editor of the *Melange*, and did almost, if not quite all of the literary and artistic work on the *Annual*. Brother Swift played in the college nine, and was a member of the board of directors of foot ball. He has been re-elected. Cummins is on the board of directors of field sports, and plays in the foot ball eleven. The eleven has done well this year, and we have played two games with the University of Pennsylvania, finding Brothers Jeffreys and Griscom on their eleven. One of our Freshmen, H. O. Watrous, of Montrose, has been elected class president. The chapter officers are as follows: G. P., W. H. Bluvelt, '86; P., W. B. McDowell, '88; B. G., A. B. Cummins, '88; A. G., H. C. Fay, '89; S. G., W. S. Gilmore, '86; H., S. D. McIlvaine, '89; Ph., H. O. Watrous, '89.

There are now eleven fraternities here. Delta Upsilon started last May, with twenty men. A recent letter in their organ afforded much amusement. They have just placed a chapter at Lehigh. Phi Gamma Delta held their annual convention at Easton last month.

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#### MARRIED

GEIGER—MOORE.—At the residence of the bride's parents at Portsmouth, Ohio, on the evening of September 8, 1885, Miss Fannie Moore and Brother C. A. Geiger, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony.

Brother Geiger is a loyal  $\Phi K \Psi$ , and was an active member of Ohio B. He graduated at Wittenburg with the class of '79, since which time has been an active and very successful business man. He is president of the "Springfield Machine Company," at Springfield, Ohio, a firm which has already a national reputation, and which has met with marked success. The bride is a most pleasant and refined young lady, and we wish them all possible happiness and prosperity.

**—IN MEMORIAM.—**

WHEREAS, Death has again made its appearance, and removed from earthly existence our honored and esteemed brother and alumnus,

**REV. FRANK M. SEARLES,**

We, the members of Ohio Alpha Chapter of the 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 Grand Book of Constitution; and

*Resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased; that a copy be sent to each Chapter of the Fraternity, and to THE SHIELD for publication.

H. L. RUNKLE,  
F. W. STIVERS,

Committee.

*Delaware, Ohio, Nov. 23d, 1885.*

HALL OF OHIO ALPHA CHAPTER, PHI KAPPA PSI.

DELAWARE, O., Oct. 24, 1885.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty to again visit our ranks in the removal by death on September 1st, 1885, of our Brother,

**LYMAN DUNNING SMITH,**

AND

WHEREAS, We recognize that in him is lost a brother loyal to his fraternity, to his life-work, and to all with whom he was concerned, therefore,

*Resolved,* That while we bow to the Sovereign Will, we deeply mourn his loss, and,

*Resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, to each chapter of the fraternity, and for publication to THE SHIELD.

W. P. HENDERSON, }  
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## OUR BADGE.

In eighteen hundred fifty-two  
Flashed out upon the Grecian sky  
A glorious constellation new,  
And this its name, ϕ κ ψ.

On field of black two stars of gold,  
Between them, God's Omniscient eye,  
And underneath, in letters bold,  
The mystic words, ϕ κ ψ.

The muster-book upon whose page  
Are written names that ne'er shall die,  
But brighter grow from age to age,  
Thy loyal sons, ϕ κ ψ.

And Wisdom's lamp, the roll-book o'er,  
Gives forth its beacon light whereby  
We see to read thy mystic lore,  
And learn thy love, ϕ κ ψ.

While here we tread life's crooked road,  
Directed by God's watchful eye,  
Or light or heavy be our load,  
We'll sing thy praise, ϕ κ ψ.

And when on Heaven's shining shore  
We meet the brothers gone on high,  
In Grand Arch Council ever more  
Thy sons shall sit, ϕ κ ψ.

C. H. WILDER.

## Yale: Her Societies and Students.

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AN OUT-LINE SKETCH.

To a student in any one of the post-graduate departments of Yale, whose connection with the student life in that University commenced with his matriculation in the department to which he belongs, an intimate knowledge of the methods and workings of the society system in the undergraduate departments is, of course, out of the question. He is without the inner circle of undergraduate aims and experiences, and, being without, his knowledge is from the standpoint of a casual observer, and not from that of a knowing, Yale-bred, learn-all-you-can investigator. And so, in what I have to say about "Yale: Her Societies and Students," I write but from the experience of a few months' residence and not at all exhaustively — bringing before the readers of *THE SHIELD* a few facts and occurrences that will prove of interest to all active college men, in whatever institution they may be studying.

It is said that Canon Farrar, at his visit to New Haven in October last, at which time he was the guest of President Porter, expressed the sentiment that New Haven was more home-like to him and more akin to an old English University town, than any other city he had visited in America.

It has not yet been the fortune of the writer to visit the two great English University towns — to lose his thoughts in the wealth of tradition and association the young English student is heir to; to traverse the halls and quadrangles which have echoed to the footsteps of students for centuries; to pore over musty books of the long ago; to sympathize with the healthy, hearty student-life of young England to-day — this has not yet been his privilege; but to the imaginary picture he has in his mind — a picture wrought out of books and friends' descriptions — New Haven comes nearer than any other American town he has ever visited, certainly nearer than Cambridge. The University buildings, clustered together in the midst of the city, some of them fronting upon the central "Green," have about them an air of ancient and honorable reserve. Certainly there are new buildings, and, at present two more, Lawrance College and Dwight Hall, are in course of erection; but it only takes a decade or so for a building to begin to assume a venerable aspect in New Haven. The damp sea breezes hasten to give suggestions of a mossy green, and the freshness and newness wears soon away. The best face of the buildings making up the Academic quarters, is turned inward towards the quadrangle, and that inside view is decidedly

the best view of them, excepting, perhaps, the "old brick row," which presents its best appearance seen from the "Green."

The buildings of the Academical, Theological, Medical and Fine Arts departments, including Gymnasium, Peabody Museum and Alumni building, are situated on contiguous blocks. The Law Department and the two large buildings comprising the Sheffield Scientific School, are somewhat removed from the main University quarters. Within the academic quadrangle are the Library, Reading-room and other buildings, and between East and West Divinity Halls are Marquand Chapel and the Trowbridge Reference Library, both belonging to the Divinity School. Down Chapel street, at the edge of the waters of New Haven bay, is the boat-house, and scattered through the city within easy access of the students, are the secret society halls, various club-rooms, *et cetera* similar. Just outside the city is "Yale Field," the athletic grounds of the University.

At Western and Southern institutions, where class distinction is not carried to the extreme that it is in New England colleges, the chief interest of fraternity men centers about the opening of the autumn session. All, or at least most of the elections to membership in the different Greek-letter societies take place then, and the excitement of "running" or "spiking" new men, in face of the rivalry of the other fraternities, will not soon be forgotten by alumni. It is a theme of genial reminiscence when old college men meet again to recall the "days that are no more;" of frank good-humor and jolly banter if they happened then to be rival Greeks; of laughing agreement if they strove for the success of the same "best set of men in college." And, by the way, it is remarkable how many sets of men there are in any college who are in every way superior to every other set of men there!

But at Yale this interest at the opening of the year is only manifested by the few Sophomores who desire to keep up the membership and reputation of the Freshman society, to which they belonged the previous year. Most of the members, indeed, are pledged before their arrival in the "city of elms."

Gamma Nu is the only open Freshman society. Each Sophomore who was a member of the society during the previous year has the privilege of inviting a friend, not a member, to assist him in the initiation of one of the new men. They take him to a restaurant and begin the initiation by indulging themselves in a good supper at his expense, and thereafter amuse themselves in divers manner, also, and less happily for him, at his expense. This is one part of the initiation. What occurs in the society hall, I am told, is unimportant as compared with this; but it is the general impression that they are not there initiated *en masse*. Gamma Nu this year has eighteen members.

There is another Freshman society — secret — which has been organized within the last two years, and appears in the annuals as Sigma Tau Pi.

Nothing is known about it. Some years ago the faculty abolished secret societies in the first two years, and it would be disastrous to the society and to its members individually, if their names were known. The only Sophomore society at present is "H B O A A Y," which modestly keeps its members undisclosed for the same reason as does Sigma Tau Pi, and its ways are unknown and unsung. The Beta chapter of Psi Upsilon, and the Phi chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon, exist at Yale as Junior societies. The elections are given near the close of the year to the members of the next Junior class. At about half-past eight in the evening the members of the two societies come from their respective halls, headed by three or four men carrying brilliant calcium lights. They come singing their society songs and making the darkness echo with their enthusiasm. As they pass along the "old brick row," where most of the Sophomores live, they dart into the rooms of the "elected" and help themselves to the kind provision, which it is hoped has been made for them, as they who have been honored with elections have already been notified of the fact. The two crowds come from opposite ends of the row, and when they meet a wild "rush" ensues, and each rank endeavors to drown the other's song. The whole college turns out to witness the scene; and the people of the town, their interest excited by the unusual lights and noise, swell the audience to a great number.

The senior members of the societies bear none of the current expenses, and, at the "bums" or "blow outs" are merely guests. Psi Upsilon this year has a membership of thirty in the Senior class, and thirty-two in the Junior class. Delta Kappa Epsilon counts forty-five Seniors and thirty-two Juniors.

The college interest in the elections to the two Junior societies is by no means so great as that manifested in the elections to the Senior societies, because, amongst other reasons, if a man fails to get elected to either of them by the members of the class above him, his class-mates could elect him the following term, when they have the power so to do, and the Seniors are out of power. This is what is called a "class election."

But the great aim of every ambitious sub-Freshman coming to Yale—an aim based upon the representations of all his Yale friends, graduate and undergraduate, is to be elected to one of the two Senior societies when he shall have attained to the dignity of a Senior. Men strive for an election as being an honor higher than any other they can obtain during their course; and happy is he whose desires are realized, and who is invited to wear the badge of "Skull and Bones, or "Scroll and Key." No other American college has anything approaching these Senior societies of Yale, and the "Bones" and "Keys" men—as they are called in college vernacular—are representatives of a truly unique system. It is, indeed, *sui generis*. The older of the two principal societies, and generally considered the more desirable, is "Bones." Founded at Yale in 1832, its true origin is shrouded

in mystery. Tradition has it that it is an off-shoot of a similar society in a German University, and that these two chapters are the only two in existence. The numerals 322, which occur on the society cut, are popularly supposed to refer to 322 B. C., and, according to the author of "Four Years at Yale," are connected with the names of Alexander or Demosthenes. Whatever these revered gentlemen may have had to do with the origin of "Bones," fades off into the realms of the fantastically visionary, but the awe possessed by the "Bones" men for their society is prodigious.

The "Keys" society was founded in 1841, and has no current mystery attaching to its origin. It was patterned after "Bones" from the start, and at first was considered a very insignificant rival; but to-day it is looked upon as almost equal.

The "Bones" men, as a rule, are elected for prominence in athletics, scholarship, or for some other distinction; but the "Keys" men—although this element is not neglected—are elected with great regard for their good fellowship, and are, as a rule, a jollier set. The membership in either society is limited to fifteen.

On the afternoon upon which the elections are given out, a great crowd of collegians—some hoping for election and the greater some simply present as spectators—is assembled in the quadrangle in front of Durfee, the principal building of the Academic department. The windows are filled with students and their lady friends, invited to see the customary procedure. At length two men—members of the two societies—come in absolute silence into the quadrangle and mingle with the crowd, each seeking his man. Their solemn visages are not moved by the facetious remarks made by the spectators in order to break their solemnity. When each has found his man, he claps him on the shoulder and follows him at once to his room. Arrived there, after the usual question and reply—"Are we alone?" "We are"—the Senior informs the Junior that he has been elected to the "Bones" or "Keys." If he accepts, the member at once returns to his hall to inform his society of the result. After them in order come two other men into the crowd and take with them their men—and so on until each member of the society has taken his man, and the fifteen are made up. All this is conducted on the part of the Senior society men with unbroken silence, while the crowd in the quadrangle cheers or expresses quiet dissatisfaction as the men elected happen to be considered worthy or unworthy.

It is said that the "Keys" men know previous to their coming into the quadrangle that they will be selected; but the aspirant to "Bones" is in painful and expectant doubt until he is made certain one way or the other on that afternoon. The initiation takes place a few days afterward.

The desire for an election to a Senior society is what keeps up, to a great extent, the athletics at Yale. Men go into training at once after entering the Freshman class in the hope of obtaining a prominent place either on the

University crew or foot-ball or base-ball teams. Anything to bring one prominently above his class-mates, makes towards an election to the societies; and the society men, with the usual exceptions to such rules, constitute, on the whole, the best elements in college.

An amusing reverence is possessed by society men for anything appertaining in any way to their society or its customs. When at the door of their hall or within the shadow of its sacred walls, a member will not speak to his best friend. The badge worn conspicuously on the neck-tie, often causes remark by persons not understanding its significance; but a "Bones" or "Keys" man is affected with sudden deafness when addressed on such a point, and hastens to quit the uncomfortable presence of such enquirers. Instances are given of their ministering to sick brothers without noticing by slightest sign or signal the presence of his room-mate, who was not a member of the society. No allusion is ever made to the society when in the hearing of anybody not a member, and absolute secrecy is maintained on all its actions.

A third Senior society, known as the Wolf's Head, was founded in 1883, but has not attained much prominence as yet. It possesses a hall of its own and the membership is also limited to fifteen.

In the Scientific School there are five societies, of which Berzelius, with seventeen members, and Sigma Delta Chi, with fourteen members, are local. The Beta chapter of Theta Xi, is one of the three chapters of that organization, the Alpha being at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Gamma at Stevens' Institute of Technology. It has a membership of thirteen. The regular college fraternities having chapters are Delta Psi and Chi Phi.

The Sigma chapter of Delta Psi has a membership of sixteen. On account of the resemblance of the St. Anthony cross of the badge to the letter T, the chapter is popularly alluded to here as the "Tea Company." It is, at present, about completing a very beautiful brown-stone chapter hall. The Omicron chapter of the Chi Phi has an active membership of twelve.

You note the absence, in the society system at Yale, except, perhaps, in the two chapters of the general college fraternities in the Scientific School, of anything like what constitutes fraternity life in most colleges. You are apt to conclude that the system lacks what is essential to the true secret society system — the element of perfect congeniality. The limitation of the two Junior societies in the academic department to the two upper classes, and the large number of members work against a sympathetic brotherhood.

The various departments of the University are attended in the following order with regard to numbers: Academic, Scientific, Theological, Law, Fine Arts, Philosophy, Medicine.

Athletics at Yale occupy a high place in the estimation of the students. At championship games everybody turns out, and New Haven floats blue from every available point. A mere accident won from one of the finest

foot-ball teams she ever put in the field, the championship of the inter-collegiate series this year, and Princeton returned triumphant, the first college to wrest the championship from Yale since the association was formed. The annual boat-race with Harvard, also elicits the hopes and fears of every Yale man.

The publications edited and conducted by the students throughout the year, are six: Two Annuals, the *Banner* appearing in the first half, and the *Potpourri* appearing in the second half of each collegiate year; one monthly, the *Yale Literary Magazine*, commonly known as *Yale Lit.*; two bi-weeklies, the *Courant* and the *Record*, appearing each week alternately; and one daily, the *Yale News*. Various attempts have from time to time been made to organize other regular publications, but the only permanent ones have been those just named.

The great society event of the year is the Junior Promenade—a ball given by the Junior class to their lady friends in and out of New Haven. The sweet creatures come from all parts of the United States to attend it, and the Junior is the greatest man in New Haven on that day. I have heard it facetiously remarked of this ball, that it furnishes food for prospective conversation of New Haven belles for six months previous to its occurrence, and food for retrospective conversation for six months subsequent to the event.

The discussion as to who shall succeed Dr. Porter as President, is the all-important question with Yale supporters at present. The fight between the old-school conservatives and the radicals, waxes warm over the old charter, which requires that the President be a Congregational minister, resident in the State of Connecticut. All indications point to the election of Dr. Timothy Dwight, at present Professor of Sacred Literature and New Testament Greek, in the Divinity School, to the important trust. His widely-known learning, practical executive ability and popularity, make him pre-eminently the man for the position.

EDGAR IRVING BRENNER.

## Literary Exercises in Fraternity Meetings.

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Don't shrug your shoulders, Brothers. A book-worm is not about to advocate converting our chapters into literary societies. Far from it. The fraternity, in the best interpretation of the word, must ever differ from the literary society. The fraternity appeals to the heart. It makes strangers friends, buries selfishness, and gives its members a broader conception of manhood. The literary society, while never antagonizing friendship and often encouraging it, has the improvement of the mind as its principal object. There ought never to be antagonism between societies having such worthy objects. We cannot have the ideal man without the culture of both heart and mind. Their action should be concurrent, but separate.

Then what is meant by "literary exercises in fraternity meetings?" Simply the education of the Brothers to be intelligent fraternity men, so that every member will know at least the a, b, c of Phi Kappa Psi. There certainly is no Brother who has been an intelligent observer of the fraternity for a reasonable time, who will fail to see the propriety of such an addition to our chapter meetings. Here, for example, we are in competition with X chapter of a rival fraternity. We all know that Smith and Jones are the only members of that chapter who are well informed upon fraternity topics. They are the only ones we fear. The rest are too ignorant to be put forward, when a man is bid, to present the claims of the fraternity. Now let us ask ourselves, is not our chapter also weak in this particular? How many members of your chapter, brother reader, can give a list of the chapters of Phi Kappa Psi, with the names of the institutions at which they are located? How many of them could you depend upon to defend Phi Kappa Psi creditably in a discussion with a thoroughly informed rival Greek? Until at least these two questions can be answered satisfactorily, there will be need of the literary exercises to which I refer.

Of what shall these exercises consist? First, they should be aimed to educate the members in matters relating to Phi Kappa Psi. At each meeting, for example, let the committee on literary exercises assign one Brother to give, at a stated meeting, a list of our chapters. Let another Brother be assigned to give facts about the constitution, history, and distinguished members of our fraternity. Second, the exercises should encourage the study of other fraternities—especially their system of government—in connection with our own. This comparative Pan Hellenic study could not fail to be profitable. Third, it would be well to introduce the reading of articles in the magazines of our leading rivals. A number

of the best journals can be obtained by any person at a small expense. They abound in interesting, instructive articles, and their perusal will soon give the reader a broader idea of fraternity life and policy. Fourth, essays upon topics relating to the principles and management of chapters could be introduced at times.

Experience would suggest other exercises, and I am unable to see why this could not be made one of the best features of a meeting. The exercises, at least when introduced, ought not to occupy more than half an hour. The programs should be prepared by a committee, and those for four or five meetings in advance, should be always tacked up in the chapter hall.

If these exercises could be introduced throughout our fraternity, and if the Brothers would persevere until they were permanently established, I believe we should not only be better Phi Psis while in college, but also be far more likely to continue our interest after leaving. Too often those who have been separated for a number of years from their chapters, come to regard the fraternity as an indefinite something good enough for boys, but not worthy of the time and attention of men. Let us realize now that our fraternity is not a juvenile fancy, and that all our actions do not constitute merely boyish pleasantry, and let us appreciate the importance of our position in that grand Greek galaxy that is so powerful in molding the characters of thousands of the best young men of the land. Fraternities demand, in addition to youthful energy, intelligence and enthusiasm, the co-operation of those who, understanding their own fraternity and the Greek system when young, are now, in mature years, able to render valuable assistance.

GEORGE SMART.



## The Areopagus.

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IOWA GAMMA.

DEAR SHIELD.—That Phi Psi brother of mine has sent me several copies of *THE SHIELD*. Now I have been so long away from college associations, so absorbed with the cares of a life so busy that play days are few, short and widely dispersed, that I have to think twice before I can recall what all the mysticisms and witticisms mean. The fraternity in general, and your chapter in particular, are to be congratulated upon the fine editorial and mechanical appearance of *THE SHIELD*. These numbers have caused me to stop a moment and look over some experiences, not so very distant as measured by years, but seemingly remote on account of the intervention of much that tends to make a man grow prematurely old.

I had the honor to be a member—the last one—of the chapter located at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa. The order was very strong and and popular. Owing to a consideration of local demands, we gave up our charter, since which time there has not been a Greek letter society in that worthy institution. When I graduated in '77, the “last of the Mohicans” left. We are scattered widely, but the fraternal spirit still is strong among the “boys.” The last “work,” as we call it in the other secret orders, was to initiate a candidate from the college at Monmouth, Ill., a school sustained by a church that makes non-membership in secret societies a test of church membership. I was reared in the shadow of that church. I was a happy boy when participating in the initiation of that candidate who was to be the original Phi Psi in that college. In late years I have joined a number of orders and taken a great many degrees, but I have left a warm fealty for the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. But I would like to warm up this fealty a little, so I ask to be placed on your list of subscribers. The “needful” is enclosed. As intimated, I was the last to join our chapter—save the Monmouth man—for this reason I was a collegian and a Phi Psi without any of the benefits of the order. Perhaps by joining your circle of readers I may be gathered to the fold once more,

Fraternally,

South Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 7, '85.

F. B. GAULT.

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THE VISITOR.

I do not know where the idea came from, but I am sure that somewhere I heard it, and I feel that it should be given to the fraternity as an excellent one. The idea is this: That some brother to be called the Visitor shall be

appointed by the presiding officer of each division, as proposed by the committee, whose duty it shall be to drop in, unannounced, at the meetings of the sub-chapters, and, looking into the standing in the college of the members, make a report to the presiding office as to the condition of the chapter.

I do not want to tread on the toes of any one, but, as I said once before in making "Some Few Remarks" on chapter letters, there is a good deal of laxity evident in the life of some of our chapters, shown in those same chapter letters. Now, the proposed Visitor by making these unfore-known visits, and by quietly looking about him for a day without announcing himself to the brethren, could be able to make a pretty fair estimate of the standing of the college and of the boys in the chapter as compared with others. Some may doubt the efficacy of this plan of action, but I know that if the nemesis of a Visitor's visit had been continually staring us in the face, the members of my own chapter would have done much better work for the college, the fraternity, for themselves during the year past; and I am flattered that mine is one of the banner chapters of the fraternity.

And right there is the point. I want to see more similarity among the divisions of our body and no banner chapters. As it stands, each chapter is virtually a law unto herself, and truly there can no good come from such dis-union. It is true that even the plan of the committee is open to objections, for the nearest unity could be arrived at if we were only all within a half day's ride of each other; but five divisions are better than thirty-six. Our Visitor having made his report that such a chapter is too much given to initiating those dear brothers who are accustomed to "painting the town red," that another is running to seed with chumps, this has been going too much on family and money and fine clothing, and another is composed of simply jolly, good fellows, whose college record is not of the best, or else goes to the opposite extreme of namby-pambyism, our proposed new officer could wield such an influence over us to raise us all in our standards. I tell you, my brothers in  $\Phi K \Psi$ , if your chapter were threatened with the loss of her charter if she did no better, you would, every one of you, go to work to remedy your defects.

At a certain well-known college where one of our chapters is located, a chapter of one of the other fraternities there represented, had been for a couple of years running down from the post of first in the ranks to that of last, simply from initiating men not fully up to the standard. With a great deal of regret, as you may imagine, two of her own alumni, who were officers in that division, went to their old home and examining carefully the college records and finding the standings of their young brothers just as had been reported, informed the chapter that unless they got down to work and in six months entirely changed the complexion of their chapter, the charter would be revoked and the fraternity's most honored offspring would

be no more. Behold! the six months had not passed ere the change was very apparent, and to-day the chapter stands nearer the head than the foot of the Greek ranks at that institution.

The illustration is sufficient, the benefit of such an article in our new constitution is clear to my mind, I hope it will be to the minds of others, and that the matter will be considered worthy of some thought.

GROWLER, JR.

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REVISION.

That the Committee on Revision of the Constitution have a responsible and onerous task is very evident. The marked efficiency of our present Grand Chapter and the natural objection of loyal Phi Kaps to innovations in our constitution argue strongly in favor of the existing system.

The recent general division of the fraternity in connection with catalogue work, suggests a like division for the sake of greater convenience in government. Let the thirty-six chapters of  $\Phi K \Psi$  be organized into four or five divisions, each of which shall be under the control of the leading chapter of the division, this chapter to be vested with power similar to our present G. C., and known as a Grand Chapter. Let these Grand Chapters have the power to assess and collect their taxes, to have superior judicial control and to look after the general interests of their several divisions. Then establish a chapter with supreme executive and judicial power, with the general superintendence of the Grand Chapters, but having no direct connection with the subordinate chapters. This chapter might properly be called the Supreme Chapter, and should be partly composed of enthusiastic alumni.

This system seems cumbrous in comparison with the existing system; however, it apparently merits some consideration. Whether it has been fully tested as yet in the Greek world, I do not know. Delta Tau Delta adopted a similar system at their national convention last summer; as yet, of course, they cannot have given it a fair trial.

One word more: Occasionally an article in *THE SHIELD* speaks of possible or contemplated change in regard to the aforesaid *SHIELD*. Iowa Alpha protests. We are proud to compare the artistic and meritorious results of Kansas Alpha's work with the publications of any of our rival societies in the University— $\Delta T \Delta$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Sigma X$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $K K \Gamma$ , and I. C. Sorosis.

HOWARD M. NORTH.

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BROTHERS Hoover, of Penna. Epsilon, now at Yale, Linn, of Ohio Beta, now at Johns Hopkins, and Van Buskirk, of Ind. Beta have kindly forwarded us copies of THE SHIELD we asked for in our last issue. We are under many obligations to them.

A MAN who cannot pay his debts is to be pitied and assisted, a man who will not—well, he can't borrow any more of us. Business, gentlemen, is business. Every subscriber, every chapter should pay THE SHIELD what is due it. It gives us great pleasure to say that we have as a rule found our subscribers prompt and reliable. But we should like to hear from the delinquents. No dollar that we get in any way benefits us personally. And when we give our time and attention, we believe every  $\Phi K \Psi$  ought to at least pay his just debts. So walk up to the office and pay your shining silver dollars, gentlemen.

“SUBSCRIPTION to the fraternity organ should be obligatory after as before graduation.” So said Brother John M. McNair, of N. Y. Alpha in the May SHIELD. He was right. There must be some link to bind those who are out of college to the old days—some serious and constant reminder. If reached at all, they will be reached through the fraternity journal. We believe that it would be wise to make it a rule that all future initiates should subscribe and pay for THE SHIELD the first five years they are out of college. Such a tax would be a very great aid to THE SHIELD, and not be too heavy to be fair.

WE have always been of the opinion that all  $\Phi$  K  $\Psi$ s could read, but have begun to be slightly skeptical. No later than page 178 of the November SHIELD we carefully explained the manner in which we preferred to receive chapter letters. Yet we receive such inquiries as "when do you want a letter from us," and "what do you need?" In the editorial referred to, we divided the fraternity into two sections, and requested one section to write for even numbers and one for odd numbers of THE SHIELD. If a man can read he ought to be able to understand that. So do not waste your time asking us questions which you can answer yourself, but quietly sit down and write a chapter letter. The best way to write a chapter letter is—just to write a chapter letter. A chapter letter is no place for wind and gush—but news, brothers, give us the news. By the way, we are of the opinion that our November chapter letters were, perhaps, the best we ever saw in any magazine.

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WE wish the chapter correspondents would consider themselves associate editors of THE SHIELD, responsible for its failures and to be honored by its honors. We shall soon publish a list of them, and hope they will at once assume the arduous editorial duties. It would aid us if they would forward us copies of college periodicals promptly and with regularity, first making notes with regard to Phi Kappa Psi. If they would simply forward their own copies after reading them, this would suffice. We wish to print a list of college Presidents and Professors who belong to our fraternity, and can only do so through the aid of our associate editors—the correspondents. We would like, too, a list of Phi Kappa Psis who are editors and managers of college periodicals. If the correspondents will kindly make out and send us such list, with name of position and paper, we shall appreciate their prompt efforts. It must be remembered that the primary feature and essential purpose of THE SHIELD is to give chapter news. Only our correspondents can do this, and it is only by their persistent endeavors that we can make the magazine what it should be. No effort of ours will be worth while if the correspondents fail us. Select your best men, and see that they send us short, spicy epistles.

## Sword and Shield.

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The first two numbers of *Kappa Alpha Theta*—June and October—“Published for the Fraternity by Kappa Chapter,” have been received. The cover is the first striking feature; plain, jet black, with a single line, Kappa Alpha Theta, in gold, thus utilizing the colors of the fraternity. At first glance it is perhaps a little startling, as black is so intimately associated with mourning, but upon closer inspection the effect is seen to be good.

In the June number the ladies open with an “Introduction,” in which they congratulate the fraternity upon the establishment of an organ, and express the aim and desire of the publishers:

“From our own journal we expect much. We wish to hear from our chapters and to learn something of the aims, objects and ideas of each. We expect to gain a broader information concerning the colleges in which they are located. We will not neglect literary excellence. Perhaps more than all else we wish to gain an individual and social knowledge of our members. We would like our acquaintance with each other to be at least as intimate as that which we have already established with characters famous in past ages. In short, we hope to publish a first-class fraternity magazine. It is well to aim high. We want our kite to fly near the sun.”

Miss Fannie E. Pratt, of Kappa Chapter, University of Kansas, contributed a short history of the fraternity, from which it appears that “there are at present fourteen active chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta located in various colleges and universities from Vermont to Kansas,” and “that each chapter is in a prosperous condition, and the active membership at present reaches about one hundred and fifty.” Miss Mamie Hudson, from the same chapter, gives a brief account of the last convention held at Ann Arbor, from which it appears to have been very successful. All but two chapters, Theta, Indianola, Iowa, and Xi, Middletown, Conn., being represented by delegates. In addition there are one or two communications well written, but of no interest from a fraternity standpoint.

The editorial department is well filled and managed. Twelve bright, readable chapter letters, with personals, marriage notices, etc., complete the issue.

In the October number a correspondent from Lambda Chapter, Burlington, Vt., expresses some excellent views on the mission of the *Kappa Alpha Theta*, which apply to all similar publications:

“But probably no one will suppose that the members of Kappa Alpha Theta need the journal as a means of improvement in writing. As students in college they all have ample opportunity for such work in their regular collegiate course, in the college papers where such articles are expected, in the literary societies expressly for such purposes, and in the ordinary society work carried on by each chapter. Nor will one suppose that the journal is meant to improve the minds of the society in general by a series of such articles. The magazines of the day are too plenty in our colleges for that.

"The object of the journal is to bring all the chapters closer together—to give us common aims. Every article should be one to be read with interest by all. What will interest all is what we know to be occupying the attention of a sister chapter. We all have sufficient sympathy and friendly feeling to make her interest ours. One chapter, through a variety of circumstances, may be especially engaged in some one subject. It may be connected with society matters, it may be a popular question, it may be some theory debated in chapter meetings or discussed in the college. Write about it. Say that it is of importance to you, that you Theta girls are thinking of it, and the other chapters reading it will at once gain some idea of your chapter, of your girls, and of your ways of thinking, and perhaps find a new topic of thought.

"But if we do not want to be a literary organ, popularly so called, it seems to me quite as true that we do not want to confine our journal to purely society questions. Our society is a means, not an end. You Thetas all know the end; it was read to you on your initiation, and the journal is a society means to reach that end. We must not live in a circle, around and around in our society. We must have broad interests and broad thoughts, and must broaden our lives. We must grow and let this all show itself in our journal; let this be the reflector, showing the progress in thought and work of each chapter to every other. Let each issue of our journal be a fresh incentive to every member in the society to truer society feeling and society friendships, to better college work, better living, better thinking."

Apropos of this the correspondents in the second issue confine themselves to a greater extent to subjects relating to fraternities than in the one preceding. The editorial department is extended, and filled with choice and timely suggestions. It would seem from the following that among the ladies the question of college politics and the college politician is receiving attention as well as among the gentlemen:

"If in the same college the number of fraternities is large, competition for places of honor is close. Under such circumstances the politician does his most pernicious work. All are obliged to adopt this method in order to save themselves. Combinations are the order of the day, and real merit has little chance of reward. Perhaps these sentences will be read by some whose happy experience has never known such an individual, but we believe the majority will recognize him. The desire for a fair share of honor is but natural, and ambition as a fraternity, is all right, but the tendency of many ladies' fraternities to take part in combinations and wire-pulling schemes, is to be deprecated. In such plans they are nearly always at a disadvantage. The chances of success are much greater if they look after their rights, but keep clear of college politics."

Ten chapter letters are found in this issue with usual personal list, etc., completing the second issue, a very acceptable and creditable number. In both June and October, however, some minor changes could be made to advantage. Nowhere is there data given from which the number and location of chapters can be ascertained, and in the last issue no index, but probably these and other little improvements will come with age. The young ladies have done well, and have fully justified the confidence manifested in them by the Ann Arbor convention, when it placed the management of the *Kappa Alpha Theta* in the hands of Kappa Chapter. Being so fortunate ourselves as to be acquainted with the ladies who compose this chapter, we would have been surprised at anything less excellent.

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One of the most welcome exchanges we receive is the *Sigma Chi*, the official organ of the fraternity of the same name. It is published bi-monthly, and taken all in all has many of the qualities that go to make up a first-class

fraternity publication. The June number contains several communications of more especial interest to Sigma Chi, a well edited and filled editorial department, and thirty-six pages devoted about equally to exchanges and chapter letters. In the editorial, on "Our Future Brother," the question of rushing new men is treated in a very sensible manner. It is doubtful whether any plan could be devised that would prevent the general rush for men at the opening of the college year, but we can commend for the consideration of Phi Psi what is said about interesting the alumni. For very little exertion on the part of the chapter many desirable men could be sent to us pledged, who are won by our rivals;

"There can be little question of the true ground upon which all fraternities should seek to stand, which we conceive to be that of election only after thorough acquaintance of the active membership of the chapter, and upon grounds of personal affiliation. The Greek fraternity system is founded upon the principle of friendship, brotherhood, to which all else should be subjected. High scholarship, literary, social, athletic attainments are useful and proper requirements in determining the choice of membership. Even numbers add to the efficiency and attractiveness of fraternity associations. But above all these should be placed as the one essential requirement, that natural affiliation of character and disposition which makes possible the 'brotherhood,' and without which the very name, 'fraternity,' becomes a reproach." \* \* \* "In some of our colleges, and perhaps most of these are in the West, a more open and fair-handed rivalry exists, a rivalry which demands that the chapter shall know somewhat more of the man, and that the man shall have the right to look about him, so that each may choose intelligently and with open eyes. But more frequently the opening weeks of a college year exhibit one mad, wild scramble for men. A decision is reached upon persons of whom little is, or in the nature of the case, can be, known. Young men settle down to routine work after a few short weeks to find themselves members of an organization, of some of whose aims they do not approve, and 'brothers' of those with whom they can affiliate only with a feeling of regret. In many institutions the chapters which desire to uphold a reputation for selection are injured by the indiscriminate solicitation of fraternities, whose aim is numbers, and who, by importunity and headlong haste, hope to secure men whom they could never obtain if time were allowed them to judge." \* \* \* "It is no Utopian scheme we advocate. The characters of college boys are not fixed and rigid, but are peculiarly susceptible to the influences of association. Intimate acquaintance is neither possible nor necessary before admission to a fraternity. It is one of the results of that admission. While rivals are alert to anticipate us in the canvass for recruits, we cannot invite defeat by inactivity. But we can create and employ many agencies for gathering information of those who are to be our fellow students in the coming year. We can bring back with us to college personal friends who will be worthy 'fratres.' We can keep our alumni interested and active, so that they will furnish us with reliable information of desirable men, and if we are alumni we can volunteer that information and speak a word for the old chapter and the old college. We can denounce the indiscriminating scramble and advocate agreements which shall prohibit all initiations during the early months of the college year. We can restrict our committees to the collection of information, and retain the privilege of selection for the chapter, free from all the 'entangling alliances' of previous pledges or solicitations. We can put forth every energy to secure a large membership of desirable men, but our standard of desirability should never be lowered to meet the demands of mistaken expediency."

The exchange department is extended and complete, as is the one devoted to chapters, the last containing twenty-three different letters. Some of these are very full, going into the smallest details of the closing exercises of the various institutions in which Sigma Chi is represented.

The October number starts off with a lengthy poem, delivered before

the Sigs at the Indiana State University in 1861. While the rhyme and rhythm are not very objectionable, the editor must have been, to use a printer's expression, "hard up for copy," when he devoted twelve pages to a Fourth of July oration, even when written in rhyme. The first instalment of a series of articles, "Recollections of a Rebel Private," in which an account of the "Constantine Chapter" is to be given, appears in this number. The exchanges again come in for a fair share of notice in this issue. Among other things the following surprising announcement is made concerning THE SHIELD:

"THE SHIELD of Phi Kappa Psi, for some reason which fails to appear, issues its June number in conjunction with that for October."

We are really glad to find this out, but as the two numbers were issued at the regular time, about three months apart, we can hardly give it full credit.

Editorially, the Alumni Chapter question is treated at length. Copious extracts are made from the articles on the subject by Brothers Gotwald and Mott, which appeared in THE SHIELD in 1883, also from the *Beta Theta Pi*, and in the next issue the editor promises to consider the subject "with immediate reference to the questions that arise in connection with our own policy, both present and future."

Twenty-five chapter letters, with a good supply of personals and "Hellenistic News," completes this issue.

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The first number—October—of the *Crescent*, of Delta Tau Delta, under the new management, comes to us from Chicago, typographically a model of neatness and good taste. A glowing account is given of their last convention, held at Detroit August 19, 20, and 21, 1885. There were thirty-five accredited delegates from twenty-one chapters, and five chapters were represented by proxy, making in all twenty-six out of twenty-nine chapters represented, Lehigh, Ohio Wesleyan and University of Michigan chapters each sending eleven men. There is no indication from the account given that any difficulty arose that could have led to the recent action of the Lehigh chapter.

The editorial department is not very extended. Eighteen chapter letters indicate a live interest on the part of the active membership, although several of these are nothing further than an announcement that the chapter is alive and prospering, and in not many more words. Considerable attention is given to "The Greek World." A list of Alumni concludes the issue.

The November number opens with an address delivered before their recent convention, full of good thoughts and advice. A correspondent writes on the threadbare subject of "Fraternity Combinations." He would have all honors, "if they are in truth real honors," "given either by competi-

tion of candidates or by open election." He does not think "that this state of affairs would demand an Utopia when we now have only human nature with its ambitions and its friendships as ruling motives, but that "the majority of college men, when not bound by the written compact of a faction in an open election, will bestow the honor upon one of the few who, without any doubt, most deserve it." These same sentiments have appeared in nearly every Fraternity Journal, but so far as we have been able to judge, it has made no difference in fact. The chapters of these fraternities proposing to discourage and prohibit such combinations, while, perhaps, living up to the letter of the law, enjoy all the advantages and contribute to their success by all means in their power. Until some other plan than election is invented for the distribution of college honors, the incentive to combination will exist, and so long as it does there will be those who will utilize its advantages.

In this issue the editor gives some excellent advice to chapters thinking of fixing up halls and chapter houses, from which we are constrained to quote :

"Several of our younger chapters have attained a degree of strength and good fortune that seems to justify them in establishing permanent chapter homes. We kindly and earnestly counsel these fortunate and ambitious chapters—to first get your money, then go ahead. Before you hang your curtains or lay your carpet, be sure you have the money to pay for them. Don't put an article of furniture in your hall unless you hold for it a receipted bill. Beware of extravagance and prodigality. Don't mortgage your future for present enjoyment. A plain, comfortable, unpretentious hall, PAID FOR, is far better than an elegant, luxuriously-furnished apartment, with a dark cloud of debt brooding over its beauty. Don't be misled by a sophistry which teaches that debt will harmonize differences and unite the chapter in a firmer bond of fraternal love and sympathy. Almost invariably a heavy debt brings only a sense of discouragement, insecurity and peril, and too frequently the insidious temptation to initiate unworthy men. Rely not too strongly upon your past triumphs, nor upon your present puissance and vigor. They are not eternal. Experience teaches that past success does not assure future prosperity. The ebb follows the flood tide. The day of conscious strength may usher in the night of weakness and prostration. The strong chapter of to day may be the weak chapter of to-morrow. A chapter may part with twelve men in June to meet with three in September. A burden, light to the twelve, may annihilate the three. In spite of all this, if you see your way clear and are building on firm, immovable rock, we urge you to go ahead. Lease the most convenient suit of rooms you can find, decorate them elaborately, furnish them in luxury and beauty—avoid debt as you would a scorching pestilence."

Seven pages are given to the "Greek World," making a very readable, valuable and interesting department. Eighteen chapter letters take up the remaining space.

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The *Delta Gamma Anchora* for November, published by Eta Chapter, Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio, is before us, a twenty-four page quarterly, of which the first six pages are taken up with essays on "Elizabeth Barrett Browning" and "Characteristics of E. A. Poe's Prose Works." The "Letter from an Omega Girl," a two page description of a trip to Madison, Wisconsin, to attend the last Delta Gamma convention, is unique in its way.

Mr. Mullikan and family, the name occurring not less than fifteen times, must indeed be very good friends of Delta Gamma. A rather brief account is given of the convention, which, however, tells of a successful and enjoyable meeting and a prosperous fraternity. The editorial on the "Influence of the Convention," is a plea for a generous support for the *Anchora* and a greater interest in the fraternity: "Let each Delta Gamma make the welfare not only of her chapter, but of the whole fraternity, a matter of living interest with her, and let each make the *Anchora* a medium through which to express her opinion on fraternity matters, and to discuss subjects of great interest, that we may strengthen our purposes, broaden our views, and finally attain the highest excellence."

The following, we presume, is intended by the editor as a future guide to correspondents, as it has not been followed in the present issue:

"In fraternity journals the literary matter is a very pleasing addition, but when not dealing with or touching on fraternity matters, is the least important department of the paper. To be sure it adds much to the interest of the articles to know that the writer is a brother or sister, but the fields of general literature are broad enough without the fraternity magazine including this department in its scope to any extent. Nearly all the fraternity journals recognize this fact, and the tendency in the literary department is towards articles of fraternity interest, rather than those of pure literary merit. In adopting our new plan for the provision of literary articles, the question has been asked, 'What shall we write about; what kind of subjects are most appropriate?' To this we would answer, first, articles relating directly to Delta Gamma, then those on matters concerning a fraternity in general, and all of which tend to strengthen us in the noble purposes of humanity."

Ten well written and interesting chapter letters, one from each of the active chapters in the fraternity, show a very enthusiastic spirit on the part of the active members. If the *Anchora* can continue to receive such support from their active membership it need never fear for success.

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The *Golden Key*, of Kappa Kappa Gamma, has failed to put in an appearance since June. That issue, however, is excellent in many ways. The editorial management is marked, and the tone of the entire book is decided and confident. An open letter from "Chi"—where located we are unable to find out from the *Key*—discusses the honorary member question in a very candid manner. This chapter, it seems, has seen fit to refuse its consent to the admission of an honorary member, and this letter is written in explanation:

"In the first place, we wish to say that we had no personal objections to offer to the name proposed—indeed, could not have had any at our distance from the lady—but that our refusal was due entirely to our disapproval of the system of honorary membership. If against our principles we yielded to such a request from one chapter, we would have no right to refuse a similar request from another chapter. We think honorary membership wrong; and to have entered upon a course of receiving honorary members simply because we had been asked to do so, would be a weakness on our part, not a kindness. Again, we supposed that it was not expected that we would continually consent; for if that were the case, there would be no use in our being permitted to make a decision."

The editor, in commenting upon the above, administers the following rebuke to "Chi" for her assumption of authority:

"Chi's open letter is a frank, conscientious and honorable expression of the chapter's position on the subject of honorary membership. That position we regard as mainly correct; but while we approve the sentiment which dictated the chapter's recent action, we decidedly condemn the action itself. The fact is, that the chapters have a right to refuse consent to honorary members, but not to the principle of honorary membership. The place for a vote on that was in the national convention, and when the majority of the convention decided that it was desirable to retain it, the only thing for chapters to do was to carry out the law in spirit as well as in letter, whether they liked it or not. In common with other democratic institutions, we abide by the judgment of the majority; but to allow the majority to make the laws, and then themselves to obstruct those laws so that they become a dead letter, is to pretend to accept the judgment of the majority without really doing so, and pretense of any kind is fatal to Kappa Kappa Gamma, even though the pretense be so innocent as not to know itself for what it is."

The editorial department is well filled with bright and pertinent discussions of fraternity subjects. Much good advice is given to the chapters about Records, Alumni, Conventions, Chapter Libraries, etc. The latter is especially interesting, and if followed, in a few years, would prove of great value to chapters in the education of initiates in fraternity matters. We clip the following:

"Primarily, we do not want books to make our chapter rooms look pretty and refined. We want them for food for fraternity development. We want to make ourselves the heirs of our predecessors, both kindred and strangers, and begin life, as far as we may, with that wealth of experience which they struggled for years to gain.

"To this end, each chapter should possess the standard works on fraternities: Baird's *American College Fraternities*, revised edition; Jacobs' *Greek-Letter Societies*; Aiken's *Secret Society System*, and Kellogg's *College Secret Societies*. By comparing these together, we can eliminate any element of personality that may have entered into them, and can get an almost unobstructed view of Greek affairs. Next, the chapter history should be supplemented by a file of catalogues of the chapter's college, from the time Kappa Kappa Gamma entered the institution; college annuals, if any; volumes of the college periodical; scrap books containing Kappa programs, and those in which Kappas took part, newspaper notices, menu cards, and newspaper and magazine articles by members of the chapter and fraternity—all the scrap books to have wide margins for explanatory notes; finally photograph albums or frames containing photographs of all the members of the chapter in class order. Widening the circle, we take in simultaneously with the chapter collection, the general Kappa Kappa Gamma features: File of the *Golden Key*, catalogue, song book, fraternity music, convention notices and cards, and photographs of the members of the Grand Council, catalogues and annuals from colleges where sister chapters are placed; by and by, when we get old enough, books by members of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Outside of this, yet closely connected with it, is the corresponding realm of other fraternities."

The chapter letter department is the most open to criticism. Fifteen out of twenty-one chapters are represented. Most of the letters are simply a collection of personals, with no mention of the college or the chapter in general, and would naturally be devoid of all interest to any one except individual members of the particular chapter from which the communication proceeds. Two pages are given to notes about "Other Fraternities," in conclusion.

## Fraternity News.

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At the convention of Delta Tau Delta last August, the management of the *Crescent* was put into the hands of the Alumni, and the charters of the Lombard and Franklin and Marshall chapters were unanimously withdrawn. No cause was assigned for this last action.

There are in the University of Kansas, chapters of Β Θ Π, Φ Δ Θ, Φ Γ Δ, Σ Χ, Σ Ν, and Φ Κ Ψ. The ladies are also represented by Κ Κ Γ, Κ Α Θ, and Π Β Φ, or I. C. Sorosis. Recently a proposition was made to hold a Pan-Hellenic banquet, but in the meeting of the committee, an informal ballot brought out the fact that three fraternities were opposed, so the matter was dropped for the present.

Phi Delta Theta, at Vanderbilt, is having trouble over the expulsion of a member on the charge of cheating in examination. The faculty and the father of the young man have taken the matter up.

The authorities of Virginia Military Institute have commenced a war on fraternities. The *Sigma Chi* correspondent at Washington and Lee says: "Alpha Mu chapter, Sigma Chi, at the Virginia Military Institute will, her members fear, be compelled to return her charter. Some of the fraternities there last year acted in so disgraceful a manner as to cause the authorities of the institution to take steps whereby each new cadet is required to swear that he will not connect himself with any secret organization during his stay; so of course the fraternities are gone up, or will be so in a year or two."

At the last convention of Phi Gamma Delta held in Easton, Pa., the management of the *Phi Gamma Delta* was given to Omega chapter, Columbia College. It will be issued hereafter a quarterly instead of a monthly as last year.

Phi Delta Theta has twenty-seven chapters in the South.

An attempt was made last June to have the fraternities abolished in Ohio Wesleyan University, but did not meet with success.

There are six societies here, the three oldest of which, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, and Chi Psi, work in about the same field. We shall have three or four, the Phi Kaps about three, and the Chi Psis, from an influx of younger brothers, etc., about five. The feeling between the societies is of the pleasantest nature, with the exception, possibly, of Phi Delta Theta, which manifests its discontent on the precedence question.—*Beta Theta Pi Correspondent at Wisconsin University.*

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record* will hereafter be published at Savannah, Georgia, under the management of W. W. Osborne. This fraternity recently held a successful convention at Nashville, Tenn.

The chapters and membership of fraternities in the University of California are as follows: Z Ψ, 13; X Φ, 13; Δ Κ Ε, 17; Β Θ Π, 18; Φ Γ Δ having recently given up her charter.

Sigma Phi, Psi Upsilon and Delta Upsilon are the only Eastern fraternities which have never had chapters in the South. Delta Kappa Epsilon was the first fraternity to establish chapters in the South, a chapter of that fraternity having been established at Nashville University in 1847. Beta Theta Pi established a chapter at Centre College in 1842. Phi Gamma Delta commenced establishing chapters in the South in 1851, Phi Kappa Psi in 1853 and Phi Delta Theta in 1854.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

The *Sigma Chi* authoritatively contradicts the statement that the Iowa University chapter of that fraternity is dead or in a dying condition.

The Β Θ Π and Φ Δ Θ chapters of Vanderbilt are having a controversy over the number of honors received by their respective members last year. The Σ Χ and Κ Α at Randolph Macon College are similarly engaged, their point of controversy not being confined entirely to the honor question. The *Sigma Chi* correspondent devotes a column and a half to the subject in the last issue.

The practice of initiating special students seems to be quite universal with Southern Kappa Alpha. At Vanderbilt she has twenty-six men, distributed as follows: Literary, 11; Law, 6; Pharmacy, 6; Theological, 2; Medical, 1. At the University of Texas out of thirteen men, nine belong to the Law Department.

Sigma Chi is still trying to enter Ohio Wesleyan, but the faculty do not seem to be favorably disposed toward their proposition.

It is reported that both Κ Α Θ and Κ Κ Γ have sustained the loss of important chapters during the past year, the former at the University of Michigan, and the latter at the University of California. In neither case have we seen any cause assigned.

Of the seventy chapters established (in Ohio), nearly sixty are active. Among these are seven chapters representing the ladies fraternities, Κ Κ Γ, 2; Κ Α Θ, 2; Δ Γ, 3; two prosperous locals, Α Σ Φ and Α Γ, at Marietta, and two chapters of the sophomore society Θ Ν Ε. Of western fraternities all are represented save Φ Κ Σ. Of these the Betas have seven chapters, Φ Δs six, Φ Γ Δ six, Δ Τ Δ six, Σ Χ four, and Φ Κ Ψ four; of eastern, Α Δ Φ has two, Δ Κ Ε two, Θ Δ Χ one, Ψ Υ one; Χ Ψ one; Χ Φ, of mingled northern, eastern and southern origin, two; from the south, Α Τ Ω two, Σ Α Ε one.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

The Phi Delta Theta chapter at Wabash College recently reinstated a

Mr. Brown, who had been expelled from the fraternity the year before by the chapter at De Pauw. "His offense was a college prank which is practiced almost every year."

The following; according to the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*, is the relative numerical strength of the fraternities at the University of Wisconsin: Phi Delta Theta, 10; Chi Psi, 10; Beta Theta Pi, 5; Phi Kappa Psi, 11; Sigma Chi, 7; Delta Upsilon, 5, and the ladies Kappa Kappa Gamma, 9; Delta Gamma, 11

The ladies of  $\Pi B \Phi$ , better known as I. C. Sorosis, held their thirteenth annual convention in Lawrence, Kansas, November 25, 26 and 27, with Kappa chapter. Seventeen delegates were present, representing seventeen out of twenty-two chapters. On the evening of the 25th, the ladies were entertained by Miss Sue Miles, at her beautiful home in South Lawrence. During the evening the gentlemen of Kansas A,  $\Phi K \Psi$ , A N and Betas, serenaded them, and were very hospitably received. On the 26th Miss Maud Mansfield entertained them at her home, and on the evening of the 27th the chapters of the Betas and  $\Phi K \Psi$  received the ladies in their halls. The publication of the *Arrow* was again intrusted to the ladies of Kappa chapter, University of Kansas. The Sorosis was reported to be in a prosperous condition.

The Chi Phi fraternity held its convention in New York city, November 18th. Thirty-two delegates were present, representing all but three chapters. The management of the Chi Phi *Quarterly* was placed in the hands of Ed E. Sparks, Portsmouth, Ohio. The next convention will be held in Louisville, Ky., November, 1886.

The Phi Kappa Psi have resurrected Alpha chapter (University of Iowa), rented halls, and are quite prosperous, although organized at the beginning of the spring term.—*Golden Key*.

The Betas have apparently lowered their former standard, and will be very much weakened when the class of '86 graduates.  $\Phi K \Psi$  is young, but shows the vigor of youth, and has a recognized standing.  $\Sigma X$  has partially recovered the ground lost last year, and bids fair to become established on a more solid basis than ever before. Phi Delta Theta is much inferior to its former standing, both in men and influence. Our lady Greeks are prosperous though conservative. It was rumored that a chapter of Delta Gamma had been established here, but if so, it is still *sub rosa*.—*Delta Tau Delta Correspondent at University of Iowa*.

The Delta Tau Delta chapter at Hanover is reduced to three men, all Sophomores, and owing to the scarcity of eligible men, will probably remain so during the year.

Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Psi (Wooster) are fitting up new halls in a brick block that is just finished. Their location is central.—*Crescent*.

## Chapter Letters.

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### SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

We wish we had a suitable offering for this holiday number of *THE SHIELD*, but fear the gift will prove rather uninteresting to the reader, as news is scarce and the time necessary to prepare a live letter is wanting. Our boys are now in the midst of their term examinations, but not much stress is placed on them, as the passing depends more upon the work for the term than upon the examination. In a few days we shall be scattered and enjoying the holiday recess of two weeks. But it will be the separation of a happy band of fellows; and, were it not that the separation is short, the anticipations of pleasant times in the meanwhile so inviting, and the prospects of a reunion of the brothers at the opening of next term so gratifying and encouraging, it would be mourned by all. For the past term has indeed been very cheering; new brothers have come among us, and our new chapter rooms have been fitted up and enjoyed. We now feel that we have a chapter home to be proud of, and a haven where the boys can gather, and forgetting college cares, resign themselves to more pleasant pastime. Our rooms were newly built and fitted up this season, and for conveniences and attractions we could not be better suited. We have not been able to furnish them as nicely as we wished to, but hope to improve them in the near future. During this term nearly all of the chapters have been together in a  $\Phi \Psi$  boarding club, so that three times a day eleven of us have met around Brother Harris' well-spread board. We are very much pleased with the system of club boarding, as it brings the brothers into closer relations and creates more friendly feelings among them. Brother Hagaman, '88, who has been out nearly a year on account of his eyes, will be with us again next term, and will swell our chapter number to seventeen. The *College Annual*, which has been published for a few years past, may not appear this year. The prospects for making it a grand financial failure were so good that a portion of the class thought it best to let it rest for this year. Some of the others are making spasmodic efforts to force it before the public, but after electing officers on their board and having their names placed in print, they will doubtless be satisfied and let it drop. Other college matters move on smoothly and all is peace.

E. G. ELDRIDGE.

December 15, 1885.

## HOBART.

Although a communication from N. Y. Delta appeared in the last number of *THE SHIELD*, still, as our contributions of late have been of rare and irregular occurrence, and as the editors of *THE SHIELD* expect us to prepare something for the January issue, we will venture again to assume the duties of a correspondent. A period of five years elapsing since the foundation of our chapter, it is with feelings of pride mingled with those of surprise and exultation, that we contemplate the wonderful progress made by N. Y. Delta along those lines which give strength and character to a chapter. In respect to what might be called chapter equipments, I dare say we are unexcelled by any in western New York. By exercising a due amount of discrimination in its selection of men, our chapter has acquired at least a local reputation for the excellency of its scholarship. At '84's Commencement Brother Flood carried off the honor of valedictorian, Brother Irish that of salutatorian, and both were elected Phi Beta Kappas; in addition to these triumphs, one-half the prizes awarded were won by Phi Kappa Psi, and what makes it better still, she lost none for which she competed. It was said at the time that Brother Flood had reached the highest grade that had ever before been attained by any student at Hobart. At '85's Commencement we graduated no men from our ranks, but notwithstanding that, we succeeded in capturing two of the six prizes awarded. Thus you perceive we have at least some grounds for feeling proud of our literary achievements in the past, and with this as a stimulus, we press forward earnestly hoping that our future, in this respect, will be more brilliant than the records of the past. We cannot express with what pleasure we pressed the hand of Brother Everett, of Penna. Beta, who happened to drop in town and remain a day or two towards the latter part of October last. Although his business was pressing, still he made time to visit with us, and to enliven the hours with his geniality, and to leave us with a stronger spirit of enthusiasm for the cause of Phi Kappa Psi. Some of our number have visited the Syracuse and Cornell chapters this fall, and besides describing the good time enjoyed with the brothers, report Alpha and Beta to be in flourishing conditions. We trust the brothers will make us a return visit as soon as convenient—and here let us say that we shall regard it an unpardonable offense for any Phi Psi passing through Geneva, to fail to call on us—we are always to be found either at our parlor in Trinity Building or at the chapter halls on Seneca street.

Some time during the winter the *Echo*, published by the Junior class, will appear. Last year we forwarded a copy to each of the chapters, and this year we shall do the same. We would be delighted to receive in return copies of the annuals published at the colleges and universities where Phi Kappa Psi is established. We would also be pleased to exchange chapter-group photos with any of the chapters

The routine of college life seems to flow on as usual, with here and there a ripple of excitement to break the monotony of its course. Such was the case on the 19th of November, at an early hour of the morning, when the cry of fire! fire!! awoke the students from their slumbers and their dreams. Pell-mell, hat, coat, vest, pants, bootless, they streamed out from the dormitories upon the street, there to behold the old middle building sheathed in flames.

The proximity of this burning building to the dormitories was such that all expected every moment the tongue of fire and the intense heat to reach across the intervening space and continue its ruinous march. Fortunately the fire department had now arrived, and by their prompt and energetic action the flames were soon under control. Thus our fears and anxiety were quieted, for we had even given up all hope of saving our personal effects from threatening destruction. When the flames had completed their work, all that virtually remained of the old building was its bare and blackened walls. The building was originally the Medical College, but since 1841 it has been used principally as the college library building. The loss sustained is considerable, still it will undoubtedly hasten the carrying out of the project of erecting a four-story stone building, that will connect the two dormitories and so add more architectural beauty to the dormitory buildings.

After considerable discussion, the college boys have decided to organize a minstrel troupe and give a few exhibitions during the winter before home audiences. This may seem a questionable feature to introduce into college life, yet we must have some means of relaxation and amusement, and this probably is as appropriate and effective as any other that can be thought of at this time of the year. Before this is drawn to a close we wish to congratulate the editors of *THE SHIELD* on their successful efforts in improving the appearance and general tone of *THE SHIELD*, and in making its columns so interesting to its readers, that when we have finished reading one number we are at once eager to devour the following one on its appearance. *THE SHIELD* is becoming more and more indispensable to us. When our enthusiasm and zeal begins to lag, we have only to take down a few old copies of *THE SHIELD* and read them, when, presto! what a spirit swells up within us, bounding through every vein and impelling us to the exercise of greater thought and effort in advancing the cause of our noble fraternal order. But stop, my pen! This pleasant task of mine is finished.

December 10, 1885.

CHAS. B. MOWRY.

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JOHNS HOPKINS.

Brother Glenn, B. G., is now deep in the mazes of the law at the University of Maryland, and has therefore turned over to me the unworthy G. P., the duty of reporting what is of interest at the Johns Hopkins.

Our chapter is just now in a flourishing condition. Any lack of news regarding her state, which you may have noticed last year, sprang from the fact that for a short time Maryland Alpha was extremely perplexed at the news she, herself, received. Our quarters down town, the chief advantage of which was their extreme "snuggness," were not found alluring enough, but we are now probably better off than ever before.

But one fraternity has at the University a chapter which can approach ours in its venerable antiquity of years, and this is our old friend the B Θ Π. I believe our numbers are about equal, viz: about fifteen each, but the proverbial ♂ ♀ modestly, would naturally forbid my comparing the respective calibre of our members. "Suffice it to say," that no ♂ ♀ from abroad has yet expressed ought but the profoundest pleasure at our superior condition. We have, since the opening of this term, admitted two men, in every way up to this high standard, and expect others shortly. This term has, however, marked the advent of a third contestant for fraternity honors on the field of the Johns Hopkins, even more dangerous to us than our customary rival. Delta Phi has invaded our sacred precincts, and is making vigorous efforts to anticipate us in the men we are usually sure of. But Phi Psi's luck will not now desert her, I am sure, and with the hearty support we get from our city alumni, there is no cause for fear. At our annual banquet, which we held in February, these friends show their sympathy with us in a very remarkable way. Physicians, clergymen and some of the most prominent members of the bar in the city assemble, full of sport and fun to show us undergraduates how sweet the memory of the fraternity is now to them, though in most cases a quarter of a century has elapsed since they left her active service. The moral support these banquets are to our chapter can only be appreciated by one who has been present at one of them. The sight of the friends and contemporaries of our fathers enjoying, like boys, the fun of a fraternity supper, is wonderfully enlivening. Picture to yourself for a moment, forty or fifty of us sitting around a long table laden with the rarest of those delicacies for which Maryland is so justly famous, and vociferously applauding the attempt of a famous and successful lawyer to prove that in spite of his grey locks he is but twenty. And so well does he argue that every one half believes him, except, of course, his antagonist, who is shown to be a patriarch.

One of the most jovial at our last two banquets is lost to us this year. I mean Brother Woodrow Wilson, who has accepted the chair of History and Political Science at Bryn Mawr College for young ladies, near Philadelphia. He was uniformly chosen to toast the fair sex, and the feeling way in which he did so showed a just appreciation of their charms. This appreciation may have led him to Bryn Mawr. I know not. But he won while he was with us the esteem of all, and all recognized that the fame his treatise on "Congressional Government" won for him was but deserved.

So much for fraternity news, of which you shall hear more hereafter, I promise you. The University is now more prosperous than ever before. We have on the rolls 289 men, of whom 150 are post-graduates, who seek generally for a Ph. D. While we cannot yet rival Harvard, Yale or Princeton in point of numbers, still as to the calibre of our men and the work done by them, we do not fear comparison even with Berlin or Leipsic. Within the last two months ground has been broken for a new physical laboratory, the present one being found too small for Professor Rowland's rapidly growing classes. It will be about 120 by 100 feet. The material is sand brick, and the whole building is to be completed by next May. A tower is to be erected on it for astronomical work, probably under Professor Newcombe, and this department promises soon to become as famous as the rest of our work is now. Our new professor in the Semitic languages, Dr. Hunpt, is meeting with great success, not only in his classes, but also, I understand, in the deciphering of ancient inscriptions, etc., which is his specialty. But by this time I suppose you are repenting of having called on Maryland Alpha for a letter, and have determined to do so no more. Remember our chapter most kindly to our brothers of Kansas Alpha, and receive our best wishes for THE SHIELD.

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ALLAN C. WOODS.

UNIVERSITY AT LEWISBURG.

It was with a feeling of pride that the thirteen members of Penna. Gamma read the pages of the last SHIELD. The six chapters clustered together in Eastern Penna. are sometimes vain enough to imagine that they form the van of our glorious brotherhood. Henceforth, Gamma at least, must concede that honored position to rightfully belong to the West. We have our long list of noted men, but we dare not forget that we have run a long course which in many cases has been smooth and skirted with laurels within easy grasp. On account of its very ease our existence has become mechanical. We lack the progressive, I may say the *aggressive* spirit of our sisters in the West. And were it not for THE SHIELD, which communicates to us the impressions it receives from those battling in the very front, it is probable that our interest in the fraternity at large would assume the same proportions as that we have for ourselves, and which our own inactivity evinces.

Ohio Alpha deserves the congratulations of the whole fraternity for successfully completing the first edition of her *Record*. And the  $\Phi$ 's of the U. at L. take especial pleasure in congratulating her on her noble career of a quarter of a century, since Hon Geo. P. Wilson, whose portrait holds in our halls a prominent place among Gamma's Alumni, officiated at the ceremonies which gave her life, and launched her in the troubled sea over which she has prevailed.

The University is steadily improving. This year a new chair in the

sciences was established, to which Brother William G. Owens was elected. A new professor in Oratory has been secured. The Latin professorship left vacant by the death of Brother William T. Grier, is now filled by Professor Rockwood, D.K.E., of Brown. The Crozer chair of Rhetoric will soon be filled by Prof. Perrine, also of Brown. Numerous valuable additions have lately been made to the museums. As a certain mark of advancement, a handsome chapel is being erected in the midst of the University buildings. It will have a seating capacity of five hundred, and will be called after the donor, Bucknell Hall.

We have initiated two new men this year. Brother Wm. M. Woodward you have met. Brother Rufus Bicknell Young is our latest sensation. Gretzinger, '89, is vice-president of his class. Finn, '89, is class historian. Johnston, '89, is only excelled in racket wielding by Schreyer, '88. Woodward, '88, is captain of U. at L. crew. Kelchner, '86, is president of his class.

HOWARD L. CALDER.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Since my last letter our chapter has passed through so many interesting events that I hardly know how to begin. Our most important piece of chapter work has been the initiation of Brothers W. H. Venable, of Danville, Va., John L. Howard, of Louisville, Ky., R. M. Kent, Jr., of Virginia, C. P. Echols, of Huntsville, Ala., and L. A. Cover, of Winchester, Va. These are all prime men, and have been much sought for by others, but  $\phi \kappa \psi$  was victorious. These brings the number of our initiates up to nine, our total to eighteen, the largest club in college.

Brothers Stires, Woods and Blackford spent a few days of last month with Virginia Beta. They received us in true  $\phi \kappa \psi$  style, entertaining us beautifully and giving us an oyster supper. Let others follow the custom of inter-chapter visits set by Virginia Alpha.

On Thanksgiving day Brother Peters invited us to a dinner party given at his father's house in our honor. It was a full-dress affair, and we attended in force, accompanied by the young ladies of the neighborhood who are loyal to the Lavender and Pink. Space forbids my reproducing the *menu*, but the dinner was in twelve courses and lasted five hours. One of our professors who peeped in privately, said it was one of the prettiest sights he ever saw. In acknowledgment the chapter sent Mrs. Peters a basket of flowers, and her reply is given herewith:

#### TO VIRGINIA ALPHA $\phi \kappa \psi$ .

This world had been less fair had God not made  
His flowers to blossom in its ev'ry glade,  
Sad human hearts at variance with life,  
Oppressed by cares and weary grown of strife  
Have found in them a subtle balm for pain.  
And tears — that else had dropped like Winter's rain

Which blight the fruitage buds that hopes enfold—  
 Caught in the lily's upturned cup of gold,  
 Have changed to jewels rare whose rays serene  
 Gave back the smiles of heaven And too, I ween,  
 A mission pure of love they've oftimes wrought  
 Like penitence, in modest guise, they've sought  
 A recreant lover, and, with breathings sweet  
 Have mutely called him to his dear love's feet;  
 In marriage bells they've swung with softest chimes,  
 About the poet's lute have wreathed in rhymes;  
 Like stars they light the mountain's denser glooms  
 Where gorge and ravine meet.—The daisy blooms  
 Hang round the silver throats of woodland lakes;  
 The primrose in each twilight vista wakes;  
 Sweet hare-bells on the cliff-heights gayly nod  
 While heather decks the meadow's primal sod,  
 Thus flowers of every hue to earth are given  
 As tokens of the gracious love of heaven.

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Fit emblems, then, of friendship's kindly thought,  
 The gift of flowers to me so lately brought,  
 The basket heaped with buds and blossoms bright  
 Whose beauty fills my house with summer's light,  
 Is, in itself a "thing of joy"—yet more,  
 When every petal bears its hidden store  
 Of goodly wishes. Friends, I ask for you,  
 That flowers as fair may all your life-paths strew,  
 That tints as bright may paint those hopes and dreams,  
 Which shall with you abide; that joy's own beams,  
 Pure as the golden heart of "Marshal Neil"  
 May light your ways when shadows round you steal;  
 That as the Guelder Rose, which, stainless white,  
 Has thorn and brier to guard it day or night,  
 Each life of yours may have its shield of Truth  
 To keep from harmful touch your strong, fair youth.

Your "Sister" (by courtesy),

MARY SHEFFEY PETERS.

Brother J. B. Foraker came through Charlottesville some weeks ago. but owing to the brevity of his stay only two of our brothers met him.

With regard to college honors, we expect this year an M. A., an M. D., a C. E. and a host of diplomas on single schools, such as Latin, Greek, Mathematics, etc. In the recent athletic games Brother Peters won the "Potato race," and Brother G. T. Smith the 100 yard's dash, and was one of the winners of the "Three-legged race." In addition, he is on the crack tennis team of the University.

Brother Hains is leader of the college choir, and Brothers Kent, Echols and Stires are members thereof. Brothers G. T. Smith, Saunders and Blackford were choir members last session, but owing to college work could not give the requisite time again. Brother Saunders, however, is in the college orchestra, so it will be seen that we are "nothing if not musical."

With best wishes for the fraternity at large, and thanks for the kind mention of the Virginia chapters in the last SHIELD.

C. M. BLACKFORD, JR.

## OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The Ohio Delta chapter will give a banquet to Brother J. B. Foraker on the evening of January 29th (Friday), unless circumstances make a change of date necessary. It is the desire of the chapter to have a grand affair, and all Phi Psis, far and near, are cordially invited to be present. Please announce this in *THE SHIELD*, without fail, and oblige

December 22d, 1885.

THE COMMITTEE.

Please publish the name of Wm. W. Keifer as the B. G. of Ohio Delta. His address is No. 66 East Third Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

December 22, 1885.

GEORGE SMART.

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 WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Gamma, whose membership was reduced so much about a year ago, again finds herself on a firm basis, and is glad to announce to the fraternity that she is now in better condition than she has been since 1882.

It is true we have had no hall for the last year in which to transact our business, but we have been supported by our alumni to such an extent that we have never been unable to find a suitable place for holding our meetings. The most enthusiastic members of the alumni interested in our chapter, are Brothers H. M. Clemens, C. A. McDonald and E. F. Siegenthaler, who are always in attendance at our meetings. Brother McDonald kindly extended to us the use of a house belonging to him, which has made a very convenient chapter-house, thus saving us the expense of supporting a hall while our membership was small. The other members of the alumni have nearly all offered us the use of their business offices. At the opening of the year we went into the contest eagerly, and as a result we are able to introduce to you four of the best men who entered the University. The first man to ride our goat was Ottis Wilds, of Mansfield, O.; the second, Park Kemper, of Cincinnati, a brother of Guy Kemper, a former enthusiastic member of this chapter; the third, Wm. Woodside, of Cincinnati, who says our goat was in good riding condition the night we initiated him; the fourth was Jesse Allen, of Columbianna, O., who was initiated in one of the law offices down town; owing to this fact we were unable to give him the 32nd degree. However, we have kindly offered fully to initiate again all those whom we have slighted in this respect when we get located in our new hall, as we expect to be fully equipped for initiating in every degree all candidates in future.

Our new hall is located in the central part of the city, overlooking the public square, and is as fine a place as could be obtained in the city for the purpose. We have already made some purchases for it, and will fit it up finer than the hall we left about a year ago. We expect to enter it at the close of this term.

We have at present twelve active members in college: 1 Senior, 3

Juniors, 3 Sophomores, 2 Freshmen, 3 Preps., and the prospect of more. As will be seen by the above, our men are well distributed among the classes. The University Battalion Band is composed of  $\Phi$   $\Psi$ s almost exclusively. When they needed officers for the battalion they did not forget us, as all our boys in the military department are officers except two; also in the literary society, Brother Y. S. Johnston was elected last night to represent it as Declaimer in the Inter-Society Contest.

Such is the condition of Ohio  $\Gamma$ . Most of the other chapters of the fraternity may be ahead of us in standing, yet considering the fact that a year ago we had but three members, we are highly gratified with our progress, and if we are successful in our plans and schemes, we hope some day to restore the chapter to the condition in which it was in '78-9.

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WITTENBERG.

Already the first term is nearly over, and we are all now looking forward toward the examinations. We will have the regulation number, and then disperse to spend the holidays among our friends at home. Several Manitoba waves have already put in their appearance, but as yet we have not been able to take that expected skate or sleigh-ride. We are now looking eagerly forward to the completion of the new Wittenberg, and we feel assured our hopes will be realized in the future. The sound of the workmen can once more be heard, and before long the magnificent building will be completed. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000, and it is certainly a success as to appearance and convenience. It will be used for the Chemical and Physical Laboratories, Recitation Rooms and Library. It also contains two fine literary society halls and a beautiful and commodious chapel. The faculty have recently elected Rev. J. F. Richards to a chair in the Theological Seminary. Although in our last letter we were able to cite the addition of two new brothers, still the good work has gone on and victory has once more perched herself upon our banners. It is indeed with no little pride that we can present to all our new brothers, S. S. Burtfield, '88, of Van Wert, Ohio, and Henry Fischer, '89, of Dayton, Ohio. Both of these men were worked hard by the other fraternities. The former brother had received two bids, and the latter one, even before we came upon the scene of action. It was a long, hard pull, but it paid, for after the contest was over it was no other than the Pink and Lavender, which waved over the shattered hopes of our rivals. Our number has also been increased by the arrival of Brother F. G. Gotwald, of Pennsylvania Epsilon. We can justly congratulate ourselves upon these acquisitions, as they are all strong men. Material for future work does not seem exceedingly abundant at present, but our number will justify us in waiting and watching for the best. The relative number of men the several fraternities have taken in is as follows: Phi Gamma Delta, 1; Beta Theta Pi, 1; Alpha

Tau Omega, 3; Phi Kappa Psi, 5; and the total number in each is as follows:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Preparatory.	Total.
A T Ω	1	1	1	0	3	6
Φ Γ Δ	1	0	1	5	0	7
B Θ Π	6	2	4	1	0	13
Φ Κ Ψ	2	4	2	4	1	13

The feeling between the different fraternities, is as a usual thing, of the most pleasant nature, although at times it has not been all that could be desired. The college political world at present is quiet; our last victory, however, in this line, was the capture of president, vice-president and a member on the executive committee of the Oratorical Association. The evening upon which we took in "*our latest*" was a most enjoyable affair. Four of our Alumni were present. After the regular initiation we abided by our custom on such occasions, and proceeded to do justice to the banquet which awaited our arrival. After the delicacies of the season had been dispatched, a short time was spent in listening to toasts and indulging in Φ Ψ songs. It was then that we realized again the great need our fraternity has for a Phi Kappa Psi song book. On this occasion we used the sheet music we brought home from the G. A. C., together with other college songs.

If any Φ Ψ of our sister chapters should happen in this part of the world we beg them to stop off at Springfield and we will try and treat you royally. Ohio Beta wishes you all the merriest of Christmases and a happy and prosperous New Year.

J. H. LYDAY, JR.

December 18, 1885.

#### WABASH.

Our chapter lost by graduation last year Brothers T. S. Wilson and A. W. Knight. We greatly feel the loss, as the chapter never had two more zealous and enthusiastic members.

It is gratifying to me to announce to the fraternity that on the night of November 6th, we initiated Brother Wm. H. Dox, of Terre Haute, Ind; Brother T. S. Wilson, Wabash, '85, and Brothers Bram. Baker, and Charles Neff, of Indiana Alpha, were present, and helped to impress Brother Dox. It was the pleasure of one of our members several weeks ago, to visit Indiana Alpha and Beta. The institutions are making rapid strides, and our chapters were never before in better condition.

Through the influence of Brother A. B. Milford, our Professor of English has been instituted a contest debate between the literary societies with a first and second prize, of fifty and twenty-five dollars. This is to be called the Milford Prize Debate, in honor of the main projector.

Professor Winslow has been elected to the chair of Latin, made vacant by the death of Professor Thompson.

It is pleasant to compare THE SHIELD with other fraternity journals. We may be wrapped up in vanity, but we are extremely well satisfied with THE SHIELD.

C. G. CAMPBELL.

December 8, 1885.

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UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

The fall term closed on the 18th ultimo, and we can look back upon as profitable a term's work as any within the memory of active members of the chapter. Our meetings have been well attended, the programs have been well carried out, and good fellowship has universally prevailed. We commenced the term with ten men. Since then we have pledged four men in the Preparatory Department, and on the 17th of last month we took in Mr. Carl Bushnell, a Freshman. The great event of the fall term in Illinois Beta is the essay contest for prizes given by two of our alumni, Messrs. R. S. Mott, '81, and R. S. King, '84. The class of '88 was victorious this time, Messrs. Thoms and Conley carrying off the two prizes of fifteen and ten dollars. We had a fine spread after the meeting, at the invitation of our successful brothers.

The affairs of the college seem to prosper. The insurance company manifests a willingness to treat with the new Board of Trustees, and the prospects are favorable for a speedy settlement of the difficulty. Illinois Beta has no reason to be ashamed of her success, even under the disheartening circumstances which have hampered her, and has nothing but the brightest hopes for the future.

T. R. WEDDELL.

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DEPAUW.

Indiana Alpha is glad to be able to report to the fraternity a continual prosperity in her condition, as recently reported.

Since the publication of the last letter addressed you we have explained mysteries of  $\Phi K \Psi$ —those of the “mystic symbols in Greek, from the uninitiated screened”—to Brother C. D. Hunt, '89, of New Lebanon, Indiana, and Brother Ed. G. Jaques, of Warsaw, Indiana; this swells our membership to 23, consisting of 3 Seniors, 6 Juniors, 7 Sophomores, 6 Freshmen, 1 Senior Preparatory. In relation to the numerical strength of the other fraternities, we compare as follows:  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 21;  $\Sigma \chi$ , 19;  $\Delta K E$ , 19,  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 17;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 15;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 11;  $K A \Theta$ , 26;  $K K \Gamma$ , 21;  $A \chi \Omega$ , 15. Most of these are in a very prosperous condition, and, in fact, all of our local Greek rivals, by their individual struggles for recognition, seem to be quite united in their determined effort to realize the ennobling principles upon which their respective organizations are based. Phi Kappa Psi is with them, and is holding her deserved place as one of the first of the minority of superior ones. Our chapter is pleased to learn of the vigorous efforts of the Constitutional Committee in pursuing its work; but they should not fear that the

fraternity at large is indifferent to the matter, but that it is rather depending upon the suggestions officially given at the late G. A. C. and the resulting ideas formed by the Committee, and that it fully realizes the magnitude of the work and appreciates their continued efforts, with a wish that they may realize therefrom a resulting plan, such as shall be able to meet the enlarging demands of our constantly growing organization. We are also pleased to note the reported success with which the Grand Catalogue Committee is meeting. It is an important committee, and their duties are of delicate interest to the entire fraternity. The time for the submittal of these reports is fast approaching, and the Indiana chapters realize the limited time until the G. A. C., and assure the fraternity a hearty reception at that time, such as is characteristic of "Hoosierdom."

The University is closing the present term in a very flattering condition. Her enrollment has amounted to 750 during the present term. Many new departments are started, and new courses offered in the Department of Literature and Art. The Schools of Law, Art and Music are meeting with decided success. A new ladies' fraternity ( $\Lambda \times \Omega$ ), of which this is the Alpha chapter, has been formed in the latter department, and has commenced with an excellent enrollment from the ranks of "the musicals."

The DePauw endowment has placed the college on an excellent foundation, and with the new dormitories and department buildings, and with the excellent advantages in the new departments, together with the decided improvements in the old "Asbury College of Liberal Arts," the University has the most encouraging prospects for the future. Our Military Department represented us at the recent obsequies of the late Vice-President Hendricks by two finely drilled companies, the only educational institution represented. Chartered cars were furnished the cadets and all expenses paid by University authorities.

We have been favored lately by visits from Brother "Bob" Smith, '81; Brothers Campbell and Day, of Indiana Gamma, and Brothers Buskirk and Mason, '85, of Indiana Beta. These frequent visits interchanged by the Indiana chapters are excellent promoters of a more general fraternal development. Realizing the importance of the same, in our own circle, we are thus enjoying the full benefit of all of the teachings of  $\Phi \kappa \Psi$ , and express to our sister chapters our sincere desire that all may conserve their energies to individual aggrandizement that it may result in making our grand and noble organization an effective exponent of true and zealous fraternal friendship and love.

GEO. B. BAKER.

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CARLETON COLLEGE.

Some general account of our present condition and prospects will, I suppose, be acceptable, and in that regard I may say, that while we have been considerably reduced in numbers by the graduation of the class of '85, there still remains a staunch band of choice spirits who strive to hold the

banner of  $\Phi \Psi$  as high as it should be. The remark of Brother J. E. Christy, of D. C. Alpha, in the October SHIELD, that "the existence of all things human seems fated to fluctuation and change," though perhaps somewhat of a truism, yet seems proper to urge in this connection. By the graduation of this class we have lost six good men, while still another, Brother Chas. A. Veblin, was taken from us some months before by the hand of death. The loss of Brother Veblin is one of the saddest items we have yet been called upon to record. He was a man of great promise, a Scandinavian by birth, and a person of powerful and beautiful physique. Intellectually, he was far superior to the average student. He was one of the foremost scholars in his class, and his eloquence was something remarkable. He possessed a rich, powerful voice, and a brilliant imagination, and when aroused in debate, words of wisdom fell from his lips like wintry snow-flakes. During his Junior year, while performing some severe athletic feat, he received an injury which terminated in a lumbar abscess, the immediate cause of his death. He died at Iowa City, Iowa, in the latter part of May, 1885, but a few weeks before his class-mates graduated from college.

We are frequently favored by visits and letters from our older members who have graduated and gone from us, and the interest manifested in our welfare, shows that our two years' work has not been vain. Byron somewhere remarks, "How dear is the school-boy spot we ne'er forget, though there we are forgot." But through the blessed influence of  $\Phi \Psi$  we are *not forgot* when we leave college, but leave behind us a continual reminder of ourselves and a place where we are sure of a hearty welcome when we return. Within the last few months three of our alumni members have been bold enough to take upon themselves the chains of matrimony.

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## THE GREEKS.

O college days that speed on wing so strong,  
O college joys that last not long, not long,  
O college friends from whom we soon shall sever,  
O college friendships made for aye and ever,  
O dreams of youth so sweet, so frail, so fleeting,  
'Neath touch of time and care so swift retreating!

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To thee the goblets clink,  
Greek pledged to Greek we drink,  
Eternal be the link

That binds our hearts in one.  
Long mystic flame shall dance  
'Neath warm, fraternal glance,  
Till life's last set of sun.

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From where the sunshine glistens  
On mantle fair of snow,  
To where old Ætna listens  
To sullen depths below;  
From where the morn's fair fingers  
Throw ope the gates of day,  
To where the daylight lingers  
No more on crested spray;  
O'er man and stream and hillside,  
O'er all, the shadows fall:  
But the sunlight softly lingers  
'Round the dear old Phi Psi hall.

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Aside our foes we fling.  
Greek pledged to Greek we sing  
Till wall and rafter ring,  
Nor time nor space shall sever.  
The sparkling wine we quaff,  
At fate and hate we laugh.  
God bless the Greeks forever!

## Fraternity Education.

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There is no doubt that the present is the most prosperous era in the history of the Phi Kappa Psi. The hearty activity which is pervading the entire fraternity at this time, embracing in its effects not only the rapidly increasing active membership, but the entire body of our fraternity members, is most marked and unmistakable. During the six years that I have been connected with the fraternity, I have watched with the keenest interest its development and progress, and the unerring and substantial evidences of its present strength, the result of the remarkable enthusiasm and well directed and patient work of the past four years, afford the utmost gratification to those who cherish the fraternity's interests as their own. In increase of members and chapters, in the individual well being and substantial success of our chapters, in the collective unity of purpose and harmony of action of the fraternity as a whole, and especially in the renewed intensity of the interest and allegiance of our alumni, our fraternity is exceeding the sanguine hopes of its most enthusiastic devotees.

At such a time with such elements of robust health and lusty growth apparent on every hand, it is especially fitting that we should consider in detail and with candor, the weak points in our towering structure, and seek the means of elevating each ramification of our noble fortress to an equal height with the loftiest towers from which float the untarnished banners of Phi Kappa Psi.

Especially is it fitting that such considerations should occupy our attention at this time, in view of the near approach of our Grand Arch Council for the express purpose of inquiring with particular minuteness into the government and procedure of the fraternity.

I read with interest the article in the last SHIELD by Brother George Smart. Brother Smart touched upon a subject which has been uppermost in my mind for a long time, and to which I have frequently called attention in the chapter. The greatest weakness which I perceive in Phi Kappa Psi is a lack of intimate acquaintance with, and adequate knowledge of Phi Kappa Psi itself. In this respect I know, and frankly acknowledge we are inferior to some at least of our associates in the Greek world. There is so much in the history and personnel of our fraternity to repay study and research, so much in her principles, her forms and statutes to command admiration, so much in her grand and extensive organization to arouse our pride, that I deplore especially the want that I have mentioned. Brother Smart appreciates the conditions which I have alluded to, and he suggests

an excellent plan for overcoming them. I am of the opinion, however, that we should go much farther. The fact that our members have not, as a rule, voluntarily undertaken the studies which I deem essential to the utmost good and strength of the fraternity, is evidence that it will require something more than suggestion to lead them to it. It is not at all remarkable that this is necessary, nor does it prove a carelessness nor lack of fraternity spirit and enthusiasm upon the part of our members. Initiates and young members cannot be expected to appreciate the benefits of such work until they have undertaken it and felt somewhat of its results, and many members have entered and closed their chapter life, and some chapters have passed their entire existence without more than gaining a glimpse from the threshold of the beauty and grandeur of our fraternity structure. The ignorance of the commonest forms and laws of our fraternity exhibited by some of the delegates at our G. A. Cs., is sufficient evidence of this fact.

As a means of correcting the shortcomings to which I have alluded, I would suggest to the consideration of our coming G. A. C. a plan of fraternity education. A course of study should, it seems to me, be formulated, covering a period of one year or more, as might be deemed advisable. It should embrace a precise knowledge of all the initiatory and chapter forms and symbols, and a comprehensive understanding of the provisions of the grand book of constitution and the important edicts of the G. A. C's., an outline of the history of the fraternity from its organization, an acquaintance with the names that have become prominent through pre-eminence in the fraternity or the outside world, a complete knowledge of the location and fraternity title of each chapter, and such other facts as are necessary to a full and complete fraternity education. As an enforcing motive to the thorough perusal of this course of study, I would suggest that no members be eligible to chapter offices until a certain portion of the course had been gone through with, and that no member could be elected G. P., B. G., or as a delegate to the G. A. C. until he had satisfactorily completed his fraternity education. At some time in each year an examination should be held in each chapter, the passing of which should admit members to the status or degree which would render them eligible as above indicated. Of course a certain amount of time should be allowed members of new chapters to pursue the course of study, during which time the rule in regard to chapter offices would be inoperative. If, in any chapter, from a lack of interest in the fraternity, so few members qualify themselves that there are not enough to fill the offices, it would certainly constitute ample cause for the withdrawal of its charter. A chapter where such apathy existed could be nothing but an injury to the fraternity. Of course this plan would entail a large amount of study upon the members, but no man who has in him the making of a worthy Phi Psi, would hesitate or shrink from such labor. I do not claim that I have formulated a correct or faultless plan. It is undoubtedly crude, and perhaps objectionable or impracticable, but I offer it merely as a rough

outline of a course of action, which I believe essential to the achievement of that perfect success which I hope and believe the fraternity will ultimately attain.

The benefits which would follow the adoption and successful operation of some such plan can hardly be exaggerated. The tightening of the fraternity bonds, the improvement in fraternity procedure and management, the increased interest and closer fellowship of the alumni, the strength in bidding men, the power among rival Greeks which such a universal knowledge of the fraternity among its members would result in, are self evident, and constitute salient elements in the perpetuity and future greatness of Phi Kappa Psi.

Feeling as I do deeply the grandeur and worth of our fraternity, experiencing as I have its close communion and sympathy when they were most needed, witnessing as I have its splendid effect in the shaping and developing of its members, knowing as I do its value in every-day life in post-collegiate years, conceiving as I believe I do the brilliant future that lies open before it, I have made these imperfect suggestions with the firm conviction that we owe it as a duty to ourselves and our future brothers to adopt every available plan, no matter how new or radical it may be, which will tend to perfect the structure and enhance the usefulness of our fraternity and make it an essential stone in the arch of a world-wide philanthropy.

W. M. THACHER.

## The Areopagus.

### DUDLEY, OF WISCONSIN ALPHA.

Charles Lowell Dudley graduated from the University of Wisconsin in the class of 1877. He entered college very young, and at the time of his graduation was, I think, less than twenty years old. From the beginning of his course to its completion, he ranked as one of the ablest and most popular members of his class. Having an excellent preparation at the Madison, Wis., High School, he at once took a prominent position, and was on many occasions honored by various class positions, which he filled in a manner most creditable. His virtues were many, his faults few, and such as he had were of the head rather than of the heart. It was in the midst of his college course that a chapter of Phi Kappa Psi was instituted at Madison, and Brother Dudley was one of its earliest members. Immediately thereafter there broke out a most bitter and unrelenting fight between members of the various literary societies and against secret society men. It was a war of extermination; old societies were rent asunder, bitter feuds sprang up, and it seemed for a time that the secret societies must go or the institution be disrupted. In all the long notorious fight, reminiscences of which still linger around the college walls, Brother Dudley took a leading and conspicuous part. One of the results was that a number of the members of the Athenaeum Literary Society seceded and formed a new society, the Calliopean. Brother Dudley was one of the moving spirits, and was ever after considered as god-father. Of the college positions which he filled early in his course the writer cannot speak with certainty, but the later portions are about as follows: Joint Debater from Calliopean Literary Society, 1876; State Oratorical Contestant at Madison, 1877; First Honor man, class '77; Lewis Prize Oration for best Commencement production, 1877. He was the delegate from his chapter to the G. A. C., held at Washington, 1876, and was appointed chairman of the committee on Phi Psi Song Book. Brother Dudley for several years after graduation was the mainstay of Wisconsin Alpha. No undertaking was too arduous for him, no little scheme could fail while the boys knew his good advice and generous pocket were at their disposal. Many a time he furnished funds from his own pocket rather than see some cherished idea or social undertaking abandoned.

After graduation in 1877, he left for Chicago, remaining about a year in a bank, familiarizing himself with business detail. Returning to Madison, he entered the law class of '80. Before taking his degree he had formed the law firm of Dudley & Siebecker, which entered at once upon a prosperous practice, continuing until 1882, when failing health caused him to leave the law for some less sedentary occupation. Having an abundance of means,

he at once formed a partnership with Cragin Bros., of Chicago, under the firm name of "Cragin Bros. & Co., Wholesale Dealers and Manuf's of Shelf Hardware." He was actively engaged in building up a fine and increasing business, when a terrible and sudden accident cut him down without a moment's warning. On the afternoon of November 1st, 1883, while attempting to board a moving train at Cragin, Ills., a suburb of Chicago, he was in some manner drawn under the wheels and frightfully mangled, suffering great agony until the morning of November 2d, when he died. He was married early in 1882 and leaves a youthful wife whose grief then and now is well-nigh inconsolable. Brother Dudley at the time of his death was probably the best known and possessed the brightest prospects of any member of Wisconsin Alpha. Had he been spared, with his boundless energy and ambition, coupled with a liberal endowment of wealth and natural ability, he would unquestionably have placed his mark high among the honored ones of his country and fraternity.

ERNEST S. MOE.

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#### JUGS OF CIDER.

DEAR BROTHERS.—Your kind printed favor received notifying me of my indebtedness to the organ, THE SHIELD. I fail to remember just at what time this debt was contracted, but when I remember the scheming to raise money to pay rent, and to buy jugs of cider and taffy, and to sympose the I. Cs., my heart softens and I am constrained to enclose you a check for \$1.00, as requested. The boys must be getting very high toned, seems to me, to want an organ. I remember we used to feel as proud as a boy with his first pants when we got Brother Wallbridge to stand in the window, where he would be out of the way of flying heels, and suck the sweetest tunes in the almanac from his mouth organ, while we made merry and lots of dust with the Virginia reel. In the language of our fathers, "the good old times" are gone. As soon as we initiated Brother Edward Calhoun Little and received him in the front door, our old hilarity jumped out the window. Then came a new era. Old rent debts had to be paid. No more setting up nights in a room with a jug of cider. After we ran you down the elevator, Brother Spangler, then came leading classes and base-ball and dignified meetings. No more broken swords to be sunk in the Kaw. No more corraling by city marshal for quietly serenading the people of Massachusetts street at 12 o'clock at night with "Saw My Leg Off," and other appropriate pieces. Now it is Brussels carpets and organs and fine paintings. It does my heart good to read THE SHIELD and see how the old boys are prospering. Some time I am coming to Lawrence and I am going to look in on the chapter and see if the brothers will recognize this old backslider. Give my regards to Brothers Little, Hutchings, and the new members as well.

Fraternally,

CHAS. L. DAVIDSON.

# Editorial.

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THE SHIELD is published on the first of each month during the college year, at \$1.00 per annum. All Phi Kappa Psis are requested to contribute items of interest.

ON the first Wednesday in April, which is April 7th, the Grand Arch Council will meet in Indianapolis, Indiana. Those wishing information with regard to it, can probably secure it from Geo. B. Baker, of Greencastle, Indiana. We mention the date because there has been some misunderstanding about it. It is not too soon to express the wish that there be a large attendance. Each chapter should make an effort to have at least one man present. There will be work of importance to be attended to, and you should be careful to send your very best men.

THE editor of THE SHIELD was a little amused and very much grieved to receive, the other day, a letter addressed to "Member of the Phi Kappa Psi Frat." We were amused for obvious reasons. We were surprised and grieved because the letter was intended for the B. G. of Kansas Alpha, and was from a prominent member of one of our strongest chapters. Here was a man who should be acquainted with all the ordinary minutiae of the fraternity, and he had never even taken the pains to glance at the list of B. G.'s in THE SHIELD—had addressed his letter wholly at random. We must admit that this is rather discouraging. If a man of this stamp does not take interest enough in THE SHIELD to know that it always has a list of men representing the different chapters, why publish the magazine at all? The fact is, too many brothers rush along in an enthusiastic ignorance of the fraternity, when they have constantly at hand the means of information. If it is worth a man's while to join a fraternity, it is worth his while to know something about it. It should be his duty if not his pleasure, to inform himself with regard to it and its rivals. Our own study of other fraternities has

given us a much better opinion of Phi Kappa Psi. We frankly confess that before we looked up our rivals we had not the highest opinion of our own society. But a better acquaintance with others has taught us that  $\Phi K \Psi$  need yield the palm to none. A careful study of fraternities will do every man good.

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THE Johns Hopkins correspondent of *Beta Theta Pi*, speaking of chapters there, says that "each fraternity keeps its affairs to itself and makes no sign of an effort to communicate the least thing to others. This is especially so of the Phi Kappa Psis, who will never utter a word about their fraternity or meetings to any one." Evidently there are some wise heads among the Johns Hopkins Phi Psis. While we have no sympathy with silly mummeries in dark lofts, we have lots of respect for a man who can keep his mouth shut about his own business. We believe in the free masonry of good fellowship rather than in the odd fellowship of free masonry. The purpose of the fraternity is to bind together those who are fitted to work together, but unaided could never have fallen in to the same line. It merely finds for one that which he was looking for, and if a man does not look for friends, he is just as well off outside. But it is necessary that there be system, and every good business man has long since learned that his tongue, like a two-edged sword, cuts both ways. So we are heartily glad that there is at least one chapter of Phi Kappa Psi noted for attending to its own business and keeping its corporate mouth shut. Better be as dumb as the hills about Jerusalem than to belong to the regiment of prattling fools who must giggle away fraternity secrets to their young lady friends or spread their chapter minutes on every wall, so that the wayfaring man, though as great a fool as the secret teller himself, can read as he runs. Why give your grip before every curious observer? Why mutter your secrets on every corner? Why discuss your business with those whose business it is not? Chapters should watch for the leaks and plug them. The fellow who gives things away ought to be metaphorically choked into civility, silence and eternity.

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MR. H. W. PLUMMER, the accurate and energetic editor-in-chief of the *Crescent* of Delta Tau Delta, writes us that Brother North was mistaken in saying that Delta Tau Delta had just arranged for Grand Divisions. That fraternity has been so organized since 1874. The last convention merely transferred the powers of the undergraduate Grand Chapter to an Executive Council of five alumni and four undergraduates. He says that Delta Tau Delta is thoroughly satisfied with its present system of government. Mr. Plummer kindly adds that under the able chairmanship of Mr.

Wilson, whom he knew in college, our own committee on constitution cannot fail to do good work. Unquestionably the dividing a fraternity into provinces, each with a Grand Chapter of its own, facilitates business, cultivates fraternal acquaintance and is for the best interest of the fraternity. In fact, extended as are Phi Kappa Psi's boundaries to-day, the system of Divisions has become positively essential. The fraternity can no longer prosper without it. Our next G. A. C. will undoubtedly make it a part of our system. THE SHIELD has several times been urged to give tongue on the question of fraternity division. We do not deem it necessary. The idea commends itself at once to any reasonable man, and it is not worth while to argue with others. Another desirable change which our own committee will doubtless recommend, is the transfer of executive authority from an undergraduate Grand Chapter to a body of seven or nine, or thereabouts. This body should be composed of both alumni and undergraduates, alumni in the majority. There is a to-day tendency to throw the final executive authority entirely into the hands of the alumni, leaving the undergraduates only such authority as shall be vested in the Grand Chapters of the several divisions. Perhaps some day this may be the thing to do, but it is certainly too early for such a move. But to every undergraduate chapter there must always be retained the power of vetoing all requests for charters. Experience has demonstrated the advisability of the abolition of the present Grand Chapter system. Perhaps it is just as well that Phi Kappa Psi with her usual conservatism, did not rush into the arms of an Executive Council before the proper time came. After all it is not so important what the system be as it is to see that the proper men be placed in authority. Old ocean may roar himself hoarse and no one be the worse for it. But when one of those silent and nimble-footed waves gets a good square smack at you, beware, my son, beware! Let us have the best system, but do not fail to give us the best men. A good deal of this talk about reform in government is all poppycock. What the average fraternity needs is reform in its governors. Of late years our own Grand Chapter has been remarkably efficient, and its authority must be transferred only to a body of first-class men.

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THE kicker is the only flower that blooms and blossoms perennial and omnipresent, every soil its nourisher, every land its home and every clime its habitat. Of persistent odor and sombre colors, it never lacks for companions of its own genus and species. It reared its baleful head in the Garden of Eden, where a divine husbandman had apparently cleared away all noxious plants. It sprouted on the rocks of Sinai when the Lord of

Hosts himself left his throne to lead a pack of fools to freedom and plenty. It took root in Judea, where the Saviour of the world had carefully selected twelve choice spirits as his companions. It crept into gloomy prominence under the leagured walls of Troy and grew in radiant bloom on every hill and hollow where the silly little nations of ancient Greece squalled and squabbled over slaves and gods and women. But it is in the chapter hall, where harmony is essential to success and unity the life of every purpose, that the kicker is truly great. "Long live the Sultan Haroun," said the owl in the Arabian tale. "Long live the Sultan Haroun! for while he lives owls shall roost in palaces and honest men dwell in the desert." Long live the kicker! for while he lives we shall never grow too prosperous, never be puffed up with vanity, never cease to remember that we are but the dust of the earth even as are our rivals. Nevertheless, we admire a good, healthy kicker. When vigorous, self-reliant and thoughtful, and not merely peevish or discontented, it has beheaded tyrants, freed slaves and souls. There have been times in the history of every chapter, where one unselfish, thoughtful but determined kicker could have saved months of trouble. Majorities, when aggravated by what seems to them factious opposition, should remember that the man of independent character is always a valuable man, and that every man has a right to his opinions. There should be the fullest possible freedom in all chapter relations. But the intelligent and necessary kicker should recollect that opposition does not always indicate self-reliance, that obstinacy is not determination. On matters of principle no man can afford to waive his best judgment. But on matters of policy, of personal convenience, every brother should be willing to sacrifice for the good of his chapter, be ready to yield to the majority. There can be no success without discipline. There should be no tyranny. Yet it does make the hard-working members weary in well doing, to think and labor and study and work over some plan to benefit the fraternity, only to see some one who never gave the subject three minutes attention, pop up and oppose it. A man cannot belong to a chapter and yet not belong. If you join the army you must keep step to the martial music. Don't set up some discordant bray of your own every time the enemy appears. You may be the bugler yourself after while.

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JUST at present there are two classes of fraternities—extenders and contractors. Perhaps the most persistent extender is Phi Delta Theta. We have been told that this fraternity had but four chapters at the close of the war. A determined and aggressive campaign was inaugurated, an Extension Fund was provided for, and Phi Delta Theta went out among the gentiles and barbarians.

Since then where is the college town  
That's missed her pilgrim staff and gown?  
What college door has held its lock  
Against the challenge of her knock?

She has nearly sixty chapters in her fold, and probably numbers more college students than does any other fraternity. There are those who do not believe her policy a wise one, and talk unkindly of mushroom growth, and perhaps are occasionally reminded of the expansion of dried apples soaked. Doubtless such rapid extension does make it impossible that the very best men be always secured. But if the policy suits Phi Delta Theta, the rest of us should not complain. Their business is their business. And while they secure undesirable converts they are securing footholds in desirable colleges. We all know what changes a few years often make in the respective standing of chapters in any college. A new chapter among old ones is a rebel until success crowns its efforts and it is then honored as a revolutionist. Phi Delta Theta has taken the chances on chapter after chapter, and while some will undoubtedly sleep in the cold, cold ground, or struggle on through continual bad days, others will grow in strength and reflect credit on the men who put money into the extension fund. We do not believe in rushing out frantically and pinning the shield on every long-haired Scythian. But this is the day of extension and growth. Fraternity after fraternity is reaching out. Even Delta Phi, which has lived with dignity in its six or eight chaptered tub for sixty years, with scarce an endeavor to enlarge its boundaries since its overtures to Phi Kappa Psi for consolidation in 1854, has awakened and planted a chapter of seven men at Johns Hopkins. And Psi Upsilon, that has dreamed and slept along the valley of the Hudson and the banks of the Mohawk for half a century, has packed her handsome Saratoga and is looking for room in the University of Minnesota. The air holds no solemn stillness now, but is full of the sound of marching hosts. Phi Kappa Psi can scarcely afford to be idle. First, let us recapture our lost guns. There are two and perhaps three colleges in which we formerly prospered, to which we should return as soon as possible. That done, there is plenty of room in other directions. Extension should be logical and intentional rather than incidental and accidental. An extension fund should be appropriated, not to send out missionaries, for we want no hot-house plants, but to assist worthy moves and take advantage of good opportunities. We sincerely trust the next Grand Arch Council will so arrange it that the Joshuas we have occasion to send to Jericho to spy out the land, may go properly equipped.

## Sword and Shield.

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The *Kappa Alpha Journal*, under the management of Mr. Leigh, of Vanderbilt University, is a regular and welcome visitor to our table. The October number—the first one issued this year—was not very strong, considerable space being taken up with convention matter. November was better. A correspondent in this issue writes on the family qualification of candidates for membership, a subject that seems to attract considerable attention from the Southern fraternities, much more than from the Western and Eastern. He says:

“I have been forced several times since my connection with Kappa Alpha to note the fact that in all cases enough attention is not paid to the family connections of candidates for admission into the order, and I think that at this season a few remarks on the subject would be timely and appropriate. I sincerely hope our chapters will look well to the social stand of the men they bid. We should be ever mindful of the fact that while medalists, declaimers, honor men and valedictorians are in general of great value to a chapter and fraternity, yet if this man of brains be one that you would hesitate to entertain in your own homes, or one whose hand the alumni would not be glad to grasp in brotherly affection, let him pass, and let another fraternity boast of the honors he won under their banner, for it were better thus than to have in our midst a man whom to love were almost an impossibility, or one to meet with whom would damp an alumni's enthusiasm or cause him to lose respect for a chapter of Kappa Alpha.

“The men who carry off the honors I do not pretend to underrate; a chapter is too often valued by the number of speakers' places and medals its members obtain; but my observation has clearly shown that in nearly all cases the man of family and moderate means, the man who is a favorite in college, even though he be a rather poor student, is to be preferred to him whose only recommendation is, that he is a class-leader. I think most of the chapters will agree with me in this, and I hope they will show it in their future selections.”

The editor in the same issue comments on the subject as follows:

“It seems to us that we had rather be a member of a chapter whose men take not only a good stand, but are universally liked for their good traits, than to be a member of another chapter whose men stand first in their classes, but who are without those social virtues of personal popularity. In other words, we think that the question of first importance should be as to a man's social and personal standing among his classmates, and then, secondly, as to his grade in his classes.”

In the December number a chapter correspondent, from Southern University, takes issue with the views expressed above:

“We are inclined to take issue slightly with the brother who spoke of ‘Family Connections.’ No one feels the importance of maintaining a high social standing more than does Phi. Still when we see a young man constituted of the right ‘stuff,’ and one who impresses every one that he is a jewel, though in the rough, and shows by his aptitude and deportment that he is destined to take both a high social stand and a good stand in college, we cannot always stop to ask: “Does his father wear brogans or brown jeans?” or ‘Does his mother wear homespun?’ or ‘Does his sister go to church with a sun-bonnet on?’ for from such surroundings spring our most distinguished men, both in the literary world and in the national council. If a boy has an

aim, conducts himself well, is neat in his dress, has agreeable manners, and is *honorable*, he will soon *demand* the respect of his fellow students and of the best society, even if you cannot invite his relatives to your hearthstone."

The November issue also contains an interesting communication, "Has our Order an Aim," in which some very enthusiastic member appeals to his brethren with sophomoric vehemence to labor in the vineyard of Kappa Alpha: "When we get our eyes fully and steadfastly fixed upon the untold possibilities that lie within the reach of K As and the K A order, then, and not till then, will our order have an aim which is worthy of the sacred and plausible obligations which rest upon her every member." The editorials, chapter letters, personals, etc., come in for a fair representation.

The December number is by far the best issued as yet, and perhaps warrants the editor in his rhapsody on the success of the publication, but we fear that his dreams are too rose tinted to ever be realized. The Virginia chapters are reviewed, and most of them are reported in good condition. The chapter at the University of Virginia, however, is "a source of much disappointment to us all." The same article goes on to give some of the reasons why their Virginia chapters do not take so much interest in the fraternity at large as they should: "This lack of interest is natural. These chapters have existed so long in their present state of isolation; they are so little accustomed to consider matters of general interest; their life has been for years so individualized, that we cannot expect them to exhibit all at once an interest in the plans of general fraternity work." Beta Theta Pi complains of the same thing. Phi Kappa Psi is a marked exception in this particular. The University of Virginia chapter is very active, nine men having been initiated this year, and similar report comes from the other institutions where we are located.

The chapter letters in this issue are, as a rule, excellent, thirteen out of twenty-five chapters being represented by well written and interesting communications. Kappa Alpha is the only Southern fraternity that issues a monthly publication. She exhibits, both in the get up of the paper and the views and sentiments expressed, more of a progressive spirit than many of her contemporaries.

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The Kappa Sigma *Quarterly*, Volume 1; Nos. 1 and 2, published at Wytheville, Va., have been received. From the publication we are unable to tell how many or where the chapters of this fraternity are located, but from Baird we meet them only in two places, Washington and Lee and University of Virginia. The October number has for a frontispiece an engraving of Jefferson Davis, ex-President of the Confederate States, Mr. Davis being an honorary member of Kappa Sigma. A short sketch of his life is given in this and the succeeding issue. There seems to have been no system followed in the arrangement of the matter, editorials, personals, announcements, etc., are all jumbled up together. The last twenty pages are

taken up with a quoted article from the Sigma Nu *Delta* a lengthy poem and a story on the blood-curdling order entitled, "Am I Living or Am I Dead."

The January number shows more care in arrangement, and in many respects is an improvement on the first issue. The editor urges upon the members the necessity of giving the paper a warm and persistent support, and announces that "while the *Quarterly* is intended as a vehicle of communication between Kappa Sigmas, there is no objection to members of other fraternities seeing it; in fact an examination of our subscription list will show the names of some who are members of no fraternity, but preferring the Kappa Sigma they give it their support." Kappa Sigmas must be very much interested in the art of poesy, as in this issue about ten pages are devoted to long poems, while in the first number seven pages were given to one poetical production. The chapter letters in both issues are not very numerous, but are very fair productions. The fraternity evidently has considerable progressiveness in attempting to publish a paper as the membership must be small, much smaller than many of their rivals who have never attempted any thing of the kind.

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The December number of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record* puts in an appearance in a neat, presentable dress. A lengthy and full account is given of their recent convention at Nashville, Tennessee, beginning on the 20th of October, 1885, and lasting four days. We presume it was well attended, and certainly the results were excellent. A new form of government was adopted, provision for the permanent establishment of the *Record* was made and considerable other work of importance was done. The following report of the committee on resignations was made the law of the fraternity:

"After careful consideration of the points made in the resignation of those who communicated with the Grand Chapter during the past year, and after due deliberation on points and circumstances that may be made by those desiring honorable withdrawal from the fraternity, the committee have concluded that under no circumstances shall a resignation be accepted, or an honorable withdrawal allowed. We deem the connection of a man with Sigma Alpha Epsilon a privilege and honor far too sacred and lasting to permit him to sever himself from the fraternity by reason of an after thought, or for some temporary benefit to be obtained by such severance. All such considerations and every possible dissatisfaction, or probable dislike which may arise, should be carefully pondered before one allows himself to be taken into the privileges, benefits and pleasures of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. We see, then, no circumstances, or chain of circumstances, under which one, once a member, is not a member forever, unless he be expelled. We do see, however, that circumstances may arise authorizing a member's withdrawal from the *chapter* to which he belongs, with the approval of such chapter, thus disconnecting himself with the chapter alone, not with the fraternity.

The new editors start off with the usual appeal to the members for support, and give them very good instruction as to what is expected and must be received if they desire a successful journal. The pioneer work in

fraternity journalism is anything but agreeable, but the fraternity at the present day that does not support a representative paper can have but little hope of a successful competition with their more enterprising rivals. The present editors of the *Record* seem to fully realize this fact, and are making a great effort to put their paper on a self-supporting basis.

From an editorial we learn that Sigma Alpha Epsilon is preparing a new catalogue, and that the committee at work on the enterprise already has a list of 1,587 names. The work is being prosecuted under the following heads:

I. "A general history of our order.

II. "The chapters; each introduced by a short history. The full names of the members of each chapter arranged by classes; their occupations or professions, and all honors taken by them.

III. "A table of consanguinity.

IV. "A residence directory.

V. "An alphabetical list of all members, as an index."

Nineteen chapter letters, with a short list of personals, conclude the number. Many of the former could be materially improved. A few platitudes about "Nothing daunted," "Prospects are bright," "Alive to the interests," etc., does not make a chapter letter; but the fact that all but six out of twenty-five undergraduate chapters are represented in the issue, indicates a warm allegiance on the part of the active members, and with this success is but a matter of time.



## Chapter Letters.

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### CORNELL.

The fall term has begun, and with it has been instituted many new changes in the college curriculum. Many of these changes are very agreeable to the student body, especially the abandonment of the absence committee, and the formation of elective courses of study in the Junior and Senior years in those courses leading to degrees of Bachelor of Literature and Bachelor of Science.

Some new professorships have been established and some old ones have been abolished. A new chair of Ethics and Philosophy is to be filled by Dr. Schurman, who is a man in every particular competent to fulfill his office. This new chair is from an endowment of Henry W. Sage, in memory of his late wife, and there is also to be a ten thousand dollar house erected on the campus under his direction. This new year has been very pleasant to many of the professors and instructors whose salaries have been increased, and to those who have been retired from further duty as active professors in consideration of the faithful work that they have performed since the opening of the University.

In passing from the faculty to the student body, we find that athletics is occupying much attention, and every man who has an inclination for baseball or boating has now an opportunity to show his abilities. The library is now lit by electric lights, and is kept open during the evening for the accommodation of those who cannot use it during the day. Cornell has bright prospects before her, and with the usual harmony between the student body and professors, we hope to fulfill the wish of our late president, "that she should stand among the foremost in the land." All the principle agitations that attend the opening of the college year, are over. The societies usually have all their men selected before the winter term, but this is not the case with  $\Phi K \Psi$  here. Although we have had the misfortune to lose two of our men, we are steadily working, and hope to increase our number, which is now fourteen, to many more before the end of the year. We initiated four men in the fall term, since our last letter to THE SHIELD — Ryan, '87; Flint, '87; Menocal, '88; Shanahan, '89 — giving us more than the average number in the different fraternities. Brother Hodder is the only  $\Phi K \Psi$  in the faculty. He is a graduate from Ann Arbor, and is now assistant Professor in History and Political Economy. He has taken much interest in our fraternity, and has given us much valuable information and advice. We are

as yet young in fraternity work, but hope to have as large a membership as any of the fraternities at the end of the year. All indications are good, and with no misfortune we will prosper.

JOHN W. TAYLOR.

January 15, 1886.

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ALLEGHANY.

The members of Penna. Beta are now all back and again at college work, with the exception of one brother, who is reported as convalescent from sickness caused presumably by feasting on the good things at home during holiday vacation, but he will join us during the coming days. At our first meeting of the present term, each brother greeted his brother fraters with pleasant reminiscences of vacation, varying from thrilling hunting stories that were rather fishy, to social achievements in their sets at home. After all had told their tale or sung their song, the G. P. sounded the gavel of authority, and the seance began.

During the past term we have added seven brothers to our fold, making us a grand total of sixteen of "the best fellows in college." Now that the time of rushing men has passed, we are looking forward to a very pleasant and instructive term of fraternity work.

Our new hall, which faces the main commercial street of the city, is now home-like and cheerful, since the last improvements made during vacation. Our rival fraternities are all in a healthy condition excepting, perhaps, the  $\Delta T \Delta$ , which has but six men.

The present year gives us a marked improvement in college, both as to numbers and the work done. The addition of the course of Civil Engineering is proving a success under the efficient management of Prof. James H. Montgomery, as three of our brothers who are taking that course can testify.

F. H. SHAW.

Meadville, January 11, 1886.\*

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DICKINSON.

It has not been from lack of interest in the success of THE SHIELD that Pennsylvania Z has been silent for so long a time. On the contrary, she is deeply interested in its welfare.

Our chapter is in a prosperous condition. Although we cannot boast of a chapter-house, we congratulate ourselves on having the finest and most pleasantly located fraternity hall in the town. Last year we numbered ten, but lost by graduation Brothers Leakin, Pardoe and Cummings, whom we sadly miss. Our accessions this year are Brothers G. Stubbs, '89, G. V. Morris, '89, W. F. Holler, '89, and G. R. Sterling, '88. All are fine students; we consider them quite an acquisition to the fraternity.

Brothers Calder and Driesbach, of Pennsylvania Gamma, and Brother McIlvaine, of Pennsylvania Theta, paid us a flying visit at the opening of

the term. We were very happy to meet them and will cordially welcome them again. Our hearts are gladdened by occasional visits from our alumnus Brother W. A. Eckels, '83, who is now teaching at Shepherdstown Academy, West Virginia. Brother J. H. Morgan, '78, is Professor of Logic and Adjunct Professor of Greek in Dickinson.

Dickinson is now more prosperous than ever before. The old college buildings have been repaired, a handsome scientific building has been erected, which was the generous donation of Jacob Tome, a new gymnasium, and the Bosler Memorial Hall, which will cost about \$80,000 when completed; and with two additions to the faculty, Prof. Super in German and French, and Prof. Lindsey in Chemistry, Dickinson College can rejoice in her success and our alumni feel proud of their *Alma Mater*.

W. B. LONGSDORF.

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#### SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

We have been almost longing for our time to come to send another letter to THE SHIELD, as we have good news to transmit to our noble order. The first is the addition of two to our dozen, Brother Hutson Lee, Jr., of Charleston, South Carolina, and Brother Will. A. Barber, of Richburg, South Carolina. If 'tis true that things difficult to attain are the sweetest, we certainly ought to be proud of our new brothers, and we expect them to do credit to themselves and reflect honor upon the fraternity of their choice. This makes our initiates for this fall, six; our whole number fourteen. But right here I have the unpleasant duty of reporting that we have been weakened by the withdrawal of Brother Smith from college. He stood very high in the Sophomore class and was an enthusiastic Phi Psi, so we shall feel his loss very much.

At the recent session of the Legislature the appropriation was increased so as to give us two more professors; a Professor of Applied Mechanics and Assistant Professor of Agriculture. The college is in better condition now than it has been since its re-organization. We have over 220 names on the roll now, and these will be increased. The six chapters here are all in good condition, the standard being high and well sustained. The latest sensation in Greek circles is the appearance of a  $\Delta \Psi$  badge on the campus, worn by a former "Barb," who, however, is uncommunicative, and we can only suspect the existence of a new rival. The strength of our rivals here is  $\kappa \Lambda$ , 20;  $\Sigma \Lambda \Theta$ , 17;  $X \Psi$ , 8;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 9;  $\Lambda \tau \Omega$ , 7. The rush for new men has about subsided, and the different chapters are on the most friendly terms with each other.

We will move into our new hall in a few days, as soon as we get it fitted up in becoming style, and will be permanently and comfortably located. Late in December we all attended an oyster supper at Brother Shand's, given in honor of the chapter, and we have all put it down as one of our

most enjoyable evenings. Some of us had the pleasure, just before Xmas, of meeting Brother W. P. Grant, of Pennsylvania Beta; we regreted very much that business pressure prevented him from attending one of our meetings. Last spring we received from Brother Robert Wilson, the original founder of our chapter, the old charter granted in 1857. It passed through the great fire when Sherman's army burnt Columbia in 1865, and was only accidentally saved by being folded up in a book, where it was subsequently discovered. We are all very proud of our organ, *THE SHIELD*, both as regards its handsome appearance and its contents, and anxiously look for every number.

J. H. MCLURE.

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O. W. U.

The seventeen members of Ohio Alpha take off their hats to *THE SHIELD* and the fraternity at large, and wish all a prosperous and a Happy New Year.

We began the new year with sixteen men. Brother Frank Stivers, of '88, was compelled to return to his home on account of poor health, but promises to be back for the "spring rushing." Brother Hoover, of '86, has gone to Harvard, and his genial face is greatly missed both by classmates and brothers. Brother Hoover was out the latter part of last term preparing for his entrance into the Junior class at Cambridge. Still, we have five Seniors, as Brother Phillips, from Ohio Beta, entered the Senior class this term. Brother Phillips is a good man and we "feel for" Ohio Beta, while we congratulate ourselves. On Wednesday evening, January 13, 1886, Brother U. S. Sawyer, of '89, labored with the Phi Psi goat, and bows to you with aching joints but true Greek grit. Brother William Price Henderson has been elected B. G. in the place of Brother Hoover, while "Yours Truly" takes Brother Van Cleve's position of Chapter Correspondent.

Brothers Ed and Harry Seamans, Van Deman, Clark and Runkle attended Brother Foraker's inauguration on the 11th inst. They were royally treated by Ohio Delta, and also attended the reception in the evening. More of us intended to go, but the "John Sherman Blizzard" and the prospect of the banquet on the 29th, kept us at home. By the way, the banquet in honor of Governor Foraker is going to be a grand affair, and we hope to meet there representatives from every chapter.

Brother Breyfogle, of San Jose, Cal., one of our founders, sent us a large, handsome picture of himself last week. Of course we were delighted, and the picture is now framed and is hanging over the G. P.'s throne. College matters are as usual, there being about six hundred students enrolled. In the first week of the term B Θ Π, Δ T Δ, X Φ, and Φ K Ψ each took in a man, and the best of spirit exists between the various fraternities. Arrangements are now being made for the annual Panhellenic Banquet. The O. W. U. battallion, Brother Van Deman, major, has prepared a neat armory for

itself, and it looks as if the army had come to stay. The last SHIELD was praised by all the boys, and its coming is a cause of great rejoicing.

B. M. ALLISON.

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INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

The arrival of THE SHIELD a few days since was a gentle reminder that Indiana Beta owed a letter to the fraternity organ. Since our last communication nothing worthy of especial mention has transpired regarding the University. The increased prosperity felt at the accession of our new president, Dr. Jordan, last September, still continues, and we hope ere long to boast of a State institution second to none in the West. There are enrolled at present 247, about seventy-five of whom are young ladies. There are twenty-three professors. Hans Carl Gunther Von Jagemann, our new German professor, will be in next year. We are going to find out "what's in a name." A new course leading to the degree of Ph. B., has recently been established. It is intended for those pursuing specialities in Philosophy, History and Literature.

The entire Barb element left the literary societies last term and organized a new society, which is called "Independent"—*i. e.* Mugwump. It is an anti-fraternity organization, but as yet the fraternities stand in no fear of it. Since our last report we have initiated two new brothers into the mystic circle, Brother Melville Faris and Brother Edgar Taylor. Brother Faris is a brother to Brothers E. M. and A. V. Faris, two of Indiana Beta's loyal men. For two long years did Brother Taylor resist the earnest solicitations of every fraternity in college, but the superior advantages offered by  $\Phi K \Psi$  induced him at last to join us. We feel justly proud over our victory.

The standing of the different fraternities as to classes is as follows:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Preparatory.	Total.
$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$	1	1	6	6	2	16
$B \Theta \Pi$	0	3	6	4	2	15
$\Sigma X$	2	3	4	6	2	17
$\Phi \Delta \Theta$	1	2	3	7	3	16
$\Phi K \Psi$	4	3	5	7	1	20

Three of our worthy Seniors will strive in the contest this year, and we confidently expect to be successful. Indiana Beta is looking forward with much interest to the meeting of the G. A. C. at Indianapolis next spring. The three chapters of Indiana will endeavor to give the brothers a true Hoosier welcome.

We noticed in the college column of the Cincinnati *Gazette* an article praising the last number of THE SHIELD. That article was but voicing the sentiment of every Phi Psi who read it. With fraternal love to all sister chapters, Indiana Beta bids you adieu.

January 13, 1886.

L. VAN BUSKIRK.

## UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Before speaking of other matters, I will note the principal changes in the University during the past year. The most important was the completion last summer of the Natural Science building, at a cost of \$50,000. It is a very much-needed improvement, and a handsome addition to the University buildings.

Prof. Andrews, Ph. D., Heidelberg, Germany, has succeeded Prof. Henrichs in the chair of Chemistry, and is very well liked. Prof. Henrichs gives instruction in the Medical Department only. The classics received an irreparable loss in the death, last August, of Prof. David F. Call. He was a graduate of Hamilton College, the valedictorian of his class and a zealous Delta Upsilon. A sister, Miss Leona Call, is at present occupying his place.

A second class in Sophomore German has recently been formed and intrusted to Brother Carl E. Eggert, a member of the present Senior class. Iowa Alpha is booming. Starting with five men in the fall, we have initiated four of the very best men in college. Brother E. R. Meek you have already met. In the latter part of November we initiated J. W. Bollinger, J. M. Fawcett and W. H. Shultsman. In these four initiations we have defeated each of our rivals once at least, and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  three times. Fraternity men are scarce this year, and we have been unusually successful. Delta Tau Delta has a strong chapter of sixteen men, and is in good shape. Beta Theta Pi is striving to strengthen her undergraduate membership, which is at present very weak. Sigma Chi has eight men, and Phi Delta Theta with nine, has a very inferior standing. Kappa Kappa Gamma has recently made valuable additions. The I. C. Sorosis is very quiet. A local chapter of H B II, with five or six members, is also in existence.

HOWARD M. NORTH.

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MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

Just when the different fraternities here were settling down in the conviction that the balance of power had been finally settled among them, and that there was naught for them to do but grow old and gather about them the moss and the reverence that accompanies age, the Greek world at Ann Arbor is startled by the appearance of two new secret societies: the Phi Gamma Delta, and the Delta Gamma, otherwise known as the "Dear Girls." In as much as the University already contained sixteen secret societies, not counting the amphibious Delta Upsilon nor that shade of departed Bresler, the Phi Alpha, it was naturally supposed that either there were no longer any fraternities which we did not already possess, or if there were others they would not have hardihood to attempt to establish themselves when the rivalry was already so strong.

The fraternities now number some eighteen, not counting, as I said

before, the Delta Upsilon, although I believe they have thrown off the mask and come out as an out-and-out secret fraternity, and are distributed as follows: 13 in Literary Department, of which three are ladies' societies, 2 in Law, 1 in Medic, 1 in Pharmacy, and 1 in Dental. Of these our only formidable opponents are the Alpha Deltas, the Psi U's, and the Dekes. The Phi Gamma has started with a membership of eleven, all men of undoubtedly good standing and scholarship. The Delta Gamma, the "dear girls," have a membership of nine, and are of the prettiest girls in college, if I do say it.

Brother Hodder, '82, spent a few days with us on his way back to Cornell, where he is instructor in History and Political Economy. He spoke encouragingly of the chapter at Cornell, told us all about them, in fact made us quite well acquainted with them. He also gave us a few specimens of the average faculty joke—to think of a body of grave and dignified men getting together and reciting such venerable chest-nuts—but, "I do forget myself."

Last night your correspondent had the pleasure of seeing the "goat kick," and this morning we have to introduce to you Brother Loomis, son of Judge Loomis, of Chicago. Last night was a rather cold night, and the wind howled and all that sort of thing, you know. The "goat" felt rather spry and Brother Loomis had a rather hard ride.

It is curious about these Freshmen, after they have gone through it all, even though they haven't enjoyed it a bit, they invariably have a very dear friend whom they are exceedingly anxious shall be the next victim to that insatiable "goat." And that's as it should be, you know; those "dear friends," I mean.

Brother Hess has been appointed assistant in the Mechanical Laboratory, and will probably, in consequence, remain with us several years longer than he expected. In the *Argonaut* election yesterday, Brother Wilcox, '87, was elected associate editor. The Phi Kaps have now two editors upon the *Argonaut*.

ROBT. E. PARK.

January 17, 1886.

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SIMPSON.

Iowa Delta is not dead; neither does she sleep. Our college opened with prospects better than ever. Our worthy president informed the school to-day that there were more students in chapel than had ever been there as members before, and others are still to come.

Iowa Delta prospers no less than does our dear *Alma Mater*. We are beginning the term with eighteen good men. Here is a statement of  $\Phi \Psi$  and her work, ladies' fraternities, of which there are four, not included:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Preparatory.	Total.
$\Phi \text{ K } \Psi$	7	4	1	4	2	18
$\Delta \text{ T } \Delta$	0	2	1	3	1	7
$\text{A T } \Omega$	0	0	2	1	1	4

Far be it from any member of  $\Phi \Psi$  to boast, but I am glad to say that our boys are able to meet any set of boys that can be picked from the school, on the rostrum, in the class-room, in society, on the campus, or anywhere. It is the principle of our chapter not to stoop to the low work indulged in by many members of secret organizations. Honor bright, is a common greeting among the boys. Last year we bagged three out of four of the college prizes for oratory, Brother G. G. Martin taking the preliminary to the State Contest, Brother A. L. Hunt taking the Park Gold Medal, and Brother J. H. Newland the Bodley prize for English Thesis. In your next issue we will report again how the tide went in the contest which is to be held next Monday evening, preliminary to the State Contest. We need a hall, and will have one yet, before long. It takes time, you know, to do it all, and  $\Phi \Psi$  has not as many alumni as she will have soon. It is a custom of some to say that a large fraternity is no fraternity at all, and that the true brotherly feeling is lost in the crowd. Our chapter here has no man that we want to lose. It is not difficult for us to get men, and when there are the necessary and requisite characteristics we do not object to taking a man, even if our membership is large, provided, of course, all the agreeable qualities are present. This year we will graduate seven members and will still have a strong membership, all eager for the friendly rivalry and equal to emergencies.

Allow me through your columns to introduce to the brothers our new members, Brothers E. R. Fulkerson, E. E. Evans, R. O. Evans, J. B. Mather, and J. J. Archer. We are rejoiced to have with us again Brother A. C. Rawls, one of our old charter members. He will be with us for two years, until he goes out at the top. May prosperity, at least equal to our own, be the happy condition of every chapter of  $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ . The boys send fraternal greeting to THE SHIELD.

Indianola, Iowa, Jan. 12, '86.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

A noticeable feature of our work this year has been the inauguration of the chapter-house system. We have not yet been able to build, but have simply found a proper house and rented rooms in it. At the opening of the college year eight of us, every man who returned to college except those who reside in the city permanently, roomed in this house. Since then we have initiated six men and several of our old boys have returned, raising our number to nineteen — the largest chapter in college — so that we are not quite all in the Chapter House. We find that living together strengthens us very materially.

The orchestra has become a great institution. Here it is: Violins, Swope, Taylor, Allen; cornets, Prescott, Rushmer; flute, Gilmore; Nickel presides at the piano and Swope wields the baton. White makes the eighth

man, and alternates between the triangle and his cornet. The boys practice assiduously, and have become quite famous in college.

We have given several parties of late, but have "the greatest time on record" with Yearsley White's great bob-sled. Mt. Oread is a magnificent hill for coasting, and Yearsley tucks the whole chapter and lady friends on board about every other night. Snow has been on the ground for two weeks, so that we have had some real old  $\Phi \Psi$  coasting.

Brother Postlethwaite has succeeded Brother Fritz as business manager of the *Courier*. We are sorry to say that Brother Palmer Ketner has not returned to school since Christmas. "Ket" contested with Rushmer for skating honors, for we have likewise had several evening skating parties with our lady friends on the wide and frozen Kaw. Brother Clarence Himoe returns to school and enters the Junior class. Since we wrote last we have initiated Harry Rushmer, of Lawrence, Kansas. He is a jewel, a jeweller and you will be glad to know him.

Brother Jenks distinguished himself in the Annual Contest between the literary societies, as Oread orator. His oration was really exceptionally fine, and we celebrated his victory by improvising an oyster supper. This is the sixth Annual Contest. The orator has the post of honor. Of the twelve orators, in six years, six, Spangler, Little, Hutchings, Stocks, Gilmore and Jenks, belonged to our chapter. Three were Betas, one a Phi Gam, one a Sigma Nu, and one Barb, who was a colored man. Contest next week will decide who shall represent U. of K. in the State Contest. Of the six speakers—places secured by essay contest—two, Crane and Jenks, are Phi Kaps, and we expect a good report from them.

Twelve of us went calling New Years, led by Profs. Marvin and Sterling. We had so fine a time that on February 19th Kansas Alpha will celebrate the tenth anniversary of her establishment with banquet and song. We shall invite every member of Kansas Alpha—old or new—and hope to have all our old boys present. They may take this as a "bid," and if they will notify us of time of coming, we will endeavor to entertain them without expense to them, at the Chapter House. Kansas Alpha was never so harmonious, never more prosperous, and we expect a grand time on the 19th

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#### HAMPDEN-SIDNEY.

THE SHIELD has doubtless begun to think that Va. Gamma "has ceased to be no more," or is so fast repining as to be given up as lost, judging from the long period that has intervened since last a letter from her appeared in your columns. But, sir, Va.  $\Gamma$  is here, and here to stay! though obscurity, the result of the B. G.'s laziness, may "overhang her placid brow."

In June last we experienced a very great loss in the departure of our "grave old Seniors," but recognizing our loss and exerting ourselves in a

greater degree than usual, we have succeeded, and now stand as firmly and as boldly as ever.

Brother Friend, '85 (2nd honor), is now a professor in a female college in Tennessee, and we hear is doing well. Brother Preston, '85, whose voice would electrify the dumbest animal that "chews the cud" on the cold plains of Kansas, or the most savage beast that roams the jungles of Africa — that same Sam Preston is, at present, a "Skeleton Inspector" (a non-government office), at the University of Virginia. He is quite successful in his "calling," and is a "twinkle, twinkle, little star," in Virginia Alpha. Brother Trawick, '85, when last heard from, was shooting *mosquitos* at *Waukeshu*. We miss that *lofty tenor* which was once wont to reverberate through the halls of old  $\Phi \Psi$ , and emanated from the throat of that "all enchanting warbler." We hope he has at last found a "roost" in the *aviary* on Rue de Canale, New Orleans.

We now have the unalloyed bliss of introducing to you and the frat. at large, Brothers E. S. Watson, '89, of Danville, Va., and Rich. McIlwaine, Jr., '88, of Hampden Sidney, Va. The former is "renowned in peace and war," notorious in foot-ball, and is known under the soubriquet of "The Flying Machine of the ball-room," and is a "fine large" fellow. The latter, "short but sweet," is our latest addition, and is fast developing into a strong  $\Phi \Psi$ . A new fraternity, the  $\Pi \kappa \Lambda$ , has lately entered college, making the total number of frats. seven. It started upon a good foundation, having a membership of nine.

P. S. WOOD.

#### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Delta's letter was postponed until it was too late for the last SHIELD, with the hopes that we would be able to announce a definite date for the Foraker banquet. At present we expect to entertain the Governor on Friday, February 5th, and a general invitation is extended to the fraternity. We expect all who possibly can, to be with us and make the occasion one worthy of the fraternity. It would be well for each chapter to have a representative.

We start this term with fifteen active members, which makes us the largest chapter in college. Our second initiate last term was Brother O. C. Zannuseil, '87. The initiation caused one of the most enthusiastic meetings of the term. Brother Bannon, '89, is the youngest. He was a trifle afraid of the goat, but they soon became warm friends. Brother Hartwell has returned and is as active as ever.

Inauguration day was a bitter cold day, but in spite of all that there was a fine military display and an immense amount of enthusiasm was displayed. Our pride rose pretty high on this occasion, but it reached its highest pitch when we, with four Ohio Alpha boys, met the Governor as "Brother Foraker." After "it" was over we adjourned to the hall and passed the remainder of the evening in a hilarious good time.

Brother Flickenger, Ohio Gamma, now located in the city, made us a pleasant call Saturday evening, and promised to call often. We hope he will, for the large number of elective men who attend our meetings do a great deal to encourage the boys.

Rev. W. P. Aylsworth sustained a severe loss last week by the burning of his private library, valued at fifteen hundred dollars. It was a complete loss, there being no insurance. He has the sympathy of the fraternity.

Brother Newt. Gilbert has obtained a fine position as teacher in a private school near St. Louis. We will miss his frequent visits, especially in handling the goat. He had grown skilled in the service, nevertheless, our best wishes go with him. George Smart is able to be with us again, and it truly seems like old times. He is on the *Times*, of which Brother Galbraith is editor-in-chief.

The examinations this term were very hard, and the number of students is somewhat less this term, but we are all here yet so we will not complain. A movement is on foot to get a new gymnasium and drill hall, which bids fair to be successful. It is what the college needs, and it will make a decided improvement in attendance and in the students. We are also to have a course of law lectures this winter, and it may lead to the establishment of a law department.

Brother William Neil has prepared a fascinating trio of musical selections, which he calls the "Ohio Delta Songs." The first consists of a half dozen verses, with loyal Phi Psi ring in every line, written by Brother Neil, and set to music by J. Barnby. The second selection is "The Awakening," with music composed by himself, and the third is a song to "THE SHIELD." These songs are highly valued by the chapter, and will long add greatly to the pleasure of musical festivities in Delta's hall. Brother Neil has also written and contemplates publishing a lively "Phi Kappa Psi Gavotte," which, like the other efforts of the author, shows marked musical talent.

We hope that as many chapters as can will take a copy of the Gavotte, so that it can be published. We have heard it and it is fine.

HALBERT E. PAYNE.

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#### NORTHWESTERN.

We are glad to report a very prosperous and pleasant fall term. It has been characterized by good college and fraternity work, and enlivened by several enjoyable occasions of a social nature. Prominent among these were the reception given the "chapter and ladies" by Brother Hall, of Chicago, and the evening recently so pleasantly spent, on the invitation of Illinois Beta, at the home of Brother Coy. We consider ourselves fortunate in a situation that makes such intimate personal and social relations possible between the Illinois chapters.

We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity three new supporters

of the shield. viz: L. A. Perley, '86, of Emporia, Kansas; Frank Blodgett, '89, of Beloit, Wis., and C. E. Dixon, '89, of Chicago. Besides these we have pledged the strongest trio in the Senior Preparatory class.

Brother Charles E. Bragdon, '65, principal of La Salle Seminary, visited us recently. He is as enthusiastic a Phi Psi as wears a shield, and his coming did us good. Brother Dr. Shepherd, who takes the chair of Political Economy in our college next year, is now studying in London. Brother McLennan, on retiring from the office of business manager of the *North-western*, received the thanks of the association for his able management, and congratulations are also in order on his financial success.

The honored president of N. W. U., Dr. Cummings, was compelled on account of broken health, to leave work and go East about two months ago. Although against the advice of physicians and friends, he has decided to resume his college duties this term. It is feared it will not be for long.

Dr. Jane M. Bancroft, Dean of the Woman's College, has gone to take up her new work as Professor of History at Bryn Mawr. Miss Michaels, a graduate of Syracuse, takes the position of "Dean" here.

As this letter will occupy more than its allotted half-page in THE SHIELD, we will close by wishing THE SHIELD and all its readers a successful and happy new year.

F. J. CAMPBELL.

January 2, 1887.

N. B.—What does the brother mean by "allotted half-page?"—ED.

## The Phi Psis.

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### VIRGINIA T.

'78. D. C. Harrison, is on the U. S. Geological Survey. He is at present in Washington, D. C.

'84. P. C. Clark is in the Union Theological Seminary at Hampden-Sidney. The boys enjoy his smiling countenance and "winning ways," at their meetings, immensely.

'87. B. T. Porter, "one of our dearest brothers, leaves us next week for his home at Vicksburg, Miss. He has suffered intensely on account of his eyes, this year, and it is for this reason he leaves. Words cannot express our sorrow in losing this brother, and we shall anxiously look forward to the day of his return" says the B.G.

### INDIANA T.

'73. Francis W. Iddings is secretary of the University of North Dakota, at Grand Forks, Dakota.

'76. Frank S. Hastings is practicing law at 17½ West Third street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

'77. Albert B. Goss is in the drug business at Panora, Iowa.

'77. Geo. W. Stafford is practicing law in Crawfordsville, Ind.

'77. Abraham Jay Dipboye is county school superintendent of Miami county, Ind. His address is Peru, Ind.

'77. Jas. W. Layne is superintendent of city schools at Danville, Illinois.

'77. Thomas R. Rubust, M. D., is practicing medicine at London, Ind.

### ILLINOIS B.

'68. Alfred Bosworth is now cashier of the First National bank of Elgin, Ills.

'69. Dorrance Dibell was last fall elected judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Illinois. His home is at Joliet.

'72. F. H. Levering is a flourishing lawyer in Indianapolis, Ind.

'82. E. T. Stone is travelling auditor of the N. W. Traffic Association, with headquarters at Minneapolis.

'82. O. P. Seward is now the occupant of a law office at room 7, Creighton Block, Omaha.

'88. O. B. Short is now with the firm of Law, King & Law, of this city.

### OHIO B.

'63. Rev. Samuel A. Ort, L. L. D., president of Wittenberg College and Professor of Mental Philosophy, was elected in addition to the above position, to the chair of Systematic Divinity, at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the college.

'79. Augustus N. Summers is now city solicitor of Springfield, Ohio.

'83. Daniel H. Arthur has returned to his studies in medicine, in New York city.

'84. F. E. Baker is in the Theological Department at Wittenberg College.

'83. A. J. Turkle has returned to his studies in Theology at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.

'75. Prof. F. P. Davidson is principal of the Central High School at Springfield, O.

'85. Bruce Chorpeneing is reading law with Oscar T. Martin, a prominent lawyer and Phi Psi of Springfield, Ohio.

'85. J. W. Shannon is attending the Theological Department at Selin's Grove, Penna.

Prof. James Minnick, once of '85, is superintendent of the Van Wert Ohio, High School.

'85. H. N. Follmer is pursuing a course in Theology at Selin's Grove, Penna.

'75. Rev. J. H. Cutter, A. M., is pastor of the Lutheran church at Burlington, Iowa, and his labors are meeting with marked success.

'81. Wm. E. Hull is studying Theology at Hartwick Seminary, New York. He is editor of the Hartwick Seminary Monthly.

'84 Alvin F. Lynn is attending Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Prof. Major C. R. White is now superintendent of the public schools at Springfield, Ohio.

Hon. Gen. J. Warren Keifer, ex-speaker of the House of Representatives, is practicing law at Springfield, Ohio.

WISCONSIN A.

'76. P. V. Lawson is practicing law at Menasha, Wis.

'76. William E. Todd is clerk of the Board of Education, at Albert Lee, Minn.

'77. Paul Browne is a lawyer at Wau-paca, Wis.

'77. Henry O. Wilkinson is in business at No. 133 Wisconsin street, Milwaukee, Wis.

'78. Byron B. Park is an attorney at law at Steven's Point, Wis.

'78. H. S. Smith is in the manufacturing business at Menasha, Wis.

'78. Fred J. Turner, who took the Lewis prize in 1884, is now tutor in the Wisconsin State University.

'78. Louis Chynoweth is a lawyer at Ash-land, Wis.

'78. Will P. Lyon, of Ashland, Wis., ex-pects to enter the Law Department of the University of Wisconsin next year.

'79. F. S. White is studying law at his home in Green Bay, Wis.

'79. M. A. Hoyt, one of the founders of the "Chicago Mail," has charge of the Wis-consin correspondence of the "Chicago Daily News," with headquarters at Mil-waukee, Wis.

'79. Byron B. Carter has the position of draughtsman with a prominent firm in Chicago, Ills. Address 141 Western Ave.

'82. Charles M. Wales and George E. Waldo are both in the employment of the Ballon Manufacturing Company of Hart-ford, Conn.

'80. Frank H. Foster is with Marshall, Field & Co Chicago, Ills.

'81. Arthur H. French is engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Kenosha, Wis.

'81. Ed B. Priest is vice-president and manager of the Muir Manufacturing Co., No. 334 Hennepin avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

TENNESSEE B.

'80. William D. Mims, one of the charter members of Tennessee Beta, is a promi-nent physician at Wall Hill, Miss.

'80. Edward P. Williams is engaged in farming near Grenada, Miss. Brother

Williams was Colonel of the 12th Miss. Inf., U. S. A., serving in Longstreet's corps.

'80. Milus W. Haughton, who was a member of the 19th La. regiment, U. S. A., is one of the largest land holders in Bos-sier Parish, La. His home is at Haughton, in that State.

'87. E. G. McLean is preaching in Merced, Cal. Brother McLean was S. W. G. of the G. A. C., held in Cincinnati in 1888.

John M. Bass was initiated by Virginia Delta in '63, and was W. G. P. of the G. C., while it was at Bethany. In 1886 he as-sisted in the re-organization of Virginia Alpha, in 1887 he was a member of Tenn. Beta, later an alumni member of Tenn. Gamma. He is now a lawyer at Nash-ville, Tenn.

'88. C. S. Collins is practicing law at Little Rock, Ark.

'88. George Thornburgh is a lawyer at Powhatan, Ark. Brother Thornburgh has served four terms in the Arkansas legis-lature, being speaker of the House in '81-'82, and at present chairman of judiciary committee. He is Grand Master and Grand High Priest of Masons of Arkansas, also Deputy Grand Commander of Knight Templars of Arkansas.

PENNSYLVANIA F.

'88. Gamma has received from Rev. Robt. Lowery, D. D., two copies of "The Prince of Peace;" a service of Scripture, and song for Christmas time.

'88. Hon. J. S. Wilson, ex-attorney gen-eral of Minnesota, has moved from St. Paul to Fargo, Dakota.

'80. Col. Wm. H. Harrison, after an absence of several years, took his place at the "Symposium table" of '85.

'82. David M. Nesbit, has issued a book entitled "Tide Marches of the U. S.

'82. W. H. Beck, of Washington, D. C., has just returned after a three-months' tour in Europe.

'82. Hon. C. S. Wolfe was orator of the Alumni Association last Commencement.

'71. J. K. Bogert, editor of the leading newspaper of Wilkesbarre, has received the postmastership of his city.

'72. F. M. Higgens is managing editor of the "Commercial Gazette," Cincinnati. He still remains an enthusiastic Phi Psi, which was shown by his printing Gov. elect Foraker's address to the G. A. C.

'73. Lieutenant Tasker H. Bliss, U. S. A., was one of the corps of teachers of the U. S. Naval School, which was held last summer at Newport. R. I.

'74. Joseph H. Pomeroy is district attorney of Schuylkill county.

'80. Prof. Wm. G. Owens has accepted the chair of Adjunct Professor in the Sciences, U. at L.

'81. Wm. Frear, Ph. D., is Professor of Agricultural Chemistry at Pennsylvania State College.

'84. H. H. Baldrige, while attending the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania, fills a position on the staff of "The Press."

'85. J. E. Sagebeer has entered Crozer Theological Seminary.

'85. Sam Bolton, Jr., is taking a course in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania.

#### PENNSYLVANIA E.

'57. Rev. L. A. Gotwald, D. D., of York, Pa., lately received a call from the Second Lutheran church of Springfield, O. There is probability that he will accept.

'59. Rev. John G. Goettman received the degree of D. D. from his Alma Mater last Commencement.

'82. Rev. Geo. D. Gotwald was ordained Sunday evening, October 18th, at York, Pa., by the West Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

'83. Rev. C. D. Hoover, now studying at Yale Divinity School, went as delegate from his class to the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance held at Rochester, N. Y., October 23d.

'85. R. M. Harding has entered the U. S. Signal Service, and is now at Ft. Myer, Va.

'85. A. F. Richardson is studying at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa.

'85. E. I. Brenner has entered the Divinity School of Yale. His address is 48 E. D. H., New Haven, Conn.

'86. J. E. Bittle has been elected one of the biennial speakers of the Phrenakosmian Society.

#### MISSISSIPPI A.

'83. J. L. Buckley is at Enterprise, Miss.

'83. W. P. Tackett is at Richland, Miss.

'84. W. F. Stevens is at Augusta, Miss.

#### KANSAS Φ Ψs.

Bishop W. X. Ninde, Ills. Alpha, resides in Topeka. Affable and eloquent, dignified and scholarly, Bishop Ninde has won the warmest esteem of the christian people of Kansas, and particularly of the Phi Psis, to whom he is most cordial. He is a grand man.

Judge Samuel R. Peters, Ohio Alpha, of Newton, is serving his third term in Congress. His renominations have been by acclamation; his elections by large majorities. He was judge of the largest district in Kansas, and previously State Senator. He has been prominently mentioned for Governor and U. S. Senator.

Hon. R. M. Allen, A. M., of Chanute, was one of the founders of Indiana Alpha and Beta. He is now a prominent State Senator. He has been very successful in business and as a lawyer. He is still a warm Phi Psi.

Judge Edward Hutchinson, Ohio Beta, '67, is Judge of his Judicial District, and resides at Marysville. He is serving his first term, but is highly respected.

Judge E. S. Torrence, Penna. Alpha, '66, now of Winfield, is regarded by many as the ablest District Judge in Kansas. He is serving his second term, and would now be on the Supreme Bench of the State if the peculiarity of the law did not estop him. He had a strong support for Chief Justice in the last Republican State Convention.

Rev. Geo. D. Gotwald, who was W. G. P. of the Grand Chapter and G. A. C. last year, is pastor of the Lutheran church at Salina. He has a handsome church, and we are glad to have him in Kansas.

Rev. Thomas F. Dornblazer, Ohio Beta, '69, is pastor of the Lutheran church in Topeka. He is the author of a neat work on "An Army Chaplain's Reminiscences."

Hon. Charles Fred Niles, Ohio Gamma, lawyer and banker at Garden City, Kus., has been appointed register of the land office at Garden City. This is a lucrative, responsible and honorable position. Our worthy Historiographer is to be congratulated.

Hon. J. A. Moninger, Va. Delta, '72, is county attorney at Wamego, and is the leading lawyer of his county. He was mayor and is the local attorney of the U. P. R. R. Co.

## KANSAS A FOUNDERS.

Frank O. Marvin was initiated by Penna. Beta in 1870. He graduated from Alleghany College, was for some time a civil engineer on western railroads, and became principal of the Lawrence High School; while so employed he assisted in organizing Kansas Alpha. Since, he has become assistant Professor in Mathematics, and is now Professor of Civil Engineering in the University of Kansas, which position he has held for a number of years. Under him the department has developed in a very gratifying manner. He is an artist of very considerable ability and is the finest performer on the pipe organ in Kansas.

'77. Geo. W. Hapgood was initiated by Penna. Beta in '73. In '75 he entered the Junior class of U. of K., largely because Dr. James Marvin, father of his friend Frank O. Marvin, had become Chancellor. He graduated in 1877. While in college he was noted as being the finest ball player, the swiftest runner and the greatest athlete. "Happy" was genial, modest and popular. He married a Miss Davis, of Hiawatha, Kansas. He lives there on his farm, but is away from home much of the time following his profession, that of civil engineer. He was lately in the service of the U. P. R. R., near Salina, Kansas.

## CHARTER MEMBERS.

Charles S. Glead was a Sophomore February 19th, 1876, when Kansas Alpha was organized. He was clerk and book-keeper of the University. He has since been private secretary of the G. P. and T. A. of the K. P. R. W., chief of the Literary Bureau of the Santa Fe R. R., and editor of the famous "Santa Fe Trail," chief clerk of the A., T. & S. F. R. R. law department and editor-in-chief of the "Denver Daily Tribune." This was the leading paper between the Missouri and the Pacific, and paid Charley the handsome salary of \$3,600 per annum. He is now a member of the law firm of Barker, Glead & Glead, of Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Barker is State Senator. Charley made his debut as attorney for the insurance company in the famous Hillman case before the U. S. Circuit Court.

'79. Howard H. Jenkins, of Kansas City, was a Sophomore and graduated in '79. He was quite prominent in college as an officer of the military company. Since

graduation, though a classical student, he has followed civil engineering. He has "surveyed" for the railroads in Texas, Mexico, and all over the southwest. "Jenks" is now county surveyor at Harper, Kansas.

Rev. Valoros F. Brown went to Northwestern University, where he re-organized defunct Illinois Alpha, so that he is *inter* of that prosperous chapter. He graduated, then entered the Methodist ministry after a course of Theological study, preached at Masillon, Ohio, and is now pastor of a church in Cincinnati.

Harry W. Berks was a Sophomore and became the first B. G. He went to the Senior year and was noted as a mathematician. He is now in the real estate business at Salina, Kansas, where he was wedded to Miss Eggleston. Harry is the same warm-hearted and energetic Phi Psi as of old.

'79. James Willis Glead was a Sophomore and graduated in '79 with the First Honors of his class, and was immediately made assistant Professor of English and Instructor in Elocution, which he studied at the Raymond School of Oratory. He held for one year the Greek chair in the University, and then went to Europe to study and travel. Returning, he graduated from the Columbia Law School, and is now a member of the law firm of Barker, Glead & Glead, of Topeka. He is also Professor of Law of Real Estate at the State University. He is quite well known as an orator, having delivered the Master's Oration in '82. His lecture before the State Teachers' Convention on "Paul and Plato," was very highly valued. He recently argued the famous Walruff case before the U. S. Court, appearing for the State. J. W. isn't married, but will, so the gossips say, be open to congratulations in the spring, gentle Annie.

Herbert D. Crandall is at 504 Curtis street, Denver, Colo., and is a prosperous money-making painter. He has been in the mountains for seven years.

Geo. T. Nicholson, the original A. G., was a Junior from the old Tar Heel State. He left college to take position as clerk of a Sioux Indian agency in Dakota. His thrilling stories of Indian life are "huge." He was for a time, too, at an agency of the Quapaws, in the Indian Territory. Worn out by hard work and fever, he came home to die, but changed his mind, got well and entered the general offices of the A., T. &

S. F. R. R. at Topeka, in the fall of '82. Since then his success has been remarkable. He is now Assistant General Passenger and Ticket Agent of the Santa Fe, at a generous salary. He was married last summer to Miss Julia Watson, a graduate of '81, and one of the most deservedly popular little ladies that ever attended the U. of K. Their wedding trip took them to San Francisco.

#### INITIATIONS—'76.

Frank D. Altman, the first initiate, was proposed by Berks and Charley Glead, and initiated March 23. He went to Wittenberg and graduated both in college and in the Theological Department. He is now pastor of the Lutheran church at Emporia, Kansas. He represented Kansas Alpha at the G. A. C. of 1876 in Philadelphia, and was a prominent student at Wittenberg and in Ohio Beta. He is married.

Leander L. Davis was initiated April 6, went through the Sophomore year, traveled all over the west, became an editor, graduated from U. of K. Law Department in '84, and is now practicing law in Lawrence. He married Miss Fawcett, of Kansas City.

Richard A. Ballinger, October 21st, went to Williams College and joined another fraternity. He was then expelled from Phi Kappa Psi. Afterwards, the entire chapter which he joined went over to a third fraternity, showing a rather nomadic disposition.

Luke E. Ray, October 21st, died in 1878 at Dallas, Texas, where he was employed in the post office. He was a young man of exemplary character and was a devout Christian.

'80. Solon T. Williams, October 21st, graduated in 1880, and was one of the finest classical scholars we have ever had. He is now practicing law in Lawrence with Judge Solon O. Thacher, late Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to Mexico and the South American governments.

1877.

Stuart O. Henry, Feb. 1st, went through the Sophomore year and was leader of the K. S. U. Band. He left college to enter a bank at Abilene, and then went into the real estate and loan business. After passing a year in study and travel in Europe, he has located at Denver, Colorado, with his brother, Hon. T. C. Henry. They are extensive business men, being largely

interested in real estate, irrigation and other enterprises.

Rev. Edwin G. Brown, December 7, finished the Sophomore year at Washburn College and graduated from the Unitarian Theological Seminary at Meadville, Pa. He was stationed for some time at Nantucket Island, for a while in Chicago, and is now pastor of the church at Las Animas, Col. He married a most estimable young lady from Meadville. His verses have appeared quite frequently in Eastern papers.

James Travis Burney, February 1, is the leading lawyer at Harrisonville, Mo., where he was county attorney. He is a regular subscriber to THE SHIELD.

Will H. Simpson, April 15, succeeded Glead as clerk and book-keeper of U. of K. He left the University to take a position on the Kansas City *Daily Journal*. He became private secretary to W. F. White, general passenger and ticket agent of the Santa Fe, in '82, and now occupies the lucrative and responsible position of chief rates and divisions clerk of the passenger department. He was married the other day to Miss Mariquita Elisa Anita Whittlesey, a most charming young lady from Middletown, Conn.

Dana Lawrence, November 7, was from Hiawatha, Kansas. He was employed for a while in an Atchison bank. He now has a large cattle ranch near Canon City, Col., and has recovered his health.

'82. Ralph Waldo Emerson Twitchell, November 10, came from Kansas City, Mo. He was well known in college as an orator and an athlete. He represented the Orophilian Society several times, and was editor-in-chief of the *Courier*. He went through the Junior year and then graduated from the Michigan University Law Department in 1882. He is now at Santa Fe, New Mexico, as assistant attorney for the A., T. & S. F. R. R. for New Mexico. He was married the other day to a Saint Joseph belle.

'83. Edward A. Brown, November 17th, was the first initiated of the "Phi Psi five of '83," which did so much to give the Chapter its high position. He came from his residence in Wyandotte, Kan., but does a large insurance business at the Underwriters' Exchange in Kansas City, Mo. He was known in college as a speaker, and represented Oread as orator in '82.

John C. Seaton, November 24, was a brilliant mathematician and with his *compadre* Williams, Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to raise thunder among the faculty. He left as a Soph, and is now partner in the Seaton & Lea Foundry Co., headquarters at Atchison, Kansas. They also have foundries at Topeka, Kansas and Lincoln, Nebraska. John is rich and will go to the legislature soon.

Clarence M. Wallbridge, December 15, is now clerking in an Atchison clothing house. He has a good position, and is, we understand, married.

'82. William G. Raymond, January 19, was the last man initiated of our brilliant Freshman delegation for the class of '81; Davis, E. G. Brown, Stuart Henry, Lawrence, Twitchell, Seaton, Raymond—not a man of whom graduated from University of Kansas—though four graduated elsewhere. Raymond went through the Junior year and was a fine scholar, especially a mathematician. His exploits in leading the Calculus class of '81, were long remembered. In school he was a prominent factor of the military company and an editor of the *Collegiate*. He was for one year division engineer of an Arkansas

railroad at a good salary, and then graduated from Washington University at St. Louis with first honors. He is now assistant Professor of Civil Engineering in the University of California. He was wedded last summer to his former class-mate Miss Helen W. Bay, the belle of the class of '83, in its senior year.

Ledru R. Wright, January 19th, came from Emporia, Kansas, and now resides there. He is a book-keeper.

'83. Frank D. Hutchings, January 26th, represented the Oreads as Debater in '80, and as Contest Orator in '82. He was for several years business manager of the "Review." He was in some respects the best politician in college, and was noted as a speaker. He has made quite a reputation as a newspaper man, having been connected as correspondent with some of the best papers in the country. He was city editor of the "Lawrence Daily Journal," and is now a Senior in the U. of K. Law Department. He was a delegate to the last G. A. C., and is Exchange Editor of THE SHIELD. "Hutch" will be remembered by the old boys for his famous recontre with the janitor at midnight in the halls, during a little raid.

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## The Banquet to Governor Foraker.

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Seldom have enthusiastic Phi Psis met upon an occasion that was as thoroughly delightful as the banquet given to our beloved brother, Joseph Benson Foraker, on Friday evening, February 5th, at the Park hotel, Columbus. There certainly was reason for the joy that prevailed. The brothers had met to extend a warm fraternal greeting to a brother in every way worthy of any attention they might bestow upon him — worthy not simply because he had defeated as able and good a man as George Hoadley, and become the Governor of the great State of Ohio, but also because he has ever been earnestly devoted to Phi Kappa Psi.

The Governor arrived early in the evening, being accompanied to the hotel by Brother Eugene Lane, who was a member of Ohio Alpha at the same time as the Governor. The distinguished guest immediately became the center of a Phi Psi group, which was visited by every brother, so that all had the opportunity of giving Brother Foraker the grip and having a few moments conversation. Old members heartily greeted the Governor and renewed old friendships, while the younger took the opportunity of making the acquaintance of him whom they had so long regarded as one of the most distinguished members of the fraternity. The Governor entered completely into the spirit of the occasion, and did much to make it enjoyable to all. After an hour or more spent in chatting in the parlor, the company marched into the dining-room. There the long table, beautified by choice flowers and loaded with fruits and jellies, was awaiting their arrival. After divine invocation by Rev. W. P. Aylsworth, the brothers were seated. Between the serving of the courses, the guests, under the leadership of Brother Marple, of Ohio Delta, joined in singing Phi Psis songs, which added greatly to the enthusiasm of the evening.

After the elegant repast had been given proper attention, the toastmaster, Brother C. S. Cherington, of Ohio Alpha, introduced Brother C. L.

Van Cleve, of Ohio Alpha, who responded to the toast, "Our Governor." He spoke with much enthusiasm of the young men who had been honored by the world, and especially of Governor Foraker. The Governor was then introduced, and made such a speech as only a true Phi Psi could. He spoke without the least formality, but in just the manner we wanted. No one could form a correct idea of it by reading a report. He said that although he had full appreciation of the honor that had been conferred upon him as guest of the evening, it was not for that reason that he was glad to be present. He was glad to come in order to once more be in the company of brothers of Phi Kappa Psi, assembled in its name. He then referred to changes that had taken place since he joined the fraternity. One was the improvement in the badges. Another was the delightful manner in which the brothers participated in a banquet. The fraternity boys at Delaware never had a banquet, although they attempted to have one. He thought better feelings also grew from such meetings, which encouraged fraternal sympathy. He had always remembered the injunction, "Never forget that you are a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity." When temptation had been in his way, the remembrance of that injunction had always resulted in good to himself. He could give to the younger brothers no better advice than to remember that injunction. The Governor said that just before he took the oath of office he received a telegram from an old Phi Psi friend. Many other letters and telegrams of congratulation and good wishes had been received, but all save this one had been placed on file. For some reason this telegram had found its way into his pocket-book, and remained there ever since. It contained only these words: "May peace and harmony ever be with you, and our great Ruler in heaven ever guide you."

After the enthusiastic applause had subsided, the next speaker, Brother J. H. Galbraith, of Ohio Delta, responded in a polished and witty speech to the toast, "The fraternity idea." The other responses, which were all well delivered, were as follows: "The Ohio chapters," W. G. Frizell, Ohio Alpha; "The next Grand Arch Council," George W. Dun, Ohio Delta; "The Ladies," K. A. Flickinger, Ohio Gamma. Colonel G. A. Frambes and C. W. Dustin were called upon and made two of the best speeches of the evening. A number of regrets from enthusiastic brothers were read. Among the letters was the following from Judge M. L. Buchwalter, of the Cincinnati Common Pleas Court:

CINCINNATI, O., January 30, 1883.

*Dear Brothers:* I regret exceedingly that official duties prevent my joining you in the banquet to our distinguished brother Governor Foraker, February 5th, at Columbus.

The fervent friendship of college days can not be effaced from the memory of those who cherish the higher traits of character, and where in college days more than in the bonds of Phi Kappa Psi did we learn that fervent love between boy and boy that genial and sustaining confidence, the one in the other, so as to never forsake or lose an abiding faith that our affections were anchored in true and loyal character?

Never, at least within my knowledge, did Phi Kappa Psi fail in all her tendencies to elevate the aims and strengthen the character of the college boy who came within her fold.

It was my pleasant duty to be in college with your distinguished guest and brother. We were room-mates for many years, co-workers in Ohio Alpha, and later co-founders of New York Alpha at the Cornell University. He was always chaste in language, full of energy in the pursuit of the aims he came to college for, thorough in his work, manly with his fellow students; so that those who knew him then see now but the maturing outgrowth of that same youthful character.

There has been no marvelous change to make the statesman — it was simply an honest, vigorous growth of the same Phi Kappa boy, with all his old characteristics retained.

Again, I regret not to be with you and to accept your kind invitation, but I may join you in the prayer and the helping hands to sustain him in the performance of his trust as the chief official of the State of Ohio.

Yours fraternally,

MORRIS L. BUCHWALTER.

A telegram of greeting was read from the Portsmouth Phi Psis. After singing another song, the brothers adjourned to the parlor, and as morning was advancing, soon bade farewell to each other and to the Governor.

## Suggestions to Delegates.

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The dream and subsequent realization of a successful future to their project inspired the will and aroused the energies of the men whose names to-day honor our fraternity as its founders; this spirit was imbibed by their immediate successors, and realized up to a very recent date, but for some reason "the stock is below par" at present. Very few question, at least, a limited change in our governmental system. It is self-evident that we must establish such a one as shall be able to meet the enlarging demands and successive crises of our organization; but the fault lies not in a lack of our universal recognition of this important fact, but rather in the lack of the necessary interest that should be taken in the matter; the thoughts have been aroused and a few opinions given, but the task seems to have practically been left with the Committee on Revision, with very few suggestions and little encouragement from the fraternity at large. This fault should be remedied, and before the coming session of the G. A. C. THE SHIELD should be favored by suggestions from the various chapters, in order that our committee may be able to have a foundation upon which to found and rear a polity that shall enshrine and diffuse liberal and adequate doctrines and laws establishing the relations and rights of our individual members and chapters to the fraternity at large. The most feasible plan seems to be that most prominently suggested in the late session of the G. A. C., and latterly through the medium of THE SHIELD, of dividing the fraternity into four or five divisions, similar to the existing plans of government of  $\Sigma X, \Delta T \Delta$ , and many of the fraternities; each division or "Province" to have a Grand Chapter to supervise each of the same, with functions similar to those of the present G. C., and to appoint a Supreme Chapter, as an executive body inferior only to the G. A. C., to supervise the former, and with entire control of the same; the S. C. to be composed of alumni and men who have formerly had experience in our governmental affairs. This relieves active members of such difficult duties as are incident to those of all of our worthy officers, and places it in the hands of experienced alumni, making the work of the former much lighter and comparatively easily accomplished, as also that of the Grand Chapters, by means of their supervision over divisions of the fraternity only. With the government of the sub-chapters faultless, as it is, this plan would establish a common interest between active and inactive members, and gives us what we may better recognize as a true system of government. We should have a more common relation between active and

graduate members; the distinction should not be made so prominent, and something conducive to such a result should be introduced; subscriptions to THE SHIELD should be compulsory for a certain time after, as well as before graduation — such plans have long since been adopted for D. K. E. Quarterly, *et al.* fraternity journals; a regular mode of communication should be established with graduates. The difficulty with which the Catalogue Committee meets in securing anything regarding the addresses of many of our inactive members, and their perfect ignorance of their locations and business, of their brilliant successes or signal failures, and even of their life or death, shows how many of the “old boys” drift far away from us after leaving the chapter, and thus do not enjoy its benefits even indirectly after leaving college; it is self-evident that something is lacking, and unless something of this kind is established of interest to the alumni members, our fraternity will consist practically of none other than active college students.

Indiana Alpha has commenced to carefully examine the complications of this “Gordian Knot,” and her delegates, by following her instructions, hope to be able to unravel many of its difficult combinations, if not by the proposal of new and brilliant plans, at least by established opinions on those already proposed.

The Indiana chapters have appointed their various Committees on Arrangements for the G. A. C., and preparatory steps have already been taken for a royal reception for the boys. No specific arrangements can yet be noted, as they are not as yet completed. We wish to assure the chapters a hearty welcome and express a desire that this session may be well represented by every chapter, and that the plans resulting from the deliberations of that body may be such as shall combine for the best interests and continued prosperity of Phi Kappa Psi.

GEO. B. BAKER.

## The Areopagus.

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### BANQUET NOTES.

The following notes appeared after the account of the Foraker banquet, published in the *Columbus Times* on February 6th:

Ohio Alpha sent down a fine delegation.

Parl Robinson made a magnificent head-piece.

The choice flowers added greatly to the beauty of the table.

Mr. C. A. Marple rendered valuable service in leading in the singing.

Mr. Frizell's response to "The Ohio Chapters," was graceful and scholarly.

The selection of Mr. K. A. Flickinger to respond to the toast, "The Ladies," was fortunate.

The hammered brass shield from the Phi Psi ladies of Chillicothe, to Ohio Delta Chapter, was much admired.

Colonel Frambes was not on the program for a speech, but when called out he replied as happily as if he had had weeks to prepare.

Mr. Dustin, of Dayton, said his first vote after joining the fraternity at Delaware, was cast for Joseph B. Foraker, who became a member a week later.

All were pleased with the management of the banquet, for which credit is due to Mr. Kauffman, and Messrs. Church and Baxter, the genial clerks at the Park.

Wm. W. Keifer, one of the most energetic members of the committee on arrangements, was unable to attend on account of sickness. Rev. Mr. Aylsworth's reference to him in the invocation, found response in the heart of every Phi Psi present.

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### JOSEPH P. GROSS.

Brother Joseph P. Gross, Esq., Pa. Zeta, '72, died at his home at Germantown Phila., Pa., on December 21st, 1885, aged 35 years.

He was a very ardent Phi Psi, and by his death the Pa. Zeta chapter and the fraternity at large lost an enthusiastic member. He was on the publication committee of the Grand Catalogue of 1870. His graduation thesis at the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania, "The Rule in Shelley's Case," was by resolution of the Pennsylvania Legislature, printed and given wide circulation. With Tatton Jackson, Esq., he was the author of "The Law of Landlord and Tenant in Pennsylvania, with a complete discussion of Ejectment and Replevin." This book passed through several editions, and is considered by the profession the best work on the subject extant. He was on the staff of reporters of "The Weekly Notes of Cases," the organ of the Philadelphia Bar.

The family name of Gross is a very familiar one to Phi Kappa Psi. The deceased was known by us all as a man of exceedingly bright talents. His early success was remarkable, and it is much to be regretted that he could not have lived to a ripe old age and rounded out the fullest measure of his fame.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The next G. A. C. will meet at Indianapolis, Ind., on Monday, April 7, 1886. The importance of this G. A. C. must be impressed upon every member of the fraternity. Measures will be taken which are of vital interest to each brother, and to the future success of our order. Each chapter must, if possible, be represented by the full number of delegates, or at least by one. Delegates should be chosen early, and should be the best men in the chapter. It would be well for each chapter to discuss in its meetings every subject which relates to the G. A. C., so that the delegates may come fully prepared to express their chapter's views. This will greatly expedite the work of the G. A. C. It has been said that many of the delegates at past meetings of the G. A. C. took little or no part in the discussions. Let no such remarks be made about the delegates to the next G. A. C. Come with well-developed ideas on fraternity matters, and do not fail to express them. Remember that your chapter relies upon you to faithfully represent her in return for the honor which she has conferred upon you. Let this meeting of the G. A. C. be the most successful as well as the most important one ever held. This can only be done by the full co-operation of each brother.

Brother Geo. B. Baker, of Greencastle, Ind., has been appointed chairman of the committee to make preparation for the G. A. C. Information about it can be secured from him.

By order of

EDWARD C. SHAFER, W. G. P.

BUSINESS, GENTLEMEN!

I desire to say a few words in regard to our next Grand Arch Council, which will convene at Indianapolis, Ind., April 7, 1886. The three Indiana chapters, at the last G. A. C., asked for the convention to be held at Indianapolis, and it was so granted. We want every Phi Kappa Psi to feel and know that he will be welcome in our midst. Don't fail to come, we need your advice and counsel. We may not be able to entertain you in an ideal style, but we will give you something substantial; we want you to come and give good substantial advice in return. Let both the alumni and the active members prepare themselves intellectually, and we will see that the body is well provided for.

This convention means work. It means method. It means a clashing of ideas, and those that are the best wrought must prevail. Superficial preparation on the part of our various delegates will tell. Each chapter should send its best thinkers, and they owe it to their chapters to make the most ample preparation. Let each chapter elect its delegates at once. Don't delay. Do not let *one* chapter fail to be represented. Each chapter ought, if absolutely necessary to make any possible sacrifice before it will fail to send delegates. The various chapters owe this much to the general fraternity, if not to themselves. Make an effort in this direction, recollect-

ing that "in the lexicon of youth, which fate has reserved for a bright manhood, there is no such word as *fail*." There can be no conceivable excuse why *any* chapter should not have at least one delegate; and if any fall short of this, it would almost seem a gross neglect. Much depends upon this meeting of the G. A. C., and it should be fully realized. Not one should stand back and wait for another to perform his part. In fact, it cannot be done in this instance. Every brother must put his shoulder to the wheel and assist to increase the speed of our brotherhood. Work, method and union is what we want, and must have if progress be ours. This the fraternity will have if every chapter is represented.

Other fraternities may have more men, more wealth; but for true disinterested benevolence none are superior to Phi Kappa Psi. If the various chapters are represented at this coming G. A. C., Phi Psi will leap into full-grown manhood, which the strength of a Samson cannot overcome.

C. R. CAMERON.

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#### LAVENDER AND PINK.

We think it is clear to all that the colors of any society, large or small, should be of decided tints, vivid, so that there will be no trouble in recognition. On this ground alone our colors would be condemned on account of the paleness and indecision of their tints. Moreover, from an artistic point of view, lavender and pink is not a good combination, that is, a certain peculiar shade of each is required to look at all well, and if those tints are not used the resultant effect is bad. Colors should be chosen which will not admit of this undesirable variation. Look at the following colors of the prominent fraternities: green and white, pink and blue, scarlet and blue, crimson, blue and gold, old gold and sapphire blue, white and blue, purple, garnet and gold, blue and gold, white; all are decided—there can be no unharmonious effect if a brighter or darker shade is used. The colors are mostly simple—blue, green, red of different shades, gold, purple. We think our colors ought to be changed for something more decided and brilliant. How do you like purple and gold?

#### I.

Purple and gold,  
 Fold upon fold,  
 O! glorious fabric unrolled o'er the doors,  
 Of the western way.  
 Ivory inlaid with amber the floors,  
 Where the king of day,  
 Behind these tapestried hangings so rare  
 Takes his sweet rest.  
 There fades the glow of the daylight fair  
 In the bright west  
 Purple and gold,  
 Wonderful sheen;  
 Now as of old,  
 Fades from the scene.

II.

These glowing hues  
New life infuse.  
Pure as the crystalline gold of the west  
Should our life be, fire-tried ever blest.  
Then as a glory of color to cover  
The achievements and deeds of the Phi Kappa Psi;  
Let purple folds as great banners hover  
Over the acts that are written on high.

III.

Write Clio, write! ere your fingers grow cold,  
Her history on vellum of purple and gold.

H. M. WATTS.

We are afraid Chi Psi would object to this appropriation of her colors.

MANG. ED.

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“AT REST.”

John Philip Strider was born in Jefferson county, West Virginia, July, 1848. In 1853 his father removed to Washington City, and there he attended a primary school for some time. He was afterwards placed at an academy near Staunton, Virginia, where he was prepared for college. He entered Washington and Lee University (then Washington College), while the war was still going on, and volunteered when the forces for military defense were called out, of which youths under eighteen years formed a part, and was severely wounded in the battle of Piedmont. He returned to college in 1865, and joined the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity in that year. He was always noted for his loyalty and interest in the fraternity, and even at his death had in his possession his old fraternity badge.

He graduated in 1868, taking M. A. with distinguished honors, being considered one of the best speakers and writers in college. After graduation, he was sent to Kentucky in company with two other young men, on an important church commission, having previously determined to prepare himself for the ministry. He fulfilled this mission with great zeal and earnestness, and brought to bear all the energies which could be applied to the consecrated work he had in view.

Returning from Kentucky in 1871, he, with two young associates, made a tour in Europe and in parts of Asia and Africa. Two winters were occupied respectively at the Universities in Berlin and Leipsic, the summer months were spent in traveling. He then went to Edinburgh and studied in the Theological Seminary there; he also taught a class in the Seminary. During his stay in Europe he was appointed by the Governor of West Virginia a Commissioner to the World's Exposition at Vienna. After returning from abroad he spent two years at the Union Theological Seminary, Virginia. He served a church in Virginia for some time, after which he became the pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Savannah, Ga. In the summer of 1884 he was called to the first church of Staunton, Va.,

which he accepted, and remained pastor of that church until last fall, at which time the trustees of W. and L. University called him to fill the chair of Moral Philosophy, made vacant by the death of Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D. Hoping that a change would be beneficial to his failing health, he accepted the position and entered on its duties last September.

As a professor he was a most efficient worker, and was extremely popular with his classes. He was confined to his room only a short time, and died in Staunton, January 23d.

In the death of Dr. Strider the church has sustained a great loss. W. and L. University recognizes the fact that his place can be filled again with the same ability, with great difficulty, and his many friends and family feel pangs of sorrow which can scarcely be healed by time.

Few men at Dr. Strider's age have made such acquisitions of knowledge as he, and with his studious habits and resolute disposition, had he lived, we must have predicted for him a place among scholars reached only by the endowed and gifted few.

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#### FUN AND FEED.

I know this is to be a business council, but I hope, too, that we shall have a good time. While the older Phi Psis are arranging the constitution and matters of policy, the younger ones can watch the fun of the thing. My little brother, by blood, is a great *charivari* man. He calls his partners in iniquity thus: "Git all the cans you kin, and git all the boys you kin, and come down behind our barn as soon as you kin, and we'll have all the fun we kin." I hope the Freshmen will come early and be ready for a rattling good time. The G. A. C. is a place for genial good-fellowship, and I am sure that this feature will not be lacking. Indianapolis is a grand town, and we shall certainly have a grand time. "Fun and feed are the essentials," says Dr. Holmes. The essentials will be there, and so will '89.

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(1.) An Executive Council of nine men, five of whom are not undergraduates.

(2.) A  $\Phi$   $K$   $\Psi$  headquarters in some central city, in which or near which a quorum of the Executive Council should reside.

(3.) The publication of THE SHIELD under the auspices of the Executive Council and from their headquarters.

(4.) An active undergraduate chapter in the immediate vicinity of the said  $\Phi$   $K$   $\Psi$  capital.

(5.) The division of the fraternity into four provinces, each with a Grand Chapter of its own.

(6.) A biennial Grand Arch Council and province conventions which shall meet on such years as the G. A. C. does not assemble, said province conventions to be held at the same time, that they may be in constant communication.

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THE province conventions should select the chapters which are to be Grand Chapters, for terms of two years.

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THE four chiefs of the provinces should be members of the Executive Council, and should be selected by the Grand Chapters for two years. The others should be chosen by the Grand Arch Council for periods of two, four and six years. The Executive Council should elect its officers, including the editor of THE SHIELD, for two years.

IN our last we called attention to the necessity of arranging for the expenses of those who organize new chapters. We do not care whether it be called an Extension Fund or no, but there should be such a provision for expenses. Phi Kappa Psi should locate in every great State college. There are two, at least, of her silent chapters that ought to respond to roll-call. We do not believe in wearing our hearts out to plant chapters. But good opportunities should be improved, and they ought never to be lost for lack of a few dollars for expenses. Unquestionably it does take money to conduct a fraternity.

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HOLDING G. A. C.'s biennially and province conventions on such years as the G. A. C. does not meet, will enable us to avoid expense and loss of time, while the G. A. C.'s will be much more largely attended. The province conventions should all meet at the same time, and by keeping in constant telegraphic communication, will be able, practically, to do the work of a G. A. C. Our fraternity is now so large that men can hardly be expected to come from the four quarters every year. We must have province conventions, and if G. A. C.'s should be held on the same years one or both would be poorly attended, or college faculties would probably reach the conclusion that Phi Psis should not be out of college so often.

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ON the first of January, 1886, every dollar which the chapters owed the Grand Chapter, was paid. Perhaps this was the first time in the history of the fraternity that this has occurred. The stringent rules adopted at the G. A. C. had a good effect, and we most heartily congratulate the Grand Chapter on their zealous and successful enforcement of the law. They have shown commendable zeal and good business judgment. The chapters deserve credit for their promptness. The fraternity may well be pleased with its excellent financial condition—all debts paid and money in treasury. THE SHIELD closes the year in the same condition—free from debt and money on hand. However, two chapters have been dilatory, and it would enable us to greatly improve the journal if they would pay what they owe. Otherwise we shall be forced to enforce the strict rules of the last G. A. C.

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#### THE SHIELD.

The subscription price of THE SHIELD ought to be one dollar and twenty-five cents per annum. It is worth it in quantity if not in quality. Every future initiate should promptly pay into the coffers of THE SHIELD the price of one year's subscription, said payment to secure for him THE

SHIELD for the first year he shall be out of college, but not to free him from any year's subscription while he shall be in college. This will assure us of his acquaintance with Greek affairs for a year after he has left school at least. The Executive Council should select a man of newspaper experience, literary tastes and business tact to take full charge of THE SHIELD. He should be paid such a salary as will justify him in giving the magazine proper attention. It is our belief that money enough cannot now be raised to warrant any one in looking after its interests every month. THE SHIELD should be made bi-monthly. It would then be larger, handsomer, and would receive more critical attention from the editor. During past years the editors have sacrificed their own private interests and expended their own money. This is not business justice and cannot secure the best results. Nor should THE SHIELD be left to the tender mercies of an undergraduate chapter. For the past year nominally under the control of undergraduate Kansas Alpha, it has really been the work of Alumni Kansas Alpha. It should be given to the Executive Council and edited from a central location. The subscription list of THE SHIELD has now reached that length that its future success may be considered as assured, but there is no assurance of success without prompt payments. We have a fine line of subscribers, and paying ones. There should be no cessation of the stringent rules for prompt payments. We believe in paying the editor. Our own work on THE SHIELD is nearly done. We shall soon be called to other fields. We do not begrudge a moment taken from other duties of great personal importance to us. We do not regret a dollar, an hour expended, ill as we could afford it. But THE SHIELD is now able to pay a man for his work and it should do so. An addition of twenty-five cents to the subscription price would almost if not quite pay an editor. The change to a bi-monthly would make it possible to secure the sufficient time of a man thoroughly competent to edit almost any magazine, and would save enough money to enable us to enlarge and make handsome the organ of ΦΚΨ. All of which is respectfully commended to the careful attention of delegates to the next Grand Arch Council.

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VOLUME SEVEN.

We renew our old and only pledge to be out on the first of each month. All chapter letters and personals should be in by the twentieth of each month, other matter by the fifteenth. We have arranged for articles on Harvard, Michigan and Cornell, similar to those published concerning Yale and Wesleyan, and a ready writer has in preparation a full discussion of fraternities in Pennsylvania. The historiographers have promised us several

interesting sketches of  $\Phi$   $\Kappa$   $\Psi$  history, and the late W. G. P. will soon favor us with a sketch, "The Archives." The Grand Catalogue committee have promised us a sketch of their work. We are very desirous that the chapters send us regularly and promptly the publications of their respective colleges—marked copies if convenient. If this be done we shall establish a department of Phi Kappa Psi news. We renew our hope that we may receive lists of those holding positions on college papers and of members who have become college professors—not the  $\Phi$   $\Psi$  professors in your college, but those of your chapter who have become professors anywhere. Our personals will be made a feature of the magazine, and personals should never be included in chapter letters, but rather sent as personals. We have been proud of our chapter letters. No fraternity magazine excels us in that respect. But while one chapter has sent but one letter in more than two years, three but one letter each in a year, and thirteen but two letters each in a year, there is great room for improvement. An average chapter letter should occupy not more than one page of THE SHIELD. Do not be idle for four or five months and then break out with a two, three or four-page letter. Each chapter should have a short, newsy letter every two months. We again call attention to the request on page 178 of the November SHIELD, that chapter letters be sent for all odd numbers, by the following chapters: N. Y. Beta, N. Y. Delta, Pa. Gamma, Pa. Epsilon, Pa. Zeta, Pa. Eta, Va. Alpha, Va. Gamma, Miss. Alpha, Ohio Alpha, Ohio Beta, Ind. Alpha, Wis. Gamma, Iowa Alpha, Ills. Alpha, Kansas Alpha, D. C. Alpha, Sub Rosa. All other chapters should write for the even numbers. This means that those enumerated above ought to reach us with letters by March twentieth, for the April issue, Vol. 7, No. 1, and have letters in every other issue thereafter. While the other chapters should have letters here by April twentieth, for the May SHIELD, Vol. 7, No. 2, and for every other issue thereafter. Of course additional letters will always be welcome. But it would aid us greatly if letters came as requested. During the past year THE SHIELD has averaged twelve chapter letters to an issue. The average ought to be fifty per cent. greater. We hope the chapters will select their best men for this work, and prod them till they write regularly. Other improvements will be made, and the chapter has in contemplation a plan to enlarge and make a change in manner of publication.

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VOLUME SIXTH.

This issue closes Vol. 6, the first under Kansas Alpha. We have kept our faith and been out on time every month. We are under many obligations to those chapters whose prompt compliance with our requests, whose

prompt, frequent and newsy chapter letters have made it possible for us to conduct the magazine. We appreciate the good will of those who have lent us a drowsy but kindly support. We have a tender and solicitous interest in those whom we have drummed into an occasional answer to roll-call. Ohio Wesleyan has been represented by seven chapter letters; Kansas, Syracuse, and Ohio State University, by five each; Columbian, University of Virginia, Lewisburg, Michigan, Chicago, Northwestern, Pennsylvania College, and Wittenburg, by four each; Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Franklin and Marshall, South Carolina, Indiana State, Iowa University, and Wabash, by three each; while Carleton, Hampden-Sidney and University of Pennsylvania managed to straggle in with one letter each. C. L. Van Cleve, of Ohio Alpha, Brenner, of Pennsylvania Epsilon, Denney, of Michigan Alpha, Gage, of D. C. Alpha, McNair, of N. Y. Alpha, Congressman Peters, of Ohio Alpha, Anderson, of Illinois Beta, Ninde, of Illinois Alpha, Smart, of Ohio Delta, with Thacher, Simpson, Geo. C. Smith, and J. W. Glead, of Kansas Alpha, have favored us with literary contributions. The Ohio Wesleyan, De Pauw, Lafayette, and California college papers have reached us quite regularly. Thanks, we believe, to E. M. Van Cleve, Cameron, Watts and Dennett. Our relations with the chapters have been of the most pleasant nature, and we haven't been able to get up a row with any one. We trust this harmonious monotony will continue. THE SHIELD thanks the fraternity for a generous and earnest support that has been a spring of clear waters to the editors in the far West. And now, gentlemen, "we bid you not good night, but good morning. The sun is rising. May you go forth and fight like true knights on life's dusty plain. May you live to be merry old men, and always be glad to hear the music of the little birds singing in the peach trees. Good morning."

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#### G. A. C. ARRANGEMENTS.

The Indiana chapters have made arrangements to hold the coming session of the G. A. C., April 7th to 10th, in the Indianapolis Lodge Room, corner of Washington and Illinois streets, Indianapolis, Indiana. The room is large and commodious, and excellently adapted to our purpose, being private and quiet, and at the same time in the most central part of the city, and immediately opposite the Bates House, where the headquarters of the delegates will be. The parlors of the hotel can be utilized for committee rooms, and excellent accommodations obtained at reduced prices: the banquet is also to be furnished by this hotel on the evening of the 9th of April; on the night preceding which the Indiana State Oratorical Contest

which will undoubtedly be of interest to the brothers, is to be held at the Grand Opera House.

The Committees on Reception can be recognized by suitable badges, if not by the general, genial Phi Psi characteristics. Any of the delegates or visitors will be promised a hearty welcome and excellent treatment from the time they are met by any one of these committeemen until the "shadow of the great city" shall fade away, and the G. A. C. shall exist to them only in memory.

Indications at present point to a very large attendance of both active members and alumni, and we sincerely hope that we have not in any way overestimated the expected number. Any further official information regarding accommodations, arrangements, &c, can be obtained by addressing any of the Indiana B. Gs.

Greencastle, Ind., February 22, 1886.

GEO. B. BAKER.

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#### INDIANAPOLIS.

We do not expect to meet the entire fraternity at Indianapolis. But we do hope that every chapter will be represented. This will be pre-eminently a business council — no dress parade — but a thoroughly earnest consideration of Phi Kappa Psi's condition and position, and vigorous solution of such questions as vex her. We trust that the report of the Revision Committee will receive the careful consideration it deserves. The members of that committee are well fitted for the work and have given it their thoughtful attention. There should be no factious opposition. A proper deference should be shown for their opinions, for they are valuable. They expect criticism but should have no careless antagonism. Their report will be about right. Doubtless there be those who think *THE SHIELD* has not made noise enough about the Grand Arch Council. But we do not believe that any eternal and infernal din will take a man from his home. So we have allowed the venerable old tom-tom which has summoned the clans so often, to rest in decent peace. If a man can't come the tom-tom won't bring him. But now, gentlemen, the Hoosier torch of Clan Alpine is among you — "Speed, Malise, speed;" it summons you to Indianapolis, and in the name of the Indiana Phi Kaps — royal gentlemen who will give you a princely welcome. This Indiana messenger is a swift one. He summons us in this *SHIELD* to our most important convention:

"Speed, Malise, speed, the dun deer's hide,  
On fleeter foot was never tied.  
Speed, Malise, speed, such cause of haste  
Thine active sinews never braced."

## Chapter Letters.

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### HOBART.

"Firstly," as the ministers say, it will not be necessary to tell you that I have nothing interesting to narrate. The year rolls on here with scarcely a ripple to mar the surface. We are having the strong, steady pull now, after the relaxation. It was the pleasure of two or three who remained here during vacation, to meet Brother F. H. Hodder (Michigan Alpha, '82), who has a chair in Cornell this year, and also Brother Falkenau, of New York Alpha. Some of the brothers stopped over with Beta chapter at Syracuse, going or returning from vacation, and report a pleasant time.

There is a plan in embryo for a New York State  $\Phi \Psi$  banquet, and it is our earnest wish that it may be carried out sometime this coming spring. Nothing can be more conducive to the fraternity spirit or help more to foster a brotherly feeling than meeting the brothers face to face and talking over the plans and methods which make our grand fraternity what every  $\Phi \Psi$  should be proud of. And just here let me say, that the G. A. C. will be made up from the men each chapter may send, and it behooves us all to be fully on the alert to have our delegates prepared to know something when they get there. Then we may be sure the deliberations of that august body will be of real benefit to each individual member of the fraternity.

The only red-letter day of the term thus far was Matriculation Day. The chapel exercises in the morning and the fine address of our honored president, gave the day a distinctive mark. The remainder of the day was given to the students in grateful appreciation of their aid in rescuing books when the college library burned last term. We understand, the day is to become a fixture in the college calendar hereafter.

At the regular meeting of the trustees last month, an appropriation was made for a gymnasium. We are pleased to record this fact, as it supplies a long-felt want, and at the same time is an indication of the brighter prospects for the college, which seem to increase every day. This means a brighter future for New York Delta, and you may feel sure she intends to keep pace with every upward and onward movement. *Vive la SHIELD.*

C. A. SMITH.

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### WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Pennsylvania Alpha asks for a few lines to report our college and chapter flourishing. During the past year marked improvement has been made in the college curriculum, while the finances of the institution are, I under-

stand, in such condition as to insure a successful future for our college, and necessarily a prosperous career for Phi Psi's *Mater* chapter. Last year the college authorities purchased fine grounds for base-ball, foot-ball, etc., and have also fitted up a neat building as a gymnasium. A valuable acquisition to the faculty was made by the election of Professor W. C. McClelland to the chair of English Language and Literature. The professor is a man exceptionally well qualified for this important position. The chair of Physics and Chemistry made vacant by the resignation of Professor Lyon, was filled by the selection of Professor Ray, recently of Detroit, Michigan. The professor is a gentleman of much culture, having spent some years at the German Universities pursuing studies connected with his department. These acquisitions make our faculty, we believe, the equal of any.

The spiking campaign was certainly vigorously conducted by the several fraternities represented here. We were successful in securing men as worthy as any who ever were initiated into Phi Psi mysteries. Now, brothers, all stand up while I present to you our additions. The first, although an adopted son, is already as much beloved by us as if he were a real offspring of Penna. Alpha. I refer to Brother Orr, a sensible young gentleman who came here from Alleghany College, at Meadville. We send regrets to Penna. Beta, but reserve congratulations for ourselves. If Penna. Beta has many more to spare like Brother Orr, we hereby notify them to send them on. The next is Brother G. McCaudless, of Pittsburg, a genial fellow bound to become a royal fraternity man. Then comes G. P. Marquis, of Chicago, a brother of our loyal J. L., and even now much like him in his enthusiasm for whatever is good for Phi Psi. Then come our twins, Brothers Stevenson and Miller. The former is from Washington City; is a son of the First Assistant Post Master General. So if there is any patriotic Phi Psi who wishes to serve this Republic in the capacity of a village P. M., just drop a line to Brother Steve, for he says he is assisting his father in the decapitation of offensive partisans. Brother Miller is a smiling, guileless young gentleman hailing from Mercer, Pennsylvania, and can create more fun and mischief in a given time than any youth in the land. Ah! you should have seen how gracefully he rode the goat. Willie was earnestly invited by a rival fraternity, but with his good judgment came to us. Our next is Brother Harry Noel, of St. Louis, Mo. If ever you reach St. Louis and should chance to be thrown into the company of a modest, intellectual young gentleman about five feet eleven inches, wearing a pair of nice spectacles, who plays the piano charmingly, sings well, and talks well, and is one of the best of companions, just walk up and give him the grip, for that is our Harry. Most of these brothers came to us after having been solicited to enroll under other banners. This speaks better than anything I can say of the condition of our chapter. Brother Thomas is an admirable G. P., and maintains a proper degree of discipline, so that absences from our meetings are rare.

But in the midst of triumph and progress death has cast his shadow amongst us. It is with sadness that I record the death of Brother J. C. Herron, who was accidently killed at Farmington, Ill. Brother Herron was initiated into our chapter, but more recently became an active member of Ohio Gamma. Possessed of an energetic nature, he threw into his fraternity work the same earnestness and energy which characterized all he did. It was hard indeed to lose him while yet on life's threshold, just preparing for its real duties, with so many battles yet to win, and so much yet to be accomplished. We shall always cherish the memory of this true friend and faithful brother.

ALEX. NEW.

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PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

The present year is one of the most prosperous that our college has experienced for a long time. The zeal with which our new president has entered into his work is worthy of the highest commendation. In addition to his duties as president, he spends a part of each week among the various churches, soliciting students and endowment for the college. It is gratifying to see the favorable result of his labor. Inspired by her present prosperity, and the flattering prospects for next year, our college promises soon to take her place among the leading colleges of the land.

Since the opening of the present term, college life has been characterized by hard study. The boys all returned after vacation well rested and full of fun. Several new students entered college this term.

A course of free lectures on scientific subjects were arranged last term, to be delivered by the professors of the institution, and gentlemen from town, during the present term. Four of these have been delivered, and they proved to be both interesting and instructive. A permanent athletic association was formed here this term. Contributions were recently received for the improvement of our college building, and she will soon appear in a new dress. She is not entirely *en dishabille*, yet there is room for improvement. The biennial exercises of the Phrean. Literary Society will be held on the 22d instant.

The spirited rivalry between the different fraternities has died out, as nearly all of the desirable men have been secured. Each of the chapters secured about the same number of new men, and is contentedly resting on its laurels. Each active chapter here is in good condition and enjoying itself *in suo modo*. Σ A E is generally acknowledged to be dead, as it has no active members in college.

We have initiated no new men this term, but we are watching the development of a few men who may yet wear the shield. We are very conservative, and do not initiate a man until we are fully satisfied that he is worthy of the title, brother.

Our chapter is in a most flourishing condition. The boys enter into her work with heart and soul, and it is woe to any poor *Barb.* who is fortunate

enough to be elected. We recently purchased a *suite* of oak furniture for our chapter hall, which gives it a refined and cozy appearance. We spend many pleasant hours in our hall, which shall never be forgotten. It was with feelings of deep regret that we parted with Brother Fred Gotwald last term, but we consoled ourselves with the thought that our loss would be Ohio Beta's gain. He has entered Wittenburg College, and likes the boys very much. Brother Brenner spent a few days with us and his friends in town on his return to Yale. We are always glad to see him or any other brother. Brother Robert A. Frey is the author of a neat volume of poems, entitled "Songs of Venice and other Poems." He has kindly contributed a copy of his works to our chapter library, for which we are very thankful, and we wish him much success in his future efforts. The poems are beautifully composed and intensely interesting. Brothers Robert M. Hardinge and J. P. Earnest have completed their course of Signal Service discipline at Fort Myer, Va. The former is stationed at Philadelphia, the latter at Vicksburg, Miss. Joy be with them.

We wish to congratulate the managers of THE SHIELD on the continued improvement in their work. THE SHIELD is now a model fraternity organ. It is so interesting that we can scarcely wait for its appearance. Glad to see it in its pretty cover again. We cannot see why the managers are obliged to complain of unpaid dues, when the brothers receive such a journal monthly for so small a sum of money. We were well pleased with the article on "Fraternity Education" which appeared in the last number of THE SHIELD. Consider it, brothers, and see if there is not a good lesson in it. With fraternal love to each chapter, and best wishes for their success, Epsilon bows and retires.

EDWARD C. SHAFER.

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#### LEWISBURG.

It has been the fate, whether fortunate or unfortunate, of the members of Gamma to see that their chapter should be honorably and loyally sustained. But the cares and tasks attending our own existence are not so numerous, so harassing that we are totally oblivious of our brothers who are laboring to forward the principles of our order in other colleges.

We do feel an interest in the mother-chapter of our fraternity. Since the beginning of the college year we have opened our SHIELDS and glanced over the Chapter Letters with the hope of finding a word from Penna. Alpha, but each time we were disappointed. Now if our Alpha brothers think we manifest an uncalled for interest, with a blush, we beg their pardon.

There is such a thing as writing too often to THE SHIELD, and probably we are guilty of so doing. If we are, will the brother editors please inform us, remembering this confession, we do the best we can. And if remembering they reflect, they will doubtless be of the same opinion as our teacher in elocution. The said teacher in elocution is steadily advancing in years. As

a consequence she is angling far and wide. When Brother G. told her he would do the best he could on a certain speech (he flunked), with a crushing smile she replied: "Ah, Mr. Gretzinger, angels could do no more."

Of late the advantages and disadvantages of the fraternity system have been agitating the minds of some of our friends. Certain disadvantages no doubt there are, especially to the minds of those who have never grasped the hand of a Greek in fellowship and love. In associations of a certain nature evils are natural results. But however slight the evils may be in a given fraternity, they are not sanctioned by the laws and principles on which that fraternity is founded. They are unnatural outgrowths which its own pruning could destroy. And however violently the enemies of the fraternity system may grasp at its evils, and however desperately they may tear, they can never move the sturdy principle which forms the body of the system—the principle of sociability. Sociability will exist, it can not be destroyed. Kindred spirits will seek kindred spirits. And if those spirits be akin in development and political wire-pulling, it is the misfortune of the fraternity and not the fault of its system.

We are unable to say that the antagonism against fraternities in this section will develope anything serious. On account of a charitable feeling toward our enemies, we hope that they will in the future do themselves more justice than they have in the past.

On the 29th of January the chapter was banqueted by the parents of Brother Keiser. Toasts were responded to by all the brothers. If a Frat. kicker had stuck his head in the door he would have wished that he could realize some of the benefits of that diabolical system.

Brother Hand, '84, and Brother Sagebeer, '85, were welcome visitors in the early part of February. At the *Mirror* election Brother Kelchner, '86, was made editor-in-chief; Brother Clark, '87, business manager; Brother Gretzinger, '89, assistant manager.

HOWARD L. CALDER.

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#### LAFAYETTE.

##### INVOCATIO.

###### I.

O! muses on the sacred mount,  
An humble youth inspire.  
Give me some water from your fount  
So that I will not tire.

###### II.

But Oh! alas, each muse's ear,  
Is shattered as to drum.  
They can no longer prayers hear,  
But now are deaf and dumb.

###### III.

Their sacred fount is all stopped up,  
The crystal flood is ooze,  
And battered is the old tin cup,  
That poets did abuse.

Some writing from me is then what you're wanting,  
 Your request so modest is far from me daunting.  
 Not at all that I think I'm a fine letter writer,  
 I'm fully aware, that there can be no triter  
 Epistle than mine, when put in the letter  
 Which goes by the name of Frat. chapter letter.  
 So often bombastic and full of pretense  
 That one wonders whether they've lost all their sense.  
 To tell all the news without casting a slur,  
 To tell their true state, never seems to occur  
 To chapter reporters that that is the thing,  
 But they put out their foot, while their arm's in a sting.  
 Their best foot, I mean, so that one would suppose  
 Their pathway was lined with the lily and rose.  
 Their sky is azure, their sunsets are golden,  
 Each new lie but serves them more to embolden,  
 Till they end their remarks with a barbaric shout  
 That their frat. is the best, the whole region about.  
 Of course if you grant that THE SHIELD was created  
 Just simply to print how each chapter is rated  
 By standards its own, to publish its boasts  
 Made after wine in the half maudlin toasts,  
 If you grant this we say then we will agree  
 That the inflating of letters is as it should be.  
 But my dear little youth, you we mean who elected  
 To write for your chapter, yea truly selected,  
 (At least from appearances such is the fact)  
 From out of your number for absence of tact;  
 My dear youth *we think* they intended THE SHIELD  
 To get the true state, of each Frat. chapter's field  
 To know, what's what, and if bad to improve  
 Any chapter that seems to merit that move.  
 But your trifling jawp prevents this I'm sure,  
 The Frat. then you will become rather poor.  
 Well, well; enough's been said in a well-meaning way.  
 I'll hasten to tell what I started to say  
 That we are all well save that Gilly's in love,  
 And wears near his heart a faint-scented glove  
 Of a fair dear girl, whose fortune's her face,  
 And who wears the Frat. pin with a feminine grace.  
 Our state is prime, except I might say  
 That Cummins, 'tis true, is in quite a bad way.  
 He is fat, quite a porpoise, but since Christmas dinners  
 He's a regular Falstaff amid Falstaffian sinners.  
 His clothes seams are bursting, his buttons fly off,  
 Whenever he racks his great frame with a cough.  
 And we the monotony of winter beguile  
 By measuring the size of bre'r Cummins' smile.  
 On class day our honors are modest—just two, 'n  
 Bre'r Niesley and Watts represent the gay crew,  
 Called "Class Day" performers, altho' Brother Nies.  
 Has nothing to do but just hold his peace  
 And present to the audience each trembling soul,  
 Who devoutly wishes in the stage a big hole  
 Would open and swallow him way out of sight,  
 When he's struck with that feeling that's known as stage-fright.  
 Brother Watts is the poet who'll take his own time,  
 And give the pale audience a dish of loose rhyme.  
 Our chapter is prosperous, we stand rather well

With other Frats. here, nothing else will I tell.  
 I must close, for I hear a sound at my door,  
 And I know that it means that dear college bore,  
 A man, who just dropt in, don't you know,  
 To tell you the news, "Did you hear about Joe?"  
 "Not yet? well! I'll tell you," and then his tongue rattles,  
 And aimless about nothing unceasingly prattles  
 He is coming!—

Good-bye,

I'll write soon again,

And will borrow, by that time, a much better pen.

February 1, 1886.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

There are so many things happening at and about the University, that it is hard to know what to tell and what to leave out. But let us begin by giving THE SHIELD and our sister chapters a hearty greeting. The principal centers of interest at present are the *Pennsylvanian*, our new college paper, the Greek Play, to be given at the Academy of Music next May, base-ball and rowing.

The *Pennsylvanian* is the successor to the *University Magazine*. It is published weekly throughout the collegiate year by the undergraduates of our University. The board of editors consists of an editor-in-chief, one editor from the Law Department, one from the Medical Department, one from the Dental, one from the Veterinary, and eight from the Collegiate Department. The *Pennsylvanian* has been pronounced universally by the Philadelphia press the best college paper published. The criticisms of the college press have also been of the most flattering kind. The editor-in-chief, the business manager and editor from the Law Department, are all Phi Psis.

The Greek Play is creating a tremendous excitement among the *savants* of the East. The play is the *Acharnians* of Aristophanes. All the parts are taken by undergraduates of the U. of P., including the chorus, which numbers fifty. The music for the choruses has been written by Professor H. A. Clarke, professor of the Science of Music in the Department of Music. His compositions are much admired in Philadelphia. The costumes will be costly and magnificent, while absolutely no anachronisms are to be tolerated. Phi Psi is well represented in the chorus.

Phi Psi has for many years taken the first place in athletics among the many fraternities represented here. This year has not so far, proved nor will prove an exception. Rowing has been for a long time our *Alma Mater's* favorite sport, and the greatest of her oarsmen have been Phi Psis, Gray, '84, and Hunter, '82, being probably the best men that have ever pulled in a college boat. However, this season, base-ball, a sport heretofore uncultivated at Old Penn., promises to rival boating. The Pennsylvania R. R. Co. have most generously granted the use of their old depot, in West Philadel.

phia, to our athletic association. This caused an intense interest in base-ball to spring up at college. John Boyle, pitcher on last year's St. Louis base-ball league nine, has been secured as trainer, and has been at work with the team for some time in their fine quarters. The Base-ball Association will apply for admission to the somewhat conservative Inter-collegiate Association. Phi Psi will have at least two positions on the nine, and probably more.

In addition to the members of the Penna. Iota leading in athletics at the University, the Mid-year Examination revealed the gratifying fact that our men took honors in every class. We have the Senior class-day orator. Among the many minor positions of interest that Phi Psis occupy, are those of the president of the foot-ball association, pitcher of the nine, the captain of the champion class-foot-ball team, and the moderator of the Philomathean Literary Society.

We are glad to be able to say that the famous inter-collegiate mile-runner, R. Faries, '85, is studying medicine at the University, and will therefore be an active member of our chapter for some years to come. Phi Psi was well represented on the foot-ball team of the past season. Although good material has been very scarce this year, we have secured several good men for our chapter.

I hope this brief sketch of the doings and connections at Penna. Iota, has not proved tedious to THE SHIELD. We send our best wishes to all our sister chapters.

EDW. M. JEFERYS.

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#### WASHINGTON AND LEE.

Being in the midst of our examinations, we were unable to send a letter to THE SHIELD last month; but the ordeal is now over, and we take pleasure in communicating the actions of our little chapter to the brotherhood.

Since we last wrote, we have been deprived, by death, of two of our professors: Dr. Strider (a notice of whose death is found in this number), Professor of Moral Philosophy, died on the 23d of January, and Professor J. L. Campbell, Professor of Chemistry, died the 2d of February. Professor Campbell has been an active professor here for thirty-five years, and his loss is deeply felt by the University and the community at large. He was confined to his room only a few days before he died, and his death was a great shock to his family and to his many friends.

A short time ago our chapter purchased a handsome pearl and diamond badge and presented it to a loyal sister. In doing this we exhibited only a small part of the respect and high regard in which Virginia Beta holds the loyalty of a sister who so nobly sustained the honor of old Phi Psi. A short time after this the "Bug" was summoned to meet by an unusual officer—on an unusual night, in an unusual hall—and we had an *unusual meeting*. A caterer from the clouds had been present, and had exerted himself to the

utmost, and for two hours faithfully did we follow the injunction—"Eat, drink and be merry." In brief, we had a regular good old-time "Bug-meeting," and the occasion will be long remembered as a bright spot in the history of Virginia Beta.

A new fraternity has just been founded here, consisting of six men—founded by two and four afterwards taken in—it is called the T A E. Their badge is a Maltese cross, and is quite a handsome one.

The Sigma Chi hold a convention in Lynchburg, this month, composed of the five chapters in Virginia. The whole chapter (five) from here contemplate going down. We are inclined to think that some such assemblage of the chapters, within a certain boundary, is an excellent thing for the life and progress of a fraternity.

Our chapter has had no new additions, but it is in a healthy condition. We had one speaker in the celebration of the Graham--Lee Literary Society on January 29th, and will have two on the stage at the celebration of the Washington Society, February 22d.

J. W. W. BIAS.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

We feel ashamed to acknowledge that Mississippi Alpha has appeared only once in THE SHIELD since school opened, and we promise hereafter to write promptly every two months. Brother Tackett, our B. G., has been compelled to go home twice since September, on account of sickness. We have just heard that he has recovered from his illness, and hopes to be with us again this term. For this reason, and on account of weak eyes and examinations, we have been unable to attend to our correspondence. We have just finished our intermediate examination, and, in consequence of which, we are all somewhat used up. All our boys, except perhaps in the case of one, in one study, made the rise. We begin this term with eight active men, seven Freshmen and one Preparatory. We succeeded in capturing only one man after our first battle. So we have the pleasure of introducing to our brothers Mr. J. J. Stevens, of Augusta, Miss., brother of W. F. Stevens, of '85, who distinguished himself in oratory while in college. Our Perry No. 2, as he is known, promises to prove as great an honor to  $\Phi K \Psi$  as his brother.  $\Phi K \Psi$  may well be proud of Brother Stevens of '85. No new material has come in this term. We neglected to say in our last letter that Brother W. P. Tackett, of '85, took Senior medal in Hermæan Society and the  $B \Theta \Pi$ . Brother Buckley, of '85, who intended to study medicine, and received a position in the Medical Hospital, Pensacola, Fla., has concluded that he didn't have the *nerve*, and has given up his place and decided to take law. So we will have Buckley, of '85, Stevens, of '86, and Farley, of '84, in Senior Law next year. Hence our prospects are very bright. With fraternal greetings to THE SHIELD.

R. E. HALSELL.

## O. W. U.

Since our last writing our *Fraternus Animus* has been greatly quickened by the banquet tendered *our* Governor Foraker by the Phi Psis of Ohio. As Brother Foraker was initiated at Delaware, the Ohio Alpha boys were especially elated over his election, and their joy was only complete as they felt his hearty grip, looked into his noble face and heard him talk of his college days. It was an inspiration to every boy and man to hear our honored brother tell what our beloved order has done for him, and what he has done for *her alone*. Here is an example for us to follow, and may we always remember what *he* never forgot. "*Never* forget, my brother, that you are a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity." Many Ohio Alpha alumni were there, and we younger members lived over the early days of our chapter. The following brothers were present from here: D. L. Bell, Frank Phillips, E. M. Van Cleve, W. T. Frizell, R. H. Van Deman, Hugh Runkle, Ernest Dells, and B. M. Allison. Brothers Bunyan and Gamble started for Columbus, but unfortunately got left at the depot. Too much can not be said in praise of the way in which Ohio Delta managed this never-to-be-forgotten banquet.

Brothers Lyday and Manse, of Ohio Beta, and Brother Frank Monnett, of Bucyruss, came up and spent Saturday and Sunday with us. We had an enthusiastic meeting Saturday night, brothers Brandeburg, of '80, Bunyan, '81, and Brother George Allison, formerly of '86, being present with the visitors mentioned above. Brother Bell, of the Senior class, give us an excellent talk on "Fraternity Extension," and a general discussion on that important subject followed. Brother Monnett, who is always received with open arms, encouraged us in our work, and then opened a discussion in regard to our next G. A. C. We have a piano in our hall, and as usual, our meeting was closed with jolly, rousing songs. E. M. Van Cleve, '86, and R. H. Van Deman, '87, were elected active delegates, and Prof. John W. White, '69, alumni delegate to the coming G. A. C. And let me say right here, they know how to vote on the "New Constitution"

At the last election Brother E. M. Seamans was elected G. P., and a more worthy one never occupied the throne. Our last initiate was U. G. Sanger, not U. S. Sawyer, as it read in the last SHIELD.

Brother George Harrop, of '88, paid us (?) a visit lately, and promises to be in college next year.

In addition to the battalion, composed of companies A and B, a battery has been formed, with Brother Ed Seamans as captain. The cannon, a twelve pounder, came from Columbus.

College politics have been somewhat of the Cincinnati type during the recent Junior elections, but now peace and good will are restored. A two weeks' series of revival meetings were held in the college, and seventy young men and women professed conversion.

The society part of our college life is very pleasant, and we heartily indorse co education. Receptions are held every other Saturday evening, while we are allowed to take the ladies to all lectures, society annuals, Term Publics, &c. We are now busy preparing for the Pan-Hellenic banquet, to be given March 6th, college songs being a special feature in this "Greek meet." The last SHIELD was well received, and we are impatient for the March number.

B. M. ALLISON.

Delaware, Ohio, February 17, 1886.

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DE PAUW.

Our fraternity life thus far during the present term, has been but a reflection of that of last term, which was one of the most successful periods the chapter has ever experienced, and which left us in a condition to begin the work of the present term under the most favorable circumstances, all of which have been advantageously utilized, and allow us at present to realize one of the most prosperous and encouraging conditions ever enjoyed in the history of the chapter. Our roll-call has been diminished by the temporary absence of Brothers Tinkman and Vermillion, '88, and the change of Brother Jno. Lawrence, '89, to Crawfordsville, where exists a college maintained by the denomination of his parent's religious persuasion; in our loss Indiana  $\Gamma$  gains a man well deserving the pleasant associations with her members, which he undoubtedly already enjoys.

The case of the suspension of several Ohio Wesleyan (Delaware, O.), Seniors, for attendance upon the play of Richard III., by Ward, contrary to the rules of the institution, has become a matter of interest to De Pauw, since six of the number matriculated here this term, with the intention of completing their course in this University. They were reinstated by the faculty of O. W. U. before entering here, and entered under the same conditions under which they could have re-entered the former institution; of the number there are three  $B \Theta \Pi$ , two  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , one Barb.

Society matters have been enlivened lately by a very pleasant private "hop," recently given by the chapter, and during the last week of January, the Sixteenth Anniversary Banquet of the Alpha chapter of  $K \Lambda \Theta$ , which was one of the most delightful and enjoyable entertainments that has recently disturbed the sadly neglected condition of our college society life.  $K \kappa \Gamma$  celebrates similarly in November. January 27-30, the Convention of the "Fourth Province" (including the six Indiana chapters) of  $\Sigma X$ , held its session in the rooms of the chapter at this place. Quite a large number of State and other delegates and visitors were present.  $A X \Omega$  (Ladies' Musical) fraternity recently gave a very pleasant Soiree Musicale in the Music Hall, which is a new departure and decided success, especially enjoyed by lovers of classic melody.

The chapter has taken initiatory steps in preparation for the G. A. C.

The delegates have been elected, the list including E. E. Ballard, Greencastle, Ind., for alumni, and Charles H. Neff and "yours truly," for the chapter. Arrangements for a royal reception of the boys at Indianapolis have already been commenced, and nearly perfected.

We were favored recently by a very pleasant visit from Brothers Buskirk and Brodix, of Indiana B, the primary object of which was the final completion of G. A. C. arrangements by the chapters. We have also been favored by the acquaintance of Brother Rhodes, of the same chapter.

We assure the fraternity that Indiana A, together with her sister chapters in this State, will leave nothing undone in preparation for the coming session of the G. A. C., and by reason of the very wise change in the date of meeting, and the central location of the place of meeting, together with the very important business to be transacted, she sincerely hopes that her efforts will be rewarded by a full and enthusiastic representation from every chapter. Send your delegates and furnish them with a "guard of honor" as visitors. All come. We assure you a hearty and sincere Phi Psi welcome, and hope that our efforts may realize at least a favorable comparison with the excellent treatment we received last year from Ohio Δ, and with any of those tendered us at recent sessions of the G. A. C.

GEO. B. BAKER.

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UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Since our last letter Illinois Beta has kept on in her accustomed line of work, only varying by an occasional jollification. Among these was our annual sleigh-ride to Pullman, our beautiful suburb, which took place on the evening of the last day of school, December 18th. We all turned out with our girls, and had a glorious time. On the succeeding Tuesday night the hospitable home of Brother Coy was thrown open to the Phi Psis, and about fifty assembled, including about twenty from Illinois Alpha. We spent a most enjoyable evening, interspersing songs by either chapter with grand choruses by the entire company. If there is any one thing that Illinois Phi Phis can do exceptionally well, it is to sing Phi Psi songs.

On January 11th we initiated Wandell Topping, brother of J. P. Topping, '83. We made it an interesting occasion for our new brother, and one that he will be slow to forget.

Dr. Lorimer, our president, has arranged a course of over twenty lectures, which is now in progress, and which we regard as absolutely unsurpassable. It was opened by Dr. Winchell, of Ann Arbor, and includes such men as Bishop Cheney, Rabbi Hirsch, H. W. Thomas, D. D., Prof. Swing, and many others of equal merit and note. Best of all, it is a free course to the students, and the chapel is crowded each week. The great event of the year at the University of Chicago, is Washington Supper, which is to be held on the evening of the 22d, at the Douglas House. We will be represented on the program by Brother Coy and the writer.

T. R. WEDDELL.

## NORTHWESTERN.

We have elected the "oldest man in the Frat.," SHIELD correspondent, and while he is growling at the action of the "babes," we will venture to whisper an epistolary word into the confidential ear of THE SHIELD editor. One of these days we shall have to appeal to the general fraternity to protect us from the somnolent strains of the Moelmann Quartette. The whole chapter intends to lobby an edict through the Indianapolis session of the G. A. C., to fire the violin boxes and cornet solos "labelled Phi Psi Orchestra." Up to that happy time, cut the musical dashes out of our letters.

Prosperity is written all over our chapter here at present. The University is promised a new Science Hall, to cost \$50,000, and \$15,000 equipment to go in as soon as the building is completed. The Garret Biblical Institute is to have a new library-chapel building, and a new Phi Psi in the faculty adds to the general felicity. The new Dean of the Woman's College, Miss Michaels, is the midget of the 'varsity, but a very model intellectually and for the position.

The fraters are congratulating themselves on a great many things done and prospective. A magnificent picture of Brother Bishop Ninde now adorns our hall. Brothers Edmondson and Schell each got Deering essay prizes, and will appear on the Kirk Contest. Brother Campbell is business manager for the *Syllabus*, our annual; Brother Mars represents the institution at the Seminary Reunion, Wilkinson is on Bib Commencement, and Horswell teaches Greek in G. B. I.

The prospective is equally interesting to us. Our chapter-house subscription will take a big jump soon, we hope, and the present Senior class soon graduate. We are getting ready for the "big talk" at Indianapolis; and mean to bring the orchestra along—we advise the W. G. P. to forbid it, however. We are discussing matters of general fraternity policy at every meeting, and will have to elect men to stay at home, as everybody wants to go.

The Sigma Chis have lately taken a step forward by the initiation of several first-class "*oudens*." The one Senior of Phi Kappa Sigma was married holidays, and his departure leaves them without a man in college.

We are gradually coming to the point when we shall of necessity devote some time to base-ball. In the days when Phi Psis played, Northwestern held the championship in the Northwestern League. Now our college team is at the foot of the list. Our genius doesn't run naturally in this channel, but if we must do it for the sake of the University, we shall take up the task heroically.

It was a delegate from Illinois Alpha that made the motion at the Pittsburg meeting to make a SHIELD subscription obligatory on active members. On the wisdom of that motion, we have infinite faith in THE SHIELD. Fraternity loyalty was never so strong among us as at present. May the years deal kindly with us all.

E. A. SCHELL.

## UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

After reading your sound but terrible advice in the November number of THE SHIELD, I feel loth to say anything lest it should not be newsy. But, nevertheless, I will do my little best to record the doings of Wisconsin Alpha and her brother Greeks. Our chapter is much smaller this year (11 active members) than it has been for several years previous. Principally, I think, on account of the scarcity of good society material in the University, rather than from any lack of interest on our part. But our number is as large as that of any fraternity, and we expect to increase it somewhat in the near future.

Quite a sensation was aroused during the first of the term by the announcement that  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$  had decided to found a chapter in our University. The report was investigated and found to be partially true. She had sent two men here from Ann Arbor, Michigan, to look over the ground and report. As far as we can ascertain no charter has been granted, and as nothing more has been heard of the project, the two delegates must have come to the conclusion that there were not enough men suitable for  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$  in the University at present. We have as many secret societies in the University as we can comfortably support, and hope  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$  has seen fit to remain away.

The annual inter-fraternity hop occurs on the evening of the 19th of February, to which we all look forward with pleasure. It is the great social event in University circles during the year, and is the best bait we can find to bring our alumni back to their *Alma Mater*.

Finally the breach between President Bascom and the Board of Regents has led the president to hand in his resignation, to take effect June "87." In losing President Bascom the University loses a great deal. It will be a difficult task to replace him. He is admired and looked up to by all active students as well as alumnae, among whom his loss will be most felt. He is a man of broad philanthropic principles, is thoroughly educated, and is a complete master of his line of study—Philosophy—on which he has written several works. Unless he is replaced by a man fully as capable as himself, the University will suffer a loss which it will take years to repair. Our new buildings are going up slowly, but when completed they will be immense additions to the University both architecturally and as providing greater facilities to pursue special lines of study. The future of the University of Wisconsin is very promising, and some day we hope to see it rank equally with Yale, Harvard and Ann Arbor.

The winter term is usually a dull, uninteresting one as regards fraternity matters. We have initiated no new members up to the present time during this term, but hope to soon. We have a number of men in view, and if we are so fortunate as to secure any of these, they will be introduced to the brother Phi Psis later.

Brothers Platt and Youmans, '87, were elected editors on the college paper, *The Press and Badger*, for the remainder of the year, and we are well represented in all literary work in the University. That all success may attend THE SHIELD, is our wish.

GEO. C. MAIN.

February 14, 1886.

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BELOIT.

Fraternity life in a small college, while possessing all of the most desirable features of that unique and Laturian world without its most serious faults, nevertheless presents fewer items of general interest to the chronicler of its life, than is afforded at the larger institutions. Therefore, don't expect that we shall tell you of a long list of social *fetes*, banquets and fraternity hops, wherein we may extol the peculiar chivalry of our knight-hood. But that we are true knights of the order, be assured; and though less fortunate than our sister chapters in displaying it, perhaps, not the less loyal on that account.

As Phi Psis, without, we hope, arrogating to ourselves unexampled excellences, we feel that our strength as a chapter is of such a nature as to command the respect of our fellow Greeks, and a reasonable amount of apprehension on their part when this relation becomes one of rivalry. We are not exactly the "never-get-left Phi Psis" which it pleases us to see some of our brethren have become; yet our success has been good, and we have not suffered severe disappointment in several years. The present Freshman class has furnished us three good men—Brothers Luling, of Manitowoc, Richardson, of Janesville, and Shipnes, of Beloit. The latter was the fortunate recipient of the Lewis prize, given for the highest entrance examination, and we are assured that his fellow class-mates of the shield amply sustain this high standard, for which it was his good fortune to receive merited recognition. Of other college honors, if it be worth while to speak, it may be said that it was with a sense of satisfaction that we beheld the first three honors of the recent Junior exhibition awarded to Phi Psis. Yet one cannot speak long of himself without vanity, and lest we run into that dangerous land which lies just beyond self-contemplation, we had best leave the subject and talk of our brother Greeks of a different tribe.

Fraternity relations for the past year and a half have been peculiarly friendly and cordial at our college, exemplifying with some degree of truth the meaning which that sacred word "fraternity," should bear. Why should not the whole Greek world be one fraternity? Why should the light of our favorite name shine inward alone, and not diffuse its genial rays in all directions, uniting in brotherly regard the various tribes of our favored race? We speak from experience, having made trial of hostility and rivalry as sharp and uncompromising as our present peace is generous and obliging. Our brother Greeks are Sigma Chi and Beta Theta Pis. The former, an active and vigorous chapter of that progressive order, is composed of men

whom as fellow students we honor, and as rivals respect. Their number is ten, of whom five are from the Freshman class. Beta Theta Pi, less known to me as a society, is the oldest chapter in the school, and is composed of fourteen or fifteen active members. Our own number is twelve, which is about the average that we have procured in our six years of existence.

It is not uncommon to make excuses in chapter letters, and less so to open with them. I have avoided the stereotyped place and form in the hope that the reader may not discover it soon enough to turn from the perusal of these lines. Yet to the editor and such of our brothers as may have noticed our remissness, I feel that an apology is due. Do not, therefore, I beseech you, make the negligence of one the criticism of the whole. The undersigned is supposed to be correspondent for the chapter, and if discredit has fallen upon her for an apparent lack of interest in our fraternity organ, it is because he has failed to do the duty assigned him. Credit him then with his due, and blame not the chapter. Sincerely,

GEORGE HENDRICKSON.

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WITTENBERG.

Since our last correspondence to *THE SHIELD* everything has been moving along smoothly and pleasantly with Ohio Beta. Our usual duties have presented themselves with the same remarkable regularity, the monotony of which has hardly been interrupted. Last year Wittenberg succeeded in regaining her membership in the Ohio Inter-Collegiate Association, and all members of the local Oratorical Association have been very anxious to see who would represent our college at the next State Contest.

A preliminary contest is always held to decide who shall represent the association, and any student connected with either the Junior or Senior classes may be a contestant. When the programs appeared we were quite surprised to learn that every contestant was a Phi Kap. Several other fraternity men had orations prepared, and had intended to compete, but for some reason "Wooglin" became angry, and in order to appease his wrath they refrained from participating in the contest. It was decidedly a Phi Psi entertainment, which accounts for its being a great success and passing off pleasantly. Phi Psi ushers waited upon the audience. Brother Dr. S. A. Ort presided, and three Phi Psis contested, one with another. Brother Charles H. Ehrenfeld was awarded the first honor, Brother M. R. Harris the second, and Brother J. H. Lyday, Jr., third. Brother Ehrenfeld, therefore, will have the honor of being Wittenberg's orator at the State Contest. He has an excellently written oration, which with his easy and graceful delivery will undoubtedly secure him a high rank at the contest.

Brothers Wm. H. Manss and J. H. Lyday, Jr., attended the banquet given to Governor Foraker at Columbus, of which they gave us a glowing report on their return. They returned home by way of Delaware, and

therefore had the pleasure of becoming better acquainted with the members of Ohio Alpha. We are already looking forward to the G. A. C., and quite a number of us expect to be able to attend.

Our meetings have been of unusual interest of late, which has been caused by the introduction, under literary performances, of what is known as "The Phi Psi." Our fraternity has been divided into three parts, each of which takes its turn in making contributions for a paper, which we have christened *The Phi Psi*. Each member is required to write a certain amount upon some suitable subject. An editor has been elected to collect the contributions and read them. The contributions are humorous as well as didactic, and some of our number have become so inspired that they now clothe their sentiments in rhyme. After the paper has been read, an opportunity is given to all to discuss the ideas advanced in it. We find that this adds much to the interest of our meetings, as the papers are interesting as well as instructive.

Ohio Beta desires to congratulate the editors upon the success with which they are meeting in the publication of *THE SHIELD*.

Springfield, O., February 17, 1886.

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FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Nothing of special interest to the fraternity at large has occurred recently within the ranks of Pennsylvania Eta. We have had no initiations since the opening of the term, and in fact the goats of all our rivals have lately had nothing to do. Of course this is not the time of year in which we generally make additions to our number, but still good material is more than usually scarce.

We were lately grieved to receive the news of the death of Brother E. F. Stotz. He graduated in the class of '83, and immediately afterwards devoted himself to teaching. Until recently he was superintendent of the schools of South Bethlehem, Pa., but on account of ill health was compelled to resign. His death occurred in Jacksonville, Fla., whither he had gone in the hope of regaining his strength. He was always an enthusiastic  $\Phi \Psi$ , and in his demise we sincerely feel the loss which the chapter has suffered.

Pennsylvania Eta is at present in excellent condition; our number is equal to that of any of our rivals, and our prospects for next year are better than theirs. But as you want only "news, news," and there is no news, why ———.

H. A. DUBBS.

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UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC.

Once again, in response to your fraternal and editorial nudge, California Alpha takes the floor. The writer is a tyro in the art of writing chapter letters, but trusts that his lack of years, native modesty, and uncivilized life in the wild West, will receive the deep consideration of our much-beloved

SHIELD. At our last meeting, the first regular meeting of the session, officers were elected as follows: G. P., J. S. Ballard; P., S. G. Timpkins; A. G., N. W. Wilcox; S. G., Chas. S. Mering; B. G., Ralph Urmey; H., L. L. Dennett; Ph., F. C. Ross; C., W. R. Shafer. Brother Shafer is our latest initiation, is in his Sophomore year, and is "a natural born Phi Psi." Consider yourselves acquainted.

The annual literary contest between the Archanian and Rhizomian Societies, which took place at the close of last session, was in many respects the most successful yet held. We had four men upon the rostrum out of a total of eight participants. Brothers Tompkins and Dennett were chosen first debater and first orator, respectively, by the Rhizomian Society, while upon the Archanian side Brother Needham was first debater and Brother Decker second orator. Then, verily, did "Greek meet Greek." We shall not attempt to draw comparisons between our brothers and the Barbs., nor shall we "blow" of their achievements. The fact of their election to such honorable positions by their respective societies, is sufficient proof of their ability and standing. Let it be sufficient to say that, by their efforts they brought honor upon themselves, their chapter and their fraternity. The subject most exciting interest and discussion among us, is our proposed chapter-house. Our present place of meeting is one of the society halls in West Hall, and is not appropriate for our use, though it has served our purpose very well. The lot, 50x200, facing the campus, and on one of the lines of street cars, was secured some time ago, and the building will probably be in course of erection before June. It is necessary that we should proceed slowly, for none of us have more than our share of this world's goods; but nevertheless, we're going to have a chapel-house "if it takes all summer." Our plan is to pay down as much as possible ourselves, and have the alumni do the same, to pay for the lot. Then each member, active and alumni, is to subscribe so much a month for a term not to exceed eight years. This monthly subscription is paid to the San Jose Building and Loan Association, of which, by the way, Brother Breyfogle is president, and the house is built by them. At the expiration of the term of years the house will of course be paid for, and everything will be "squared up." The alumni are doing well, though all have not yet been heard from.

The chapter some time ago resolved itself into a lecture association, but accomplished very little, or rather accomplished more than it bargained for — more assessments than dividends. Things look much more hopeful now, however, and we all feel enthusiastic. We have always desired the establishment of another chapter here, for the promotion of a little healthful rivalry, and at last, if rumors can be believed, we are to realize our hopes, First it was Delta Kappa Epsilon, then Phi Delta Theta, then this, that, and the other, until we've come to the conclusion that these "coming Greeks" know about as much about it as we do — *nihil*. But more about this on further development.

At our last meeting before the holidays, the night of Brother Shafer's initiation, the chapter spent another delightful time with Brother Richards. It was a good, warm brotherly gathering — such as we always have. Everything about the college and in the chapter is in a most prosperous condition, and our only outlook is one of continued growth and prosperity.

January 21, 1886.

R. B. URMY.

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## Fraternity Notes.

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We are informed that the delegate Grand Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, which met at Wooster, Ohio, February 17th, withdrew charters from University of Michigan, Butler University at Irvington, Indiana, and Ohio University at Athens, Ohio.

It is rumored that Delta Tau Delta is to enter the University of Kansas. Last year there were 120 male collegiate students. There are six fraternities, so there is absolutely no room for more. It is to be hoped that Delta Tau Delta will bide her time.

**—IN MEMORIAM.—**

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*Whereas*, It has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, to call home, on January 20th, 1886, our beloved brother,

**EUGENE F. STOTZ;**

AND

*Whereas*, In his death we have lost a true and loyal brother of the fraternity; and, *Whereas*, We recognized in him the buds of great promise; a true Christian character, and a kind and noble manhood: Be it

*Resolved*, That while we, the members of the Eta Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, deeply feel the loss of our deceased brother, we bow in humble submission to the will of Almighty God; and be it

*Resolved*, That our warmest sympathy be extended to the bereaved family and friends of our beloved brother, in their deep affliction; and be it

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family; to THE SHIELD, and to each chapter of the fraternity,

J. N. BAUMAN,  
A. L. LITTLE,  
D. F. MAUGER,

*Committee.*

January 26, 1886.

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**JAMES C. HERRON.**

*Whereas*, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to visit us in the removal by sudden death, on November 20, 1885, of our Brother, James C. Herron, and

*Whereas*, We recognize that in him is lost a brother most loyal to his fraternity, and faithful to his college duties and to all with whom he was concerned, therefore, we, the members of the Ohio Gamma Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, do offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That while we bow to the Sovereign Will, we deeply mourn his loss; and

*Resolved*, That we wear the badge of mourning for thirty days; and

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, to each chapter of the fraternity, and to THE SHIELD and the college papers for publication.

F. D. MORRIS,  
H. D. ORR,  
PARKE F. KEMPER.

Wooster, Ohio, Dec. 1, 1885.

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*Whereas*, It has pleased the Almighty to remove from this life, our Brother,

**CHARLES FRANK COZIER,**

Of the Class of '79; and

*Whereas*, We recognize that he was in every respect a true and loyal brother; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That while we of the Ohio Alpha Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity bow in humble submission to the Divine Will, we deplore his loss to us, and desire to extend to the bereaved ones our sympathy.

*Resolved*, That we wear the badge of mourning for the prescribed length of time.

*Resolved*, That a copy of this paper be forwarded to THE SHIELD for publication.

E. M. VAN CLEVE,  
W. P. HENDERSON,

Delaware, Ohio, January 9, 1886.

*Committee.*

D. C. Alpha Chapter, Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

*Whereas*, On the 12th day of February, 1886, death removed from our midst Brother

**WILBUR B. BROWN;**

AND

*Whereas*, We honored him as a man whose abilities reflected credit upon the fraternity, and held him in the warmest esteem as a brother whose life worthily exemplified the enduring principles of the fraternity; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Chapter expresses its deep sorrow that our brother has thus been removed from among us. And, be it further

*Resolved*, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and friends of our deceased brother; and, be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, to THE SHIELD, and to each Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

THOS. B. ANDERSON,  
GEORGE B. COREY,  
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*Committee.*

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