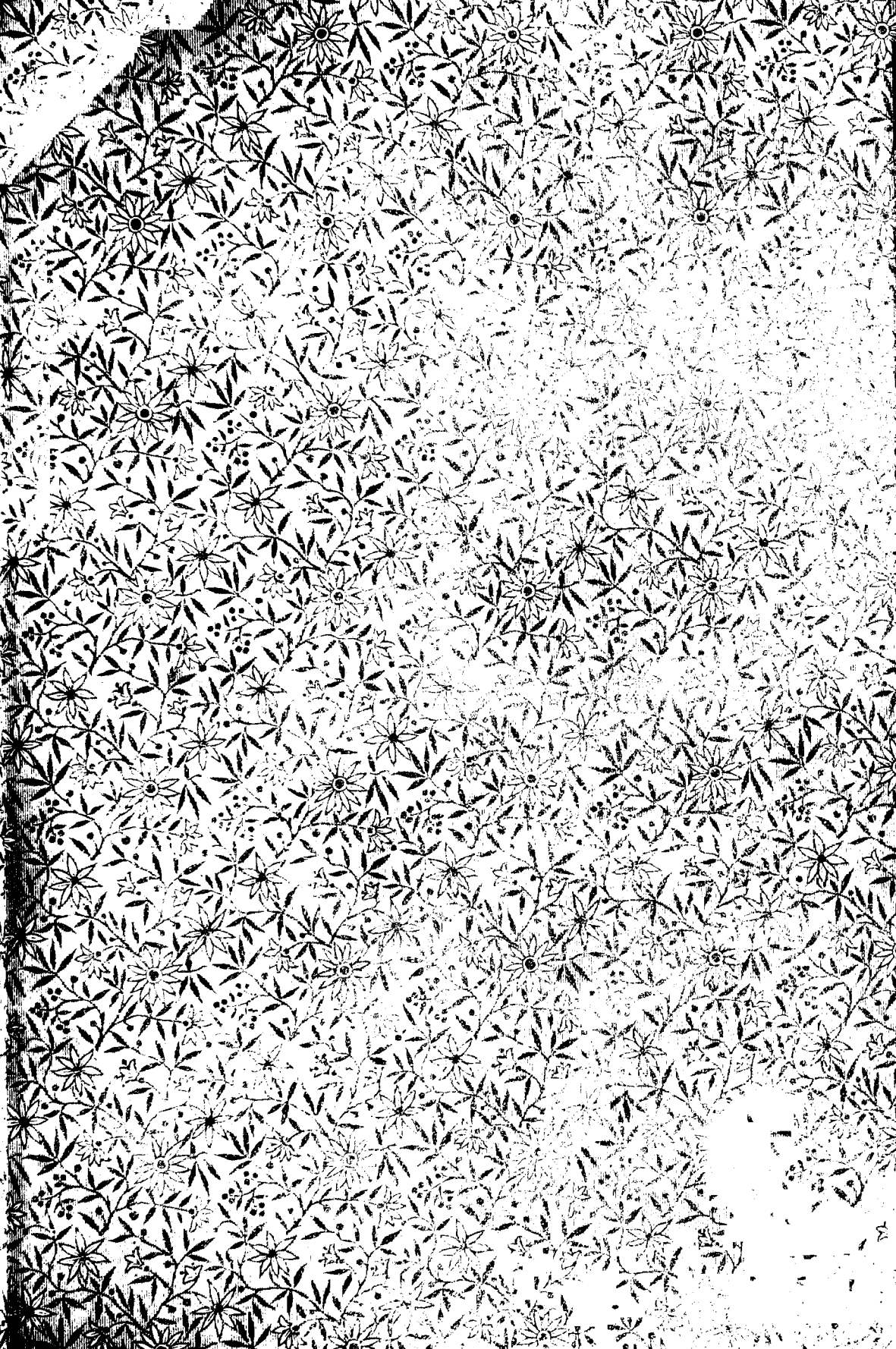




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Harvard and her Societies.

Prehistorically and traditionally, but certainly undeservedly, have the law students in Harvard University been known as "law-pills"—a term of reproach—applied, doubtless, by some undergraduate in the days when Sophomoric witticism had a higher market value than at present.

As a "law-pill" I am beyond the pale of affairs pertaining to the University proper, and therefore am but poorly prepared to give accurate information concerning the inner life of this great University, and let me apologise for all inaccuracies in advance to the chance son of fair Harvard who may read this letter. A historical sketch of Harvard would be beyond the scope of this article, but it will be sufficient on this head to say that the "school," opened by Nathaniel Eaton in the year 1637 at Newetown, has become the Harvard at Cambridge of to-day.

Harvard has had twenty-two presidents since 1640, the present incumbent being that scholarly gentleman and polished social courtier, Charles William Eliot. The officers of instruction and government in all departments of the University, number over two hundred, a goodly array of intellect in comparison with that presented by the English and German Universities. The University consists of the following departments: Arts, Law, Medicine, Lawrence Scientific School, Divinity, Dentistry, School for Veterinary Surgeons, and the courses taken by those doing special work for the degrees A. M. and Ph. D. I had almost forgotten to mention the Bussey Institution where *Rusticus* may follow the plow undisturbed by thoughts of "good form," and unconstrained as to the fit of his coat or the peculiar texture of his scarf; whether *Rusticus* becomes *agricola* in *artibus* or a plain every-day farmer, no one seems to know; at all events, he is there, and further data than this seems to be inaccessible.

Conservatives who are slow to adopt new theories, are watching with curiosity the new departure Harvard has instituted in her curriculum—making the whole course elective except nine-sixteenths of Freshman year work, which is prescribed. To those interested in this new movement, I

commend Professor Palmer's article in the *Andover Review*. The same conservatives are much exercised as to what will be the decision of the board of overseers upon the numerous petitions from bodies of the different departments asking that compulsory prayers be abolished; this decision will soon be made known.

Architecturally, the buildings at Harvard are marvels of taste, beauty and convenience. Memorial Hall, containing the auditorium called Sanders' Theater, and the dining hall of the Harvard Dining Association, is the most imposing for its grandeur and boldness of outline. Austin Hall, the law school, may be ranked next; this building, completed in 1883, presents a facade that, to the eye of him not acquainted with the mysteries of architecture, seems absolutely faultless. Yet I dare say there are those who could pick flaws. The new gymnasium and Sever Hall are also beautiful and commodious buildings.

I shall say nothing of Harvard's successes in the athletic world, they are too well known to require comment; I shall only say that the new gymnasium was built for a purpose, and that purpose has been realized. The Senate plan adopted at Amherst, has a cousin at Harvard in the conference committee composed of professors and students, who decide upon many questions of privilege and discipline.

College journalism at Harvard is a grand success. The *Daily Crimson*, *Advocate*, *Lampoon* and *Monthly*, are media through which the undergraduate thought reaches a benighted world. I ought to say here that the *Monthly*, a new magazine, contains heavy literary articles, poems, stories and criticisms, and starts out under very flattering auspices. There are those who think that an exchange of editors between the *Lampoon* and *Life*, the New York humorous journal, would result in a decided gain to the latter paper, which at the beginning of its career was ably edited by ex-*Lampoon* editors, but now has degenerated. The *Lampoon* certainly is a clever journal, its humor delicate, its wit cleanly.

Before I touch upon society matters, you will pardon an anecdote. I do not vouch for the truth of the following, but it is related: "Orpheus and Eurydice," a spectacle of leggy leanings, or leany leggings, as you please, was presented at a Boston theater some time ago. Attracted by the classical title of the opera, doubtless, those dear old men, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes and Dr. Peabody, agreed to go. Peabody was to ride in from Cambridge in his carriage, Holmes to meet him in front of the theater. Upon descending from his carriage, Peabody was greeted by the roughish Holmes with "you rid, I see!" Now this tickled the old gentleman mightily, but unfortunately, he is absent-minded, and in relating it at home after the play, vainly trying to think of the pun, he gave it out that Holmes greeted him with, "Ah! you came in a hack!" Thus it may be observed that the professors at Harvard have their peculiarities, many of which undergoing

the process of exaggeration that only tradition can give, afford a never-ending source of amusement to those who like a good story with embellishments.

Society life at Harvard is peculiarly calculated to give the undergraduate erroneous impressions concerning the fraternity world; this is due to the fact that chapters of Greek letter fraternities are few and of secondary importance compared with the numerous clubs and local societies which have existed here since the early days of the University. Oftentimes a most surprising and seemingly unaccountable ignorance is manifested even by members of the fraternities represented here concerning affairs pertaining to their respective orders. Harvard is a law unto herself in fraternity matters as well as in many other things where a co-relation between her and other colleges would ordinarily be expected. To speak plainly, as a rule, the fraternities represented here are not represented by chapters in the true sense, but by *clubs*. The chapters long ago recognized the puissance of the older local clubs, and have resolved themselves into similar organizations with but little care for their fraternities beyond their representations here. I should, therefore, discourage all plans for fraternity extension in this direction. Harvard is not the place for a chapter of $\Phi K \Psi$, because the competition would be so strong, locally, that it would be a question of a very short time before the chapter would have taken on the character of a club and lost that of chapter.

The societies at Harvard may be given briefly with the dates of foundation of a few in the order of their importance. The "Hasty Pudding Club" was founded in 1795, and takes its name from the time-honored custom of the members partaking of pudding and milk. It derives its members from the "Institute of 1770," and from the "Dickey," which, by the way, seems to be a recalcitrant chapter of $\Delta K E$. The Institute of 1770 is a Sophomore society; each Sophomore delegation electing the first "25" from the Freshman class, who, when they become Sophomores, elect the other "25s," the number of which is variable. Usually, the first "25" of the Institute go to $\Delta K E$, and these together form a feeder for Pudding. The Senior members of the Pudding, after Christmas, elect the first "25" men from the Juniors, who are usually Institute and Dickey men, as has been said, after which election the remaining "25s" are elected. The Hasty Pudding Club is essentially an aristocracy, and is as much respected as is "White's," "Boodle's" or the "Oxford and Cambridge" in London, by the undergraduates. The club has a tasteful club-house, where they meet and rehearse their theatricals, given for the benefit of the crew in the spring vacation. They often extend their presentations to New York, and this year they may go as far as Philadelphia.

The A. D. Club, founded in 1837, is a continuation of the first chapter of $A \Delta \Phi$ represented at Harvard, but which lost its chapter character after a number of years. A. D. has a club-house, and its members are very exclu-

sive gentlemen, who are often members of the Pudding as well. A $\Delta \Phi$ is represented by a new chapter, the members of which are usually distinguished for their literary predilections and scholarly habits. The Porcellian Club is one of the oldest clubs in the University, and is considered very swell on account of the blue blood supposed to run in the veins of its members. Pi Eta should properly have been mentioned after the Pudding, it being the Pudding's most powerful rival. This society was founded in 1866, and the election of the members follows the general plan of the Pudding. The membership of Pi Eta is not so large as that of the Pudding, but it is none the less a very healthy combatant. The men are elected by "8's," and the number is variable. The other clubs are the O. K., a secret literary organization, the Signet, also literary, and the honor society, $\Phi \beta \kappa$. The Greek letter fraternities not yet alluded to are represented as follows: $\Sigma \Psi$, $\Theta \Delta \chi$, $\Delta \Upsilon$, and $\beta \Theta \Pi$, but data concerning any one of these as a chapter, is hard to get. Whereas, if data concerning them as clubs were required, it would be easy to obtain sufficient to fill a volume.

A word about initiations: Initiations at Harvard are "no joke," as a poor neophyte told me recently. The men are compelled to perform the most menial services for their tormenters, are often obliged to parade the streets in outlandish costumes, and one young Cambridge matron was horrified recently on being accosted in her own house by a neophyte who was compelled to ask her if she wanted him "to wash her baby?" The $\Delta \kappa \epsilon$ initiations are generally conceded to be the most severe, branding, I believe, being one process; or, as the *Mikado* says: "Something humorous."

There may be much in this letter that is inaccurate, but for that which is accurate I am indebted to Mr. W. W. Grinstead, '87, a member of Pi Eta.

THEODORE GRAHAM LEWIS.

The Grand Chapter Archives.

Since the Greek letter society has gained such prominence, and met with almost universal favor in the college world, all active workers should strive to perfect any imperfections which might impede further advancement. In order that the future may be a success, the past should not be forgotten. He who is interested in his society should be interested in her records. The completeness in which all historical facts are preserved, represents not only the obligatory character of the laws of the constitution, but more especially the fidelity with which those laws are carried out. The importance of carefully recording events, collecting, assorting and labeling with proper dates, etc., all papers relating in any way to the society, can be all the more fully appreciated when such material is in some degree, at least, wanting. All data that is desirable for future reference, and upon which special decisions often depend, should not be overlooked or indifferently cast aside. In this respect Phi Kappa Psi has fallen many times a hapless victim to cruel hands. A short review of her records now present in the Grand Chapter Archives, will give evidence of this.

GRAND ARCH COUNCILS.—How many have been held since 1852? Who can confidently say? In an article concerning the 1883 convention, published in the *Pittsburg Commercial Gazette*, February 22, 1883, this historical fact is given: "The first meeting of the Grand Arch Council was held at Washington, D. C., 1856." If this statement is correct, no papers containing any information whatever of said convention have been placed in the G. C. Archives. Perhaps outside authority confirms this fact which led to its being given. This taken as correct, the second followed in 1858. In an old constitution, probably the oldest copy now in Phi Kappa Psi's possession, this statement is found: "The constitution established by the G. A. C. of August 21st, 1853, was re-adopted, with important amendments, by the Grand Arch Council held at the National Hotel, in the city of Washington, D. C., on the 15th day of August, 1860." This now brings forth the third. No further news of the 1858 convention has been handed down, but an edict of 1860 has been transcribed in the above-mentioned constitution. Its style is similar to that of the later edict, and it is signed by J. L. Massie and J. Barton, Jr. The offices which they held, and the chapters from which they were delegates, are not attached. So much is known and given concerning them, but the fourth is doubtful. In the article before referred to, it is also stated that the G. A. C. of 1865 convened in Pittsburg at the Board

of Trade rooms, Hon. H. C. Herman was presiding officer. Also mention is made in the Annual Report of 1865, under "remarks," that certain members were delegates to the 1865 G. A. C., (the annual reports at that date were not always published at the beginning of the year). Nothing more definitely can be ascertained. If this is the fourth, a longer time intervened between the third and fourth than any that have ever been held. The next G. A. C. convened August 19, 1868, at Cincinnati, Ohio. The laws laid down by this convention are embodied in an edict. This edict, and those of all subsequent G. A. C.'s, have been preserved, and contain all the laws which have been passed, the place and date of meeting, and the officers. The years now represented by edicts are 1860, 1868, 1871, 1874, 1875 (G. C. edict), 1876, 1878, 1880, 1883, 1885. The G. A. C. minutes from 1876 to 1885 inclusive, are all complete, but those of former conventions are wanting. The various committees appointed and who served, the special business performed by committees, and reports of the same, chapters represented, delegates, active and alumni; the orator, the poet, the banquet, toasts, etc., all form an interesting feature in the history of the fraternity, and most of which yet remains to be gathered from sources outside of the G. C. Archives. The full equipment required for holding a meeting is present. A seal was procured in 1884. Prior to this date no seal was used. Should the fraternity see proper to use regalia, a new suit should be purchased. The regalia that remains is very much out of order.

GRAND CHAPTERS.—No records of our first Grand Chapter exist in the archives. In an old G. C. register which contains the names of all the members initiated up to January, 1865, D. T. Watson has signed his name as W. B. G., together with the date, 1861. This immediately suggests the fact that Pa. Delta was Grand Chapter. However, nothing is certain. The next G. C. that we have positive assurance of, is Virginia Delta. When it became the Grand Chapter is not stated, but records show that "F. A. Allen, W. G. P. of G. C., at Virginia Delta," installed Pa. Zeta as Grand Chapter on February 5, 1869. No records of Va. Delta's term as G. C. have been kept. Pa. Zeta entered upon and performed her duties as G. C. with deep regard for the trust bestowed to her care, and was succeeded by Ohio Alpha. Ohio Alpha was succeeded by Pa. Theta, Pa. Theta by D. C. Alpha, and D. C. Alpha by Pa. Epsilon, the present G. C. Since the installation of Pa. Zeta as Grand Chapter, the minutes containing all the business transacted by the different G. C.'s have been carefully recorded in a book kept for that purpose. The first charter recorded is that of Pa. Theta, granted February 9, 1869. All charters subsequently granted are given in their respective order. Much valuable information can be found in these minutes. Of Pa. Zeta's correspondence only a very small portion remains, but that of Ohio Alpha, Pa. Theta, D. C. Alpha, and Pa. Epsilon to present date is complete, and sorted into labeled packs. Copies of all circulars containing special notifications sent to the sub-chapters are preserved. The Annual Reports from 1861 to

1886 inclusive, except for the years 1862 and 1863, are preserved. Their form up to 1870 was a sheet of paper with two columns printed on one side. In 1870 it assumed the pamphlet form, and this number contained two years. The catalogues present are those published in 1860, 1870, 1878, 1880. The form in all issues is the same. The earliest form of charter was simply written on paper, but Va. Epsilon's charter (1870) appears in print on parchment. How many were given out in this form is not known, but until lately the charters were drawn up on foolscap paper. In 1885 the G. C. ordered fifty lithographed copies from J. S. Bridges, Baltimore, Md. The charter is handsomely designed, and is in perfect keeping with the dignity of the fraternity. All temporary charters sent out by Pa. Epsilon have been replaced by new ones. The Grand Chapter is well equipped for performing her present duties.

ACTIVE CHAPTERS.—The relation which the active chapters bear toward the Grand Chapter would leave nothing in the archives except what has been referred to. The minutes of the G. C. show the time of granting charters, and give a full account of any circumstance which called forth the action of the G. C. All communications have been saved, and the financial account of each chapter has been kept in a suitable book. The impressions of the old chapter seal which was abolished in 1868 and the present one substituted, can not be found. All chapters have been supplied with seals and edicts, and all intercourse has been congenial and pleasant.

INACTIVE CHAPTERS.—Little has been left to tell their story. At the outbreak of the rebellion all the Southern chapters became extinct, but several of them have been revived, and are now in a prosperous condition. Some became defunct on account of anti-fraternity college laws, while others died from internal dissensions and lack of material. Only a few of the archives have been sent in. The correspondence of New York Gamma, Tennessee Alpha, Wisconsin Beta, has been placed in G. C. Archives, and on the labels is stated that the rest of the archives were sent, but they are now missing. Virginia Delta's constitution, minute-book, containing minutes from 1859 to 1864, and seal, have been returned. After much correspondence it was found that R. B. Smitley, Professor of Mathematics at Randolph-Macon College, Va., held Virginia Epsilon's archives, and upon request forwarded them to the G. C. When S. C. Alpha was re-established in 1884, Brother Gotwald, W. G. P., found a member resident in Columbus, S. C., who had taken charge of the archives since it became inactive. Perhaps the archives of other inactive chapters have fallen into the hands of some good old Phi Psi who can not be found so quickly. After a long and diligent search the matter was dropped, to come to light some day by a set of petitioners. All information concerning these chapters is always thankfully received.

SUB-ROSA.—Phi Kappa Psi has only one Sub-Rosa chapter. A letter from the B. G., printed in No. 3, Vol. VI., gives an account of the chapter

becoming Sub-Rosa, and the condition the chapter is in. They are warm Phi Psis and deserve credit for their bravery, but the strict letter of the constitution forbids any chapter running *sub rosa*, and not even one should ever be allowed to exist in such manner.

ALUMNI CHAPTERS.—Pennsylvania Epsilon's attention was first directed to Alumni Chapters when a petition was received from fifteen graduate members, resident in Wooster, Ohio, and a charter granted. At this time a committee was appointed to make thorough investigations in regard to the organization of these chapters and which yet lived. After extensive correspondence it was found that those that were established had formed themselves into social clubs, and finally become extinct, leaving no vestige of their existence. Several chapters were never established. The charter of Maryland Alpha was granted to graduate petitioners and afterwards used by the present active chapter. The only Alumni Chapter now active is D. C. Beta, which was established October 31, 1885, by Rev. F. D. Power.

THE PHI KAPPA PSI JOURNAL.—A paper called the *Monthly*, was issued during 1875 and 1876, by Geo. W. Porter, Baltimore, Md. In 1877 it became the *Quarterly*, and was published only through that year. In 1879 it took the name *The Shield*, and was published by members resident in Philadelphia, but was soon discontinued. In 1883 it was put under the management of Ohio Beta, and continued with success for two years, when it was placed in our present publisher's hands, Kansas Alpha. It is now one of the neatest fraternity journals that is published, and is an honor both to the editors and the fraternity.

D. C. R. MILLER.

THE SOCIAL FOUNTAIN.

Read at the Phi Kappa Psi banquet on the tenth anniversary of the founding of
Kansas Alpha.

Like the traveler on the desert
Who, when weary and distressed,
Seeing palm trees in the distance,
Gladly hastens there to rest;
We as pilgrims on life's journey,
Laying all our cares away,
Gladly seek the social fountain
On this joyous festal day.

Has there ever been a cynic
Since Diogenes and tub,
In a crowd of jolly students,
In a live fraternal club?
If there has, you'll grant me pardon
While I ask the muse of song
If he was not moved to gladness
In that happy, merry throng.

Does he answer with composure:
"I could see no pleasure there?"
Lead him gently to the table
Spread with viands rich and rare;
Pour the aromatic coffee;
Pass the crackers and the cheese
Let the beverage be more wholesome
Than the Greeks gave Socrates—

Let the laugh be unrestrained;
Let the feast your hands employ;
Sparkling wit and pleasant humor
Enter in to swell the joy.
Though he were the very cynic
That Antisthenes once led,
Though his thoughts were dark and gloomy
As the regions of the dead,

At the sight of all this pleasure—
And the chicken and the pie—
There would come a merry twinkle
To the aged cynic's eye
And—you'll pardon the reflection—
O'er his purely Grecian chin,
As the merriment increases,
There would steal a classic grin.

Yes, my friend, we've met in gladness,
Naught to trouble or annoy,
From the cup of social pleasure
Drink we draughts of sweetest joy.
Would that ever in the future
We could meet from year to year,
And renew these fond relations
In the cup of social cheer.

For as sisters and as brothers
We are joined by noble ties;
Bonds of youth can ne'er be broken,
Truest Friendship never dies.
For no matter where we wander,
Nor how many years roll by,
Ever will our spirits kindle,
At the name *Phi Kappa Psi*.

But with merriment and laughter
Let us banish care away.
Tread we yet another measure;
Sing we yet another lay;
Then, in parting for a season
From these scenes of pure delight,
Drink the health and long remembrance
Of the friends who've met to-night.

W. S. JENKS.

The Areopagus.

PAN HELLENISM.

Hail, Greek world, long may you roll,
 Gathering daily, some true loyal soul,
 Who'll stand by his colors and love the old grip.
 Not only in college, but through life's trip—
 Whose goal is manhood, whose motto Right,
 Whose life is strong in this mystic might,
 Hail to thy birth! Thy growth! Thy life!
 Hail to thy sons, who in toil and strife
 Have gained the honor that merit brings
 To loyal *Greeks* from secret rings.
 Hail, thrice hail, to thine offspring fair
 Whose jeweled shield we proudly wear—
 Whose motto makes our standard high,
 Whose name we laud, Phi Kappa Psi,
 And while we love this daughter best,
 Due honor and praise we give the rest,
 For we are one throughout the land,
 A loyal, Pan Hellenic Band.

In our college life, the Greek is very apt to become narrow minded; to think that there is but one fraternity in the world, and often that there is but one chapter in that fraternity. Of course our order should be uppermost in our minds; we should know her laws, should know where her chapters are placed, and know her condition from month to month. I think this much should be made obligatory, so that the man who is not naturally enthusiastic, can be made so; for he is dead, indeed, who would not be quickened by such a research.

The next point to be gained is the equalization of the chapters, the living up to a certain high standard. This can be gained only by an intimate acquaintance of the chapters in certain districts, and then by the meeting of representatives of these divisions. Comparisons can be made, the weak places can be strengthened, and by means of a visitor all chapters can be inspected and instructed. By dividing our fraternity into divisions this can be easily brought about. The chapters of Ohio furnish a good illustration of this point. Ohio Alpha, Beta and Delta are well acquainted with each other, frequent visits being made among them. As a consequence these chapters are strong, and the standard of men nearly equal. We find these interchanges of visits not only pleasurable, but also profitable. Ohio Gamma seems to be off by herself, and as a consequence she has not prospered as well as her beginning prophesied. What we want is an equality of chapters, a spirit of Pan Hellenism among our own chapters.

This leads us to the importance of a friendly feeling among the fraternities in the same college, yes, among the fraternities of the Greek world. The same wants brought the various orders of Greek letter societies to light; the same noble aims are striven after by all the fraternities; the same foe is waging war against us — against the Greek world. With the same origin, with the same aims, with the same foe, why should we not stand united, a mighty institution, with nearly eighty thousand names on its roll-books?

There must be competition, but let it be honorable. Be true knights, and when we have won a victory for our Queen, let us not fear the frowns and abuse of the defeated warriors. To make the contest for new men honorable and fair as it should be, the chapters should know the strength of each other, a friendly feeling should exist among them, and last of all, they should know how to take a defeat. There is nothing as grand as hot, honorable competition; there is nothing so degrading as an underhanded contest.

I have noticed in other journals a plea for Pan Hellenism, and now let Phi Kappa Psi draw up her ranks for a long and a hard contest; but may she ever prove herself an honorable opponent. Let her start this spirit of friendliness in every college where she is represented, by broaching the subject of Pan Hellenic banquets, fraternity annuals, and all those affairs which will bring the various orders into a closer relation with each other. The sooner each chapter obtains this spirit of Pan Hellenism, the better it will be for each fraternity, the better it will be for the Greek world. Let this kindly feeling spread, and who can tell but that we shall have a grand Pan Hellenic council in that better land, where so many of our brothers now dwell, and where we all hope to meet on that last great day.

B. M. ALLISON.

CONGLOMERATE.

The present state of public morals seems to be so depraved that "a sin concealed is half forgiven," is almost universally adopted as a model for action. The adoption of this principle may be one of the financial mistakes of the chapters of Phi Kappa Psi. Most of the chapters are prone to expend with lavish hands the small dues paid in by the members. Not only for the necessary items are these expenditures made, but for many that are of no benefit to the future chapters whatever — such as dances, suppers, sleigh-rides and hall ornaments. Such expenses should be met by contributions from those enjoying and participating, and not from the chapter fund which, perhaps, has been accumulated by those who have passed the portals of active fraternity life to enter the broad and stern world of "paddle-your-own-canoeism." This useless expenditure of the funds may be caused by the knowledge that "no one will know it outside of our own circle," and so

long as that knowledge is correct, the misappropriating—for that, in plain words, is what it is—of the funds will continue. The remedy for this evil is in the hands of the coming G. A. C. Have the Annual Report so enlarged as to include a financial statement from each chapter, giving the amount on hand at last report, amount received for initiations and dues, amount expended for *per capita* tax, and for the actual expenses of the chapter, the cash balance on hand and the total assets, which would include valuation of real estate, furniture, &c. Have this done and the chapters, realizing that the whole fraternity would know how poor they were, on account of useless waste of means, would stop the bung-hole of pleasure and draw only from the spigot of necessity. A healthy treasury is an element of strength, and should be an object for which every chapter should strive. The Grand Chapter should also be required to print a financial statement in the Annual Report.

The theme for discussion lately has been "Graduate Chapters." Out with them! What do we poor fellows care for them who are condemned to spend our lives in small towns, boasting, perhaps, of one lone Phi Psi? A healthy Chapter of Graduates we would make. District Alumni Associations shall be our theme. Provide for the dividing of a State into districts consisting of four or five contiguous counties. Within the boundaries of these districts Phi Psis could organize associations, having annual or semi-annual meetings and duly officered. The general duty of each member in said associations would be to aid the fraternity in every possible manner, and the special duty might be to notify chapters of the intended entrance of worthy men into their institutions. Such, in brief, would be the District Alumni Associations, but there is plenty of room for enlargement did time permit.

Have been expecting the Catalogue Committee to publish a "list of wants," asking for the address of those brothers they could not locate, and biographic sketches of those marked dead. Surely the many readers of THE SHIELD could by this means greatly aid in perfecting the work of the committee.

Fraternally,

R. M. LINTON.

HEADQUARTERS.

DEAR SHIELD.—We cannot but believe that the editorials in the last number of THE SHIELD—those of them which treated of constitutional revision—were inspired by the fraternity's Committee on Constitution, and that they perhaps forshadow the tenor of that committee's coming report. At any rate, we believe that THE SHIELD has properly voiced the needs of Phi Kappa Psi in this matter of revision—the now thoroughly well defined and clearly recognized needs of an ultra-conservative fraternity. The corner-stone of the carefully nurtured idea is this: A territorial sub-

division of the fraternity for certain lesser purposes—each sub-division having its own G. C., and all of these in turn being subordinate to one Executive Council of Phi Kappa Psi; the Executive Council to be constituted of alumni and of undergraduates; to be centrally located and in the immediate neighborhood of one or more healthy active chapters, and to have general supervision of *every* Phi Psi enterprise and interest, including its journalism. The plan is admirable, and is one such as the experience of some of our best rivals has indorsed. Assuming that it is adopted by the coming G. A. C., where will you locate the new Executive Council? We are thoroughly aware that this is a secondary question, also one which must not be allowed to engage the attention of the council until the primary question of whether or not there shall be an Executive Council has been disposed of. But we assume that question to be answered affirmatively. Where, now, can we most wisely locate our E. C.? Probably at Columbus, Ohio. Here is our Ohio Delta—one of our most excellent chapters—one which has evidenced in many ways during the past eighteen months that she is second to no sister chapter in enthusiastic and earnest devotion to Phi Psi. Only a few miles away, and in Ohio Wesleyan—that old Phi Psi stronghold—is Ohio Alpha, a tower of strength in itself. Near by is Brother C. L. Van Cleve. In neighboring Cleveland is Brother Wilson, himself the chairman of the Committee on Revision, and who we doubt not will be invited to a place on his Executive Committee. In Columbus itself is Brother George Smart, the chairman of the Committee on Catalogue, and than whom Phi Psi has no more thoughtful and philosophic as well as earnest and indefatigable son. Here, too, is Brother Dunn and other leaders of our fraternity. Ohio is “full of ’em.” Columbus is essentially central and the home of many alumni. We are from D. C. Alpha and write from Boston, Mass., so that it will be hardly thought we are “booming” Columbus for any other reason than that we believe it to be in every way the best place at which to locate any prospective Executive Council. And surely nobody has any other desire than to nominate and vote for that place which he honestly believes to be the best—the best from all standpoints and for the fraternity as a whole.

CLINTON GAGE.

Boston, March 15, 1886.

G. A. C.

The particular arrangements for the G. A. C., as announced in last number of *THE SHIELD*, remain unchanged: Headquarters to be at Bates House, session to be held in Elk Lodge Room, immediately opposite; Indiana State Oratorical Contest Thursday evening, April 8th, banquet at Bates' on Friday evening, April 9th.

Railroad rates are made with all roads centering in Indianapolis, the usual reduction being guaranteed in case they receive a sufficient number; very satisfactory contracts have been made for all hotel and banquet ar-

rangements and other like accommodations. Arrangements have also been made with Brothers Burdette and Riley — whose reputations as humorists are well known to all the brothers — to be present during a part of the session, as also with Brother Calkins and many other of our prominent and enthusiastic members.

The success of the session is assured, and our chapters sincerely hope that *all* will come who can possibly do so. Business of vital importance will be transacted, and it is absolutely necessary that every thinking member, and every one who has the interest of his fraternity at heart will be present. We assure you all a hearty welcome and the best entertainment that “the Hoosier boys” can give. Let *every* one come who can possibly do so. The session is one that should not be missed by any member who can possibly be present; the interest of the individual members and chapters, as well as the fraternity at large, demands that *every* chapter send as many persons as possible, that we may be able to make the coming session of the G. A. C. one of memorable and vital interest to the history and future of Phi Kappa Psi.

GEO. B. BAKER.

POINTERS.

First, Graduate Chapters. The G. A. C. should decide first if the fraternity should grant such charters. If so, make some provision in the constitution for chapters to be governed. For my part I am not in favor of graduate chapters established under the same charter and rules as a regular chapter. They are nothing more than Phi Psi associations and should have rules for the government of such bodies only. Business men generally can not devote much time to college fraternity affairs. Besides, most of them belong to other orders which are more in harmony with their present inclinations. Of all the charters granted only one chapter exists, and that was recently established. The present Grand Chapter established a chapter at Wooster, Ohio, and nothing has been heard of it since. Just so with the rest, and they only serve as an outlet for the scatterment and loss of constitutions, etc. I am heartily in favor of binding our alumni to us, for they are often of great advantage, but there should be instituted some suitable tie which would likely produce the desired effect.

Secondly—I am a firm advocate of making THE SHIELD bi-monthly. I sincerely agree with the editorial, THE SHIELD, in all respects. It is absolutely necessary that some such arrangement be made. Notwithstanding the skillful and successful management of THE SHIELD during the past year, I believe the proposed plan would be more satisfactory to the editors, and would be more appreciated by the fraternity. Monthly is too frequent; quarterly is not frequent enough, bi-monthly is admirable.

Thirdly—There should be a rule in the constitution requiring careful preservation of all chapter records and a severe admonition to adhere

closely to the strict letter of the constitution in all its laws. There has been much recklessness on the part of many chapters in this respect. It is more likely that a chapter will be popular in the college and in the fraternity by strictly complying with the required forms than by being loose and careless in the management of fraternity affairs.

And fourthly, let there be some system of education, some system such as Brother Thacher proposed in the February number. This would make the whole fraternity strong and solid.

Hope this convention will do good work and place Phi Kappa Psi on a modernized basis. Wish you all a pleasant time. D. C. R. MILLER.

THE SHIELD—A MONTHLY OR BIMONTHLY.

A proposition will probably be submitted to the G. A. C. next month to change the SHIELD from a monthly to bimonthly, in order, as it will be urged, to enable the editors to give more attention to literary excellency and to make other improvements of a similar nature. Undoubtedly more time and attention could be given to the collection and collation of matter for publication, and from a mere literary stand point would result in improvement. But as it seems to me this, while desirable, is not what the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity needs most.

Our chapters are distributed over a very wide area of country and from necessity can have but a very limited intercourse with each other. To obviate this as much as possible we need a ready and easy way of communication. The SHIELD published monthly furnishes this. The chapter letters keep the whole fraternity informed of what each member of the organization is about and the various changes that take place, and all proposed changes either in our own fraternity or our rivals can quickly and easily be brought to the attention of the whole fraternity, so that if called on to act in any case, it can do so intelligently and promptly. In this way an interest in the whole organization can be kept up in the various chapters, and to a great extent the advantages derived from having the chapters all within an easy radius can be enjoyed by us. This has been exemplified by the SHIELD so far and to change it now to a bimonthly would be a retrograde step.

Phi Kappa Psi is preparing to make a great advance and every facility should be utilized to its utmost. A bright newsy monthly will be one of the greatest aids to the work before us, and as far as literary merit is concerned we can wait for its growth for a few years. The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* says:

"The Φ K Ψ SHIELD is well out of the woods and satisfied that its fraternity has turned its face toward the morning glows with the brighter prospects that light up its satisfied countenance. * * 'Wake Nicodemus'

is the tune to which Φ Ψ's organ urges the fraternity to time its steps, and the fifes are playing it all along the line."

Let us keep the fifes playing and the SHIELD leading the van. After our new system of government has been put into satisfactory operation, and after some half dozen chapters have been added to our list, and two or three old ones reclaimed, and, in fact, after the SHIELD has a larger subscription list it will be time to think more of literary excellence, to stop the fifes playing Nicodemus and strike up something more stately. Let us by all means keep the SHIELD as a monthly. F. D. H.

ANOTHER OPINION.

I think I voice the sentiment of many of the brothers when I say that I am decidedly opposed to the plan of changing THE SHIELD to a bimonthly publication. I believe that one of the strongest elements in the success of the last volume of THE SHIELD has been the fact that it has been published promptly every month. It may be that I am mistaken in my idea of the purpose of THE SHIELD, but I believe that its value to the fraternity depends almost entirely upon its success as a news journal of the fraternity, a free and frequent medium of direct intercourse between the brothers and chapters, a disseminator of fresh and timely fraternity news, and an oft reappearing reminder to each member of his duties, privileges and advantages as a member of Phi Kappa Psi. These purposes, I feel confident, can be much more fully subserved by a monthly publication than by one appearing only half as often. Our chapters are scattered over a wide extent of territory, and communication is correspondingly slow, and now, while THE SHIELD is published monthly, many of the chapter letters and much of the fraternity news become decidedly stale by the time it comes into the hands of its readers. To a much greater degree will this be the case if THE SHIELD is only published bimonthly. I consider the literary feature, proper, of the magazine decidedly of secondary importance as compared with its value as a means of communication and a disseminator of news among the members. The experience of the past year abundantly proves that from a financial standpoint the fraternity is fully able to support and sustain a creditable monthly, and I would greatly deprecate an improvement in literary excellence which would be made at the expense of the other and more valuable departments of THE SHIELD. A constantly renewed and increased interest upon the part of the members and alumni in the fraternity, and all subjects pertaining thereto, is the most potent element of fraternity strength and progress, and this can only be secured by constantly presenting the subject and keeping it fresh in their minds. The fraternity is about to make radical changes and to try important and possibly dangerous experiments. We know that upon its present plan THE SHIELD is successful, and a power in the fraternity and the Greek world, let us at this time take no step that might by any possibility result in abridging or lessening its strength and usefulness.

W. M. THACHER.

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THERE comes from all quarters a very general demand that THE SHIELD be made a bi-monthly, enlarged and improved. This is as it should be. The money that will get out two mediocre numbers will pay for one first-class issue, and pay the editor for the work done. We do not believe that Φ K Ψ can longer trust to benevolent and amateur journalism. Our magazine must be conducted on business principles, not for fun and not as a matter of charity. Common sense will teach any one who gives the subject his attention, that we cannot now raise money to make it worth any capable man's while to get out a suitable SHIELD every month. While experience proves that by making the subscription price one dollar and twenty-five cents per year, the fraternity can afford to employ a competent man to do competent work on a bi-monthly.

THE suggestion in the March SHIELD that the fraternity hold biennial G. A. C.'s, and the provinces hold district conventions on such years as the G. A. C. does not meet, has met the hearty approval of a large number of our correspondents, including many of the most enthusiastic and wisest of Φ K Ψ. The argument for this proposition is simple but unanswerable. If annual Grand Arch Councils should be held they would become too common to be so attractive. Expenses would be so materially increased that the attendance would be lessened. While, as province conventions must be held, there would be a constant contest between them, and therefore smaller attendance at each. There should be no conflict of interests between the province and general administrations. We should meet in enthusiastic and

many-membered Grand Arch Council every two years. Meanwhile, let the province conventions assemble at the same moment, keep in telegraphic communication on important affairs, and practically thus do the necessary work and avoid the expense of the G. A. C., enabling us to meet in greater numbers when our national body does gather the clans. Annual conventions do very well for little fraternities that gather their delegates from the back yard and garden of the mother chapter or from just across the way, as a hen clucks her chickens under her wings. But the members of a fraternity that spans from ocean to ocean and buckles a belt that girths from the lakes to the gulf, cannot afford to be perpetually leaving their studies to go gadding about the country attending grand and province conventions. There is reason in all things, and there is a limit to the time a student can properly take from his studies for Greek duties. Let us not cripple our work by carrying it too far.

A GOOD deal of anxiety has been manifested by some of our older and wiser men lest the coming constitution should rob each chapter of the right it now possesses to veto any request for a charter. Such a change would be a blow at one of the best features of $\Phi K \Psi$ work, that could not fail to cause intense dissatisfaction and eventually much trouble. Every chapter, great or small, has a right to say where its sister chapters shall be planted. This is a principle we must cherish. We want no unwelcome brothers. We must have no dissatisfied chapters. Let us preserve this essential and vital feature. The harmonious unity of $\Phi K \Psi$ depends on this one thing. We want no conglomerate society — no half-and-half — but a pure and undiluted fraternity. This is not a debateable question. It is simply a matter of ordinary justice to our old and loyal chapters. We are glad to believe that the new constitution will make no change in this respect, and the veto power will be preserved. Such a report will give universal satisfaction.

CHAPTER HOMES.

We often hear comparisons between so-called Eastern and Western fraternities. Know this, gentlemen: Whatever peculiar success the Eastern Greeks have had is due to their adoption of the chapter-house system. They have lived together. The secret is a simple one, and you now know all there is of it — they have lived together. Thus they have learned to know and respect each other, have acquired the habit of working and thinking in unison, and have gathered a store of associations and traditions which time

cannot stale nor custom wither. The perfection of chapter life is never attained except by those chapters that own and reside in homes of their own. You might as well endeavor to raise a family of children by boarding them round, as to conduct a thoroughly successful chapter of men who are scattered from Dan to Beersheba. If you cannot secure money to build, there are many loan associations with which terms can be made that you will find easy to meet. A chapter of twelve men pays \$600 a year in room rent. They might just as well be paying for a home of their own. If you have not the courage to attempt that, you can at least all rent rooms in the same house. You can all board at the same table. Some of the men won't go in? Let them stay out! In six months they will ask for admission to the chapter house. Any real $\Phi K \Psi$ ought to be willing to make some little sacrifice to strengthen his chapter. Do not stand out obstinately, but unite and get the same roof over your men, put their feet under the same board.

Ten years ago Michigan Alpha was born. Six years ago some thought that chapter unworthy a place on our list. To-day Michigan Alpha of $\Phi K \Psi$ is second to no Greek fellowship at the great University of Michigan. The success has been due in large measure to the fact that their leaders were thoughtful enough to recognize the necessity of that unity of action only secured by the chapter-house system. Generous in conception, perfect in detail and skillful in execution, they have carried the system to its legitimate and assured results. Other chapters have but to put forth the same effort to obtain the same condition. If you cannot build, rent. There should be a rule of the fraternity requiring the earliest possible development of chapter homes. And we are half inclined to believe that any chapter which does not take interest enough in its work to at least rent and furnish a hall should forfeit its charter. A chapter without a hall of its own to meet in, is no chapter at all.

It is pleasant to know that the latest development of a practical interest in this subject, comes from our brothers on the far-off Pacific coast. The next school year will find California Alpha in a home of its own, commodious and tasteful. Their plans are now completed and their work begun. THE SHIELD congratulates. Chapters with a couple hundred initiates, a third of a century behind them, with no chapter-home, should hide their diminished heads before this lone daughter of the Sierras. Let Pennsylvania look to her laurels. Is the air of the Sierras and the Pacific more generous to $\Phi K \Psi$ than that of the Atlantic and the Alleghanies?

Chapter Letters.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

I will not open my letter by saying that our chapter is in a "most flourishing condition," for that is a "chestnut." Nor can I start out with "greetings to our sister chapters and the fraternity at large, for that is a veritable "Methuselah." Neither can I open by saying that we excel all our rivals "morally, physically and intellectually," because Bro. Crane would faint outright, I know. I must therefore open without a beginning and proceed at once to tell you that Penna. Eta has bought an elephant. It is a life-size one and we had to struggle hard to get him up three flights of stairs. He also gave our pocket-books a strain, but we are glad to say that our billiard table is paid for. The table is a fine one—Collander make—and has been pronounced, by persons capable to judge, to be the best billiard table in this burg. Call around, ye wizzards of the cue.

On the 19th ult. delegates from the University of Pennsylvania, Lehigh University, Lafayette, Swarthmore, Haverford and Franklin and Marshall Colleges met in Philadelphia and organized the "State Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association." Bro. Little, who is also President of the F. and M. Athletic Association, was our delegate.

The writer was recently informed, by a member of Delta Tau Delta, that the Tau chapter, at our College will soon be reorganized. We shall be glad to see this; there is room for another fraternity here.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Dubbs, Bro. Harry's illustrious father and our Professor of History and Archæology, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society of Great Britain. This confers upon him the additional title of F. R. H. S. and conveys the privilege of receiving the proceedings of the society, which are distributed to its members only.

The Academy connected with F. & M. will close, to open no more, in June.

March 15, '86.

A. H. ROTHERMEL.

LEWISBURG.

Although we responded to the call with a long letter in your last issue we find we are drummed up again. We must keep time to the music, so here goes.

The clouds of opposition which at our last report were lowering over this corner of the fraternity world have all disappeared. We cannot say

they were dispelled per force,—no, no; but, certainly, the healthful atmosphere which has *recently* surrounded us was instrumental in scattering them, and that healthful atmosphere is due to the amicable relations of the frats in our college. Each goes its own way, content to reap only where it has sown. When such a diversity of plans exists between the several fraternities of a College, no possible grounds of objection can be taken against them. We are glad, our former rivals must be, that the lines of distinction have at last been drawn, that whom they bid we do not, whom we bid they do not.

The appeals of the Indiana boys to attend the G. A. C. are on account of their heartiness highly appreciated. At the present writing, we can not see our way clear for sending representatives.

For sometime our chapter has been laboring to complete a long cherished plan for the improvement of its hall. At last the one who will bear a double share of the burden has been found in Bro. H. V. Johnson, '89. While his magnanimous offer, coming as it does at this time, may prevent us from performing the duties we owe to $\Phi \kappa \Psi$, and for that reason be unfortunate, yet, taking a selfish view of the matter, it is fortunate in being a great benefit to our own chapter. If our delegates do not appear at the G. A. C., which bids fair to partake of the nature of a revolution, know that our sympathy is with reform. We do not exclaim with the clamor of rash enthusiasm, "out with the old, in with the new," but we do believe in supplanting that which is inadequate for the present status of the fraternity by that which on a fair and judicious trial will prove itself *necessary* for our welfare. It is the failing of too many college fraternities to have a superabundance of laws which are not needed and a scarcity of such as are useful and salutary.

The manner in which the SHIELD has been conducted during the last year should be commended. Such, at least, is our opinion. And if we should have a vote in the G. A. C. we would be loathe to let it depart from the hands of its present managers, notwithstanding the scheme suggested in the last number for its future management.

Joey Wolfe, '89, is our latest initiate. The son of our esteemed member, Hon. Chas. S. Wolfe, he possesses inborn qualities which make him worthy to don the pink and lavender. Now doff your hat, Joey. Straighten up; eyes front; bow! That's a good boy. May your exit from this busy arena be as graceful as your entrance in it.

ALLEGHANY.

At the beginning of the present term of college work, we wrote you, sending greetings and hoping to report a successful term of frat work; and now as the term is drawing to a close, we are reminded of the fact, and are

wont to ask ourselves if the results are satisfactory. To the chapters we send greetings and wish to commend them for some of the excellent letters written, as well as the Kansas Alpha for the completion of so successful a year of editorial work. While perfection is not yet attained in the publication of the SHIELD, still, so long as it sustains its present standard of interest, we shall feel that the question of a salaried editor need not be discussed to any great length, providing we can keep such a leadership without riding a free horse too hard. The last number contained some excellent suggestions regarding government, and our delegates to G. A. C., Bros. R. C. Bole and F. H. Shaw, have been instructed to work for such division as seems best suited to the interest of the frat at large; and we hope the work will be done, not talked up only.

The brothers of Penna Alpha need not send regrets to us regarding the loss of Bro. Orr, as we consider him as a brother loaned to show what kind of timber we are. If the brothers of Penna Alpha will come up and give us a call we will prove our statements by giving them a genuine Phi Psi welcome. But to speak of ourselves: During the term now about passed our goat has been idle and as a result is getting a little too frisky to be kept inactive much longer. But the brothers have not been idle by any means. I would not dare to tell the editor's devil even—for I suppose the SHIELD has one—how Bros. C., McW., and H., have surpassed their own former brilliant record even, in social circles, so will speak only of what some of the boys are doing in athletic sports. Bro. Cray is captain of the polo team and pitcher of college nine, while Bros. Williamson and E. R. McCrary are excellent support in the polo team; and Bro. Scofield longs to court Fame in the tennis court. In frat work we have settled down to the regulation pull and are enjoying frat. life to the fullest extent while perfecting our fraternal education; and if any traveling brother, who happens this way, will step in and see us he will find a united band of brothers to welcome and cheer.

With fraternal greetings and wishes for the success of all sub-chapters, we make our bow.

F. H. SHAW.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Nothing has been heard from us for some time, but examinations have been upon us and but little time left for correspondence. On the night of December 19th we held our annual banquet. Our resident alumni were invited and were all present except Brother W. M. Thornton, professor of Applied Mathematics, who was absent on account of examinations. However, Brothers S. B. Woods, '77, Dr. H. T. Nelson, '74, and C. C. Wertenbaker, '53, joined us in our Christmas feast. After an excellent supper, Brother Wertenbaker made us an address. He was the first initiate in our

order south of the Potomac, and greatly roused our feelings by his loyal and devoted words. Other speeches followed, and when these were done our "goat," Mr. L. A. Cover, favored us with a witty and brilliant oration. Each in his turn responded as the toast went round, and at a late hour we parted singing $\Phi \Psi$ songs lustily.

Brother A. P. Saunders was obliged to leave college on account of his health, but is with us again to our great delight. Old Pierce is a fine fellow and one whom we are loath to lose. Brother Cover left us for a short time, but he, too, has returned to the fold, and we are all together again. Brothers Stires and Peters were sent to represent the Y. M. C. A. of this college in the convention recently held in Norfolk. Brother Ingle is president of the same organization. The University caught fire a few weeks since and narrowly escaped destruction. As our hall is in the college buildings, we were even more interested than the other students in saving the grand old institution.

A new fraternity has come to us this year, $\Phi \Lambda \chi$. Its chapter is rather a strong one numerically, but it is as yet little known in our Greek world. The "Mystic Seven" has changed its name to $\Phi \Theta \Lambda$, and its badge from a monogram of the letters M E to a star, with the three letters given above, in the center. There is a rumor that $\Sigma \chi$ is to start a chapter here, but nothing material has come of it.

A course of popular lectures was organized this season by the professors, and five have been delivered so far. Brother Thornton lectured on March 4th, on "The Collection and Distribution of Water in Cities." The others in the series have been "A Practical *versus* a Liberal Education," by Prof. N. K. Davis, Professor of Moral Philosophy, "Calico Printing," by Dr. Jno. W. Mallet, Ph. D., L.L.D., M. D., F. R. S., Professor of Chemistry; "Joan of Arc," by Dr. Schel  de Vere, J. U. D., Professor of Modern Languages; "Rays from Rome," by Dr. Geo. B. Taylor, D. D., Chaplain. These add much to our enjoyment and instruction, and we hope they may be continued in future sessions.

With deep interest in THE SHIELD,

C. M. BLACKFORD, JR.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Iowa Alpha is quiet but still makes her way. We have no new men to introduce but may have soon. We have been very earnest in our discussions concerning the measures to come before the G. A. C. Brother North will represent Ia. A. and we hope do it well. We desired to send two or three men but find it impossible.

Our University has just passed through a rough wave of investigation and has come out all the better for it. Prof. Hienricks the chemist of the medical department was relieved from farther duty upon the S. U. I. at the last meeting of the Board of Regents.

One of our brothers upon the receipt of THE SHIELD and being impressed with the comment upon the Φ K Ψ colors, composed the following lines:

OUR COLORS.

Oh, change not the colors we cherished,
 Forsake not the colors we bore,
 The faith which in fondness we nourished
 In days that our mem'ries adore!
 Let time-honored standards still gladden the eye
 And cheer the true heart of the Φ K Ψ !

Our colors are lovely and modest,
 Fraternity dwells in each fold,
 Well fit for the loyal and honest
 Whose pride seeks not purple and gold!
 Ne'er let it be said that vain pride did deny
 And change but a tint of the Φ K Ψ !

Though gorgeous the gold and the purple,
 Though said to be won from the sky,
 Let fickleness' frail gaudy bubble
 Give hues to a faith that can die!
 The pink and the lavender too glow on high
 And Phœbus himself joins the Φ K Ψ

In honor of dear ancient tenants,
 In mem'ry of those who have died,
 Let all raise our fair colored pennants,
 Let dastards be spurned and denied!
 And let future brothers be bound by the tie
 Which bound each and all as a Φ K Ψ !

JACOB CLOSZ.

 PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

The dull monotony of college life has been somewhat varied within the past week. Some of the boys had been indulging too freely in the fiery liquid; the knowledge of which led to an interesting series of Faculty meetings, and an intense expression of feeling on the part of the students. At the present time everything has been amicably settled, and several of the boys are "*at home*" early in the evening. A few new students entered the preparatory department of College this month. The boys are now busy in the preparation for the term examinations with the pleasant anticipation of a short vacation in the near future.

Nine of the free lectures have been delivered, and they have given such general satisfaction and agreeable entertainment that many persons hope the course will continue through the next term. We know that spring is here for the "Governor" is dressing up the campus.

Two delegates from each of our three neighboring colleges, and two from our college met in Harrisburg, on March 13th, and organized an Inter-Collegiate Base Ball Association. Each club is to play about ten games with the others, and the club having won the greatest number of games at

the end of the season will receive the "champion" banner. Bros. R. W. Short and J. G. Dapp were the delegates from our college. The former was chosen as Vice President of the Association and the latter as chairman of a committee. They were very much pleased with the brothers whom they met at the meeting, and report a fine time. Our Base Ball team is now practicing the art of wielding the bat and catching the ball, and of course expects to win the banner. The newly organized Athletic Association is progressing nicely and bids fair to remain a permanent organization.

Washington's birthday was a day of great excitement here. In the morning the students had a fantastic parade through the town. Later in the day the G. A. R. band and the fire company gave an exhibition of their skill. The biennial exercises were held in the evening. The speeches were all good and ably delivered. Bro. Bittle, '86, represented $\Phi K \Psi$ and acquitted himself with honor.

Fraternity spirit is now calm, and good feeling exists among the different chapters. $\Lambda T \Omega$ has recently initiated several men. She now has a large, harmonious crowd and is remarkably prosperous for her age. The New York and Penna chapters of the $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ fraternity will hold an Inter-State Convention here in the latter part of May. The resident chapter will entertain the delegates.

Our chapter is in a fine condition, and her future outlook is promising. Several of the brothers have lately received boxes from home, and the boys are rapidly becoming followers of the Epicurian school. If there is one thing in this world that the sons of Epsilon like better than any other, it is a good old " $\Phi \Psi$ grind." We are not in the least selfish, but we enjoy each other's company, so that when you see one of us you can be very sure that there are more near by. Brother Harry Clabaugh was in town a few days ago. We were glad to see him and regret that he did not stay longer. With fraternal love to each chapter and best wishes to THE SHIELD, we will drop the quill and light the pipe.

EDWARD C. SHAFER.

March 19, 1886.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

'Tis rather hard to write a letter when there is positively nothing to write about, but for fear of getting a "raking over" from our worthy editor, we feel constrained to try. And by the way, we noticed a mistake in the last SHIELD concerning our number of letters. We had *four* letters in Vol. VI, instead of three.

Bro. Sims did not return to college after Christmas, and he leaves a dozen of us to regret his absence when we see his empty chair in our circle. Our boys all acquitted themselves well in the intermediate examinations, just over, and we can now afford to breath freely until finals in June.

A chapter of the Sigma Nu has recently been established here with

seven good men, making the seventh fraternity represented in this institution.

We hope that the next G. A. C. will be held in some place accessible to us, say in Virginia or Maryland, as since the organization of the chapter in '57, S. C. Alpha has never been represented in one of our conventions.

We began by saying we had no news; and I think we have succeeded admirably in giving none, so we'll stop.

J. H. McLURE.

March 12th, 1886.

Our correspondent is mistaken. An enthusiastic delegate from S. C. Alpha attended the G. A. C. of 1868 at Cincinnati.

E. C. L.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Cyrus Crane, associate editor of the SHIELD, won the State Oratorical Contest at Topeka and will represent Kansas at the Inter-State Contest to be held here in May. The judges and the large audience which filled the Grand Opera House in our capital city, were unanimously of the opinion that Crane was *facile princeps*. Four times the audience stopped him with enthusiastic applause. A hundred University men carried him on their shoulders from the Opera House to the Windsor Hotel and an enthusiastic array of the "the boys" welcomed the victor home at 5 o'clock A. M. with a great bonfire. At our local contest Crane's victory was not so easy a one. There were six speakers, two Phi Kaps, two Betas, a Phi Delt and a Phi Gam. Crane got first place and Brother Jenks, our B. G. got second. The contest was very close. Crane got two of the judges, Jenks one; Crane got one fourth place, Jenks two seconds. Jenk's general average was a little more than that of Crane. Our boys each averaged ninety-four, plus, while the Phi Delt, who was third, averaged ninety, plus. So you see it was in every way a great victory for $\Phi K \Psi$. Kansas Alpha is justly proud of her oratorical record, which is unequalled. We hope to see a large number of Phi Kaps here in May. Shall endeavor to entertain them all at the Chapter Home. Let us know when you are to come and we will meet you. If we don't, take the Tennessee street car and come to our arms.

Our Tenth Annual Reunion was a grand success, fifty-one being present. Brothers Charley L. Davidson and Lou C. Jackson came with their wives from Wichita. Several of the boys brought lady friends from Topeka and Leavenworth. The $\Phi K \Psi$ orchestra discoursed sweet music, Jenks sang, "Hutch" read a History of Kansas Alpha. We are under obligations to Miss Laura Lyons, of I. C. Sorosis, and Miss Josie Cooke, of K A Θ , for their kindly assistance. The literary program completed we adjourned to a true $\Phi K \Psi$ banquet. Frank O. Marvin, founder of our chapter, now Prof. of Civil Engineering in U. of K., presided. Davidson responded to "The Second Generation," Thatcher to "The $\Phi \Psi$ Press," and Gilmore to "Old

Times." Davidson has a very paternal manner and we were all glad to see the old boy and Jack back again. After the spread, dancing and cards kept us till four A. M. Everybody had a great and good time. If you don't believe it, come to our June Symposium.

The K A Os entertained the Φ K Ψs at Miss Hattie Haskell's, in honor of the departure of our friend Miss Fannie Pratt. The charter members came from a distance and the occasion was one of great pleasure to all of us.

The ladies of the I. C. Sorosis gave a grand character party on March 19th. Ten Φ Ψs attended, two others who were invited, being out of town. Gilmore, as Uncle Sam, was the star of the evening. White was a dandy Geo. Washington. Twenty-two frat. men were in attendance. The costumes of the ladies were handsome and elegant. The I. C. character party was a success in every particular and the young ladies are to be congratulated on their good management and skill as entertainers. By the way, the I. C. convention, which met here last fall and was composed of young women whom it would do your heart good to see, gave a decided impetus to the work of the local chapter.

E. C. Little, '83, Frank C. Thompson, '84, and Solon T. Gilmore, '86, will be our delegates to the G. A. C. They are instructed for "Tilden and Reform," and will perhaps be accompanied by others.

The long drawn out *Courier* war has ended. The outcome was a proper and just settlement of the difficulty such as we have long desired. By the way, we had a most enjoyable visit from Bishop Ninde, and entertained him at our Hall after his lecture. He is a magnificent Φ K. He speaks very highly of Illinois Alpha. Nothing has happened here lately. There is no news, so my letter is brief. But I nearly forgot our latest, Alvin L. Wilmoth, '89, of Nebraska. He is a man you will like.

DE PAUW.

The student life at De Pauw during the past term has been one of unending repetition of study and recitation, and her society life has been comparatively dull, little of interest having happened; but, as the close of the term approaches, we take a retrospect of the work and find that we have met with excellent success, and that Indiana A will commence the work of the coming term under the most favorable and encouraging prospects.

In the "Kinnear-Monette Annual Contest" of February 22d, the contestants in forsenics from each of the societies were Phi Psis, the successful one being Brother Thomas W. Haymond, '87. This prize has been taken by our chapter every annual contest since 1881, and we feel that we are justly proud of our victory. All the boys have been very enthusiastic in their preparations for G. A. C., and have, with the aid of the other Indiana chapters, effected very satisfactory arrangements, and all are anxiously

awaiting the approaching session with an interested anxiety. We hope every chapter will send one or more delegates, and that they can induce many of the non-active members to be present and aid us by their advice in the preparation and adoption of the most feasible of the many new plans to be proposed. We sincerely hope that *every* chapter will induce as many active and alumni members to come as is possible. We assure all a hearty welcome and the best entertainment possible.

Brother Wilbert Ward, '86, law school, accepts position as superintendent of Anderson, Indiana, public schools immediately after graduation. Brother Kirkman, '88, has returned and will be with us during the remainder of the year. We were favored last week by visits from Brothers Thomas and Butler, '87, Indiana T, and judging by our enjoyment of the visit, we sympathize with those chapters which are isolated from all others in such a way as to deprive them of the benefits and pleasures which we derive from these visits among the Indiana chapters.

In conclusion, allow me to congratulate Kansas Alpha upon her excellent management of *THE SHIELD* during the past year. We are proud of the paper in its present excellent condition, and hope that it may continue its improvement and take its position among fraternity journals, where the condition and standing of the fraternity itself demands.

Greencastle, Ind., March 16, 1886.

GEO. B. BAKER.

UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

Since our last letter nothing of great importance has transpired in regard to the welfare of our college. Work goes regularly and satisfactorily along. We are having considerable trouble, however, in our Oratorical Association. Some time last term the Barbs. withdrew from Athenian and Hesperian Societies and formed an organization which they named "The Independent Literary Society." In the constitution of this society is a clause which prohibits from membership all who belong to fraternities. The constitution of the Oratorical Association was changed just before the formation of the new society, to make it consist of "the literary societies," instead of "the three literary societies" (Philomethan, Hesperian and Athenian), which are recognized by the annual catalogue. Thus the Independent Society was recognized in the Oratorical. But this society is virtually a fraternity, as it excludes all fraternity people; and as *our* fraternities are not recognized either by faculty or oratorical associations, it became highly necessary that the Independent fraternity should no longer be. As no catalogues have been printed since the change in the constitution of the Oratorical, the Independent fraternity was not legally a part of said association. On this legitimate technicality, in a meeting held this term, the president of the association ruled the Independents out, and his decision

was sustained by it. The Independents, with a fraternity with which they hold State combination, immediately called a meeting which they called "The Oratorical Association," elected new delegates and made arrangements for a separate contest, which will take place the night before *ours*. This leaves things in a bad condition. There will be two sets of delegates and two orators go from this college to the State Contest. How the matter will terminate there, remains to be seen.

The fraternity combination system is certainly very complex and interesting. The squabbles which occur plainly fit the partakers for the struggles of life, by teaching them to fight for themselves. However, the system needs reforming, and in the meeting where the Independents were "fired," reformation was begun by changing the manner of selecting delegates to the State Oratorical Association. Hereafter, the orators who are given the first three places on the primary contest, will be the delegates. This will do away with much of the squabbling. "But alas!" say the upholders of the system, "it will take all the life out of college politics."

Indiana Beta is looking forward with pleasure to the coming convention, and feels that it will be a success. All necessary arrangements have been made by the Indiana chapters. The invitations are ready to be sent out at the present writing, and we hope they will be answered in person by members of each chapter of the fraternity. C. LAURON HOOPER.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

According to an article in Volume six, we are requested to be on hand with another chapter-letter. Also, in looking over the SHIELD, we find an article on chapter-letters, which is very gratifying to us. We had begun to think that Mississippi A was gaining quite a reputation for negligence in regard to chapter-letters. but after reading this article, we congratulate ourselves that we are almost among the first—second at least. Perhaps, though, those that write only once a year make it up in quantity and quality. In this respect we are found wanting. We think that the SHIELD, Volume six, is very much improved, both as regards to appearance and reading matter, and that the reports are very flattering indeed. Having recovered from a severe illness I have returned to the University and hope to be able to remain the balance of the session. Although absent I have been a constant reader of the SHIELD, and have looked after the interests of $\Phi K \Psi$.

Well since my last letter, nothing of very great interest has occurred in the University. The students have held several meetings and have had some very hot discussions in regard to co-education, but there seemed to be about as many for as against it, so after a lot of noise on both sides the matter dropped. We took no part in the war against the fair sex. Our Profs. are somewhat troubled by the boys greasing their blackboards, in

consequence of which we have a rest. It gives us great pleasure to announce to our brothers that we have again made an addition to our little band, so we have the pleasure of introducing Mr. W. S. Bayless, of Weststa, [Holmes county, Mississippi. We now number nine — all freshmen, and the prospects are that every one will return next session. None of the other frats have taken in any new men since the second term opened. With two or three exceptions, they are all very weak and we can only attribute this to the scarcity of good material. We will not be able to send a delegate to the G. A. C., but will be represented by some other chapter. THE SHIELD has our best wishes, and we trust that the meeting of the G. A. C. will prove very beneficial.

J. R. TACKETT.

O. W. U.

The past month has been an eventful one for Ohio Alpha. We have been favored by several visitors from other chapters, the committee on constitution held its meeting here, and last of all, our Annual Pan Hellenic Banquet was a grand success. The names of the visiting brothers will be found in Ohio Alpha's personals, and right here, we invite every Phi Psi, who is in this part of Ohio, to give us a chance to show them our hospitality.

The committee on constitution was called to order by Chairman Wilson, on the 4th of March, and labored night and day, so we may expect something concise and to the point. The committee visited our hall and expressed themselves as highly pleased with our arrangements for both work (billy goat) and pleasure. They attended chapel one evening, and Frank Monnett did us proud in response to a call for a speech from our president—"Let them come often and stay long."

At nine o'clock on Saturday evening, March 6th, eighty Greeks sat down to an excellent menu, prepared by our leading caterer. As usual, we left nothing undone, and having put the ebony tops in our pockets for our several festive goats, we were called to order by the toast master, Brother W. C. Davis, who proposed the following toasts: The College, A. L. Shellenbarger, X ♀; The Greek World, B. M. Allison, ♀ K ♀; Sorrores Fratrum, C. S. Manly, B Θ Π; Our Six Goats, May they All butt in Concert, J. A. Arnold, Δ T Δ; In Memoriam, A. E. Breece, ♀ Γ Δ; Fraternal Ties, H. V. Stevens, ♀ Δ Θ. Brothers Monnett, Wilson and Dun were called on and responded in a most happy manner. Between each toast, the Pan Hellenic glee club sang cheery college songs, some selections being encored. This club is composed of an octette and four guitar players, under the leadership of Brother E. M. Van Cleve. As I am one of the singers, I shall not say how fine the music was, but we intend to make a concert tour, this spring vacation, through southern Ohio. If you hear no more from me on

the Pan Hellenic glee club, you may infer that we found walking home a profitable employment. But, to return to the banquet, all say it was an entire success, and, as it was our third one, we consider Pan Hellenism an established thing in the O. W. U. After the banquet we serenaded several of the professors. Thus closed *the event* of our winter term.

The fraternities were somewhat surprised on the 9th of March to receive notices from B Θ Π stating that one of her number had been expelled. No cause was given or known for the action, and as the gentleman is a leading member of the Junior class, the students are on his side. In a letter to each fraternity he stated that he had not been legally expelled, and claims to belong to the B Θ Π fraternity still. On the next morning X Φ came out in colors for this same Junior, and now we await some new developments. Δ T Δ wore, for a week, with her own colors, the Rainbow colors, in honor of her recent union with the four chapters of W. W. W.

Our college has been somewhat broken up over the measles, but we have had quite a time in many ways. A few days before the 22d of February, a Bogus came out, bearing the significant title, "Rough on Rats." Its shots were directed toward a certain faction of the Junior class, which, as it claims, schemed horribly. As the shots went home, the Bogus created great excitement for the time. On the night of the 22d the Freshmen put out a Bogus on the Sophomores, but the Sophs. were too sharp for them, and only a few ever saw daylight. '89 and '88 had a slight rush, and here, too, '88 came out "on top." The 22d of February was celebrated by a parade of the battalion and battery, and orations by representatives of the upper classes. In the evening the battalion gave a fancy and prize drill, and an army supper in the chapel. The music was furnished by the Pan Hellenic glee club, and the prize was won by a *futurus esse* Phi Psi.

At present we are busy preparing for our examinations and our spring vacation. J. M. De Camp, '67, of Cincinnati, has consented to be our alumni delegate to the G. A. C. Our invitations to the G. A. C. are here, but only a few of the brothers will be able to accept.

Our chapter congratulates the managers of THE SHIELD on their noble work of the past year, and wishes them lasting success in their life work.

Delaware, O., March 20, 1886.

B. M. ALLISON.

SYRACUSE.

Although amid the cares and labors that immediately precede examination, we take this opportunity to congratulate THE SHIELD on its success and to record the wish of New York Beta that prosperity may attend all its future numbers. We consider our chapter to be in excellent condition. Our membership has increased and we are now a firmly united band of sixteen. Since our last communication, we have explained the mysteries of fraternity life to Brother George Byron Out, of Syracuse, a young man of

fine promise, and one who stands high among his associates at college and in the city. Among the classes, we have 4 seniors, 2 Juniors, 3 sophomores and 7 freshmen. We expect that Brothers Ball, Klock and Hagaman will be with us next year, thus giving us four men in '88 and nine in '89. Although less than two years of age the chapter is firmly established, and, with the twenty-nine that have been initiated and the material that is available for the future, we have made it apparent that we are here to stay. Brothers Cleveland and Lonergon have places on the program of Class Day, and we expect to have a good representation among the speakers at sophomore Ex. and at Commencement. Our initiates have shown true metal, both in college halls and at the class socials. As a result Brother Walrath is president and Brother Piper historian of the Freshman class. Our second anniversary occurs about the middle of April, and, if Alpha and Delta consent, we desire to hold the state banquet at that time. Brother Lonergon is to be our delegate to the G. A. C. and will go with a light heart and a heavy burden of instructions, since it has been a point, in our recent meetings, to discuss matters relating to the fraternity in general.

A few changes have recently been made in our college curriculum. Biology is to be required in the spring term of the sophomore year, and several hours of botany and zoology have been added to the junior electives. Better opportunities for physical culture have long been needed, but the students now have access to the fine gymnasium in the new building of the city Y. M. C. A. As the opportunities for practice are being improved, we expect that $\Phi \Psi$ will not be without honor at the annual field day.

Brother Brooks is pitcher and Brother Holzwarth third baseman of the University nine. Both have records and we have no fears regarding their ability on the diamond field. We regretted very much to lose Brother Howe, of '87, from our midst, but, owing to circumstances beyond his control, he will not be with us during the remainder of the year.

We have been very successful in the publication of the *Syracusan*, which is issued every three weeks by a board of editors elected from the chapters of $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ and $\Delta \Kappa \Xi$. Although pleasantly situated we intend soon to make decided improvements in the arranging and furnishing of our rooms, yet we are ready at any time to give a hearty welcome to any $\Phi \Psi$ s who may favor us with a visit. We have been so fortunate as to meet several of the boys from Hobart and would be pleased to receive a visit from Cornell. Reserving our excuses for the last, we will hope for charity on the ground of being a beginner in the art of chapter correspondence.

A. D. BARTHOLOMEW.

Fraternity Notes.

Out of twenty-three members in college last year, only five returned to keep up the fire on the altar of Delta Kappa Epsilon at Cornell.

Phi Delta Theta in the past two months has established chapters at Cornell University, New York, Williams College, Massachusetts, and the University of California.

Kappa Sigma is building up a northern wing. The latest addition is a chapter at the Maine State College, where they adopt a local society, K. K. F., giving it the name of Psi. They also have a chapter at Purdue, Ind.

The fraternities at the University of Nebraska are desirous that Kappa Alpha Theta should establish a chapter in that institution. They report that there is plenty of good material from which a chapter could be started.

The fraternities here of most importance, given in order according to their present strength, are $\Phi \kappa \Psi$, $\Delta \kappa \epsilon$, $\Sigma \chi$, $\Lambda \tau \Omega$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. After these their relative position is hard to trace.—*University of Virginia Correspondent in Chi Phi Quarterly*.

At the University of Wisconsin the fraternities refuse to take any part in the publication of the Annual under the auspices of the Junior class. The class refused to let the fraternities have control of the matter relating to themselves, hence this action.

The Zeta Psi *Quarterly* and the *Purple and Gold* of Chi Psi, are publishing historical sketches of leading American colleges somewhat similar to those in *THE SHIELD*. The last issue of the Zeta Psi *Quarterly* contains an excellent article on Harvard, illustrated.

The Psi Upsilon *Diamond*, after a brief career, devoted in great part to thanking the Lord that they are not as other people, has at last, so report has it, succumbed to the inevitable. No issue has been gotten out since May, 1885, according to the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly*, and the future seems to hold no promise.

Fraternity circles are considerably wrought up just now over the prospect of $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$ establishing a chapter here. Professors Allen and Freeman in the U. W., and Dr. Sheldon in the city, all alumni of the fraternity, are deeply interested in the work. But, inasmuch as there are already six fraternities established here, it is a matter of wonder that $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$ would listen to her new petitioners for a moment.—*University of Wisconsin Correspondent of Purple and Gold*.

By far the greatest number of students (though there are seven fraternities) are not members of any fraternity. There are several reasons for this, one of which is probably the opposition of President Bascom (himself a member of Beta Theta Pi) to all fraternities.—*Delta Upsilon Correspondent at University of Wisconsin.*

In the spring of the present year there was established at Lehigh an honorary society called the Tau Beta Pi, which is intended to be to the scientific student what Phi Beta Kappa is to the literary student. It is the intention of the founders to place chapters in the principal scientific schools of the country.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

Sigma Nu has entered Lehigh University with six men. There are at present in the institution chapters of Chi Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Kappa Sigma, Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Delta Upsilon and Sigma Nu, with Delta Tau Delta doubtful. Sigma Nu has also entered the University of Missouri with five charter members.

It is rumored that Alpha Delta Phi will establish a chapter at Lafayette College in the near future. The following are the fraternities represented at the present time: Delta Kappa Epsilon, established 1853; Zeta Psi, 1857; Theta Delta Chi, 1866; Sigma Chi, 1867; Phi Kappa Psi, 1869; Phi Delta Theta, 1873; Chi Phi, 1874; Delta Tau Delta, 1874; Phi Gamma Delta, 1883; and Delta Upsilon, 1885.

The fraternity circles here (Franklin and Marshall) were greatly surprised to hear the misfortune of the Tau chapter of the Delta Tau Delta. They stood well here, and were our only rivals. From the whisperings gathered, we are led to believe rather that they "bolted" the fraternity than that the general fraternity had any reason to take any such action as they did. Nevertheless, this will be a great advantage to us, leaving us without *no* worthy opposition.—*Chi Phi Correspondent.* Undoubtedly a fact, at least in grammar?

Zeta Psi is agitating the question of holding its conventions hereafter either in Boston, New York, Philadelphia or Cleveland. It seems that such a rule was adopted, but owing to some misunderstanding it was not made authoritative. At the present time the convention is held with the different chapters in succession, the members of the entertaining chapter paying all the expenses. "With doubtful propriety each endeavors to outdo its predecessor in the sumptuousness of its entertainment, and not infrequently impoverishes its elders and active members, not only for the time, but often for months thereafter, sometimes leaving debts which can only be liquidated by applying for aid to elders graduated years before." Under the rule now proposed five chapters instead of one would be made to bear the expense.

	'86.	'87.	'88.	'89.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi.....	5	2	5	3	15
Beta Theta Pi	5	5	2	4	14
Phi Gamma Delta.....	4	3	2	2	11
Delta Tau Delta.....	5	2	3	1	11
Phi Delta Theta.....	2	1	1	4	8
Chi Phi.....	0	3	1	2	6

Of "our friends, the enemy," Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, and Delta Tau Delta are strong and in fine condition, while Chi Phi and Phi Delta Theta, although having some good men, are in rather a weak condition.—*Beta Theta Pi Correspondent at Ohio Wesleyan.*

Phi Delta Theta, in following the phantom of northern extension, has neglected her southern interests, which are at this juncture clearly in the wane. The chapters at Randolph-Macon, Wofford and the V. M. I. are dead, the one at Richmond College is *in articulo mortis*, while the chapter at the South Carolina College is far inferior to most of the chapters at that institution. The chapters at Vanderbilt University, Emory College, and the University of Alabama constitute the backbone of Phi Delta Theta influence in the South, though even at the last-named institution the southern characteristic of Phi Delta Theta of preferring quantity to quality seems to prevail to too great an extent to give the chapter the influence it should wield. The other chapters are generally full ones, but heterogenous in composition and weak in local influence.—*Kappa Alpha Journal.*

Prof. H. H. Boyesen, Chi '68, contributes "The Romance of a Peer" to the *Independent* of May 21st.

Goldwin Smith, Chi '45, appears in the *May Harper's* with a strong article, "Organization of Democracy."—*Psi Upsilon Diamond.*

Now, according to the *Cornellian*, the Chi Chapter of Psi Upsilon was established at Cornell University in 1876, and it seems strange that Prof. Boyesen should have been a member of that chapter in 1868, more especially as he was never a student at Cornell. All this seems a little odd to the reader, but how trifling does it become when we consider that Goldwin Smith, Chi '45, not only was a member of Psi U. at Cornell *thirty-one* years before that society was established there, but also accomplished the marvelous feat of being a student at the University nearly *twenty* years before the institution was founded. This will not, however, surprise those of us who recollect that the distinguished Homer, author of those interesting works, the "Iliad" and "Odyssey," was graduated from Chi chapter of Psi U. in the 834 B. C. delegation.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

Incidents and Accidents.

MY LOVE.

Her face lights up with happy smile
As I come near her,
Her thoughts, I know, are free from gulle
And in her heart dwells ne'er a wile;
No need to fear her.

My arms enfold her, sweet and fair,
(Full oft I've kissed her).
While o'er my shoulder falls her hair
In golden ringlets, rich and rare—
My baby sister.

SOLON T. GILMORE

JOHN CHINAMAN, MY JO.

John Chinaman, my jo, John,
When we were first acquaint,
Your locks were like the raven,
But now, old boy, they ain't.
The Micks have snatched you bald, John,
It fills my heart with woe,
But pack your kit, you daft spalpeen,
By Gorra, you've got to go!

John Chinaman, my jo, John,
When first I knew your face,
You ambled quietly along
With quaint Mongolian grace
But now you plank your nickles down
And chew the navy plug,
And deftly sport a long cigar
Athwart your ugly mug.

John Chinaman, my jo, John
When we were first acquaint,
You were the home-bred article,
Without the Melican taint.
But now you tackle whiskey stralght,
And take to lager beer,
You've lost your queue and morals too,
John Chinaman, I fear!

John Chinaman, my jo, John,
You may do well in Pekin,
But America's no place for you,
I guess you'll have to weaken,
We want no Sam Wah Lees,
For washee men nor neighbors,
So git up and dust, you son of a gun,
You've got to go, Be Jabers!

THE KANSAS ROSE.

A rose there is in the west country,
The fairest everseen.
But there's not a rose in all the west
With thorns half so keen.
There's not a rose in the west country,
With colors half so bright,
There's not a rose in all the west
That swings o'er the ground so light.
There's not a rose in the west country,
That's half so trim and neat.
There's not a rose in all the west,
With foot so fairy fleet.
There's not a rose in East or West,
That grows in vale nor field,
That's half so fair, or half so rare,
As the rose with the Phi Kap shield.

A CHRISTMAS JINGLE.

On hearing the jingle of Christmas bells.
Jingle, jingle, little bell,
I am single, little belle,
Though you jingle to beat the dlekens,
I'll still be single, little belle.

LITTLE PILGRIM.

Sweet little pilgrim, dost thou see
How sweet and fair the roses be?
Not half so fair as thy own bright face,
Not half so sweet as thy gentle grace.

Gay little pilgrim, can'st thou say
How hearts are lost and won in play?
O, well thou knowest, but will not tell,
Lest lost be thy own magic spell.

Demure little pilgrim, tell thy friend
If broken hearts thy art can mend?
Ah, thy arrows speed well shot,
No healing skill is thine I wot.

Brave little pilgrim, let us know,
Fearest thou then no archer's throw?
So! Thy heart was lost so long ago
That flowers in bloom o'er the memory grow!

True little pilgrim, keep good cheer,
No cause for sorrow, none for fear.
To the heart where flowers in bloom have grown,
The knight will come to claim his own.

So little pilgrim bend thy bow,
Fly thy arrows high and low.
Hearts that hardest by thee are struck,
Must, like thine own, just trust to luck!

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Fraternity Life at University of Michigan.

To perfectly understand the peculiar significance of the fraternities as factors in college life here, we must understand the construction of the student body in general—the various forces that tend to bind it together and drive it asunder. In most smaller colleges the two forces that tend most strongly to unite the students are the class distinctions and the literary societies. But in the University of Michigan, owing to the larger number of students and the wide extension of the elective system, class distinctions have been for a long time practically abolished, except at the beginning of the Freshman and the end of the Senior years. The influence that has gradually undermined the strength of the literary societies has arisen, indirectly, from the same causes. Owing, again, to the large number of students and the large number of courses that are offered under the elective system, the student is compelled to select and pursue certain lines of study, and this fact in turn has given rise to, or at least made possible the existence of a large number of special societies, whose purpose is to give encouragement to students who are interested in any particular line of study; such, for instance, as the scientific, the engineering, philological, philosophical and political science associations. As would naturally be supposed, the special societies have to a large extent superseded the more general literary societies, and so have weakened their power as a means of uniting the students. If we add to the large number of special societies the equally large number of associations and clubs, such for instance as the chess club and the dramatic club, the lecture association, the various musical societies and athletic association, we can form some idea of the complicated net-work of interests by which the student body is united. To understand the workings of this complicated net-work of societies, we must think of the student body as a chemical compound; what it is is the result of the delicate balance and the nice adjustment of the various interests and affinities among

the different elements that make it up. Now the way in which this fact affects college politics is this: Each society tends to form the nucleus of a clique; other things being equal, a man will vote for the candidate who belongs to the same association, has the same interests and tastes as himself. Each society *tends*—though in the majority of cases this tendency is scarcely perceptible—to become a political power just in so far as the community of interest and taste is strong enough to unite its members. But in the case of the fraternity, when the organization is almost complete, and when the community of interest and of taste far transcends that of any of the other associations, the union is so complete that each fraternity practically acts as a unit. In this way they can wield an influence that far exceeds their apparent numerical strength.

Now, although each fraternity has a rival and an opponent in every other, still they all recognize one common enemy in the independent—the “barb.” Against the common enemy they have united from time immemorial, and thus, owing to their more complete organization, they have generally been able to control the elections. The way in which it is managed is this: in case of the regularly recurring officers like the editorship of the college papers, the office generally passes round in turn to the different fraternities, although this rule is modified to a considerable extent by the ability of the individual men. But in case of some special office, as for instance the presidency of the Senior class, a caucus is generally called at one of the frat. houses, to which each frat. sends a delegate. In this caucus it is settled who shall be the candidate of the societies. Gradually, year by year, owing to these causes, the influence of the fraternities increases.

If at any time a new society is founded, it is generally formed with reference to the fraternities. The reason is this, just so soon as one or two frats. have men in any association, the Glee Club or the Tennis Association, owing to the jealousy that exists among the different frats., every other frat. wishes to have a delegate in that association also; and then the frats. set themselves to work to crowd out the independents until the whole thing becomes a frat. matter. The “Junior Hop,” which, by the way, I have always imagined was a relic of the old “Junior Exhibition,” was once a class matter, but though still called the Junior Hop, it is now entirely and professedly a fraternity hop. This feeling of mutual antagonism and dependence among the fraternities has curiously affected their social relations. Every fraternity man feels a great deal of respect, if not friendship, for every other. The natural antagonism is partially overcome by the community of interest that exists between them. All business between them, like the business between friendly nations, is transacted with a great deal of formal courtesy, by ambassadors. Everything is carried on according to custom and by mutual understanding. There are hereditary enmities and hereditary friendships. For instance, several years ago there was a split on the college papers: the Alpha Deltas, the Psi Us, the Delta Taus,

and the Phi Kaps, seceded and founded a new paper, *The Argonaut*. This organization is characteristic. Its constitution contains a compromise between the Independents and Frats., according to which, only a certain number of fraternity men shall be elected editors at one time. Nothing is said with regard to the fraternities, but it is understood that each fraternity shall have one editor upon the paper so long as it continues to support that paper.

In this way there has grown up a mass of inter-fraternity law and custom, which, though scarcely ever alluded to, still is held sacred and inviolable. But there is one influence that has contributed largely to the change that has taken place in the fraternities, and that is the fraternity house.

This house is something more than a club-room — it is a home. It is here they eat and sleep; here they give their parties and hold their receptions. This house is the all important matter to the fraternity. It is this that gives the society its social standing; it is the personification of the dignity and importance of the frat. It is this, too, that gives permanence to the fraternity; about it cling all the myths and stories that join the present to the past; it is the fitting symbol of the fraternity that lives and develops apart from the individual members that happen to compose it. But in order to maintain the dignity of this house it is necessary to have a large number of members. This tends, also, to give increased dignity and significance to the fraternity. A large, well-organized fraternity can do a great many things that it would be impossible for a smaller and weaker fraternity to do. The possession of a large house affords an opportunity for giving large and extensive parties, or for the reception and entertainment of eminent men who visit the college. All this creates in the member of the fraternity a greater respect and devotion to the fraternity, apart from the individual members that compose it. He feels more his importance as a member of the fraternity: he can be more self-devoted to a fraternity that is permanent.

One would naturally suppose that the effect of the increase in the number of men would be to loosen all the fraternity bonds and make the fraternity merely a great social or political machine, and such indeed I suppose would be the effect if it were not for the fact that the constant association in the house tends to unite the fraternity much more firmly than anything else possibly could. But the character of the fraternity is also modified in another way in consequence of the large number of special societies and associations. In each one of these there is an opportunity for every man to win honor for himself and his fraternity by the exercise of his peculiar talent. As a result, the fraternities no longer select men for mere good fellowship alone, but with reference to the promise that he gives of excelling in any one of these lines. A fraternity always shuns the reputation of excelling in only one thing, and strives rather to keep the

balance between them all. And thus whatever society or association a fraternity man may join, he feels that he is the especial representative of his chapter. And thus, as the fraternity grows in dignity and importance, the individual member feels more and more his responsibility as a member of that fraternity; feels more and more the significance of the fact that as he honors himself he honors the fraternity.

But great as have been the changes wrought in the general character of the fraternities, there has been a still more marked change in the effect that the fraternities have upon the individual members. The more intimate association of members in the house, the practical exclusion from intimate association with students outside of their own fraternity, has tended to unite, as it were, to fuse together the various elements into an whole. The effect has been to give an individual and distinct character to the fraternity, and to stamp this character in some form upon each individual member. It is impossible that men, young men whose characters are as yet not completely formed, should be bound together in constant association without mutually impressing and being impressed by each other. This has tended to give a completeness and many-sidedness to their characters; it has also tended to counteract that tendency of all college life to make cranks and onesided men, by making them men of the world. The university, is in fact, a microcosm, and the fraternities make every man play his part.

I think we can say in general, that the growth of the fraternities here has been in the direction of increased dignity and importance, and at the same time of closer union and greater strength and permanence.

It might seem that this increased importance had been gained at the expense of the college in general, and that the effect would be to arouse the resistance of the independents and of the faculty. But in the first place, we must remember that this increase of power has been very gradual, that in fact it has been a growth so subtle that very few persons have noticed it.

And on the other hand, independents as well as the faculty, have every reason to congratulate themselves, rather than deplore, the increasing importance of the fraternities in college life. In the case of the independents there is no reason to complain, since, as regards the college papers, the number of society men who can occupy places upon it, at any one time, is limited by the constitution of the association, as well as by the fact that the paper must depend, to a large extent, upon the patronage of the independents for its support, who could easily punish any attempt at the exercise of arbitrary power by a refusal to support the paper, while in the case of the "Junior Hop" the expenses are paid by a per capita tax upon the different members of the fraternity, which tax does not include the price of admission to the floor. And again, the fact that a fraternity is bound by tradition to

the support of any association, gives that association a permanence and an assurance of continued support that it could not otherwise obtain.

But the faculty also favor the societies, from the fact that in this way they have a hold upon the student body that they could obtain in no other way. The president receives numerous letters from solicitous parents all over the country with regard to the character of certain fraternities. By giving a fraternity a bad name, he has power to do it a material injury. Such a power is of no small advantage in maintaining a high standard of studentship and morals among that portion of the students who belong to the fraternities.

While the fact that those fraternities, which might be classed as "drinking fraternities," have in late years been gradually losing their prestige, would seem to indicate that a good reputation cannot well be despised.

In general, then the influences which have modified the character of the fraternities here have been two—the growth of the University and the fraternity house. The former has tended to give more universality to the fraternities, to make them comprehend all the interests of college life, while the latter has united these differences and given a distinctive character to the fraternities. To such an extent is this true, that it is almost possible to distinguish a $\Psi \Upsilon$, or $\Delta \Kappa \text{ E}$, by the cut of his coat or the height of his collar. The former has increased the numbers, importance and dignity of the fraternities, although, if we are to judge from the examples that Yale and Harvard afford us, the effect of this influence alone would have been to loosen all fraternity bonds and degrade the fraternity into a mere club or association, as is the case with the $\Delta \Delta \Psi$ at Harvard and with the $\Psi \Upsilon$ at Yale; while the latter influence, the fraternity house, has given more internal strength and permanence and welded together the members into an organization so complete that it can practically act as unit.

On the whole, I think we may safely say, that the development of the fraternity system has been for the advantage of the University, the fraternities and the individual members of those fraternities.

ROBT. E. PARK.

Mississippi Alpha.

On Saturday evening, March the 26, 1881, five young men might have been seen to enter the Mackey House, on Depot street, in the little city of Oxford, Mississippi. The outside looker on had little idea what carried them there, nor was there but one outside of their own number, who knew their design in going to the hotel. That person was Brother W. D. Howze, of Hernando, Mississippi, whose presence it was that had brought them together, and who had come duly deputized for re-organizing Mississippi Alpha chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. The fraternity had established a chapter at the University of Mississippi in *ante-bellum* days, but with the advent of war, like many other Southern institutions, it was swept away, and on the return of peace, owing to the depressed condition of the country, it was never revived. Some time previous to the above date, an extension breeze had swept over the fraternity, and it had taken steps towards re-organizing its defunct chapters. By a singular coincidence Brothers W. B. Howze, of Hernando, and William Price, of Winston county, had each, without the knowledge of the other, opened a correspondence with acquaintances at the University relative to re-organizing the chapter, and we had the anomaly of two sets of students at the same institution expecting a charter from the same fraternity at the same time. However, the petition of L. J. Farley, W. T. Rush, W. J. East, R. W. Gray and Jno. F. Park reached the G. C. first, and was acted upon and a charter granted. For reasons best known to its members, the new chapter chose to remain *sub-rosa* for a time, and it was not until some time in May that we threw off our disguise and made ourselves known to the world. Although it was late in the session, and almost all the available material had been selected by rival fraternities, of which there were seven, we succeeded in capturing R. F. Greer, W. D. Waugh, A. B. C. Taylor and Charles Caffall, than whom there were no finer boys in college. This completed the work of the session. The sessions of '82 and '83 were attended with marked success, and Phi Kappa Psi grew in favor and popularity in the University of Mississippi; and at the close of the session in June, '83, it stood on a par with the oldest fraternities in college.

The writer was a member of the graduating class of '83, since which time he has not kept up with the workings of the chapter very well, but an occasional letter from the boys informs him that Mississippi Alpha still maintains her high position among the fraternities there and gains strength with age.

A few words with regard to the charter members and I am done. W. T. Rush graduated in the Literary Department in June, '82, returned in the fall and took a course in law, was elected sheriff of his county in the fall of '83, and was filling the position with credit when I last heard from him—about one year ago. L. J. Farley graduated with second honor in June, '84, and when last heard from was teaching at Plum Point, Mississippi, and reading law. W. J. East is making a reputation as a lawyer at Longtown, Mississippi. R. W. Gray, when I heard from him last, was teaching in Comanche county, Texas. As for myself, the tale is soon told. I was a member of the class of '83, and since leaving college have been engaged in teaching, and am now acting as pedagogue to the good people of this place, devoting my spare moments to Blackstone, Kent and other legal writers.

I have thus, at the instance of the editor-in-chief of *THE SHIELD*, given an imperfect sketch of Mississippi Alpha, leaving the details to others, who I hope may be induced by this to enter into the minutiae of its history.

JNO. FRANKLIN PARK.

El Paso, Arkansas, March 22, 1886.

The Indianapolis Council.

No confidence is violated by saying that the Grand Arch Council, which met at Indianapolis April 7, 8, and 9, in this year of our Lord 1886, was the most important and most successful convention Phi Kappa Psi has ever held. Certainly this has been said of each for thirty-four years, but for once it is true. The arrangements by the Indiana boys were perfect, the Bates proved a noble hostelry, and the Elks Hall, just across the street, was a very commodious and appropriate assembly room. The city was crowded with Greeks of other tribes, who came to the Phi Delta Theta Province Convention, and to the Indiana State Oratorical Contest.

One of the pleasant features of this G. A. C. was the presence of an under-graduate delegate from California Alpha, the first that has ever come from the Pacific coast to attend the national convention of any Greek fraternity. The Kansas Alpha delegation also included an alumnus, who came from California to attend the Council. South Carolina Alpha was represented by a student for the first time since 1868. Minnesota Alpha and Iowa Alpha sent delegates for the first time—the latter one of the new and happily one of the old boys. The mother chapters, Pennsylvania Alpha and Virginia Alpha, and the last Grand Chapters, Ohio Alpha, D. C. Alpha, Pennsylvania Zeta, Theta and Epsilon were all on hand. None of the Indiana under-graduates missed the fun. The Old Guard, because the convention was held in the far West, sent a smaller delegation than usual, but a large number of the younger alumni were present.

Tuesday saw a majority of the boys at the Bates, and the evening was passed in getting acquainted under the guide of the hospitable Hoosiers. Promptly at 10 A. M., on Wednesday, the Convention met with Shafer, of the Grand Chapter, in the chair, and the day was spent in effecting a permanent organization, appointing committees and attending to general business. THE SHIELD was complimented by the election of its editor-in-chief as S. W. G. P., but he felt that he should be on the floor, and declined, naming Gerry C. Mars, of Illinois Alpha, who was elected and made an excellent presiding officer. Halstead, of Michigan Alpha, was made S. W. P.; Frank C. Thompson, '84, of Kansas Alpha, S. W. A. G.; Will Keifer, of Ohio Delta, S. W. B. G.; Needham, of California Alpha, S. W. S. G.; Blakeney, of South Carolina Alpha, S. W. Ph.; Merritt, of New York Alpha, S. W. H., and Rev. John Baltzley, of Ohio Beta, Chaplain. The officers all did their work well.

The major portion of Thursday and Friday was devoted to the report

of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, who were represented by Wilson, Dunn, and Van Cleve. Gilmore, of Kansas Alpha, made a first-class chairman of the Committee of the Whole. The report on constitution was an admirable one. It showed that the committee was not only well qualified for its work, but had given it careful attention. A sweeping change was made in the whole constitution. The fraternity was divided into four provinces, and the Grand Chapter will be succeeded by an Executive Council of nine, five alumni and one under-graduate from each province. Each province will have an Archon of its own. *THE SHIELD*, which will remain in the hands of Kansas Alpha for another year, will then be controlled by the Executive Council. On motion of the present editor of *THE SHIELD*, Chas. L. Van Cleve, formerly editor of the magazine, was elected as editor, from April, 1887, to April, 1888, for the year following Kansas Alpha's term. Governor Foraker was elected President of the Fraternity, W. C. Wilson, '80, a graduate of Alleghany, and now a Cleveland lawyer, was chosen Secretary, and Geo. W. Dunn, of Ohio State University and at present an official in Ohio Treasury Department, was made Treasurer. Edgar F. Smith, a graduate of Pennsylvania College, founder of Pennsylvania Iota and of *THE SHIELD*, now Professor of Chemistry at Wittenberg, and Rev. Geo. D. Gotwald, of Salina, Kansas, W. G. P. of the Grand Chapter from '81 to '85, are the other alumni members of the Council. F. H. Shaw, of Pennsylvania Beta, Jas. Ingle, of Virginia Alpha, W. J. McCormick, of Indiana Beta, and Fred. B. Hollenbeck, of Michigan Alpha, are the under-graduate members. The initiation of preparatory students is forbidden by the new constitution, this clause being carried by a practically unanimous vote. The new constitution will go into effect July 1, 1886, until which time the Grand Chapter will remain with Pennsylvania Epsilon.

All petitioners were refused charters. The Historiographers reported through the editor of *THE SHIELD*. The report of *THE SHIELD* showed the magazine to be in excellent financial condition, and with a constantly increasing list of subscribers. A motion to continue in the hands of Kansas Alpha for another year was carried unanimously. Smart, Wilson, McLennan and Eckles, of the Grand Catalogue Committee, were present, and held several meetings. Their report was a very encouraging one, and such official action was taken as insures them proper financial support and will assure us a faultless Grand Catalogue. Other details will be found in the official reports to the chapters. An immense amount of business was transacted in a very efficient manner.

The delegates had a royal time in the city. On Thursday evening the delegates attended the Indiana State Oratorical Contest, won by a DePauw man with an oration on "The Problem of Our Great Cities." The second honor was taken by a lady. Brother C. E. Sims was the orator from Indiana University. However, two local contests were held there, and a contesting

orator appeared. Brother Sims challenged him to a contest to decide the matter, but he feared to so settle it. The State Association, by a vote of thirteen to ten, declared Mr. Sims to be the legally chosen orator, but the contestant appeared on the platform, his somewhat tumultuous friends appeared in the audience, so did the friends of Brother Sims, "Rome howled," and Indiana University went,

"Unwept, unhonored and unsung."

I was informed by those who ought to know, that if Brother Sims had spoken, as was his right, the contest might have resulted differently.

The G. A. C. concluded with a grand banquet at the Bates on Friday night. Congressman Calkins, late Republican candidate for Governor of Indiana, was Toast Master. His kindly tact and genial good humor added much to the pleasure of the evening. Brother Calkins is just the man to sit at the head of a Phi Kap table. May his own board always be as jovial as he made ours. The Welcome Address was delivered by Hon. William Taylor, of Indiana Beta, now City Attorney of Indianapolis and partner of Congressman Peele. His speech was probably the wittiest and most humorous of the evening. As City Attorney he promised the boys immunity from inquisitive police and officious police judge. As a Hoosier he declared Indiana to be built and inhabited by men from every State, and said all would find themselves at home in the Hoosier land. His welcome was a most hearty and eloquent one, and put every one at ease. The response was by Hon. John L. Griffiths, an Indianapolis lawyer, said to be the finest after dinner speaker in Indiana. His speech was "redolent of the fragrance of the half-forgotten roses of a generation ago, when I parted with my comrades of that little Iowa Alpha." It was eloquent and beautiful. Only those who heard it could appreciate the memories of ye olden time, invoked by this stray son of Iowa Alpha, who, for the first time in ten years, stood face to face with the brothers of $\Phi K \Psi$. It was in many respects the jewel of the evening, and the Committee on Arrangements are to be congratulated on their discovery of this wandering Hawkeye $\Phi \Psi$.

Fred. B. Hollenbeck, of Michigan Alpha, spoke in response to "Phi Kappa Psi," calling attention to the necessity imposed on each one present of going home and putting forth his best efforts to secure the success of the new constitution. E. C. Shafer, W. G. P., responded to "The G. C.," telling, in a very interesting way, its history at Pennsylvania Epsilon, giving some good advice and thanking the fraternity for complimentary resolutions. "THE SHIELD" was responded to by Ed. C. Little, the editor-in-chief, who, in behalf of Kansas Alpha, thanked $\Phi K \Psi$ for kindly assistance for the past year and generous confidence for the year to come, pledging the chapter to its best efforts for THE SHIELD, for

"The land that loves it guards its rest,
'The West, the West, the rowdy West."

The Hon. R. J. Murray, known throughout the length and breadth of

Phi Kappa Psi, responded in a very happy little speech to the "Alumni." I wish I could print his speech in full. The toasts were, I believe, all impromptu. Letters of regret from Brothers Foraker, Burdette and others were read.

The oration was by Hon. Ed. E. Hendee, of Warsaw, Indiana, a graduate of De Pauw. He has a fine voice and a very easy manner. His delivery is excellent, his oration was polished, scholarly and appropriate. It will be published in full in the next SHIELD, so the reader may judge of its merits for himself. The poem, somewhat hastily prepared, was by Harvey M. Watts, '86, editor-in-chief of *The Lafayette*, down at Easton. It was full of neat hits, and was much enjoyed by all. If space and chirography permitted, I should print it all, but can only extract:

As Apollo twitched my ear
And bade me now of pleasure sing,
His counsel I will e'er revere,
So now I soar on lofty wing.
Excuse the rest, as me you follow,
And if there's blame, why blame Apollo.
For this banquet I really must, some music invoke,
I ought to have several Apollos bespoke,
And have sent for a case of Pierian liquor,
To make the rhymes and the rythm come quicker.
* * * * * Such wit,
Such physiqes, such forms and divil a bit
Have I seen or heard of a chapter you know
That wasn't the biggest squash in the whole row.
* * * * *
We meet here to-night, all lavender and pink,
A great combination you all seem to think.
So modest, so delicate, the tints I would say,
Are emblems of mildness, which here holds its sway,
For we, when about, ne'er paint the town red,
But paint it pale pink and the other instead.

The next Grand Arch Council will meet in Washington, D. C., in April, 1888. The Southern Φ Ψ s were especially anxious that such arrangement be made, and the famous hospitality of the Washington boys assures us a fine time. Province conventions will be held next April at Harrisburg, Pa., Charlottesville, Va., Delaware, O., and Chicago, Ills. The Indianapolis Convention was a success in every respect, and marks the beginning of an era of prosperity which must come from an enthusiastic fraternity under a proper government.

Iowa Chapters and Alumni.

Commodore P. Rogers, Ohio Alpha, '65, entered the State University some time in '66, and within a year established a rival for the chapter of B Θ Π, founded shortly before. From the date of this organization the Phi Psis enjoyed exceptional success, their membership being composed of the elite of the school.

In 1878 the chapter voluntarily gave up its charter through lack of interest—the same cause similarly affecting the Betas. The Φ Ξ honor roll was flattering. C. A. Eggert and L. N. Fellows have been professors in the University for nearly eighteen years. C. A. White has been a professor and author, and is now in charge of government geological surveys in South America.

Nathan W. Macey and John J. Campbell were class valedictorians in Collegiate and Law Departments. Rogers, Seerley, Hiatt and Brainerd have been well known in educational circles of Iowa. Warne is president of an Independence bank, Swisher cashier of a bank at Iowa City, J. J. Campbell is a member of the Colorado Legislature, B. F. Harrington is county judge in Colorado, E. A. Cowgill is professor of chemistry at the Kansas State Agricultural College, and by no means the least, Joseph C. Helm is the supreme judge of Colorado. Skiff, '85, is Principal of the schools at Union. The reorganized chapter, during a year's existence, has taken two first prizes in class declamation and a class presidency, and the prospects for its future are bright.

Iowa Gamma, at Mt. Vernon, was the outgrowth of Iowa Alpha's early zeal, but existed only two years, surrendering its charter at the demand of the faculty. Of its members Jas. E. Harlan is now one of the aforesaid faculty, and J. W. Akers is State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Iowa Delta was established at Simpson College, Indianola, in '82, gaining a charter only by strenuous efforts. Martin, '85, and Wright, '86, have each been its representatives in the State Contests, each taking third honors. At present the chapter consists of twenty members, while the rival chapters of Δ T Δ and Α T Ω have about a dozen between them.

Other Phi Psis throughout the State are the Presidents of Simpson, Parson and Coe Colleges. Hon. S. H. Fairall has been a member of the Legislature several times. Des Moines is the home of Geo. M. Hippee, banker, Dr. Eschback, Dr. Brubaker, Chas. Benson and C. F. Clarkson, Jr., an Iowa Alpha boy of great promise, and of others whom I do not recall.

Of other fraternities B Θ Π has chapters at the University and Wesleyan, Δ T Δ at the University, Simpson and Agricultural, Φ Δ Θ at the University and Wesleyan, and Σ X at the University. A T Ω has a recently founded chapter at Simpson. K K Γ, Π B Φ, K A Θ and P E O are the ladies' fraternities represented. There are no chapter houses in the State.

H. M. NORTH.

Council Accidents.

"Come to India(na 's groves,
Where the gentle Zo-Zo roves,"

Sims! Sims! Sims!

Fessler! Fessler! Fessler!

Ballard was the orator of the day.

"Are those flowers for me?"—H. M. W.

McLennan represented the *Inter-Ocean*.

The debate between Neff and Mars was interesting.

Quite a number attended the gay and festive Zo Zo.

Indiana Gamma came in a body, led by Tom Wilson.

The Grand Catalogue Committee were all present, except Gage.

Hollenbeck, Little and McFadden were Committee on Orator and Poet.

The newspaper reports were by E. M. Van Cleve, and were admirably done.

D. L. Auld had a neat sample case of his Φ K Ψ jewelry on exhibition under Payne's care.

The First Province contains eleven chapters, the Second seven, the Third seven, and the Fourth eleven.

The picture was taken on Friday afternoon, and about eighty were present. Tom Weddell was Generalissimo.

Secretary Wilson informs us the copies of the new Constitution will be ready for distribution when school opens next fall.

It is rumored that Geo. B. Baker will be Archon of Province 3, and that the Archon of Province 4, will come from Wisconsin Alpha.

The Committee on Members of Executive Council consisted of Pease, DeCamp, Hollenbeck, Little and Shaw. Their report was adopted without any change.

A letter from Harry A. McFadden, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., and a member of the Committee on Orator and Poet for the next G. A. C., informs us that Robert J. Burdette—Our Bob—will write and read the Poem at Washington in '88. "Cross my heart I will." A telegram from Governor Foraker informed the Committee that he would deliver the Oration.

The New York $\Phi \Psi$ s were so well pleased with the G. A. C. that they went home and arranged for "The First Annual Banquet of the New York Chapters of $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$," at the Globe Hotel in Syracuse, May 7, 1886. Eldridge, of Syracuse, Gray, of Cornell, and Mowry, of Hobart, are the committee in charge. The invitations are elegant, and the editor of *THE SHIELD* sends greeting and regrets his enforced absence.

FAMOUS DELEGATES.

Watts is Editor-in-Chief of the *Lafayette*. Ingle is President of the Y. M. C. A., at U of Virginia. Ehrenfield was Orator for Wooster in the State Contest. Mars won the Kirk Oratorical last year—\$100 in Gold. Hollenbeck is an Editor of the *Palladium*. McCormick is Editor-in-Chief of the *Indiana Student*, Gilmore of the *University Review*.

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HOMEWARD.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—A little space please. Of course I was delighted with the G. A. C., enthused as it were; the earnestness, the ability and the admirable and manly type of collegians there represented were worth seeing. After all was over and the numerous hand-shaking ordeals were past, Brother McFadden and I were guests of the Ohio Gamma chapter represented in Brother Siegenthaler and Brother Kemper. Now I do not wish to intrude personal matters on the readers of *THE SHIELD*, but it seemed to me as if this transcended that and was an exponent, a practical example of that true Phi Psi spirit. To speak of the pleasantries in detail would be useless, however, Brother McFadden and I felt that it is only justice to publicly express our obligation. The chapter is quite flourishing and has a beautiful room for the meetings.

H. M. WATTS.

Below is an incomplete list those present at the G. A. C.

NEW YORK ALPHA.
Earnest G. Merritt,
John W. Taylor,
M. C. W. Wheeler.

NEW YORK BETA.
C. A. Lonergan.

PENN. ALPHA.
J. W. Lazear.

PENNA. BETA.
W. C. Wilson,
F. H. Shaw.

PENNA. EPSILON.
Edward C. Shafer.

PENNA. ZETA.
W. A. Eckles.

PENNA. THETA.
H. A. McFadden,
H. M. Watts.

D. C. ALPHA.
Harry W. Smith,
Fred. Dodge,
Jesse E. Christy.

D. C. BETA.
R. J. Murray.

VIRGINIA ALPHA.
Jas. A. Ingle.

S. C. ALPHA.
W. S. Blakeney

OHIO ALPHA.
Jas. M. DeCamp,
C. L. Van Cleve,
H. L. Runkle,
E. M. VanCleve.

OHIO BETA.
Chas. H. Ehrenfeld,
Will H. Manns,
Rev. J. B. Baltzly,
Fred. Gotwald,
Will Phelps,
Morris Harris.

OHIO GAMMA.
U. S. G. Johnson,
Parke E. Kemper.

OHIO DELTA.
Geo. W. Dunn,
Geo. Smart,
Will A. Keifer,
Holbert Payne.

INDIANA ALPHA.
Hon. W. H. Calkins,
H. C. Allen,
Edgar E. Hendee,
C. R. Cameron,
J. M. Cassell,
E. T. Carson,
Chas. W. Farr,
C. A. Hough,
W. A. Hough,
E. G. Jaques,
Lew B. Lesh,
C. K. McIntosh,
Chas. H. Neff,
David H. Reavil,
Dong T. Smith,
Jesse Vermillion,

Wilbert Wend,
E. E. Ballard,
Hugo W. Nixon,
Thos. W. Hammond,
Elvoir P. Thayer,
Thas. W. Thompson,
Geo. B. Baker.

INDIANA BETA.
W. J. McCormick,
J. C. Fitch,
C. E. Sims,
C. L. Hooper,
W. J. Fee,
Tom D. Long,
L. Van Buskirk,
Will H. Robinson,
Will E. Golden,
Frank T. Brodix,
W. A. Mussett,
E. S. Monroe,
J. R. Mutz,
P. R. Buskirk,
Dr. Sam Smith,
Hon. W. L. Taylor,
Will Adams,
A. B. Burnett,
Frank Fetter.

INDIANA GAMMA.
T. S. Wilson,
A. W. Knight,
S. B. Thomas,
J. M. Butler,
J. F. Lawrence,
W. H. Dox.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.
G. C. Mars,
S. P. Edmonson,
F. J. Campbell,
W. E. McLennan.

ILLINOIS BETA.
Thomas R. Weddell,
Lincoln M. Coy.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.
F. C. Cole,
Joseph Halstead,
Fred B. Hollenbeck,
Clarence G. Campbell.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.
L. S. Pease,
Geo. C. Main.

WISCONSIN BETA.
L. M. Crow,
Geo. L. Hendrickson.

MINNESOTA ALPHA,
Chas. L. Stewart.

IOWA ALPHA.
John L. Griffiths,
Chas. Joy.

KANSAS ALPHA.
E. C. Little,
Frank C. Thompson,
Solon T. Gilmore,
W. W. Douglas.

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THE SHIELD is satisfied.

THE proverbial hospitality of the Washington Phi Psis gives all assurance of a magnificent reception at the Council of 1888. In the capitol city, near the ocean, there cannot fail to be a great gathering of Phi Kappa Psi. Governor Foraker, the Orator, and Robert Burdette, the Poet, have signified their willingness to be present and fill the positions assigned them. We anticipate a royal time.

THE Indianapolis Council was a credit to the Hoosier boys and to Phi Kappa Psi. We shall not soon forget the busy scenes of a real working convention, the quiet pleasure of the oratorical contest, and the modest cheerfulness of the festive Zo Zo. The delegates are to be congratulated on the thorough manner in which business was disposed of. In after years we shall remember with pride that we attended a convention which did so much for $\Phi K \Psi$. To the Indiana Phi Kaps we owe our warmest thanks for good cheer, good—well, everything was fine. May they enjoy life as much as we enjoyed our visit with them.

OUR new Constitution is probably nearer faultless than that of any other fraternity, because it is the product of the ripest Greek experience and was formulated by men whose legal ability fitted them for the task. Happily for Phi Kappa Psi the Committee on Constitution have built for us a magnificent edifice. We can ask for nothing more as to system. It only remains to see that all its provisions are faithfully and intelligently executed. After all it is the man rather than the system. A system is but a theory. A man is a fact. Live, gentlemen, by the letter of the law. But it is with a touch of sorrow that we, of the Alumni, dethrone our old master—the old Constitution. But since it is so—The King is dead—Long live the King! Rattle a clod or two down on his coffin, shove his boat out into the Styx, give him a *bon voyage*, comrade, and turning with the tears still in our eyes greet the advent of this youthful autocrat with joyous acclamations.

CHAPTER MEETINGS.

A chapter without a hall is like a home without a mother—like Hamlet's play with Hamlet left out. There need be no expensive luxuries. Get matting for the floor, a table for the officers and a dozen chairs, a stove and a shovel—behold, gentlemen, it is done. Nor need you rent the finest hall in the city; any neat, convenient little room will do to begin with. Don't tramp, don't sponge; just secure a little room of your own, fit it up with economy and meet every week. The character of your meetings will depend entirely on the character of your men. All business should be attended to with the strictest decorum. Business is business, whether conducted by boys or men. So, my bretheren, don't make an exhibition of yourself, but behave like a business man when business is in hand. Our initiation ceremony, proper, is a most impressive one, and the candidate should know that the solemnity of the immediate initiation at least, is not marred by the childish tom-foolery of any smart imbecile.

If you have a literary or musical chapter, be musical or literary in chapter meetings. If your chapter is just an average one, you should endeavor to combine the happy features of every system. If you can, by all means make music a feature. We are inclined to the opinion that every chapter should arrange for literary programs at a portion of their meetings. You are in college for college purposes, and literary improvement is directly in the line of your work. It will, too, give the boys a closer relation, and bring out the bashful brothers in an amazing manner. Discuss the works of some great author, assign one book to each member, have one write an essay on his life. Take a certain limited epoch in history, let each brother look up one of its great characters or events, and then group the whole in general discussion. Give the Sophomores and Freshmen fraternity topics to study, and appoint a committee of older men to examine them; at intervals, holding written examinations. This is a branch of fraternity work that should not be neglected.

We need not say that harmony and good fellowship are the soul of the chapter meeting. In the hall, at least, selfish ambition and bickering disposition should be dropped. Be honest, be polite, be genial, be manly. The kindly glow of true fraternity should warm the heart of every one. Don't object to everything you do not understand. Don't blackball every man whom you don't love. Accommodate others and respect them. Don't worry because the Freshman "knows too much." He will get over it. Don't wear your heart out because the Sophomore won't get into line. Give him ample room and verge enough and he will come round. Never mind if the Senior is a little dictatorial. He has had a hard enough time, and has done enough for the fraternity to deserve a little sympathy and a good deal of respect. Keep your chapter united, and there is no better method than the good fellowship of the meeting. The memory of such harmonious and pleasant assemblies will dwell in the hearts of the survivors when the lisping, stammering tongues of half our college comrades are silent in the grave.

Chapter Letters.

OHIO UNIVERSITY.

We imagine that if all those who attended the G. A. C. are as full of enthusiasm as we are, the chapter letters and editorials will have all that is necessary for the edification of those who did not have the good fortune to be present. However, we are compeled to say that we never met a finer set of fellows, all in exact keeping with our ideal of fraternity men; and the business they disposed of in the short space of time, showed that they were men of good judgement, with a thorough knowledge of the fraternity needs. To much cannot be said in praise of the work done by our Committee on Constitution, and by their presenting their work in such a state of perfection an immense amount of time was saved. The few corrections or additions showed how thoroughly this work was done; but we were to leave the songs of praise to the others, so we will sound off.

Our goat was on half rations all last term, but we hope to do better by him this term.

The first of last term the Kiffies moved into the room adjoining ours. This was injudicious, to say the least, for with all the vacant halls there are in Columbus, they could easily have found a suitable room that would not have interfered with the privacy of any of the other chapters. Luckily, about this time, our committee, who had been looking for a better hall all this year, reported in favor of a fine suite of rooms in the new Dunlap building. In consideration of our change to a much larger hall, and on the grounds that the X ϕ s wanted good company, we forgave them. The rooms are four in number, opening together making one long room of seventy feet. Brothers Dun and Smart have fitted up the two back rooms very cosily for a bachelor's hall. The hall proper is forty-two feet long, fronting on High street, and is well adapted to our use. Our boys have "whacked up" liberally, and we have had the hall papered, purchased the finest body Brussels carpet in the city, which, with fine silk curtains and our new upright piano, will make an elegant room, and I doubt if the boys will know their rooms next Saturday night. Although the youngest chapter in the state by many years, we think our hall will compare favorably with any. In this we feel a little just pride. The Executive Council when it meets in Columbus, which we hope will be often, will have a suitable place to convene, and our hall is always open to their sessions.

A movement is on foot here to get an agreement of the chapters to stop

initiating Preps. The agreement was drawn up and is in the hands of the respective chapters for ratification, and if adopted by five it is binding. Of course any not signing will be considered Prep. societies, and hence will not lower the standard of the others. The desire of the younger chapters to keep their number up to the older ones made the initiation of Preps necessary, thus lowering the general standard and compelling such a move as has been taken. One fraternity alone has initiated seven Preps this year.

A new college paper, a weekly, appeared this term. It is a spicy sheet, with letters from other colleges and general college gossip.

We will look forward to the receiving of THE SHIELD with renewed pleasure, for having met members of so many chapters and the editor himself, it will be like hearing from an old friend. Oh! G. A. Cs., are fine affairs, and we do not wonder that many wanted them annually, but our Constitutional Committee has found a way to enjoy this benefit and yet have none of its disadvantages.

Best wishes to Brother Little and editors on this volume of THE SHIELD.

April, 17, 1886.

HALBERT E. PAYNE.

BELOIT.

The G. A. C. has come and gone. The Grand Chapter will shortly be a thing of the past. What will be the future of our fraternity? Wisconsin Gamma hopes and believes that the change will be a good one. The delays she suffered in getting her charter established, a firm belief in the weakness of the Grand Chapter system.

Although we have had no regular meeting since the beginning of the term, yet in talking over the work of the last G. A. C. among the boys, a general feeling of satisfaction has been expressed in regard to the character and amount of work done. Especially do we feel proud of our province, and a lively and enthusiastic meeting is predicted next April.

Work now among the fraternities is very quiet. We have two men pledged and will initiate them toward the close of the term. Base ball is the all absorbing topic at present—the campus being covered every noon with would-be players. Last year we had six men on the nine, but this year we will have but three or four. We lose two men by graduation this year, Brother Emerson being the Salutatorian of his class. Lawn tennis is having a big boom, and a Phi Psi club is the latest to catch the craze. Hoping the readers of THE SHIELD will pardon this wandering epistle,

April 17, 1886,

Very fraternally,

L. W. Crow.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Since our last letter two little $\Phi \Psi$ s have been born to Wisconsin Alpha, Brothers Fullon and Richmond. It is needless to say that both the infants and the rest of the family are doing well

The Military Department of the University of Wisconsin has been the cause of considerable trouble among the students of late. The new commandant, "Luigo Lomia, U. S. A., Col. and A. D. C., Prof. of Military Science and Tactics U. W., (H. A.)," (as he signs his name), evidently thinks that the primary object of the University is to turn out soldiers, and that it would be a pleasant thing to create a little West Point of his own right here. The students, strangely enough, do not agree with "Luigo, etc.," and consequently trouble has been brewing for some time. The commandant's rules have been very strict and arbitrary, and the affair finally culminated when thirty-five Juniors and Seniors (who are not obliged to drill), flatly refused to leave the gymnasium at his order. They were immediately summoned before the regents to answer for their conduct, and it was the universal opinion that they would be suspended.

All the male members of the Junior and Senior classes were prepared to stand by their classmates, and an interesting time was expected. To the surprise of every one, however, the regents decided that the boys had ample cause for complaint. Naturally this is looked upon by the students as a great victory, as it is a gentle reminder to Col. Loumia that he is not at the head of University affairs at present.

The annual inter-fraternity party last month was a complete success. It seems to be a thorn in the flesh of many worthy barbarians, however, that they are excluded from what is pre-eminently the social event of the year, and that the fraternities are able to secure from the regents the use of Library Hall—by far the best in the city. Many and dire were the threats they made, but as the building was guarded by policemen no trouble occurred.

Now it transpires that there is to be very soon an anti-fraternity party, which shall surpass all the puny endeavors of the fraternities in that direction. As a very decided "stick" was heard to remark, that he was "not going in with that crowd of sticks," it is surmised that the company will be a most enviable one.

A movement is just now on foot to organize a tennis league at U. W. Tennis has begun to awaken considerable interest here, and is expected to boom next season. The $\Phi \Psi$ court is the pioneer on the campus.

I am pleased to inform the brethren that Brother Pease, one of our delegates to the G. A. C., is announced as an honor man of '86. Wisconsin Alpha desires to congratulate the members of the G. A. C. on the manner in which they performed their arduous duties, and expects great results from the new system.

Madison, Wis., April 13, 1886.

NAT. S. ROBINSON.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

The G. A. C. of 1886 is a thing of the past, but the friendships formed and the memories stored away will long remain. Illinois Beta is well satisfied with the Council and looks forward to a rapid advance of the fraternity under the new constitution.

We were glad to have with us for a few days Mr. Hollenbeck, on his rather roundabout way back to Ann Arbor. As a member of the Executive Council he is making the better acquaintance of the chapters in his province, and to that end also made a visit to the boys of Illinois Alpha at Evanston.

The news of the success of the G. A. C. seems to have fired the hearts of the Phi Psis here, as at the Sophomore Exhibition on Monday night, April 12, in a contest against Psi U. DeKes, oudens and ladies, our two Phi Psi representatives carried off both prizes, Brother C. S. Toms taking first, and Brother G. L. Conley second.

I almost neglected to mention what I should have told first, that on Thursday night, April 1, we initiated Mr. Charles P. Abbey, of this city, a member of the Freshman class, and now the Phi Psis of that class can say "We are seven." With a view of getting a more general gathering of the boys in the hall each day, we now have brought there all the daily papers, together with a number of the leading magazines and reviews, and we find the result very encouraging.

For a time it has seemed problematical whether the University would continue next year in its present location, but recent meetings of the Board of Trustees seem more favorable to that much to be desired end.

T. R. WEDDELL.

WASHINGTON AND LEE.

We resume the chronicle of college affairs where it was left off in the last letter from W. and L.

The annual celebration of the Washington Society, on February 22nd, was presided over by our Brother J. W. W. Bias, of Va. His opening address was characterized by his usual good taste and gracefulness of delivery. The celebration was a good one and the more interesting to us ☿s because our little Freshman, Morgan Billin, of Louisiana, carried off the debaters medal. This was Billin's first appearance as a speaker, and he did credit to himself and Va. B.

At the annual election of contestants for final orator's and declaimer's medals ☿ ☿ came to the front again, sending in on the first ballot the aforementioned Brother Bias as orator from the Washington Society and Harry D. Irwin of Va. as declaimer from Graham Society.

Mr. J. H. Debney, of N. Y., Ph. D. from Germany, formerly of Va. A, has just concluded a series of exceedingly interesting lectures on the

French Revolution. Brother D. has quite an enviable reputation as a scholar, and fully sustained it by his masterly treatment of his subject. Though quite a young man, Brother D. gained the admiration of all who heard him while the interest evinced is shown by the fact that despite the damp and rainy weather the lectures were well attended both by students and towns folk.

Peyton L. Randolph, of Louisiana, we are sorry to say, has left us to go into business, his health not permitting him to continue college work. We wish him well but we shall miss him at our meetings.

Frank D. Coe, *quondam* of Va. T, who has been with us in most of our meetings during the present session has been absent for some weeks on a visit to his father. Our regular chapter correspondent, Bias, plead stress of work to get rid of writing this letter but there is a faint suspicion that his modesty was no slight cause in the matter.

Lexington, April 7, '85.

L. W. IRWIN.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

It saddens me in the beginning to have to record the death of one of the truest boys who ever wore the $\Phi \Psi$ shield—Brother P. I. Harrington—who died recently of congestion of the brain. He was 17 years of age, having entered college last October. Though in college for only a short time, he had shown decided talent, and gave promise of a brilliant career. True, generous and noble, our chapter mourns his loss as one which it will be hard to fill.

Brother Blakeney, our delegate to the G. A. C., has just returned, and has given us a glowing account of his trip and the meeting of the Council! S. C. Alpha congratulates itself, in that she was represented at the most important meeting which the G. A. C. has held in many years,—and of one thing the fraternity at large may be assured: that in the future we will “be there.” The changes made by the G. A. C. were all needed, and very timely, and reflect great credit on the wisdom of that body. We anxiously await the new constitution.

At our last meeting we initiated into the mysteries of $\Phi K \Psi$ Brother D. E. Finley, of Rock Hill, S. C. He is a member of the Senior Law Class, and will take the degree of LL. B. at commencement. Though he will only be an active member here for a short while, he will be an enthusiastic fraternity worker wherever he goes; and as an alumnus he will be a valuable addition to the ranks of our alumni, than whom no worthier set of men can be found. And at this juncture I wish to say a word in regard to our alumni brethren in this city—twelve in number. They are, for the most part, deeply interested in the welfare of our chapter, and are always willing to render us any needed assistance. S. C. Alpha is proud, yes, very

proud, of her alumni all over the State; but she is even more so, of those who reside in Columbia.

Brother McLure (whose extreme modesty forbade him writing it to *THE SHIELD* while he was B. G.) has just served a term as assistant editor of *The Collegian*—the college magazine. He has also been elected Chairman of the Commencement Ball Committee. Brother Barber has been elected as a Marshal from the Clariosophic Literary Society, to serve at Commencement. Brother Gamble will take the degree of A. B. this year; and Brother Martin will take both A. B. and A. M.

We have received the $\Phi K \Psi$ Gavoette, composed by Brother Wm. Neil. As we have no instrument with which to play it, Brother Martin who, by the way is a musical genius (?), has invented an instrument in order to play it. But I fear Brother Neil would never recognize his work when Martin plays it.

Efforts are being made by the Faculty and students combined to procure for the college a suitable gymnasium. This is something very much needed at this institution, and we hope to see the movement succeed.

When we say that this is our first letter to *THE SHIELD*, no excuse for it will be necessary. We will try and do better next time, however, we are too full of G. A. C. news, which were extracted from Blakeney, to think of much of anything else.

With greetings to the fraternity at large, which we believe is just entering upon a new era of unparalleled prosperity, S. C. Alpha, through her B. G., drops the pen and relapses into silence.

J. M. KNIGHT.

O. W. U.

Our delegates to the G. A. C. have given us glowing accounts of the great Phi Psi meet, and Ohio Alpha says Amen to the new constitution and the new officers. Of course they did not forget the banquet and other side-shows, but were loud in their praises of the managers from the "West." Again, we are happy to be in the division with the Hoosier State, and may we ever sing as we work:

"With a long, long pull,
And a strong, strong pull,
Gally Boys, on make Her go,
Let us live and die
For our dear Phi Psi,
Singing cheerily, lads, yo ho!"

And here's to *THE SHIELD* for the coming year — Prosperity.

By the time our grave Seniors had returned from their protracted vacation we had secured a victim for William, and I now have the pleasure of presenting to you our new brother, Fred. Ross, '89, Ripley, Ohio. We are glad to have Brother Chud Roberts with us again this term, also Brother Will Seamans, who is home from the Miami Medical College.

The Pan Hellenic Glee Club made a successful trip during the spring vacation, and is dated here May 3. The club has put on a Greek dress of violet and orange, and is now known as Alpha Kappa Phi.

The only change in our Greek world is, that $\Delta T \Delta$ seems to have done away with the custom of wearing colors when a new man is taken in. Some say the W. W. W. colors do not go well with silver-gray and purple, ergo, the action is explained.

The spring term opened with five hundred students, and all is quiet in college and city. The Juniors elected themselves to publish our college annual, *The Bijou*, this year, but their progress is slow and we are fearing the result.

Our Seniors are going to have a Class Day, and by the size of the prizes we expect good sport. The twelve speakers for Commencement were chosen by the faculty on their general abilities. Brother W. C. Davis was one out of the eight gentlemen, and he is, also, on for the Zetagathean Annual.

More anon,

Delaware, O., April 21, 1886.

B. M. ALLISON.

CORNELL.

The pleasant meeting of the Phi Psis at Indianapolis and the work which was done by the G. A. C., will long be remembered by those who had the pleasure of attending it. As the news is well known to all the brothers by this time, I will not attempt to repeat anything, except to say that the new laws and regulations were agreeable to all of our boys. Since my last letter to *THE SHIELD* the usual winter sports and banquets have taken place. The Sophomores held their banquet in Elmira. Everything passed off quietly, as the distance prevented any interference on the part of the Freshmen. The Freshmen remained at home. They choose a well fortified place, and with a policeman at every door and window they partook of the refreshing viands. The Sophs ventured to gain access, but failed; afterwards a bouquet, doctored for the occasion, was sent in, but the *ruse* was discovered and an unfortunate Soph. had to go through the painful operation of being nursed from a bottle.

We have welcomed to our midst five men during the winter term, Brothers McMahon, Lieser, '86, Loeser, '89, Morton, '89, and Adler, '89. Brother McMahon is an instructor in mathematics here, which position he has held for three years. We are pleased to welcome him among us, and also as an addition to our strength in the faculty, which has now increased to two. The proposal for an inter-State banquet for the Phi Psis has met hearty support from all our boys. Preparations are under way, and it will take place some time in May. It is a splendid idea whoever suggested it, and it will create a more brotherly feeling between the chapters.

On February 6, 1886, the Phi Delta Theta was re-established at Cornell. It is composed mostly of men from the Freshman class, and their scholarship and general standing remains yet to be seen. This addition increases the number of chapters to sixteen, with an average of sixteen men.

The fraternities have been very quiet this winter. None of them have given entertainments or taken much interest in social affairs. There were several resignations from the different fraternities last term, but they did not excite much attention, as they were men who were not constituted to live a fraternity life and to partake in the ups and downs which will occur. The Kappa Alphas are to have a house on the campus, which will be a rival to the Psi Upsilon, the only fraternity house on the college grounds at present. Quite a few comments were passed on the resignation of one of the Beta Theta Pi men. His explanation was "that every organization which requires time and energy that could be devoted with advantage to the work of Christ, without giving a full equivalent in training for his work, acts as a hindrance to a Christian life." New York Alpha has now fourteen members. We are below the average in numbers, but will increase our fold in a short time. We begin this term with light hearts and wish success to all Phi Psis.

JOHN W. TAYLOR.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Will Morse, one of our old boys, from Oskaloosa, visited us the other day, and we had a little oyster supper and listened to Will's funny anecdotes. Will Douglas, Morse's chum, came from San Bernardino, California, to convoy our delegation to the G. A. C. He gives a good report of them. Douglas is now visiting at the chapter house. Last night we gave a little dancing party—seventeen couple—in his honor. Cards, music and refreshments assisted in making the evening a pleasant one.

May 7, is the date of the Inter-State Contest. We should be glad to see as many Φ Ks here as possible. Get on the street car and come up Tennessee street. It is rumored that a Φ Δ and a K K Γ chapter from Nebraska University will all come, and that the Kappas will give a party on the 8th. If they do, it will be a success. Invitations are out for May 8, Kappa Alpha Theta, at the residence of Miss Agnes Emery, editor-in-chief of their magazine. A grand time is expected—the event of the season. Seventeen Φ Ψ s are invited.

On Washington's Birthday, at the usual Annual Faculty Exhibition, Bro. John Prescott spoke for '88 and did exceptionably well. Jenks, Prescott and Nickel are the three Φ Ks out of eight speakers in the Commencement Oratorical Contest, selected by the faculty; Dunn is Debator for Oread in the Annual Contest during Commencement. Frank D. Hutchings, '83, and exchange editor of *THE SHIELD*, has been selected by the faculty to represent the Law Department on Commencement Day. This is a high honor

to a worthy and able man. Those of you who were at the G. A. C. at Columbus will remember Hutch. Jenks is now editor-in-chief of the *University Courier*, and Dunn is business manager. Probably we have some other new positions, but I can't recall them just now.

Our chapter did number twenty—the highest figure ever reached here—but Spencer and Fritz have left school. The former is civil engineering on the Santa Fe, the latter studying elocution. W. W. Davis, '89, is also out, as editor of the *Garden City Daily News*. Chas. Spencer is our latest initiate, and we number nineteen.

We have just got back four of our boys who went off with Company H to Parsons on call of Governor. Lieutenant Thacher is Quartermaster of the First Regiment. Prescott and White were his clerks, but Herb Bullene stuck to the ranks. None injured, and the boys had lots of fun.

Our delegation returned from the G. A. C. much pleased with the men they met. We thank $\Phi K \Psi$ for their kindly words with regard to THE SHIELD, and will endeavor to keep it bright for the next year.

April 26.

JAYHAWKER.

TYPICAL CIRCULAR.

CHAPTER HALL, WIS. A., April 15, '86.

DEAR BROTHER:

It seems quite impossible for alumni to keep themselves informed upon the movements of their classmates and college friends, and upon matters regarding their alma mater and fraternity without maintaining a correspondence which proves impracticable in the midst of their active duties.

In order to partially supply this deficiency Wisconsin Alpha proposes to issue letters—probably about the 15th of each month, to each of our alumni. By these letters we seek to renew the old collegiate associations by conveying information concerning present residence, business, etc. of alumni, and by chronicling such important events as marriages, births, civic and political honors and other fruits of an active existence which will prove interesting to the associates who rallied around the $\Phi K \Psi$ standard. We will try to inform the members concerning the status of the chapter, and to give such general fraternity news as may seem desirable.

We trust our members will be kind enough to open correspondence with us, suggesting how our letters may be made most interesting to them, at the same time informing us concerning the progress of their own mission in the world, and also giving us items regarding other brothers which the other brothers, with that innate modesty of a $\Phi K \Psi$, may hesitate to send.

The chapter is in a flourishing condition. We exceed any other chapter here in point of numbers, and we trust equal them in all other points. Our members are—*Seniors*: G. C. Main, Madison; C. H. Bennet, Portage; L. S.

Pease, Montello. *Juniors*: F. P. Myer, Lancaster; E. M. Platt, Manitowoc; L. E. Youmans, Mukwonago; R. M. Richmond, Madison. *Sophomores*: Nat Robinson, Neenah; C. Fulton, Hudson. *Freshmen*: J. H. Dockerey, Granville; Jno. Stevens, Jr., Neenah. *Law Class, Senior*: W. S. Dwinnell, Madison; J. D. Rowland, Racine. The chapter ranks first in its literary line. Brothers Youmans and Platt are editors on *Press and Badger*. Brother Richmond is one of Hesperia's joint debaters, and we will probably have a representative in Athena's team. $\Phi K \Psi$ received the only general honors granted to fraternity men this year. As to social standing we at least hold our own.

We are fortunate in having a strong alumni in the city. Brothers J. R. F. Trottman, '84, J. T. Kingston, '84, and E. J. Dockerey, '84, are in the Senior Law. Brother F. J. Turner, '84, is instructor in Elocution in U. of W. Brother M. A. Hoyt is Madison correspondent to the Milwaukee *Sentinel*; has a clerkship in the capitol, and is also pursuing his law studies. Brother O. S. Braudenburg, '86, is city editor of the *State Journal*. Brother Braudenburg was lately united in marriage to Miss Josephine Sarles, '83. Brother Thos. Gill, '77, is a tobacco broker in the city. Brother C. E. Buell, '78, embraces Sun Prairie and Madison in his legal practice. Probably all the brothers have heard of the death of Brother J. M. Mills, '75, the founder of the chapter. Brother C. N. Gregory, '71, is practicing law in the city. Brothers G. C. Main, '86, and L. S. Pease, '86, attended the late G. A. C. at Indianapolis. In our next letter we will outline the new system of government adopted there.

Please address all communications to L. S. Pease, 772 Langdon Street.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

ALLEGHANY.

The Pennsylvania Beta boys were all back at the beginning of the term, with the exception of Brother Hill, who will not return till next year. The relative strength of the fraternities here is as follows:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Preparatory.	Total.
$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$	3	1	3	4	6	17
$\Phi K \Psi$	3	1	2	3	5	14
$\Phi \Delta \Theta$	4	0	4	2	4	14
$K A \Theta$	4	0	6	0	2	12
$\Delta T \Delta$	0	0	0	3	4	7

The event of the season in Greek circles was the reception which the $K A \Theta$ ladies gave to the gentlemen's fraternities on the evening of March 26. Nichol's Orchestra discoursed sweet music, and elegant refreshments were served. The evening passed very pleasantly, and the guests departed at a late hour, feeling that the $K A \Theta$ s had added one more to their list of social successes. $\Psi \Psi$ was well represented at this, as indeed she has been at all other like events during the year. Brother Shaw returned from the G. A.

C. last Tuesday. He reports that the delegates did good work, and had a very enjoyable time. Our chapter is highly in favor of the new Constitution, and we will do all in our power to make it a success. Brother Scofield won the oration prize of the Athenian Society at the recent contest, and will represent that society at the Commencement Anniversary. The college nine will soon be organized, and we expect to have three men in it. The college is prospering, and another professor will be added in the fall. With best wishes for the future of THE SHIELD, I remain,

April 16, 1886.

CHAS. H. HASKINS.

TO CHAPTER LETTER WRITERS.

Brother Spangler, our Business Manager, has been absent for two months, and it may be that some of the business of THE SHIELD has been neglected. On his return all such matters will be promptly attended to. After July 1, 1886, the chapters will please forward all under-graduate subscriptions to Geo. W. Dunn, Columbus, Ohio, Treasurer of the Fraternity. THE SHIELD subscriptions from under-graduates will thus be treated as are all under-graduate dues. However, all alumni and advertisers will continue to forward money to W. C. Spangler, Lawrence, Kansas. New subscriptions will be received at the rate of \$1.25 per annum. This does not mean that old subscribers are to pay twenty-five cents more.

The next issue of THE SHIELD will be the last of the college year, and probably the last under the Editorial management of the writer. We hope the brothers will do us the kindness to be prompt and exact for this number—just as a last favor. We want a chapter letter from every chapter for the June SHIELD. Make it a brief summary of the year, and give a tabulated list of the numerical strength of your rivals. Have your best man write it carefully, and see that it is arranged to fill just one-half page of THE SHIELD. No salutory, ~~no~~ peroration—just a brief, exact letter. This is the last favor I shall ask of you, gentlemen, and I sincerely hope that it will meet with a hearty response *from every chapter of Phi Kappa Psi.*

Yours fraternally,

E. C. LITTLE.

Fraternity Notes.

Ex-Congressman Boyd Winchester, $\Phi K \Psi$ of Virginia Alpha, is Minister to Switzerland.

Presidents McBryde of South Carolina College, McKnight of Pennsylvania College and Parks of Simpson, are $\Phi K \Psi$'s.

In the Inter-State Oratorical Contest a $\Phi \Psi$ will represent Kansas, a Beta Colorado, a Deke Indiana, and Barbs come from Ohio, Wisconsin and Iowa.

It is rumored that Sigma Chi made an earnest effort to secure the Rainbow chapters, which, except the Texas chapter, have now finally joined $\Delta T \Delta$, whose magazine will be known as the *Rainbow*.

Ex-Congressman Philip Henry Dugro, lately Grand Sachem of Tammany, was a member of $\Phi K \Psi$'s, old Columbia chapter. At twenty-six years of age he was elected to Congress over Mr. Astor, late Minister to Italy.

A last year's DePauw *Monthly* gave Prof. Hoyt of that Institution, now dead, as a Psi U. He was an undergraduate Psi U, but resigned from that fraternity to join $\Phi K \Psi$, and was initiated at Delaware, Ohio, a friend of the writer's being present.

U. S. Senator John I. Mitchell of Pennsylvania, Ex-Congressman Geo. A. Jenks, now First Assistant Secretary of the Interior, General Bingham, the Philadelphia Congressman, Congressmen Peters of Kansas and Townsend of Illinois are some of the $\Phi \Psi$'s now in Washington.

It is much to be regretted that the *Star and Crescent* of $A \Delta \Phi$ is dead, as we are informed by the *Purple and Gold*. The Alpha Deltas and Psi U's need to wake and support their journals. We should hate to see the moss over their "conservative tombs." The *Star and Crescent* of Alpha Delta Phi has passed away along with the late lamented *Diamond* of Psi Upsilon. Both were organs of organizations whose names stand high on the fraternity roll, and whose large membership would seem to insure the success of a first-class publication. They were as different however as night and day. One with due decorum passed on its way demanding and receiving respect. The other blustered, fumed and disgusted every one with its self-conceit and egotism. May their ashes rest in peace.

Rev. W. P. Kellogg, the Orator at the Baltimore Convention of Beta Theta Pi, is an honorary member of the fraternity, having been initiated while Professor at the University of Kansas. He is said to have been a Theta Delta Chi at Hobart. An exchange says that Ex-President Reid of California is also an honorary Beta, having been an under graduate Zeta Psi.

Purple and Gold of Chi Psi advises the chapters to subscribe for the various fraternity publications. It well says: "All fraternities have their petty conceits, for which there is no better medicine than a careful reading of the best and most impartial of these magazines; and a perusal of them will not only lessen any narrowness that may exist, but will also broaden one's views of the magnitude of the system of fraternities."

The Delta Tau Delta *Crescent* and the Chi Phi *Quarterly* are having quite an animated discussion over a charge made by the former that the last Convention of Chi Phi "did not represent the best elements of the fraternity." The trouble arose over the chapter of Delta Tau Delta at Franklin and Marshal College whose charter was taken away by their last convention. Chi Phi, as charged by the *Crescent*, has been attempting to win the former members of the chapter from their allegiance, the last convention having passed a resolution permitting the X Φ chapter at that institution to initiate them in a body. This the *Quarterly* denies in toto and charges the *Crescent* with unfairness for one having "such familiarity with the workings of the convention as the writer professes."

The *Kappa Alpha Theta* and the *Golden Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma, are paying their compliments to each other in the exchange department. The following from the last issue of *Kappa Alpha Theta*: "Miss Taylor, we imagine in future years attired *a la* Dr. Mary Walker, since she 'does not care whether she is masculine or feminine,' and as she seems so opposed to feminine appellations, we judge that her preferences are decidedly masculine. We suppose she would be a 'stunning character' in taking one of the heavy parts of the dramatized *Quarterly* novel, and presume she would be 'no end jolly.' She feared she might frighten the *Star and Crescent* into spasms, with her rendition of 'Ha! Rodrigo, I will foil thee yet!' Should not wonder if she would. We know we should hide behind the *Star and Crescent* until the expected effect was produced, and then fright would compel us to require a 'black bordered death notice,' or to borrow the Beta Theta Pi Pegasus and dash away to the woods."

We await the retort with considerable interest.

The chapter of Beta Theta Pi at Harvard has ceased to exist. The only fraternities in Harvard are Alpha Delta Phi, Zeta Psi, Delta Upsilon, and Theta Delta Chi, ranking in the order named. The Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter there is simply a large Sophomore society and many members belong to other fraternities.—*Alpha Tau Omega Palm*.

In one of the chapter letters (Ohio Wesleyan) will be found an account of the initiation into Chi Phi of a former member of Beta Theta Pi. There was no time after the receipt of the information to investigate the justice of the action, but the writer shall, for one, call for a most careful consideration of all the circumstances surrounding so questionable a step. For many years the Chi Phi fraternity has had to bear the odium of trying to fill its ranks at the expense of broken allegiances, and oft times when such reputation was poorly deserved. That there have been cases when no possible excuse for such base conduct could be given is undeniable; but it is sincerely to be hoped that such days are passed. The writer certainly hopes that the present case may be rendered justifiable or at least pardonable. No doubt the chapter taking such recent action will be glad to lay the merits of its case before the Grand Lodge if it be so requested, and in order that we may be free from the very suspicion of this horrible taint we would respectfully ask such a request from that body. Then at the next annual session let legislation be had upon this subject that we may be able to take a stand in favor of uprightness and a respect for the word of mankind.—*Chi Phi Quarterly*.

One man constitutes the chapter of Phi Delta Theta at the University of Pennsylvania. The chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at the Washington and Lee University is in the same condition; the only member present being a professor.

Kappa Alpha Theta is preparing to issue their first catalogue. The work is under the auspices of the De Pauw chapter.

The long talked of consolidation of the Delta Tau Delta and Rainbow fraternities, is at last completed. The basis on which they unite is stated by the *Crescent* as follows: "The Rainbows agreed to accept the name, pin, constitution, laws and ritual of $\Delta T \Delta$, who in return agreed to designate the Southern Division the Rainbow Division of $\Delta T \Delta$, this division to include all our Southern chapters and the Rainbow chapters, and to be presided over by a grand chapter, located at Vanderbilt University. $\Delta T \Delta$ further agreed to grant the Rainbows an alumni representation of one in the Executive Council, and, upon the union of the fraternities, to change the name of the journal from the *Crescent* to the *Rainbow*."

The last issue of the *Beta Theta Pi* contains a short history of the work of the fraternity since 1881, and a catalogue of the initiates of the various chapters in the meantime, with brief notice of their work. To Betas it must be a very interesting number.

Chi Phi hold her next convention at Louisville, Ky., the third Wednesday of November, 1886.

The Phi Psis.

TENNESSEE A'S WAR RECORD.

Rev. W. W. Frierson, of Pototoc, Miss., served four years as orderly sergeant in Second Mississippi Regiment, C. S. A. His brother, T. S. W. Frierson, who died of gun-shot wounds in 1864, was a private in the same regiment.

W. D. Howze, as captain in the First Mississippi Infantry, engaged in the battles at Fort Donelson, Atlanta, Harrisburg and Port Hudson.

Peter P. Jenkins, who was killed in the "Seven Day's Fight," was a private in the Nineteenth Mississippi Infantry.

William C. Crawford, lieutenant in the Seventeenth Mississippi Infantry, was killed in the second battle at Manassas in 1862.

R. M. White, a private in the Nineteenth Mississippi Infantry, was wounded at Gettysburg in 1863 and died soon after.

John B. Farley was a member of the Thirty-Fourth Mississippi Regiment.

Hugh A. Banks, private in the Fourth Tennessee Infantry, was killed at Perryville, Ky., in 1862.

H. F. Scott was a private in the Thirtieth Tennessee Infantry.

John A. Moody, of Williston, Tenn., was captain in the Thirteenth Tennessee Infantry.

Joseph L. Griggs was lieutenant in a Mississippi cavalry company.

John I. Hildebrand was a private.

John T. Bell, captain of the Fourteenth Alabama Infantry, was killed during the "Seven Day's Fight."

George Gillespie, Mayor of Starkville, Miss., was a private.

Alexander M. Moseley was first lieutenant of a cavalry company of the Jeff. Davis Legion.

Henry M. Paine was a private in Pendleton's Artillery.

William E. Wiley, a private in the Virginia army, was killed at Manassas July, 1861.

John Ware Smith, of Grand Junction, Tenn., was colonel of — Tennessee Regiment.

John P. Wilson was a member of the First Mississippi Regiment, volunteers.

PENNSYLVANIA B.

'73. C. E. Loomis is a banker at Attica, N. Y.

'75. E. K. Creed is pastor of the M. E. Church at North East, Pa.

'77. G. H. Huffman is pastor of the M. E. Church at Bentleyville, Pa.

'79. D. B. Heiner was recently elected District Attorney of Armstrong county, Penna.

'80. W. C. Wilson and S. S. Ford are two of Cleveland's promising lawyers.

'81. W. J. Armstrong is a rising young M. D. at Sligo, Pa.

'82. Harry Stoner is at his home in Berlin, Pa. He graduated from a medical school last spring.

'83. C. P. Robinson is attending the Harvard Law School.

'83 G. O. Calder has hung up his shingle in Omaha, Neb., and is ready to attend to all legal business that may fall into his hands.

'84. F. M. Currie is principal of the schools at Papillion, Neb.

'84. C. W. Deane is superintendent of the McKeesport, Pa., public schools.

'85. G. P. Ferrie is teaching at Hazel Brook, Pa.

'85. C. W. Benedict has returned from Philadelphia, where he has been attending medical lectures.

NEW YORK A.

'69. F. W. Clarke is Chief Chemist of the U. S. Geological Survey, with headquarters at Washington, D. C.

'69. John A. Rea is Register of U. S. Land Office, Bismarck, Dakota, an office having control of the largest area of public land in the country.

'70. Hon. Thos. W. Spence is a prominent attorney in Racine, Wis., and has served several terms in the Wisconsin Legislature.

OHIO A.

George D. Allison, formerly of '86, left for Wichita, Kansas, on the 4th of March. Let the Kansas brothers look him up.

Carl Shedd, of Ohio Delta, O. S. U., spent several days with Brother Runkle, and declared the Pan Hellenic banquet to be a grand institution.

Chase Stewart, '80, of Springfield, Ohio, made us a flying visit the first of last month.

'85. L. S. Colter, who is studying medicine in Cincinnati, was the guest of Bro. Seamans (?) for a few days.

'83. W. M. Seamans finished his second year at the Miami Medical College on the 5th of March, and is spending his vacation at the home of his father, Prof. O. E. Seamans.

'85. W. N. Brewster has been appointed one of the two speakers who will represent the School of Theology on the Commencement Day of the Boston University.

'81. E. T. Brandebury, of Minneapolis, Minn., is spending the winter with his invalid father, who is a prominent Methodist of this city.

'80. Frank S. Monnett spent several days in our midst, detained here by the sickness of his sister, at Monnett Hall.

Will Robb, '79, Beta Theta Pi, is at this writing, in Delaware on business connected with his fraternity.

PHI KAPPA PSI IN CINCINNATI.

James M. DeCamp, Ohio Alpha, '86, General Agent Liverpool, Globe Fire Insurance Company, Third and Main streets, Alumni Trustee Ohio Wesleyan University.

Charles W. Cole, Ohio Alpha, '68, attorney-at-law, Johnston's building, formerly Trustee O. W. U.

Judge J. B. Foraker, Ohio Alpha and New York Alpha, attorney-at-law, *Commercial-Gazette* building, Governor of Ohio, etc.

Judge M. L. Buchwalter, Ohio Alpha and New York Alpha, Judge Cincinnati Common Pleas Court. Judge Buchwalter was one of the five Phi Psis who, with Judge Foraker, left Ohio Alpha and founded New York Alpha.

L. C. Black, Ohio Alpha, '72, attorney-at-law, Pike's building.

Edward W. Mitchell, M. D., Ohio Alpha, '76, Avondale, Cincinnati, Ohio. Brother Mitchell is one of the most promising young physicians in Cincinnati. He was formerly a member of Delta Tau Delta.

Prescott Smith, Ohio Alpha, '78, attorney-at-law, Fifth and Walnut.

Harry Bail, Ohio Alpha, '80. Brother Bail is connected with the Methodist Book Concern, West Fourth street.

Rev. E. H. Cherington, Ohio Alpha, '81, Pastor St. John's M. E. Church. Brother Cherington is the youngest of the family of five brothers, all ardent Phi Psis.

Ed. T. Brewster, Ohio Alpha, '82, "gentleman of leisure."

Prof. Laycock, Ohio Alpha, Principal Eighth District School.

Prof. Highlands, Ohio Alpha, Mt. Lookout.

Rev. V. F. Brown, Kansas Alpha and Illinois Alpha, Pastor Asbury M. E. Church, 216 East Liberty street. No Phi Psi should visit Cincinnati without calling on Brother Brown.

Hugh Kemper, Ohio Gamma, '86, Walnut Hills.

Willis Kemper, Ohio Gamma, '72, engaged in the carriage trimming business, Main street.

Ed. Guernsey, Indiana Beta, attorney-at-law, Fifth and Walnut.

W. C. Zaring, Indiana Alpha, clerk at Alms & Doephe.

STUDENTS IN CINCINNATI.

Law School—Tom. L. Lee, Ohio Alpha, '81; W. J. Beme, Jr., Ohio Alpha, '85; C. H. Humphreys, Ohio Alpha, '86; W. S. Small, Ohio Alpha, '87.

Cincinnati Dental College—C. E. Esterly, Ohio Delta, graduated at the head of his class, took the gold medal and was valedictorian. He has located at Lawrence, Kas.

College of Pharmacy—L. G. Hostettler, Ohio Gamma and Delta.

Miami Medical College — W. L. Mussey, Maryland Alpha, '83; Wm. M. Seamans, Ohio Alpha, '83; L. S. Colter, Ohio Alpha, '85.

Ohio Medical College — A. A. Moore, Ohio Delta, '86.

PENNSYLVANIA Z.

'79. W. N. Mumper is Professor of Chemistry in the State Normal School at Oshkosh, Wis.

'79. Jas. M. Green is principal of Long Branch high school, and a leading man in educational circles in New Jersey.

PENNSYLVANIA A AND E.

'61. Hon. Henry S. Walker is Secretary of State of West Virginia. He is regarded as one of the most brilliant speakers in the State.

'57. Rev. Samuel Conn, D. D., Pennsylvania Delta, is pastor of the Presbyterian church in Beverly, N. J.

'56. Rev. T. W. Dosh, D. D., Pennsylvania Epsilon, formerly of Salene, Va., has accepted a call to the Lutheran church in Burkittsville, Md., and entered on his new field of labor.

PENNSYLVANIA F.

The following is the list of Gamma's Professors:

Rev. Robert Lowry, D. D., '56, formerly Professor U. at L.

Rev. Joseph Smith, '60, formerly President of Monongahala College.

Wm. T. Grier, '67, Desc., formerly Professor U. at L.

Wm. C. Bartol, '68, Professor U. at L.

Geo. M. Phillips, '68, formerly Professor U. at L.; at present Principal of the State Normal School.

Liet. T. H. Bliss, '70, Professor U. S. M. A.

Wm. Frear, '80, Professor Pennsylvania State College.

Wm. G. Owens, '80, Professor U. at L.

List of Editors, etc.:

E. E. Keiser, '86, Local Editor.

G. F. Clark, '87, Local Editor.

H. L. Calder, '87, Business Manager.

J. G. Owens, '87, President Publishing Association.

The paper is the *University Mirror*, a monthly magazine.

INDIANA T.

'71. Edward P. Johnson is Pastor of the Presbyterian church at Marshall, Mich.

'77. Albert B. Milligan is at Gasport, Ind.

'71. James A. Lynn is in the real estate business at Meade Center, Kas.

'73. John O. Jennings is at present in Las Angles, Cal.

'75. Franklin P. Green is in the publishing business at Indianapolis, Ind.

'77. Alexander Clarke is practicing law at Room 52, No. 97 South Clark street, Chicago, Ills.

'76. Edward I. Aston is located at Cincinnati, O.

'76. Clarence E. Hills is at Madisonville, Ohio.

'75. Horace M. Clark is at New Rockford, Dak.

'78. Edwin P. Thompson is Pastor of the Presbyterian church at Plymoth, Ind.

'78. Edwin L. Hills is a merchant at Reeder, Kas.

'80. Chas. T. McMurtry is located at Judson, Ind.

'80. Walter S. Hartman is Deputy Prosecuting Attorney of White county, Ind. His address is Monticello, Ind.

'80. Samuel M. Saylor is practicing law at Hunington, Ind.

'81. Arthur A. Hargrave is Superintendent of the Mission Printing House at Oroomlah, Persia.

'81. Wm. D. Ward is Pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lincoln, Kas.

'81. Edward Gurney is practicing law at southeast corner of Fifth and Walnut streets, Cincinnati.

'84. Chas. S. Hartman is Probate Judge of Gallatin county, Montana. His address is Bogeman, Mont.

'82. Chas. R. Milford, Princeton, is practicing law at Attica, Ind.

INDIANA B.

'84. John Huff is teaching this year at Williamsville, Ills.

'84. P. K. Buskirk is the leading hardware merchant of Bloomington, Ind.

M. B. Harris is a student this year of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ills.

'84. A. B. Burnett is studying law at Indianapolis with Judah & Jamison.

'71. Jas. K. Beck is Principal of the Preparatory Department.

Earl Ruddick and C. Walling, through Sophomore with class '86, are located at Los Angeles, Cal.

S. Ewing, through Junior with class '85, is in the insurance business at Evansville, Indiana.

'84. P. B. Burnett and R. A. Woods are studying language at the University of Leipsig.

'85. E. C. Fitch is studying law at Albion Ill. He expects to enter the Chicago Law School next year.

'85. Chris. Wason is located at Chicago with the Rand, McNally & Co.'s Publishing House.

'73. Nat W. Hill, a founder of Wisconsin Alpha, is in the banking business at Bloomington, Ind.

PENNSYLVANIA B.

Brother Everett is Professor in Chamberlain Institute, Randolph, N. Y.

Brother Fox is Principal of Schools at Linesville, Pa.

Brother Ferre is Professor of Schools near Bloomsburg, Pa., while Brother Orr is attending the Washington and Jefferson College, Pa., and Brother Clark at Delaware University.

KANSAS A ALUMNI.

The February SHIELD, Kansas Alpha personals, gives E. G. Brown as initiated in 1877. He was initiated December 7, 1876, and is now Superintendent of Schools at Alma, Colo.

John C. Seaton, Jr., November 24, '77, should have been located at Lincoln, Neb.

Clarence M. Walbridge, December 15, '77, is now traveling for a Kansas City wholesale house — Tootle, Hanna & Co., I think.

L. L. Davis is now in Kansas City.

Chas. S. Glead has been appointed Assistant General Solicitor for the A. T. & S. F. R. R. He is alternate orator to Governor Foraker, for the G. A. C. of 1885.

1878.

'82. Edwin C. Meservey, September 28, was from Maine, and graduated in '82. He was a *Review* editor, and twice Oread Debater. In '84 he graduated from Washington University Law School at St. Louis. "Ned" is now practicing law with Lathrop & Smith, in Kansas City, and is meeting with success.

Geo. C. Smith, October 10, came from near Boston, and was a Sophomore with '82. He has a beautiful tenor voice, and was a member of the famous Arion Quartette. He was for a while manager of the Gillis Opera House at Kansas City, but is a newspaper man by profession, having been connected with *Lawrence Journal*, *Kansas City Journal* and *St. Joseph Daily Herald*, of which he is managing editor. Our George is mighty good fellow, and we are all pleased to know that he has done so well in his profession. It is very seldom that so young a man holds so responsible a position as the managing editorship of a great daily.

'83. E. C. Little, October 19, graduated in '83. He is now a student in the Law Department and in the employ of the Board of Regents. In spare moments he edits THE SHIELD.

1879.

J. E. Covell, January 11, was at one time editor and proprietor of the *Lawrence Daily Tribune*. He is now in the wholesale grocery business at Leavenworth, Kas.

Frank A. Todd, October 11, went through Sophomore with '82. He was for a time in the book business, but is now and has been for some time, doing an extensive coal business in Atchison, Kas. In the fall of '84 he married the belle of Atchison, a very beautiful lady. Their wedding was the social event of the season. He is making money.

Frank L. Webster, October 11, went through Sophomore, was on the *Review* staff, and was transferred to Michigan Alpha. He was a noted Greek scholar and was our first official chapter letter writer. He is editor and proprietor of the *Lawrence Gazette*, the leading Democratic weekly in Kansas. Webster has had quite an extensive newspaper experience. He was married two years ago to Miss Cora King, of Kansas City. This rather romantic wedding attracted some attention in society circles.

"For ere he alighted at Netherby gate
The bride had consented, the gallant
came late.
For a laggard in love and a laggard in war
Was to wed the fair Ellen of young Loch-
invar;
One touch to her hand, and one word in
her ear,
When they reached the hall door and the
charger stood near;
So light to the croupe the fair lady he
swung,
So light to the saddle before her he
sprung."

Louis C. Jackson, March 2, is a wholesale dealer in coal at Wichita, Kas. "Jack" has a big thing in coal. He is a member of the Methodist church. He will be long remembered for the experience he did not have in Hutch's midnight raid.

John E. Modin, January 18, was a Swede and a fine fellow. He left the U. of K. to enter the University of Wisconsin, and is teaching in Minnesota.

Chas. L. Davidson, February 26, went through Sophomore year and was noted as a debater. He left school in '80, studied law, was admitted and made so much money in town property that he couldn't afford to practice longer, and is now interested in the Davidson Loan Co., and Citizens' Bank at Wichita. Charley has a handsome home, a fine little wife and the greatest boy you ever saw—or didn't see rather. Having made some \$50,000 since he left school, he is quite contented.

'83. Wm. C. Spangler, November 8, graduated with '83, and spoke for the Scientific Department on Commencement Day. In college he was catcher of the University nine, business manager, editor and editor-in-chief of the *Review*, business manager of the *Kikkabe* (annual), Oread Orator in the first annual contest between the literary societies, debater in the Spring Exhibition in '82, and other things too numerous to mention. He graduated from the Law Department in '85, led his class and spoke for them on Commencement Day. He was for five years Clerk and Book-keeper of the University, succeeding Simpson. He is now law partner of Hon. James W. Green, Dean of the Law Department. The firm is one of the best in the State. "Henry" was married last fall to Miss Carrie Bauman, a graduate of the U. of K., with whom he fell in love while in college, as did several other less fortunate young men. She is the able Business Manager of THE SHIELD and "Henry" her reliable assistant. He was delegate to the Columbus G. A. C.

'84. Fred. A. Stocks, November 8, graduated with second honors in '84, and spoke on Commencement Day. Justly Brother Stocks led his class, as the gentleman who beat him really belonged to '83, and only led by spending an extra year in college. He was a fine ball player, Orator for Orophillians in the contest of '82, won a prize

for declamation in his Freshman year. He was editor and editor-in-chief of the *Review*. Stocks was delegate to the Pittsburgh G. A. C. of '83. He is now a wealthy banker at Blue Rapids, Kas. He was married in '85 to Miss Sallie Loveland, of Independence, Kas. Stocks and Spangler roomed together in school, and Fred, too, lost his heart to a U. of K. fair co-ed. They have a most pleasant home.

1880.

John E. McCurdy, January 24. Jovial John was the first scholar in the class of '82 through Junior year. He became a railroad civil engineer, is now transportation agent for Chihuahua Division of the Mexican Central Railroad, with headquarters at Chihuahua, Mexico. He is well paid. The boys will be glad to hear of his prosperity in a foreign land.

'83. Miles Wilson Sterling, January 24, graduated with the first honors of his class, and was elected by the class to deliver the Class Day Valedictory. He was Oread debater in the contest of '82. On graduation he was elected by the Regents Instructor in Latin and Greek. He is now Assistant Professor of Greek. He was married in July, 1883, to Miss Carrie Fellows, who graduated second in his own class. She is a most estimable and an accomplished young lady. The little Miss Sterling is a jewel and the professor is duly proud of her.

Will M. Thacher, October 9, finished his Junior year with '82, and became editor and proprietor of the Lawrence Daily *Journal*, at twenty years of age. He was quite prominent in school—being editor of the *Pastime* and holding other positions. He was married at twenty to Miss Carrie Heyward, one of the sweetest and noblest young ladies that ever attended the University. His marriage occurred in '83, and last year Mrs. Thacher departed this life. Their infant child lived not long thereafter. The many brothers who met him as delegate to the G. A. C. of '83, will long remember his genial face and hearty manner. They united with Kansas Alpha in sympathy for his bereavement. He has sold his interest in the *Journal* and is now a student in the University Law Department. He will, next year, enter the Columbia Law School, and then, watch for New York Gamma's reappearance.

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“Crossing the Rubicon.”

Oration at Phi Kappa Psi Banquet April, 1886, Indianapolis, by Edgar E. Hendee, '83.

I am glad to be with you to-night. It is a pleasure—a rich, golden fruit which I had not thought to taste. Once more it is permitted to me—just as of old—to withdraw from the world and enter that open door of fraternal love upon the outside of which drops envy, drops jealousy and all the jarring elements of the world, and “we meet soul to soul.” It may be a privilege granted to you and to me for the last time, but whether it be or not, let us enjoy the occasion—let us “live while we live.” This is an auspicious occasion, when the great $\Phi K \Psi$ fraternity knows no Alleghanies, knows no Rockies, but New York clasp's hands with California, and Mississippi embraces Wisconsin on the sacred soil of Indiana. I say it is an honor to the $\Phi \Psi$'s of Indiana—an honor to the $\Phi \Psi$'s of the United States.

And now, brothers, shall I speak to your hearts, your minds or your souls? Shall I deal in “affairs of State?” Shall I talk of “Our Age?” Of the “Labor Agitations?” Of “Temperance or Woman's Rights?” Ah, no! For my mind flying out in search of a subject, like the wearied dove, finding no rest amid the tossing waves of the social or political questions of the day, at last fluttered back to the little open door of the heart and entered. And I thought I had rather talk to your hearts from my heart than to be the builder of a sham philosophy. If I were to die to night, leaving but one legacy to my fraternity, I would rather it would be a pure heart full of brotherly love and the saying of Him who taught as never man taught, “Love one another.” I would rather have your love than your admiration.

Out in some of the numerous byways of our United States, some time ago, a boy was born. And Love was proud of him, and Affection praised him. He was only an average boy—like you or I. His boyhood was full of “moving incidents by field and flood,” and his memory can now recall

the tingle, tingle, tingle, of the shingle, shingle, shingle (or the slipper) on that part of his person which was always unfortunate, anyway. He graduates at the high school of his native town or city with some honor. And now, what? Shall he go to college—or to business—a business education—a trade—what shall he do? The gods of disorder and confusion clap their hands and laugh at the bewilderment of the father, the loving mother and the boy. It is a perilous moment for that boy. It is his destiny. He will be this or that—all depends on the conclusion of this question. It is decided. He is to go to college. He crosses the Rubicon. Brothers, do you recall that event in your lives? It was a mighty question. It meant sacrifice at home, whether you knew it or not. It meant it. Mother, father and sister must all sacrifice something in order that the boy may have the privilege of education. Earth has no grander sight than mother, father and sister laying something upon the altar of unselfishness for that boy. If he abuse their trust and their love he is a villain,—unworthy their love and unworthy to be a $\Phi K \Psi$. But the die is cast—he "Crosses the Rubicon" of that difficulty.

The place is finally settled, his college is determined. And now they pack his trunk. Brothers, you didn't see that,—neither did I. We missed a heavenly sight. Each tear shed over that trunk was a message of love—it told eloquently, be honest, be upright, be a man! And the father, coughing to hide the trembling in his voice, puts in something, and the sister gives her priceless tears; but the mother—God bless her—see her! She kneels by your trunk and she prays for her boy. Ah! watch her! Angels direct her! A mother's love tells her! She puts a small and worn Bible in a modest corner, for a mother's hopes are in her boy and in her Bible. And now, what would you give for those tears she shed? If you have wronged those tears what would you give to make amends? If you have trod on those prayers, would you give your whole life to have your old mother know you regret it? Well, tell her so. If she be in heaven, tell her so. If she be alive, make her heart smile. Tell her so. If you heeded her tears and her prayers you are a worthy $\Phi K \Psi$ and our hearts are open to you and embrace you.

But he must go. The engine whistles. He kisses them good-bye and boards the train. The train moves not faster than his thoughts, and I can tell you what he thought. He sees the college in a halo of mist. It is a dream to him. And he is modest—not like unto the Sophomore or the Senior—he is retiring. He don't—not quite yet—think the sun rises and sets in his head. He thinks: "How can I stand among so many smart young men as will be there? They will be a great deal sharper than I." He is about right—that fellow. No difference how mighty the dome of his forehead may tower into the realms of the ideal; no difference how broad the brain may be, he will find his peers and his superiors in college. But the train arrives, the boy trembles. He gets settled. Now let's pass our boy in review and

see what he is: He is studious; he is temperate; his habits are sound; his pants may not fit him exactly, but they will do. There may be an intermission of ten minutes between his vest above and his pants beneath—but he means business? Has he genius? Ah, this pet theory of genius has already ruined too many. I wish the $\Phi \Psi$ fraternity would crush it out forever. There is no genius but work; no talent but labor. You may be born with tact; genius, never. I believe in the genius of pluck as against the genius of luck. I believe that the desire and capacity for work is the greatest genius of our age. Can the $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ s popularize this idea? I wish they would. The old idea of genius makes a man lazy; it sets a premium on birth-marks; it smacks too much of divine right of kings; it puts inactivity above activity, and ends by making a race of aristocrats as opposed to a race of men. Stamp it out! Let it go with all the other damning superstitions that hem in and ruin. Has the boy ambition? Yes—the long-aimed ambition. He sees the prized end, but does not dream of it only. He sets about intelligently planning the means. He has a heart to resolve, a brain to plan, and a hand to execute. Evidently that boy ought to be a $\Phi \Psi$. He is spiked. What fraternity will win? The fraternity of the heart—above all—grander than all. The shield and all it means. The love and all it means. That shield is growing broader and higher. The sun of the North and the sun of the South look down upon that shield. The waves of the Atlantic and the Pacific beat time to the soft musical tones of the songs of the fraternity of the heart. The church, the law, the Governor, the congressman and the senator wear that shield. The boy runs up the white flag and surrenders to the fraternity of love and brains. He did well. He builded better than he knew. He crossed the Rubicon. And now will the dagger of a Brutus, a Cassius, a Cæsar, or a Cinna find his heart? Will envy or jealousy seek him for their prey? Will ambition "overleaping itself fall on the other side?" Will despair ever set beside him, ministering her poisoned chalice? Ah, no! But love will enfold him and make him strong, and difficulties will fade away before kind brotherly words, and when sickness pales his cheek or the clammy death-dew gathers on his brow, our hands shall smooth his pillow or gently close his eyes as his pure spirit leaves its tenement of clay and wings its heavenward flight. And in all his college life he proves himself a steadfast friend and a worthy opponent, and he *never* forgets that he is a member of the $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ fraternity.

Well, our boy graduates. You may answer, does he take honors? Does he leave kind memories behind him? Does memory love to linger over his deeds, and brotherly love to drop a tear at his departure? And just here let me say the majority of graduates do not carry enough blood, bone and flesh of the principles of $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ into life with them. It ought to be a part of them, just as much as honesty and virtue. I hope our Council has made this more possible. I hope you have taken steps to make the under-graduates share the experience of the alumni and make the alumni

young again. Bring all the hosts together. You can do this. When you graduate take the principles of $\Phi K \Psi$ with you. They belong to you. Measure yourself by the $\Phi K \Psi$ standard every day, and if you lack, work harder, stretch out, think higher. The fraternity will do you only half service, unless you button your coat every day till you die, over the heart of a $\Phi K \Psi$. Why don't let it go. If you ever have a boy child make him love the $\Phi \Psi$ s, and if it happens to be a girl, why so teach her that she will support the $\Phi \Psi$ s. Live $\Phi K \Psi$ every day. The air is full of it; nature lives on it; I don't see how any one can forget it. Why the incense that rises from the altar of $\Phi K \Psi$ away back there when I was in—its fragrance, is as sweet and dear—yes the sweetest and dearest of all my college life.

He enters the world fully armed and equipped for life's trials. He knows one thing, and that well—what we give to the world we get back again. Brothers remember that idea. We get the same treatment from the world that we give it. Give kind words, you get them back; give radiant hope, you get it back; give good-nature, you get it back; give gruff words, you get them back. Ah, then, let us enter the world with heart, mind and soul matched side by side with faith, hope and charity—even as our boy goes forth.

He must have an occupation, and he "crosses the Rubicon" of that difficulty, and selects his life work. Not a work of ease, but one which will make the world better for his having lived, and here is where our boy finds the Rubicon deep, troubled and winding. Ambition—political ambition, beckons him to ascend the mountain of fame and live that "fancied life in other peoples's breath." Write your name in the history of your country. Move the multitudes; be a statesman; deal in questions of moment! His manhood and his wishes tremble. Ah, but the nights and noondays of my failure and success! Crush all opposition and it will make you stronger! It *is* tempting.

But the voice of his mother, back in the old, old home, humming the songs of contentment, and he beholds another picture. Why must I be buffeted by the angry winds of a public life? Why not follow the path that leads to that decent cottage of love; why not live in peace; develop my moral being and from mine own door watch the trees leaf out in spring and fall in autumn, watch the mellow moon-light, catch up, enfold and glorify my happy home, watch the vine steal tenderly beside my cottage window; watch the stream gurgling past, bearing its message of love from the mountain to the sea—our lives an epic poem of love—all nature in love about us—and I the greatest lover of them all—live the life of a man at peace with man and God; a citizen doing a citizen's duty; but withal a life of contentment. Ah! you must argue long with our boy if you would convince him that a man with a happy home is not as great an example, as great a help to our country as the life of its greatest statesman. Honorable in both, let him take his choice. For indeed we know that

many of the noble deeds in that man's life are traceable to the principles of the $\Phi K \Psi$ fraternity, even as many good deeds are traceable to the dust in a mother's silent grave. And many of our deeds are traceable to our companions in the fraternity. Brothers, do you remember Tom Shannon? Ah, there was a man, "his life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, this was a man." He was a $\Phi \Psi$ —every inch of him. He had a heart that knew no limits, and a love that could brook no bounds. He loved his fraternity devotedly and his enthusiasm mounted almost to inspiration. As was said of Lincoln, so I say of him:

"His memory is as gentle as
The summer air when
Reapers sing round gathered sheaves."

Observe the mountain rose, taking its odor from the rock which has no odor, taking its color from the soil which differs in color, yet the rose is always the same. And then, after having painted itself in the richest colors of earth and added to itself the sweetest of odors, it turns its red lips to heaven to be kissed by the angels of light and dew. So let it be with $\Phi K \Psi$ fraternity. If the $\Phi \Psi$ soil give forth any vegetation let it be nothing short of roses and violets. Let your good deeds in life be the roses, whose motive tendrils are deep sunk in the principles of $\Phi K \Psi$, and be as honest as the rose which opens its velvety bosom to the sky, so may you turn your face upward for divine approval, whence beams alike the laws of nature and the laws of $\Phi K \Psi$. The Rubicons of his life become more numerous, but he crosses, and in safety. But at last, at last, the last great Rubicon—yes, he crosses that: "God's finger touched him and he slept," but the viewless spirits of the air caught up his spirit and took it home.

To place the fraternity, as a factor in life, in its just position is no light task. But it seems to me it can be done. Brothers, I will suggest the supposed toast, and you may respond in your minds. And first: Colleges,—the hope of our country. Fraternities,—the hope of our colleges. Industrious, honest, upright young men,—the hope of our fraternity. Mothers,—the hope of our young men.

Yes, the first lessons of the $\Phi \Psi$ are taught at his mother's knee, and the mother's love is caught up in our chapters, and he enters upon such a life that when at last he shall knock at the gates of heaven and the angel shall say, "who art thou?" he shall answer, "thy brother," and it shall be true, and the gates shall open—"enter!" and he shall stand immortal even as shall the principles of the shield.

College Aristocracy.

It is natural that young men should be drawn together by what are called social affinities. Secret societies and clubs are the result. The college clubs flourish in the older institutions. They are the hotbeds of a spurious aristocracy. The tendency of all such organizations is to make the college and university a place for the education of rich men's sons, and a place where poor men are socially ostracised. The student is supposed to be sent to college for one purpose—that is to obtain a solid, liberal education. The social atmosphere is of very little importance.—*San Francisco Bulletin*.

As long as colleges and college fraternities exist, there will be found those who will contend that the latter are injurious to the efficacy and general utility of the other. The fight against "fraternities" has not been confined to one college, and the feeling against them has been common to all. It is notable, however, that in the great majority of cases the objection comes from those who have no practical knowledge of their workings; who have been ignored by the fraternities, and who consequently have, as they imagine, a personal grievance.

A college is, in a small way, a world. It calls together all sorts and conditions of men. There are the same elements that we find out in the broader universe of humanity. There are the good and bad; the bright and the dull; the progressive and the conservative. There are the same battles to be fought, in a small way, in this ante-room of life which we are called upon to fight out in the world. There is, however, a broader fellow-feeling—a more general philanthropy. More of the instinct to look to the welfare of the man next to you, than we find in real life. This is true because the college is made up of the youth, and youthful hearts have not been hardened by contact with the rough spots that make up so much of later years.

Is it unnatural then that this small world should grade itself, after the manner of its great pattern? Is it not human nature that boys of similar tastes, similar aims, similar ambitions, should unite in common fellowship to the exclusion of those of dissimilar tastes and aims? It will not do to paint a place of sunny skies and babbling brooks, and singing birds, in fact a new Arcadia, where all men are equal and undisturbed by passion, and not actuated by selfish motives for a college. Therefore it will not do to imagine that the college atmosphere is radically different from the general

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atmosphere. There the spendthrift joins spendthrift; the idler joins the idler; the athlete joins the athlete; the student joins the student. They do not mix much; they have their sets, and as a result they have their fraternities. The world has its Masons, its Odd Fellows, its Knights of Pythias, all of high aims and lofty ambitions. The college world has its Greek letter societies on the same principle. If one is good, the other is good, and for exactly the same reasons. There is not space for detail, but every man who leaves college, who has been a member of the Greek circle, will bear testimony that within it he found warm friends who were always willing to give him a helping hand. Among them he found added stimulant to earnest efforts. It matters not what outsiders may say, for every true man who has personal experience regarding the facts, knows the benefits of college fraternities, and he knows, too, that in nearly all of them scholarship and good morals are paramount and financial standing entirely insignificant. The "college aristocracy," so called, has at least the advantage of being based upon something better than money, and that is more than can be said of the aristocracy of the world. All college men know that the man who has money, but no brains, is the man who, in college, is heard least of, unless it be in a disgraceful way.

And as to the object of college-going, we fear that our contemporary, whom we quote, is slightly imaginative and considerably in error. If "a sound, liberal education," means a thorough knowledge of the curriculum, and nothing more, then that is less than one-half of the advantage that a man should get from a completed college course. We contend that the association, the social atmosphere, the companionship indulged in and the habits formed, constitute fully one-half of the practical advantage that a man gains in a four years' course. Those four years are the moulding period between youth and manhood, and the outlined course of the paper we have quoted, with nothing else, would serve well to send a man out into the world well calculated to live, as a hermit, a boor, a book-worm, but little fitted for the diversities of a useful and practical life.

GEO. C. SMITH.

Psi Upsilon Movement at Northwestern.

In the *Psi Upsilon Epitome*, edited by Mr. Albert Poole Jacobs, of Detroit, Mich., reference is made to a number of prominent colleges and universities of this country where Psi Upsilon has refused to enter. The general reader would infer that the writer of that paragraph wished to convey the impression, that the grade of the institutions named, was not considered sufficiently high to meet the demands of Psi Upsilon.

Against such an insinuation I venture the statement that, in the majority of cases, the grade had nothing whatever to do with the failure to plant chapters in these colleges. All of the institutions named as unworthy Psi Upsilon patronage, are, in every respect equal, and in many particulars superior to some of the colleges where Psi Upsilon has maintained chapters for a considerable length of time.

One institution refused admission to the Psi Upsilon circle is Northwestern University. About the year 1874, through the "discriminating zeal" of the young members of the faculty, who were Psi Upsilon men, a number of students were induced to petition Psi Upsilon for a charter. A large portion of these were to be "lifted" from other fraternities; the remainder represented the higher grade of the "barbs." The report of the committee appointed to investigate the University, and the claims of the petitioners was so favorable, that all the chapters voted "yes," but Kenyon, the least influential chapter of the fraternity.

This, in brief, is the history of the Psi Upsilon movement at Northwestern. The grade of the University was not called in question, nor was there any other reason for the non-establishment of a chapter of Psi Upsilon save the stubbornness of little Kenyon. I may add that no $\Phi K \Psi$ was interested in the movement of '74. The several members of Illinois Alpha have been entirely satisfied with their own fraternity; notwithstanding the fact that overtures were made by certain parties—nameless here—to "lift" their chapter bodily into Psi Upsilon.

The report which follows is a *verbatim et literatim et punctuatim* transcript of the original document, prepared by the investigating committee. It was discovered among the old papers of a recent graduate, who was, no doubt, one of the victims of the lost cause.

Evanston, Ill., May 13, 1886.

W. E. McLENNAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.
To the Executive Council of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity:

The Committee appointed to visit the NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY at Evanston, Ill., near Chicago, under the Resolution passed at the last Convention held in New York, submit the following Report:

We turned our attention to the University itself, taking special note of (1) its material resources, (2) its curriculum, (3) its instructors, and (4) to the number and character of its students; secondly, to the relative standing of the petitioners, with a view to ascertaining the probable local success of a new Chapter of the Fraternity.

I—(1) The property of the University amounts to \$2,000,000, none of which, with the exception of \$400,000 devoted to the purposes of the Theological Department, is in any way restricted to special uses. It consists of real estate in and near Chicago, in the most desirable localities, and is constantly increasing in value. It is available for immediate use, should it be necessary to convert it into money.

(2) The condition of admission and the course of study in the Academical Department, (to which it is proposed to restrict the membership of the new chapter,) compare favorably with those of first-class Eastern Colleges. For confirmation of this see the Catalogue for 1874.

(3) The Faculties of the various Colleges in the University are large and contain men eminent in their specialties. The salaries paid are larger than in almost any other Western College, and able men are ready to accept positions when their compensation is so nearly equal to what they could command in professional work elsewhere.

(4) There are over two hundred students in the Academical Department, and about as many more in the Professional schools. The numbers are steadily increasing, and a plan for the active co-operation of High Schools all through the Northwest is already bringing good results, and promises to do much for the increasing membership of the University in the future. Although the University is under Methodist influences, it is not sectarian, and its members are of all denominations, but, although not sectarian the Methodist influence predominates, and this University is the leading Methodist institution of the Northwest—a fact which gives it a support which places it at the head of all the institutions in the vicinity. It is, moreover, a true University, and its scope will be best learned from an examination of the plan of the seven Colleges as given in the Catalogue.

II. Every opportunity was given and improved to see the individuals who have petitioned for this chapter, and our observation corroborates the assurance of graduate Psi U's (connected with the University, or residents in Evanston) that they are the best men in College. The reputation of the Fraternity has operated to attract them, and the discriminating zeal of graduates has given us the opportunity (when once we have decided upon the advisability of establishing a chapter at this place) to place it in the

best of hands. Several of the younger members of the Faculty are Psi U. men, whose active interest in this project promises that it shall start and continue under the most favorable auspices possible. Your committee find every indication favorable for the establishment in an already prominent and still growing University, of a Chapter which will start with its pick of men, some of whom will leave their local western fraternities to join us, and, with the advantage of priority over all other reputable fraternities subsequently established, an advantage which is often disproportioned to the superiority it seems to suggest, and we are, therefore, cordially in favor of granting the Petition now laid before the chapters.

HENRY W. B. HOWARD,

GEORGE C. COFFIN,

Committee.

New York, June 2, 1874.

The New Catalogue.

Soon after the adjournment of the G. A. C. at Columbus in February, 1885, the members of the committee on new catalogue, for Phi Kappa Psi, were appointed by Brother George D. Gotwald. The plan of the new catalogue was then prepared by the chairman, and, after being examined by the other members of the committee, and amended in a few particulars, was adopted. Next began the task of finding the addresses of the 4,500 Phi Psis, whom time, railroad facilities, venturesome dispositions and enterprise had separated and distributed far and wide. Some, perhaps, in the pursuit of gold, had wandered to the Pacific slope; some were content to live in their native States; a few had gone as missionaries to India, Siam, New Zealand and other far distant lands; some had long since been lost and almost forgotten; while the names of not a few "had been carried for many a year on the tomb." The difficulties of finding addresses can hardly be realized by those who have not attempted it. The chairman, with great pleasure, testifies to the earnest, unfaltering efforts of Brothers Wilson, McLennan, Eckels and Gage, who have unselfishly given so much time to the fraternity, and gratefully acknowledges the kindness of many brothers throughout the country, without whose co-operation even the partial success that has been attained would not have been possible. Still a vast amount of work is before us. In the Phi Psi army about 25 per cent. are still absent and unaccounted for. The missing addresses include a large number of deceased brothers. The importance of getting the records of all brothers is apparent at a glance. As time rolls on, the task of finding the lost will grow in difficulty. It will never be as easy as now. In the hope of obtaining some assistance from the readers of *THE SHIELD*, the list of unknown addresses is given. The italics indicate the deceased brothers. In such cases the name of a relative or intimate friend is wanted. It is the hope of the committee that each active chapter will do its utmost to find its missing members; and that the brothers of dead chapters, who still cherish pleasant recollections of their college days, will, by their efforts in assisting the committee, prove to the fraternity that, although misfortune has come upon the chapters, the Phi Psi enthusiasm of the members has not died, and will not. We must have some chapter obituaries. Let them be as creditable as possible.

The question is frequently asked: How soon will the catalogue be published? In response, we inquire: How soon can the missing brothers be

found? And how soon can those, whose addresses are known, be persuaded to answer the circulars? The work is only well begun when the addresses are obtained. Not more than one-third of the brothers (ex-active) will pay any attention to the first circular. A few of the remaining two-thirds will answer after being reminded of their procrastination by a postal. A large proportion require two or more circulars and several postals to persuade them that their answers are really wanted. When the answers do finally come, they are not unfrequently so meagre or incorrect that more writing to correct omissions becomes necessary. Continue on the hunt for the lost brothers until you receive the catalogue. A kind brother from Columbia, South Carolina, writes me: "We had the hardest time imaginable finding addresses of some of our alumni, and at this late day are just getting on the tracks of some of them. I would like our report to be a very full one, and so would like to get as many blanks filled as possible. Do you think there will be time?" To all such inquiries, we say emphatically, yes! With two of the best catalogues recently published, it has taken several months to complete the publication after the manuscript was placed in the hands of the publisher. Additions can be made up to a late date, but it is very important to have every address at the earliest possible date. Phi Kappa Psi demands an early and complete conclusion of this important work.

GEORGE SMART.

The Foundation of Virginia Alpha.

Chas. P. T. Moore, of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, came to the University of Virginia from Cannonsburg, Pa., where he had been attending lectures, at the beginning of the session of 1853-4, and boarded with a Mrs. Daniels, who occupied the house now used by Mrs. Crockford as a boarding house. He, with W. H. Letterman, had founded the Pennsylvania Alpha the year before, this being the original beginning of the fraternity. Moore either brought with him or wrote for authority to found the Virginia Alpha, and having obtained it selected his room-mate and acquaintances immediately around him as the nucleus of the chapter. The first meetings of the chapter were held in Moore's room. I was (I think) the first regular initiate, and was received into the chapter in October, 1853, being initiated in Moore's room. We continued to meet there during that session, but the following year we rented a room in what is known as the old post-office building in the Public Square in Charlottesville. We fitted it up handsomely, and the furniture remained in the hands of the chapter till the war. We afterwards rented a room in the building at the corner of Main street and the classic "Bull Alley," or "Gas Alley," as it is now called. We kept this room for some time, but where the chapter went from there I do not remember.

After the war Phi Kappa Psi was the first of the secret fraternities to re-organize at the University of Virginia, and they then met in the rooms over what is now Manoni's store. The first man initiated after I entered the chapter was James W. Morgan, of Lynchburg, Va. Of that year's chapter J. Marshall Hanger was for many years speaker of the Virginia Legislature, Bumgardner is a lawyer and orator of high standing in the Valley of Virginia, and Moore is an ex-judge of the Supreme Court of West Virginia. Of the others I know nothing. I think Morgan founded Mississippi Alpha and I founded Virginia Beta.

The second session saw many of the best minds in the University members of our chapter, and we at once took high rank among the students. The $\Delta K E$ had organized a chapter one session ahead of us, and undoubtedly outranked us at first, but it was not long before we took the lead.

Unfortunately our chapter mixed too much with literary society politics, and not only made many enemies by so doing but it reacted injuriously toward our members. At the re-organization after the war it became unwritten law that we should let "wire-pulling" alone and make "sheep-

skins" the main object and aim of the members after *the* main object of the order, which I need not state here.

I have given about all the points of interest in the early history of the chapter, and before closing I wish to say that never, since the organization of the chapter in 1853, has a single disgraceful or dishonest act been charged against one of its members, and so far as I have ever heard no member has ever disgraced the fraternity in after life. Many have risen to distinction in some way; many have become useful and honored citizens, and many have passed "over the river and are resting under the shade of the trees."

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

C. C. WERTENBAKER.

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IT is quite possible that with the present number our editorial connection with THE SHIELD will cease. While very troublesome our work has been of a most pleasant character, and we wish to thank the fraternity for the uniform courtesy shown us and the generous support given THE SHIELD. I wish you a pleasant voyage, brothers. Our little ships may never come together on the great ocean of life, but I hope we shall see each other beyond. I will meet you when the sun goes down.

THE reorganization of Iowa Gamma is a peculiarly fortunate event. The old chapter was a fine one. The college is one of the first in the West, and disputes first place with the State University. The new chapter is composed of the very cream of the college. There are no anti-fraternity rules and next year we shall know more of Iowa Gamma.

UNDER the new constitution alumni chapters will be abolished. In their place Phi Kappa Psi will have alumni associations, to consist of not less than eight members. The old system was of no practical benefit. We trust that the new will prove more advantageous. Several such associations are already in process of formation, and we expect great results. The fraternity has made wonderful progress during the past year, and it is to be hoped that every effort will be made to reach the alumni.

Chapter Letters.

WITTENBERG.

Ohio Beta has taken her share of college honors this year, as usual. At the Junior Literary Contest Brother Manse took second place. There were many strong men in the class, and all of the orations were good. Our latest initiate is W. W. Gotwald, '89, the last of Dr. Gotwald's five sons to become a $\Phi K \Psi$.

On the evening of May 14, Ohio Beta celebrated her twentieth anniversary. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Ort, President of Wittenberg College; Profs. Prince and Smith, and Brothers Rabbits, Stewart and Rodgers. Dr. J. O. Davy, founder of Ohio Beta, related the circumstances which led to the founding of the chapter, and gave a brief history of its early days. Many of Springfield's distinguished $\Phi \Psi$ citizens were present, and all had a pleasant time. Regrets were read from Governor Foraker, General Keifer and others. The relative strength of the fraternities here is as follows:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Preparatory.	Total.
$\Phi K \Psi$	1	3	2	4	0	10
$B \Theta \Pi$	6	1	4	1	0	12
$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$	2	0	0	4	0	6
$A T \Omega$	1	1	1	0	2	5

In numbers we stand second, but we are first in strength.

Springfield, O., May 17, 1886.

S. S. BURTSFIELD.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Our work this year has been highly satisfactory to us. We have at present eleven men. During the last month we have initiated two men, whom we have every reason to think will bear the banner of $\Phi K \Psi$ as becomes the best. These are Will S. Kenyon and Ed. E. Baker. We have also interested ourselves in the reorganization of Iowa Gamma, an account of which will appear in this issue of *THE SHIELD*. Brother C. L. Joy represented us at the G. A. C. Perhaps we have not made as rapid progress as some of our sister chapters, yet we feel that we have an excellent foundation for next year's work.

Brother B. O. Aylesworth, alumnus of Virginia Delta, '80, and alumni Brothers Lansing and Lennett, of Beloit, Wis., were over Sunday visitors, and attended our regular meeting Saturday evening, where we tried—and

we have every reason to think, with success—to amuse them with an initiation. Our alumni came in to meet the visitors, and we endeavored to give them a reception worthy of $\Phi \Psi$ s. Brothers come again. Brother C. E. Eggert is one of the lucky *ten* chosen for marks, and will be on the program Commencement Day. The numerical standing of fraternities is as follows:

	'86.	'87.	'88.	'89.	'90.	Laws.	Total.
B Θ Π	6	2	4	6	0	0	18
Δ T Δ	4	4	4	5	0	0	17
Φ Δ Θ	3	0	4	2	0	3	12
Φ K Ψ	2	3	4	1	1	0	11
Σ X	2	2	3	2	0	0	9
K K Γ	2	4	2	0	0	0	8
Π B Φ (I.C.)	1	2	2	2	0	0	7
Iowa City, May 15, 1886.							Ed. E. DORR.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The past year has been one of prosperity and rejuvenation for Wisconsin Alpha. We have awakened to a realization of the importance of close inter-collegiate fraternity sympathy, and the awakening has brought with it a revival of local enthusiasm. I may safely say, that never, in the history of our chapter, has a more healthy fraternity and chapter enthusiasm existed. The University is prospering, but the number of fraternities, nine, is too large. We were, therefore, gratified at the refusal of a charter for a chapter of $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$, recently applied for. Of the six gentlemen fraternities two are not recognized in inter-fraternity matters: $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ on account of trouble in regard to the annual; $\Delta \Upsilon$ as a new chapter and not yet deserving of recognition.

Our initiates this year number six: Two Juniors, L. E. Youmans and R. M. Richmond; one Sophomore, Clinton Fulton; two Freshmen, John Stevens and J. H. Dockery; C. N. Gregory, class of '71, making our number thirteen. $X \Psi$ alone has exceeded us in Freshmen initiates. In numbers we lead; the quality, of course, goes without saying.

The respective strength of our rivals is: B Θ Π , 8; $X \Psi$, 13; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 10; Σ X, 6; $\Delta \Upsilon$, 6. Co-eds: $\Delta \Gamma$, 15; K K Γ , 11; $\Gamma \Phi$ B, a recently established chapter, 9.

Our recently inaugurated plan of issuing monthly chapter letters to our alumni is receiving much encouragement, and gives promise of accomplishing the desired result. In both a literary and a social way we stand second to no fraternity in the University. Brothers Bennett and Pease will represent us on Commencement Day, and in all literary and social events of the past year Phi Psi has taken an active part. Our prospects for the future are very encouraging.

Madison, Wis., May 18, 1886.

E. M. PLATT.

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

The following will give an idea of the relative strength of the Phi Kappa Psi among the rival fraternities of the University. They are given in the order of their establishment:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Outside Lit. Dept.	Total.
X Ψ	0	2	5	2	3	12
Δ Δ Φ	1	1	8	7	2	19
Δ K E	2	6	5	5	3	21
Σ Φ	0	1	2	5	1	9
Z Ψ	2	3	2	2	1	10
Ψ Υ	9	2	10	8	2	31
B Θ Π	4	4	3	5	4	21
Φ K Ψ	9	5	6	7	2	29
Δ T Δ	4	1	3	2	6	16

I think it can be said that our number, with one exception, is a truthful exponent of our position. October of '85 saw all the boys back and with them five goat-riders. The goat is doing well, thank you. Brother Bliss finished his work last semester, but will be back in June to graduate. Brother Campbell obtained his transfer from Indiana Gamma, and is now one of us. "Bob" delivered a lecture here last semester and remained a few days with the boys. Of course we all enjoyed his visit. By way of honors, Brother T. F. Wright holds the editorship of the *Argonaut*, as well as being secretary of the Senior class. Brother Hollenbeck represented the fraternity upon the Palladium Board, and Brother Reynolds was elected president of the Lecture Board; a position that he held during the first semester of the year. Brother Parmenter for some time held the position of president of the Adelphi Society—one of the two principal literary societies of the University. Brother Hess holds the position of assistant in the mechanical laboratory. The changes made in the constitution at the G. A. C. meet with the hearty approval of Michigan Alpha, and every thing shall be done to give the new measure a vigorous application. Accept our congratulations for the past of *THE SHIELD* and our hopes for its future.

May 16, 1886.

Fraternally,

W. J. HAMILTON.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Illinois Beta is just closing one of the most successful years in her history. With the Commencement of '85 we lost three good members, leaving us six in number. Our initiates this year have been seven, but one has since left college, giving us 12 at present. The year has also been successful financially. We have cleared away several very annoying back debts, and rejoice in the consciousness of owing no man anything. Plans are being made for a general renovation and improvement in our hall next fall, but no debt will be incurred to that end. Our meetings have been well attended and good work has been done. In fact we can report, for Illinois Beta, a very encour-

aging advance in all departments of fraternity work. The best news we have to give is, that now there seems to be no further doubt as to the continuance of the University, but every thing seems prosperous and assured.

Our relations with our sister fraternities this year have been very amicable. Their relative numbers are as follows:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Total.
Psi Upsilon	2	1	2	4	9
Delta Kappa Epsilon	1	1	2	1	5
Zeta Psi	1	1	0	0	2
Phi Kappa Psi	4	0	2	6	12

Our Class Day exercises come on June 15 this year. Our entire delegation is represented, Buzzell giving the Farewell Address, Brockway the Prophecy, Coy the Bone Oration, and Weddell the Poem. Commencement occurs the morning following at Central Music Hall. And now I lay down my pen as chapter correspondent. May a better hand guide it in the future, and may it have none but good news to record of Illinois Beta.

May 16, 1886.

T. R. WEDDELL.

[No better hand than Tom Weddell's will ever write for Illinois Beta.—E. C. L.]

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

The May SHIELD only reached us yesterday. Its contents were immediately devoured by the boys, who had been quite impatient to see it. The following is the numerical strength of our fraternities here:

	Prep.	Fresh.	Soph.	Junior.	Senior.	Law.	P. G.	Total.
A T Ω	0	3	1	4	1	0	0	9
K A	0	5	4	5	3	4	3	24
Σ A E	1	0	5	3	1	0	1	12
Σ N	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	7
Φ Δ Θ	0	1	3	3	0	1	0	8
Φ K Ψ	0	2	3	2	2	2	1	12
X Ψ	0	0	2	1	2	2	0	7

We have initiated seven men during the collegiate year. We were represented at the G. A. C. and on the college magazine. The fraternal feeling among the boys is excellent. South Carolina Alpha feels satisfied with the year's work, though she has won no great victories. And for the future our motto shall be: "Upward and Onward." We are in the house of our fathers, and here we intend to stay.

On the 8th of May all the students from here went on a pleasure trip to Charleston, the historic "City by the Sea." This trip was a substitute for our annual *Fete Champetre* on the college grounds. South Carolina Alpha was invited to dine at the residence of Brother Cathcart's aunt, Miss E. A. Kelly, Principal of the Charleston Female Seminary, and never, on any occasion, did a crowd of Phi Psis enjoy themselves better than on this one.

It fell to the happy lot of each of us to escort a young lady to dinner. I find it impossible now to describe the dinner and its surroundings. I will only try and give an idea. Imagine a table loaded with everything to tempt the appetite. Then you have the dinner. Imagine seated at that table about fifteen of the "fairest of the fair," with South Carolina Alpha "sandwiched" between them; and again, several other tables in the room filled with girls belonging to the Seminary. Every way a fellow could turn he would be confronted by a battery of sparkling eyes. These were the surroundings. What wonder is it that all of the boys came back hopelessly smitten? Brother Cathcart on this felicitous occasion was ubiquitous, and much of the enjoyment of the day was due to him. South Carolina Alpha owes Miss Kelly a debt of eternal gratitude for so much kindness shown. We shall remember, with very tender feelings, the young ladies met there, and look forward with pleasure to another meeting with them. The rest of the students came back from Charleston sea-sick. We, of Phi Kappa Psi, did not go out on the water, but came back pining under the blow of the god of ye little arrow.

Brother Butler, who is now performing pedagogic functions in Union county, spent a few days here recently and attended us on our trip to Charleston. We were all very glad to see "Both" once more. While in Charleston your correspondent had the pleasure of meeting Rev. Robert Wilson, D. D., the honored founder of South Carolina Alpha. The Doctor is an enthusiastic and loyal Phi Psi—the kind of an alumnus that it does one good to meet. He is pastor of St. Luke's church, one of the largest in the city.

Columbia, S. C., May 15, 1886.

J. M. KNIGHT.

DE PAUW.

Since the G. A. C. the boys have resumed the old routine of college duties. The acquaintances formed at the Council were of the most agreeable character, and the work done of the most vital importance. We are all anxiously looking forward to the G. A. C. of '88, when the chapter will send a delegation to enjoy the hospitalities of the D. C. boys. During the past year the chapter has realized the very best of success and enjoyed the most harmonious feelings and interests. The remainder of the college year appears to us most encouraging, and the conclusion of the year's work we feel assured will be quite as successful. On last Saturday night we initiated Brother Fred. Cleveland, '90, of Sterling, Ills., a brother of Brother Jno. W. Cleveland, '88, who joined us from Illinois Alpha last fall. The chapter has gained excellent men in the addition of both. We lose, by graduation this year, Brothers Cameron, Hough and Thayer, all of whom have been very enthusiastic brothers, and their loss shall be greatly felt. Our compared numerical list is at present as follows:

	'86.	'87.	'88.	'89.	'90.	Total.
Beta Theta Phi	6	5	3	3	2	19
Phi Gamma Delta	6	4	2	6	1	19
Sigma Chi	2	4	4	8	1	19
Delta Kappa Epsilon	1	5	6	4	2	18
Phi Delta Theta	0	7	2	5	3	17
Delta Tau Delta	3	0	1	1	2	7
Phi Kappa Psi	3	6	6	4	2	21

The prospects for the coming year are very encouraging, and we sincerely hope that the success which many of the chapters have enjoyed during the past year may be realized by all during '86-7, and effect thereby the continued success and prosperity of Phi Kappa Psi at large.

Greencastle, Ind., May 19, 1886.

GEORGE B. BAKER.

BELOIT.

As another school year draws to its close, and in sight of Commencement and summer holidays, it is natural to survey in retrospect the work of the past year. For Wisconsin Gamma it has been, on the whole, most successful, and though it be far from us to exalt it to the rank of ideal excellence, still it is with a feeling of satisfaction that we survey its accomplishments. To our brothers in other fraternities it may appear that we have done little, for we have shown small inclination to extend our ranks and have made no initiations since last September. But if we have become better brothers, have realized more completely the ideal of brotherly relationship, which is set before us in the principles of our organization, we have obtained the truest success that can come to any chapter. And it is in this respect that we can look with pleasure on our work for the past year. Never has our chapter presented a more harmonious spectacle of congenial association, and never have our relations to the other Greeks in the school been so frictionless and so truly fraternal.

Our present number is twelve, and in it all of the college classes are represented. Of the honors which we have secured thus far this year, though nearly all are announced at Commencement, we may mention: The Salutatory Address for the present Senior class, the first three honors at the Junior Exhibition and the prize offered for the highest entrance examination to the Freshman class. Three of the speakers also for the next Home Oratorical Contest are Phi Psis, and if they have good luck Wisconsin Gamma may be represented at the next Inter-State Contest. Brother Welsh also is captain of the base ball nine. These are all distinctions which have come without any of the wire-pulling and political scheming which characterizes the hard-earned honors at so many of our colleges; for, thank heaven, the old-fashioned spirit of honor, to whom honor is due, still holds at our somewhat antiquated and conservative institution, as against the spirit of machine and faction.

Beloit was raised, in her own eyes at least, to quite a pinnacle of fame, by securing the first place at the Inter-State Oratorical Contest held recently at Lawrence, Kansas, and although the victor was not a Phi Psi, we still feel that with our institution there is some triumph for us. The victor, Mr. E. C. Ritsher, is a member of no fraternity, though I believe he has frequently been sought by various chapters here. He is Valedictorian of the present Senior class, and it must be said that his victory was a complete surprise to no one.

Within the past two weeks we have entertained two visiting Phi-Psis, Brother Pease, of Wisconsin Alpha, whose clear ideas, sound sense and vigorous expression will be remembered by all who took part in the discussions at the recent G. A. C., and Brother Bass, of Illinois Alpha, who came to us as a base ball pilgrim with the University team. To-day we have with us Brother J. D. Rowland, of Wisconsin Alpha, a singer of high reputation in this part of the State. The following is a tabulated list:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Total.
Beta Theta Pi	6	4	2	4	16
Sigma Chi	2	1	3	5	11
Phi Kappa Psi	2	5	2	3	12

May 22, 1886. GEORGE L. HENDRICKSON.

HOBART.

Like the famous Roman "*Veni Vidi Vici*," only this time it was decidedly plural number. Forty loyal brothers flocked round the board at the first annual banquet of Phi Psis in the old Empire State, and the "discourse" was all that heart could wish.

Brother F. H. Hodder, of Michigan Alpha, Instructor in History at Cornell, acted as toast master by general request. Brother Harris, of Beta, delivered the address of welcome, and Brother Bean, of Delta, responded. Brother Taylor, of Alpha, told us of the new constitution, and other toasts followed, alternating among the chapters. It is needless to attempt a description. Only personal experience could have convinced one of the perfectness and good feeling displayed in every detail. Delta attended in a body and passed safely through a railroad accident on the route, being delayed two hours. The Beta boys entertained all comers at their pleasant hall before the banquet, and an adjournment was made to the same agreeable quarters in the wee sma' hours after every one was satisfied with the feast of good things, both edible and literary.

A number of the brothers had necessarily to leave in the early morning, so the short space till train time was passed in social converse. Soon train time came, and hearty grips were exchanged with departing brothers, while expressions of satisfaction with every thing connected with the banquet were universal. It was a great success, and inaugurates a day to be remembered each succeeding year by New York Phi Psis.

This has been a bright year throughout for Delta. Taking a prominent place in the affairs at Hobart at the opening of the year, she has gone forward steadily and vigorously ever since. Of college offices and honors she has had her share, while the scholarship and morality of her members is not to be challenged.

Preceding the State Banquet, and giving to members of Delta an almost equal pleasure, was the banquet given to the chapter by Brother Bean at his hospitable home, one mile from town. All that could be done for our comfort and pleasure from the ample menu to the piano and library, was done heartily, and I take the responsibility of saying that no happier meeting of the chapter has been held this year.

Our new library is to be opened at Commencement, and during the summer alumni hall will be erected. Need I say that the base ball season is open here and we are playing to win. Brother Way graces the diamond as catcher.

The relative strength of the Greek world here is as follows: Kappa Alpha, 17; Sigma Phi, 10; Theta Delta Chi, 15; Phi Kappa Psi, 11.

At Commencement we shall lose three loyal brothers. Our hopes and wishes go out with them, for their success and pleasant memories remain to brighten the future. We shall begin next year with a good standing among our rivals and have no fear of anything but success. Till then, *Vale*.

May 20, 1886.

CHAS. A. SMITH.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC.

Since last heard from California Alpha has "unveiled the mysteries" to J. Ross and H. Nelson, both members of the Sophomore class, and the former a brother of one of our old members. These additions will go far toward compensating us for the loss of Brothers Urmy and Shafer, who have left college. Brother Shafer, however, is in business in San Jose and so is almost a regular member. Of college honors we are having our share. Two of the three gentlemen elected by the faculty to represent the graduating class at Commencement are Phi Psis, and a Phi Psi delivers the Master's Oration. At the anniversaries of the two societies we will have a first and second orator of the one and a first orator of the other, and at the other exercises we will be well represented, two Phi Psis taking part in the Elocutionary Contest and two in the Class Day exercises. Four of the boys graduate this year, which will leave an under-graduate membership of nine, distributed as follows: Four Juniors, four Sophomores and one Freshman.

Our would-be rivals do not materialize very rapidly. They hold frequent very sub-rosa meetings, and one of them was caught recently airing a Phi Delta Theta pin, but that seems to be the extent of their organization.

San Jose, May 17, 1886.

L. L. DENNETT.

CORNELL.

The past year has been a favorable one for Phi Kappa Psi at Cornell. We have initiated nine strong men, one of whom is already an instructor in college. We look for even better success next year, as we have a new chapter-house well under way and will occupy it at the beginning of the college year. It will be commodious and comfortable, and we shall be glad to see all Phi Kaps then. Phi Kappa Psi spirit is much greater here than ever before, owing to the pleasant intercourse we have had with our brothers at Hobart and Syracuse. The New York State Banquet was a decided success, both financially and socially. The good time at Syracuse and the handsome manner we were received have already insured its repetition next year at Hobart or Cornell. Herewith find relative numerical strength of fraternities:

Delta Gamma, 11; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 12; Kappa Alpha Theta, 13; Theta Delta Chi, 16; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 14; Zeta Psi, 16; Phi Kappa Psi, 16; Alpha Delta Phi, 20; Phi Delta Theta, 12; Delta Upsilon, 17; Psi Upsilon, 20; Beta Theta Pi, 13; Kappa Alpha, 20; Chi Psi, 16.

Brother Foraker is still a member of the Board of Trustees, and Brother Frankenheimer, now a prominent lawyer in New York city, is President of the Alumni. Brother Bickford, who was one of the three men who got Phi Beta Kappa last year, is in Chicago. Brother Folkenau, who was one of the seven Commencement speakers in '85, only four being fraternity men, won a Fellowship, and is still with us. Bliss, '85, who was editor on the Cornell Daily *Sun* and Vice-President of Senior class, Smith, who was an editor on the *Cornellian*, are all doing well. We are proud of our delegation of five '85 men, and pleased to know that they all prosper. We hope our boys to come will do as well.

Ithaca, N. Y., May 15, 1886.

JOHN W. TAYLOR.

O. W. U.

Ohio Alpha opened the fall campaign with fourteen men, and up to date has initiated four. We were re-enforced by two members from other chapters, so that, although we lost five men during the year by various misfortunes, we now number fourteen. Brother Hoover, '86, is now a member of '87, Harvard, while Frank Stivers, '88, is home convalescing. Our standing in college has been equal to that of our rivals, as a few of our positions will show: Two *Transcript* editors, an orator for this and next year's oratorical contest, representatives in each society annual, three class presidents, three society presidents, treasurer of the Ohio State Oratorical Association for '86 and '87, major, two second lieutenants and sergeant of the battalion, captain and sergeant of the battery, well represented in the base ball, foot ball and tennis clubs of the University, president of the Base Ball Association, an orator for Commencement, etc.

We were compelled to work against odds at times, but now we are on a firm foundation, and our prospect is bright and encouraging. During the year we added a fine stove, several pictures and a piano to our hall furniture, and we know of no cosier retreat among our sister chapters. Visits between Ohio Beta and Delta have been exchanged, and we have found this intercourse to be of great benefit to us. We were fully represented at Brother Foraker's inauguration, at his complimentary banquet and at the G. A. C. at Indianapolis. Our finances have been par right along, both here and in our dealings with the Grand Chapter.

The History of Ohio Alpha, by Brothers Van Cleve and Gamble, has received many flattering press comments, as well as praises from our alumni; and I think we are justly proud of our first book.

All the fraternities have done good work, $X \Phi$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ coming up especially in number and quality. $B \Theta \Pi$, like ourselves, has lost several men, and appears less prosperous than formerly, but it is appearance only. Harmony has been the rule, and as usual the exception came along with it, but, at present, the workings of the Greek world are smooth—almost frictionless. Within the last two weeks Phi Delta Theta and Phi Gamma Delta have held successful conventions here. The former a province and the latter a State convention. Each had a fine banquet at our big hotel Donivan, and all were pleased with the O. W. U.

Annexed is a list of our fraternities, arranged according to their numerical strength:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Total.
Delta Tau Delta	5	3	4	5	17
Phi Kappa Psi	5	2	3	4	14
Phi Gamma Delta	2	3	2	4	11
Beta Theta Pi	1	1	4	3	9
Chi Phi	0	5	1	3	9
Phi Delta Theta	2	1	3	3	9

Wishing Brother Little a pleasant vacation and a *sure* return to the editorship of THE SHIELD, Ohio Alpha says farewell—'till next fall.

Delaware, Ohio, May 22, 1886.

B. M. ALLISON.

LEWISBURG.

Our hall has been remodeled and the financial condition of the chapter has been bettered. As brothers the most perfect harmony has prevailed among us, and the burden of one has, in more than one instance, been shared by all. Literary work and athletics have received our attention. Dreisback is President of Theta Alpha, and will introduce the Commencement orator. Keiser is President of Euepia, and Kelchner will deliver the Valedictory Address. Owens, Clark and Calder are Junior orators. We have the editor-in-chief, local editor and business manager of the *Mirror*; two men on the college nine and manager of the Athletic Association.

The following is the numerical strength of the fraternities at Lewisburg.

	'86.	'87.	'88.	'89.	Spec.	Preparatory.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi	3	3	2	5	0	0	13
Phi Gamma Delta	5	0	3	3	0	2	13
Σ X	0	0	2	2	1	2	7

In this last word from Pennsylvania Gamma in the year '86, we send a hearty greeting to all our sister chapters in Phi Kappa Psi, wishing them success in every endeavor.

HOWARD L. CALDER.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Indiana Beta commenced the present collegiate year with eleven members. Since then she has initiated nine more, who have shown themselves excellently adapted to sustain the principles and promote the growth of Phi Kappa Psi. In our spiking work we were unusually successful, nearly all our men receiving bids from some fraternity, and two received bids from all the fraternities. Our meetings in the main have been regularly attended, the literary programs being carried out in good shape. Although being unable to entertain our lady friends with a banquet, ball or symposium this year, we still hold our position as first socially. In the various public exercises of the literary societies, we have had over half of our men represented.

In the Civil Service Contest Brother Long obtained second prize of \$15, third prize being restricted to the Sophomore class. As you all probably know "Brother Simms come purty nigh getting contest."

Base ball has attracted a great deal of attention here this spring, three of the fraternities organizing nines. In a combination game (we Hoosiers are compelled to combine in sports as well as in college politics) composed of Betas and Barbs on the one hand, and Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Chi on the other, the latter were victorious by a score of four to seven. In a second game they were also victorious, however with a larger score. The following is the standing of the various fraternities in Indiana University:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Preparatory.	Total.
Sigma Chi	2	4	3	6	3	18
Phi Gamma Delta	1	1	7	7	2	18
Phi Delta Theta	1	2	3	8	3	17
Beta Theta Pi	0	3	7	3	2	15
Phi Kappa Psi	4	3	4	7	2	70
Kappa Alpha Theta	3	1	10	8	2	24
Kap. Kap. Gamma	0	2	0	8	4	14

Taking all in all Indiana Beta looks upon the closing year as one of success in the history of Phi Kappa Psi at Indiana University. The chapter feels highly gratified at the work done by the G. A. C. at Indianapolis, and looks forward to the adoption of the new constitution with much interest. Indiana Beta sends best wishes to all sister chapters, with a hope that all may spend a pleasant vacation.

May 20, 1886.

L. VAN BUSKIRK.

ALLEGHANY.

The close of the present college year will find Pennsylvania Beta with sixteen active members, seven of whom have been initiated during the year, though she will lose three by graduation. Beginning the year by holding our meetings in a rented hall, occupied by several other secret societies, we now have exclusive control of a hall centrally located, which is homelike and pleasant, though not finished in mahogany and walnut; where the brothers can enjoy fraternity life with none to molest, and where they can caper to the music of our own organ when Brothers Smith or Williamson are present to grind. The brothers are interested in most of the different organizations of the college, and have taken honors or hold positions as follows: The Athenian Literary Society elected Brother Scofield, who took their oration prize, society orator, thus giving him two honors. Brother S. B. Smith is cadet major in the college battalion. Brother W. P. Cary is captain and pitcher of the college base ball club. Brother R. C. Bole was elected inter-society contest orator, but resigned. Brother F. H. Shaw was elected editor-in-chief of the college paper, *The Campus*, with Brother C. H. Haskins as fraternity editor. Our numerical standing in the different classes, and that of our rivals, is as follows:

	Senior.	Junior.	Soph.	Fresh.	Prep.	Total.
Phi Gamma Delta	3	1	3	4	6	17
Phi Kappa Psi	3	2	2	4	5	16
Phi Delta Theta	4	0	4	2	4	14
Kappa Alpha Theta	4	0	6	0	2	12
Delta Tau Delta	0	0	0	3	4	7

Our Preparatory will all be Freshmen next year, so that we will start in the year, under the new constitution, with no Preparatory. We are all looking forward to the most pleasant event during Commencement week, our fraternity banquet, which promises to be one of the largest in the history of Pennsylvania Beta. We think all will join in saying that the present has been one of the most pleasant and prosperous years Pennsylvania Beta has ever experienced.

May 20, 1886.

B. G.—PENNA BETA.

 WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

In accordance with the wishes of THE SHIELD we give below a brief statement of the chapter's work during the year. At the opening of the fall term we initiated five men, and since then two more. We soon secured a new hall, had it nicely furnished and began to hold our meetings every Saturday night, instead of once in two weeks. They have been well attended, and their frequency has served to draw us closer in the fraternal ties. Some times we were favored with literary productions from some of the brothers; often some of our alumni would attend the meetings and participate in the exercises, thus making the meetings both interesting and

instructive. The past year has been a most successful one for Ohio Gamma, and she has grown much in strength and unity. She will loose but few men at the close of the term, as nearly all expect to return next year, and will only loose one by graduation.

The following is a tabular statement of Phi Kappa Psi and rivals:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Preparatory.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi	1	3	3	2	5	14
Sigma Chi	3	4	4	3	2	16
Beta Theta Pi	2	6	1	3	0	12
Phi Delta Theta	4	3	3	3	1	14
Phi Gamma Delta	1	4	3	2	3	13
Delta Tau Delta	4	1	4	3	4	16

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

"No salutatory, no peroration—just a brief, exact letter." The standing of the fraternities as regards numbers is:

	'86.	'87.	'88.	'89.	Preps.	Total.	Initiated.	Left College.
Phi Gamma Delta	3	4	2	5	0	14	6	3
Sigma Chi	2	1	2	2	3	10	6	4
Phi Delta Theta	0	4	3	0	0	7	2	3
Chi Phi	2	2	3	1	2	10	10	9
Beta Theta Pi	1	3	2	2	1	9	6	0
Phi Kappa Psi	3	5	2	2	1	13	3	2

The honors this year have been quite evenly divided, although a complete list shows that we have a few the most. However, as none of them were obtained by combination or "measly" scheming, they show our standing. They are: President of Alcyone Literary Society twice, president of Horton Literary Society, orator at State contest, who won third place, and delegate to inter-State contest, major of battalion, business manager of the *Lantern*, president of the Junior class, orator and historian for Class Day, and pitcher of college team.

The Phi Gams are not quite so politically inclined, at least they do not hold many offices. The reasons are obvious. The Sigmas have improved their standing very much in the last three or four years. They are not very strong, but have several very nice men. The Phi Deltas lost their strongest men last year, and this year finds them weak in numbers. The Kiffie's list speaks for itself. Out of ten initiated, seven were Preps, and only three of the ten are in school. This was the cause of the movement to stop initiating Preps. The Phi Gammas, Phi Deltas and Betas have signed it, and the Sigma Chis may, but the Chi Phis will not. The Betas have initiated none since the founding of their chapter, last December. Their men are, as is usually the case with new chapters, not the most desirable men in the college.

The moving and refurnishing of our hall has made the boys unusually active and enthusiastic, showing how much good it does a chapter to work

hard. We give a reception next Saturday, which bids fair to be a great success. About sixty of our friends will be present, and we anticipate a fine time. In spite of the decreasing number of students, we have had a most successful year in all respects.

May 20, 1886.

HALBERT E. PAYNE.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Through the last SHIELD we find that Mississippi Alpha owes THE SHIELD a letter. We have no news to write, but will write a short letter to let you know that we are still in the land of the living, and in a good way to remain so. Here is a statement of Phi Psi and her sister fraternities:

	Law.	Senior.	Junior.	Soph.	Fresh.	Prep.	Total.
Phi Delta Theta	0	1	4	2	1	2	7
Sigma Chi	1	0	4	0	1	1	7
Rainbow	1	0	3	2	3	3	12
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	1	1	0	1	0	3	6
Delta Kappa Epsilon	1	2	1	5	3	0	12
Beta Theta Pi	2	3	0	2	5	0	12
Chi Psi	1	1	1	2	5	2	12
Phi Kappa Psi	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
Delta Psi	1	1	1	0	3	0	6

You see from the above that we are not so strong in numbers as some of the other fraternities here, but we have as good men. It is not long before Commencement now. We expect to have a fine time, as three of our brothers are coming up. We will have two of our boys that graduated here last year, back with us next year, to take law. We stand a good chance for two Freshman medals at Commencement. With best wishes to THE SHIELD.

J. R. TACKETT.

Oxford, Miss., May 22, 1886.

SIMPSON.

Although we have been silent for some time we have not been inactive. Allow me, brothers, to introduce to you our new and loyal brother, L. A. Youtz, a man of decided talent and who makes us a strong man.

We have, since our last letter, procured the use of the Odd Fellows' hall of this place, the finest room in the city. While this is not our own, yet it inspires us with renewed vigor and determination to procure one in the near future which shall be ours. In the last year we have taken more than our proportion of honors. In the recent oratorical contest Brother J. S. Wright took first honors, Brother J. H. Newland second, both being representatives to the State contest. Brother A. O. Miller was elected as third delegate, making our delegation solid Phi Kappa Psi, and better men it would have been impossible to have secured. Brother Wright took third honors in the State contest, and went as State delegate to the Inter-State

Contest at Lawrence, Kansas. In the coming Commencement exercises we will be well represented, and look forward confidently for success in at least some of the numerous prizes granted the school by generous patrons.

Now we give a tabulated statement, as near as our memory will permit, of Phi Kappa Psi and her gentleman competitors:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Preparatory.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi	7	5	1	4	3	30
Delta Tau Delta	0	2	2	3	1	8
Alpha Tau Omega	0	0	2	4	0	6

We are naturally proud of the fact that every graduating gentleman this year is a Phi Psi, and so are also the majority of next year's class. It pains me to state that our beloved president, Rev. E. L. Parks, and an alumnal brother, has resigned his position as president here, to take up a professorship in the Theological Institute at Atlanta, Georgia. We sincerely regret his departure from among us, and I voice the sentiment of all my brothers here when I say that our desire is that he may be as successful in the work upon which he is about to enter as he has been while at the head of Simpson College, and wherever he may be our best wishes attend him.

M. J. ELROD.

Indianola, Iowa, May 25, 1886.

DICKINSON.

In compliance with your request we send a short resume of the year's work. We had seven men in the beginning of the year, but now number eleven, and the prospects are very encouraging. We have a good share of the honors. Brother Curry is treasurer of the College Athletic Association and captain of the Dickinson ball nine. Brothers M. Vale and Holler have also secured positions on the team. Brother T. Vale is one of the editors of the *Dickinsonian*. Brother Curry is president of the Senior class, and Brother Howell has the address of welcome on Class Day during Commencement week. The sixteenth annual Sophomore Oratorical Contest of the Belles-lettres Society was held on the 21st ult., and I know every loyal Phi Psi will rejoice with us that one of our new men, Brother Sterling, won the gold medal. This contest is acknowledged to be one of the best that has ever been held at this institution. On Field Day, Brother Morris, another new man, won the bicycle race. In lawn tennis we are ahead, being the only chapter that has a club. The schedule is as follows:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi	2	3	3	3	11
Chi Phi	2	2	1	2	7
Beta Theta Pi	1	3	2	2	8
Theta Delta Chi	7	2	1	4	14
Phi Delta Theta	8	6	2	2	18
Sigma Chi	0	1	1	5	7

May 22, 1886.

W. B. LONGSDORF.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Virginia Alpha opened the current session with nine members, including Brother S. P. Preston, a transfer from Virginia Gamma. We extended nine invitations and had all accepted, and consequently have as our initiates Brothers L. A. Cover, of Winchester, Va.; C. P. Echols, of Alabama; F. W. Hains, of Virginia; J. L. Howard, of Kentucky; R. M. Kent, Jr., of Virginia; E. M. Stires, of Virginia; S. W. Venable, Jr., of Virginia; W. H. Venable, of Virginia, and J. B. Woods, of Virginia. The University has no curriculum, and consequently no class division, as the elective system has prevailed here for more than sixty years. I can, therefore, only give the total numbers of our rivals:

Alpha Tau Omega, 13; Beta Theta Pi, 8; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 13; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 9; Kappa Sigma, 7; Pi Kappa Alpha, 12; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 9; Sigma Chi, 15; Phi Delta Theta, 10; Phi Theta Alpha (Mystic Seven), 14; Phi Kappa Epsilon, 3; Phi Kappa Psi, 18; Chi Phi, 10. Total membership in chapters, 141.

Besides these there are several students belonging to fraternities not represented here by chapters. In regard to honors we can only say that the final examinations are not yet over, and consequently we have to be reticent as to scholastic rewards. In athletics Brother G. T. Smith won the 100 yards dash, with a record of $11\frac{1}{4}$ seconds. He was also one of the winners of the three-legged race. Brother Peters won the potato race. Brother W. M. Thornton, Professor of Mathematics applied to engineering, has been elected assistant chairman of the faculty. Brothers Hains and Echols are shining lights in musical circles in college, both being soloists in the University Minstrel Troupe. Brother Saunders is strong on the violin and plays in the orchestra of the troupe. Brother J. S. Davis is a licentiate in Greek. Brothers G. H. Smith and Stires are *the* calico men of the club, although Echols and W. H. Venable hold their own nobly in that line. We expect four degrees this year, an M. D., M. A., B. L. and C. E.; but hope to have more to say about them in our next letter. Brother Ingle is a member of the E. C., though probably the whole fraternity knows this. I close congratulating the fraternity at large on having passed such a successful year.

C. M. BLACKFORD, JR.

May 23, 1886.

IOWA GAMMA.

As a new born child we raise our voice to greet our new found brothers. After a silence of a score of year Iowa Gamma again greets her brothers of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. The old brothers have left. But the old spirit still lived, and after smoldering so long at last burst forth with renewed vigor.

On May 21 Iowa Gamma was re-organized—thanks to our kind and loyal brothers Dorr and North of Iowa Alpha. We are composed of the

best element in school, numbering about thirteen men, men who can be relied upon when a decisive time arrives. Although quiet at first, we hope before long to come out in our true colors and float before the world the pure banner of the Phi Kappa Psi.

Again greeting the fraternity at large, let us hope that nothing but a bright future lies before Iowa Gamma.

May 25, 1886.

Y.

WASHINGTON AND LEE.

Phi Kappa Psi began this session with five men and initiated three men, making us the strongest fraternity in college, Kappa Alpha following with six. In the literary societies we have been quite successful. In the celebration of the Graham Lee Society we had one speaker, and in the Washington Society, in a contest for debater's medal, we had one speaker who carried off the medal, Brother J. W. W. Bias in the chair. We will have two speakers in the contest of the two societies at the final—Brother H. D. Irwin declaimer, from the Graham Lee, and J. W. W. Bias orator, from the Washington. Brother Bias is also in the Albert Sidney boat crew, training for the annual race at Commencement. L. W. Irwin is one of the editors of the *Collegian*, and Brother E. L. McGowan, our "Bick" (law student), has distinguished himself in the Law class, and after this term will sign his name with a B. L. The numerical strength of the fraternities is as follows:

Phi Kappa Psi, 8; Kappa Alpha, 6; Sigma Chi, 5; Delta Phi, 5; Kappa Sigma Kappa, 4; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 3; Sigma Nu, 3; Phi Alpha Chi, 3; Kappa Alpha Epsilon (local fraternity), 5. Our course of study is elective, so could not give men by classes.

This has been quite a successful year for Virginia Beta. We regret only one thing, the loss of Brother P. M. Randolph, whose health compelled him to leave college. With best wishes to the fraternity at large, I remain yours most fraternally.

Lexington, Va., May 23, 1886.

MORGAN BILLIN.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Epsilon opened the fall term last September with nine men, to which we have added four initiates. By the departure of Brother Fred. Gotwald to Springfield we were left with twelve men, the number we have at present. The condition of the chapter, both financial and otherwise, is the best. During the year we have succeeded in placing a new *suite* of furniture in Miller Hall, which is now free from all debts. With the class of '89 we lose Brothers Bitts, Buehler, Miller and Shafer. Desirable men are scarce, but we expect to initiate a few of them before the close of the present session. Do not think that because we are smaller in number than some of our

rivals we merit less distinction. It is quality, *not quantity*, we seek. Below is a tabulated statement of our rivals:

	Senior.	Junior.	Soph.	Fresh.	Prep.	Sem.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi	4	1	2	2	2	1	12
Sigma Chi	1	1	0	3	1	0	6
Phi Gamma Delta	4	4	1	2	4	0	15
Phi Delta Theta	5	1	5	2	5	0	18
Alpha Tau Omega	3	3	1	2	2	0	12

Gettysburg, Pa., May 23, 1886.

JOHN F. DAPP.

LAFAYETTE.

This is the numerical strength of the fraternities at Lafayette:

	'86.	'87.	'88.	'89.	Total.
Delta Kappa Epsilon	4	4	1	0	10
Zeta Psi	3	0	7	4	14
Theta Delta Chi	0	0	0	1	1
Sigma Chi	1	1	2	1	5
Phi Kappa Psi	6	0	2	3	11
Phi Delta Theta	5	3	3	3	14
Chi Psi	1	1	3	3	8
Delta Tau Delta	1	0	6	2	9
Phi Gamma Delta	1	2	5	1	9
Delta Phi	7	5	1	4	18

Brothers Green and Blauvelt will probably get speeches at Commencement, Niesley is master of ceremonies, Watts is poet on Class Day and Gilmore chairman of one of the committees, Swift is catcher and McDowell pitcher on the ball nine. Brother Ed. Green graduated first honor man in the Medical Department at the University of Pennsylvania, and won a \$100 prize. Brother John Green stood first in his class at the same institution. The writer has been elected inter-collegiate editor of the *Lafayette* for next year, and also editor-in-chief of the coming year's *Melange*.

Easton, Pa., May 25, 1886.

A. W. CUMMINS.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

	Senior.	Junior.	Soph.	Fresh.	Medical.	Post Senior.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi	5	5	2	0	3	3	18
Delta Psi	4	6	4	3	0	0	17
Zeta Psi	3	6	1	1	0	0	11
Phi Kappa Sigma	1	4	1	4	0	1	11
Delta Phi	5	4	3	3	0	1	16
Alpha Tau Omega	1	3	0	0	0	1	5

Chi Phi, all medical and dental.

College honors were taken by Jefferys, Crane, Freeman and Ives. Brother Faries is president of the Inter-College Athletic Association of

America. Brother Posey is president of the Inter-College Athletic Association of Pennsylvania, and is also president of the Foot Ball Association. Brother Hovey is pitcher on the University nine. Brothers Jefferys, Griscom and Salter are on the foot ball team. Brother Griscom is on the University eight. Brother Faries is the inter-collegiate champion in the mile run. Brother Hancock is the college champion in the bicycle race. Brother Jefferys is moderator of Philo and class orator. Brother Posey is bowl man, *i. e.*, second popular man in '86. The six graduate brothers in the Medical Department all took very high honors, and were all successful in passing the examinations for the positions of residents in the different hospitals. Altogether the work of the chapter has been highly gratifying, and we hope for a repetition next year.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 23, 1886.

G. B. H.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Pennsylvania Eta has been attempting to hold up her portion of the fraternity during the year, and we hope satisfactorily. We have had a representative on the staff of the *College Student*, and of the six editors recently chosen for the coming year, the only fraternity men are Phi Psis — Brother Rothermel, senior editor, and Brother Apple, treasurer. We were also represented on the staff of our annual, *The Oriflamme*, just issued by the Junior class — the editor-in-chief and two of the associate editors being brothers. The strength of the fraternities here is relatively this:

	Seminary.	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi	1	4	4	1	2	12
Chi Phi	0	4	1	1	4	10
Phi Kappa Sigma	1	1	2	0	3	7

We were well represented in the society anniversaries this spring, and two of the five contestants for the oratorical prize, to be awarded during Commencement week, are brothers. Brother Manger has taken one of the three scholarship honors bestowed on the Seniors for the work of the whole course. Our outlook for next year, though not any too good, is yet relatively considered, promising.

Lancaster, Pa., May 25, 1886.

H. A. DUBBS.

NORTHWESTERN.

In order to do her share in keeping Phi Kappa Psi a shining light in the Greek world, and to maintain her unquestioned leadership in Northwestern University, Illinois Alpha has been particularly active since we were heard from last. A need was felt of another man in '87 to assist our two brethren, who were struggling under an undue weight of honor. To Illinois Alpha, therefore, was born, March 4, Brother W. S. Hall, who bears

all the distinctive marks of a Phi Psi. Brother Hall has completed two years of the course in Chicago Medical College, where he will graduate after completing his course here.

We thought to take the Kirk prize again this year would not show any advancement upon the two previous years, and feared that such victories, being so often repeated, would lose much of their significance. It was decided, therefore, that it would be desirable to secure a few of the smaller prizes in addition. In the debate contest, between the Junior and Sophomore classes, Brother Frank Little, '88, so far dazzled the judges as to produce a division and receive half the two prizes. In the Hinman essay contest Brother J. H. Hill, '86, received first prize by the unanimous vote of the judges. Brother Frank Campbell pressed first place closely and came in for the second prize, making four prizes taken by Phi Psi in the last four essay contests.

Our college annual, *The Syllabus*, just published, is a fair index to the enterprise of Northwestern University students. It was made a success financially by Brother Campbell as business manager. Since our last writing two departments of our University have closed for the year. Our Medical Department, better known as the Chicago Medical College, has become recognized as one of the best medical colleges in the country. It was the first to adopt a systematic course of study. The wisdom of this action is shown by its good results in scholarship. In the annual spring examinations for the internships at the Chicago hospitals, where we competed with five medical colleges, our students secured fourteen out of sixteen places.

The Commencement exercises of Garrett Biblical Institute occurred last week. Brother Wilkinson, as one of the orators of the day, sustained the enviable reputation he gained while in college. Among the alumni present were several of the old Phi Psis. Brothers Arnold, secretary, and Crawford were honored by the Alumni Association with the offices of president, secretary and treasurer, respectively. An important feature of the week's program was the breaking of the ground for the new Memorial Hall. The building will infringe a little on the base ball grounds, and would occupy a dangerous position if our ball nine were not in a state of "innocuous desuetude." Our new Science Hall is already under way, and will be fitted up with all modern improvements. Our prospective symposium is the victim of opposing forces. The Seniors on the one hand, who see an end of college expenses, and who expect soon to pay their debts, counsel a mighty time; the under-classmen, on the other hand, who are doubtful about the end and day of reckoning, counsel moderation in all things, except pretty girls.

Thus another year draws to a close. Illinois Alpha was never in a more prosperous condition. Strong within her chapter walls, she ever bears a

loyal spirit towards the great brotherhood of Phi Psis. The outlook for the next year is most promising, five of the best men in Preparatory have been pledged, insuring a strong Freshman class for the fall campaign. The numerical strength of the different fraternities is as follows:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Total.
Phi Kappa Psi	4	3	8	5	20
Sigma Chi	1	3	1	5	10
Delta Upsilon	1	3	3	9	16
Beta Theta Pi	1	3	4	6	14

Evanston, Ill., May 17, 1886.

P. B. BASS.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY.

Since we are in the midst of our examinations we have only time to write a short letter in compliance with your request. We have, after many futile efforts, at length succeeded in procuring a hall on reasonable terms. This is an unspeakable comfort to some, but doubtless a dire disappointment to others, for hitherto we have been in the habit of meeting in Brothers Wood and Murkland's room, to whom we left the perquisites of our bi-weekly carousal. We fear that our list of honors would alone serve to fill the prescribed half-page, yet we cannot restrain ourselves from chronicling the one of such cardinal importance as to make the others dwindle into insignificance—Brother Graham's A. B! After many years of unremitting labor he has received the guerdon of his toil; thereby illustrating the old maxim, that "all things come to him who will but wait." We give below a tabular statement of the fraternities in college in order of their establishment:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Total.
Beta Theta Pi	3	5	2	0	10
Phi Kappa Psi	2	5	4	0	11
Chi Phi	3	4	3	3	13
Sigma Chi	1	2	1	1	5
Phi Gamma Delta	0	4	3	0	7
Kappa Sigma	1	3	3	3	10
Pi Kappa Alpha	2	2	3	4	11

You will see by the above that, while we are rich in Sophomores and Juniors, in the precious Freshman we are lamentably deficient.

May 23, 1886.

P. S. WOOD.

SYRACUSE.

During the whole of the present college year New York Beta has been in a most flourishing condition. Although four of us are soon to depart from our *Alma Mater*, we leave eight in the Freshman, who are soon to take our places. In the other classes our strength lies in quality, but not in numbers. One of our Seniors has already entered the University, one is to

study law, one will teach and the other expects to enter upon a business career. Numerically we rank third among the six fraternities here, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Psi Upsilon, Zeta Psi, Delta Upsilon, Phi Kappa Psi and a local society. There are also three ladies fraternities. The year has been a prosperous one for us. On the college papers, in athletics, in scholarship we have been quite successful. Brother Lonergan represented us at the G. A. C.

The first New York State banquet, which, for a year, has been the hope of the writer, occurred May 7. It suffices to say here that we succeeded in having a very pleasant gathering. We have our new hall arranged and completed, and we now flatter ourselves that we have the most pleasant rooms to be had in the city. If our progress is as rapid in the future as in the past, we shall soon make our influence strongly felt in college matters. The chapter sends a wish for future prosperity to each of the sister chapters; and the writer begs leave to close his last chapter letter by expressing the hope that the pink and lavender may soon be seen in the halls and classrooms of every great American university.

May 28, 1886.

A. D. BARTHOLOMEW.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Pennsylvania Alpha began the college year with nine members. Going to work with considerable enthusiasm the number was increased to fifteen before the end of the fall term; initiating one man last term our present total is sixteen. We graduate two of our number, Brothers Thomas and New. Brother Thomas, former business manager of the *Jeffersonian*, is class prophet. Brother New has the reputation of being the best read man in his class, and the ablest debater of F. and W. Society. The fraternities rank as follows:

	Senior.	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Preparatory.	Total.
Beta Theta Pi	2	0	2	6	0	10
Phi Gamma Delta	8	2	5	3	2	20
Phi Kappa Psi	2	3	4	4	3	16
Phi Kappa Sigma	3	1	0	0	6	10
Delta Tau Delta	1	3	1	3	1	9
Phi Delta Theta	5	7	5	3	3	23

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Greeks and College Life.

It is now too late in the nineteenth century for any thinking man to successfully dispute the right of college fraternities to exist. They are firmly implanted in the American college system; they have passed the stage in which they could justly be said to be on trial or probation. That they are not an artificiality or a barren custom is attested by the vigorous life that animates them, and it is now quite generally the case that even their opponents regard them as having grown, like the other institutions of college life, because the student community had felt a social need that could be met in no other way.

But while those, at least, who have experienced their benefits, are a unit on this point, there is a great divergence of opinion as to what is the proper sphere of the fraternities and how far they can justly claim to furnish all that is necessary to the student outside of the college curriculum. It is frequently assumed by the initiate that his position as a fraternity man is inconsistent with a hearty interest in matters not purely Greek; that cordial relations with barbarians are not to be maintained, except possibly when a class election is approaching; that the curriculum and his own particular fraternity are all-sufficient for him; and that his true attitude, henceforth, should be one of indifference to all things not vitally bound up in fraternity life. Now, I am afraid that some brother is ready to shout "treason" at this point, and I am aware that what I have said is not true of a large minority of the best fraternity men, and exists least of all in our own fraternity.

But we are not wholly exempt from the evil, for such I regard it, and especially is this true in the larger colleges in which we have chapters. I would not detract one iota from the enthusiasm of any brother for the grand institution to which we belong, nor would I limit in any way the just sphere of fraternity life. But that sphere is clearly defined in our consti-

tution and should be as clearly understood by every brother. It comprehends first of all the social culture that comes of close friendships. The daily contact and conversation with those whom we consider the best men for this purpose is the thing we seek all through life. The sense of a common ideal is both the cause and the effect of this association. Whatever of spiritual growth and improvement results is indeed a great gain, but is not to be regarded as necessary inherent in the fraternity system nor as contemplated in its main purpose. For this, some men will resort to the church or to philosophy; but in any case the fraternity should not be expected to furnish it, since its main object is not spiritual, but social.

The same thing is true of intellectual or literary culture. It is no province of the fraternity to furnish this. No doubt intellectual culture will result incidentally from the daily contact of men so inclined, but it is not the duty of the fraternity to engraft upon itself the functions of the literary society, nor is there any reason why a man should desert his literary society upon uniting with a fraternity. Whatever a chapter does in a literary way should be done to make it more effective as a social body, that is it should be done because it is the best method, in its opinion, of fostering social culture and social improvement, and because the friendships of the members find their natural expression in this way. No chapter should maintain literary exercises as a duty. If the social instincts of its members do not take that method of expression, these exercises are not of value as a fraternity exercise.

If these things are so, and if it is true that fraternity life centers in the social instinct, what follows? That fraternity men should be indifferent to every thing but social culture? By no means. It follows that they should look to other institutions to furnish whatever of intellectual or religious culture they desire, leaving to the fraternity its own proper and important work. It follows that they should, if inclined to literary work, support the literary societies; work on the college papers and take an active interest in the technical societies that abound in the universities. Excelling in these, they will be more valuable fraternity men.

The best fraternity men are those who take a hearty interest in every legitimate institution connected with college life. They are indifferent to no organization and to no man, though he be a barb, that can do them good. Remembering that their fraternity ideal is the complete man, they neglect no means that will bring them nearer to it. Let any chapter look over its roll and select the names of those who have brought it prominence and honor among the student body, and it will be seen that they were not the men who looked with indifference upon outside student interests. They were better fraternity men because they were better college men in every respect, and in honoring all good institutions they honored their fraternity.

J. V. DENNEY.

Financial Matters in Chapters.

From the Sigma Chi.

The question of the financial conduct of chapters has not received the attention and study that it deserves. The members have been absorbed in discussions of the apparently weightier matters of the fraternity, and have endeavored to promote its advancement and enjoyment through other channels. Outside of the chapter meetings it has not received the notice or prominence which is deserving of the dignity of discussion. It has generally assumed this abbreviated and sharp expression: "You owe so much, please pay at once." (We are referring to individual chapters.) The form of having a treasurer is gone through with, and he collects the assessments, pays the bills, and closes the accounts with, "spent it all." If one should endeavor to find how much had been paid for the chapter house, general fraternity expenses, for the magazine, for furniture, running expenses and banquets, he would in all probability find the items of expenses and disbursements so thoroughly mixed that it would require a professional book-keeper to solve the problem.

Where there is carelessness in keeping accounts, one will find general neglect in collecting money and paying bills. Individuals and chapters will be in debt, and when the thumb-screws of authority are put on there will be general dissatisfaction, and to raise the amount of indebtedness will require heroic and sometimes painful measures. There is no reason for having any such experience if proper care and attention is given to the finances of the individual. I say of the individual, for in matters of this kind one deals with units, or a person at a time. When each member has done his part there is no question of a chapter's insolvency. If there is any deficiency it occurs through the negligence of the treasurer or the indifference of one or two members of the chapter, whose resources have been diminished by needless and thoughtless expenditures. There are persons, it would seem, whose conduct of their money affairs would indicate a sort of financial obliquity. They can scarcely get a dollar without wasting it or spending it foolishly.

In the matter of financial accounts there are two elements required—*system* and *carefulness*. One is dependent on the other. One may possess a perfect system, but unless care and attention are given to the items and units, it will avail nothing. It is often said that every person should know how to swim, harness a horse and shoot a gun. One thing more is necessary to increase the sum of one's usefulness and happiness, and that is the

knowledge of book-keeping. No business man should ever expect success until he has mastered the principles of book-keeping. It will often save him from robbery, and perhaps poverty. It will be a satisfaction at least to know just where the money has come from, and where it has all gone. Aside from this it teaches economy, and makes one prudent and provident. The principles for classifying and arranging accounts in books are so few that one can easily master them in a comparatively short time. A college man should make sure of this one accomplishment, even at the expense of Greek or Latin. If book-keeping is not down in the curriculum, as it seldom is, in even the preparatory departments of our educational institutions, efforts should be made to get private instruction or attend a business college before entering upon the business of life. It will be money and good cheer in one's pocket.

The position of treasurer is one of the most important in a society. The first essential characteristic of a treasurer is honesty. He should be a man who cannot be tempted, whose sense of duty and obligation is unerring. The question is often asked among our business men, "Is he honest? If he had a chance would he be dishonest?" The reply comes, "Judge by his previous experience, as a student and as a boy." "Is he truthful?" Lying and stealing go hand in hand—one is the progeny of the other. Judge by the little things. If he borrows from his friend and classmate and says he will repay on such a day, and does not, and offers no excuse or explanation, there is "one nail in his coffin," sure. That boy or young man would, in time, if given the opportunity, rob a bank.

The treasurer should never pay out money without a proper voucher, duly authorized by the society or power that created him. All vouchers should be certified to by the president and secretary, and should be carefully preserved—at least until he has made his final report and his successor is appointed. A receipt should be given by the treasurer for all money received, stating from whom, the amount, and the purpose. In this manner, in case of error or dispute, the mistake may be found and corrected.

Before giving a form and method for keeping the chapter books, I wish to call attention to another point, which is too often overlooked as something of no great importance. It is the matter of auditing the treasurer's accounts. No one should accept the office of treasurer unless he can have his books and money verified by an auditor or an examining committee. Far from casting any reflection on his integrity, it rather increases confidence in him to insist on having his accounts examined. He should never turn over the books and papers to his successor until he is fully and honorably discharged and his accounts are properly attested by the auditor.

The books recommended to be used by the chapter are as follows:

I. CASH-BOOK, with debit account on one and credit account on the opposite page. Nothing but cash items should go into the book. All cash received should be placed on the debit side, stating "To" whose credit or

fund it is to be credited. All cash paid out should go on the credit side, stating the account and for what the money is paid.

II. A JOURNAL, in which all accounts not strictly cash should be kept. For instance, a transcript of the secretary's minutes which relate to the appropriation of certain moneys, or resolutions which are passed affecting the conduct of the treasurer; bills receivable, and payable; and sundry accounts which should be journalized in order to post them into the ledger.

III. A LEDGER, in which are posted the cash and journal items. There should be a page given to each member of the chapter; a page given for each of the following accounts: fuel and light, rent, library, chapter-house, magazine, grand treasurer, catalogue, history account, etc. In this way, by turning to the ledger account of any fund, one can tell the exact condition of it. The money given for any particular fund should never be used for any purpose other than the one to which it belongs. It would be a gross dereliction of duty for a treasurer to assume to appropriate money from one fund to apply on another, unless suitable action had been taken by the chapter directing him to do so. A set of books, such as is recommended, is inexpensive, and when properly kept will give an exact history of the financial growth and development of the chapter, its resources and liabilities.

In order that each one may know how much his share of assessment will be per month, the officers of the chapter should arrange an appropriation bill or list of expenditures which will be necessary to be paid during the year. This list should be brought before the chapter and its vote passed on each item. The treasurer will then know just how much money he will have to raise, and it will then be an easy matter for him to adjust an assessment on the members. The assessment will of course vary, according to the number of men in the chapter, and the new appropriations which will be made during the year, and which were not included in the original financial budget. If there are new members, they will be assessed their share at the beginning of the month following their entrance to the chapter. The assessment should be made out and paid promptly, *in advance*. It is the custom of some people never to pay for anything unless they are requested to do so. It is a selfish and unprofitable habit, and should be avoided, and an effort made to correct it. Go to the one who receives the money and tender your dues, and do not allow him to be embarrassed by "dunning" you for them. The treasurer has quite enough to do without being obliged to run after the members to make them pay. If there is a disposition on the part of some one to be slow and careless in the payment of dues, it might be corrected by adopting a system of fines, such as increasing the dues 25 per cent if they are not paid on time. Make the dues payable on the first of each month, and if they are not paid within five days after that date impose the fine. Another way, and one perhaps as good, if not better, is to add 25 per cent. to the original appropriation,

and if the assessment is paid before the fifth of each month, in advance, deduct 25 per cent. from the amount, otherwise collect the full amount. In this manner it will be an object to be prompt, and those who adhere to the rule will be properly rewarded.

The matter of debt has been mentioned. Its pernicious influence is so demoralizing to the growth and welfare of the chapter, as well as to the individual, that I cannot let the opportunity pass without one more word of comment. It is claimed by some persons that they never saved money or property till they went in debt for it—that it compelled them to work. If a man wants to enter a tread-mill of this kind and be whipped up every few months or weeks by creditors, he should run in debt. He must take all the chances—sickness, fluctuations of trade, financial depression, robbery, fire and death—all of these, or any one of them, may sweep in and destroy hope and make him a bankrupt. Do you say that it is safe to go in debt then, when by careful industry and strict integrity you can accomplish a happier end? Surely not. The idea of debt is deception, especially to the debtor. It is received as a sweet morsel under the tongue, but how often does it turn to gall and wormwood. It is so easy to create a debt, but what heroic labor and sacrifice is needed to remove it. It is like the monster created by Frankenstein, which is so graphically depicted by Mrs. Shelley. At first so inviting, filling the creator with hope, the fulfillment of which was to crown his efforts with wealth and glory; but as the years roll on, with catastrophe following after another, how hideous did it become, how it haunted him, how it drove love and happiness out of heart and home, and finally, as if to more fully revenge its own miserable creation, the monster strangled his beautiful wife on his wedding night, and then tortured him with a slow but sure death. Consider well, therefore, and be careful that the debt which you create shall not become a monster which shall return to afflict you and cause you and your friends to suffer. In the larger transactions of life the system of credit is necessary. It is based on confidence, and is the result of long and tried experience. The business of a college student does not need it. No one in college should attempt it unless through absolute necessity. If you do borrow, be prompt to pay. Remember the little financial obligations to discharge them. It will help you to discharge the larger ones. It is related of Gen. Geo. H. Thomas that, before going into battle, it was his custom to go among his men inspecting their fire-arms and equipments, and giving them words of advice. The smallest detail did not escape his notice. One of his artillery men has told how he examined every strap and buckle, and once he gave instructions “to keep everything in order; the fate of a battle may turn on a buckle or a linch-pin.” The habits formed by a young man in college will, in a large measure, determine his success in life. It is seldom that really great events disturb the serenity of a college life. They are the little things that spring up and adjust themselves according to the wisdom and judgment exercised

in directing them. Protecting one's financial credit and integrity should be the aim of every student, both in college and in the world. Looking back over your short experience in college life, the real accomplishments you have acquired have come through hard work. Others may not know it or credit it, but you know how you worked and what it all cost. The same will be true in life. The prizes won in life are the result of labor, of thought and action crystallized. There is no luck, except it be bought with labor. The most humble disciple of chance must follow the Biblical injunction: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground."

FRANK M. ELLIOT.

A Prodigal.

From the Beta Theta Pi.

Harry Talbot was a member of our chapter at Shatover; the chapter of which his father had been a charter member more than thirty years before. Harry's room-mate, during his last year, was his brother Tom, a senior Prep, and at Commencement, when we lost one brother by graduation, we initiated the other. We were not in the habit of taking Preps, but here was a man with whom we had been as intimate as with any of our number. He was a good student, his father and brother were members of the chapter, and Dick Hill, one of our Freshmen, easily overcame all our scruples when he so philosophically declared: "At Commencement a Freshman is a Sophomore, and by the same token a Prep is a Freshman."

So Tom Talbot became a Beta, and when the fellows went home that vacation they were satisfied with their prospects in the next Freshman class. But during that vacation Talbot, *pater*, became seriously interested in the catalogue of one of those eastern technical schools, where, so it was announced, young men were fitted to rule the practical affairs of the universe. The present male generation of Talbots was already too numerous to succeed to the management of that old plantation in Mississippi, a property that had reverted to the eldest son through many generations. Talbot, *pater*, had carefully matured plans for a doctor and a lawyer in the family, but was at his wit's end as to what to make of the other boys. So it was decided that Tom should study applied science at Comersley.

The requirements for admission at Shatover were mainly Latin and Greek, but at Comersley mathematics was the standard. So Tom was sent on to New York two months ahead of time to be "coached." He went to work in earnest, but, unfortunately, he was too bright. At the end of a month he felt safe on the requirements, and then he went the usual way of a rich country boy alone, for the first time, in a large city. I do not think Tom himself can ever tell just how it began or exactly how it progressed, but he fell into the habit of going around seeing the sights, making promiscuous acquaintances, learning the whole catalogue of stepping-stones in the downward path, when, suddenly, the entrance examination broke in upon his dissipation. During that week he worked and was allowed to matriculate; but after that he divided his time between duty and pleasure; duty, of course, getting the mouse's share. And Talbot, *pater*, fond, foolish father, continued sending him one hundred and seventy-five dollars a month.

That summer the fraternity had granted the petition of a local society

at Comersley, and within a month after the opening a new pin appeared on twenty of the best men in college. Tom's first impulse was to make himself known, but he was not as familiar with the methods of affiliation of the different chapters as he would have been had he spent a year in the chapter at Shatover; and when he remembered that he had seen none of those men in his favorite haunts he concluded to let them alone.

In less than a month, however, the boys became aware that the good-looking, good-for-nothing fellow, who was making such a great race for the foot of the Freshman class, was a member of their fraternity. Like Tom, they were none too familiar with the wise workings of the order they had lately entered. A long, earnest meeting was held, at which the four Freshman members reported that they had never associated with Talbot, nor did they care to have anything to do with such a "bummer." This was a bad state of things, but a plan was finally proposed which met with approval, and Barrett, one of the Juniors, was made a committee of one to carry out the program.

It was a delicate matter. It was not easy for one of the most prominent upper-class men to cultivate the acquaintance of a conspicuously worthless Freshman. Fortunately Barrett was captain of the foot-ball team, and Tom was a strong, athletic young giant; he had all the natural requisites for the game, and when he saw his name on the bulletin among those asked to practice, he felt as large as the average Freshman can feel. Where he had simply neglected his studies before, he completely ignored all duties now. But Barrett had scored his first point, for Tom looked up to him and left nothing undone to influence his selection of the rush-line. The first match of the year gave Tom the name of being the heaviest kicker on the team. Then came the order forbidding foot-ball to those behind in their studies. The faculty secretary gave Barrett a list of delinquents ineligible to the team, and the first name was Talbot.

Tom was deep in a novel when Barrett went to his room to show him the list and to begin the committee work.

"I've some bad news, Talbot. Look at that," as he threw the list to Tom. "I have counted on you a good deal for to-morrow's game. I am afraid we can never get along without you. Can't you brace up if I come around here and help you? I have all my Freshman note-books and problems yet, and you can cram them up a little and fix this thing all right in a week or two."

"Well, Barrett," Tom began, "I don't know about that. I am much obliged to you, but I'm so infernally behind I hate to tackle it."

"Nonsense. I 'stand in' with all the 'profs,' and if you can pick up the back work, and get even with your class, I can get you straight easy enough. I have a big room up the street all to myself. I can hardly spare the time to come down here to help you. Suppose you come up and room with me, for a trial."

"Yes, that's all well enough; but I don't think a couple of games are worth it. I appreciate your offer, but you don't half know me. You'd want to kick me out in a week. No, I think I'd better drop foot-ball and get to work before review. I've been loafing terribly this month. I'll have to put in some pretty solid licks to keep from getting bounced."

"You can't get along here alone, Talbot. I know you can't. I'll bet you haven't been in the habit of going it alone before you came here, and that is what is the matter with you now. The whole fact of the matter is, we must have you on the team, and if you'll come up with me we'll do that and get you through 'exams,' besides. Come and take a trial trip, anyhow."

"I'll have to think over it. You see, I've this room engaged for this term, and can't give it up. Then, I can't afford to keep two rooms. Yes, it should cost me a cent. If I lived in my own room more I could keep out of debt; but I've been running around so much lately that I'm behind in everything. You make me tell you all this, Barrett, because you're so confounded kind. I'll think about it, and let you know to-morrow what I can do."

When Barrett had gone Tom's manliness and all his better feelings, that had been dormant for the past few months, struggled to the surface and asserted themselves, and the next day he moved up to Barrett's room.

It surprised even Barrett, confident as he was of ultimate success, to see the way Tom went to work and kept at it. Three hours before breakfast and four after supper, besides attending all his duties; studying every spare moment throughout the day, doubling up his experiments in one laboratory and running two or three tests simultaneously in another; still behind the class, but closing the gap rapidly and surely. Then, at the end of the second week of the new *regime*, when Barrett interviewed the faculty, Tom was found to be rising steadily in his class, already up with the average, and the restrictions were removed.

That night in chapter meeting Jack Plummer got up to report on a man he had been delegated to "spike."

"He asked me," said Jack, "if we were 'rushing' Talbot. He said he had a bid from another fraternity, and they had 'put him on to' the fact that we were 'sweet' on Talbot, and he wanted to know if there was any truth in it. I told him I couldn't answer the question, and I'm afraid we've lost him. He's our class president, and, I think, worth a dozen such as Talbot. I move we let Talbot alone. He may be working a little now to get back on the team, but he'll drop out sure at Christmas. If he was a regular member of this chapter now I'd move to expel him."

"Well, he is a member," announced Graham. "He is a Beta and attending this college. By the laws, that gives us all the jurisdiction we want. We can't afford to lose Jack's man; and I make the motion that we expel Talbot from this chapter."

Barrett's face had a pale, determined look, as he rose from the presiding

chair. The boys waited, with more or less trepidation, to hear what he would say.

‘I am sure no one here can second your motion, Graham. You have not thought over the matter or you never could have made it. When you do think you will gladly withdraw it. I have had Tom Talbot in my room for two weeks, and have talked to him seriously on fraternity matters. I tried to have him come here with me to-night, but his answer was, ‘Out at Shatover the Betas stood at the head of every class, and, you see, Barrett, I don’t consider myself a Beta now. When I catch up I will claim my connection; but not until then.’ When Tom came to my room his only ambition was to get back on the team; but that is already accomplished, and at this minute, instead of being here for social recreation, he is hard at work trying to deserve the privileges of the fraternity before he participates in them. If we must choose between Talbot and the Freshman president, my choice is Talbot. I hope I voice the chapter’s sentiment in directing the secretary to omit Graham’s motion from the record.”

The boys nearly always thought as Barrett did; but, after he had left early that night to go up to help Tom, several of them came to a decided conclusion that the chapter could not afford to carry such a dead weight much longer.

The great game of the year came off next day, resulting in a victory for Comersley, and the half-backs Barrett and Talbot. Their opponents had the stronger team, but by the almost heroic exertions of the Comersley men, they were unable to score. Again and again did Barrett and Tom dash for the opponent’s goal, passing and re-passing to each other, but always failing to secure a point, because so weakly supported. The prospects looked bad enough at the last of the game, with the ball “down” in the Comersley quarters, but then occurred a master-stroke of skill and strategy.

The ball is “snapped back” to Barrett, who feigns passing it to Tom, but turns, and like a flash is through the rush-line, dashing toward the center of the field, with only three men between him and goal. Then, as they intercept him, by a long diagonal pass the ball reaches Tom, and instantly he “drops” it high in the air straight for the goal, nearly two hundred feet away. Through the posts and just over the bar it whirls as a wild shout bursts from the crowd, and Tom is raised on the shoulders of enthusiastic collegians and borne in triumph from the field.

No need of a man who has kicked an inter-collegiate record bothering about wanting friends. Every one wants to shake his hand until his arm aches. There were celebrations of the victory throughout the town that night, but the hero of it all was not “at home” to callers. With Barrett’s help he finished recovering the last bit of his lost ground; and when he went down to college Monday the mathematical professor complimented him publicly on the solution of a problem that defeated the whole class.

Barrett had "coached" him on that very problem and Tom said so, only to have the compliment more forcibly reiterated.

The boys "stayed" with him after that, but there was no use trying to get him down to the chapter-hall. He invariably replied that he had no right there yet; and, possibly he was right in refusing, though not because he was unworthy. Then came examinations, which Tom passed in a manner that gratified even himself, and he went home with Barrett for the holidays.

The boys never could find out all that happened during that vacation, but at the opening of the next term Tom wore a handsome fraternity pin, which, Barrett said, was ordered by Talbot, *pater*, when he saw Tom's report. But they learned extraneously that Barrett and Harry Talbot had been keeping up an active correspondence for several months past, and they drew their own conclusions.

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Editorial.

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THE SHIELD is published on the first of each month during the college year, at \$1.25 per annum. All Phi Kappa Psis are requested to contribute items of interest.

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THAT excellent chapter, Wisconsin Alpha, has for some time been issuing circular letters to her alumni. During the summer an extended printed circular was issued, containing the location and a short notice of every initiate of the chapter, with two or three exceptions. This is a more than creditable bit of work and cannot fail to redound to the good of the chapter by its results among the alumni. We presume that the able and energetic Phi Psi, who has just been made Archon of that District, had something to do with it. It would be well if more of our chapters could issue these circular letters. They can be made from the hektograph and mailed at a small expense. The value of their visits will be almost incalculable.

INDIANA GAMMA has, however, surpassed everybody by issuing a very neat and tasty twenty page pamphlet, entitled "Catalogue of Indiana Gamma." In the order of the classes to which they belonged, a complete list is given of initiates, every name being given in full, accompanied by a short sketch of each man. The names also appear in order of initiation and again are given by geographical location. Her men are scattered from Oregon to New Jersey, from Montana to Arizona, and are even found in the borders of Persia and the Argentine Republic. A table of consanguinity shows five pairs of brothers. This is all as it will appear in the Grand Catalogue, and indeed we may regard it as a forerunner of the Grand Catalogue and detect in it the fine Italian hand of Indiana Gamma's efficient and successful member of the G. C. Committee, whom most of you know so well. This chapter has a brilliant record, a magnificent body of alumni, and we feel sure it will soon rise and shine with its wonted splendor.

WE have had the pleasure of seeing the new Book of Constitution. It is a handsomely bound volume of 154 pages, and reflects credit on the Executive Council, whose first work it is. We trust the chapters will have reverence enough for the old volume to preserve it carefully until it is sent for, and will have caution and sense enough in the care of the new to keep it from the spying eyes and thieving fingers of those gentry who regard it as a great amusement to steal from rival Greeks, that their secrets may be published to the college world. The day has gone by when it is considered smart to break into rooms and rob trunks. The pilfering, sneaking rivalry is no more. The contest between Greeks should always be, and generally is, a dignified and manly rivalry. Let no $\Phi K \Psi$ disgrace his fraternity by resorting to such contemptible tricks as have sometimes disgraced college annals. We have no business with the secrets of other men. Let us see to it that our own are carefully guarded hereafter. That we have the full benefit of the sweeping changes that have been made we must allow no offending hand to touch our declaration of faith.

IN several instances the chapters have endeavored to reach their alumni through various publications, which cost money. Every such effort is praiseworthy, and is undoubtedly of very considerable aid. It has occurred to us that perhaps, after all, the method of reaching the alumni is through THE SHIELD. If you have anything to say of, or to them, send it to your fraternity organ for publication. If you have any money to spend on publications, over and above what your own work demands, subscribe for as many copies of the official organ of Phi Kappa Psi as you can, and send them to your alumni with the chapter's compliments. In this way you will reach them with all your home news and bring to them the additional interest of general fraternity progress. Experience demonstrates that he who subscribes to his journal, though his interest has long been dormant, soon begins to appreciate the recent development of Greek enterprises, the wonderful growth of the fraternities, takes a personal interest in and becomes really alive to the possibilities of his own order. The alumnus who never reads his fraternity journal is ignorant of recent developments and acquisitions and knows nothing of Greek literature, all of which has appeared within a half dozen years. Never understanding the scope of fraternity life, he only remembers his chapter as a local organization, does not appreciate its true position and is often listless in his support. Interest is only awakened by knowledge. The past year has shown that the immediate management of THE SHIELD cannot very materially increase the subscription list without the enthusiastic aid of the under-graduates.

The chapters should take their alumni in hand and make a vigorous canvass for subscribers. We shall continue our efforts to circulate THE SHIELD among non-paying alumni in order to bring it to their notice. If the chapters can give the matter attention they could add much to our financial support. And the interests of the active chapters demand that their alumni should read THE SHIELD.

By the time this number of THE SHIELD has reached you the usual, annual scramble for new men will be over. We know of nothing akin to it except the dicker and fight for votes at the average primary. This is one of the most lamentable features of fraternity life. But under the present order of things it is as necessary as lamented. A chapter cannot exist without men. When there are so many rival organizations good members cannot be secured without early, earnest and persistent effort. The rusher is the most valuable man you have. One thoroughly active and successful rusher is worth half a dozen other men to a chapter. He will raise a chapter in two years from the foot to the highest round of the ladder. Nor is this an office to be avoided. The man who wins on a close contest over good men is very apt to win in the close battles that will follow in the business world. He must have courage that never fears, and caution that never risks. He must be a man of books and a man of the world. He should have the quiet dignity of the scholar and the genial good fellowship of the student. Under the spotless feathers of the dove he must carry the wisdom of the serpent. He must be as reckless a hunter as Boone, as dextrous an angler as Walton. He must be as daring as the soldier, as wily as the diplomat, as persistent as Talleyrand, as sudden as Cromwell. His tact and talent must make him a thorough student of human nature. And when he is all this he must have the patience to know that he will meet with but little gratitude from the chapter he has made. The average good student will credit the rusher with slickness, smoothness, slyness, cuteness and occasionally with being a first-class liar. Only the successful rusher knows that his success is due to the sound judgment and honest manliness of a thorough gentleman, who has a mind sound enough to understand the peculiarities of others, a heart big enough to sympathise with them, and a soul great enough to touch their best and kindest instincts.

Do NOT be afraid to ask for what you want. If you want a good man, go after him. But we have long been of the opinion that there should be a radical change in the method of securing new men. As long as the system is as it is we cannot afford to be idle. But the whole system is to be

regreted. A man who enters college should have an extended opportunity to acquaint himself with the different organizations. The fraternity men should have ample time to know their future brothers. Permanent friendship can hardly be founded on the basis of superficial acquaintance. A man comes to college under the influence of some friend who has proselyted him and at once joins a group of men of whom he knows nothing. A representative of the chapter visits the preparatory schools or meets the incoming Freshmen during vacation, and secures their pledges to join—they don't know what. Peters is a very nice looking fellow, and is immediately rushed by the various fraternities, mostly, in vulgar vernacular, on his shape. What is the result? The good student from the academy finds he is not among congenial men. The ambitious lad from the high school discovers that he has united himself with an order of second rank, when he could have joined the first chapter in college. Peters fails in his studies, gets drunk and is sent home, much to the shame of his brothers. "Time and I against the world," said Walter Scott. Young gentlemen, if you are of the proper stuff, time and your chapter need not fear the world. Let the fraternities at large, let the chapters in every college, perfect an agreement by which time is taken by the chapters and given the new men. Let it be agreed that no man be initiated before the Christmas Holidays. Let it be thoroughly understood in college that all pledges given before that time were secured under false pretences and contrary to agreement. Let the agreement be vigorously enforced. The best of results would be obtained. The fraternity standard would be elevated. More permanent, more genial friendships would ensue, and the noble purpose of the true fraternity would be more surely secured.

IN our opinion this year should be marked by the reorganization of such of our old chapters as the fraternity cares to re-establish. Two of our dead lodges should certainly be resurrected. There are three others which would bear inspection. The rest, and they are in the minority, for our list of dear departed is now a short one, will not again secure charters from Phi Kappa Psi. Foot, by foot, the ground lost during the war and other difficulties, has been gradually, but surely regained, until we are almost ready to cry a halt—the work is nearly done. Circumstances are such, at the schools in question, as to favor us. Concerted and vigorous action during the present year will bring back to our chapter roll every one of the lost sisters for whose company we care. The time is ripe. THE SHIELD is now in excellent financial condition. The general government of the fraternity is at last well organized on a proper basis, and is in the hands of men who

know their business and will do it. With one or two exceptions the chapters are in need of no particular attention. There is no reason why our first and most earnest work be not given to this task. There were 700 initiates of these defunct chapters. Some are among our most distinguished men. Many are of our most loyal brothers. But the majority are rapidly losing their interest in and knowledge of Greek affairs. Where $\Phi K \Psi$ can afford to restore these chapters it should be done as soon as possible, and the wandering alumni will soon come to the support of their old chapters. Where this cannot be done with a proper respect for our present standard, measures should be taken to catch the attention and assure the interest of those whose chapters cannot be replaced. These men have as much right to fraternal greeting as those whose chapters happen to have been more successful. You must remember that the lad who was sold down into Egypt became the most prominent feature of the family. Both prudence and good fellowship demand that a serious effort be made to restore such charters as we care to retain and to reach all of our brothers whether their chapters are to be reorganized or not.

THE University of Kansas is rapidly becoming a veritable center of fraternity enterprise. First, $\Phi K \Psi$ honors Kansas Alpha with THE SHIELD. Then the blonde and the blue-eyed I. C. Sorosis flies her *Arrow*, and that dark-eyed brunette, *The Kappa Alpha Theta*, makes her appearance. Now the Louisville Convention of Sigma Nu has transferred the publication of their journal, *The Delta*, to their University of Kansas chapter. $\Phi K \Psi$, I C, K A T, ΣN ! "Lord, how we apples swim!" The Georgia boys made *The Delta* a very readable magazine, and we hope that Kansas wit and Kansas brains will not only maintain the excellent standard, but will make even a better journal. We wish them great success. Of course all this is much to the advantage of the University and makes it better known, but for sweet charity's sake, don't send any more out here. Do you remember the conversation between Eugene Wrayburn, the somewhat dilatory and philosophical young gentleman in "Our Mutual Friend," and Mr. Boffin, who thoroughly believed in the sweat of the brow theory? Eugene objected to labor on principle. Mr. Boffin was enthusiastic in its advocacy, and bewildered at Wrayburn's arguments could only cry: "But the ants work!" "Y-es," said Eugene, disparagingly. "Y-es, I know they do. But," he drawled, "don't you think they rayther overdo the thing?" This fraternity magazine business is all right in Kansas so far, but don't send us another. We do not believe that a fraternity should authorize any chapter to publish its official organ. Again, the grouping of too many such magazines in

any college cannot fail to arouse a feverish interest in such matters, rather than a normal and reasonable one. It is no slight compliment to the University of Kansas, that her students have been so highly honored. All this is an evidence of the increasing importance of the Western chapters, which is, perhaps, prophetic. We congratulate the Kansas Sigma Nus and wish them success.

WE presume that these pleasant autumnal days will see the Greek journals afflicted with the usual howl about combinations. Four years in college and a year in the law school led us to believe that the man who goes about college fighting combinations on the street corners is in fact involved in the meanest and most disgraceful combinations to be made, and is indeed the sneak of the school. Something of an acquaintance with the fraternity world has taught us that the organization which goes round to secure written pledges against combinations is the first to break them. From experience we have learned that he who boasts of his freedom from combinations and spends his time throwing mud at others, is the Pharisee of the college world—the most infernal hypocrite who disgraces our college halls. One of the most amusing, and at the same time one of the saddest sights in our Greek world, is the ready, aggressive virtue with which one of our leading rivals boasts of its rigid anti-combination laws, and talks sternly of cutting off in their prime the offending chapters, when in fact everybody knows that its chapters are among the first and foremost in combination after combination, when its members profit year after year by combinations which their laws compel them to deny, thus forcing every one of such members to be a hypocrite from the very moment of his initiation. These laws are not enforced, and every one knows they are not. They only serve the members as an occasional excuse for breaking some honorable compact when it will be of advantage to them to do so. They only secure for such fraternity men the scorn and contempt of all honest men who know them to be a set of Pharisees. We are not speaking for combinations. At times combinations are of almost inestimable value, promoting good feeling and supporting the best men. Again, they are nuisances, bringing dishonor to the college men who enter into them. Like the fraternities themselves, they partake of the nature of those who form them. On the whole they are probably among the necessary evils that flesh is heir to, and should only be made with decent men and for honest purposes. Never combine with the scum and scrubs of the school. Better be defeated with manly gentlemen. Never break your word when given. Do not lie—the liar is the meanest of men. But for the honor of our

beloved fraternity, brethren, do not form combinations and then go about like canting hypocrites, thanking the Lord that you are not as other fraternity men. When good men are placed in a false and unfortunate position they should at once escape. When any statutes, impossible of enforcement, make any Greeks hypocrites by very birth-right, then self-respect should lead them to annul such laws at the earliest possible date. For the love of decency and manliness let us hear no more of anti-combination laws, but rather let us teach that combinations be only with respectable chapters, and that he who breaks his word is no better than the Ananias of the school, as the chapter that follows him is the Alpha chapter of the Ananias Fraternity.

FOR the present address Iowa Gamma in care of Howard N. North, Iowa City, Ia.; Pennsylvania Alpha, D. A. Hebron; Wisconsin Alpha, E. M. Platt; Indiana Alpha, R. E. Kirkman. Before we had time to read the proof on the Directory page of *THE SHIELD* we were called away from the city on business, and though we left the work in good hands a mistake or two crept in. Chapters will please notify us of changes in B. G.'s at once. Districts I. and III., will please furnish letters for November. E. C. L.

THE work in getting out the new Constitutions has been unavoidably delayed, so that all the chapters cannot be supplied at once. But it is now progressing rapidly and will be completed shortly, barring accidents. The chapters will retain their old Constitutions and Rituals until they are called in. This will continue awaiting the further revision of the Rules and Ritual.

W. C. WILSON, Sec'y Ex. Com.

Exchanges.

Under Mr. Fisher's judicious management, aided by its bi-monthly policy, *The Sigma Chi* continues to hold an exalted position among the fraternity magazines. The July issue is particularly noticeable for its full report of the numerical standing of Sigma Chi and rivals in the colleges that fraternity enters. Among these $\Phi K \Psi$ has the smallest chapters at two and the largest at seven—the two fraternities meeting in twenty colleges.

While we note a few inaccuracies we presume the statistics are quite reliable. Last year Sigma Chi had 67 Seniors, 96 Juniors, 61 Sophomores, 100 Freshmen, 40 Preps and 49 Special and Post Graduate students, 413 in all. Of these 127 were Classical, 124 Scientific, 74 Philosophical, 21 Law, 9 Medical and 5 Theological students. The ages vary from 15 at Dickinson and Randolph Macon to 33 at Universities of Cincinnati and Pennsylvania, and average 20 years and six months. The Pennsylvania College Sigs average 18 years, while those of the University of Pennsylvania have arrived at the discrete year of 27, though there are but four of them. Thirty-seven active chapters are represented.

Twenty-three well edited chapter letters make this a strong number, even though the absence of the editor left the work in the care of others, and left this issue with no editorial page, except the bugle call for the convention. The Purdue correspondent "announces to the Greek world, $\Phi K \Psi$ excluded, that there is still room for more." Don't worry about excluding $\Phi K \Psi$. She never yet entered a non-classical college, and has of her own policy excluded herself from purely scientific and technical schools. The Greek fraternity is of classical derivation, of classical tendencies and should only reach classical institutions. Not but that the rival colleges are of good repute and of value, but let us render unto the shades of Homer and Herodotus and Demosthenes and Helen the things that are classical. So $\Phi K \Psi$ could not consistently grant the charter asked for by the Purdue boys.

We note some chapter oddities—13 Laws, 2 Medics and a just initiated Senior Literary, constitute the Michigan University chapter. Four Medics hold the fort for Sigma Chi at the University of Pennsylvania. At Purdue, Wisconsin, Stevens and Massachusetts Institutes they have no classics. Notice is given that the Grand Council has revoked the Hillsdale charter, an action which we learn was indorsed by the convention which met at Columbus, Ohio, in September. The literary department is an article on "A Notable Trio of New Chapters." Though just what there is notable about Albion and Tulane is hard to say. Reduced in size and belated as to date, as the July number was, it is still a very readable number.

Exchanges.

The June *Rainbow* opens with Will Carleton's address to the Annual Conference of the First Grand Division of Delta Tau Delta, entitled, "Why Fraternities?" As one would expect it is a poetical and readable production.

"When we reflect," he says, "that we have offered us upon which to hang our trophies, one almost invisible link of the great chain that stretches out of eternity into eternity, what wonder that we feel that the pendulum which checks off the student's days is formed of solid gold! That the chimes of each hour constitute a costly strain of music! That the clamor of every New Year morning is a peal of artillery above the corpses of dead opportunities!"

He sums up the arguments against fraternities, loss of time, distraction from studies, expense, secrecy and gives the points favorable. He declares the lesson in secrecy an excellent development of the business qualifications of a like kind. He avers that care in the selection of members conduces to a better knowledge of human nature. He compares the student alone to the single stalk of wheat and the chapter to the bound sheaf, ready for usefulness. Finally Mr. Carleton with true poetic instinct dwells on the value of kindly, fraternal relations in the growth of manly character. "Fraternities, if rightly conducted, draw a man from self, and teach him to live and toil for his fellow beings, and that alone is an argument which will outweigh all opposition in the scales of any well-balanced mind." The address is eloquent, though brief, and breathes the spirit of Δ T Δ loyalty.

A sensible sketch of the duties of the chapter correspondent riles those indolent gentry up. Mr. Trautwein has a sketch of an early convention; where the first was held is not known. One met at Pittsburg July 3, 1866. Jefferson, Alleghany, Monmouth, Ohio University and Western University of Pennsylvania were represented. Two, and we believe three of these chapters are now absent from the roll. A goodly array of sixteen bright chapter letters and an extended assortment of personals, the *Rainbow* following the same method pursued by THE SHIELD in their arrangement, contribute materially to the efficiency of the number, which closes with an Index to Vol. IX. Mr. Plummer has been an efficient, enterprising and successful editor during the past year, and is to be congratulated on the modest crescent which, in his hands, has developed into the horizon spanning and sparkling *Rainbow*.

The silver cord is loosened and the golden bowl is broken. Miss Minnetta Taylor of De Pauw is no longer editor of the *Golden Key*. Her's was no craven surrender. She went down with all flags flying and drums beating. Her last number was her best. Other nice girls have charming essays on "Troubadours," "American Girls," and "Paris," and capricious chapter letters, but she alone flashes and flames along the *Golden Key* with

French rhymes, solid leader, frisky exchange, and solemn elegy. She despises cant, sneers at pretense, and laughs at taffy. In her hands the *Key* has oftener whacked meddlesome fingers on the knuckles than unlocked the doors to inane friendship. She dislikes "the fair editress business." In the classical words of Cicero she is a dandy. Born of Irish parents in the great city of Limerick, she comes to the exchange table shillalah in hand, and is only thoroughly satisfied when, like her countryman, Phil Kearney, she can find

"The devil's own fightin' along the whole line."

She is a four-round fighter, and has knocked out every exchange man who has had the audacity to shy his castor into the ring. We thank Huitzilopochtli that he didn't push us into the arena before she wrapped her apron about her and lay down to pleasant dreams.

"Fleet foot on the correi,
Sage counsel in cumber,
Red hand in the foray,
How sound is thy slumber!"

Her magazine has been well edited in all the minutiae where a newspaper man would expect to see her deficient. She has had her literary contributions and chapter letters well in hand. Her editorials have been sensible, pertinent and womanly. But it is among the exchanges that she adorns her waving plume with the gaudiest colors of the rainbow. There she is witty, savage, brilliant—another Gail Hamilton. She wields a blade that draws blood every stroke, but the wounds soon heal, for there is as much of genial raillery as of sanguinary humor. Her pen never falters, her sarcasm never fails till she tackles Wooglin. For Beta Theta Pi alone she evidently has a tender regard. Only once does she go into a passion. But when K A Θ suggests that K A T may elope with β Θ Π, she rises in her wrath—the true feminine instinct manifests itself for once. She sits at the exchange table like Jove on Olympus; thunderbolts in hand. She is a young lady of very considerable literary talent. The Greek world will miss her ready wit and entertaining sketch. We shall expect her to make her mark in the years to come as a brilliant, versatile author. There will, doubtless, be those who will suggest that we should have touched this K K Γ battery when it was charged. We may not be as brave as those fellows but we have lots more sense. We don't care to tackle a buzz saw in motion. We left that to rasher and older men. We are sorry to part with Miss Taylor and wish her *bon voyage*.

"Now is the stately column broke,
The beacon's light is quenched in smoke,
The trumpet's silver voice is still,
The warder silent on the distant hill."

Greek Echoes.

The January *Scroll* clips quite freely from Brenner's article on "Yale and Her Societies," and Smart's article on "Literary Exercises," giving due credit.

The Zeta Phi, a prosperous local society which has been established at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., for a number of years, has become a chapter of Phi Gamma Delta.

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* reprints an article on "Harvard and Her Societies," by Brother Lewis, which appeared in a recent *SHIELD*, and credits it to the *Phi Kappa Psi*. That's right. We want the fraternity to have the credit for everything that appears in *THE SHIELD*.

The Kappa Sigma *Quarterly* compliments *THE SHIELD* by republishing a little parody, entitled "John Chinaman, my Jo," which originally appeared in *THE SHIELD*, but neglects to give *THE SHIELD* credit therefore. It is better to give credit for borrowed articles lest a suspicion arise that the borrower really meant to steal them.

Mr. Palmer informs us that a recent number of *THE SHIELD* was mistaken in referring to their University of Pennsylvania chapter as defunct. We are glad to know that the chapter still lives. Referring to a chapter letter from Phi Delta there of later date than our item, we find them speaking of their chapter as just restored to life. So we presume our note was true at the time of its publication.

We have received Mr. Palmer's "Manual of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$." It is a neat and tasty and useful little work. We note an occasional inaccuracy. $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ is not credited with her Mississippi chapter, and is charged with three lately dead chapters, when, in fact, we have no lately dead ones. The Georgia chapter was never established, and we are a little tired of this foolishness about it.

The *Kappa Alpha Theta* will appear this year under the editorial management of Miss Lizzie Wilder, class of '82, University of Kansas. We, for two years, had the pleasure of being Miss Wilder's classmate, and know the highly successful career of the journal will continue under her bright, able and kindly management. We give her a hearty welcome to the Greek field. If you knew her you would like her.

The sixteenth bi-annual convention of Sigma Chi met in Columbus, O., September 7, 8 and 9, 1886. The oration was by Hon. O. Q. Brumback, of Toledo; the poem by M. M. Miller, '85, of Princeton; Charles T. Murray, of the Philadelphia *Times*' staff, read a paper on "The Collegiate." Governor Foraker and the State officials attended the reception. The banquet was at the Neil House.

Hillsdale's charter was revoked. Mr. Fisher was elected editor for another two years. The convention appears to have been opposed to all eastern extension, and seem to have decided to give attention to the South and West. Delegates were present from New Jersey and California, from Michigan and Texas. The convention was evidently the usual successful harmonious meeting, but in no way remarkable.

The fifth annual convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma met at Akron, Ohio, August 26, 27 and 28. Sixty delegates were in attendance, and the convention was a great success. The Lambda chapter, Buchtel College, tendered the delegates a royal reception. During the sessions Miss Mary B. Jewett, Professor of English Literature at Buchtel, read a scholarly and thoughtful paper on the Education of Women. The banquet was a grand affair, and the toasts, including one about "Our Boys," by Miss Boulton, of Cornell. God bless her for remembering us, providing, of course, that some other fellows haven't cut us out. The convention met in the $\Delta T \Delta$ hall. Miss Charlotte Barrell, of Boston University, Boston, Mass., was elected Grand President. The other officers are from Buchtel, Butler and Minnesota Universities. The *Golden Key* will hereafter be published by the Phi chapter at Boston, and edited by Miss Cooper, a Professor of Mathematics at Lassell Seminary, Boston. She will find it difficult to make a better magazine than that edited by Miss Taylor, of De Pauw. Kappa Kappa Gamma is to be congratulated on an exceptionally successful convention.

SONGS OF PHI DELTA THETA—Edited by Frank D. Swope and E. H. L. Randolph, a 64-page, 8 mo. volume, from the press of Vanden Houten & Co., N. Y.

This handsome volume appeared in August, and is a great credit to Mr. Swope, '85, of Hanover, and Mr. Randolph, '85, of College of City of New York. It contains over one hundred songs, printed on an excellent quality of paper and bound in blue cloth. The music was edited by Mr. William Dressler, of New York. A dozen of the airs were written for the work, the rest are various friendly old tunes we have known so long and well.

Many of the songs are by under-graduates, and of course somewhat crude, lacking in polish and the spirit of poetry. Some of them could have just as well been omitted, and some ought to have been omitted. For instance we can hardly presume that the boys of the Sword and Dagger would care to have it known that,

"Phi Delt Bill got lame in the knee,
He ran so fast one night with me."

Again we are astonished to learn that,

"Our Billy Goat kicks very hard
When ridden by a 'bully Barb,'
That rhyme's 'no good' I hear it said,
But call it 'slips' and go ahead."

After this lucid explanation we are placidly asked:

"Per flipper flap, per flipper flu,
O, what's the matter now with you?"

Though the inquiry is perhaps a little impudent the answer comes politely, but firmly:

"I sat down gently on a pin,
But quickly I got up again."

Here at least he showed his wisdom. And one feels like whispering chestnuts when he notes the adaptations from "A way we have at old Harvard," and the like. This old Harvard business is getting tiresome. Old Harvard was a third rate preacher and dead these 200 years and more. Let him rest. However it must be remembered that these idiosyncrasies would be found in the songs of any fraternity, and are by no means the peculiar and individual glory of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

But this book is a modest one, and its virtues far outweigh its faults. Mr. Swope has something quite unique in his treatment of "Nimble William." Idea, words and music, are all new and fresh.

"They curried him with an iron rake, Billee, goatee, goata;
They watered him at the Devil's Lake, Billee, goatee, goata;
His crumpled horn with rage he hooked,
His stubby tail with ire he crooked,
His blood was up, no Fresh he brooked."

The result was sensational. The song is huge.

Mr. Randolph has written a very pretty little poem in his "Legends of Old:"

'Twas seven young Ephesians who,
Concealed themselves away
And in a mountain cavern slept
Two hundred years or more;
From Christian persecution
For refuge here they flew,
But when they woke the cross held sway
O'er Greek and Roman too.

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The others slept two hundred years;
This eighteen hundred more,
And when he woke the arts of Greece
Were but forgotten lore.
This band of loyal Grecians
Who wear the white and blue
Had all the arts of ancient Greece
And the nineteenth century, too.

Woodman Bradbury, '87, Colby comes "Rolling Home" in magnificent style for a Junior, when

"The little stars are twinkling as we seek our college home,
With laugh and song we roll along, beneath the starry dome.
The crescent moon is sailing west where old Miami stands,
When Phi Delta Theta pulcherima mater first opened her bountiful hands."

McCaslin, '86, of Hanover, has written the "Senior's Farewell:"

Our fate repeats the same old story, it brightens when the end is nigh,
Our sun will set in flames of glory, but oh! it only flames to die.
Its brightness, though we now all sever, will shine upon us as of yore;
Our hearts keep whispering "Forever,"
Even while our lips sigh "Nevermore."

Miss Randolph has written "Fidelity," a beautiful tribute to her brother's fraternity:

In the East; in the West;
And in whatever clime,
Lays the home of that manhood so true,
When e'er stern duty calls,
Not a Phi ever falls,
From the ranks of the white and blue.

CHORUS:

White and blue!
Pure and true!
Emblems of faith and trust!
Serve them e'er!
Shame there ne'er!
Be faithful, be true, be just!

While the work is not without faults it is highly creditable to its editors, and an honor to $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. That fraternity may well be congratulated. We hope it will meet with the patronage it merits.

Phi Kappa Psi.

Hon. Chas. Wolfe, Pennsylvania Zeta, is the Prohibition candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania.

The March *Sigma Chi* reprints Brenner's admirable article on "Yale and Her Societies," from THE SHIELD.

President Parks, Simpson College, and of Illinois Alpha, has resigned and goes south as President of a Theological Seminary.

Prof. Harlan, Vice President of Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Ia., was a member of Phi Kappa Psi's old Iowa Gamma chapter.

General Bingham, the Philadelphia Congressman, and a loyal Phi Psi, is a leading member of the Republican Congressional Committee.

B. D. Smith, $\Phi K \Psi$ of Cornell College, Iowa, is President of the Inter-State Oratorical Association. He represented Iowa in the Inter-State Contest.

The University at Lewisburg is now Bucknell University, in honor of Mr. Bucknell, a wealthy Philadelphian, who has given generously to the institution.

Judge Peters, Ohio Alpha, has been renominated for Congress in the Seventh District of Kansas. He is making an enviable record in Congress, and his renomination was a unanimous one.

The May *Beta Theta Pi* has a rather kindly review of Ohio Alpha's "Record." There is, however, a seeming undercurrent of fear lest something might be said to the advantage of Ohio Alpha.

J. L. Marquis, late B. G. of Pennsylvania Alpha, and son of Brother D. C. Marquis, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, has accepted the chair of Latin and Greek in Bellevue College, Neb.

The following fraternities have been established at Columbian University, D. C.: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1859-61; Sigma Chi, 1864-78; Phi Kappa Psi, 1868—; Alpha Tau Omega, 1874-74. $\Phi K \Psi$ now holds the field alone. This chapter sent three delegates to each of the last G. A. Cs.

It will be remembered that at the Indiana State Oratorical Contest, Sims, of $\Phi K \Psi$, and a Phi Delta Theta, claimed to represent Indiana State University. Neither was allowed to speak. The contest was carried to the Inter-State Convention, and the party to which Mr. Sims belonged was unanimously decided to be the lawful State, and therefore the legal local association.

William C. Posey, '86, University of Pennsylvania, a resident of Philadelphia, has been appointed Archon of the First District. He was President of Pennsylvania State Athletic Association, Business Manager of the *Pennsylvanian* and a very prominent man in college.

Harry W. Smith, of Columbian University, a resident of Washington, D. C., has been appointed Archon of the Second District. He was Secretary of the Columbus G. A. C., and a prominent delegate at the Indianapolis G. A. C.

Geo. B. Baker, '87, De Pauw, a resident of Warsaw, Ind., is Archon of the Third District. He is prominent in college as a student, speaker and writer, and made many friends as the efficient chairman of the arrangements committee at Indianapolis, and has long been chapter correspondent.

Lynn S. Pease, '86, University of Wisconsin, Principal of the Montello High School, is Archon of the Fourth District. He was an influential delegate at Indianapolis, has been chapter correspondent and graduated with highest honors, and was a Commencement day speaker. The executive committee has made an excellent choice of Archons in every instance.

Randolph Faries, $\Phi K \Psi$ of University of Pennsylvania, is President of the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association of America, which includes Yale, Harvard, Princeton and all the prominent Eastern colleges. Faries won the college championship, as a mile runner, at the last national meet of the association. He has for four years been the champion long distance runner at the University of Pennsylvania.

The following Phi Psis were managing editors and editors-in-chief last year: Losear, of the *Cornell Daily Sun*; Harvey Watts, of the *Lafayette*; Ed. M. Jeffreys, of the *Pennsylvanian* (University of Pennsylvania); Kelchner, of the *Mirror* (Lewisburg, now Bucknell); Fred T. Wright, of the *Michigan Argonaut*; Gilmore, of the *Review*, and Jenks of the *Courier* (Kansas); Dennett, of the *Pharos* (Pacific). Shaw, of Alleghany, was, last spring, elected editor-in-chief of the *Campus*.

Phi Kappa Psi has eleven members, decent fellows, but without aggressiveness. While there is no apparent discord I fail to note any strong bond of union. They are eminently respectable rivals, but prefer the "masterly retreat" to any chance of defeat. Sigma Chi takes a new lease of life this year. Theta Delta Chi still initiates men the other chapters reject, though perhaps our most formidable rival this year, strange as this may seem to our former members. Our old rival, Chi Phi, seems to be on the "decline and fall off," so far as fraternity enthusiasm is concerned. Competent leadership is needed by them. Phi Delta Theta is evidently not so anxious as usual to keep up a big crowd. While we cannot look with favor on some of its work, we esteem it as far from being the least deserving chapter at Dickinson.—*Beta Theta Pi Correspondent.*

The Executive Council of $\Phi K \Psi$, met at Columbus, Ohio, September 8 and 9. Governor Foraker, Treasurer Dun, Secretary Wilcox and Messrs. Gotwald, McCormick and Hollenbeck being present. The Archons were elected, and the new machinery of government set in motion. Rev. George Gotwald was made a Committee of One to look after the Ritual. The treasurer's bond was fixed at \$2,500, and a set of books, records and accounts opened. Other business was transacted, as will be found in the official circulars. The meeting was a very successful one, and gives promise of a useful career for the Council. Hereafter each chapter will transmit its SHIELD's subscriptions for under-graduates to Brother Dun, like all other fraternity dues. All other subscriptions, monies, etc., should be sent to Brother Spangler.

Ex-Congressman Geo. A. Jenks, of Pennsylvania, late First Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Solicitor General of the United States, was born at Punxatawney, Jefferson county, Pa., March 28, 1836. Left to his own resources at an early age, as clerk, carpenter and teacher, he fitted himself for and pursued a college course. Part of his preparatory work was at Brookville Academy. In 1855 he came to Kansas and helped lay out the city of Omaha, Neb. Returning to Pennsylvania he graduated from Jefferson College with high honors in 1858. In 1859 he was admitted to the bar, and is considered one of the best lawyers in the State. He was once the Democratic candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court of his State; has twice had strong support for the Gubernatorial nomination, and was first elected to Congress in 1874. In Congress he was prominent and influential. He resigned his position as Assistant Secretary of the Interior, but was pressed into service again to fill the responsible position of Solicitor General. He is a leader of the Democracy of his State, and has secured the respect of all by the manner in which he has administered his high offices. Brother Jenks is still a loyal son of old Pennsylvania Alpha, into which he was initiated twenty years ago. A man of integrity, ability, energy and culture, he will go higher.

Chapter Letters.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

The college year at this place opens with brighter prospects for the University than ever before. The enrollment of students is much larger than last or any former year. The faculty is made up of live as well as learned men, and the standard of the University is steadily advancing. Thirteen of our old Phi Psi boys are together again, full of energy for both hard study and fraternity work. By the time this reaches you we hope to have increased our numbers by the initiation of several of the best men in college. Last year Phi Psi carried off the lion's share of all college honors, especially during Commencement, when Brothers McCormick, Simms and Fitch distinguished themselves by their orations. We shall take care that this year shall sustain the record of last. We regret the loss of Brother Robinson, who goes to Cornell this winter, but feel sure that he will not forget the Indiana Beta boys even in the enjoyment of the cordial friendship of our brothers of New York Alpha. Brother Simms, our contest orator of last year and graduate, goes to Princeton to prosecute his law studies. The arrival of THE SHIELD is impatiently awaited always by Bloomington Phi Psis.

September 17, 1886.

W. E. M. GOLDEN.

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

Although your request for a chapter letter, "even though college has not opened," finds me away off in Minnesota, nevertheless I will search my memory and do my best to find something that will interest you. The school year ending June, 1886, was an unusually prosperous one for Michigan Alpha. She boasted a larger membership than ever before. The Presidency of the Lecture Association, and the Managing Editorship of the *Argonaut* were held by her members, and the Phi Kaps were prominent in all the other associations of the college. But with the graduation of the class of '86 she lost nine of our best members. Besides these Michigan A loses an honest and earnest worker in Brother Charles Hudson, who will complete his course at Harvard. However, two of the class of '86 are thinking of coming back, Brother Reynolds to take a law course and Brother James to continue his studies under Prof. Payne in the line of pedagogy. Two of our alumni, Brothers Parks and Rhodes, are studying in Germany this summer. When last heard from Brother Rhodes was at Berlin, and Brother Parks was at Leipsic. Brother Rhodes will return in

November to resume his position in the high school as instructor in history. Brother Parks will spend a couple of years abroad in travel and study. During Brother Rhodes' absence in Europe Brother Hollenbeck, '86, will occupy his position in the high school.

It seems that the spirit of constitutional reform imbibed at the last G. A. C. has had a very salutary effect upon our chapter, for, after the G. A. C., the last two months of college year were spent in a thorough ransacking of all our old by-laws and in modification and addition to meet the new needs of the chapter. The best part of it all was, perhaps, the discussion and the enthusiasm for better organization that was kindled by it.

College will open the first of October. At that time the correspondent for *THE SHIELD* will no doubt furnish you with news that has not quite such an ancient flavor as the above. In the meantime, and always, I am yours in $\Phi K \Psi$.

Red Wing, Wis., Sept. 16, 1886.

ROBT. E. PARK.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC.

It perhaps seems strange that a letter from California A should be written in Kansas City. The matter happened thus: Bros. Dennett, Turner and the writer were on their way to Michigan University, to enter the Law Department, and while at Kansas City we met Brother Little, who made us promise to write a line for California Alpha. Although none of us are very conversant with matters in California Alpha, on account of being out of school, yet will try and say something. The boys have initiated two men since school opened: H. E. Ayer and Harry Richardson, both men of ability and promise; men worthy of Phi Psi. The topic, and in fact the only topic, agitating California Alpha at present is our coming Chapter House. We think our plan feasible, and before many months the boys will have a chapter home, not a luxurious mansion but a respectable, homelike, Phi Psi-like home. Lumber being cheap in California we think we can build for between \$2,000 and \$2,500. Cal. A affairs are in good hands. She will in all probability be fully represented in the District Convention at Chicago next April, and at the G. A. C. a year from then.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 21, '85.

J. C. NEEDHAM.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

The year opens with bright prospects for Alpha of Kansas. Our school, the State University, starts out with an enrollment of over four hundred. Snow Hall, the new building for the Natural History Department, is now partially occupied, so we have much more room in the old buildings, which have been somewhat crowded in the last few years. We have a new pro-

fessor of English Literature, Prof. Marsh, of Harvard, vice Prof. Spring, who was called to Williams. Prof. Marsh is a thorough scholar, and gives great satisfaction in his new position. The University of Kansas is one of the best schools of the country, and is steadily progressing in all departments.

Our men all came back this year, and we start with 19 strong. Gilmore, who led his class last year, and spoke on commencement day is still with us in the law department. C. E. Fearl and Will Little, two of our old boys, are back to take law. We are also glad to welcome among us Bro. D. E. Esterley, formerly of Ohio Δ, who enters sophomore in K. S. U. Let me introduce to the brothers our latest—Will P. Brown, of Leavenworth, Kan., one of the new students. We now have twenty active members. As there is not much good new material, and our chapter is quite large now, we are moving slowly in the matter of taking in new men, but we have our eye on one or two more. Our rivals have initiated some new men, but none specially desirable, nor were any of them bidden by Φ Κ Ψ.

Bros. White and Prescott are now at Ft. Riley, attending the annual encampment of the K. N. G. Bro. Allen is an assistant in the library this year. Our chapter is in excellent condition now, and our men are well distributed through the different classes. Not only do we stand numerically at the front, but in scholarship and oratory we are still unsurpassed. Jenks took a Grovenor Oratorical first prize last commencement, and this year bids fair to lead the senior class. In the lower classes two of our men stand as good a show as any of getting the first places. We had our first party of the year the other evening, and it was a grand success. The best girls in school stand by old Φ Ψ now as ever. (God bless 'em). The boys are keeping up our ball club, and expect soon to meet our friends of Φ Γ Δ on the diamond. We still have our goodly share of editorial positions, Crane having been elected editorial man on the *Courier*, and Dunn reelected business manager, while Postlethwaite is local man on the *Review*.

Our men are classified as follows: seniors, Nickel, Crane, Jenks, Himoe and Dunn; juniors, Prescott and Allen; sophomores, Postlethwaite, Esterley, Taylor and Swope; freshmen, Hutchings, Spencer and Billings; Pharmacy, Brown; Law, senior, Fearl; junior, Gilmore and Will Little; Special, White. Our officers are as follows: G. P., Henry Nickel; P., Prescott; A. G., Allen; B. G., Jenks, S. G., Billings; Ph., Spencer; S. G., White.

The rival fraternities open the year with good membership, but our chapter is much larger. The Beta dorg has had no fresh meat as yet, while Φ Δ Θ has four new men, Φ Γ Δ two, Σ X one, and Σ N two. K A Θ, K K Γ and I. C. too have new members, and by the way the new girls are daisies. But I must close, hoping that our sister chapters all have prospects as bright as ours.

DENTON DUNN.

September 22, 1886.

SYRACUSE.

New York Beta begins the new college year with brighter prospects before her than ever before. All of our boys, with the exception of Brother Brooks, '89, have returned to college. Brothers Lonergan, Ellis, Schnauber and Burritt passed their vacation at Chautuqua, and were rejoiced to meet so many good Phi Psis at that resort. Some of the boys were much pleased to become acquainted with Mrs. J. B. Foraker, who resided at the J. P. Miller cottage. Our eighty-six graduates have disposed themselves variously. Brother Harris has charge of an academy in Pioneer, Ohio. Bartholomew is studying law at Whitehall, New York. Cleveland is pastor of the M. E. Church at Pittstown, New York. Lonergan, our delegate to Indianapolis G. A. C., is still in the city and contemplates a business life. We have been remarkably successful in getting our '90 men, and will have a chapter of twenty or more. Brother Howe, '87, who left college last winter, will return and pursue his studies with '88. This being the busy rushing season we will refrain from further mention, and in our next letter will introduce to you our new members.

F. N. B.

DE PAUW.

The opening of the present school year is the most promising of any in the history of De Pauw. The number of students is greater, as is also the enthusiasm of both students and faculty. We lose from the faculty this year Drs. Gobin and Earp, and Profs. Martin and Redding. Dr. Edwin Post, $\Phi K \Psi$, has been granted a leave of absence for two years, to travel and study in Europe. Sad as was the misfortune of losing so large a number of instructors, we have been in great measure recompensed by the addition of Profs. John Poucher, $\Phi K \Psi$, Lee Neff, $\Phi K \Psi$, and Prof. Jenkins. De Pauw is rising, and bids fair to rival the best institutions in our land.

Indiana Alpha opened her campaign with eighteen men: six Seniors, six Juniors, four Sophomores and two Freshmen. The spiking season has been quiet, and although valuable acquisitions have been made to Indiana Alpha, she has apparently not awakened to the fact that "Ours is no holiday contest," but *war, fierce unmitigated war*, if we would wear the "Laurel wreath." The partial inactivity of our chapter may be attributed largely to the recent ill health of Brother Haymond, '87; but as he is now rapidly improving, the gloom which overshadowed us has disappeared, and we fearlessly launch our bark on the sea of fraternity feuds.

The best wishes of Indiana Alpha for the success of THE SHIELD and of the fraternity at large, are with you. The short notice given us will not permit a lengthy letter. In our next we shall, as far as possible, meet the requirements.

September 21, 1886.

R. E. KIRKMAN.

Our Alumni.

WISCONSIN A.

'75. J. M. Mills, the founder of the chapter, died at Lancaster the past year.

'77. Thos. Gill is an attorney-at-law and tobacco broker at Madison.

'77. Wm. A. Hover is at corner 16th and Urtis streets, Denver, Col.

'77. R. Meyer, Jr., is a banker at Lancaster, Wis.

'76. John J. Fisher is running a cattle ranche at Skull Valley, Via Prescott, A. T.

'76. Homer S. Daniels resides at La Crosse, Wis.

'76. A. S. Ritchie is an attorney-at-law, Racine, Wis. Rooms 8 and 9 City Hall.

'77. Frank H. Winsor lives at Mitchell, Dakota Territory.

'77. P. V. Lawson, Jr., is an attorney-at-law, Menasha, Wis. He is Mayor.

'75. W. G. Clough is principal of the high school at Portage, Wis. He also assisted in conducting the Teacher's Institute there in August

'78. A. H. Anderson is in the mercantile business at La Crosse, Wis.

'76. E. R. Hicks is an attorney-at-law at Oshkosh, Wis.

'78. C. Q. Albertson is an attorney-at-law, 619 Opera House Block, Chicago.

'79. R. R. Warden died August 20, 1876.

'78. C. E. Hooker is an attorney-at-law and an editor at Waupun, Wis.

'79. F. G. Mand is in the mercantile business at Princeton, Wis.

'78. Wm. A. Germain. "For Brother Germain's address try Sioux Falls, Dakota.—C. E. Hooker." (Our letters addressed to Sioux City, Ia., were returned, but from those sent to Sioux Falls we have heard nothing.)

'77. Chas. L. Dudley died November 2, 1883.

'77. W. E. Todd is an attorney-at-law Albert Lea, Minn.

'78. H. J. Taylor is an attorney-at-law at Sioux City, Iowa.

'78. A. G. Chandler died Sept. 21, 1876.

'79. I. G. Austin. (Our letters mailed to La Crosse were returned.)

'79. J. O. Hayes, attorney-at-law, lately removed from Ashland to Hurley, where he is largely interested in iron-mining.

'79. H. C. Martin is located at Darlington, county superintendent of schools of La Fayette county.

'78. C. E. Buell, attorney-at-law, Madison and Sun Prairie.

'78. W. S. Field is an attorney-at-law at Viroqua, Wis.

'80. Chas. G. Shipman. Brother Shipman is at Bes-emer, Michigan, practicing medicine. He has charge of a mining company's hospital, and report says he is rapidly getting to the front.

'81. Guy. L. Cole. (We have been sending our letters to Ft. Atkinson, care of L. B. Caswell.)

'81. Paul Browne is an attorney-at-law at Waupaca, Wis.

INDIANA T.

'71. Rev. Edwin P. Johnson, A. B., one of the charter members of Indiana Gamma, Auburn Theological Seminary, is pastor at Woodlawn Park, Chicago.

'71. Prof. Isaac O. Jones, A. B., also a charter member, is teaching at Danville, Indiana

'71. James A. Lynn, A. B., another charter member, is in the real estate business at Meade Center, Kas.

'73. Rev. Francis W. Iddings, A. B., charter, has long been secretary of the University of North Dakota, and is at Grand Forks, Dakota.

'73. Philip C. Cronkite, A. B., charter, is editor and proprietor of the *Sunday Ledger*, Danville, Ills.

'73. Rev. John O. Jennings, A. B., charter, is at Los Angeles, Cal.

'73. Hon H. J. Milligan, A. B., charter, a graduate of Columbia Law School, is U. S. Circuit Court Commissioner at Indianapolis, Ind.

'75. Rev. A. T. Aller, A. B., is at Grainfield, Kas.

'75. Horace M. Clark, A. B., is farming near New Rockford, Dak.

'75. Frank P. Green, A. B., is at Indianapolis.

'76. Prof. Edwin S. Aston is teaching at Groesbeck, Ohio.

'73. Prof. C. C. Cronkhite is teaching at Marshfield, Ind.

'76. Prof. A. J. Dipboye, A. M., is principal of the Peru, Indiana, high school.

'76. Frank A. Hastings, A. B., is practicing law at Cincinnati, Ohio.

'76. Rev. C. E. Hills, A. B. and A. M., is at Madisonville, Ohio.

'76. Dr. Thos. R. Rubush is practicing at London, Ind.

'77. Alex. Clark, A. B., is practicing law at Chicago, Ills.

'77. Rev Robert F. Coyle, A. B., is preaching at Chicago, Ill.

'77. A. B. Goss, A. B. and A. M., is in the drug business at Panora, Iowa.

'77. Joseph W. Layne, B. S. and A. M., is superintendent of city schools at Danville, Illinois.

'77. Rev. Angus McKinnon is at Eustis, Florida.

'77. A. B. Milligan is farming near Gosport, Ind.

'77. John L. Shields, A. B., is farming near Sullivan, Ind.

'77. W. S. Shippey is at Frederick, Ill.

'77. Geo. W. Stafford, A. B., is practicing law at Crawfordsville, Ind.

'78. W. B. Ferguson is at Phoenix, Arizona.

'73. Rev. Geo. C. Lamb, A. B., a graduate of the Yale Divinity School, is at Boone, Iowa.

'78. E. L. Hills, A. B., is in the mercantile business at Reeder, Kas.

'78. H. O. Martin, A. B., lately editor of the *Attica Ledger*, is now in the mercantile business at Auburn, Ind.

'78. Rev. Wm G. McDannold is preaching at St. Louis, Mo.

'78. Phil Ricketts, A. B., is farming near Fort Collins, Col.

'78. Rev. Edwin P Thomson is at Plymouth, Ind.

'79. A. B. Anderson is practicing law at Crawfordsville, Ind.

'79. Julius H. Anderson, A. B., is a bank cashier at Anthony, Kas.

'79. Arthur Bird Milford, A. M., from Princeton, and A. B. *cum magna laude* from Princeton, is professor of English Literature at Wabash.

'79. James H. Osborne, A. M., is a member of the Wabash College faculty.

IOWA T.

Prof F. B Gault, of the South Pueblo, Colorado, high school, was married on the 29th of June, 1886, to Miss Jennie Perrett, of Rock Falls, Iowa, at the residence of the bride's father. The ceremony was performed by Brother Gault's classmate at Cornell, Rev. Horace Warner, now of Charles City, Iowa. THE SHIELD extends congratulations and best wishes. Members of the resuscitated chapter will do the same.

KANSAS A.

Gleed--Greer—J. W. Gleed was lately married to Miss Grace Greer, of Topeka. The wedding was a very brilliant affair, conducted after the fashion of the Episcopal church. Miss Greer was one of the most popular and most estimable young ladies in the city. Mr. Gleed is one of the most promising young attorneys in the State. THE SHIELD congratulates both and wishes them many happy years.

Williams-Dickersou.—Solon T Williams was lately married to Miss Carrie Dickerson at the residence of the bride's father in Washington D. C. Brother Williams is a brilliant and scholarly young lawyer. The bride is a very bright and very pleasant little lady. We wish both our old friends much joy. We are all well pleased that Solon found means to induce Miss Dickerson to return to the West.

The Missing Phi Psis.

Please send information in regard to missing brothers according to the following directions: Pennsylvania Alpha and Beta and the Ohio chapters, to Geo. Smart, 189 North High street, Columbus, Ohio; the rest of the Pennsylvania chapters and the four New York chapters, to W. A. Eckels, Shepherdstown, W. Va.; the Maryland, South Carolina, District of Columbia, Mississippi and Virginia chapters, to Clinton Gage, 74 Chester Square, Boston; the Indiana, Michigan, Tennessee, Kentucky and Wisconsin chapters, to T. S. Wilson, Lafayette, Indiana; the Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa and California chapters, to Wm. E. McLennan, Evanston, Illinois. It is earnestly hoped that brothers who know anything of these men will write at once.

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TO PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

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For you, glad company,
That, free from care, a-lying
Face upward in the vale of life, to see
What clouds o'ercast our sun of Verity,—
And then too quickly dazzled by his light,
Closed eyes and smiled, but never thought of flight,
Nor cared what winds were flying;—

For you, old friends and true,
(Truer as older growing),
Though now that pleasant vale is changing hue,
Its rocks more rugged and its skies less blue,
Yet wisdom gives us strengthened sight to scan.
We look on Truth; and for the good of man
We learn the good of knowing.

For you, ye scattered set,
(I've lingered long in writing)—
I hang this wreath in Memory's cabinet.
God grant ye good! and let your joy be met
In knowing in the after-time of Life
That strife for Truth, when nobly fought, is strife
That Love makes all-uniting.

EDGAR IRVING BRENNER.

University of Chicago.

I had thought that my days of writing for *THE SHIELD* were over. But it seems necessary that some one should send our temporary obituary, and the choice falls upon me. At the close of the last college year, Illinois Beta was in the very best condition. The year had been pleasant and prosperous, our four brothers in the class of '86 were all to be in the city and with us this year. On commencement day we carried away every prize given during the year, and were full of hope for the future. We were preparing to refit our rooms before the meeting of the Province Council, and one of our generous alumni had kindly requested us to send him the bills for re-carpeting and decorating, when, only a few days before the time for re-opening, the announcement was made public that the college work would be suspended for this year, at least. This deplorable event was due to no lack of faculty or students, but was the almost inevitable result of years of financial embarrassment, brought upon the institution by those who can no longer be held accountable. And yet the situation is not so hopeless as it might seem at first glance. For years there has been a division in University councils over removal to Morgan Park, our educational suburb, and now it seems assured that our work will be resumed there next year, on a firm foundation, which will insure ultimate success. Until then we are scattered. Two are in the law school, four have gone to the Northwestern University, where they have received a hearty welcome from Alpha, and the others are employing themselves variously. Our camp this year at Delavan Lake, Wis., was even a greater success than before. Our photographer has brought away some pictures that will convince the most skeptical that the Beta camp is unsurpassable for good times. Further than that there is not much to report. I can't tell you how sad we all are over the misfortune which has befallen our chapter. But we are sticking together as best we can, and mean, if at all possible, to have an Illinois Beta to be represented at Washington in '88. And I know a candidate for alumnus delegate. His name is signed below.

Our rivals were formidable, in name, if not in fact Delta; Kappa Epsilon, Psi Upsilon and Zeta Psi, three old, strongly established eastern fraternities. But not once, since the reorganization of the chapter, in 1880, could she be said to be inferior to them. Zeta Psi never was much of a rival. Mistaken ideas of fraternity policy crippled her usefulness before I knew her, and her last few years were a mere struggle for existence. Psi

Upsilon, had more of virility, but she found that she had too much at times, and when it took the sanguinary form it did, her usefulness was checked and her numbers diminished by half. After this great misfortune, in 1882, she adopted a better policy, and was in first class condition at the close of last year.

Delta Kappa Epsilon has always had strong men in it, and has really been our greatest rival, but it was involved with Psi Upsilon in the troubles of 1882, and shared her misfortunes. Her condition, too, was fairly prosperous at the end of last year. As to what course they will pursue in case the University should be reorganized at Morgan Park, I am unable to state. The history of the institution is an unfortunate one. It had an unrivaled location; buildings, which, at the time of their erection, were unsurpassed for beauty and convenience, and the prestige of a great name, that of Stephen A. Douglas, behind it. But the buildings were put up in war times, and cost enormously. Before the fire it prospered exceedingly. Its students, in the various departments, numbered nearly a thousand, its financial prospects were brilliant, its faculty was able and ample. Chicago men were proud of their University, and were minded to do great things for her, when the great fire swept away in a night the property of nearly every wealthy trustee. Recovering from this blow, another endowment was provided for, when, by a second strange fatality, the great panic again ruined its friends. In this extremity it was that the financial complications began, to which I have already alluded. Chicanery on the part of a few, and inattention on the part of the many, completed her ruin, and to-day the University of Chicago is but a sad memory. If she had had ever so little a chance she might have succeeded.

Last week I visited Racine College. They have beautiful buildings, an able faculty, an ample endowment,—and a college department of less than thirty. Had the University of Chicago had one tenth the chance, it would have been a noble institution. Three hundred thousand dollars in debt, the building sold under a mortgage, its faculty only half paid, the buildings in poor condition, the college work was carried on last year with all its accustomed vigor and thoroughness, the best of college spirit prevailed, and the year was brought to a close with a commencement which put all former ones for many a year to the blush. It is too sad to dwell upon, and yet it is the darkest hour just before the dawn. Certain it is that we are now in a darkness so intense that it should be atoned for by a dawn of unrivaled brilliancy. We look to Morgan Park for the first gleams, and who knows but that they may come. It may be that I am only a fatuous dreamer, but the thought of a new Illinois Beta is too dear to be banished.

T. R. WEDDELL.

Grand Arch Councillors.

It always seemed strange to me in my under-graduate days, before I had the bliss to attend a meeting of the G. A. C., that so few of the distinguished men of our fraternity were convention-goers. I understand it now, but am none less grieved that it is so.

We are well-nigh alone in this matter, for there are instances in our sister fraternities of men who have attended nearly, if not quite, all the gatherings of their societies from the foundation to the present. In one fraternity in particular is a choice lot of old-fellows; old in a post-graduate sense, who are always on hand at each annual gathering, and are such an inspiration by this exhibition of their enthusiasm, that they send back a glow of zeal through the delegates to every chapter that serves more than any other thing, except persistent fraternity work, to keep the lively sense of the value of human friendship active from year to year in their entire membership.

It is a startling fact that our G. A. C's. are made up each time of almost entirely new men, and were it not for the exceedingly conservative spirit which permeates the whole organization, we might well fear the legislation coming from such untried hands. There were at Indianapolis, not more than a dozen who had begun the work of reform at Columbus, and there was the weighty reason of the adjourned character of the former session to stimulate chapters to send their old delegates.

The chief reason perhaps, why our G. A. C's. are so constituted, arises from the desire to permit as many different men to experience the pleasure arising from attendance, and to the almost universal custom of sending upper classmen each time to represent the chapter. Undoubtedly the best interests of our fraternity are thus conserved, so long as the sentiment of opposition to radical measures remains, in making the gathering as democratic as possible, or more strictly speaking, as freshly-representative.

But it is with no purpose of criticizing the policy of the fraternity that this article is written, but rather to awaken an interest in brothers who met at Columbus and Indianapolis, to meet again in Washington, and hereafter as occasions may be shaped to permit. A dozen persistent convention goers could do incalculable good to the fraternity, and exemplify to the under-graduates who in large measures make up our Councils, the force and value of the sentiment which makes of Greek society men a common brotherhood.

The lack of general information in fraternity matters would, in large

measure, be obviated by the cultivation of this habit, and a sentiment reawakened among Phi Kappa Psis and other fraternities, having in view the revival of the now forgotten scheme of a Pan Hellenic Council. No well-informed fraternity man doubts the practicability nor the usefulness of such a gathering, and the only reason why the matter never came to a successful issue, was that the Greek world had not been educated up to the uses, aims and necessity of such a conference of representative men.

I conceive, from such observations and experience as have come to me, that the true solution of the alumni question lies here or hereabouts, that is in the graduate members themselves. Every reason that ought to stimulate chapters to action has been urged over and over again, with only spasmodic efforts being made now and then by a few chapters to keep the members who have gone forth from the college walls informed of the doings of their old chapter. Suppose that the boys who came as delegates to G. A. C's., instead of being scolded for dereliction in this regard, were brought under the influence of a compact band of old convention goers, who would show them by the constancy and activity evinced in their presence, and utterances that alumni were really worth making continued efforts for, what grand gatherings of Phi Psi's noble sons there would be after a while!

Under the old dispensation there were constant violations, both of the letter and spirit of our Constitution, and while these could not occur with the same frequency under our perfected forms, yet no better conservator of the law could be found than this same band who, having known of the facts and traditions of former days, might give wise council and direction to the detection and correction of similar abuses under the new dispensation.

These convention-goers ought not to be vested with any authority, other than that which comes from the force of their experience and personality, but should rather be proud to occupy to the fraternity the same helpful and honored position which the maiden aunt sustains to the household. With all the instincts of a Phi Psi coursing through my heart, with ample grounds for the faith that is within me, I cannot rest content to have once clasped hands and exchanged greetings with those grand fellows whom I knew and loved in '85 and '86, but rather I could with them become members of a band of convention-goers, whose love and care for Phi Kappa Psi should end only with death.

Ah! there were giants in those days, and we had once men who knew what it meant to make sacrifices for Phi Kappa Psi. This point should not be suffered to die, as the plan proposed can only be carried to successful issue at great cost of time and money to the few who undertake it.

I believe there are fields of power and influence yet unexplored by fraternity-men that are lying invitingly open before us, some few of which I hope I shall some day have the pleasure of presenting to the readers of

THE SHIELD, but as we ponder the problems of government, morals and names in student life, let us get ready for a clear, manly and decisive solution of them by the development of a class of conservators of the policy of Phi Kappa Psi, that she may be prepared to lead the van in all movements that have a hopeful appearance, and a sure outcome.

C. L. VAN CLEVE.

Why B. G's?

B. G's. are placed in office for the purpose of corresponding. This apparently simple statement may prove startling to some. A true conception of what their duties are, or whether they have any or not, seems as yet an unfathomed mystery. I confess that thus far, in my official work, I have failed to discover their general utility. Not all B. G's. are the same, but there is a sameness to many of them, which, besides being monotonous, is more or less exasperating. The Secretary and Treasurer are highly pleased with their official correspondence. There is a refreshing certainty of never hearing from a letter or seeing it again after its delivery to the postman.

It doesn't even emulate the scriptural bread thrown upon the waters, and rise up to confront one in after years as a ghostly spectre of the past. It does no good, and apparently does no harm. It simply goes out into space, adding brilliancy to the starry firmament. This jug-handled sort of correspondence may have its advantages, but it leaves a painful uncertainty as to whether the fraternity is dead and the officers are only presiding over its cold and lifeless remains, or whether it is in the condition of the storied Irishman, who said that he was not "dead but spacheless." We are still indulging the fond hope that some time—we dare not be too sanguine—but some time, the corresponding secretaries will give evidence of life, health and activity.

To this end allow me to suggest, nay insist, that every official letter, circular or other communication *be acknowledged immediately upon its receipt, and answered, if answer be required, at the earliest possible moment.* The interests of the fraternity positively suffer from a lack of promptness in the matter of correspondence. A little thought and care will remedy the evil. At the present writing the Secretary has a corrected list of only about one-half of the acting B. G's., and the Treasurer has a number of copies of the new Constitution on hand which he cannot deliver for lack of such a list. Wake up, brethren.

W. C. WILSON.

[THE SHIELD has long observed the deplorable negligence of many in this matter of correspondence. It does us good, brethren, to see the Secretary speak his mind. Every chapter should make it a point to select business men for B. G's. and Treasurers. And right here we would suggest that the B. G's. be made chapter correspondents for THE SHIELD. The very best men are needed for this position, that each chapter shall not be ashamed of her standing before the others and the Greek world. It is encouraging that out of thirty-six chapters, thirty-three responded to our call for letters last June. Columbian came too late and Kansas was crowded out, but thirty-one were published, the most superior array of letters we ever saw in any magazine. This shows what the boys can do. And we very much desire that General Secretary Wilson, who is making great endeavors to put the new machinery in motion, receive prompt attention from every one. Brother Wilson is working hard and deserves all the aid that the boys can give him. Get to work, gentlemen. To arms!—ED.]

The Areopagus.

IOWA GAMMA.

Comparatively little has been said concerning our lately reorganized chapter; at Mr. Editor's request I will speak of it as freely as its condition permits. As has been said, the old chapter was a fine one, although existing but two years. Three of its alumni are professors in the college, while two others are trustees. Another is our present State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The new chapter had twelve members, the picked men from nearly 400 students; twelve better men have seldom taken the obligations of $\Phi K \Psi$. They held all the leading positions in the school as students, orators, editors, soldiers and gentlemen. One of their men is President of the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association of America. At the installation the Ambassadors did not hesitate to give the chapter equal rank with the sister chapters of Iowa, and in every respect to pronounce it an honor to our grand fraternity. This fall eight or nine of the boys have returned, all with the firm purpose of maintaining a strong chapter. No anti-fraternity laws exist, but the position of the President is uncertain. Their present intention is to double their membership and, becoming firmly established, to petition the President and faculty for recognition. In this it is not probable that very much trouble will result; I rather think that their chief danger lies in the lack of rivalry from other fraternities. It is, however, pretty well known that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and $\Delta T \Delta$ are making arrangements to enter, and this danger will soon be obviated. The college itself is the foremost sectarian school in the State, ranking nearly as high as the University, and will easily support another first-class chapter. This reorganization is a fortunate one for Phi Kappa Psi; a few more similar attempts on the part of others and we can rest content with our chapter-roll. H. M. N.

COMBINATIONS.

Our fraternity has no laws pertaining to combinations, and we rejoice in our freedom. Each chapter is left to its own discretion, to do as it thinks best, and this is certainly the proper way. For this is not like the organic laws of the fraternity, involving any particular or vital principles, but is merely a side issue, a question whether such a combination is right and just or underhanded and unjust. Certainly there can be no harm, if a deserving man wants a position for his own fraternity and any others

friendly disposed to support him. No one would say that they were overstepping their rights. But when two or more chapters combine on a ticket, the only recommendation of the men being that they are Greeks, or when one fraternity asks support, and in pay promises support to any man they name; then they lower their chapter in the eyes of better judgment, and by thus making a political machine of a power intended for better use, they weaken the influence of the fraternity system. What looks meaner or cheaper than an undeserving man placed in position by such methods? He certainly cannot enjoy the honor. The man who opposes such combinations, or the efforts of any one chapter to rule, does not do so as a sneak, but from his sense of justice. He does not want such men to succeed, and he is not quieted by some petty office, but stands up as a man should and rebels against the injustice of such combinations. You may be sure he has the respect of all, even his opponents.

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Editorial.

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BEG your pardon, gentlemen, we were mistaken. The chapters are to send money for their under-graduate subscriptions to William C. Spangler of THE SHIELD, and not to George W. Dun, as we announced. Mr. Dun has called our attention to the mistake. *All* money for THE SHIELD should be sent to Brother Spangler.

WE congratulate New York Alpha of $\Phi K \Psi$. The handsome, spacious, and comfortable chapter-house, into which they have just moved, is an evidence of the vitality of a chapter we have all watched with more than ordinary interest. Old New York Alpha was easily first at Cornell, and now that the chapter is well on its feet again we may look for a brilliant career.

THERE is only one method by which Greek society lore can be acquired with any certainty and precision. That is by general discussions in chapter meetings. Honestly, a man who can't give a tolerably correct list of his own fraternity chapters, ought to be fined oysters for the crowd. We shall want in, of course, for calling attention to the fact. Now at least once a month every chapter should devote an evening to this subject. Once every session a committee of Seniors and Juniors should make out a list of questions and examine the Freshmen as to their fraternity knowledge. This is business, and if you want your chapter to keep its position you will need to do this or depend on lucky accidents. Be reasonable, don't conduct business like a pack of jabbering idiots.

THERE should be in every chapter several men who are able to present the advantages of their fraternity. These men should know the character of each chapter and the quality of the colleges in which they are located. They should be acquainted with the history and government of the society, and should have such a knowledge of rival organizations as will enable them to clip the wings of others who are too strongly partisan in representing their societies. Do not allow other men to boast without foundation. Be able to give the good points of your own $\Phi K \Psi$.

SPEAKING of soldiers; we shed tears of joy when we think of the generous manner in which the boys have loaded us down with the annual magazines. We especially thank those who are responsible for the three annuals really forwarded us. The other annuals were temporarily delayed, as are our thanks. And we are often up late into the night reading the college journals sent THE SHIELD. We know it is a very difficult task for the B. G. to wrap up a college paper, put a stamp on it and mail it. Therefore we appreciate and read with satisfaction and pride the some 5,000 college journals we get every week. All these things aid in making THE SHIELD a success.

DID you ever notice the different classes of men who belong to any given chapter? If the chapter is of any force the enthusiastic man is surely on deck. He is sanguine of success for his own, and sure of failure for rivals. He knows that the fellows he chums with are of course the best in school. He is especially eloquent when he boasts the charms of their lady friends and tells how, as far as girls are concerned, "We do 'em all up!" and "they had just as well come off, we can do 'em anywhere." He never permits any little accident as to the facts to annoy him, but just arranges them as required. He makes an elegant chapter letter writer when he can spare time to scribble. He is a necessity. The rain wouldn't fall on the just if he was not there to bring good luck. And then there's the lugubrious man, whose plaintive melodies chill the aspiring Freshman and whose direful forbodings paralyze the boys about four times a year. He is a pessimist in theory, a weeping Jeremiah in practice, and is always on the mourner's bench when not engaged in other equally hilarious pursuits. As a cheerful companion he is fully equal to an icicle, as an invigorator he rivals quinine. In his opinion "The chapter is going to thunder—won't amount to anything when this class graduates—our young fellows are too tough—the other frats are getting all the good men." We are in doubt which draws the longer bow—our enthusiastic or our lugubrious friend.

By the way, we have long thought that the office of General Secretary of the Fraternity and that of editor of THE SHIELD should be held by the same person. If this be done we could afford to pay something worth while. The two offices could easily be filled by the same man, as the work is along the same line. Indeed, they are inter-dependent, and it weakens each to separate them. Another reason for this, is the desire for a certain concentration of power. If authority is scattered no one will feel himself responsible for general results. No one will feel commissioned with a "general welfare clause." By all means let us put some one in authority, and give him a chance. A hydra-headed affair always lacks motive power. Some one must walk in the van. Some one must have enough of authority to act at critical moments without fear and favor. Unite these two offices in one person and you will hear from him. Otherwise we shall often have a certain lack of definite action. This method has been successful wherever used.

FRATERNITY journalism is a sort of odd and amateur performance. Most of the boys have had only such experience as comes from the college journal. One can almost select them by their magazines. They may be first-class, but lack some of those delicate touches that distinguish the management of the experienced newspaper man. That younger gentleman looks at the magazine as a matter of superior importance. This is an advantage which often balances the crudeness of his methods. The man of previous experience is, however, inclined to a half negligent, perhaps disdainful air. He feels that the college interest predominates and that the serene courtesy of good-fellowship should attend his work and his relations with others. He goes laughing and light armed, while he whose journalistic training is of the college only, marches with horse, foot and artillery, and is fully alive to the dignity of his position. Occasionally he makes you tired, as R. Crusoe would say. But he is honest. He is whole-some. And one can but half regret that the amateur editor, with his simple enthusiasm, his determination to die for his country and his effervescent methods is rapidly being succeeded by those whose boyish enthusiasm has almost given way to a more frigid manner, which, if more effective, is not always more amusing.

THE SHIELD has never made reference to the many kind words received from the brothers and chapters of $\Phi K \Psi$. Although we have had every reason to hope that our brothers have looked with some satisfaction on their journal, we have not thought it necessary to call attention to the fact. For once we will break our rule. Says Brother Clinton Gage, of Boston,

Mass., and of the Grand Catalogue Committee: "THE SHIELD, as it stands to-day, is the *best monthly*-published journal in the Greek world." We value Gage's opinion, because we remember that he wrote the first article which appeared in THE SHIELD since it came west. The article was an able analysis of the subject of Fraternity Journalism, and showed such a knowledge of the question that we take much pleasure in its author's commendation. When we thank him, we thank the many brothers and chapters, whose kindly commendation and enthusiastic support has shown an appreciation of our labors we shall not soon forget.

IN last month's SHIELD we asked for chapter letters from Districts I. and III. Of the eleven chapters in District I., two, Pennsylvania Iota and Eta, failed to respond. Iota has long been very negligent in SHIELD correspondence, and ought to take measures for reform. The chapter is in fine condition, and there is no excuse for their neglect of fraternity work. In District III. Ohio Gamma, Indiana Beta and Indiana Gamma did not write. Indiana Beta had an excellent letter in the preceding issue, which probably accounts for their non-appearance. Chapters in Districts I. and III. will please note that we would like letters from them for the January SHIELD, to reach us by December 23. This means that we want a letter from each chapter in Districts I. and III. for the January SHIELD. For the December SHIELD we desire letters from every chapter in Districts II. and IV. by November 23. Several of these chapters have letters in this SHIELD. That makes no difference. We want a letter from you for December, anyhow. This means that Districts II. and IV. are expected to write for the December SHIELD. The wayfaring man, tho' a fool, could understand that, and we trust the able, and scholarly B. G.'s will *sabe*, as President Porfirio Diaz remarked to us recently. When this is once done, it will simply be necessary that each correspondent write every other month. For the glory of Israel, gentlemen, for the lion of the tribe of Judah, get the drift of THE SHIELD's wishes on this question, and thus save our gray head from going in sorrow to the grave. We have piped unto you and ye have not danced. Now if the strays don't get into line pretty soon, we shall draw on them at sight, telegraph at their expense and have a "thumper" trained for us who will attend strictly to business.

Exchanges.

The June number of the *Anchora*, of Delta Gamma, is a decided improvement on former numbers. The literary department is well sustained. A chapter is given to "Eminent Women of our Century." "Herod's Queen" makes a very respectable appearance in modern literature, and we are very truly told that "Patriotic Women may have no inconsiderable part in contributing to the glory and strength of a nation whose pride is in notable achievements, where worth is the only order of nobility."

An editorial on Chapter Meetings is noticeable for the pleasant and lady-like manner in which the topic is handled, being quite free from the asperity with which others occasionally approach the subject. Nine excellent chapter letters—a feature in which the *Anchora* excels—from Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Cornell, Adelbert and other universities are on hand. The Cornell letter, and it came to our eyes after our own editorial on this question was written, says the ladies' fraternities there have agreed to make no invitations to new students till December first. We shall watch the experiment with interest. The *Anchora*, although not particularly remarkable for its literary work, is as a newspaper man would say, a very well edited magazine.

The first copy of the Sigma Nu *Delta*, under the Kansas editors, is at hand. It bears the imprint of our own publishers, and is all right typographically. As we expected it is a very creditable production and perhaps a little superior to its predecessors. There is an account of the Louisville convention, and a Kansas Sigma Nu, now a Chicago newspaper reporter, has a readable sketch of "The Past and Present of Sigma Nu." He is refreshingly original in admitting that his own "is not the best fraternity in the United States, nor can she claim to be the second best." The average Greek is scarcely so modest. His fraternity has had nineteen chapters, of which sixteen are alive if we understand him. During the last three years Sigma Nu has accomplished more than in the eighteen previous. The *Delta* was established, the fraternity's first and second conventions held, and many chapters formed. Says the writer: "The Southern chapters of Sigma Nu are inferior to none and superior to many,—not surpassed in Hellenic virtues." The writer is sanguine of their future.

Grant W. Harrington, '87, University of Kansas, is managing editor. The editorials are business-like and although "The *Delta* is not intended for

a literary organ," chapter correspondents are informed that it will be perfectly useless, dearly beloved brethren, to attempt revenge for injuries by use of billingsgate in your report, for we assure you that it will never see the light in these pages." That is good advice for any journal. The exchange editor speaks kindly of THE SHIELD as "one of the brightest and most interesting of fraternity publications," and clips an editorial from our columns. The chapter letters are of good character, but most of them too brief. "Greek Cuttings" and Personals end the first issue from Kansas. If the present editors can continue as well as they have begun, Sigma Nu need have no fears for the *Delta*.

The *Scroll* of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has a good printer and an excellent proof reader. These humble laborers are essential though unappreciated factors. On the first cover page of the *Scroll* is a little triangular calico curtain, which is too close to the fire that flickers on a stone stump just underneath. The triangular apron ought to catch fire and burn up, and then we hope the fire will go out. Such a measly fire as that ought, behind the barn or somewhere. And then there is a tubular structure which hangs down like a Chinaman's chin. Probably the hole in the end of the tube is the one the *Scroll* man crawls into when he has a round with the wrong exchange man, or perhaps it's the refuge he seeks when he hears that musical ditty "Phi Delt Bill got lame in the knee." If we may be allowed to make the hoary headed suggestion that the *Scroll* man creep into the aperture and pull the tube in after him, we will. The apron being burned, the tube abducted and the fire *non est* we trust $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ will use the stump as a wash-stand, and secure something for first page of cover that is worthy the *Scroll's* usual good taste. The *Scroll's* editorial page is all too brief. Usually it is about three quarters of a page, and only calls attention to a notice, congratulates some one, stirs up *Beta Theta Pi* a little, and flickers out. The quality is good, but it lacks quantity. The lack of quantity is rather unusual in Phi Delta Theta, too. During the last year the *Scroll* has neglected exchanges and Greek news, but has devoted itself to its own business. This is mere question of policy. Nor does the *Scroll* give much space to "Articles." They have had few of much length or note. But when they do attempt to get up a real article or editorial it is a decided success. In the words of our friend Oliver: "More, give us more."

But if the *Scroll's* editorial page, if the "literary department" is not always a shining success the chapter letters are certainly an evidence of editorial tact and chapter loyalty that is surprising. As a rule the letters are good, and there are enough. It must be a very difficult task to secure so many from such scattered chapters. In general opinion they are the brightest evidences of ye editor's tact. But not so. The editor of the *Scroll* is pre-eminently a rustler. His magazine has continually evidences of this. In October are $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ records for the year ending April 1, 1886. That

year the chapters enrolled 833 men and graduated 160, 418 were initiated by the 58 chapters and 14 resigned or were expelled, 53 Preps being enrolled. Alabama University had 52 Phi Deltas, while the Virginia chapters numbered one, two and two respectively. Judging by the number of undergraduates Indiana, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Ohio, New York, Georgia and Missouri are the leading $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ States in order named.

The September *Scroll* was ponderous—contained seventy-odd pages, and must have required a great deal of attention. In many respects it is the most remarkable exhibition of painstaking editorial care and the worthiest bit of editorial enterprise the Greek world has seen. About thirty pages are devoted to an accurate and interesting history of the ten volumes of the *Scroll*. Then follows a "Table of Contents" of all the issues, a classification of "Titles and Subjects," an "Index of Contributions," both in alphabetical order. All this seems to be the work of W. B. Palmer. Phi Delta Theta certainly owes this man more than she will soon know.

The first number of the *Kappa Alpha Theta* under the new board of editors is brisk, vivacious and lady-like. A pleasant sketch of the University of Kansas opens, and is followed by a history of the chapter at the University of Vermont. A very beautiful little response to a toast at the University of Kansas Alumni Banquet of last June is published, and appropriately styled "College Friendships." Its too modest author, Miss Maggie Eidemiller, one of the editors of *Kappa Alpha Theta* last year, has neglected to sign her name to the article. The editorials are very business-like. "Kappa, with a holy horror of debt and a laudable determination not to pamper any one with luxuries, 'on credit,' rose in her wrath, shut up her pocket-book and sternly stated, 'No money, no magazine.' The fate of *Kappa Alpha Theta* is in your own hands. A word to the wise, you know; and even to those foolish virgins we hope a little hint will prove sufficient this time. Pay up." That ought to bring them. Throw up your hands, ladies! An excellent and pertinent editorial on "Rushing" follows. In the exchanges the *Key* is polished up a bit, and the Ohio Gamma chapter of Phi Delta Theta receives an elegant drubbing. We quote: "We will solicit the presence of Messrs. Leonard, Bundy and Martin with their knitting at the next general meeting of $\K \Delta \Theta$, and, perhaps, with their assistance we may be able to conduct a thoroughly legal meeting."

In the *Kappa Alpha Theta's* opinion, "The prominence and character of THE SHIELD's chapter letters is especially commendable." Several Alumni Letters, Fraternity Notes, five pages of personals and ten first-class chapter letters conclude a thoroughly good number. A neat, but simple cut, ornaments the first cover page and varies the monotony of the lugubrious paper. We take pleasure in announcing that the little ducats in the upper right-hand corner are not spectacles, as the unsophisticated will assume, nor yet Tertio-Millennial medals, but coins Senora, Greek coins, from Troy, by Dr. Schlieman found—the very little bangles that Helen jingled through the siege of Priam's town.

Chapter Letters.

CORNELL.

New York Alpha makes her bow to THE SHIELD with a smile spread over the rosy countenance of her second babyhood. She has been born again, and while only three years of age, objects to being classed longer with the toddling infants. The chapter house, which has been in course of construction during the summer, is just completed, and the boys are now fairly domiciled for the coming years. The house is of brick, built according to the Renaissance style of architecture. The foundation is of blue Ithaca sandstone, and rises four or five feet above the ground, lending a very pretty effect to the structure. There are sixteen rooms in the house, including kitchen, dining, billiard and bath rooms. They are fitted with all the modern equipments, and heated with steam. The basement is divided into kitchen, dining room and billiard room. The first floor is occupied by the parlors, hall and three study rooms. The second floor has five study rooms, hall and the bath room. The third floor is divided into three large apartments, and constitutes the dormitory for the whole fraternity. The house will accommodate comfortably sixteen men, and will doubtless be filled to its utmost by January 1. The halls, parlors and rooms now occupied are furnished nicely throughout and in the case of the parlors even elegantly. The chapter now numbers thirteen, with bright prospects for several desirable additions. Brother Hodder of Michigan Alpha, now associate Professor in Political Economy, at Cornell, is a frequent visitor, and does a deal of good by his genial presence and sound advice. Brother Acker, of Indiana Gamma, and your humble servant from Indiana Beta, have entered class of '88, and were warmly received by the Alpha boys.

Coming, as the writer does, from a chapter which has long since thrown aside the garment of youth, and looking on the product of little more than two years growth, there was certainly a feeling of surprise. To organize a thriving chapter in an institution already sustaining twelve or fifteen well established chapters, which represent the best fraternities in the land, is an undertaking of no small magnitude, and the life and activity in New York Alpha is a living monument to the zeal and "clear grit" of the men who called it back to life. The chapter is now on a firm foundation, and there is every promise of a long and useful career. The principal of unity and the concentration of forces is fully recognized here, and with the

hardships of the past already fading into tradition, the future shows the star of success shining in a clear sky.

We are now "at home" with no special hours, but will grasp with fervor the hand of any brother who shows himself, be it in the hollow of the night or in the glow of day. Should any Phi Psi, wearied and wayward, pass our direction some long winter's evening, he will be gladly received into the circle about the hearthstone, and enveloped at once in an atmosphere of smoke and fraternal good will.

Ithaca, N. Y., October 22, 1886.

WILL H. ROBINSON.

SYRACUSE.

On the evening of October 1, New York Beta initiated into the mysteries of Phi Kappa Psi the following seven men:

Geo. W. Smith, '88, Mankato, Minnesota; Menzo Burlingame, '90, East Springfield, New York; J. L. Barnard, '90, Cooperstown, New York; W. H. Edwards, '90, Troy, New York; P. D. Perkins, '90 Little Falls, New York; F. M. Rooney, '90, Bernardsville, New York; G. K. Statham, '90, North Fork, Pennsylvania. Since our last letter Brother Brooks, '89, has returned to college; this gives us all our men back.

We were remarkably successful in "the rush," and captured six of '90's best men; all of these men having been rushed by the other "fraternities." Phi Kappa Psi, in Syracuse, is steadily gaining ground, and has a most auspicious prospect. During the second week of college, we were pleased to greet Brother W. E. Hull, Wabash, '84, who was in the city as a delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Conference. Brother Hull is now a pastor in Hudson, New York.

We have just added some new furniture to our society rooms, and contemplate further additions in the near future. We are indebted to Brothers Wiseman, '84, and Case, Cornell, '73, for two elegant pieces of furniture. We can now say, without boasting, that we have the finest chapter rooms in the city.

Our friends, the enemy, are active, and have initiated their quota of Freshmen. The present numerical strength of the fraternities, here represented, is as follows:

	'87	'88	'89	'90	Total
Φ K Ψ	3	4	8	6	21
Δ K E	2	6	7	4	19
Ψ Υ	1	1	3	6	11
Δ Υ	8	4	8	6	26
Z Ψ	1	2	0	0	3

Phi Kappa Psi and D. K. E. still publish the *Syracusan*. Brother Eldridge, '87, is publisher-in-chief; Brother Pratt, '88, is literary, and Brother Piper, '89, local editor. We should not forget to mention that

Brother Manning, Instructor in Modern Languages, left the University, last spring, and is now holding a similar position in Johns Hopkins.

On the evening of September 23, Brother Lonergan, '86, entertained, at his residence, 174 Seymour street, the ladies of Tau chapter, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and the gentlemen of the New York Beta chapter of Phi Kappa Psi. By the recent Central New York Conference, Brother Broadway, '84, was appointed pastor of the M. E. church, at Palmyra, New York.

In closing this epistle, we would present the best wishes of New York Beta, for a successful college year among her sister chapters in Phi Psi.

Syracuse, N. Y., October 14, 1886.

FRED N. BURRITT.

HOBART.

As the usual fall campaign has closed, in which the Greek contends with Greek in friendly contests for new recruits, and as each has opportunity now to rejoice over victory won or mourn over sad defeat, we esteem it a privilege to answer to the bugle-call and report how fares the world with us. Delta can truly say again, the gods are kind to us, and that success has attended our every effort to secure the men on whom we set our hearts, for in no instance did the charm we carry fail to subdue and captivate. The goat did well its work; as a result we have—Up, brothers up, bare your heads and show us who ye are! Brothers Beers, '87, Crowe, Gatley, German, Kirtland and Slade, '90, all of Phi Psi timber. We, at present, number thirteen men in college, with a prospect of adding one or two more before the close of the year. Brother Grimke has repented of the error of his ways and has become a full course classical; this makes our chapter a through and through classical body, with eight men pursuing the honor course in the classics, which ultimately means Phi Beta Kappa. We all miss from the chapter-hall the familiar faces of Brothers Morrison and Way, who graduated last June, and whose wise counsels and glowing enthusiasm we so keenly appreciated. May prosperity attend them always. We are most agreeably impressed with the new Constitution, and trust that under it we, as a fraternity, will keep equal pace with the demands of the times and accomplish all that we hope to achieve, and make our order essentially national in its character and purposes. There is no reason for delaying to regain our lost out-posts at once under the excellent system of government that we now possess. We were at Ithaca September 1st, and had the pleasure of meeting a few of the Alpha boys who had returned. They will, undoubtedly soon give THE SHIELD a complete description of what we saw there, viz: their fine chapter-house. We have just heard most encouraging news from the Beta boys at Syracuse. Taking it all in all the cause of Phi Psi is making rapid advance in the Empire State, and so may she well deserve it. Our new library, costing \$25,000, was formally opened to the students at the beginning of the term. It is a fine specimen of

architectural beauty. Alumni Hall is in process of construction; this will meet a long-felt want. All our college boys are now in active training for Field Day, which occurs on Wednesday of the present week. We expect to have a fine exhibition of athletic skill in the various sports.

Geneva, N. Y., October 14, 1886.

C. B. MOWRY.

LAFAYETTE.

Lafayette commenced another year with a Freshman class of eighty. All the fraternities are alive, and in a few days the pick of the class were Greeks. The loss of six men in last year's class, somewhat crippled Theta, but we have secured five good men from '90. Their names and addresses are J. W. Hoke, Chambersburg, Pa.; Frank Bailey, Smyrna, Del.; J. P. Loose, Hagerstown, Md.; Harry A. Mackey, Bangor, Pa. and James McKeen, Easton, Pa. The Theta Delta Chi chapter here is no more, their last man having left. The Theta Deltas always held a high position among the fraternities at Lafayette, and their loss is to be regretted. Our alumni purchased the rooms of the Phi charge of $\Theta \Delta X$, and presented them to us at our June symposium. The foot ball season has opened, and Lafayette will play a number of games this fall with the leading colleges. At our last election the following officers were selected: G. P., Cummins P. McDowell, B. G., H. Fay (127, McKeen Hall); A. G., Cochran; S. G., McIlvaine, Ph., McKeen, H. Loose; Brother Posey's appointment as Archon of our district gives satisfaction to Theta, as Posey is well known to our fellows. Among those present at our June symposium were Brothers Cresswell and Faries, of Iota, and Brother Apple, of Eta.

Easton, Pa., October 16, 1886.

CUMMINS

DICKINSON.

Pennsylvania Zeta sends greeting to all the chapters. To express our condition as briefly as possible, I will simply say that "we are booming." Last June Brothers E. A. Curry and S. E. Howel graduated. Brother Curry took a great part in athletics, and was decidedly the most popular man in college. He entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania this fall. Brother Howel maintained a strong position in the society circles of Carlisle. We regret very much to lose these two brothers from our ranks. After the examinations, last June, we initiated Brothers A. H. Zimmerman and J. R. McKelvy, of class 90. Both of these gentlemen were a great addition to the fraternity.

We were very sorry to learn that Brother McKelvy could not return to Dickinson. He is now at Princeton. We held our twenty-seventh annual

symposium at the Florence House, Tuesday evening, June 22, 1886. Although there were not quite as many alumni present as usual, yet the unprecedented enthusiasm and the happy remarks, glowing with fraternity spirit, of those who were present, made it an occasion long to be remembered by the Pennsylvania Zeta.

We started in this fall with nine solid fellow, prepared for a good fight and determined to win. We have initiated undoubtedly the best three men that have entered college this year. Brothers W. W. Wharton, '89, A. L. Dryden, '88 and S. E. Forman, '87. Our hardest fight was against the Chi Phi for Brother Wharton. Although it would be interesting to every Phi Psi, yet the want of space and time prevents me from entering into the details of the fight. It was a complete victory, I am glad however that all bad feeling has worn off. Brother Wharton was very well known by a good many of the students before he came to college. He has the reputation of being the best base-ball player in the state of Delaware. In addition to these three initiates, Brothers C. W. Ashley and T. B. Anderson have been transferred from D. C. Alpha to Pennsylvania Zeta. They came well recommended by D. C. Alpha, and have proven themselves worthy of their recommendation. They entered class of '88.

We have now fourteen active members, among whom will be found the best scholars and athletes that there are in college. We are represented on the foot-ball team by the half-backs, Wharton and Holler. These two brothers have been a credit to the team, to themselves and to the Phi Psi Fraternity.

Before closing allow me space to contradict those statements made by the Beta Theta Pi correspondent recently. First, we thank you, Mr. correspondent, for granting that we are a decent set of fellow; and are very sorry that we cannot return the compliment. Secondly, we wish to inform you that we have fourteen members. Thirdly, that your statement in regard to our bond of union is utterly without foundation. There is not a fraternity in college whose bond of union is stronger. Your statement in regard to our non-aggressiveness is proven wide of the mark by the work that we accomplished this fall. Yes, Mr. Correspondent, *your* chapter is very aggressive? Out of all the men that have been "rushed" by you this year, you have been unable to initiate one. Your bond of union is very strong? When there are two men out of the seven that you have, whom apparently you do not recognize. The Theta Deltas, as you say, are your only rivals. You had better go to work, Mr. correspondent, the Theta Deltas have initiated one man, while you have not initiated anyone. From facts and all appearances you are in the lead in this rivalry. We would just say to you, Mr. correspondent, in the words of Josh Billings, "sit down, keep cool, you will have plenty of time to make a fool of yourself." Best wishes for the success of THE SHIELD.

Carlisle, Pa., October 16, 1886.

G. R. STERLING.

ALLEGHANY.

This is too late a time to tell of the vacation tramps and the numberless hair-breadth escapes some of the Beta boys had from becoming victims to the hymeneal altar, as in fact two or three are still in the meshes, so we will speak of the reunion only.

On the eve of September 25, the first meeting of the college year, there were present just an even dozen, who met around the throne of brotherly love and again enjoyed the mystic circle. Since that meeting Brothers T. C. Bray and J. C. Porter have been snatched from among the Sophomore barbs, and from other "Greeks," who were anxious to cultivate them. Brother Bray is an honor man from Chamberlain Institute, New York, and a member of the Y. M. C. A. Quartette of this city (Meadville), while Brother Porter is capable of winning as much honor in his college work.

Much interest has been taken in the new Constitution by the brothers, and all are anxious to become better acquainted with the general plan of the organization. Each seems to feel that the fraternity is stepping forth, as a young bride in full confidence, into new fields of progress and experience; and they are anxious to step forward, but never backward. We miss the three brothers, Bole, Smith and Scofield, who graduated from among us last year and are now struggling with the intricacies of law; but we feel that, though they are not among us they are still with us, and will ever be among our honored list.

Pennsylvania Beta is in shape to do good work this year, and from the honors and positions of influence taken by the brothers, the standing of our chapter among the students of '86-7 is fully assured to be equal to that of any previous year. The Board of Control had quite a renovation made in our faculty, and as a result we are represented by only one Phi Psi, which, however, is as before. Our present brother is Prof. Colgrove, ex-'80, who teaches classics to the giddy Preps. To the sister chapters of the first, and all other districts, Pennsylvania Beta extends greetings and best wishes for a successful and pleasant year of fraternity work.

Meadville, Pa., October 16, 1886.

F. H. SHAW.

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Although we returned from our vacation with a feeling of sadness, on account of the death of Brother Young, yet we begin the year with a full determination to keep up the record that $\Phi K \Psi$ has made at our University. We lost five good men at Commencement, three graduated, one left school, and one died. Our graduates did honor to themselves and the fraternity before they left. Brother Kelchner delivered the Valedictory address, and received the first prizes in Psychology and Anthropology. He now occupies the chair of Greek and Latin in Muncy Academy. Brother Dreisbach captured the scientific prize in Geology, and introduced the Commencement Orator. He is at present in business with his father, but expects to resume

his studies at the University of Pennsylvania next year. Brother Keiser entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania this fall. Brothers Calder and Owens, of the class of '87, received the prizes in oratory at the Junior Exhibition. Brothers Young and Wolfe succeeded in carrying off the Freshman prizes, established by Brother John M. Finn, class '54. There was but one man from either of the other two fraternities that received a prize, and that was a second prize in the Freshman class.

The class of '90 enters with a much smaller number than usual, so good material for the fraternity is very scarce, but we have the pleasure of introducing into the fraternity Brother Clair Vanderslice, of Rochester, Pa., a young man that, with proper training, will make a royal $\phi\chi$. The number of active members of the chapter is smaller than it has been for years, but we all pull together and the influence that we have had is not lessened. The Phi Gamma Deltas have initiated two men, but they are men that suit them far better than they do us. We do not know of any additions to the Sigma Chi at all.

I noticed in the last SHIELD that Hon. Chas. S. Wolfe was a member of Pennsylvania Zeta, which is a mistake. He is one of Gamma's honored sons. Success to all.

WILL M. WOODWARD.

Lewisburg, Pa., October 9, 1886.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania College began the fall term with 116 students on the roll. From a Freshman class of thirty-nine we have been enabled to select some very good men. The Sophomore class has been re-enforced by seven new men, and the Junior by four. In the graduation of Brothers Bittle, Buehler, Miller and Shafer, '86, Epsilon sustained a loss which time alone can amend. We had the pleasure of meeting a large number of loyal Phi Psi alumni last Commencement. Brother E. I. Brenner, '85, stopped with us a few days prior to his return to Yale Divinity School, where he has resumed his studies. Rev. Brother Jacob Beyers, '80, who has a congregation in Sandusky, Ohio, spent a few days here while on an extended wedding tour. That they may live a life of undivided happiness is the wish of Epsilon.

Let me introduce our "kids" to you. We have in the Sophomore class Brother Ed. C. Hecht, a brother of Brother J. P. Hecht, '77. He hails from Reading, Pa., and will make an excellent Phi Psi. Brothers Frank and Ed. Whitmer are two unmistakably good Freshmen from Newport, Pa., who have been received into the fold. These are all we have initiated thus far, but expect, at least, three more before the close of the term. The other fraternities, which are here represented, have been doing very little work in the way of securing new men. Phi Delta Theta has the largest number of men in college, while Sigma Chi brings up the rear. Epsilon sends her greetings and wishes to all a year of unprecedented success.

Gettysburg, Pa., October 5, 1886.

JNO. F. DAPP.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

While the college here opened up with bright prospects for a successful year, having an unusually large number of new students, a new Professor of Modern Languages and two of the old professors rescued from the ranks of celibacy, yet Pennsylvania Alpha entered the lists under somewhat of a cloud: Of the fourteen brothers who parted last Commencement with such high hopes for the future, but seven responded to the roll-call of our first meeting. Our two graduates of last year, Brothers New and Thomas, we did not expect back. Both have entered upon the study of law in their respective places of residence. But it was with the greatest disappointment that we learned of the loss of five others, Brothers Lazear, Gallaher, Noel, Fife and Hayes. Brother Lazear goes to his native city of Baltimore to attend Johns Hopkins University, Brother Gallaher to the medical lectures in Philadelphia, and Brother Noel to Princeton. Brother Fife studies medicine at Elizabeth, Pa., while Brother Hayes has entered upon a commercial course in Pittsburg, Pa. "Broken up" as we were over our great loss, we did not, however, give up to discouragement, but styling ourselves—in the language of a rival fraternity—"the invincible seven," we went to work with a will to reorganize our broken ranks. After a sharp fight with several rival fraternities we succeeded in getting three of the best of the new men, all of the true Phi Psi stamp. Two of our new brothers, Alex. and Paul Morehead, are sons of Dr. Morehead, of Greensburg, Pa., himself an old and loyal Phi Psi. Our other new man, Brother Cunningham, of Blairsville, Pa., is also the son of a Phi Psi. Our crowd is well distributed through the college classes: Seniors, 3; Juniors, 2; Sophomores, 4; Freshman, 1. Brother J. H. Johnston, better known among the old boys as "Jerry," paid us a flying visit last week and congratulated us upon the character of our men and the condition of the chapter in general. The college is at present very much exercised over the expected visit of her distinguished alumnus, James G. Blaine.

Washington, Pa., October 21, 1886.

D. A. HEVRON.

O. W. U.

The forty-second annual session of the O. W. U. began September 15 with a larger attendance than ever before, over 600 students being enrolled. During the summer many improvements have been made, causing the old buildings and beautiful campus to appear more attractive than ever, and it is safe to say that no year began more auspiciously to faculty, students and fraternities than 1886-87. In spite of unfavorable weather the Commencement of the class of '86 was a grand success, the Field Day sport being particularly enjoyable and closely contested. Brother Roberts won the 100 yards and 220 yards dash, and Brother McCafferty throwing the baseball and putting the hammer. As we have no honors here I cannot report

any triumphs in that line, although in scholarship $\Phi K \Psi$ stood near the head.

Five loyal Phi Kaps graduated, Brothers Davis, Bell, Phillips, Van Cleve and Semans, but Brother Semans, in his office as instructor in the "Lab." remains, practically an active member, in part consoling us for the loss of his classmates. Brothers J. A. Jackson and W. McCafferty were initiated last Commencement, but Brother Jackson did not return this fall. In addition, Brother Van Deman, '87, has entered the Junior class at Harvard, and Brother Runkle, '88, has entered a bank at Kenton, Ohio (lawfully). We welcome to us Brother M. R. Dial, '87, from Ohio B.

The goats commenced active work immediately school opened, $\Phi K \Psi$ beginning the ball. Our initiates up to date have been John Travis, '88, Covington, Ohio; W. P. Reed, '89, Portsmouth, Ohio, and Ed. Dillon, '90, London, Ohio. The initiations thus far have been: $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 2; $B \Theta \Pi$, 1; $X \Phi$, 1; $\Delta T \Delta$, 1; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 2; $\Phi K \Psi$, 3. In whole numbers they stand: $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 8; $B \Theta \Pi$, 11; $X \Phi$, 7; $\Delta T \Delta$, 11; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 9; $\Phi K \Psi$, 11. In comparison with the number of new students the number of fraternity initiates is quite small, but the fraternities have been unusually careful and slow in their elections, yet by the Christmas vacation the membership will probably be up to the average.

On October 6 Ohio Alpha passed an evening with Dr. C. W. Breyfogle, one of our charter members and founders and our first G. P. Dr. Breyfogle graduated in 1862, and after serving honorably in the army settled in San Jose, Cal. Even in that far away State he never lost his interest in the fraternity, and it was through him in 1881 that our vigorous sister, California Alpha, was established. Although his visit was a hurried one it was one long to be remembered, and never will Ohio Alpha cease to honor her first G. P., or forget the words of cheer and counsel that fell from his lips.

We are already beginning to think of, and even to make preparations for the District Convention, to be held here next spring. Let every man in the Third District lay aside his books and attend, and we will make it the biggest and most enthusiastic Province Convention on record.

Deleware, O., October 17, 1886.

W. P. HENDERSON.

WITTENBERG.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to act as correspondent to THE SHIELD at this time, for never before was THE SHIELD in better condition, nor was there ever a time when Wittenberg and Ohio Beta were better situated. Our new \$60,000 building is now finished and occupied. There was an unusually large increase in attendance this year, and it kept us busy securing those who had the $\Phi \Psi$ make-up. Since our last letter we have initiated four men, and those the finest in college. Last June, during Commencement week, we took in Brother Pearl N. Jones. He is, indeed, a "pearl of great price," inasmuch as he received four *bids*, and as ours came in last we feel quite proud that he preferred us. Brother Jones is the only

man in college who has received a bid from *every* fraternity here. He took the honors of the sub-Freshman class. Our other three initiates come with the highest recommendations from Hartwick, N. Y. They are Brothers Frank N. Bonck, Robert H. Hiller and G. Benj. Hiller. The relative strength of the fraternities here are as follows:

	'87.	'88.	'89.	'90.	'91.	Select.	Total.
Φ K Ψ	1	2	5	2	0	2	12
B Θ Π	2	3	2	3	0	0	10
Φ Γ Δ	1	0	3	4	2	0	10
A T Ω	2	1	0	5	3	0	11

From this it will be seen that we are strongest in numbers and that several of the fraternities take in Preps., notwithstanding the rule of the faculty to the contrary. During the winter we expect to be able to purchase a fine piano for our hall. College matters are at present very quiet. Our base-ball club will play the Alpha Taus next week. All the boys are glad to see the spirit manifested by the new administration. With the most fraternal regards,

FRED. G. GOTWALD.

Springfield, Ohio, October 19, 1886.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Registration day found only six of our boys back. Not a very flattering prospect to be sure, but we soon found that it did not take six men nearly as long to decide if a man "was worthy" as it did when we had twelve or fifteen. In fact it was always the case in our chapter, that the hardest rushing was done on the boys all ready in the chapter. If we saw a desirable man we had to work harder to get a vote than to secure the man. This slowness is good in one respect however, your chapter will be free from chumps, and hence your standard is higher and a bid from you is more desirable. But a new man, especially a young one easily influenced and not knowing fraternities as they are, is likely to accept the first bid, not realizing the importance of the step. In such cases it is well to move carefully, but quickly. This year we have been quite active, and as a result have three Freshmen, "just our size," and we are looking for more like them. Here they are: Persy Grimsley, George Cole and Harry Yazel. The other chapters range from eight to thirteen in numbers. The new students are a little above those of the last two years, there being quite a number of desirable men.

Tuesday, the 12th, Brother Wm. L. Peters was married to Miss Cora B. Van Serman, of Richmond, Ind. Brothers Schaub, E. J. Converse, Smart, H. P. Converse and Payne attended the wedding and were royally entertained. They went in a special car with the family, and came as far as Columbus with the bride and groom, who went on to New York and Boston on their wedding tour. They have a lovely home, presented by his father, waiting for their return. We wish them happiness in their new life. We

have received our Constitution, and have seen the others. They are nicely written and uniform throughout, and are a credit to the committee.

Columbus, O., October 17, 1886.

HOLBERT E. PAYNE.

DE PAUW.

In college life at De Pauw nothing of special interest has so far occurred. The Seniors at early morn send forth sounds *a rostra*, which grate upon our auditory appendages like the distant muttering of Sinai. Among the names contained in the University lecture course those of Justin McCarthy, M. P., and Stanley, the great African explorer, deserve special mention. The Athletic Association raises its attenuated form to an attitude of unstable equilibrium, and announces that on November 12 it will give an exhibition of Athletic sports. Not the least attractive feature of student life at De Pauw is the ladies' dormitory; within its wall is feminine innocence and maidenly beauty in profusion.

The spiking season is over. Our new initiates are W. I. Fiske, '89, and Will Neff, '90, both men of unquestioned ability. We have at present twenty men. In feeling and action we are a unit, each member realizing that $\Phi \Psi$'s interests are his own. The Senior class numbers six men and deserves special mention. C. W. Farr is Instructor in Natural Science in G. C. high school; Brother Reavill manipulates with ease the roots and stems of six languages; T. W. Haymond, De Pauw's rhymster, leads in literary production; C. H. Neff graduates from both the School of Liberal Arts and Law; G. B. Baker, who is well-known to the fraternity at large, will not be with us until January 1, 1887; John M. Cassell, champion heavy weight athlete, completes the list. '88 is well calculated to sustain the reputation of $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$, especially since she has been reinforced by J. E. Beeson, formerly of '84. C. A. Hough, '88, is editor of the local department of De Pauw *Monthly*. '89 has five men, '90 three. Our past is secure. Our present is promising, and we are looking well to the future.

Greencastle, Ind., October 20, 1886.

R. E. KIRKMAN.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

It is time that something was heard from Virginia A, and it is with pleasure that I write the first chapter letter of the new session. Brothers R. C. Berkeley, Davis, Echols, Howard, Ingle, Kent, Marshall, Peters, G. T. Smith, Stires, Woods and your humble servant are together again, and to our delight Gamma sent a transfer in the person of Brother B. L. Wolffe. If Gamma has any more of the same sort send them on by all means. We take pride in introducing a new brother, Mr. W. N. Berkeley, of West Virginia, of whom more anon.

Alpha has just pride in her record of last year. Brother Berkeley, R. C., made his degree of C. E., Brother G. H. Smith his B. L., Brother Preston

his M. D., while Brother Peters covered himself with glory by taking the three degrees of B. S., B. Ph., and M. A. Apart from these Brother Woods made the "green ticket," Latin, Greek and Mathematics, which is considered the most difficult combination in the Academic Department of the University. Nor were our triumphs confined to collegiate work. Brothers Peters and G. T. Smith were among the successful competitors in the athletic games; and as for calico, well if there was a man in college who was ahead of Stires or G. H. Smith, I would like to know his name. Davis is Assistant Professor of Latin and Greek at this University. This year, although we have lost Cover, Hains, Preston, Saunders, G. H. Smith, S. W. Venable and W. H. Venable, we will push on in our efforts to make our chapter worthy of the University and of $\Phi K \Psi$.

October 10, 1886.

C. M. BLACKFORD, JR.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Another collegiate year has opened in the University of Mississippi and with it many changes, some for the worst, but mostly for the better, such as new professors. Mississippi Alpha has opened with unusually fair prospects and zeal, only five of her old members came back, but those five have been working hard for their old fraternity. We have initiated three fine boys since our return, and I have the pleasure of introducing to our brothers W. C. and F. M. Philips, and G. F. Nixon, all of whom are from Lexington, Miss. They are fine boys and were "set" by nearly all the fraternities on the campus. They are all Freshmen, and bid fair to become men who will bring honor and credit to themselves and to $\Phi K \Psi$. At last Commencement Brother R. E. Halsell took first Elocution and first Freshman medals. He will "rush" things for Sophomore medal this Commencement. We have not elected officers in our fraternity for '86, but will very soon, and will then let you know who is our B. G. We have two professors from Virginia who are $\Phi K \Psi$ s, Brothers Latham, Professor of Chemistry, and Hoge, Professor of Greek. They are fine men, and will be a great help to our boys. With best wishes for THE SHIELD,

Oxford, Miss., October 10, 1886.

J. R. TACKETT.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

AS THE SHIELD will doubtless have a dearth of chapter letters for this month I bethought myself to help the editor out, hoping that he will be lenient with me in the future. College does not open until October, and consequently South Carolina Alpha's correspondent is writing from "Home, Sweet Home," where he has been enjoying his vacation, "taking in" picnics and all the other *et ceteras* that belong to the summer vacation, which is always too short for the student.

Commencement news may be rather stale, but as I have little else to

write about it will have to serve the place of fresh. Brother Baker took the Freshman medal for Declamation over several competitors, and was one of the Commencement Marshals. Brother Finley, who graduated in the Law Department, was one of the speakers in the moot court exercises. He has settled down to the practice of his profession at Yorkville, S. C. Brother Martin graduated with the degrees of A. B. and A. M., taking the latter with distinction. His graduating essay on "The Mind, the function of highly evolved matter," was pronounced by the faculty to be the best handed them. Brother M. has lately been elected Professor of the Classics in the Tennessee State Female College. We congratulate our brother on this recognition of his talents. Brother Gamble also graduated, and will begin the study of his chosen profession, medicine, this fall. We shall miss "Wayney" very much from our ranks.

We shall begin the collegiate year with high hopes and renewed energy for our beloved fraternity. We do not know how many of our old men will return, but expect to have, with the exception of those who graduated, the greater part of them back to sing the praises of $\Phi \Psi$. If my handwriting looks "shaky" you can attribute it to the earthquake scare which I received the other night, and from which I have not yet recovered.

Columbia, S. C., September 8, 1886.

JOHN M. KNIGHT.

[NOTE.—Brother Crane, to whom the above was sent, was in Colorado, and it did not reach us till October 15.—E. C. L.]

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

You probably think it somewhat strange that we have not, before this, responded to your call. We, however, think that one kind of fraternity work is as good as another; and we know that when we tell you that we have had so much of it on our hands that no one has found time for a chapter letter, you will readily grant us your pardon.

With our initiation of last Saturday night we withdraw from the field, having satisfied ourselves from the largest and best class that has ever entered our college. The following is a list of new members: Geo. H. Baxter, Lancaster, Wis.; F. I. Collins, Minneapolis, Minn.; Hal Studley, Appleton, Wis.; E. Worden and B. Worden, Milwaukee, and K. P. Chumasero (law), 3440 Michigan avenue, Chicago. Our ranks have also been swelled by one from Wisconsin Gamma, Mr. Luling.

Our chapter now numbers sixteen, and is what we call on the top of the heap. In all probability it will be enlarged by one or two men during the year. Our new chapter rooms are, after a great deal of time spent in their preparation, completed. We are justly very proud of them, for they are the finest in the college. From out of the North, East, South and West came the merry chimes of wedding bells. Since we parted in June four good Phi Psis have been married, Mr. B. B. Carter, '83, to Miss Cora Wal-

bridge, of Baraboo, Wis.; Mr. James A. Cole, '82, Lieutenant Sixth Cavalry, to Miss Mary Tuppen, of Ft. Bayard, New Mexico. Mr. B. B. Parker, '81, Stevens Point, and Mr. W. A. Haven, '77, Denver, Col., have also taken unto themselves a better half.

The University of Wisconsin is in a most prosperous condition. As I have before intimated, the Freshman class is larger and better than ever. The membership is increasing each year, and has now reached nearly four hundred. We have now under course of construction new buildings for our Scientific Departments, which, when fully equipped, will equal, if not surpass any in the country. Our State is displaying a very liberal policy towards our institution, and, under these favorable circumstances, it is moving on with rapid strides. Hoping that this letter finds all the chapters as jubilant as are we, I am,

FRED P. MEYER.

Madison, Wis., October 20, 1887.

SIMPSON.

The year opens with bright prospects for Iowa Delta. And while we cannot but feel a sense of sadness that the faces of Brothers Wright, Newland, Miller, Sparks and Bates are no more among us, yet we enter upon the duties of this year, resolving that our chapter shall be a true fraternity, worthy the good name it has borne in the past. There is one feature that is especially characteristic of "the boys," viz: the warm, brotherly feeling which each member manifests one for the other in the mingling and commingling of college life. Six members of last year have departed, to enter upon the duties of life, leaving us but thirteen to begin the year with, but the ability of our members to successfully combat with the best talent of Simpson is everywhere acknowledged.

Brother J. E. Thompson edits the *Simpsonian*, Brother C. C. Webb will preside over the Smithsonian Society, Brother A. L. Hunt is acknowledged as the champion orator of Simpson, Brother J. M. Sylvester and Morris will represent the Sophomore class in the Butler Contest. Our Senior members are: A. L. Hunt, M. J. Elrod, A. C. Rawls, J. E. Thompson and C. C. Webb. Sophomores: I. J. Archer, J. M. Sylvester, R. O. Evans, L. A. Yontz and M. C. Morris. Freshmen: E. E. Evans, J. B. Mather and O. E. Stewart. Total enrollment, thirteen. Our aim is to go slow and to receive only such students among our membership as shall prove themselves worthy. The national convention of the I. C. Sorosis was in session last week, under the auspices of the Indianola chapter. The verdict of Iowa Delta is, that their coming together here was as fine an assemblage of ladies as we could hope to meet for a long time again in the future. And they did not hold themselves aloof from us, but invited our chapter to a social gathering at the college chapel, which was enjoyed by all. Accept best wishes for success of

THE SHIELD.

M. C. MORRIS.

Indianola, Iowa, October 25, 1886.

COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

The fact that so long a time has elapsed since THE SHIELD has received any direct communication from D. C. Alpha, is not by any means an indication of the non-enthusiastic condition of the chapter, for during no period of its existence has the "true spirit" been so marked as at this time. Brothers Ashley and Anderson, who were with us last year, have entered Dickinson, while Brother Christy, one of our Indianapolis delegates, is instructing a school of youngsters in Chicago. Brother Christy is a walking library of Phi Psi information, as all who have met him will confess. In Brothers Ashley and Anderson we have lost two of our most earnest workers; but we feel somewhat consoled when we know that our loss is Pennsylvania Zeta's gain. Brother Ed. Lewis has been registered at Union College, New York. This makes another good, whole-souled brother whom we miss. Others of our number have become inactive.

This college year opened rather unfavorably to the chapter, owing to the unusual decrease in our roll of members. Our boys were not to be discouraged at this, however. Going to work with a will that surprised our alumni brethren, we soon reared four healthy infants: Wilkinson, who received the high school scholarship last June; Greenough, of the Corcoran Scientific School, and Prentiss and Chamberlin of the Law Department—all excellent fellows, who promise soon to make their mark. Another indication of our prosperity is the occupancy of a chapter-hall, comprising two large communicating rooms in the Corcoran building, and which have been furnished in a very handsome manner. Beta chapter has combined with us in securing these newly-acquired quarters, and we have at last a home, where all Phi Psis are welcome.

A well-attended meeting of Beta chapter was held on the 24th of this month. Alpha was present in a body, and several veteran fraters displayed their loyalty by being present. Brother George A. Jenks, Solicitor General of the United States, gave, in eloquent terms, some of the soundest advice that Phi Psis ever received. Brother D. A. McKnight, now law clerk of the Department of the Interior, gave some thrilling reminiscences of his experience as a Phi Psi during the war. Beta can well say, "Richard is himself again," and before long will be able to give a glowing account of itself. Brother Smith deserves all praise for his untiring efforts in reanimating his chapter. Brother W. S. Roose is our G. P. for the third term. A more devoted Phi Psi never held the office. Brother Richardson, an old Alpha, has taken the nuptial vow; and it is rumored that Brother Harry Smith, Archon of this Province, is soon to follow in his footsteps. Our congratulations are with them both.

Brother Hollenbeck, one of Michigan Alpha's delegates to the G. A. C., and now one of the Executive Council, is in Washington, having accepted an appointment in the United States Pension Office. We are glad to have Brother Hollenbeck with us. We all combine in complimenting THE

SHIELD on its excellent typographic appearance and efficient management, and express our best wishes for its continued good fortune.

Washington, D. C., October 28, 1886.

FRED HODGE.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

For a change Pennsylvania Iota sends you a chapter letter. We have no doubt, it seems by her absence from the columns of *THE SHIELD*, as if Pennsylvania Iota did not take much interest in the fraternity organ, but we think many of you know differently.

The chapter's health is about as usual, and as her condition is pretty generally known we need say no more on that question. We have, as yet, initiated no Freshmen, although our eyes are by no means closed. But, as last year, we have to complain of a want of material. The class is not only small in numbers, but there is also a sad lack of men who would in any way aid a fraternity by joining it. The size of the class may be attributed to the raising of the standard of entrance examinations by the University last year. As to the lack of good fraternity material, it is hard to say what is the cause. We can only say that we are as well off as any of our sister fraternities at the University in this respect.

The University has been taken up with foot-ball for the last month. Needless to say that Iota is represented on the 'Varsity team, and needless also to say that Brother Salter represents her ably. Brother Griscom, who was on last year's team, and also the 'Varsity 8-oared crew, has been unable to play this year on account of sickness. The University will again produce the Greek play "*The Acharnians*," of Aristophanes, which was brought out so successfully here last spring, this time in New York on November 19, on a joint invitation of several of the leading Eastern colleges. The cast will be substantially the same as before. The sole representative of the histrionic ability of the chapter is numbered among the Chorus of Acharnians; but several graduates sing in the Auxiliary Chorus, which does not appear on the stage.

We were very glad, indeed, to hear of the appointment of Brother Posey as Archon of the First District, and we congratulate the Executive Council on the wisdom of their choice. Brother Posey is well-known in the University as a man of ability, and in the chapter as a man who will do all in his power to further what he deems the interests of the fraternity. He has always taken a prominent part in college affairs, and has been no whit behindhand in fraternity matters.

Of the eight men we lost last June, Brother Posey is in the Medical Department; Brother Crane is in the Wharton School of Finance and Economy, a department in the University of but few year's establishment; Brother Jefferys, the Class Orator, is studying for the ministry; Brother Wright is in business; Brother Freeman is taking his fifth year in the

Scientific Department; Brother Westcott, who graduated from the Medical Department, won by competitive examination the position of a resident physician in the University Hospital, to be held for one year, and Brothers Bower and Jacobs are following their professions, as a Chemist and Civil Engineer, respectively. Of other recent graduates, Brothers Adams and Croasdale, '84, have been admitted to the bar; Brother Dallett, '84, is reading law; Brother Gray, '84, has joined Brother Keller, '84, in Denver, or in the language of the poets, he has "gone west;" Brother Cresswell, '85, who took a special course last year, has gone into business; Brothers Ellison and G. R. Bower, '85, are both in business in the city; Brother Faries, '85, is reading medicine in the University; Brother Hagert, '85, is in business in New York. To close this effusion we send our best wishes to THE SHIELD and the fraternity at large.

Yours fraternally,

Philadelphia, Pa., November 2, 1886.

H. L. C.

[This letter was received after the editorials went to press. We take it all back.—E. C. L.]

Our Alumni.

KANSAS A.

L. B. Gault is now station agent at Great Bend, Kas.

'83. E. C. Little is practicing law at Lawrence, Kas.

'87. Cyrus Crane passed the summer surveying in the mountains of Colorado.

'83. Frank D. Hutchings is practicing law at Osage Mission, Kas.

C. S. Gleed was a Kansas delegate to the National Anti-Saloon Convention at Chicago.

'83. W. C. Spangler is now the proud father of a fine boy. Spangler is Secretary of the Republican County Central Committee.

'83. E. A. Brown, of Kansas City, has made a good bit of money in the insurance business, and will probably attend Washington University Law School this year.

'87. Will T. Little has for some months past been located at Leoti, Wichita county, Kansas. He delivered the Fourth of July Oration there, and has done well by investments in land. He enters the University of Kansas Law School this fall.

Y. M. White has just returned from a pleasant trip to the Rocky Mountains.

W. M. Thacher, Quartermaster of the First Regiment of Kansas Militia, was on duty at the Fort Riley encampment. He had charge of the newspaper work of the State Fair, and goes to the Columbia Law School this fall.

PENNSYLVANIA Θ.

Swift, '86, is polling medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Niesley, '86, is on a cattle ranch in the far West.

Ottman, '83, has a church in Newark, N. J.

Alexander, W. C., '74, is pastor of a Presbyterian church at Weddletown, Del.

Gilmore, '86, spent the summer in Europe.

Watts, '86, is on the staff of Philadelphia Press.

C. B. Green, '86, is a "Prof." in the Illinois University.

Blauvelt, '86, has a position as chemist near Easton.

Greek Echoes.

Phi Gamma Delta held their Biennial Convention at Springfield, Ohio, October 28 and 29, and Hon. T. J. Kirkpatrick, of Springfield, presided, W. Y. Morgan of the Kansas chapter was Secretary, and Hon. L. D. Bowman, State School Commissioner of Ohio, delivered the oration. The banquet was a grand success. There are now 32 active chapters, of which 20 were represented by about 35 delegates and between 75 or 100 were there in all. The *Quarterly* will still be published from Columbia, at \$1.50 per annum, and with compulsory subscription among the under-graduates. An appropriation was give the *Quarterly*. A number of inactive chapters have been cut off the roll recently. During the past year chapters have been established at Michigan, Adelbert, Lehigh, Knox, William Jewell and other places. Their new song book has been issued.

The national annual convention of Phi Delta Theta met in the parlors of the Grand Central Hotel in New York City October 18, and were in session five days. H. U. Brown, of Indianapolis, presided, and Stearns, of Cleveland, delivered the oration. Two hundred men were there, one hundred and thirty in the room at one time. Fifty-five chapters were represented. The *Scroll* will be conducted by a Board of Five. No charters were granted, though there were applications. Hereafter the policy of the fraternity will be rigidly conservative, as they have entered about all the schools they intend to. The banquet was a grand success. Worrall, of New York City, was Toast Master. C. P. Bassett, of Newark, N. J., is the new President of Phi Delta Theta. The charter was withdrawn from the chapter at Monmouth College, Illinois, because of its sub-rosa condition and the fact it did not thrive. A very general revision was made to suit the demands of the age. In fact this convention seems to have indicated a certain change in the policy of Phi Delta Theta, which makes it more conservative.

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER HOUSE.

The California Alpha house is to cost for lumber and carpenter work, \$2,265. On the lower floor there will be a banqueting hall 20 by 30 feet, kitchen, pantry, bath-room, two bed-rooms with pleasant study-rooms. On the second floor there will be a chapter-hall 20 by 30 feet, ceiling 15 feet in the clear, a reception room, and bed-rooms with study-rooms attached. Nearly a year ago the boys paid \$250 for an ample lot facing the campus,

since then twenty-eight of them gave negotiable notes for \$40 each, payable January 1, 1890, thus raising \$1,120 in money. The balance is to be paid the San Jose Loan & Building Association in installments, the Trustees giving security therefor. The chapter owns fifteen shares of stock in this association, and expects to make some money therefrom. Dr. Breyfogle, Mayor of San Jose and an Ohio Alpha of $\Phi K \Psi$, is aiding them, and they are showing fine business judgment.

EARNING COLLEGE EXPENSES.

Two persons, Wm. H. Hills and Moses King, demonstrated a few years ago, at Harvard University, in their own way, a fact which President Eliot incessantly tries to impress upon those who are timid about entering Harvard from fear lest they may not have money enough to carry them all through the course. The President says regularly in the University Catalogue, "The experience of the past warrants the statement that good scholars of high character, but slender means, are seldom or never obliged to leave college for want of money." That is to say, with due economy there is help enough at hand in the way of scholarships, prizes, detours, loans, gifts, etc., as well as innumerable opportunities for earning money as tutoring, copying, stenographing, journalism, carving, singing and other means. Messrs. Hills and King earned their way—the former to some extent by reporting for newspapers, and the latter wholly by publishing books. At graduation Hills entered the editorial rooms of the *Boston Globe*, where he has remained ever since, and King established himself as a publisher, in which line he still continues. While at college Hills got together the words and music of all the best and most popular songs that were then current at all the colleges in America, and King published them in handsome book form under the title of "Students' Songs," and this one book has been so successful—the sale already reaching almost fifty thousand copies—that King has paid over as royalty to Hills more money than the entire cost of his college course, and has enough left in profit to reimburse himself for all his own college outlay. And the probability to-day is that this peculiar and refreshing collection of "Students' Songs" will continue to allure the public into buying copies of it for many years to come.

The Missing Phi Psis.

Please send information in regard to missing brothers according to the following directions: Pennsylvania Alpha and Beta and the Ohio chapters, to Geo. Smart, 189 North High street, Columbus, Ohio; the rest of the Pennsylvania chapters and the four New York chapters, to W. A. Eckels, Baltimore, Maryland, the Maryland, South Carolina, District of Columbia, Mississippi and Virginia chapters, to Clinton Gage, 33 School Street, Boston; the Indiana, Michigan, Tennessee, Kentucky and Wisconsin chapters, to T. S. Wilson, Lafayette, Indiana; the Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa and California chapters, to Wm. E. McLennan, Evanston, Illinois. It is earnestly hoped that brothers who know anything of these men will write at once.

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Indiana Phi Psis.

The world, which we picture to ourselves smooth and quiet as a lake, we find a sea, foaming with tempests and boiling with whirl-pools, and we are sometimes disheartened by the waves of adversity and often dashed against the rocks of selfishness and treachery.

Amidst discouragement and wrongs, treacheries and anxieties, we wish a thousand times for seats of quiet, and, as a sailor, taking refuge in an island port from a raging sea, one surely finds no better realization of his desire than by a few year's experience in or a return visit to one's fraternity home, unreachd, as it is by the chaos of worldly envies, passions and chimeras and unaffected by the angry and buffeted waves of selfish ingratitude and treachery, and which, like a rock-girt, fairy isle, appears as an emerald gem in the clear, pellucid waters of brotherly love, rising gradually and majestically into its own atmosphere of fraternity life. Such are the ideas greeting the mind of the student as he leaves the busy and exciting cares of the world and enters for a time into active fraternity and college life, and such is the figure forming in the mind of the Phi Psi when the chapter life is experienced or its many pleasant memories recalled.

Of the thirty-six chapters of our fraternity, few others picture this idea so vividly as do the three in Indiana, situated as they are on the same line of railroad, and each within a few miles of the other, and forming a center of gravity for Indiana Phi Psis—the three chapters and all of the active members in the State being included within a limit of sixty miles, thus allowing a frequent interchange of visits and a close intimacy in the relations of the brothers. They thus enjoy advantages realized by only a few of the chapters, and having been organized at nearly the same time and having realized in common the discouragements of early life as well as the benefits of later years, and working in common, each for the interest of the

other, these three chapters enjoy privileges peculiarly their own, and, although each has its separate history and its individual characteristics, Indiana A, B and T form what is very appropriately termed the "Hoosier Triad," the three parts of which are one, while each in itself forms a distinct and individual organization. The three chapters were formed within a period of five years, constituted between the years 1865-70 inclusive, Alpha's anniversary being January 25, having been founded at Greencastle on that date in the year 1865, and Gamma having been founded at Crawfordsville in year 1870.

Rev. B. F. Hoyt, of Ohio Alpha, at the time Professor of Belles-Letters in Asbury University, secured a charter for a chapter at that institution and initiated seven "old Asbury" students as charter members, thus giving rise to the Indiana Alpha of to-day. Meetings were at first held in the rooms of the brothers; afterward a back room of what was formerly a printing office was secured for meetings, and as the cleanliness of the printing office of the average country newspaper is a matter of comment, the work necessary for fitting up the hall may be imagined. A hall with a front view was afterward secured, refitted and furnished, and has, with enlargements and continued improvements, served as the fraternity hall until the present, when a change became necessary and a location found in the most central part of town and elegant rooms secured. The plan is elegant, and finished and furnished, as the rooms will be, they will be among the finest used for that purpose by De Pauw students. Alpha's history has been one of marked success. She has initiated over 200 men, many of whom are of singular promise, and not one such as to be else than an honor to the fraternity or to his *Alma Mater*. To praise one's own is never, of course, in good taste, and as the reference herein to Alpha emanates from herself, she will simply say that her record in the past, as well as her condition at present, is established, and that she is justifiably proud of the honors sought and gained and that she feels perfectly satisfied with the achievements of her men both in college and in their later life.

Beta, formed at the State University at Bloomington in 1869, has enrolled 175 members, and, as a chapter, has materially the characteristics of Alpha, the members having their individual characteristics and thus not confining the chapter strictly to some specialty, and as a result in their local Greek circles, the Indiana chapters have "brook no superiors, courted no equals." Closely linked in the chain of Phi Psi-ism, Beta stands as a noble example of true brotherly spirit, and exemplifies the noble results of general fraternity influence. Having noticed Alpha, "the older," and Beta, "the younger," located just below her, we will refer to their sister chapter, Gamma, "the youngest," located a few miles above the two.

It was through the neighboring chapter, Alpha, with her short roll of graduates, and as many active members, that Gamma was established at Wabash College on December 2, 1870. Four Alpha men went up to Craw-

fordsville and initiated into the chapter eight students in classes of '71 and '73. They secured some excellent men, as their record shows, and while, like any other chapter, not giving to the thinking world by each graduation a distinguished clergyman, politician or jurist, or a man of letters or of wealth, she can look back with pride and satisfaction on her roll of eighty-five men and refer with self-gratulation to the additional lustre thrown by them on the shield of $\Phi K \Psi$.

With this general ramble on the Indiana Phi Psis, given at the instance of the editor of THE SHIELD, the details will be left to others who may enter into the minutiae of chapter history, and thus secure an interesting sketch of each of the chapters controlled by the Indiana Phi Psis.

GEO. B. BAKER.

The Annuals.

The *Palladium*, Michigan, *Syllabus*, Northwestern, *Makio*, Ohio State University, *Oriiflamme*, Franklin and Marshall, *Echo*, Hobart, and *Noranjado*, University of the Pacific, adorn the SHIELD's table. The titles are all familiar except the *Noranjado*, which being interpreted from the Spanish, as becomes a native of our Western Castile, is Orange Color, the college color. The *Palladium* comes from the fraternities, our genial friend Fred B. Hollenbeck representing $\Phi K \Psi$ on the Board. The fraternities are also responsible for the *Syllabus*, Stephen J. Herben, '89, representing $\Phi K \Psi$ on the Board of Editors and Frank J. Campbell, '87, representing $\Phi K \Psi$ on the financial board, as Chief Business Manager. The Junior class sends out the *Oriiflamme*, with A. H. Rothermel, $\Phi \Psi$ '87, as Editor-in-Chief, and C. F. Hager and H. A. Dubbs of $\Phi K \Psi$ as associates, with one $\Delta T \Delta$, one $X \Phi$, two $\Phi K \Sigma$'s and two barbs. The Greeks issue the *Makio*, Halbert E. Payne, '87, one of nature's gentlemen, being Phi Kappa's Editor. Chas. B. Mowry, '82, and $\Phi K \Psi$, is one of the five Junior Editors of the *Echo*. Eighteen members of '86 issue the *Noranjado*, at the suggestion of the Phi Psi boys, whose only rival is a local Greek Letter Society.

The *Palladium* appears in Buff and is encircled by a Blue ribbon attached by the *Palladium* seal. The *Makio* is neat and noticeable in trim Japanese costume. The *Oriiflumme* is resplendent in gold and alligator. The others are in the old reliable style. The *Syllabus* boasts twenty-five pages of ads and excels in such patronage. They all believe that "we should patronize our advertisers," or "this book could not have been published without their aid," except the *Oriiflamme* with 24 ad. pages, which seems to care not a continental, the *Echo* with eleven pages being fairly solicitous. The *Noranjado* is printed at San Francisco, the *Syllabus* at Chicago the rest by local offices.

The *Syllabus* dedicates,

To all persons of a liberal and philanthropical turn of mind, who possess a fortune of fifty cents and over;—

The *Echo*,

To the young ladies of the Annex, affectionately;—

The *Oriflamme*,

To the reader who does not borrow an *Oriflamme*, but who buys one for himself ;
and

To all Editors of College Annuals, because they are in need of sympathy, and
To our fathers, because they are silent partners in this enterprise.

The *Noranjado* as

A happy foretaste of the volumes yet to be

The *Makio* to the editors,

To us, by whose tender care and watchfulness the fragile joke elets have been taken from their hiding places among the mosses of O. S. U. and matured into real live chestnuts;

while the august *Palladium* has no time for such stale affairs as dedications. Notably absent are the usual old endings. The *Oriflamme* has an epilogue. The *Palladium* very appropriately finishes with the "Minutes of Last Meeting of Board of Editors." The genial "Holly" seems to have "been to busy" to give much attention to his editorial labors, witness: "The Latin Professor to have been the subject of a grind. Subject given to Hollenbeck at first meeting of Board. Hollenbeck has reported favorably at every meeting he has since attended, i. e. two. The grind may appear in *Palladium* of 1900 or so.—*Speremus*." He catches the final thrust at the "Last Meeting."

Moved by Job that the *Palladium* Board have a dry banquet.

Moved by McEwan to insert extra before dry. Amendment carried. Motion as amended carried.

Moved by Wixson that Mr. Hollenbeck be invited to take part in the banquet. Carried.

On motion, board adjourned *sine die*.

But as neat as any is the Prologue from Franklin and Marshall:

When rang the ancient war-cry through the sunny land of France,
And Gallic cavaliers unsheathed the sword and couched the lance,
When 'gainst the castle gates they hurled the mighty battering-ram,
High on the topmost tower appeared the blazing ORIFLAMME.

And in the rush of conflict, the solider from afar,
As he saw the ORIFLAMME stream out above the ranks of war,
Spurred on his steed more hotly into the battle's stream,
And followed close where'er he saw the Golden Banner gleam.

And even in these modern days the name still lives renowned,
For surely as the summer sun has gone its yearly round,
A book appears upon whose page adorned with letters bold,
By Junioric skill compiled, appears, "The Flame of Gold."

And since in time's unceasing course it is our pleasant task
To reproduce this work again, this favor we would ask:
Grant us your kind Indulgence, and do not be a clam,
But by your favor and your cash, sustain our ORIFLAMME.

The illustrations are attractive features of the magazines. The *Palladium* discloses the faces of Randolph Rogers, the sculptor, and Mike Condon, the "Chemical Dispenser." The *Syllabus* gleams with the intelligent heads of twenty-four members of the faculty. The classic features of Prof. Adler adorn the *Oriflamme*. The *Echo* shows us St. John's chapel. The Lake and Lawn Tennis Court are pictured in the *Makio*, as well as various unique representations. In the *Noranjado* is a neat engraving of the college buildings, a handsome $\Phi \Psi$ cut, and several rather crude funny pictures. On the whole the illustrations are hardly as noticeable as those of last year. The list of student artists is a brief one, and the artistic talent not often displayed in classical halls of to-day. It is in the quips and rhymes that one must look for the brightest evidences of college cleverness.

One of the most cheerful features of the year is the adroit flattery which the *Makio* showers upon President Scott. Witness this:

His style in youth or age is still the same,
Forever feeble and forever tame.

And this:

We close the year with one grand cry, "A change! a change!" and if this cry is unheeded and we are not left Scott free, you will hear something drop.

The *Makio* is unkind enough to explain the publication of "chestnuts," twenty-five or thirty years old, by:

We were compelled to go back this far in order to escape the memory of our young ladies.

This is a reflection on the editor's girl, which we had not supposed our friend Payne would permit.

The *Oriflamme's* richest effusion is the "Intercepted Letter." The Freshman has an arrangement with a younger brother by which this fidus Achates is to read only every second line of the letters home and thus get the real facts, which are very different from the appearance. The *Noranjado* and *Echo* make no attempt to perpetrate the usual humorous monstrosities. The *Palladium* affects to amuse, but lacks an equal for Joe Denney's master hand of the year before, and does nothing worthy of note in the way of "drives." This to "Prexina" looks a little lacking in respect for the august:

"Like a lovely tree
She grew to womanhood and between whiles,
Rejected several lovers just to learn,
How to accept a better in his turn."

The *Syllabus*, too, makes but slight endeavor to be fearfully and wonderfully funny, this time; evidently the wits were idling in the spring of '86. The jokes and puns and quips and quirks are scarce. The punster's sins are few and may be forgiven him. And perhaps a more critical humor may be in the air than last year, but truly one is inclined to see not quite so much of the sparkle of cleverness and the touch of poesy in the

rhymes and sketches. However there is much of merit, and one can read most of them with felicity if not with enthusiasm.

This from *Palladium* :

A maiden sat 'neath a Linden tree
Till her pail at the fount should fill,
Fair as a daughter of Job was she
And she sang as she waited a melody free
With many a silvery thrill;
While the chattering water in filling her pail
Sang with a frolicsome song; and the vale
Re-echoed both maid and rill.

A jolly young student in cap and gown
Came whistling by the wall;
His eyes were bright, and his cheeks were brown
With scrip and staff he had come from the town,
On foot, a journey small.
He stopped when he saw the maiden there
And bowed to the earth with a gallant air
And begged for a drink, that's all.

He drank, and cup in hand, he swore
By some old classical place,
Invoking a dozen gods or more
He never had tasted such water before,
Served up by such beauty and grace.
He'd thought the girls were fair at Bonn,
But now he saw he was wrong; not one
Could boast of a beautiful face.

"Then, you're a student," said the maid,
"From Bonn, you come, I see."
She eyed him shyly, half afraid,
Yet half admiring one arrayed
In cap and gown as he.
"From Bonn," quoth he; "I came last night;
A student, whose supreme delight
Is rare philosophy."

"Philosophy! The life! The soul!
The What, the How, the Why!
The Is, the Was, the Part, the Whole!
The Whence, the Where, the End, the Goal!
The He, the You, the I!
It tells us what we're striving for;
It teaches us the living, or
It shows us how to die."

"It teaches us men's thoughts to read."

"Read mine!" the maiden said.

"I can and will. If you'll give heed,
I'll wager I can tell indeed,
What you'll do ere I'm sped.
For winning, you'll give me a kiss,
For losing, let the fine be this:
I'll give you one instead."

Not giving the maiden a breath to reply,

"My Philosophy," said he, "says this:
Before I go back to the road hard by,
Or vault again over the wall so high,

You shall willingly give me a kiss."

"O ho, Sir Philosopher, now you're wrong!
Your learning don't merit the worth of a song!
I shall not! so truly you've missed."

"Alas! then I've lost and the wager is thine,
So kiss me according to bond.

Refusing? A bargain's a bargain; and mine
Was made without cavil and now you incline
To break it!" His cap then he donned,

But he saw the red lips as when midsummer dews
Bathe roses; and "Prithee who said I'd refuse?"
He heard the girl softly respond,

So he kissed her and whispered, "O ho, I have won;
You ~~had~~ kiss me! give me my pay,
here, now I won twice; that's two wagers or none.
You'll pay them? that's four, now pay those." "Sir, ~~have~~, done,
and the struggling maiden say,
and blushing she fled to the Linden tall,
while the student he clambered up over the wall
and merrily wandered away.

And the maiden, she shook out her crumpled hair,
As she sat 'neath the Linden tree:
Though her pail bubbled over, she gave it no care;
But ~~finishing~~ indignantly pondered she there
Till the rogue she no longer could see.
Then she said with a tear in those eyes of jet,
"How glorious, powerful, wonderful, yet
How sweet is Philosophy."

Says the *Noranjado* of its University, which is the oldest college on the Pacific Coast, graduated its first class in 1858 and now numbers about 250 alumni:

Brave hearts and strong thy cradle shielded,
When threatening clouds were gathering round,
Now every foe to thee has yielded,
Long may their lips thy praise resound.

Far o'er the land thy children wander,
Living the truths which thou hast taught,
Memories of thee will still grow tender,
As spreads the good thy hand hast wrought.

Named for the grand Pacific Ocean,
Be, like its waters, wide and deep;
Be like its streams, whose constant motion,
Keep all its depths forever sweet.

The *Onondagan* reaches us a little later than the rest, because it comes by water, I presume. It is the only annual which presents the faces of the editors—its frontispiece. This book purports to be published by the Greeks of '87, but Psi Upsilon and Delta Upsilon and Sigma Psi (local) are represented as in line, while $\Phi K \Psi$ and $\Delta K E$ are pictured as kickers in the herd of long-ears, which stands for the Board, Zeta Psi not appearing at all. The noticeable illustration is a full page head of Prof. Chas. J. Little, of History and Logic. The first page of cover is a sketch of a couple of Syracuse University buildings. The title page shows the names of the five

editors behind a curtain, which a little maid of five or six deftly slips aside. Several of the illustrations and etchings are very neat. The advertisers appear to support the book fairly.

Phi Kappa Psi seems to be in excellent condition where our topic annuals are located. At Syracuse they had eighteen men, of whom Cleveland, '86, was Editor-in-chief of the *Syracusan*, with Eldridge, '87, as personal editor, and Schnauber, '88, as associate business manager. Lonergan, '86, delegate to the last G. A. C., appears as President of the Athletic Association and on the polo team. Walrath is President of '89. The *Noranjado* shows Phi Kappa Psi as holding six professorships, three of six editors on the *Pharos*, the presidency of both literary societies and of the Oratorical Association, of tennis club, the president, secretary and treasurer of the Alumni Association, and others too numerous to mention. They graduated four men in '86, and have twenty-five alumni. At Hobart, Way is president and Mowry secretary of the Base Ball Association, Morrison president of the Aquatic Association, O'Brien of '88, and the boys are very well represented in all athletic matters. Way and Mowry appear as editors on the *Herald*, and Morrison won a White essay prize.

At Franklin and Marshall $\Phi K \Psi$ is, as always, in first-class standing in every feature of college life. Little was president of the Athletic Association and Rothermel is now editor-in-chief of the *Student*. The *Makio* shows Keifer as ranking officer of the battalion, Payne as pitcher of the University nine, Milligan won first honor in the oratorical contest. Of course, Ohio Delta is O. K. As for Illinois Alpha everybody knows that they have the best chapter at Evanston, and their assortment of college spoils is about as usual. Herben, '89, was on the *Northwestern*. They now have Professors Baird (Greek), Pearson (English Literature), Sheppard (History and Economy), George Horswell (Latin Instructor), Chas. Horswell (Greek Instructor). They were unfortunate in losing such men as Hill, Edmonson, Schell and Perley in class of '86, by graduation. Of the Michigan boys, Fred T. Wright was Managing Editor of the *Argonaut*, and Reynolds president of the Lecture Association. Cole is on the University Glee Club, and — well they bob up serenely in every direction. $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Psi \Upsilon$, $\Delta \Delta \Phi$, $\Delta T \Delta$, still support the *Argonaut*, $X \Psi$, $\Delta K E$, $B \Theta \Pi Z \Psi$ the *Chronicle*. The rival Greeks seem to thrive and prosper as a rule, though Zeta Psi at Syracuse, Phi Kappa Sigma at Evanston, slip somewhat into sere and yellow, while Beta Theta Pi at Columbus is still quite fresh and green.

Of the seven annuals touched in this discourse the *Syllabus* is the largest, the *Palladium* the handsomest and most expensive, though the *Oriflamme* is a close second. The *Echo*, though not gaudy, is on good paper and substantial, with its picture of all Hobart's college buildings. The *Syllabus* and *Noranjado* publish catalogues of the alumni, while the *Palladium* is content with a list of class officers since '61 and its own editors since 1860. While the *Palladium* of '86 is perhaps as typical and

representative as any mentioned, certainly none of them surpass the *Ori-flamme* in unique and original suggestion and literary finish.

These magazines are not, on the whole, quite equal to those reviewed last year, but there is a marked improvement in some respects. There is less of the editorial intrusiveness, the Boards understanding that the annuals are not merely photograph galleries for themselves. One notes fewer asinine personalities, which only wound without amusing. These gibes and thrusts are relics of Huns and Goths in non-fraternity colleges and should disappear. The annual as the student's own catalogue, as a field for student art, student wit and humor, student record, even student light literature has an ample field for a useful and entertaining work without perpetually driving some poor devil frantic with lying jest or brutal insinuation. When the other annuals reach *THE SHIELD* I will finish if Time has not whitened my youthful locks or care (chapter letters) has not hastened me to an early grave.

Reflections.

The October and November *SHIELDS* are replete with $\Phi \Psi$ news, and certainly are welcome to the alumni, as they are full of readable news of interest to every $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$. Brother Van Cleve, on Grand Arch Councillors in November, strikes the key-note and echoes my sentiments in regard to the same, and I have always endeavored to attend every G. A. C. since my first delightful experience at Philadelphia in 1876. I was unable to attend the Indianapolis and Columbus Conventions of 1878 and 1884, on account of sickness, but I hope to attend many more in the future. The alumni members should make it their business to attend, and if a dozen or more of them would be regular attendants, whether delegates or not, their presence and experience would be of great benefit to the under-graduates who largely predominate at the Councils. The next G. A. C. is to be held here, in Washington, in April, 1888, and to judge from the enthusiasm and delight of the Alpha and Beta chapters it will be a great success. I never meet any of the brothers at the hall that a reference is not made to the coming G. A. C., and our brothers may rest assured that no effort will be spared by the D. C. Alpha and Beta chapters to make it an occasion long to be remembered by every visiting brother, and one worthy of a prominent place in $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ annals. By the way, I do not notice the D. C. Beta in *THE SHIELD*'s list of chapters. Wherefore?

[Brother M. has evidently forgotten that clause of the Constitution adopted at Indianapolis, which declares that there shall be no more alumni chapters in $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$. This, of course, abrogated all such charters, of which many had been granted, including D. C. Beta. If one can retain its charter,

all can. Provision for the alumni has been made by the arrangement for the organization of Alumni Associations, which answer the same purpose as the Alumni Chapters and conform to the Laws of the Fraternity. To grown men, as constitute the organization in question, it can make no difference whether they form a chapter or an association, but it must be a matter of great importance whether or not the Constitution of Phi Kappa Psi is enforced and obeyed. Nor can the older members afford to set the example of disobedience. Laws and rules must be enforced if the Fraternity is to be respected, and Brother M. will see at once that to publish D. C. Beta as a chapter would be a flagrant violation of the Constitution of which we cannot be guilty.—EDITOR OF SHIELD.]

It certainly is alive and in most prosperous condition, and our worthy and esteemed brother, Harry W. Smith, Archon of the II. District, is the B. G. That was a most excellent selection; as, for hard work, undiminishing enthusiasm, brilliant ideas, and a love "surpassing the love of woman," for $\Phi K \Psi$, none can excel him, and few can equal. He is at work trying to reorganize the dead chapters of his District and also have several new ones, represented at the next G. A. C.

I had the pleasure of attending the first meeting of the Beta this year and was pleased to find two of our distinguished brothers present, namely: Hon. George A. Jenks and Hon. D. A. McKnight. The speech made by Mr. Jenks on the occasion, was one of the most beautiful "off-hand" speeches it has ever been my good fortune to listen to, and was replete with good advice and loving counsel to $\Phi \Psi$ s. The remarks of Brother McKnight were in the shape of a war reminiscence, and as the beautiful story of brotherly love, kindness and attention he received, flowed in eloquent language from his lips there were very few dry eyes in the hall, and the speaker, himself, was obliged to pause several times to check his own emotions. Ah! brothers, what if we all could have such an experience, how it would knit us together in the bonds of $\Phi K \Psi$, and we would then realize the blessing of being a member of such a glorious fraternity. I have had some experience myself of the brotherly love and kindness of $\Phi K \Psi$. When in a strange city, over a thousand miles from home, I was suddenly seized with a severe illness, the $\Phi K \Psi$ s in that city heard of it, and their attentions were constant and unremitting, and to the end of my life I shall cherish the memory of loved Phi Kappa Psi and her noble brothers.

I have stretched this letter, which I intended to be a very short one, to an unseemly length, so will close. In behalf of the D. C. chapters I extend a cordial invitation to all brothers to come and see us at our new quarters in the Corcoran building, corner 15th street and Pennsylvania avenue, where they will always meet with a true $\Phi K \Psi$ welcome. More anon. R. J. M.

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ON November 19, Michigan Alpha, under-graduate and alumni, went to Detroit and celebrated with Banquet and Song the Tenth Anniversary of the establishment of that chapter. We regret our inability to accept the invitation to be present. In ten years this chapter has acquired a position equal to that of rivals who have been in Ann Arbor for thirty and forty years. Yet, but six years ago, there were those who thought Michigan Alpha, as then constituted, not worthy a place on our chapter roll. What fools some people are! This success only shows what can be done by sand and sense. We congratulate and wish well for the future.

AN examination of the books develops the startling fact that there is nearly \$800 due THE SHIELD. Most of the chapters are good pay. The advertisers pay promptly. But the alumni subscribers are considerably in arrears. If our friends will remit THE SHIELD will feel better satisfied with its financial condition. Money aids quite materially in the publication of a magazine, and we wish what is due us. In this connection we suggest that sympathy and good will are hardly available as assets. Occasionally some visionary individual, claiming to speak for his chapter, announces that "We wish THE SHIELD great success, but can't remit just now as we are fitting up a hall and giving a symposium." Wishes are of little avail at such long range. Please reserve your fire of sympathy and extend us the amount of your bill. Remit to Mr. Spangler, not to Mr. Dun.

WE miss our Associate Editors, Frank D. Hutchings and Cyrus Crane. Brother Hutchings, after graduating from the Law School and representing

his class on Commencement Day with honor, is now senior partner of Hutchings & Wood at Osage Mission, Kansas, and is practicing law with much success. He has a very fine legal mind and will undoubtedly take a high rank at the bar. Crane, after winning the State Oratorical Contest, passed the summer surveying in the mountains of Colorado, and is now in college and will graduate as a Classical in '87. Brother Hutchings was our classmate in college and in the Law School. For five years we were in Kansas Alpha together. An untiring worker, of fine judgment and keen perceptions, our judgment assures us that he will merit the honorable position our friendship wishes him. Brother Crane is a companionable and brilliant young man. If he tends to his knitting he cannot fail of the bright future of which his youth gives promise. We wish them both a Merry Christmas and many to follow.

ONE who knows Ohio as a birth place and Kansas as a home, who has seen the mighty resources and the wonderful development of prairie and mountain, who feels along his veins the blood of those who have peopled the great valley of the Father of Waters, would probably see something very amusing in the odd claims of high rank made by little four or eighteen chaptered fraternities, whose tiny horizon is almost too much for their spectacled eyes. When one really pauses to reflect, these fancies have about them a touch of humor that excels Burdette, a boundless exaggeration that surpasses Mark Twain, the Western humorists. But, of course, one cannot but occasionally recall the fact that most of these Eastern fraternities sprang from seedy Union, then the Botany Bay of American colleges, Dr. Nott's famous Reform School, and the airy claims of aristocratic birth and origin fade like breath into the frosty morning air. Nor have they any peculiar strength in their location. Ancient Kappa Alpha knows only Union, Williams, Hobart and Cornell. Sigma Phi appears at Union, Hamilton, Williams, Hobart, Vermont and Michigan. D. K. E. wears, with pride, with pride we hope, laurels with such leaves as Colby, Middlebury, Kenyon, Rochester, Madison, College of City of New York, Central University and a Polytechnic Institute. Psi Upsilon is equally proud of several of these, and weeps over the decay of her maternal Union. A Δ Φ is also duly vain of several from this list, and gazes with proper deference on chubby Hamilton, her distinguished parent. In common with the rest of us our Eastern friends have begun to appreciate the inevitable and know that all this nonsense about great fraternities of the East has been securely boxed, properly labeled and finally put in the garret with other rubbish.

WHAT would be the result if we should indite a series of postals wishing THE SHIELD's non-appearance be excused for this month? Yet the editor of THE SHIELD has, in all probability, more work on his hands than a half dozen average chapter letter writers. To write such a letter is but the work of a few moments. To edit a SHIELD requires more or less attention for a month, and necessitates days of labor by the editor. How can you expect that he will be on time if a college student is unable to write a short letter every two months? We have expressed an earnest desire that Districts I. and III. be represented by letters in one SHIELD, while Districts II. and IV. appear in the next. This will facilitate the publication of our journal and enable the editor to give his attention to the magazine instead of to its correspondents. Under this rule Districts I. and III. will be expected to reach us with letters by December 23. The interests of $\Phi K \Psi$ demand that the chapters be represented that often, and the needs of your journal require this much of promptness and regularity. When the circumstances under which THE SHIELD is published are considered, the apologetic correspondent ought to be ashamed of himself. Every letter should be on hand, prompt to the minute. We frankly admit that we find these apologies simply exasperating. One can just as easily write a letter for publication as of apology. We desire no explanations, we want letters. Our editorial carer will soon close. We shall hereafter devote our attention to THE SHIELD, and permit our correspondents to visit Halifax, if they wish. We shall write no more editorials, no more postals to remind. This matter is now in the hands of the chapter correspondents and with them we leave it, conscience clear.

So of late years not so much is heard with regard to Eastern and Western fraternities. In the past the Eastern fraternities have had somewhat the advantage of what we have known as those of the West. At present the rapid development of the West has fairly adjusted the balance, and the most partisan of both sections are lying on their oars. In the near future the young giant of the West will realize his strength and will assert himself, while the relics of the East glide into the lean and slippered pantaloons. A little while ago we were awed by the very antiquity of the Eastern schools and abashed by our own youth. But now we know that the colleges of New England have passed the meridian of their glory. Most of them, on inspection, prove to be second and third rate institutions. Harvard and Yale will always be known and honored among men. But their fraternity chapters are laughable absurdities, entirely unworthy of fraternity recognition. This is due to the fact that the ancient local societies outrank branches of foreign growth—and they always will. Harvard and Yale are

not worthy of discussion from a Greek Letter Society standpoint. As to the other colleges of New England and vicinity, one can say of each, as Webster said of Dartmouth: "It is a small college, but there are those who love it." In this very fact lies all their strength and prestige—there are those who love them. The fondest memories of many generations cluster about those little mono-hippic institutions. They are *Alma Maters* for scores of men, whom we all delight to honor. But most of them were originally charity schools for mendicants, paupers and Indians. Such colleges have become notable after these many years. Here, in the West, great States have endowed great institutions. Great churches are generously supporting colleges for their children. Already the period of infancy is passed, and the balance is fairly adjusted between East and West. Ere long we shall hear the West, strong in its extent, its wealth, its rich soil and mighty rivers, boasting of superiority over the Greeks of the East, who are located in decaying and antiquated schools. Of course it is true that Eastern Greeks missed their opportunity when they permitted the West and South to be occupied by others. It is true that many of the little colleges, with people to love them, will drift into obscurity, taking with them these much belauded Eastern fraternities, when the colleges of the West and South shall be understood. But we deprecate any boastful rejoicing. While the Western Greeks will necessarily grow stronger and the Eastern weaker, comparatively, every year, there will be room and work for both. And no feeling of selfish triumph should ever cloud the self-respecting modesty which has so often distinguished some fraternities from rivals whose vanity persuaded them that their victory was assured before the strife for precedence had fairly begun.

HOWEVER, those who see with their eyes and hear with their ears have long since learned that the feature in which the East leads the West is in the Chapter House System. Any chapter which cannot awaken enough enthusiasm to maintain a hall of its own ought not to have a Phi Kappa Psi charter. And every chapter should already be arranging for a Chapter House. Whenever this system is inaugurated it brings success. Nor is the matter as difficult as is generally imagined. The vast number of Building and Loan Associations make it possible for almost any one to live in a house—with a mortgage—and you had just as well pay interest as rent.

First, you must begin. It is quite difficult to accomplish much if you do not open the engagement. Appoint a live committee, and keep them alive. It generally kills a man to put him on a committee. Then raise a little money and deposit it in the Bank. A fund once started will draw

like a tug. Raise \$300 or \$400 by gift and subscription in a year or two and buy a lot. Select some of your staunch alumni as Trustees and have an organization incorporated—looks more stable. Raise what money you can by gift. Secure negotiable notes from others, for at least twenty-five dollars.

Now find a builder or capitalist or Loan Association and have them build your house and take a mortgage due in ten years, interest at seven per cent. If your house costs \$3,000 you pay \$210 a year rent, if \$5,000, \$350 and \$700 a year for \$10,000. But we will presume you are at some modest school and need about a \$4,000 dwelling. For that amount a home for at least a dozen men can be built and the parlors can be used as a hall. Do you make or lose money? Each of the twelve has paid \$5.00 a month and \$50 every ten months. A dozen pay \$600 a year. The present hall costs \$150. Here is \$750 that goes right into this house, pays the seven per cent. on \$4,000 and leaves \$470 a year to pay on the principal. Yes, you will need furniture. Don't pay anything on your \$4,000 the first two years. Buy the furniture, give chattel mortgage and pay it in two years with the \$940. Move your furniture down from the old hall into the parlors, and you are fixed. Of course some of this must be used for coal and the like.

You will need, too, a matron. You will organize yourselves into an eating club, and the club will settle with the matron, except that the Chapter House boys will see that she has room for herself and her accomplices. The widow lady, whom you will secure as a matron, will have some furniture of her own and will put you to no expense in that respect. The boarding club may include other Φ 's and will save you money. It will be, too, a most pleasant feature of the house. The matron will have charge of the house and will be not a mother, but a matron to you. You will adopt rules which she will enforce.

We have suggested the brief outline of a plan which we have carefully examined and found to be practical. Do not wait for a \$5,000 house. Build one for \$3,000 or \$4,000, or even for \$2,000 or \$2,500. You can sell it. Build as you can and get under cover. You will be astonished at the amount of money you can secure from your alumni, if you are once fairly at work. And really you don't need a dollar. Build your house. Move in and raise the money by room rent, as the boys always pay. Work with courage and a purpose. Once get under way and your Chapter House is as good as built.

Chapter Letters.

NORTHWESTERN.

Illinois Alpha sends greeting to her sister chapters. Never have the prospects for the future of Northwestern been so flattering as they are at the middle of this present Semester. Although this University has been yearly gaining in numbers and reputation for good work, this year it has received a veritable boom. Its finances were never in a better condition; it is practically free from debt and has received large donations during the present year. The Chicago College of Pharmacy has recently been added to the University. It is well endowed, has an able faculty, is well equipped with apparatus, and in every way promises to be a valuable addition to the University. The new Hall of Science is nearly completed. The building is a model of its kind, being convenient, substantial and ornamental. It is to be occupied exclusively by the departments of Chemistry and Physics. Professors A. E. V. Young and F. J. Parsons, energetic men of ability, have been elected to fill these chairs. The recently established Chair of History and Political Economy is filled by Rev. Dr. Sheppard. He is a graduate of the Chicago University, and is the third Phi Psi in our faculty.

Next year we are to have a new library building. It is the gift of the Kirk brothers and will be erected as a memorial of their father, the late James S. Kirk. This, with the dormitory, which is to be erected in the spring, will fully meet all our needs. The Theologues are rejoicing in the prospect of soon having quarters in their new Memorial Hall. Progress is seen in all departments, not the least in the large increase of attendance, the students of Northwestern numbering in all about one thousand.

As the University is prosperous, in a like ratio is Illinois Alpha. Our men have all returned this year with the exception of Brother W. A. Hall, who is out this term because of trouble with his eyes. Since our last letter we have initiated five new men. We take pleasure in introducing Brothers W. E. Humphrey, Jas. P. Grier, F. Alabaster, S. Wier and Geo. W. Springer, all of the class of '90 and worthy brothers in Phi Psi. The report of our annual Symposium and the Kirk Oratorical Contest was too late for the June SHIELD. Brother Schell captured the Kirk Prize by his magnificent oration on the "Victorian Age." The prize being \$100, we celebrated in the evening by a social, which was only rivaled by the "Sym." Brother Schell furnished dorg in abundance. The social problem is becoming interesting. The spirit of Wooglin is grieved, our socials are more frequent, our girls more loyal and the bangle more cherished. The end is not yet.

With the demise of the Chicago University came the untimely end of Illinois Beta. We regret their misfortune, but rejoice in their company. Of Illinois Beta we have with us Brothers Thoms and Conley '88, Brothers Abbey and Mabie '89. Brothers Thoms and Mabie have transferred their memberships to this chapter.

Early in the term we were agreeably surprised by a goodly delegation from Michigan Alpha. A very pleasant day was spent with nine as royal good fellows as we ever met. Our latch-string is always out. Brothers, come and see us. With the exception of one, the other fraternities here have not been, as yet, very active in gaining new men. Sigma Chi has fourteen, Beta Theta Pi thirteen and Delta Upsilon has the same number.

Evanston, Ills., Nov. 21, 1886.

GEO. A. BASS.

MICHIGAN.

Michigan University still flourishes, so does Michigan Alpha, though some four months have passed since we last gave an account of ourselves. Ann Arbor's Freshman class, this year, is larger than that of any other college in the country, and a fine lot of fellows they are. There are 1,500 students at the University at present. The new Mechanical Laboratory building opened its doors this fall. The Gymnasium is made complete by the addition of much apparatus and a first-class instructor. The University will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary this coming year.

Our boys were pleased to welcome to Ann Arbor D. C. R. Miller, Pennsylvania Epsilon; L. L. Dennett, L. T. Turner, P. F. Gosbey and J. C. Needham from California Alpha, and H. T. Bannon from Ohio Delta. So far this fall three Freshmen and one Sophomore have thought the Phi Psi boys are just about all right. They have joined us. The Freshmen are Glenn M. Averill, from Cedar Rapids, Iowa; William C. Malley, from Chicago; W. Wirt Stevens, from Niles, Michigan. The Sophomore is G. Fred Rush, from Chicago.

Friday night, November 19, we celebrated the tenth anniversary of the establishment of Michigan Alpha by a banquet and symposium at Andrew Hair's, the Detroit caterer. The weather was fine and the boys reached Detroit early in the evening. We visited the Russell and Griswold Hotels, became intimate with our alumni and "took in" just a little of the town before repairing to the banquet hall. At half past ten there was an enthusiastic and happy gathering of Phi Psis; and the warmth of feeling and merry intercourse that then began never ceased till the small hours had begun to grow large again.

Our genial alumnus, F. B. Leland, graced the head of the festive board as Symposiarch, and his ready wit, apt anecdotes and suggestive allusions gave a flavor to the meat that not even the great Andrew Hair could accomplish.

Kendall W. Hess extended a cordial welcome to the alumni Phi Psis, and A. W. Banks responded in words of feeling and gladness. Our blunt Joe Halsted told of the Present Condition of the Chapter; if you had heard him you would know that we are unanimous, prosperous, strong and ambitious.

W. Bond Bliss is a young alumnus, but an old Phi Psi. All our cigars went out while he spoke on Our Order, with an eloquence such as only the proper subject, handled by the proper man, can afford.

J. C. Chilton is as much a Phi Psi as ever, and held our interested attention by his appropriate remarks. The rest of the Symposium consisted of impromptu toasts, responses and stories. Younger Phi Psis learned many a good joke on their dignified, older brothers, and so took heart to tell in turn the laughable experiences that are still the spice of college life. Many of the old songs were sung, as loud by bearded alumnus as by smooth-faced Freshman. Early in the morning, while the honest people of Detroit were sleeping as well as they could, and while the impatient cocks might reasonably be clucking for a lull in our songs, we began to think of parting. The mystic grip went round—if hands clung long to clinging hands, remember that Friendship is the romance of life, and when two reaching hands have bridged Time and Distance their twining union is dissolved only by the tear they press from the heart.

G. FRED RUSH.

Phi Kappa Psi House, Ann Arbor, Nov. 20, 1886.

BELOIT.

As the struggle for incoming Freshmen is about over and the smoke of battle is clearing away, we may now survey the field and calculate the results. Not so many new men as usual entered college this year, and consequently material for building up fraternities has been somewhat scarce. Thus far Wisconsin Gamma has initiated but one new member, Brother Daniel Waite, but we have three more pledged and expect to lead out the goat again before long. Of those pledged, one had a "bid" from each of the other fraternities. At present our chapter numbers nine, not counting prospective members. Of the rival chapters, B Θ Π has initiated one and numbers ten, and Σ X two and numbers eight. We regret the loss of four of our old members this year; two of them, Brothers Emerson and Crow having graduated, and two, Brothers Hendrickson and Luling having entered other colleges. Brother Emerson, the Salutatorian of his class, is now news editor on the staff of the Milwaukee *Journal*, and Brother Crow is located in Chicago. Brother Hendrickson has entered the Senior class of Johns Hopkins University, and Brother Luling has joined the Sophomore class of the Wisconsin State University.

By a change in the college faculty, this year, Brother Lingle of the Chicago University, class of '85, received an appointment in the Academy.

He is a very sociable, agreeable and enthusiastic brother. Within the last few months Beloit College has entered on what we hope shall prove a "boom." One of her sons, T. C. Chamberlain, M. A., Ph. D., for some years a leading geologist on the U. S. Geological Survey, has been appointed to the Presidency of the University of Wisconsin. Also in June last Rev. E. D. Eaton, M. A., D. D., of the class of '72, was called to the Presidency of his *Alma Mater*, by reason of the resignation of Dr. Chapin, whose declining years forced him to retire from the position so faithfully filled for thirty-eight years. The new President has secured the universal respect and love of the whole institution, and his work has begun under the most favorable auspices. The prospects of the college were never brighter and her endowment funds are steadily increasing.

A short time ago Dr. Aubrey, of England, a member of Parliament and an intimate friend of Gladstone, made a speech before college on "Home Rule and English Politics." It was generally pronounced one of the ablest and most polished speeches delivered here for years.

Beloit, Wis., Nov. 17, 1886.

W. S. HAVEN.

CARLETON COLLEGE.

Minnesota Alpha has initiated two first-class men this fall, and now numbers seven in college and four alumni in the city. The chapter is in better condition than for a long time. The temporary opposition of the faculty makes strict secrecy an essential, but ere long we hope to secure the encouraging smile of the powers that be, as we have the very best men in college and will suffer our organization to die before we will take any but the finest. Our delegate to the G. A. C. came home much pleased with the assembly, and Minnesota Alpha will not be unrepresented in future gatherings. We will be square with the fraternity financially soon. The lone chapter in the Northwest is making a manly fight for her rights and looks for the kindly sympathy of all true Phi Psis.

Carleton College is steadily advancing, both in number of students and quality of work done. The college finances are in good shape. Its friends in this section are looking forward to a bright and useful future for the institution. Our own alumni are beginning to exert an influence in its councils, and you may rest assured that the success of the college means long life to Minnesota Alpha of $\Phi K \Psi$.

INDIANAPOLIS.

Northfield, Minn., Nov. 11, 1886.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Last June the graduating class in the Collegiate Department numbered fifty-two. This fall the Freshman class has ninety-six members. The other departments, Law, Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutial are in a like prosperous condition. An assistant professor in Physics and a curator of the

Museum have been added; and the Hornaday collection of stuffed animals—a collection half as large as that in the Smithsonian Institute—has been donated and accepted.

As to Iowa Alpha its progress has not been so marked, but is none the less sure. Of last year's graduates, C. L. Joy is in his father's bank at Sioux City, and C. E. Eggert is Instructor in French and Latin in the Illinois State University. W. S. Kenyon is attending Iowa College at Grinnell for a year. C. F. Clarkson, Jr., who left us in June, '85, is at Phillips Exeter Academy. At the present writing we have eleven men, and with the new material in school can easily increase our number. Our new halls are well located and handsomely furnished. The initiations so far are: Class '89, Carl Stutsman; class '90, H. W. Techentin, John R. Clarkson and Frank Mann. Brother Dorr, '88, and Murphy of Iowa Delta, are in the Medical School.

In the recent elections Hon. S. H. Fairall, Pennsylvania Alpha, '55, was elected Judge of this, the Second District. John J. Campbell, Iowa Alpha, '77, was elected State Senator in Colorado. The term of J. C. Helm, Iowa Alpha, '74, as Supreme Judge of Colorado, lasts two years longer.

Returning to local affairs, our rivals $\beta \theta \Pi$, $\Delta T \Delta$, $\Phi \Delta \theta$ and ΣX are all prospering. The Betas have initiated 2, the Deltas 6, Phi Delta Theta 2 and Sigma Chi 2. $\kappa \kappa \Gamma$ has ten members and is domiciled in the ΣX halls. $\Pi B \Phi$ is showing the general prosperity, though inclined to be conservative. On the evening of November 9, the Tau chapter of Delta Gamma was initiated in the $\Phi \Psi$ halls by Miss Dixon, of the Wisconsin State University. The new chapter has six charter members and will take a high rank among the other chapters. Iowa Alpha extends a cordial welcome and wishes them the best of success.

HOWARD M. NORTH.

Iowa City, Ia., Nov. 19, 1886.

SIMPSON.

It is always a pleasure to meet with any that were members of our chapter during her hardest struggles. We like to learn of how "the boys" used to do. Once in a while we meet with the boys that stood by Iowa Δ in her darkest days. Grand men were they all. They are out fighting life's battles now. And they are achieving victories as grandly now as when in college. One of these boys, Brother Drabell, in the recent political contest was elected to a seat in the Legislature of Missouri. One need but to glance at the roll of those who have gone from our chapter to be convinced that she has some grand men. We find our chapter well represented in the professions of law, ministry and medicine as well as in educational and various business pursuits.

Class '86 is a marvel. All are $\Phi \Psi$ s and ministers, except the two ladies, and they will soon be ministers wives, as we have good reasons to believe, for Brother Newland seems to know the road to "Mar's Hill" as well as of

"Auld Lang Syne," while in the twinkle of his eye one may read that he will soon prove to the world that one and one will not always be two, and Brother W. Todd seems to say "them there's my sentiments, too." Brother J. S. Wright is now in the full enjoyment of matrimonial felicity. His better half was his schoolmate, Miss Kate Martin, sister of Brother G. G. Martin of class '86. May they be happy.

Last year Iowa Delta maintained her pristine rank in carrying off the best prizes. Brother Wright was successful in the home Oratorical Contest, while he stood third in the State Contest. Brother Stewart carried off the Button Prize. We are looking forward to even greater success in the coming contest. We think there is no doubt that Brother Hunt will represent Simpson in the State Contest. Brothers Webb, Sylvester and Archer have been elected to contest for the Badley Prize. Brothers Matlur and E. E. Evans hold positions as instructors in the college. And so we are zealous for the future and believe that we shall not be disappointed when we say Iowa Delta will lead the other fraternities this year as of old. The numerical strength of the fraternities is as follows:

	'87.	'88.	'89.	'90.	Total.
Δ T Δ	1	2	3	2	8
Α T Ω	0	0	1	5	6
Φ K Ψ	5	0	5	4	14

As to the outlook of the college it was never better. Never at any previous time has a larger number of Iowa's best young men and women been enrolled as students of Simpson College, so that we feel somewhat rejoiced at her future outlook.

M. C. MORRIS.

Indianola, Iowa, Nov. 20, 1886.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Kansas Alpha, with five Seniors, two Juniors, five Sophomores, six Freshmen, two Laws, and one Pharmacy student, twenty-one in all, is harmonious and prosperous, having the largest chapter any fraternity has ever had here. Our boys played the Phi Gams a match game of base ball the other day and the score stood, Φ Ψ, 20; Φ Γ, 9. White and Taylor make a fine battery, Allen a good captain and first base, while Ed. Esterley from Ohio Delta is a great short stop. On the 19th of November we united with Phi Gamma Delta in giving a grand party at Frazer Hall. A few days before Phi Kappa Psi led in numbers at the Kappa Alpha Theta party, and several attended the Kappa Kappa Gamma party on the same evening. The ladies entertained handsomely, as they they always do. We have given several very pleasant dancing parties at our hall. In college politics contestants have just been elected for the 7th annual contest between Oread and Orophilian,—the great event of the year. A Phi Gam Debater and a Phi Delta Orator represent Orophilian, a Sigma Chi Debater and Brother Henri Nickel as Orator speak for Oread. The Orator holds the post of

honor. Of the fourteen men who have held this position seven have been Phi Psi's, three Betas, one each of Phi Gam, Sigma Nu, Phi Delta and Barb (colored).

On the papers Kansas Alpha has done fairly well. The *Review* has finished its first seven years. For four of these years members of our chapter held the position of Editor-in-Chief,—Spangler, '83, Little, '83, Stocks, '84, Gilmore, '86. In this its eighth year the position is held by a Barb. Of the editors there is one each of Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, I. C. and Brother Loñ Postlethwaite, '88, of Phi Kappa Psi. One of the Business Managers is a Beta and one a Sigma Nu. Up to the present year the *Courier* has had but four Editors-in-Chief, though old enough to have had more. Of these, two, Twitchell, '81, and Jenks, '87, were Phi Psis, one was a Beta, and one a Phi Gam. Now this office is elected every half year, and the chief this term is a Phi Gamma Delta. Of the Associate Editors there is one each from Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, I. C., Kappa Alpha Theta, three Barbs, and one Phi Kappa Psi, Cyrus Crane, '87. Brother Denton Dunn, '87, is one of the Business Managers, and a Phi Gam the ther. Brother Wilmoth, has been elected President off '89, and of Orophilian. Dunn is President of Oread. Brother Jenks is assistant to the Professor of History, and has charge of the Freshmen. Brother Gleed delivered the Alumni Address last Commencement.

Our rivals all seem to be prosperous. The Sigma Chis have moved into a neat hall near ours. The Phi Deltas are domiciled in the A. O. U. W. hall, having as yet no quarters of their own. The rest retain their old halls. They are as follows: B Θ Π, 17; Φ Γ Δ, 15; Φ Δ Θ, 17; Σ X, 12; Σ N, 18. We have initiated three men, our latest being John Mushrush, '90, of Topeka, and Brewster, '90, of Humboldt, Kansas. Of course there are no better in the University. Our chapter is so large and our Freshman class was so strong that we have not rushed much. However our rivals have all taken quite a number. At our last meeting we received a bid to come down and pass the eve with the Phi Delts, and went, twenty-one strong. Everybody had a huge time, though the police did seem a little unruly on the way home.

But the great event of the year has been the dedication of Snow Hall of Natural History on November 16. Judge Otis, paternal relative of our Brother Will Otis, spoke for the Regents; Prof. Cope, of Philadelphia, delivered an address in the morning; Governor Martin, on behalf of the State, presented the building, and the Chancellor promptly accepted lest some accident might occur; Prof. Branner, of Indiana University, delivered the address in the evening. However the hero of the hour was our honored Professor Snow, for whom the Hall was named. From the very organization of the University he has been a member of the faculty. He is a rare scholar, a tireless worker, an able man, a successful teacher and a perfect

gentleman — always popular with his students and thoroughly respected all through Kansas. He was greeted with thunders of applause when he rose to speak, and deserved every bit of it. His merit is only equaled by his modesty. The building is as magnificent a structure as can be built with \$50,000. It is built of the beautiful "Cottonwood" stone, and is a modernized edition of mediæval architecture. Inside it is fitted throughout in ash, no paint being used. In every respect this handsome edifice is a credit to Kansas and a great addition to the University. It indicates a settled determination on the part of the State to generously support the State University and to do honor to such worthy men as Prof. Snow. The Freshman class is the largest we have ever had. The class of students has steadily improved, and we have many reasons to rejoice in the present and future of our institution.

WILL T. LITTLE.

Lawrence, Kans., Nov. 23, 1886.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC.

The fond greeting THE SHIELD receives from all worthy sons of California Alpha cannot be overestimated, nor can the pleasures and brotherly feelings you engender in our hearts be expressed in words of any language. You are to our chapter as a worthy father is to a loyal son, but to represent this by words is impossible. As ours is the only fraternity here, upon the arrival of THE SHIELD our students are greatly amused to watch how eagerly each Phi Psi hastens to "drink" of the wisdom of brothers.

We thought that ere this our intended rivals would be hatched, but as yet they have not thrown aside their shell and we fear the "gosling" lifeless. It is supposed that I. C. will soon appear here. We now have two new initiates, Samuel C. Evans and Chas. E. Winning. Both are men of strength, energy and ability, and may they ever strive to uphold the principles represented by the Lavender and Pink. This makes our number of active members only ten, but our eyes are not closed. Our choice is easily "captured," so we "size" them one by one and not by the wholesale.

'86, though only four in number, we greatly miss, for they carried the burden of our work, as the older always do; but with six or more older heads than ours to advise no evil need be feared. Our "phalanx" is already formed, and strong, indeed, must be the foe to overcome *any* "phalanx" of old Phi Psi.

I trust you are all anxious to hear about our Chapter Home and how it prospers, but I will merely state here that what was once (and only a year and a half ago) a myth, is now a living reality; that the work is now so far advanced that rain or weather cannot hurt anything, and that by the first of next term eight or ten of us will be sheltered within the walls of California Alpha's Chapter Home and we'll make the welcome ring. I hope to be able to write an article for the next number, giving in detail our work

in regard to our Chapter Home—beginning with its first mention and ending with its completion.

A few improvements in the University of Pacific might be of interest to some of the readers of *THE SHIELD*, and especially to our eastern alumni. The plans for a new Chapel and Conservatory of Music are under headway and work will probably be commenced in the early spring. Our Museum has so increased that a special room has just been fitted up for the mechanical apparatus, and the room opposite the parlors is now being arranged to serve as office for the *Pharos*, *Naranjado*, Athletic Association and other organizations of the college classes.

The first time the University of the Pacific and the University of California have ever met was in a base-ball match, played on our campus on November 6, resulting in a victory for University of the Pacific. The score was even at end of sixth inning, but the University of California team refused to play longer, thus giving up the game.

The University Lecture Bureau, which is under the management of California Alpha, is now busy at work preparing for coming lectures.

San Jose, Cal., Nov. 13, 1886.

F. C. ROSS.

WASHINGTON AND LEE.

Virginia Beta sends greetings with hopes of another prosperous year. Of our eight men only four returned, but we are strengthened by a member who has been absent from college two years. As the result of our vigorous "rushing" we are enabled to introduce to the fraternity Brothers James Quarles, of Missouri, and B. C. Heyward, of South Carolina, true and loyal Phi Psis. The "rushing" has ceased and the fraternities rank about like last year, Kappa Alpha in the lead. Alpha Tau Omega is now almost extinct, only one man of its flourishing chapter remaining. Sigma Nu is rapidly declining in number.

Washington and Lee opened this year with a large number of Freshmen, but with the loss of a great many old men so her numbers are small. She has two new professors, elected last Commencement to fill vacancies in the faculty, made by death. Dr. Quarles, Professor of Moral Philosophy and Belles Letters, was a member of Virginia Alpha over thirty years ago, and occupies the place of Dr. Strider, also a Phi Psi. Prof. Brown, of South Carolina Military Institute, Citadel, was elected to the Chair of Chemistry and Geology. We regret the loss of Brother Bias, to whom we might say the resurrection of Virginia Beta is due. We have lost our Brother Liv-
ingstone W. Houston, who was accidentally drowned last summer.

This year bids fair to be a prosperous one for Virginia Beta, and we hope to rouse her from her lethargy and make her worthy of her position as third chapter of the fraternity, and under the new Constitution may she present as unstained a record as under the old.

Lexington, Va., Nov. 23, 1886.

MORGAN BILLIEU.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY.

Virginia Gamma began this session with a small, though true and loyal band of brethren. At our first meeting, on calling the roll, the following were found to be present: Brothers J. P. Holladay, Reynolds, McIlvane, Wood and your humble servant. Brothers Henry Porter, B. T. Watson, Wolff, Irving and Graham, H. T., were missing. Though few in active members, we make up our deficiency by having five alumni members in the Seminary. Among these last are Brothers Bias and L. W. Irwin, formerly of Virginia Beta. We feel inspired with fresh energy and encouraged to renewed exertions by having Brother Bias in our midst. He is one of the most energetic Phi Psis that I have ever met. What I say of him applies equally as well to Brother Irwin. Our goat has been having an easy time this session; one candidate only having been found worthy to bestride him. And now I have the pleasure of introducing to the fraternity Brother Louis Holladay, who is quite an addition to our ranks. Stand up Brother Holladay, put on your sweetest smile and make your best bow. We have moved into our new hall, and, being quite comfortably situated, we anticipate having many a delightful meeting during the present session. Brother S. P. Preston was with us a short while at the commencement of the term. It seemed like old times to have him with us again. All of us are very much pleased with the new Constitution. The boys are awaiting, with a great deal of interest, the coming of the Grand Catalogue. A chapter of Φ Λ \Kappa was established here a few weeks ago. This makes the eighth fraternity in college, and that among about ninety students!

Brother Addison Hoge resigned his professorship of Greek in this college and accepted a similar position in the University of Mississippi. Dr. Currell, Professor of English, has gone to Davidson College, North Carolina. His place is filled by Prof. Brock, A. M., a graduate of the University of Virginia. The following is the average strength of the several fraternities: Φ \Kappa Ψ , 6; β Θ Π , 6; χ Φ , 8; Φ Γ Δ , 4; Σ χ , 6; \Kappa Σ , 7; Π \Kappa Λ , 10; Φ Λ \Kappa number unknown. With best wishes for all the chapters, and hoping that the prosperity of THE SHIELD will continue,

November 19, 1886.

E. H. PORTER.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

Our chapter has sustained such a considerable loss by way of graduation and by failure to return to college of several of the brothers, together, also, by the tardiness with which most of those now present put in their appearance, that we shall perhaps find some difficulty in recuperating our wasted fortunes. Especially will this be the case in the endeavor to compensate for the loss in quality of those who have just gone before. We partially console ourselves, however, since we are informed and lead to believe that Brothers Knight, Sims, Smith and Butler have not forsaken us

entirely, but will return again with renewed energies, fresh loyalty and with an unconquerable zeal to promote the best interest of $\Phi K \Psi$.

I have, at the present writing, the pleasant duty of introducing to THE SHIELD and the fraternity at large Brother W. C. Hough, of Lancaster, S. C., as a new initiate of South Carolina Alpha. He is a most promising addition and will, no doubt, wear the Shield to the Order's honor. Please do not infer from the fact that I present him alone, that our initiatory goat is henceforth and forever mentally paralyzed, rendered so from the moment he had an opportunity to *C a Hoof* of such features, or that he has been disabled so entirely by the application of this new feature to his sides that he can no longer perform the mysterious duties devolving upon him in his official capacity. Should any brother, nevertheless, make such a supposition we hope subsequently to show, and that soon, that his hypothesis is incorrect.

The South Carolina College opens up this year with renewed vigor, and it may be said to be in a flourishing condition, with a steady elevation in the standard of several of the departments. With continued assistance from the Legislature there can be little doubt as to her future prospects, and therefore as to the stability and permanence of $\Phi K \Psi$ as a bright constellation in her Grecian sky. In a later issue of THE SHIELD, when the different interests are more settled, I will give fraternity statistics at the South Carolina College and things of a more personal nature, while with this I close my first, adding still our hopes of a successful and pleasant year's work for THE SHIELD and $\Phi K \Psi$ generally, and that while we, ourselves, may go slowly yet we trust most surely.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 18, 1886.

W. S. BLAKENEY.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

At present the University has an enrollment of 320, an increase of fifty over the total number for last year. We have four new professors, namely: Profs. Boone, Von Jagemann, Burnett and Dabny. The two latter are loyal members of Phi Kappa Psi, Brother Burnett graduating from the class of '84 in this University, Brother Dabny graduated from the University of Virginia in 1878, after which he spent several years abroad studying. Prof. Clark has returned from Harvard and Prof. Swain from Edinburgh, where they have been perfecting themselves in their specialities. Prof. Bryan was granted a leave of absence to study in Europe.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees two new professors, Karsten and Stegneger, were elected. Indiana cannot boast of her University as a grand architectural pile, but she can point with pride to the men composing the faculty and to the energetic and solid class of students that attend here. After all "bricks and mortar do not make a university."

Phi Psi commenced this year with fourteen members. Brother Hooper, class '87, came in two months late, making fifteen. He had hardly got settled, however, when Brother "Colonel" Foster was called home. His place cannot be filled, however, as there is but one "Colonel" extant. We have initiated but three men, and at present see no more who would do us honor. Of the new men, Brother Owen was solicited by Beta Theta Pi before entering college, Brother Kiplinger was rooming with a Phi Gamma Delta in an exclusively Phi Gamma "fort," and Brother O'Donnell was rooming with a Sigma Chi. Indiana Beta has always assumed the policy, if you want a man go after him no matter where he rooms, and also never to go after a man until we are sure we do want him. Following this policy we have met with gratifying results this year.

In the fall elections of honors for the literary societies Phi Kappa Psi had all her members in the societies, eleven in number elected to positions. In my letter of June I asserted that Phi Kappa Psi held her position first, socially. I am now prepared to prove the assertion. At the reception given by Kappa Kappa Gamma (ladies' fraternity), Phi Kappa Psi had seventeen present out of thirty-two guests. Earlier in the year, at the Kappa Alpha Theta reception, there were fifteen members present.

The November SHIELD has arrived and the boys unanimously decide it superior to all former copies, and they are especially pleased with the sentiments of the editorials and the articles on Grand Arch Councillors and B. G's. But look out for your laurels, ye editors of THE SHIELD, for Indiana Beta has a magazine called the *Tattler*, which is fast rising into prominence. It is published every three weeks by the chapter and read in the hall. It is just exactly what its name suggests, a tattler, and every brother must carry himself with the proper dignity if he wishes to escape its censures. But laying all jokes aside we find it a very pleasant as well as a profitable way of relieving the same dull, routine of literary work occasioned by sticking too closely to one particular program.

Our rivals have not been as aggressive this year as usual. We regard Phi Gamma Delta as our strongest rival, while, as usual, Phi Delta Theta brings up the rear. The numerical strength of the fraternities retains a great deal of uniformity, their numbers ranging from sixteen to twenty-one. The new Constitution has been read before the chapter and all pronounce it complete in every particular. The boys are already talking of the District Convention of No. III., to be held in Delaware, Ohio, next April, and I think we will be well represented. Just now I hear from the peanut gallery the merry tinkle of a chestnut bell, so I will desist.

Bloomington, Ind., Nov. 13, 1886.

L. VAN BUSKIRK.

COLUMBIAN COLLEGE.

Since our last letter to THE SHIELD we have had another initiation, and now Brother J. Bruce Webb, a student in the Law Department, is our "chapter baby," and a royal babe he is, too, with lung power for a long and useful career.

We send our most cordial greetings to all our sister chapters, hoping that they may enjoy their existence to the same degree that we do, and that is saying much in little. It would give us any amount of pleasure to hear from any chapter, and a letter will be sure of receiving a prompt and brotherly reply.

W. SPENCER ARMSTRONG.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26, 1886.

Grand Catalogue.

To the Editor of The Shield:

Permit me to extend my hearty thanks to the brothers of our fraternity who are assisting in finding the "Missing Phi Psis." I have not been able to thank all personally, and cannot now speak of each one who has extended a helping hand. Two brothers, however, must be mentioned. First, Brother Ed. F. Siegenthaler, of Ohio Gamma, who has worked with true Phi Psi zeal in order that his chapter might make a creditable showing in the new Catalogue. Second, Brother Chas. H. Haskins, of Pennsylvania Beta, to whom too much credit cannot be given. To any one who has had experience in finding missing brothers, the highest praise I can give Brother Haskins, is to say that in a chapter nearly thirty years old and having a membership of 280, Brother Haskins has obtained the address of every brother with one exception, and hasn't given that one up. This work, so well carried out, was well begun by Brother S. B. Smith, who was compelled to transfer it to Brother Haskins. Brother A. J. Walker, of Pennsylvania Alpha, also has an herculean job, and is doing excellent work, as is also Brother Ehrenfeld, of Ohio Beta. The brothers should read over the list of Missing Phi Psis and see how soon that list can be made to disappear from THE SHIELD. The preparation of the manuscript of the Catalogue is progressing as rapidly as circumstances will permit, and will be pushed to an early completion.

GEORGE SMART,

Columbus, O., Nov. 23.

Chairman Com. on Catalogue.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, to visit us in the removal by sudden death, on August 2, 1886, of our brother, Livingston W. Houston, we do offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That while we, the members of the Va. Beta Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, bow in humble submission to the Divine Will, we deplore his loss and desire to extend to the bereaved ones our sympathy.

Resolved, That in him we lose one whose talents reflected credit upon the Fraternity, and whom we held in the warmest esteem as a brother, and whose life exemplified the enduring principles of the Fraternity.

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

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our departed brother, that they be transmitted to each chapter of the Fraternity and sent to THE SHIELD for publication.

H. D. IRWIN,
K. W. EGGLESTON,
MORGAN BILLIEU.

WHEREAS, On the seventh day of October, 1886, Samuel D. McDonald was removed by death from among the number of our alumni, and,

WHEREAS, In the death of our brother we feel that Pa. Gamma has sustained a great loss, we, therefore, offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That, while we bow in humbleness to the will of a just God, we express our deepest sorrow that our brother has been removed.

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

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the afflicted family as a token of our regard and esteem, and that a copy be sent to THE SHIELD for publication.

GEO. F. CLARK,
W. C. GRETZINGER,
JOHN Y. SCHREYER.

Phi Kappa Psi Hall, Lewisburg, Pa., Oct. 9, '86.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God, in His Almighty Providence, to remove our beloved Brother Rufus Bicknell Young from our midst on August 16, and,

WHEREAS, We, the members of Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, desire to extend our feelings of sympathy, and to place on record our sense of the loss we sustain, the following resolutions have been adopted:

Resolved, That, while the death of our brother has left a void which can never again be filled, we bow in humble submission to the dispensation of the Ruler of the Universe.

Resolved, That as a brother he was generous, congenial and true.

Resolved, That with us he always proved himself to be a young man of sterling qualities and a Christian of high character.

Resolved, That in him we recognize the loss of one who, if he had been permitted to live, would have been an honor to his Fraternity.

Resolved, That our heartfelt sympathy be extended to the bereaved family in this their time of 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*.

HOWARD L. CALDER,
WILLIAM M. WOODWARD,
JOE M. WOLFE.

Phi Kappa Psi Hall, Lewisburg, Pa., Sept. 16, 1886.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His Almighty Providence to remove our beloved brother, Paul St. Clair Vanderslice, from our midst on October 16, and,

WHEREAS, We, the members of Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, desire to extend our feelings of sympathy and place on record our sense of the loss we sustain, the following resolutions have been adopted:

Resolved, That, while the death of our brother was untimely and hard, indeed, to bear, we bow in humble submission to the dispensation of the Ruler of the Universe.

Resolved, That, in the two short weeks which he passed with us in the ties of fraternal association, he had gained our respect, our admiration, our love.

Resolved, That in him we recognize the loss of one who, although young in years, had already given promise of a future which would have done honor to himself, his family and Fraternity.

Resolved, That our heartfelt sympathy be extended to the bereaved family in this hour of deepest gloom.

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*.

HOWARD L. CALDER,
GEORGE F. CLARK,
OLIVER B. FINN.

Phi Kappa Psi Hall, Lewisburg, Pa., Oct. 18, 1886.

Exchanges.

Mr. John DeWitt Warner, a New York City lawyer, has succeeded in making the D. K. E. *Quarterly* perhaps the best of the fraternity journals, comparing issue with issue. Having ample time for preparation, he works intelligently and systematically and makes every number a good one. His journal is more mature in general make-up and approaches our ideal of what a fraternity magazine should be. However he reaches his readers but three times a year, sometimes publishes no chapter letters, and possibly fails of reaching the under-graduate heart and arousing alumni interest as well as less dignified contemporaries. But when these journals have developed we think it will be found that the *Quarterly* is nearest the ideal standard. The feature of the October number is an article on $\Phi B K$, a full page fac-simile of extracts from the original minutes of the Society being published. It seems that the Historical Society of Virginia preserved the papers of the first chapter at William and Mary, and so Mr. Warner speaks by the card. Phi Beta Kappa was organized December 3, 1776, by John Heath, Thomas Smith, Richard Booker, Armistead Smith and John Jones as a rival to a similar society with a Latin name. They met at Raleigh Tavern, and "in the room where Patrick Henry raised the first revolutionary spirit of Virginia." On January 5, 1777, they added Daniel Fitzhugh, John Stuart, Theodore Fitzhugh and John Starke and swore each other in, "with friendship as its basis, and benevolence and literature as its pillars." Their society was intended for "collegians who have arrived at the age of sixteen years." They adopted a "square silver medal" badge, a grip and required a unanimous vote to elect, meeting once a month. They debated the usual literary society questions and ate the usual fraternity suppers. "Messrs. Swan, Lee, Washington, Madison and Nivison were fined \$15 each for being absent." Branch chapters, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Eta and Theta were established by the members at Virginia towns, non-collegians being initiated. These chapters disappeared. In January, 1781, the college suspended and the light of Alpha of $\Phi B K$ went out as follows:

1781, on Saturday the 6th of January, a meeting of Phi Beta Kappa was called for the purpose of securing the papers of the Society during the Confusion of the Times and the present Dissolution which threatens the University. The members who attended were Wm. Short, Daniel C. Brent, Spencer Roane, Peyton Short and Landon Cabell. They thinking it most desirable that the Papers should not be removed determined to deliver them sealed into the Hands of the College Steward to remain with him until the desirable event of the Society's Resurrection. And this deposit they make in the sure and certain Hope that the Fraternity will one Day rise Life everlasting and Glory immortal.

And so ended the first lesson. The parent chapter initiated forty-nine men, of whom Chief Justice John Marshall became famous.

But on July 31, 1779, Elisha Parmele, a native of Goshen, Connecticut, and a student of Theology at William and Mary was initiated. He entered Yale just before the Revolution, left it when suspended on account of war and graduated from Harvard in 1778. December 5, 1779, he was granted leave to establish a chapter at Cambridge, Mass., and December 9, at New Haven, Conn., even as similar chapters were formed in Virginia towns. But these were for Harvard and Yale and known as Epsilon and Zeta. By suggestion of Parmele, whose aims were somewhat different from those of the other boys, these charters were different from the others. He planted chapters at Harvard and Yale, preached in Massachusetts and died in Virginia in July, 1784. The history of Phi Beta Kappa of Yale and Harvard extraction is well known. An anti-fraternity man of early days declared that the fact that the Greek Letters were the initials of words which being translated read "*Philosophy is the rule or guide of life,*" showed an infidel spirit. In men of the circumstances of the society's organization this is a little amusing. The Phi Beta Kappa was evidently the usual club of live college boys and quite similar to ordinary chapters. It changed wonderfully in every particular, and may now almost regard Parmele as its founder.

The editor reviews the *Annuals* and Δ K E author in an interesting manner. The editorials are sensible, the chapter letters are the best we have seen in the *Quarterly*.

The *Chi Phi Quarterly* would make a very good monthly, but it is hardly the magazine a *Quarterly* should be. The *Quarterly* editor has much time to get his material together and should edit a better magazine than one who has but thirty days in which to prepare. Mr. Sparks announces the close of his career as editor in a very happy manner. The exchange editor believes that "THE SHIELD, of Φ K Ψ, always readable, is especially so in its June number." The chapter letters are excellent.

The November *Purple and Gold*, of X Ψ, is the best number of that magazine we have read. A handsome cut, the most attractive that has appeared, illuminates the first page of cover. The frontispiece is a neat Chi Psi badge. An article on "Chi Psi at Columbia," explains that the fraternity has lost the chapter twice, but is ready for another trip. A curious feature of aristocratic feeling is shown when the writer boasts that this chapter has demanded "unquestioned social standing," and instances William Astor, son of the old Amsterdam fur peddler, who walked with his pack on his back. Of course Mr. Astor is a most estimable gentleman, but

really this "social standing" racket is carried a little too far in some colleges. An excellent article on Wesleyan follows. Mr. Hotchkiss, who graduated from Hamilton in '86, already evinces an alumni grasp of the situation. His editorials and general management do him credit. His magazine is quite superior to the average monthly, and will doubtless develop into a real Quarterly under his able and distinctly Chi Psi control.

That "four-quarterly," the *Beta Theta Pi*, comes out in October with ninety-five pages. Of course it is a good number. Every number of *Beta Theta Pi* is a good one. But in our humble judgment the editor has simply sent us a great, big, generous monthly. This is probably due to the fact that the convention notes and chapter letters are so full and complete. We have no doubt the *Beta Theta Pi* will at once take high rank as a quarterly. Attention is called to the revival at Miami of the fraternity. The songs of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ are rather scorchingly reviewed. An elegant array of personals and letters are thrown together in a rather heterogeneous fashion, and while there are evidences of haste, Mr. Chambers Baird is to be congratulated on a successful "first appearance" as a Quarterly Editor.

MY LADY.

The roses and grasses
Bow down as she passes
My Queen of the Spring;
While the sprites and the elves,
Their wee little selves,
Do list to her sing.
Your step it's as light, lass,
As the lark's in full flight, lass,
On morning o' June.
Your voice it's so sweet, dear,
No bird can compete, dear,
With my lady in tune.

—*Kansas Alpha.*

Our Alumni.

NEW YORK B.

'84. Rev. A. Broadway is pastor of the M. E. church at Palmyra, N. Y.

'84. A. E. Brigden is taking a course in the Auburn Theological Seminary at Auburn, N. Y.

'84. Prof. G. R. Duell is Professor of Mathematics in Bellevue Collegiate Institute, Caledonia, Mo.

'84. Rev. H. D. Wadsworth is pastor of the M. E. Circuit, centered at New Chicago, Montana Territory.

'85. J. G. Jones is Professor of Natural Science in Troy High School, Troy, N. Y.

'85. Rev. E. Wiseman continues his pastorate of the M. E. church at Round Lake, N. Y., with great success.

'85. G. E. Ellis is a law student in Syracuse.

'86. Rev. J. G. Cleveland is pastor of the M. E. church at Pittstown, N. Y. He was editor-in-chief of the *Syracusan* last year.

'86. A. E. Bartholomew is studying law in Whitehall, N. Y.

'86. Prof. W. L. Harris is Principal of Pioneer Academy, Pioneer, Ohio.

'86. C. A. Lonergan is at his home, 174 Seymour street, City.

'88. L. C. Ball is teaching at Louisville, N. Y.

'88. C. A. Hagaman is on the staff of an Albany daily, Albany, N. Y.

'88. C. H. Wilder is in the seed business in Rochester, N. Y.

PENNSYLVANIA O.

'81. Morrison is an attorney-at-law in Omaha, Neb.

'73. Miller has a church in Reading.

'81. Evans is Assistant Principal of the Easton High School, and visits the rooms often.

'81. Stover has returned from an extended trip to Europe.

'74. P. C. Evans was in the Pennsylvania Legislature.

'88. McFadden is polling medicine at the Bellevue Medical College, New York City.

'88. Osburns, R. and H., are at their home in Sewickley, Pa.

D. C. A.

'85. Clinton Gage is now a member of the law firm of Bryant & Gage at 33 School street, Boston, Mass.

Harry W. Smith, Archon, is stenographer and type-writer, Commissioner of the Court of Claims, Examiner in Chancery, at Room 14, Arlington building, 1505 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C.

Hon. Robt S. Murray is still practicing law at Washington, D. C.

'86. D. C. Christy is teaching in Chicago.

VIRGINIA A.

'86. Cover, we understand, is in business in Winchester, Va.

'86. Hains is studying medicine in Baltimore. We commend him to Maryland Alpha.

'86. Ingle, of the E. C., is teaching at Pantop's school, near Charlottesville, but retains his connection with the chapter.

'86. Saunders is principal of the Abingdon Male Academy, Abingdon, Va.

'86. G. H. Smith will practice law in Southwest Virginia. Any brothers there having cow cases are requested to call.

'86. Dr. S. P. Preston is studying medicine at Bellevue, New York City.

'86. S. W. Venable is banking in Danville, Va.

'85. Dr. E. Woods is assistant surgeon in Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island, New York City.

'86. W. H. Venable is teaching near Charlottesville, Va.

'84. Dr. Jos. Shafer is assistant surgeon U. S. N.

OHIO A.

'85. Will J. Berne studied law here for some time, but is now teaching, occupying the position of principal of a South Carolina college. Brother Berne is rather small of stature and slight, and his experiences with some of his huge pupils, as he tells them, are very amusing.

'85. F. W. Roubush is Assistant County Treasurer of Clermont county. And, I understand, he is virtually Treasurer, for he does the work.

'86. Dorsey L. Bell is studying law with Finley, Eaton & Bennett, of Bucyrus, O.

C. F. Hoover, formerly '86, and R. H. Van Deman, '87, have gone to Harvard, the former to complete his course this year. Brother Van Deman enters Junior.

'68. Prof. J. W. White, who has been spending some time in Delaware, Ohio, has returned to his work at Harvard.

The Methodist ministerial moving has wrought some change with us. Brother E. H. Cherington, '82, goes to Dayton, O., Trinity church.

'83. Will N. Brewster is stationed at Camp Washington, a suburb of this city.

We are under obligations to E. M. Van Cleve, '86, Ohio Alpha, for the above personals. He is now in Cincinnati.

ILLINOIS A.

Rush McNair, '85, has been elected Valedictorian of Senior class of Chicago Medical College.

Prof. C. C. Bragdon, '65, principal of Lasalle Seminary, Auburndale, Mass., is traveling in Europe.

C. M. Stuart, '83, is assistant editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, Chicago, Ills.

L. O. Perley, '86, is in the office of the Steel Bridge Manufacturing Co., Chicago.

Rev. J. P. Brushingham, '81, is now pastor of Ada St. M. E. church, Chicago.

E. A. Schell, '86, who took the Kirk prize last June, was married during the sum-

mer to Miss Emma Wright, of Redwing, Neb. Brother Schell is now pastor of Milburn Memorial church, South Bend, Indiana.

DeWitt Clinton, '84, is pastor of Methodist church at Center Grove, Ia.

W. H. Lacy, '81, after a successful term at Pleasant Prairie, Wis., is assigned to the Methodist church at Menominee Falls, Wis.

Rev. Valorous F. Brown, the resuscitator of Illinois Alpha, is stationed at Waynesville, Ohio.

Bishop Ninde, of Illinois Alpha, is traveling through Europe on an episcopal tour.

Rev. W. E. Wilkinson, '83, "the oldest man in the fraternity," was married on September 21st to Miss Mary B. Swail, '85, Alpha Phi, at B-lvidere, Ill. Brother W. is stationed at Utica, Ill.

VIRGINIA F.

'85. R. C. Campbell, after graduating from Union Theological Seminary, married, and is preaching in this State.

'85. W. S. Friend, second honor man, is at the Seminary.

'86. H. T. Graham is teaching in this State.

'86. T. T. Henry is also teaching in this State.

'87. R. P. Irving is at his home in Farmville, Va.

'88. P. L. Murkland is clerking in Lynchburg, Va.

'87. B. T. Porter is assistant book-keeper in a wholesale and retail grocery house in Vicksburg.

'85. S. P. Preston took his M. D. in one year at University of Virginia, and is now studying in New York.

'85. T. L. Frawick is teaching school in Louisiana. Tom says he saves \$1,000 a year out of \$800 salary!

'87. E. S. Watson is studying under a private tutor at his home, Danville, Va.

'86. B. L. Wolff is studying medicine at University of Virginia.

'84. J. T. Graham is at the Seminary.

The Missing Phi Psis.

Please send information in regard to missing brothers according to the following directions: Pennsylvania Alpha and Beta and the Ohio chapters, to Geo. Smart, 189 North High street, Columbus, Ohio; the rest of the Pennsylvania chapters and the four New York chapters, to W. A. Eckels, 1116 McCullough St., Baltimore, Md., the Maryland, South Carolina, District of Columbia, Mississippi and Virginia chapters, to Clinton Gage, 33 School St., Boston; the Indiana, Michigan, Tennessee, Kentucky and Wisconsin chapters, to T. S. Wilson, Lafayette, Indiana; the Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa and California chapters, to Wm. E. McLennan, Evanston, Illinois. It is earnestly hoped that brothers who know anything of these men will write at once.

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The First Greek-Letter Fraternity.

D. K. E. Quarterly.

There has come to my possession such information as I feel justifies an attempt to portray Φ B K as it was founded and flourished—a Greek-letter fraternity of college youths, so strikingly like—almost identical in plan with—the Greek-letter fraternities of to-day that they, and not the present bearer of its name, are its real successors.

Stirring times and historic associations were those of the founding of Φ B K. The royal Governor had been packed out of Virginia; in July previous the late colonies had declared themselves free and independent States; in the Assembly of the Commonwealth, then sitting at Williamsburg, was the author of the Declaration of Independence; the boys were met at the old Raleigh Tavern, and were in the very room where fiery Patrick Henry voiced the first revolutionary spirit of Virginia. Yet, if there was any one organization which was entirely without indebtedness to or influence upon the times and the history that was then making, it was Φ B K on that 5th day of December, 1776, when John Heath, Thomas Smith, Richard Booker, Armistead Smith, and John Jones, believing that there was room for and that they could organize a new society on a better basis than the one with a Latin name then flourishing among the students, recalling that one of their number was the best Hellenist in college, and inspired, as runs their record, "by a happy spirit and resolution of attaining the important ends of *Society*," resolved to establish a Greek-letter fraternity. Adding to their numbers Daniel Fitzhugh, John Stuart, Theodorick Fitzhugh and John Starke on January 5, 1777, they mutually entered into the following pledge:

I, * * * *, do swear on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, as calling the Supreme Being to attest my oath, declaring that I will, with all my possible efforts, endeavor to prove true, just, and deeply attached to this, our growing Fraternity, in keeping, holding, and preserving all secrets that pertain to my duty, and for the promotion and advancement of its internal welfare.

After the invariable custom of student organizations, a constitution was evolved, and added to from time to time, and a somewhat chaotic jumble was the result. Expressions of sentiment, rules of discipline, provision for special emergencies found to occur, and amendments, were copied down by the secretary in the order of their passage, or were omitted when he was forgetful, as he seems occasionally to have been. This body of law, still extant in twenty-seven sections, is discouraging to one who would like to agree with those who consider $\Phi \beta \kappa$ to have been a band of youthful enthusiasts, planning first to unite the most wise and virtuous youth of all the colleges, and then to reform the world. The sons of Virginia gentlemen in attendance at an Episcopal college, they were God-fearing in speech and intent, and a Testament would have been bought with the twelve shillings given for that purpose by John Short, if John Nivison had not already presented the fraternity with one. Devoted to the humanities and polite letters then considered the basis of a gentleman's education, literary efforts seemed to them congenial and proper exercises for their meetings, and the members were allotted appointments in turn. It was the proper thing then for an educated gentleman of estate to act as a patron of merit, and we find mention of a suggestion that some premium be allowed from the treasury to encourage "any new invention of arts and science"—which suggestion remained a dead letter. It occurred to the members that it would be a grateful thing to take under their care worthy objects of charity, and "Messrs. Hardy and Cocke were appointed to look out for some orphan likely to receive advantages from being put to a proper school," but seem never to have found one. Fines were imposed "for the least appearance of intoxication or disorder of any single member by liquor at a session," and for "the non-attendance of any single member, unless by some certain obstructing inability or urgent necessity." The subjects of their debates were, generally speaking, identical with the numerous questions that every year of the century have been settled by every student literary society. It is plain that the fraternity would have considered utterly and equally ridiculous suggestions that its prime motive was either that of a religious organization, a debating club, an aid to inventors, a charitable institution, a temperance society, a political propaganda, or a band of philosophers devoted to the enlightenment or elevation of mankind, inside or outside college walls. More thoroughly to enjoy the society of congenial associates, to promote refined good fellowship, was the motive of these hearty young students who founded the first of the true Greek-letter fraternities, with (to quote from its ritual) "friendship as its basis, and benevolence and literature as its pillars," one which thrived in their day as its successors on the same basis flourish in ours. So far from being the inspirers, or a product, of the American national spirit, or of a union of the wise and virtuous to which they invited all known American colleges, the only reference in their records to the Revolution is the single mention of the "Confusion of the

Times" in the record of the final meeting given below, and the only recognition of the existence of other colleges is the record below cited of the granting of charters for "meetings" at Harvard and Yale, which institutions were never mentioned again.

I quote sparingly what seem to me characteristic and fair selections from the minutes, though they give an exaggerated idea of the regularity and amount of literary work, the records showing frequent omissions and postponements of such on account of the absence or failure of appointees, or of the press of other business or entertainment:

Feb. 27, 1779. At a meeting of this Society, Messrs. Heath and Brown, upon making known the reason of their absence [from] the last meeting, were excused by the Society. According to appointment, Messrs. Heath and Short delivered their compositions, and Messrs. Hall and Nivison argued. Messrs. Hite and Bowdoin were appointed judges, instead of Messrs. Hall and Short, who were engaged in composition and argumentation. Messrs. Stuart and Brown were appointed to produce compositions on the "Justice of African Slavery," Messrs. Bowdoin and Ayre to argue. The forms of initiation instituted by the Committee were read and resolved upon. The laws, revised by a Committee appointed for that purpose, were read, and received universal approbation. Messrs. Baker, Moore, and Roane being recommended to the Society as worthy members, were balloted for and received in due form. A letter was received from our worthy brother, Mr. John Stuart, in which was enclosed twelve shillings, which was to purchase a Testament for the Society; but as the Society had been presented with one from Mr. John Nivison, it was put into the treasury. The business of the night being finished, an adjournment took place.

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At a meeting of the Society, March 13, 1779. According to appointment, Messrs. Stuart and Brown delivered their compositions, and Messrs. Bowdoin and Eyre argued. Upon examination of the treasurer's accounts, there was found to be £15, 8s. in the treasury. Mr. Wm. Stith being recommended to this Society as a worthy member, was balloted for and initiated in due form. Messrs. Brent and Clements were appointed to produce compositions inquiring whether agriculture or merchandize were most advantageous to a State. Messrs. Baker and Ballendine were appointed to argue on the same subject. The business of the evening being finished, an adjournment took place.

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At a meeting, April the 19th. Mr. Thos. Savage being recommended as a worthy member of this Society, was balloted for and initiated in due form. Mr. Bowdoin being about to depart for Europe, requested the company of the Society at the Raleigh, where he gave them a very elegant entertainment. After many toasts suitable to the occasion, the evening was spent by the members in a manner which indicated the highest esteem for their departing friend, mixed with sorrow for his intended absence, and joy for his future prospects in life.

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At a meeting in course, September ye 23d, 1780. Agreeable to custom, ye Committee was formed, Mr. Brent as Chairman. Mr. Wm. Short and Mr. Theod. Fitzhugh being absent, the question whether "Avarice or luxury is more beneficial to a republic?" was only handled by Mr. Swan and Mr. John Nivison. Mr. Thomas Cocke being proposed as a gentleman worthy a seat in this Society, was balloted for and received. Mr. Jos. Cabell fined 20 dollars for non-attendance on ye evening he was appointed to declaim. Mr. Swan, Mr. Thos. Lee, Mr. Washington, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Nivison fined 15 dollars each for absenting themselves on evenings when disengaged. Mr. A. Stuart and Mr. Brent to declaim, Mr. Roane and Mr. Peyton [Short] to argue at ye ensuing meeting. The business being finished, an adjournment took place.

The badge with which each member was required to provide himself was a "square silver medal," bearing the devices now well known, which was commonly worn suspended on a cord by an eyelet attached to the

middle of one of its sides, the key form in this case, as in that of K A, being arbitrarily assumed by later members. A grip was early adopted, and a secret sign of recognition prescribed, by which a brother might make himself known to others in whatever quarter of the world he chanced to be. Elections to membership, and expulsions alike, required an unanimous vote. To stimulate literary work, a standing committee examined all productions and selected for the archives such as it deemed worth keeping. No poems appear to have been perpetrated. The most occult of the mysteries seems to have been that of the use of the cabalistic design:

N	Z	A	O	C	Y	B	P	X	D	W	Q	V
R	E	U	F	M	G	T	H	S	L	I	K	J

Meetings were held first monthly, then bi-monthly, then weekly, then bi-weekly.

The state of finances of the chapter was beyond praise, the accounts of each successive treasurer showing a constantly increasing fund. There seems, at first, to have been no idea of extending the fraternity farther than to "collegians who have arrived at the age of sixteen years, and from the Grammar Master upwards," that is, to those who were yet connected with the college, and who had completed their Greek and Latin studies (which were taught in the grammar school). But December 10, 1778, it was "resolved that future admission to this Society be not confined to collegians," this, apparently, in favor of officers of the patriot army, stationed in the vicinity. And May 24, 1779, upon a suggestion,

"that it may lead to promote the designs of this Institution, and redound to the honor and advantage thereof at the same time, and that others, more remote or distant, will be attached thereto. Resolved, that leave be given to prepare the form or ordinance of a charter party to be entrusted with such two or more brothers as the Phi Beta Kappa as (to) the general meeting shall on due application for the same be thought to merit such a trust, with delegated powers to constitute, establish, and initiate a fraternity correspondent with this."

In general accord with this plan, the mother chapter, or "general meeting," proceeded to grant its most trusted members charters-party to establish other "meetings," to be known by the Greek letters, respectively, evidently having in mind the establishment of "branches," as the new "meetings" were also called, in Virginia towns where prominent members resided, the charter running to the delegate and not to the neophytes, and not necessarily naming the precise place where the new "meeting" was to be established. The system thus planned was one of which the "general meeting" at the capital city and State college was to be the Alpha or head, with branches in the principal county towns; an organization somewhat like the ecclesiastical one of which the President of the college, Bishop Madison, was the head. July 10, 1779, a charter was granted Samuel Hardy

to institute a meeting to be known as the Beta, on the next day another to William Stuart for a Gamma, and August 14, thereafter, a third to William Cabell for a Delta. Meanwhile, Elisha Parmele, a young graduate of Harvard, who had also attended Yale, had been initiated July 31, 1779. December 4, thereafter, he petitioned for and was granted a charter for an Epsilon at Harvard, followed on the 9th of the same month by another for Zeta at Yale. March 11, 1780, John Beckley was delegated to establish an Eta at Richmond, and May 18, 1780, George Lee Turberville was authorized to institute a Theta at Westmoreland. Of the fate of the Β Γ, Ι Δ, Η, and Θ, nothing is known; but it is probable that all of them were instituted, and almost certain that none survived the Revolution, which destroyed the fraternity system of which Φ Β Κ, at William and Mary, was the head, and left heir to its name the two anomalous—one of them posthumous—New England scions, which were to develop into so radically different an organization.

The history of the Virginia fraternity is a pleasant one—of congenial spirits in intimate intercourse, with a good, healthy way of looking at things, and a hearty fashion of taking as it came—and it was coming fast in those years. 1780 was the most prosperous year Φ Β Κ ever had; but in the latter months the war closed in about Williamsburgh; the absence of members serving in the ranks caused the anniversary to be sparsely attended, and in January the college suspended. Of these last days the minutes best tell the story:

At a meeting at the Raleigh on the 5th of December to celebrate the anniversary of this noble institution, were present: Mr. Brent, Vice-President, Mr. Roane, Mr. L. Cabell, Mr. Richard Lee, and Mr. Cocke. Mr. Brent, V.Pt. pro tempore, took the Chair; the Clerk being absent Mr. L. Cabell was appointed. The V. Pt. left the chair and called Mr. Roane to ye same. Mr. Rd. Lee according to appointment then proceeded to declaim on the progress of the Arts and Sciences. President Short who was likewise to declaim on this night being absent and the business of the night being over, Mr. Brent returned to the Chair; the remainder of the evening was spent in sociability and mirth. Mr. John Stuart and Mr. Theod'k Fitzhugh were both absent; an adjournment took place.

1781, on Saturday the 6th of January, a meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa was called for the purpose of securing the Papers of the Society during the Confusion of the Times and the present Dissolution which threatens the University. The members who attended were William Short, Daniel C. Brent, Spencer Roane, Peyton Short, and Landon Cabell. They thinking it most desirable that the Papers should not be removed determined to deliver them sealed into the Hands of the College Steward, to remain with him until the desirable event of the Society's Resurrection. And this Deposit they make in the sure and certain Hope that the Fraternity will one Day rise [in] Life everlasting and Glory immortal.

Thus suspending its formal activity, the fraternity entered upon that part of its career by which such an organization must stand or fall—the history made by its members. Carrying with him the seal of Φ Β Κ, Archibald Stuart was among the young Virginians who met Cornwallis at Guilford, in which battle his father, Major Alexander Stuart, commanding a Virginia regiment, was seriously wounded and taken prisoner. Returning

home after the battle, young Stuart put the seal in a secret drawer in his house, near Staunton—where, after his death, it was found in 1832—afterwards studied law under Thomas Jefferson, was a member of the General Assembly and of the Convention of 1787, which ratified the Constitution,—for which he voted—became Judge and member of Congress, and was a member of seven electoral colleges, casting the vote of his State in every election from 1800 to 1824, inclusive. William Short, the President, was Jefferson's Secretary of Legation at Paris in 1784, and afterwards Washington's Charge d' Affaires there, receiving the first commission signed by a President of the United States, and, after a long and useful diplomatic career, still in health and vigor, with undiminished interest in Phi Beta Kappa, assisted in 1850 in the revival of his chapter after its slumber of seventy years. Spencer Roane became Judge of the Virginia Court of Appeals; Bushrod Washington became an Associate Justice, and John Marshall Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, while nearly every name on the roll of members has a history well worth telling.

We can imagine the laughter that would have infected the genial company, had one of their number in a merry quip, speaking as of date a century in the future, credited—or debited—them with the high-flying ideas and ambitious plans which have been attributed to them. The cause of all this distortion of their good-humored features and their perfectly practical aims is hinted at in a remark of Mr. Hale:

"He (Elisha Parmele) is to be regarded as the founder of Phi Beta Kappa as we know it."

In December, 1779, charters had been granted to Parmele to found chapters at Yale and Harvard. These chapters were instituted November, 1780, and September, 1781, respectively. Neither, therefore, was fairly in operation—one of them had not come into being—when all intercourse was suspended with the parent chapter, which remained inactive for seventy years, or until long after her children were petrified. By Parmele, therefore, was guided the infancy of the New England chapters, and since through them Phi Beta Kappa, of post-revolutionary times, was propagated, the impulse which he gave became its characteristic. Born at Goshen, Connecticut, on the 23d anniversary of Washington's birthday, prepared for college by the Rev. Mr. Robbins, of Norfolk, in the same State, he entered Yale just before the Revolution, left it when college exercises were suspended on account of the war, and graduated at Harvard in 1778 (a transcript of St. Paul's speech at Athens, into the Syriac character, still extant, beautifully done, is supposed to have been his exhibition piece), and afterward attended William and Mary College, where he seems to have continued his preparation for the ministry, and where he was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa July 31, 1779. By the place of his birth and circumstances of his education, even more than by his plans and maturer years, he was a

contrast to the young Virginians with whom he was thus brought into intimacy. Of delicate health and with the mental and spiritual precocity of one nearly worn out with consumption, of reflective disposition and given to meditate on things divine, he seems to have been peculiarly beloved by those about him. December 4, 1779, he petitioned for "a charter party to establish a branch of the society at Cambridge, in Massachusetts." This was the first suggestion of a chapter at any particular college, or outside of Virginia. This petition was "granted to be called Epsilon." Mr. Parmele (who had probably already gone north, and who, after so doing, never communicated with the parent chapter) had views as to the functions and methods of Phi Beta Kappa not in accord with those of a majority of his brothers, but which the presiding officer seems to have favored, for we read,

"At a meeting convened on ye Evening of ye 5th December, 1779, Mr. President leaving ye Chair, called Mr. Brown to the same, Mr. President suggesting ye necessity of making some innovation in ye form of Charter Party to introduce it properly and giving it an extensive footing in ye State of Massachusetts-Bay proposes some amendments to ye same, which being read in their proper places were accorded to. Resolved that so much of Mr. Parmele's petition as relates to ye Establishment of a Phi Society to be conducted in a less mysterious manner than the Phi Beta Kappa be not agreed to, as ye design appears to be incompatible with ye principles of this meeting. Ordered, however, that Mr. Parmele be thanked for ye proof which he has given of his zeal by openly communicating his sentiments to this Society. Mr. President and Mr. Cocke appointed to do ye same. Adjournment took place.

W. SHORT, JR., Prest.

"At a meeting called by the President, Dec. 9, 1779, Mr. President leaving the chair, called Mr. Stuart to the same. The Clerk being absent, Mr. Brent is appointed pro tempore. Whereas, this society is desirous that the Phi Beta Kappa should be extended to each of the United States. Resolved that a second Charter be Granted to our Brother, Mr. Elisha Parmele, for establishing a meeting of the same, in the College of New Haven and Connecticut, to be of the same Rank, to have the same Power and to enjoy the same Privileges with that which he is empowered to fix in the University of Cambridge, to be called the Zeta. An adjournment took place.

W. SHORT, JR., Prest.

Thus into the hands of the young student of divinity, whose ideas for the development of Phi Beta Kappa were probably as far from those of his brothers as were their lives from his, were placed two charters, worded differently from those the fraternity were wont to grant, this in pursuance not of its own plans, but of those of Mr. Parmele, in which it but partially concurred. He went north, instituted chapters at Yale and Harvard, was ordained as minister of a church at Lee, Massachusetts, was stricken down by consumption, and in July, 1784, journeying southward with his wife, was overtaken by death at the residence of Col. William Byrd, in Shenandoah county. Va.

The Phi Beta Kappa, founded by John Heath and others, had been out of existence for fifty years when the anti-secret society excitement arising from the Morgan mystery culminated. The Phi Beta Kappa founded by Elisha Parmele was not so moribund but that its existence attracted attention, and, yielding to the public clamor, urged thereto by John Quincy

Adams—but by what right has never been suggested—the Harvard chapter, in 1831, gave up not only her individual secrets, but those she had possessed of the original organization.

In 1849 the records of the chapter at William and Mary came into the hands of the Historical Society of Virginia. It was found that William Short, President at the time of the suspension in 1781, was still living at Philadelphia, and through him the parent chapter was revived in name. But the Phi Beta Kappa of New England had discarded what had given most vigor to the old fraternity; its life had become a trance, its privacy had been turned into history. Without an attempt—which would probably have failed—to resuscitate the old spirit, it accepted its fate, and first drowsed and then slumbered under the narcotic of philosophy, which had put its namesakes asleep.

The little Greek-letter fraternity of 1776 made a success of its modest effort, and struck a chord to which the hearts of generous youth have ever been attuned. The organization which bears its name may yet establish its claims to an equally practical aim and an equally well filled mission. There is still room for a Tugenbund, such as latter-day Phi Beta Kappa orators are wont to picture. At their disposal are numbers, wealth, prestige, opportunity.

JOHN DE WITT WARNER.

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It is with much pleasure that we note the great honor that has been conferred upon our already distinguished brother, Dr. Edgar F. Smith. At a meeting of the Chemical Society of England, held November 19, last, he was elected a Fellow of that honorable body. This confers upon him the title F. C. S., a distinction held by no one else in the State of Ohio. He has also for several years been a member of the Chemical Societies of Berlin and Paris, so that his reputation has become world-wide. Our whole fraternity, and especially Pennsylvania Epsilon chapter and Wittenberg College have much reason to feel proud and elated. We may add that the honor is all the greater for having been entirely unsolicited on the part of Dr. Smith. Dr. Smith was the founder of THE SHIELD and of Pennsylvania Iota. He is a man whom all delight to honor, and we extend our warmest congratulations.

WITH the present issue Solon T. Gilmore becomes Associate Editor of THE SHIELD. Those who attended the Indianapolis G. A. C. will remember him as an active and prominent delegate from Kansas Alpha and as the efficient chairman of the Committee of the Whole. He entered $\Phi K \Psi$ at the close of his sub-Freshman year, won the Freshman Scholarship Prize, won the Grovenor Oratorical Prize in his Sophomore year, the Local Oratorical Contest and represented Kansas University in the State Contest in his Junior year. He was Oread Orator and *Review* editor that year. In his Senior year he was Editor-in-Chief of the *Review*, and graduated with first honors in 1886. He is now a Junior Law. It is impossible for us to devote time to THE SHIELD hereafter, and Brother Gilmore will practically have

editorial charge of the magazine, although we shall write the editorials and be of some slight assistance for one or two issues. His ability and experience fit him for the work. Be good to him.

THE admirable series of blanks and official documents issued by General Secretary Wilson show that he has a proper appreciation of the importance of preserving the records in some decent form and a business man's conception of good methods. Too often the Annual Reports have been so loosely made that they were of little real value. Occasionally they have been so carelessly published that the mistakes became simply absurd. There should be an earnest endeavor to do business on business principles. Officials who do not attend to their duties should be summarily dismissed. Every care should be taken in the selection of officers and a more general interest in the *business* of Φ K Ψ manifested.

THERE are those whose benison would wither a cactus, whose benediction would shrivel a sand-dune. Like the geese of Rome, their ominous cackle forbodes ruin to their friends. With brazen assurance they consider themselves the Heaven elected critics of those around them. If an ordinary citizen happens to differ from them in opinion they cry out in a loud voice against those who rail on the Lord's anointed. Fool friends, they become assistant enemies, and are the troublesome camp followers always and everywhere. As we cannot please everybody we shall make no attempt to adapt ourselves to the vagaries of this class. If they are not pleased with our humble efforts, we are at least comforted by the assured belief that we don't care a tinker's malediction for their opinion. Their good wishes would be as deadly as the Sirocco to the palm, as fatal as salt water to the cedar. If a kind Providence will deliver us from their good-will till a few moons have waxed and waned, we shall plod along serenely confident that we are still the favored child of fortune.

THE following telegram dated New Haven, Conn., Dec. 21, appeared in the Associated Press Dispatches of the *Kansas City Journal*: "Edgar Irving Brenner, aged 21, a theological student in Yale, and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania was drowned to-day while skating on Lake Whitney. His parents live at Smithsburg, Md."

A flash of the lightning, a break in the wave,
Man passes from life to his rest in the grave.

Our friend and brother has gone out from the fraternity of Phi Kappa Psi into a greater brotherhood of all ages, climes and countries. In the

glance of an eye, he plunged from the active life of a scholarly and talented young man, into that dreamless rest which is an eternal sleep, unless it be broken by a resurrection which his own belief told him is vouchsafed and given by our Lord Jesus Christ. The chill waters of that little New England lake have stilled the beatings of as gentle a heart as ever loved ☩ ☩ ☩. They locked in their icy grasp the earthly tenement of as true a soul as ever went to its long home from the hills of Maryland, My Maryland.

Brother Brenner graduated from Pennsylvania college in 1885, as valedictorian, and with the first honors of his class. He was well-known throughout the fraternity as the enthusiastic and efficient W. B. G. of the Grand Chapter during the latter part of Pennsylvania Epsilon's rule. He became quite well known throughout the Greek world by reason of his admirable articles on "Epsilon's Chapter House," "Yale and Her Societies," and a number of charming poems. His article on Yale was very extensively copied. After graduation he entered Yale as a Theological student, and was pursuing his second year there. While we have never met him face to face, we have, for nearly two years maintained a correspondence more extended and intimate than any other that resulted from our editorial work on THE SHIELD. In the alacrity and ability which he manifested in responding to THE SHIELD's requests he was surpassed by none, and equalled by but one among all those with whom we have been thrown in contact. He had told the writer of his desire of coming West and securing a situation as teacher in some Western college, and of his intention to devote his life to that class of work. However, we have long been convinced a literary life was the only proper one for a scholar of his tastes and talents. His style was singularly pure and refined for one so young. His contributions had already appeared in several notable magazines and journals, and he had the brightest of prospects for a successful literary career.

Professor Harris says that he probably had the best brain in the Theological Seminary, and the New York *Tribune* adds that "he was one of the most brilliant students at Yale, was a poet of more than ordinary merit, and had recently been employed to furnish poetical contributions to a daily paper in New York. He was about to publish a volume of poems." He was engaged to be married to a young lady at his home.

Frankly we confess we do not understand the inscrutable ways of a fate which sends into silence and eternity one of the brightest minds in ☩ ☩ ☩, and takes from a loving family a son for whom they had the highest hopes and fondest anticipations. His life was just enough to prove that he was adapted for a long and useful career, when he was suddenly ushered into

the hereafter. It would seem that the hand of fate could have been more profitably employed.

Then what is the use of it all, I say?
 Why are we brought from a blank unknown,
 To laugh and dance through a little day
 That drifts us under the burial stone?

Upon his own family and upon her who mourns the dearest friend of her young womanhood, the blow will fall most heavily. In behalf of the fraternity we tender them kindest and sincerest sympathy for the loss of one who was to them a gentle and manly son, a true and tender lover, and would have been their pride and glory in the years to come. We mourn one who was a brilliant student, a loyal friend, a Christian gentleman.

A FLITTING.

Through days and months and years
 We roam a vale of tears,
 And dream of hopes and fears
 And death.

Youth knows of naught but mirth,
 And deems our time on earth
 Forerunner of a birth
 Beyond.

When old, our joys nigh spent,
 Our sins we all repent,
 And grieve that Nature lent
 Us breath.

Our journey now complete,
 We kneel at Nature's feet,
 And pray that we may greet
 Our God.

Full soon in earthen hall,
 All wrapped in shroud and pall,
 We list to hear that call—
 Ascend!

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Still worlds wag on their way,
 Day greets the morning gray,
 With song of youth and lay
 Of bird.

Kansas Alpha.

W. T. L.,

Chapter Letters.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter New York Beta has been in a flourishing condition. Phi Kappa Psi has, indeed, taken a strong hold upon Syracuse University and is steadily advancing to the front rank. Among rival fraternities here, we have $\Delta \text{ K E}$, $\Delta \text{ T}$, $\Psi \text{ T}$ and $\Sigma \text{ T}$. $\Delta \text{ K E}$ has been established here the longest, and probably is the strongest in alumni. The $\Delta \text{ K E}$ men are fine fellows; but, as a chapter, they have lost strength within the last year or two. Delta Upsilon has always maintained a large chapter, regardless of the especial merit of her men. She has eight men in the Senior class. When these graduate she will still have a large chapter. Zeta Psi has only three men left to keep the fires burning upon her altar. Sigma Psi, a local society, affords an excellent opportunity for the absorbing powers of Phi Delta Theta. Psi Upsilon had always been strong here until a few years since, when she began to weaken perceptibly. At the beginning of the college year Psi Upsilon had but five men. She has initiated seven first-class men out of 1890, and has improved both morally and religiously. The Psi Upsilon Freshmen are their salvation. As for Phi Kappa Psi, she is but two years old; but in that short time she has graduated eleven men. Of these, three represented Phi Psi on Commencement and six on Class Day.

There are three ladies' fraternities here, $\Lambda \Phi$, $\Gamma \Phi \text{ B}$ and K K T . Alpha Phi was first founded and has the largest number of alumnæ. They are now occupying their new chapter-house, which is the first chapter-house ever built by a ladies' fraternity. They are in a very prosperous condition. Gamma Phi Beta occupies a prominent place among the sororities in the University. Kappa Kappa Gamma is the youngest ladies' fraternity here, having been founded in 1883. She now has twenty-one members. Kappa Kappa Gamma may well be proud of its Tau chapter.

During the term some of our boys visited the Hobart and Cornell chapters and report a most hospitable reception. Brother Will Robinson, of Cornell, visited us on Thanksgiving and inspired us with Phi Psi zeal. By the way, we are always rejoiced to have any of the Phi Psi boys call upon us. We have three men on the University Glee Club, Perkins, Barnard and Statham, all '90 men.

The University has 450 students enrolled. During the coming summer a large astronomical observatory is to be built, and other buildings are soon

to follow. An attempt is being made to secure a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Your last SHIELD was exceptionally fine, and your editorial upon Eastern frats was very apropos.

Hoping that the sister chapters are in as prosperous a condition as New York Beta, we are yours in Phi Kappa Psi,

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 15, 1886.

FRED. N. BURRITT.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

The most important action taken by the chapter since our last letter is the initiation of Brother S. W. Holloway, of Louisville, Ky. If any of our wandering brothers see a tall, slim, good-looking boy who can play a guitar, that is Sam. In the recent athletic games held here Virginia Alpha had only two representatives among the entries, but both of them won two prizes, Brother Howard taking the mile run and the potato race, and Brother Stires the hurdle and 440 yards races. The prizes are handsome gold medals. Brothers Peters and G. T. Smith were among the managers of the sports.

The College Conference, Y. M. C. A. for Virginia, was in session December 3-5. Brother J. N. Forman, of Indiana Gamma, was in attendance and made several addresses in behalf of Missions and to such effect that twenty-one young men volunteered to go as foreign Missionaries, one of them from our present chapter and another from last year's club.

Some weeks since the Medical Department of the University caught fire and was entirely destroyed, or rather the building was, but many of the most valuable preparations, specimens, models and instruments were saved. The lectures were not suspended for a single day, but the classes met in the other lecture rooms of the University, mostly in the Law Department, until the temporary buildings could be built. The dispensary was not closed to patients for a day, and at the time of writing everything is working smoothly, new buildings rising, a temporary building up and occupied and students working on as though nothing had happened. I hope I may have more to tell in my next letter.

University of Va., Dec. 10, 1886.

C. M. BLACKFORD, Jr.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

As the request for a chapter letter comes we are winding up the term's work and preparing for a short vacation with the "old folks at home." The Christmas festivities will be a very agreeable change from the usual routine of study. The term's work has been very satisfactory in all departments of the institution. Rigid examinations at the end of each term have given place to class markings and topic examinations. This plan is manifestly fairer than the old one; for if a man's work becomes unsatisfactory at any time he is immediately notified and allowed a certain time to bring it up.

Thus there are very few "not passed" at the end of the term, and the student can eat his Christmas turkey and cranberries without the fear and trembling which comes when he is hourly expecting one of those terrible missives from the secretary of the faculty, which says certain work must be done over.

Indiana Beta has initiated no new men during the past month, being satisfied that she got the best material obtainable at the beginning of the term. *The Indiana Student*, our college publication, has been for some time past publishing the histories of the chapters of different fraternities represented in the institution in the order of their establishment. A short history of Indiana Beta, written by one of the brothers, will appear next month. Not a great deal of information could be given in the short space allotted to each sketch. *The Tattler* still produces much enjoyment in the chapter meetings, and has the very good effect of drawing to them our representatives in the faculty.

The last SHIELD met universal approbation, as usual. The article by Brother Baker on the Indiana chapters was good, but scarcely long enough. We hope some day to see more detailed sketches of all the chapters of the fraternity.

C. LAURON HOOPER.

Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 13, 1886.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

The fall term has practically come to an end at Washington and Jefferson. The last "flunks" have been made, and the processes of "cramming" and "set-up" making for the final examinations have begun in earnest. Nothing of a startling nature has occurred to disturb the routine of college life. Quiet, constant work—the best evidence of progress—has characterized every department. The feeling manifested by the several fraternities toward each other has been one of spirited but friendly rivalry, each one having done its utmost to secure the "cream" of the new men. Of these, Phi Psi has come in for rather a lion's share; besides the three initiates mentioned in our last letter, we take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity, our "youngest" brother, Alex M. Templeton, whom we also style "Our Stolen Sheep," from the fact that several of our sister Greeks have for a long time looked upon Brother Templeton as a candidate for their respective folds. Alex makes his best bow, and extends to you all the compliments of the season.

We desire here to express the pleasure we have experienced in our official intercourse with Secretary Wilson, and Treasurer G. W. Dun. All our communications have been attended to with business-like promptness to our utmost satisfaction.

Brother Walker, of '85, suspends his legal studies and his Herculean task of hunting up Pa. Alpha's missing Phi Psi's long enough to drop us a line

of encouragement. A letter from Brother Walker is always welcome. It emulates our zeal, and stimulates us to renewed effort for Phi Psi, especially when we contemplate the memorials of his activity which remain with us "even to this day."

Pennsylvania Alpha wishes her sister chapters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

D. A. HERRON.

Washington, Pa., Dec. 16, 1886.

HOBART.

It has been remarked that the Delta chapter of New York is like a young Greek just springing forth to grasp a standard of victory. Delta is not very old, being founded in 1881, but has had a due share of experience. We may, as years go by, miss some from our short, though honored list, but we are here to stay; and time will add others to that list whose works will make us proud to remember that we are still progressing, and determined to win. New York Delta now numbers fourteen active members, among whom, without invidious distinction, the writer ventures to say, are some of the most brilliant scholars ever within old Hobart's classic and ivied walls. (Paid for!)

It gave us great pleasure in November to welcome to Geneva Brothers C. A. Lanergon and F. J. Schnauber, of Syracuse University. They made us a short visit, but we were grateful to hear of Beta's success, both in scholarship and athletics.

The relative strength of the fraternities here is as follows: $\Sigma \Phi$, 14; K A, 15; $\Theta \Delta \chi$, 14; $\Phi K \Psi$, 15. We begin the year of '87 with a determination to keep up the record the fraternity at large has made on college life. At Hobart, in June last, Henry T. Morrison graduated with honor, standing second in his class, thus nearly equalling Professor Flood, now of De Veaux College, who was Valedictorian in '84. Mark W. Way, also of '86, won many triumphs, particularly in athletics. E. J. Grimke, on the same occasion, took the English prize, which is always hotly contested. At our Field Day, in October, George W. O'Brien won the second prize in the mile run.

Charles B. Mowry is now President of the Foot-ball Association; Geo. W. O'Brien an Editor on the *Echo*; Chas. A. Smith Associate Editor of the *Herald*, and Clarence Beers is on the Business Board of the same journal; W. E. Morrison, better known as "Billy the Kid," is Vice-President of the Tennis Association; H. S. Gatley is Vice-President of the class of '90. But I must pause or my letter will degenerate into a mere catalogue.

The reader will be gratified to know that we have a projected chapter-house. "Senator" Mowry, an invaluable member and one who has done much for the chapter, has a plan, which, in the indefinite future, we trust may be realized. There can be no harm, fratres, in indulging in golden illusions of the dawn. Further, much time has been spent in the fitting up

of our present rooms, which are elegant, the hall being the handsomest in town as far as learned belonging to a Greek-letter fraternity.

It is well known that Geneva cannot boast of her college as a grand architectural pile, but she names with pride her faculty and her roster of alumni, some of whom have held the highest judicial and ecclesiastical positions, while others occupy important positions at various representative American colleges. A fire-proof library building has just been completed on the campus, and workmen are now busily engaged on a large and imposing alumni hall and gymnasium, the corner stone of which was laid last June by the Hon. Levi P. Morton, of New York. This is the eighth building occupied by the college, and some enthusiastic ones think that Geneva may yet become an American Oxford.

We unite in our best wishes to THE SHIELD, and trust in its continued prosperity.

CHARLES D. BEAN.

Geneva, New York, December 14, 1886.

WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

It will probably be a novelty to hear from Ohio Gamma; from the past you may judge that she is almost a sub-rosa chapter, but she is not.

Before I go any farther, permit me to apologize for our correspondent to THE SHIELD. It was somewhat grievous for me to look over THE SHIELD and find nothing from Ohio Gamma. Her success during the past year cannot be pictured too glowingly. It is a dishonor to any correspondent for THE SHIELD to shirk duty or be dilatory about his work. He not only conveys a wrong impression concerning the state of his fraternity, but also becomes an impediment to the progress of THE SHIELD. Thinking that our correspondent has been cogitating long enough to tell you that we still exist, I considered my duty to give you a few statements in regard to our chapter. With the close of last year, we lost one Senior and five brothers who did not return. This fall we began with ten members who were wide awake for duty. School opened on the sixteenth of September with very good fraternity material present. By good work and a few colossal strides and Herculean efforts, we were able to seize the best material in school, and we did it too. I here have the pleasure of introducing to the brothers, Brother Higley, of Windham, Ohio, who is a man of means and ability; Brothers Alfred and Bert McNeal, of Marion, Ohio, who are both men of brilliant prospects; Brother Weeks, of Marion, who is worthy of honorable mention; Brother Brinkerhoff, of Columbus, Ohio, whom our goat greatly terrified. On the whole, our fraternity is in a fine condition, and our prospects for the future shine brighter than in the past. On Thanksgiving evening, we gave a banquet, a characteristic of our chapter at our hall. We were not so jealous of our sister fraternities as to leave them in the cold, but we invited two delegates from each. By nine o'clock, our hall was full of the choicest society of the college and city. After spending

several hours listening to excellent music and speeches, and enjoying ourselves with various amusements we seated ourselves and friends at tables covered with—we will not mention it. After the tables had been relieved of their burdens, the crowd were enthused with Terpsichore's art, and acquitted the occasion with their graceful movements. Then when the stars were hastening toward their journey's end, the crowd dispersed with a good impression of how Phi Psi can entertain their guests. This shows that while we take the lead in many things, we have a good spirit toward the other fraternities. In society you may easily infer that we do not take a back seat for any fraternity. In school we stand right up with the rest of 'em. As our boys are very popular, I will mention a few of their positions. Brother Nimmons is half editor and proprietor of the *University Voice*, where he is a very competent person, and jots down things about "kerect." Brother Orr has charge of the signal service, and plays baritone. Brother Spears is major of the battalion. Brother Neilson is a first captain. Brother Nimmons is also captain. We have all kinds of officers from a high-private up.

M. M.

Wooster, Ohio, Dec. 16. 1886.

WABASH.

Indiana Gamma opened up for business at the beginning of the college year with but two members, and they were Seniors. Things looked rather blue when Brothers Trot Thomas and Butler took a hand in the wild scramble for new men, against the combined opposition of the other four fraternities who have no love for Phi Kappa Psi, and we cannot blame them, for they have all been compelled to stand aside when Indiana Gamma commences to get in her work.

The result of the spiking proved entirely satisfactory to us. We did not lose a man. The first initiate was William W. Goltra, '91, of Crawfordsville, Indiana. Brother Goltra was rushed hard by the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and was considered a very desirable man by all the fraternities. A few days later, Charles P. Knight, '91 of Brazil, Ind., was initiated. Brother Knight is a cousin of Billy Knight, '85, well-known to those who attended the last three G. A. C.'s.

Brothers Campbell, '88, Knight, '85, and Wilson, '85, were present and assisted in the work. John M. Saylor, of Huntington, Indiana, completes the list of Indiana Gamma's initiates. Brother Saylor is a brother of S. Saylor, '80. In the selection of our new members great care was taken, and we have good reason to believe that no mistakes were made. We will lose by graduation, Brothers Thomas and Butler, but trust that our new initiates will by that time be well enough up in the work to manage the chapter.

PIKE.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 22, '86.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

The term is drawing to a close, and nothing of importance has transpired in fraternity circles. The foot ball season just closed has been a very successful one for Lafayette. Twelve games were played, and out of the twelve only two were lost. Phi Psi had two men on the team. Next term the base ball men will go into active training, and Phi Psi, as usual will be represented. A number of the boys saw the Yale-Princeton foot ball game and visited our old reliable Brother Swift in Philadelphia.

The last number of *THE SHIELD* was very interesting, although some of the brothers could not agree with the editor in his remarks on Western "schools," and the decayed colleges of the East. Examinations commence in a few days, and we had better lay down the pen and commence to "grind."

G. D. McILVAINE.

Easton, Pennsylvania, Dec. 13, 1886.

 CORNELL.

The holiday vacation is at hand, and Cornell's eight hundred students have been swallowed up in the sea of humanity like so many drops of water in the ocean. A few stragglers who live too far away to go home, or are taking this spare time for athletic training in the "gym," are all that are left of the throng. New York Alpha has been feeling its way carefully, so as to make no mistakes, and while she has not taken in many men, has secured several "prime favorites." The new men with several of the older members, who have not yet moved into the house, will be located there at the opening of the winter term. The boys have purchased a handsome billiard table, and the billiard room is never vacant. The billiard tournament craze has struck us, and at this writing, Taylor stands first, Burnett second, and Merritt third.

Brother Merritt was called to his home in Indianapolis recently by the serious illness of his brother. We regret to learn since that he will be with us no longer this year, but has resigned his fellowship. Merritt was one of our shining lights, and we are doubly sorry to lose him, both on account of his worth and on account of the cause of his leaving.

The writer enjoyed a pleasant visit to the Syracuse chapter a few weeks ago, and found them a loyal and prosperous set of fellows. Phi Kappi Psi bids fair to soon regain her former position in New York State, which, as everybody knows was well up towards the top. We wish *THE SHIELD* a prosperous "New Years," and feel confident that it will continue to be the best inter-collegiate monthly fraternity journal published.

WILL H. ROBINSON. .

Ithaca, New York, Dec. 22, 1886.

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Your decided attitude on the question of chapter correspondence meets our hearty approval. If, after the repeated reminders you have given us, any chapter fails to respond it should be looked upon as dead to the fraternity or grossly indifferent.

Since we last wrote you our college affairs have been running smoothly. The new observatory building is rapidly taking shape, and will be fully equipped and ready for use before Commencement. President Hill is now on his way home from Europe, and will be received with lively demonstration by all the departments.

We have settled down into good working order under the new Constitution; this is quite true of the Chapter Historian, who is busily engaged in the inspection of dusty archives which date from '55. The blanks for the Annual Report have been received. They are much more comprehensive than those of previous years, and consequently the boys are laboring to find full answers to the many questions. The last friend who took the vows and became a brother was one named Abraham, hailing from Norristown, a lively, genial fellow and a Normal Sophomore. We take pleasure in introducing him to the fraternity. A happy New Year for you and all the chapters of $\Phi K \Psi$.

HOWARD L. CALDER.

Lewisburg, Pa., Dec. 13, 1886.

The Missing Phi Psis.

Please send information in regard to missing brothers according to the following directions: Pennsylvania Alpha and Beta and the Ohio chapters, to Geo. Smart, 189 North High street, Columbus, Ohio; the rest of the Pennsylvania chapters and the four New York chapters, to W. A. Eckels, 1116 McCullough St., Baltimore, Md., the Maryland, South Carolina, District of Columbia, Mississippi and Virginia chapters, to Clinton Gage, 33 School St., Boston; the Indiana, Michigan, Tennessee, Kentucky and Wisconsin chapters, to T. S. Wilson, Lafayette, Indiana; the Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa and California chapters, to Wm. E. McLennan, Evanston, Illinois. It is earnestly hoped that brothers who know anything of these men will write at once.

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The Greeks and Temperance.

Sitting in one of the offices of the largest penal institution in the United States, the Ohio Penitentiary, in which are confined over 1,400 men, whose imprisonment, in a very large majority of cases is due to intemperance, I chatted recently with one of the officers, who is a physician and a Greek. The doctor said that, until a very short time before, he had kept up his activity in his fraternity, which he joined in a Kentucky college. Still, he said, he could not feel as enthusiastic as many of his brothers. Of course, I differed with him, and tried to give reasons for my devotion to my fraternity. The doctor listened, but was not convinced that all I had to say would apply to instances that had come under his observation. He thought that fraternities often caused great evils, and his college life had lead him to the conclusion that college life, influenced by secret society association, includes many of the dangers that lie in the path of the American youth. Taking in his hand a letter, the doctor said: "One of my intimate college mates in Kentucky was Luther M. He was a fine fellow—generous, kind, full of life. Everybody liked Luther. I have been with him a thousand times. He was an enthusiastic member of a rival fraternity. His social relations lead to his ruin. He began drinking and his fraternity associations encouraged his dissipation. Some time ago, he went East. His father did not hear of him for several months, and finally went to Philadelphia to see what had become of his dear boy. Upon arriving there, the old man was overcome with sorrow, upon finding that Luther, in a quarrel over a game of cards, had shot and killed another young man, and that Luther had just been sentenced for ninety-nine years in the penitentiary."

"I think I see now, doctor," said I, "what your fear is in regard to fraternities. It is that, if the boys of a chapter are inclined to dissipation fraternity life makes matters worse." "Yes," said the doctor, "that is the trouble." It would be better to break up the whole fraternity system than to ruin one young man." "As to the evils resulting under the circum-

stances described," said I, "I agree with you, but I also believe that when the sentiment of a chapter is strongly in favor of morality and right, the character of all the members is benefited, and those who under pernicious influences would go astray soon become as sound morally as any of the chapter, and in turn influence others in the right direction. I think here you can find the secret of my fraternity enthusiasm, and your lack of it. You know of some instances in your fraternity experience in which young men have been encouraged in dissipation by their fraternity brothers, and you doubt whether, upon the whole, the fraternity influence at your college was beneficial. Upon the other hand, the moral standard in my chapter has always been high, and I know the fraternity influence has been good. I know that every man who has left the chapter during the past four years is better for having been a Phi Psi. Now, doctor, don't you think that your objection to fraternities would fall, if the fraternities would take a decided stand upon questions of morality?"

"Yes, sir, I do," said my friend. "We must have morality and temperance, or Christianity, which includes these virtues."

I give this bit of conversation as introductory to the purpose of this letter, which is to urge upon Phi Kappa Psi the importance of taking, as soon as possible, a positive position upon the question of temperance. If we have felt the true fraternity feeling, if we fully realize the great influence for good or evil that fraternity life has upon our brothers, we must be impressed with the sacred duty that devolves upon us to so legislate that the young men who grow up under the care of our Shield may derive the greatest possible benefits from their Greek associations. When the boy steps from his home into the fraternity, his college home, our duty to him is as sacred as that of his father and mother under whose loving care and guidance he has been. We must then, train him to look with contempt upon any kind of immorality; teach him that upon all questions of this kind he can not occupy neutral ground; and direct his attention to the importance of his influence upon the character of the other boys. The youthful Freshman, owing to the rapid chapter changes of membership, will soon be one of the fathers of the chapter, to whom the younger members will look for guidance. Are there any of us older Phi Psis who can not now look back and remember, how, only a short time ago, our chapters' Seniors were the "kids"?

One of the leading characteristics of the American people is their tendency toward organization. It has become the universal method of attaining ends affecting any number of persons, politically, financially and socially. Probably never in the history of the world has the power of popular combinations been so clearly demonstrated. It is through some of these organizations that every reform must be accomplished, and temperance reform is no exception to this rule. I do not believe that political organization furnishes the greatest hope for the enemies of liquor. But,

however we may believe in regard to the wisdom of political temperance movements, I do not see how we can seriously differ in regard to the grand results that could be attained with the hearty co-operation of social organizations, secret or otherwise. All honor to Mr. Powderly, who has said that liquor sellers can not become Knights of Labor, and that the next step of this powerful order must be to exclude the liquor drinkers. With such sentiments as that in their platform, the laboring men can not fail to attract the respect of all men who believe temperance is a virtue. I do not believe there is in the history of the labor movements of this country an incident that so clearly betokens the dawn of a brighter day for those who toil as the scene at the recent Richmond convention when the newly elected officers of the Knights of Labor held up their right hands and before God and the assembled brothers solemnly promised to abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks during their terms of office. We are the Knights of the Shield, laboring to train ourselves mentally, socially and spiritually to become pure and honorable men. Have not these workingmen given us an impressive hint of the course that we should pursue? Our district conventions will assemble in April. Would it not be wise to discuss in those conventions whether it is not the duty of the next Grand Arch Council to embody in our ritual something upon the subject of temperance that will not consist of generalities, but place Phi Kappa Psi in advance of all other Greek societies upon the greatest moral question of the hour? I would make a total abstinence obligation a part of the oath administered to every initiate. There may be a better plan, and if there is, it will no doubt be adopted by Bro. Gotwald, to whom the revision of the ritual has been entrusted, provided the sentiment of the fraternity would sustain him in such action in making his report.

In conclusion, I wish to say that I do not write as an idle crank whose sole occupation is prating about temperance, but I snatch a few moments to suggest to those who may attend the district conventions and the G. A. C., and to those who elect them, a few thoughts that have come to me as the results of my experience as a Phi Psi and as a reporter on a morning daily. As I have walked the streets of a city of 75,000 inhabitants at all times of the night and morning, seeing the damnable dens of intemperance and vice thronged with young men, some just beginning to walk in the path of danger; others reeling in the pleasures (?) of excessive drink; many ruined and disgraced forever; as I have seen sights I could never describe, I have left these scenes, and associating with the boys of my chapter, of whom I can not speak in too high praise, the contrast has been so clear, and the lessons of the comparison so evident that I can not refrain from doing all in my power to have Phi Kappa Psi take such action as to make it impossible for my own chapter to ever lower its present high standard of morality or for any chapter to tolerate any tendency toward intemperance, so that no one can doubt the good influence of Phi Kappa Psi.

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THE chapters should always exercise great care in selecting their SHIELD correspondents. The letters in the SHIELD go forth to the great Greek world as the representatives of the chapters. Never trust this work to a careless brother, however bright he may be. Be sure you secure one of sound judgment and good manners. It gives us much pleasure in this connection to refer to those who have represented the chapters since the SHIELD was placed in our hands. Certainly one could not wish for brighter, more gentlemanly, more kindly young men. Such success as the SHIELD has had has been due in no slight degree to their prompt responses and newswy, manly letters. Without them we would have been lost indeed, and right now we tender them our warm thanks for the generous treatment they have accorded us. May they live long and prosper.

It would be strange if among so many chapters and with so many correspondents an occasional mistake did not occur or an occasional accident did not interfere with the work of the SHIELD. So we were not surprised to learn that in succession three letters of Penn. Eta, failed to appear. The first never reached us; the second disappeared in some mysterious manner and at a distance of two months and three hundred miles we cannot speak of it definitely; the third came and was unfortunately held over one month because of lack of space. This has made it appear that Penn. Eta had been seriously negligent, while in fact this chapter has been among the most accommodating of the whole thirty-six. We sincerely regret the accident which deprived us of such bright and newswy letters as are wont to hail from Penn. Eta.

We sincerely believe in the rule of the majority in the fraternity and in the chapter. This gives the youngest member the same power as is exercised by the oldest and wisest. To balance the seeming impropriety of this it is urged that the older men exercise an influence, personal in its character, which is less tangible but as certain as that of the voter. In the arena of politics this holds, but in the limited circle of the fraternity it is not always observed. The older men go out of a chapter and the boys promptly forget them. Those who attended one Grand Arch Council and showed the fraternity the way to wise changes and successful legislation are scarcely remembered at the next. This is human nature and is especially youthful human nature. The young men feel confident of their ability to conduct the campaign, and, as they should, take hold in earnest. As a consequence their elders are occasionally shouldered aside before they are fairly in the sere and yellow leaf. We are always glad to see the younger men show an enthusiastic interest in affairs. If it were not for this feeling the fraternity would soon decay. However some consideration should be shown the experience and some deference given to the judgment of the older. We have in mind a man who has perhaps done more for $\Phi K \Psi$ than any man living, yet to-day it is not possible to get him to take hold of work with his wonted activity. And why? Simply because a few egotistical and self-willed young people opposed his plans for the good of the order, crippled his powers and discouraged his attempts by a series of silly criticisms which they have lived to regret. Be vigorous and active. Yet maintain a decent respect for your elders; you will soon be old yourself.

THE first appearance of the *Key* under the new Board of Editors is a decided success. With much pleasure we note that the *Key* agrees with the SHIELD with regard to the solicitation for additional members. In common with the SHIELD the *Key* deprecates the degrading features of rushing and regrets the many unpleasant points of the present system. The true feminine instinct is manifested by their method of stating the case, as at the first glance they appear to have severely criticised the SHIELD's opinion and it is only after reading all they have to say that one discovers how thoroughly they are of our opinion. We are glad this is so, for that scramble for new men which affects one so unpleasantly when carried on by men, becomes simply abominable when indulged in by young ladies of culture and refinement who ought to be noted for a certain quiet modesty and, of all people should be least acquainted with that unpleasant but necessary side of business life which is shown in the rushing system. But the ladies of the *Key* are not without a shrewd understanding of the necessity of

rushing and show sound good sense in urging the young ladies to put forth every effort to secure desirable members. We quote:

"It may be objected that while we are waiting another society may secure all the desirable girls. But waiting is not necessarily idleness. 'They also serve who only stand and wait,' and sometimes they serve best."

This of course is the best system of rushing the ladies could adopt, a quiet and modest one. But the Amazonian spirit breaks out just enough to be noticeable. Witness this:

"When a freshman enters college let Kappa be known by all means, let her influence be felt, let the new girls have a chance to see and know what she is."

Sounds like war! And more gentlemen:

"We have known of circulars being sent to members of a new class giving all necessary information."

The ladies evidently know a thing or two. This rushing by circular is a shade too much for us. As to the new girls:

"Let it be known that Kappa Kappa Gamma is to send out invitations on a certain date, then leave the girls alone on the society question, become acquainted with them of course, keep them if you can from being rushed into another society, but live rather than talk the excellencies and glories of your fraternity, and success will surely be yours and ours."

Evidently the *Key* is in the hands of those who have had experience in rushing and have some exceedingly shrewd ideas thereon. Such a plan of campaign as indicated by the editress could not fail of success among masculine freshman, vigorous and sensible as it is. However we had not supposed that our lady friends found it necessary to resort to such decided measures. Of course the young ladies know best, but we had presumed that their rushing was done in a quieter, more dignified way. We have never been much of an admirer of masculine women and we should be heartily sorry if our lady friends found it necessary to use masculine methods, surely womanly tact and ingenuity will be able to circumvent the Philistines in a womanly way, and such we presume the *Key* intended, though to a casual reader they seem to sound the same old tocsin that rang for us.

WE are not of the number of those who believe in large chapters. Better be content with a few choice spirits than to overflow with a great number of inharmonious members. However, *always take a first class man* when you can get him. In very few colleges are there so many of a silky texture that there is danger of securing too many. Again, never be content with what you have. Occasionally all the good men are taken, but as a rule there is just one left at almost any season of the year. Be vigorous and vigilant lest you drop into a self-complacent lethargy which forbodes dissolution.

IN a late issue we remarked that "the *Scroll* of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has an excellent proof reader." It was not much of a compliment, but the *Scroll* appreciated and copied it, as better than none, and politely retorted, that "we wish we could say as much for the SHIELD." They could, without telling half as great a lie as we did. Common courtesy demanded that we find at least one good point and we were able to speak well of their proof reader with a slighter stretch of our imagination and a smaller reflection on our veracity than was demanded to compliment any other feature. After criticising our proof reading the *Scroll* makes its Greek type refer to Kappa Kappa Upsilon at Iowa University. Probably Gamma *does* resemble Upsilon to a non-classical man, and so the *Scroll* is excusable.

After mentioning an elegant and sumptuous banquet of $B \Theta \Pi$, as "a stag affair," the *Scroll* man has the cheerful audacity to accuse us of the use of slang. Humph! After our kindly response to their postal card which modestly informs us that "the editors, the *Scroll* and Phi Delta Theta will highly appreciate any review you may be pleased to give the songs of Phi Delta Theta in your esteemed organ," we had hardly expected this especially as we made no charge for the advertisement. Our "esteemed organ" must have been scarcely in tune with the songs of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, if we may judge from the nervous squawk which goes up from the throat of the last *Scroll*. But all this we could forget if the *Scroll* exchange man had not referred to us as his "cousin." This affront we promptly resent. Perhaps we have had some scaly relatives, but surely a kindly providence has never sent into our family this bovine wit who gambols in clumsy and calf-like glee across the rural exchange columns of the *Scroll*. But let him be comforted. It only requires three generations to make a gentleman. If he be virtuous, industrious, ambitious, his great-grand-children may stand before kings.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

At Indianapolis committees were appointed to make arrangements for the District Conventions which are to be held in April at Harrisburg, Penn., Charlottesville, Va., Delaware, Ohio, and Chicago. The next issue of the SHIELD will be the last one which will reach the fraternity, so as to be of value, before those conventions meet. Therefore the committees should be sure to make such public announcements as they intend to make, in the March SHIELD. Who are the Orators and Poets? At what hotels shall the boys congregate? What have you done in the way of Railroad fares and other arrangements?

ONE of the worst features of the fraternity chapter meetings is the frequent lack of dignity and order. While we understand that the convivial feeling consequent on the collection of a number of young men is somewhat disastrous to that patrician dignity which is the fondest boast of a certain class, we do still believe that everything should be done decently and in order, while the work is being done. Once adjourned there is ample opportunity to celebrate, but business is business and should be attended to with propriety. Youth excuses many things, yet sufficient self respect demands a due decorum.

OUR chapter letter from Kansas Alpha informs the fraternity of the loss by fire of their hall and furniture. We extend to the chapter our sincere sympathy. But from our knowledge of Kansas Alpha's alumni and active members we are sure they will stand the blow bravely.

Chapter Letters.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

It gives me great pleasure to represent Penn. Eta in the SHIELD and to assure the brothers that it has not been through our negligence that we have not had a chapter letter in your columns, but on account of the irregularities of the U. S. mail. We opened the term with seven men, one of whom Brother Koplin, although a seminarian, still continues an active member. Since then we have initiated Bros. Chas. E. Long '90 and Chas. A. Harnish '89, who have become by this time, full fledged Phi Psis. These swell our numbers to nine and we have good reason to suppose that we will initiate two or three men after Xmas. The standing of the other fraternities is as follows; Chi Phis, nine; the Deltas who have had their charter returned number seven, and the Phi Kappa Sigmas have been reduced to two men and I am afraid that it is but a matter of a few years until they will drop out altogether.

A few days since, the "Daniel School Observatory" which has been in erection for about two years was completed and we will have a chance to view the starry dome before we make our exit from college next June. As there is nothing new or interesting in our fraternity life at F. & M., I will close this letter with the hope that it may reach its destination without delay.

C. F. HAGER, JR.

Lancaster, Pa., December 9, 1886.

WASHINGTON AND LEE.

Since our last letter our goat has been allowed to remain idle. The "rushing" is over for the season, and the numerical strength of the fraternities is as follows: Sigma Chi, 6; Kappa Alpha, 9; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 3; Delta Psi, 6; Sigma Nu, 2; Phi Delta Theta, 4; Phi Kappa Psi, 7. Phi Delta Theta has entered Washington and Lee by absorbing Kappa Sigma Kappa, a small fraternity. The fraternities at our sister institution, the Virginia Military Institute, are now a thing of the past. The authorities of the institution have determined to put them out by pledging the new men not to join a college fraternity.

Decidedly the most important event which has occurred since our last is an elegant supper given to the "bug" by our goat, James Quarles. The table was presided over by his handsome sister and was conducted in true Phi Psi style. Dr. Quarles was present, and though nearly thirty years

since he joined Virginia Alpha his love for $\Phi K \Psi$ is unchanged, and he cherishes it as the most pleasant recollection of his college days. It is impossible to attempt a description of the affair; it suffices to say that Virginia Beta convinced the doctor of the fact that, though years have rolled by and the names on the rolls of the chapters are changed, there is that same ability, peculiar to $\Phi K \Psi$, of making way with everything set before them and that Virginia Beta possesses her full share of that ability.

We are looking forward with a good deal of pleasure to the District Council at Virginia Alpha in April. Virginia Beta is also determined to be represented in the next G. A. C. at Washington.

The intermediate examination begins next week, and the Freshmen are frightened out of their wits, but they will soon get used to "flunking." Rev. DeWitt Talmage, of New York, has consented to address the literary societies at Commencement, and the Y. M. C. A. is trying to get Mr. Moody here at final. With best wishes to our sister chapters, Virginia Beta will say good-bye.

MORGAN BILLIEU.

Lexington, Va., January 17, 1887.

HAMPDEN SIDNEY COLLEGE.

After spending a pleasant holiday, the boys have once more entered upon the toil and strifes of college life; and most of them are pressing forward with greater strength and encouragement, because of having been "sustained" and "sustained with distinction" on all of their examinations at the close of the first half of the session. Bro. E. S. Watson '88 has returned to college, and it is quite pleasant to have his countenance beaming upon us, in all its pristine glory. He increases the number of our active members to six. Bro. B. T. Porter paid us a short visit soon after the holidays. He seemed very glad to see his brothers once again. The Intermediate celebration of the Phip and Union societies comes off on February 22. Bro. Wood is one of the Junior Orators for the Phips.

E. H. PORTER.

Hampden Sidney, January 12, 1887.

COLUMBIAN COLLEGE.

Prior correspondents from D. C. Alpha have announced new initiates, and now it is my turn, and it gives me pleasure, to introduce to the fraternity, Brothers Grafton Mason and J. B. Cralle, of the Law Department, and we congratulate ourselves in having secured two such valuable additions to our number. We now number fourteen on our active list and are still prospering, but have not gotten down to the best shape for getting the full benefit of the organization; but before the term is over we hope to have a chapter that will be equalled by few and excelled by none.

The attempt to sustain an Alumni chapter in Washington has failed, and D. C. Beta is no more, or if its life has not entirely flickered out, it is

only waiting for its death knell in the shape of official action by the executive council. We are sorry indeed for Beta, but their loss is our gain, for we expect to have several of our inactive members, now students in the Law Department, who were in that chapter, return to us. Among them is our noble "Archon" Brother Harry Smith.

By the way, Brother Hodge (who, we are sorry to announce, has left us temporarily, followed Greely's advice, and journeyed toward the setting sun) in his letter to the November SHIELD, told of a rumor that Brother Harry was soon to follow in the footsteps of a now happy Benedict. Now, I must say, this would seem to be well founded, for Brother Harry left us just before Christmas, saying he was going to Philadelphia and New York for a few days, and has not been seen since. So we cannot tell whether he is viewing the grandeurs of Niagara, or is only

—"down
At an inland town.
With his Nancy on his knees, yea ho,
And his arm around her waist."

This may be hard on Brother Harry, but every one who writes from here is expected to slander him in some way; so I feel in duty bound to make my daub, not because I love Brother Harry less but my duty more. During the holidays we had Brothers Anderson and Ashley, two old pillars of D. C. Alpha, amongst us again. They are now in college at Carlisle, Pa., and in Penna. Zeta chapter.

WILLIAM C. PRENTISS.

Washington, D. C., January 15, 1887.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Thanks for your genteel reminder of a few days since, for we assure you that you would not have heard from us for number eight. Though let us explain that it was not for want of fraternity interest or on account of negligence, but on account of our having written for number seven, without being "axed," one of the newsiest (?) letters that ever was written from this chapter. So we are feeling quite pale (?) because you didn't publish it. We cannot convince ourselves that such a valuable production could have found its way to the waste basket, so we will console ourselves by thinking that you never received it. The holidays ended January 4, and all of the boys returned ready for work, having had seventeen days. The faculty has changed its laws somewhat in regard to time on our studies before examination, giving now, scarcely any time for "cramming." This was rather a surprise to us—usually having had from two to three days on each study—so we have got to put in some lively licks to get over the fence. We wasted a good deal of time, ink and paper trying to get some of our Alumni to subscribe for the SHIELD and did succeed in getting a few, but we are sorry to say that we have searched every SHIELD for some acknowledgement of our services, and have found none. Brother John L. Buckley, of '84, better

known as "Doc," will leave soon for Lebanon, Tenn., to take a course of law there. Since our last letter we have the pleasure of introducing to you Mr. W. W. Harvey of Bovina, Miss. This gives us nine as follows: Freshman, 3; Sophomore, 5; Junior, 1. As examinations are near at hand we are forced to take up our "pony" again and say good-bye.

R. E. HALSELL.

Oxford, Miss., January 14, 1887.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Michigan Alpha cordially greets her sister chapters and returns thanks for the interesting letters of January's SHIELD. This means of intercourse between the chapters is an advantage that Michigan Alpha, for one, is glad to improve. There is no good reason why there may not be a good, general acquaintance among our thirty-five chapters despite the miles that separate us.

Of course most of us enjoyed the holidays at home, but Rob Park staid in Ann Arbor to study, and Brothers Dennett and Turner made a trip to Washington instead of going to their distant California homes. F. H. Hodder, while on his way to Cornell, stopped a few days with us. At Cornell he lectures on Political Economy and History. Some of us undergraduates never knew before that a "professor" could unbend so gracefully into a real good fellow; verily, Occasion is the mother of strange things, and, as the Dutchman says: "De longer you leefte, de more you find, by schiminy!—oud." Hodder is a Phi Psi and a half.

The Sophomores gave a full dress fraternity hop last month, which was an entire success. It was the second Sophomore Hop in Ann Arbor social history, '88's being the first. No doubt, it will become the regular thing for all bigburlysophs of the future to thus lay aside for one night their ferocity and disport themselves in claw-hammers and pumps. The awfully aristocratic Junior Hop is to take place February 18. More carriages and flowers are already being imported and the orchestra is almost perfectly trained for the occasion. Our gifted brother, Ross Cole, has the honor of composing the Grand March. Ross is the man who, someday, will reflect glory upon Phi Kappa Psi in the musical line. He is at present leader of the College Glee Club, which, by the way, is to make a tour of the state soon; now is your time to move into Michigan.

The editor of THE SHIELD has our hearty approval and thanks for the articles that have appeared from time to time, unfolding schemes for getting a chapter-house. Let us have more of them; it is a subject of great importance to most of the chapters.

It is our sad duty to announce that Brother W. S. Hill, of '81, lost his mother last week after a long illness. He has our deepest sympathy. He will leave Ann Arbor again for Marquette, Mich., where he has a good law practice. We grieve also over the death of Prof. Olney of Mathematics, for

many years connected with the U. of M., and by his fidelity and genius adding much to its fame. The Alumni of Michigan who will soon gather to celebrate the first semi-centennial of their Alma Mater will miss the Professor sadly; but all must bow to the wisdom of Him whose time is not our time, and whose ways are not our ways.

Ann Arbor, Mich., January 20, 1887.

G. FRED RUSH.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

This term finds the fraternity in better condition in point of numbers and with pleasanter chapter rooms than has been the case for a number of years. Last evening we initiated Mr. J. F. Case, '90 of La Crosse, Wis. Sigma Chi made a hard fight for Brother Case but the attractions of Phi Kappa Psi proved too strong for the "Sigs."

We were all very well pleased to welcome Brother Fulton back to the University this term. "Pod" is a general favorite and it was with regret that we bade him adieu at the close of last term as he contemplated entering business January 1. We were disappointed in learning that Brother W. H. Studley '88 does not intend to return to the University. In the one term he was with us, he proved himself a genial companion and a true brother.

We are fortunate in having several of our strong Alumni back taking a course in law. Bros. M. A. Hoyt '83, Geo. E. Waldo '85, and Grant R. Bennett with '84, but later of Princeton '86. Brother Waldo enjoys an enviable reputation in the North-Western College base ball league, he having played behind the bat for four successive seasons and was the best "back stop" ever in the U. W. nine. We look forward to the games of next term.

Brother Lynn S. Pease '86, Archon of our district, paid Madison a visit during the December session of the State Teachers Association. "Pinney" will be a welcome visitor at Madison as long as Phi Psi has loyal sons here. He is principal of the Montello, Wis., High school but will begin his course in law at the U. W., next September.

Last term we had our chapter rooms elegantly renovated and refurnished and I dare say we have pleasanter rooms than any other college fraternity here, and our dancing parties are of the pleasantest. Extensive preparations are being made for the annual joint inter-fraternity party—the social event of the college year—given by the chapters of B Θ Π, Φ K Ψ, X Ψ and Σ X. It will be held at Library Hall on Monday evening February 21. In addition to her position in the social world, Phi Psi humbly lays claim to recognition in the intellectual world as well. At college rhetoricals last December, the freshmen were represented by Brother Beverly L. Worden, the youngest student in college, in a well delivered declamation. Brother Nat. S. Robinson '88 represented his class. Nat. has also been chosen junior orator by his debating society, and Brother R. M. Richmond '87, will participate in the

annual joint-debate which will take place in a few weeks. These two positions, junior orator and joint debater, are regarded by many as the honors of the college course. With best wishes to the SHIELD.

J. H. DOCKERY.

Madison, January 24, 1887.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Greeting, brother Phi Psi! A new voice calls forth from the halls of our chapter to announce its present condition and report its progress since it last sought the attention of the readers of THE SHIELD. Certainly it is a most pleasant duty which he now attempts to perform, for never was our strength greater, nor did our future ever seem to be so favorable. Iowa Alpha, Jr., is scarcely two years of age, and yet in that time, if life was ever bedimmed by those dreadful "dark days," the fear is over now and anxiety gives way to the fullest enjoyment of our fraternal union. Indeed we congratulate ourselves, when we consider that we are so comfortably settled in new quarters, and take pride in our halls, nicely furnished and pleasantly located, and what is better still, all is the result of Iowa Alpha's own efforts and is not burdened by that oppressive "debt" which clouds so many fraternities, especially while struggling in their infancy.

On December 11, 1886, Dillon L. Ross, class of '90, son of Chancellor Ross of the Law Department, also took that adventurous ride over the bridge of sighs into the mysterious realms of our fraternity beyond, from whose bourne no one wishes to return. He is a good man and will make a loyal Phi Kap. At the beginning of this term we most gladly welcomed Brother Jacob Closz back into our numbers. He has returned to complete his course after recovering from a long siege of illness, and will graduate with the class of '88. Brother Will H. Steetsman is at home in Burlington, taking a winter's resuscitation from hard study, but will be with us in the spring to join the Seniors and the festivities of '87. We were favored a few days since by a visit from Brother B. D. Smith, of Cornell, who gave us a very encouraging report of the prospects of sister Gamma for the coming year, and who lives where philohellenian students and professors are few. Come again, Brother B. D.

The most important event in fraternity circles for some time is the dissolution of Sigma Chi at this school. It is understood that their charter was sent in towards the close of last term. Since then one of their men has been initiated into the Betas.

The relative strength of all the chapters remains about the same as when last reported, and the $\Phi K \Psi$ s are fully content with the share of new men which they have obtained, and the writer sincerely hopes the close of his term of office may find us in as prosperous a condition as the present surely is.

JAS. W. BOLLINGER.

Iowa City, Iowa, January 15, 1887.

SIMPSON COLLEGE.

The pleasures of vacation are past and the old college bell in the tower reminds us that the time for beginning the duties of another term has fully arrived. And so invigorated by the relaxation of our minds from toil and by a change from the musty atmosphere of the students room to bright and cheerful ones of home, we imagine that we can detect a warmer grasp of the hand from each of the boys as we again meet together.

On last Monday evening occurred the home oratorical contest preparatory for state contest. The result is Bro. A. L. Hunt has first honors, while Bro. C. C. Webb has second honors and will attend the state contest as chairman of the delegation sent to represent Simpson. "The Siege of Jerusalem" is a master piece and Bro. Hunt will not only "make it warm" for those in the state contest, but will well represent Iowa Δ and our college.

Bro. J. M. Sylvester by his display of manhood in a recent inevitable difficulty which came up, won the esteem not only of all the students, but also of the faculty. As a token of this the purchase of a beautiful gold medal was made, to which almost every member of the school contributed. The presentation of this medal was made at the close of last term which brought a tumultuous applause from both students and faculty.

There has seldom been such harmony among the different factions that go to make up society in Simpson as at present which is only a continuation of the state of affairs that existed during all of last term. This state of affairs comes near approaching our ideal of what college fraternities should be. When fraternities learn to be at peace with one another there will be less heard about faculties of different institutions attempting to "fire" the fraternities.

Pres. E. L. Parks in a toast given at the banquet of our chapter said "during my connection with Simpson's College I have not known of a single act of the chapter that met my disapproval." But as we have already written, at length we will give our views more fully at some future time. The boys were much pleased with the December number of the SHIELD. Sorry to learn of the death of Bro. Edgar Irving Brenner.

Indianola, Ia., January 15, 1887.

M. C. MORRIS.

DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

After a silence of two months, Indiana Alpha, again speaks. Since our last communication to THE SHIELD we have initiated two men, Jno. W. Miller '89 and Rob't Zaring '91. Both have unusual capacity for oratorical development, and are in every respect worthy members of Phi Kappa Psi. We regret to learn that Brother Reavill '87 the man of many tongues, and Brother Nixon '88 cannot be with us this term, yet our membership is not decreased as Brother Baker '87 and Brother Olwin '90 have returned. Brother Baker represents Philological literary society as essayist on the Kinnear Mounette contest February 22.

Our new hall is at present one of the attractive features of Idiana Alpha and indeed it commands a fair share of attention from all college men at De Pauw. It is centrally located both with respect to the city and other Greek orders, having Σ X on the left and Δ K E on the right. It consists of the main hall and three ante rooms all of which are newly papered, furnished, and lighted by electric light. Undoubtedly we have the most desirable set of rooms in the city. The De Pauw branch of the state oratorical association held its annual session on Wednesday last. The meeting was quiet, the transaction of business, and elections finding little opposition. The political factions are too unevenly balanced. The greatest development comes only by opposition, contact with opposing forces. Hence we cannot but wish that our submissive friends may revive their spirits, rally their forces and make at least a show of resistance. It is at present a grave question with our literary societies whether to be or not to be, and external appearances are strongly in favor of the latter. Not only in the literary societies but throughout college is displayed a quietude and reserve rarely found among college men. Verily it doth seem that the boys have found the straight and narrow way, and strive to walk therein.

Miller one of the "bogus men" of '86 has lately been readmitted from which we gather some slight assurance that the spell may soon be broken. Brother Haymond will represent us in the oratorical primary. We had intended to give in last months number a full account of the death of Brother T. J. Shannon '83, but were unable to do so.

R. E. KIRKMAM.

Greencastle, Ind., January 22, 1887.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Kansas Alpha flourishes physically, mentally and morally, but financially, alas the cruel flames have eaten up our all. On Thursday, January 27, the Opera House was discovered to be in flames, and was only saved after the third and fourth floors had been entirely destroyed. Our hall was in the third story and at the time the fire was discovered it was impossible to gain an entrance to it. Our furniture, piano, carpets, pictures, every thing, were destroyed. Our loss amounts to about one thousand dollars. A committee which had been appointed to have our effects insured had not yet completed the arrangements, so we get nothing in insurance. While in that one direction the outlook seems gloomy, in every other way we can congratulate ourselves upon successes or promising prospects.

In the *Courier* election held to-day Brother Crane was elected Editor-in-Chief for the ensuing term, and Brother Swope who was lately appointed to fill the unexpired term of Brother Dunn as Business Manager, was unanimously elected as his own successor; Brother Dunn was made President of the company. In the local oratorical contest we were represented by two, Brothers Nickel and Dunn. Brother Dunn fell just two per cent. short of

winning first place. For the Washington's Birthday exercises Brother Davis represents the class of '89 thus being the first man from the Sophomore class selected by the Faculty for an honor.

Our friends are still our friends. Immediately after the loss of our hall the K A Θ's extended to us the use of their hall until we could find suitable quarters. Saturday night we found their room a most cosy and comfortable place, the only fault to be found with it being that it was entirely too neat and clean thus putting us so severely upon our good behaviour. You have our thanks, K A Θ. The other fraternities in many ways have shown their sympathy for us in our misfortune, but it is Beta Theta Pi that can best sympathize with us, for her hall being just above ours, went the way ours did, with all their effects.

While we have felt that our hold upon the future was quite secure we do not believe in letting opportunities pass, so we have tightened our grip, as it were, by initiating Brother Campbell of the class of '90. A bright scholar, a good fellow, in other words a typical Phi Psi, we introduce him to the Fraternity.

Saturday night after our meeting we adjourned to the Phi Delts hall and escorted them to Grosseups where a neat spread awaited us. Later, (I need not mention the way the interim was employed,) we returned to their hall and the remainder of the evening until midnight was devoted to a general good time, to which the cider which was brought out by the Phi Delts contributed no small amount. The Phi Delts are good fellows, that they are.

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Lawrence, Kansas, January 31, 1887.

Our Alumni.

CALIFORNIA A.

Prof. F U. Blackmar, our former professor in mathematics, is now pursuing a two years' course at Johns Hopkins University.

Brothers Needham, '86, Dennett, '86, Turner, Junior '86, and Gosbey, '80, and since Vice-President of San Jose High School, are attending the Law School of Ann Arbor.

Brother Tompkins, '86, now teaching near San Jose, attends our meetings regularly.

Brother Ballard, '86, is now in San Diego. He intended going to Medical College in Philadelphia, but health forbade, though he expects to go next year if not before.

Brothers Urmy, Stevens, Decker, J. W. Ross and Shafer are not in school this term, but hope to return soon to their studies.

Brother Breyfogle has just returned from a visit to his old home in Ohio. He attended the Knight Templars.

NEW YORK A.

Rev. Francis E. Esterbrooks, of '81, is now in charge of a pastorate in Glenora, New York.

John D. Kennedy, of the class of '81, is engaged in the mercantile business in New York city.

'82. Rev. John B. Blanchet officiates in Oak Hill, N. Y.

'82. Adolphe Otto de Stordeur has accepted a position as instructor in a seminary in New York city.

'83. Ledyard C. Halcomb is running a store in Vernon, N. Y., and is doing well.

Charles C. Proffitt, class of '83, is engaged in the city schools of Newark, N. J.

John C. Flood, of '84, has accepted a professorship at Suspension Bridge, N. Y.

George M. Irish, of '84, is engaged in seminary work in New York city.

Guy Comly has resigned his position on the New York *Tribune* with honorable mention, and accepted the position of Associate Editor on the Toledo *Morning Commercial*.

PENNSYLVANIA H.

'68. Dr. E. P. Kremer, of Lebanon, Pa., is President of the Pennsylvania State Dental Association.

'83. Rev. J. N. Bauman is pastor of the Reformed church at Delmont, Westmoreland County, Pa.

'86. D. F. Manger is teaching at Centre Hall, Centre County, Pa.

'86. C. H. Keller is teaching at Mercersburg, Pa.

'69. Rev. George F. Rosenmiller is the present incumbent at St. Peter's Rectory Niagara Falls, N. Y.

'72. Rev. Henry C. Sweetzal, rector of the Episcopal church at Towanda, Pa., recently lost his wife by death.

'82. C. W. Cremer is editor of the *Valley Spirit*, a Chambersburg, Pa., daily.

'86. A. L. Little is reading law with Hon. Wm. M. Hall, of Bedford, Pa.

'78. Rev. A. T. G. Apple is pastor of the Reformed church at Friend's Cove, Pa.

'80. D. T. Bauman has severed his connection with the Clarion county, Iowa, *Democrat*, and is practicing law.

'83. E. E. Porterfield has hung out the shingle of attorney-at-law at Kansas City, Missouri.

'89. F. W. Biesecker was married on October 20, to Miss Mamie O. Scull, daughter of Congressman Scull of Somerset, Pa. Brother Biesecker was also re-elected District Attorney of Somerset county at the recent election.

'78. Rev. C. J. Musser is pastor of the Reformed church at Runtington, Pa.

'85. Jos. H. Apple is President of the Normal and Classical Institute at St. Petersburg, Pa.

'84. D. E. Eschbach is engaged in business at Des Moines, Iowa,

'78. H. Clay Eschbach is practicing medicine at Des Moines, Iowa.

INDIANA B.

'86. W. J. McCormick is superintendent of the schools at New Harmony, Ind.

'86. Charles E. Sims is in charge of the grammar department of the New Harmony schools.

'84. Percy Burnett is now, after a year's study in Leipsic, assistant in the modern language department of the Indiana University. His twin brother, Harry, has established himself in the law business in Minneapolis, Minn.

'84. P. K. Buskirk is in the hardware business in Bloomington, Ind.

'84. John Huff is principal of a graded school in Springfield, Ill.

'86. J. Churchill Fitch is studying law in Albion, Ill.

'85. E. J. Fitch is county superintendent of his county, Albion, Ill.

'86. Jerome McNeill is principal of the high school in Moline, Ill.

'85. W. C. Mason, practicing law in Rockport, Ind., was married last month.

OHIO B.

'81. Scipio E. Baker last month got out a patent on a metallic coffin of his invention.

'84. E. E. Baker is supplying the pulpit of the First Lutheran church in Dayton, Ohio.

W. E. Hull is pastor of a Lutheran congregation in Brooklyn, N. Y.

'74. Rev. E. B. Killenger has removed to Abilene, Kansas, where he is pastor of the Lutheran church.

J. H. Lyday, Jr., is traveling through the West for McNeill & Higgins, wholesale grocers and importers of Chicago, and is doing a dashing business. His address is Newton, Iowa.

'86. Charles H. Ehrenfeld is taking a post graduate course in the department of Natural Science under Brother Dr. E. F. Smith. He is making chemistry a specialty.

'83. Rev. A. J. Turkle, just graduated from Yale Divinity School, was married to Miss Amelia Manss, of Cincinnati, Ohio, at the bride's home, on November 25. Miss Manss was a sister of Brother Manss of '87, and it is needless to add that she is as loyal a Phi Psi as are those who know the grips and pass words.

IOWA A.

J. L. Griffiths, who delivered the oration at the banquet at the last G. A. C., has won very general applause by his speech seconding the nomination of Benjamin Harrison for the United States Senate. He is one of the rising young orators in Indiana.

Fassett, of '81, is at Ness City, Kansas, in the surveying corps of the Santa Fe railroad.

WISCONSIN A.

'86 L. A. Pease is principal of the Montello, Wisconsin, high school. He will take up the study of law at the U. W. next September.

KANSAS A.

Brothers E. C. and W. T. Little are engaged in the law, land and loan business at Ness City, Kansas. They report flattering success.

Will Spencer, who has been in a surveying party for the Chicago, Kansas & Western, has returned to Lawrence until work opens again in the spring.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, In the providence of Almighty God, our beloved brother, Edgar Irving Brenner, was removed by death, December 21st, 1886, at New Haven, Conn., and

WHEREAS, In the death of Brother Brenner we have lost a warm-hearted friend and a loyal member of the Fraternity, we, the members of Penna. Epsilon Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, do offer the following resolutions:

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

Resolved, That in him we have lost one who was an honor to his Fraternity, and whose scholarly attainments aroused just expectations of a highly useful life.

Resolved, That during his connection with us, he was always a generous friend and a worthy and esteemed brother.

Resolved, That as an expression of our sincere sorrow, we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this deep, sudden affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our lamented brother; that a copy be transmitted to each chapter of the Fraternity, requesting that the usual badge of mourning be worn; that they be inscribed in the minutes of this meeting, and published in the Phi Kappa Psi SHIELD; Penna. College Monthly; Philadelphia "Press," and the 'Weekly Globe,' Hagerstown, Md.

A. F. RICHARDSON,
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Miller Hall, Gettysburg, Jan. 8, 1887.

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Illinois. It is earnestly hoped that brothers who know anything of these men will write at once.

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TO A FRIEND.

In days of old in armor clad
On charging steed, with leveled lance
The knight rode forth with searching glance
To see that right the weaker had—
“True to the last” adorned his *shield*,
Many a tyrant the knight laid low,
And fearing not the fiercest foe—
He dies in combat on the field—
His deeds come to us from the past
Like thrilling tales of fairy lore;
And then we ask, come they no more
These warriors bold, “True to the last?”

And clearer now we hear the fray,
The sound of cannons’ mighty roar;
The cries of those who war no more
The boys in blue, the boys in gray—
We call them heroes, true and brave,
Their deeds in praises loud are sung,
On Fame’s high wall, their names are hung,
The Boys who fought the right to save.

But now where is the hero, knight,
Who guards the weak as well as strong—
Whose lance is lifted ’gainst all wrong,
Whose helping hand is with the right?
We see him not in armor dight,
With waving plumes, on charging steed;
Nor do we hear of daring deed
With cannon, lance, and saber bright.
But he is here in simple guise
With heart as brave, as tender, true—
With glance as keen, and loving too,
As knight whose deeds the world surprise—
Yet not with Shield does he defend,
Nor loves he war in deed or art—
But to the Fair who know his heart
He is a knight, a Hero—*Friend*.

B. M. A.

Home of California Alpha.

Phi Kappa Psi, with her thirty-five active chapters, can boast of but few chapter houses. Chapters of thirty and forty years' standing continue to meet in rented apartments and use rented furniture. Some, more opulent than the average, are spending \$1,000 or \$1,500 annually on rented buildings, with no efforts towards houses of their own. Yet, when we look more particularly into the matter, it is not strange. Few, indeed, are they who do not appreciate the significance of that favorite expression, chapter house; who do not cast occasional glances into the future and enthusiastically picture themselves with their brothers, gathered around the common fireside, under a roof erected by their own efforts; who do not realize the force and prestige that a chapter house would give them among the students as well as outsiders, to say nothing of the pleasure of being free from borrowed furniture and worrying rent bills. Yes, a chapter house is an object equally sought by all. But here the difficulty arises. How is it to be built? The necessity of money is what stares us in the face.

This is the question which California Alpha has solved in a model way. She has built and furnished a \$3,000 house, without placing herself under obligations to anybody or unduly burdening any of her loyal sons. Before proceeding with a discussion of our plans, let us remind the reader that California Alpha is yet a young chapter, with the rather meagre roll of twenty-five alumni. Yet these few have met our appeals handsomely, and it is largely due to their kindly endeavors, together with their willingness to subscribe, that our work has moved along so smoothly and successfully.

But a year ago California Alpha owned not a dollar. To-day she controls property to the value of \$3,500. Unlike the usual history of chapter houses, our plans were matured on short notice and carried out without a hitch or a drawback, and when the building was once begun it was completed without a suspension. Our house is not an architectural wonder by any means. It is a pretty, but modest little building, of limited proportions, and meagrely ornamented, as compared with the elegant apartments of some of the older chapters, who have plenty of the "filthy lucre" at their command. But it is a home, cheerful, pleasant and gratifying—a happy forecast of what is yet to come, when her years have doubled and her alumni correspondingly increased. What has been done by California Alpha in her limited way may be done by every chapter in the fraternity in proportion to their means. Have they twice as many men they can build twice as great. Opulent chapters that boast of their long

lists of enthusiastic alumni, whose experience is great, and wise councilors many, may just as well live in their \$30,000 houses, as we live in ours of \$3,000, and support them just as easily. So this article is not to boast of our modest little dwelling, though we are pardonably proud of it, but to give to the fraternity our plans with the hope that they may be of use to other chapters.

The earliest recollection that the writer has of the chapter house idea was immediately upon his initiation. He had hardly been clothed in the Phi Psi regalia and taken his seat with the rest of the brothers, when he was informed that the chapter was going to build a house. When, or how, no one knew. He was introduced to a score of plans and schemes, vague and uncertain, disjointed and without system. Though none of them, with perhaps one exception, proved of any considerable moment, they served to keep the boys awake and enthused with their work and to prepare the ground for more practicable methods.

The only one of these schemes for raising money that proved of any consequence was the Lecture Bureau, formed by the chapter at the instigation of Brother L. T. Turner, now at the University of Michigan. By means of this organization enough was raised to warrant the purchasing of a lot adjacent to the campus; but on the whole it proved not a very great success, California being too far from the East to receive many lecturers of note, and the hostility of the students, in consequence of our "selfish" object and necessary exclusiveness as to membership, shut us out, to a considerable extent, from the patronage of the college. This bureau has been dissolved to give place to a similar organization in the University.

The next plan of importance was the one that has crowned our efforts. In other words, we have built by means of money borrowed from the San Jose Building Loan Association, of which Brother C. W. Breyfogle is president. Brother Breyfogle, who is well known in the fraternity as the founder of Ohio Alpha as well as our own chapter, is mayor of San Jose, and a prominent man in this section. Though his interests are divided in a score of directions, and his time constantly occupied with other duties, he is still as warm and enthusiastic a $\Phi \Psi$ as any active member, and to his influence and encouraging advice California Alpha owes much that she can never repay.

Letters have been received from different chapters requesting an explanation of the methods we adopted for building. In order that they may be better understood let me say a few words in regard to the "Loan Association." I am not aware how numerous these associations are, but trust that they are within the reach of the majority of the chapters. Without entering into a minute discussion of the workings of the association, which would require a lengthy article in itself, suffice it to say that it is designed to benefit two parties at once—by yielding interest to the association and accommodating the borrower. It is incorporated under the laws

of the State, and consists of shares of \$200 each. Each share-holder who has not borrowed pays dues to the amount of one dollar per share monthly, while after borrowing this is increased to two dollars per share. These dues continue until the association capitalizes, which is usually about seven years after the shares are issued. On the second Tuesday of each month the directors meet and loan what money is on hand, so that all the money accumulating from dues is on interest from the time it is paid into the association till capitalization. These, in substance, are the underlying principles of the association. A fuller explanation cannot be made here.

With this scheme, formulated, the brothers set themselves about to pledge the necessary monthly dues. Brothers Needham and Dennett, now in the Law Department at Ann Arbor, and Brother Ballard, studying medicine in Philadelphia, all of '86, were the active and successful promoters of this work. At first, as is usually the fate of new enterprises, things moved slowly; the future looked dubious. Letters, written in a manner best calculated to arouse their interest and secure their financial aid, were sent to each of the alumni. Every letter had to be accompanied with an exhaustive statement of the case, and a full explanation of the Loan Association to such as were skeptical, and they naturally were not few. These letters were repeated, and seconded by personal visits until a considerable number of them were enlisted in the cause. Thus closed the college year of '86.

When the new year opened in August affairs were still in a crude and unfinished shape. The chapter saw the need of having more system about the work. A new office, that of treasurer and correspondent, was created, and Brother J. R. Welch selected for that responsible position. Brother Welch immediately went to work with a will, and though his task proved far greater than any one had anticipated, he yet persevered, and until the house was completed continued as the active agent of the chapter. He was treasurer, planner and "dunner," all at the same time, and in each he proved himself the chief worker; and as occasion required forwarded money for building and furnishing purposes.

The instruments presented to the alumni, as well as the active brothers, consisted of notes of \$40 each, payable as the maker wished, most of them in yearly installments of ten dollars. All of the brothers in the chapter, and many of the alumni signed these notes; in this way twenty dollars per month was pledged; but we needed \$30 in order to borrow a respectable sum. The additional ten dollars per month, we reasoned, could be raised by room rent. Thus was our scheme matured and made ready for prosecution.

Three trustees were elected, consisting of Brothers Breyfogle, Martin and Alexander, the latter two professors in the University, to hold the property of the chapter in trust, and who generously signed bonds to ensure the undertaking to the association. The next move was to purchase

fifteen shares in the association at $24\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. premium, leaving us a total of \$2265, with which the building was begun.

We are bound to pay to the association \$30 every month. To offset this, we have \$20 pledged by notes and \$21 monthly during the college term by room rent, which will probably increase to \$26 in March. Thus we will have some little surplus at the close of the year. In about seven years the association capitalizes and the house is our own, free from debt, and accompanied with but little drain upon the brothers.

For furniture, including carpets, mantels, etc., the chapter is under an additional expense of about \$550, which amount has been assumed as a debt. This will be paid off as the surplus from room-rent increases, and new brothers, who choose to give their notes, add still more to the amount due the chapter.

And now for a brief description of our possessions. The lot faces the campus on the southeast, and is one of the most desirable locations about the University, and we may add that the "University tract" is fast becoming the fashionable portion of San Jose. The lot is passed by horse cars and two railroad lines have signal stations within one hundred and fifty yards.

The house consists of a story and a basement, and is finished in East Lake style. Entering on the main floor, you are in the hallway. To the left is a stairway leading down to the basement; to the right is the entrance to the reception room, which is well furnished with rich carpet, mantel of Tennessee marble and a bay window overlooking the campus. At the foot of the hallway is the initiatory room, in which is to be kept the goat, etc., and which, of course, is never to be opened to any one who is unacquainted with the $\Phi \Psi$ mysteries. On the outer door of this room is tastefully carved a large shield with the letters $\Phi K \Psi$, above which appears our motto, and below is the date of the founding of the chapter and of the fraternity. On the inner door, leading into the chapter hall, is carved, at the suggestion of Brother Richards, formerly of Michigan Alpha, the mystic form of a fair being, some unknown goddess holding aloft a torch and key. These doors are being finished in oil, and when completed will present a striking appearance, and will serve to make more mysterious the room they foreshadow.

The chapter hall, entered by the initiatory room as well as by the reception room, reaches from one side of the building to the other in the shape of an elongated octagon. It is richly carpeted and furnished with mantel, easy chairs for members and a fine presiding chair, presented by the Phi Psis of '84. On the side opposite the entrance is a small room for the archives. There are three sleeping rooms on this floor, furnished in keeping with the rest of the house. In the basement is the banqueting hall, two sleeping rooms, kitchen, bath room, etc., all finished and furnished in first-class style in every particular.

There are seven of the brothers rooming in the house at present, with the probability of nine next term. They hire a woman to do the cooking and keep things in proper trim.

When the chapter house scheme was being first discussed, it was seriously debated whether it was advisable to permit boarding in the house. It was objected, that things would not be kept neat. These objections have proved to be not well founded, as thus far we are satisfied that the present arrangements are the best that could have been made.

To those who are projecting plans for a chapter house, we would say, by all means build with rooms sufficient to accommodate the active brothers; not with the idea of batching, but of "clubbing." The house will be kept neater, cleaner and better in every respect. It will be more satisfactory to brothers and will be far more cheerful and pleasant when meeting-night comes around. And besides it is more in harmony with the idea of a fraternity. No single institution in all the devious and infinite pathways of social life is so wrought with the idea of friendship, so impregnated with love and purity, as the home. No word in the English language carries with it a kindlier feeling, a truer resolve, or a more refining influence. So it should be with the fraternity. We cannot expect to rival that grand old bulwark, but we can at least choose it as a model. Yes, build a home. A mere *house* is too cold and distant.

Our object has been to build economically and well—to keep down expenses and thus disarm one of the most formidable enemies of Greek-letter societies. True, we have built to our utmost satisfaction, our present ambition, at least, is satisfied; but in so doing we have not unduly burdened any one.

A correspondent asks whether we consider ourselves paid for the trouble. We answer, a hundred fold. Away off here by the Pacific, several hundred miles from any of our sister chapters, we are destined to miss one of the greatest pleasures of fraternity life, as well as lose one of its greatest benefits—the inter-chapter gatherings and feasts. But our distant brothers must not think that we are totally devoid of fraternity interest. Let the chapter house rebuke that thought. Deprived of many of the advantages of the more favored chapters, we are yet a band of loyal Phi Psis. The distance serves only to keep us more alert to the doings of the fraternity and to instill us with a tempting desire to complete our studies among our brothers in the East.

The house of California Alpha is ever open to wandering Phi Psis; the farther they come the greater the welcome. You may not find our accommodations the finest in the world,

"But though my cates be mean, take them in good part;
Better cheer you may have, but not with better heart."

H. W. WILCOX.

The Areopagus.

"THE GREEKS AND TEMPERANCE."

An article with the above title appeared in THE SHIELD for February, and as the change therein proposed was of a very radical nature, something should be said on the other side of the question.

I am in favor of temperance reform, but I hope I may never see the day when the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity forgets the broad object for which she was founded and narrows herself down to a mere temperance organization. A fraternity which espouses the cause of no political party, professes no particular creed or code of morals, but, in order that its members shall not wrangle over such fruitful sources of controversy, forbids all discussion of them in its chapter meetings, should not for a moment consider the thought of becoming the advocate of one moral principle and thereby exclude all disbelievers in it from membership. The idea is so contrary to everything in the spirit of Phi Kappa Psi that I wonder how the brother could have thought of such a thing.

But, being out in the world, he seems to forget how we are situated in chapter life and with what we have to cope. The question must be viewed as a matter of fraternity policy. In the first place, there are now in the fraternity many brothers who are conscientious in the belief that the moderate use of intoxicants is a benefit to them, and in case the "pledge" should be put in the ritual they have to choose between resigning and being compelled to submit to somebody's else view on a point of moral conduct. Moreover we have to compete with other fraternities which have no such mistaken ideas as to the furtherance of the temperance movement. Our amount of "spiking" material decreased to those who are total abstainers and are willing to register an everlasting vow never to touch any intoxicating liquor, for the sake of getting into a fraternity, I imagine that Phi Kappa Psi would have more dead chapters within the year than she could decently bury. Many of the best men who come to our colleges could in no wise be induced to join a *temperance fraternity*. At least it is so in the college where I attend, and I have no reason to believe that the students of other institutions are different in that respect. We should not reject a man because he happens to be a drinker, provided, of course, that he drinks with good sense and moderation. Take him in, and if the influences around him are good he may see that he is wrong and of his own free will cease to practice the habit. But I would not be regarded as opposed to moral influences in the fraternity. I say *influences*; not *training*.

I do not believe with the brother that the higher classmen should "train him (the lower-classman) to look with contempt, etc., etc." The chapter meeting is not a school; it is an assembly of brothers who meet for the exchange of fraternal spirit. And here is the place for these moral influences to work. The discussion of ethical questions can be productive of much good. A love of justice, truth, virtue and morality must come into the heart of the brother who listens with interest to conversations or speeches upon these topics. And if moved by what he hears, and by what he thinks about what he has heard, he comes to some determined stand on any question of morals, as that of temperance, he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has done well by his own will, that he is not bound by a cast-iron oath to a moral sentiment which some one else conceived and brought to him ready-made. And he is stronger for it, too. The silent agreements we make with ourselves are kept more sacred than any written pledges.

For these reasons I am decidedly opposed to any such proceeding as proposed by the brother who wrote the article published in the February SHIELD. Our brotherhood is not a temperance society; neither is it a Knights of Labor organization nor a Y. M. C. A. Let the brothers who sympathize with those bodies join them and let Phi Kappa Psi remain what she is and always has been—a *fraternity*. T.

A PHI PSI IN WICHITA.

This is not Kansas Beta, but it will be some day, for this is the Western Hub, and from one of the several colleges going up here Phi Kappa Psi should be born again. But the reason that I write from Wichita is, because Ohio Alpha has not been well represented, and as her record heretofore has been glorious, I do not wish that glory to grow dim. I see that other chapters are having the same trouble, namely: chapter letters not appearing. I know that the Kansas mail service is inadequate to the business demand, but nevertheless might not these letters have been laid aside or lost? I do not say they have, but you know what happens even in the best regulated families. Then for some reason I did not get my January SHIELD until last night, so I did not know that my letter for that month, December, from Ohio Alpha, was wanting. Naturally I was somewhat wrathful, as some important moves had been made known to the readers of THE SHIELD. I introduced our new brothers, W. P. Winter, '87, and Phillip Phillips, Jr., '89, two first-class men, who formerly wore the Δ T Δ badge. Things were not congenial in that quarter, so they sent in their resignations and we sent in our bids, and you see the result. Of course the Δ Ts were angry, but reports tell me that time has smoothed the creases and all is once more serene.

Then I told of our chapter house scheme, and now Ohio Alpha is rustling in earnest for this most pleasant phase of fraternity life. I mentioned

our annual, *The Bijou*, which the fraternities were getting out, and as a starter of said project I am greatly interested in its success. In my absence Brother Travis was elected $\Phi \Psi$ editor. Did I not speak of the local oratorical contest, and how Brother Frizell did not get the first honor? And how we were building a gymnasium on paper?

But the most important thing in this budget was the Memorial Resolution at the death of Brother Wm. M. G. Stubbs, who died in California on the 21st day of November, 1886. Brother Stubbs was initiated November 8, 1873, but did not graduate. Yet he was a loyal member of our order, and at one time was the publisher and editor of *THE SHIELD*. His home was at Ashland, Ohio, where he published a paper for many years, but broken down in health he sought restoration in California, where he suddenly died. All mourn his loss, and to his and our brother, President Joseph E. Stubbs, and to his family, we extend our heart-felt sympathy. Many of Ohio Alpha's alumni have died in the past few years, but all have lived useful lives and died true Christians. And right here, let me say, that I am heartily in favor of making Phi Kappa Psi a temperance, through and through, fraternity.

As to myself, I'm mourning over the many good things which I have missed this term; but am glad to say that "I'll be there" during the spring term, and the District Convention will make up for all I have lost. I am here for my health, but find too much going on to rest much. It might interest the brothers to know the names of the colleges going up here. The Lewis Academy, under the Presbyterian band; the Garfield Memorial University, the only representative Christian college in the United States; the Wichita University, a Reformed Church of America institution; the All Hallow's Academy, a Catholic college; Fairmount College, designed after Vassar, and backed by the Congregationalists of the West; the John Bright University, for the co-education of the sexes, brought about by the Western Quakers saying "*yea*" and not "*nay*," and lastly the Baptist charter comes out, not yet put under the water and named. Three of these, at least, will cost over a million a piece, and the Garfield University plans, now contracted for, demand two millions of dollars with an endowment of five millions. The foundation and basement are completed, and the whole building will be up by September next. The main building is 200 by 230, five stories high, with an observatory 170 feet in height, chapel seating 2,500, and so on. Won't it be grand, though. I might say that Wichita has 30,000 inhabitants, and is growing like Chicago used to grow.

I have discovered a few Phi Psis here, and am on the trail of others. M. L. Garver, '66, Ohio Beta, a prominent business man, and from Kansas Alpha, Chas. L. Davidson and Louis C. Jackson, two fine men of means. I had a long talk with Brother Howard King, of Ohio Alpha, who is now preaching at Fort Scott, Kansas. He enjoyed the accounts of his old chapter, and said every alumnus should be awakened to what the fraternity

is now. Brother King is one of the prime movers in the Fairmount College. On my way here, at Xmas time, I met some Lawrence men (who ought to have been Phi Psis), and they gave me a glowing account of Kansas Alpha. You have my sympathy in your loss by fire; but just draw on your alumni here, they can give liberally.

I would like to hear from every chapter on some subject that interests our order, plans to forward our work as a whole, or in districts. If our chapters would wake up, THE SHIELD would not be so thin (in pages only) as it has been lately. The fraternity belongs to every man, let him feel the fire and work. THE SHIELD is our organ, and to it send the results of your labor by hand or head. But, excuse me, I'm not writing editorials. In love with Φ K Ψ.

B. M. A.

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 college year, at \$1.25 per annum. All Phi Kappa Psis are requested
 to contribute items of interest. Literary matter should reach us by
 the 16th, everything else by the 23d of the month.

IOWA GAMMA is on a better footing than ever before. The chapter is
 anxious to hear from other chapters and will answer correspondence
 promptly. Their battle is practically over. THE SHIELD congratulates.

FOR the last time we thank those brothers whose contributions to THE
 SHIELD have done so much to build up a department second to the similar
 department of none of the monthly or bi-monthly magazines, and only
 surpassed by one of the quarterlies. The frequency with which these
 articles have been copied is an excellent evidence of their value. This work
 has been done almost entirely by the alumni, and we hope to see a more
 complete development of this feature of THE SHIELD.

ON the twenty-third day of May, 1881, our honored founder,
 Dr. Willie H. Letterman, died at Duffan, Elam county, Texas. He was
 buried there. We have long thought that the great $\Phi K \Psi$ fraternity should
 mark his resting place by an appropriate shaft. If the secretary and treas-
 urer of the fraternity would take charge of this we know a sufficient sum
 of money could readily be raised by subscription. We owe it to ourselves
 to do this for one who has done so much for us. We take a great interest
 in urging this, and hope our brothers will see its desirability. No fraternal
 hand smoothed his pillow. No fraternal act made easier his dying hours.
 No $\Phi K \Psi$ followed our elder brother to his distant grave. But we can, at
 least, show Phi Kappa Psis to come that we cherish with kindly memory
 our beloved and honored founder.

THE next number of THE SHIELD will appear under the editorial control of our successor, Prof. C. L. Van Cleve, Superintendent of Schools at Troy, Ohio. Brother Van Cleve was so long the editor-in-chief of THE SHIELD that he needs no introduction. Nor is it necessary to ask for him the hearty support our friends have given us. But as it was upon the motion of the writer that the Indianapolis G. A. C. elected Brother Van Cleve, we are especially interested in securing for him generous and hearty support. Under his control, able and experienced as he is, THE SHIELD will prosper and thrive like a green bay tree. He will have full editorial and business charge of the magazine, which will give him an excellent opportunity to display his powers to the advantage of our beloved SHIELD. We wish him and THE SHIELD great success and years of usefulness.

WE cannot leave our editorial chair without calling attention to the *dangers* of a fraternity. First among them is the reckless spending of money. It frequently happens that young men of very limited means are among the most desirable in college and are the ones who will stand highest in the future. Such men should not be debarred from the advantages of fraternity life, nor should they be involved in expenses that cripple them. Young men of means should be decently economical in such affairs and not set an example of extravagance. So conduct your chapter that even a poor man can stay in it and maintain his perfect self-respect. Let it never be said that your chapter drove any man into expenses he could not afford. Handle your money wisely and cautiously. You will soon discover that a little will accomplish much. Keep your dues paid. *Pay all taxes the minute they fall due.* This is the secret of financial success in the chapter.

THIS extravagance includes the fashionable follies which lead students from their books, from college affairs and induce them to pass their whole time in giving entertainments. A chapter should never degenerate into a mere party-giving affair. Take an interest in college athletics; have a man on the nine, on the eleven, in the gymnasium. You are now in the flush of young manhood, when your physical powers should be at their best. Do not pass all your time in the ball-room. We have a great admiration for the fair sex, but dislike to see a chapter model its course after patterns they furnish. About these modern colleges there is too much rustle of silks and glimmer of apron strings. Give us a touch of the old-fashioned college life that is found on the campus when rival nines and elevens met on the field of battle. Be manly. Be never effeminate.

BUT there is a danger more serious, though less probable. It is the possibility of bad habits resulting from chapter associations. Our experience has led us to believe that it rarely, if ever, happens that a man's fraternity environment injures his character. We take great satisfaction in remembering the times when our own chapter has rescued from possible dishonor and saved for respectability talented young men who have already attained good positions in the world. We know that the pride, if not the conscience of our chapters, will teach them to save those who would else fall by the way-side. But, men and brethren, there is in this matter a grave responsibility upon you. Every Freshman who enters college, inexperienced and untried, is a younger brother bound to you by most solemn ties. In a manner he and his future are committed to you. Look to it that no man dissipated and ruined shall point to you in the years to come and say, "He was my first tutor in wickedness," while you can only turn away and whisper, "Am I my brother's keeper?" In our opinion the suggestion that initiates be oath-bound to total abstinence is not a good one. If such an oath is advisable at all there is a place for it, and the fraternity has other work to do. But we do believe that the Greek chapter hall is never a proper place for even a hint of the vices of the beer-garden or the poker-room. The young gentlemen who are sometimes referred to as "kids," will quite probably acquire a sufficient acquaintance with the elephant, the tiger and other birds of prey without any aid from their elders. We do not expect all the Seniors in each chapter to wear white ties and sit in the amen corner, though it would be well to keep an anchor there too. But we are heartily glad that all through $\Phi K \Psi$ there is an overpowering demand for sobriety and good morals. It is a great pleasure to know that the grand fraternity to which we belong is showing her sons the road to honorable manhood. Continue to keep liquor out of your halls and poker-chips off from your tables. Always make it a point to see that no younger brother can say: "I acquired my bad habits in the Phi Psi hall."

"Let no tarnish on thy shield
Mar the polish of its field."

KANSAS ALPHA has been very kind to us in the selection of our associates on *THE SHIELD*. We have found them fully alive to the work. Brother Humphrey looked after the chapter letters and personals for the first three issues. He graduated in '85, and will be admitted to the bar in Junction City, Kansas, this month. Brother Crane gave very material assistance in editing the chapter letters and personals during most of the school year of '85 and '86. He will graduate with high honors this coming

Commencement. Brother Hutchings had full charge of the Exchange Department and edited the fraternity notes during most of the school year of '85 and '86. He is now practicing law with much success at Osage Mission, Kansas. The Exchange Department, in his hands, was one of the best features of THE SHIELD, and his work was not surpassed by the work of any of the exchange men of our contemporaries. With the exception of the editorials and a few minor matters, which we had arranged for in advance, Brother Gilmore has had full charge of the February and March SHIELDS. We have seen neither, but have no doubt they have done him credit, as his work always does. He is studying law at Lawrence. We congratulate these gentlemen on the success they have had, on the gentle friends they have made and wish them well for the future.

DURING the past two years Brother Spangler has had full charge of the business interests of THE SHIELD. The prosperous condition of the magazine's financial interests is sufficient comment on his business ability. His energy, tact and sound judgment have contributed to the success THE SHIELD has had for two years very materially. Matrimonially and financially he has been as successful. Young Adolph is a jewel. Go to Spangler's law office when you visit Lawrence, and he will take you around and exhibit him. Brother Spangler deserves well of Φ K Ψ.

IF there has been one department of THE SHIELD in which we have taken a greater pride than in any other, it is that devoted to chapter letters. It is no slight task to secure these letters on time. Often it is quite an undertaking to get them at all. Occasionally a letter requires careful editing. But the chapter letter writers are bright, genial young men. Their letters contain the essence of the fraternity life, of college life. The writers are usually the leaders of their chapters, and young men whom it is a pleasure to know. We shall not soon forget the friends we have made among them. In the years that are to come we expect to hear well of them. It is no exaggeration to say that THE SHIELD's chapter letters have not been excelled by those of any magazine. And in our opinion no letters have equalled them. They have been newsy, readable, courteous in tone and accurate in statement. We have noted with pleasure, too, the gradual, but positive improvement in the make-up of these letters. We have a warm spot in our heart for the boys who have written letters to THE SHIELD for two years past, and shall be glad when any of them drop into our domicile.

THE editor of the *Sigma Chi* breaks out in his December number and plunges through the exchanges like a mad Malay running a muck. Just what aroused his temper we cannot say. But in all sincerity his lack of elementary good manners does no credit to his head, no honor to his heart. We like to see manly criticism, but a common scold ought to be ducked in the mill pond. He refers to the *Beta Theta Pi* as "apparently without editorial control," calls Miss Taylor's brilliant work "sadly strained and insipid," warns the *Scroll* against recruiting at "Bascom's Confederit X Roads, in the Oneida Community, in Hooppole Township," etc. When he reaches THE SHIELD he dons the short pantaloons of his boyhood, fills one pocket with marbles, and the other with jackstones, gets his sister to button his waist, comes out into the backyard, and bawls across the alley to THE SHIELD, "You're too fresh!" We confess ourselves not an adept in this juvenile species of warfare. As we remember the answer to his challenge, it is "You're another!" But as the *Sigma Chi*, for a year past, has consisted principally of stale republications of articles from rival journals and old banquet songs, no one can charge it with being fresh. But when he speaks of the journal which has the honor to be edited by the editor of the *Sigma Chi*, he grows complimentary. With radiant blushes he declares that "*In the face of the continued and exceptional favor which has been accorded the Sigma Chi from its rivals and critics and the constantly growing enthusiasm and self-satisfaction with which it has been regarded by the fraternity, our editorial caption may seem peculiar to some admiring readers.*" "Peculiar?" Well, "admiring readers" may call that "peculiar." An ordinary, "wild westerner" would regard it as the finest exhibition of self-complacent egotism on record. A little "freshness" might be of great aid to a man who seems to say, "We are the people and wisdom will die with us." It is to be regretted that this usually pleasant little man should have mistaken pertness for wit, and impertinence for sarcasm. Our self-satisfied contemporary should take warning from King Midas, and keep an eye on his barber or we fear the reeds and rushes will be singing the old songs again. A cultivation of the acquaintance of cultured men and women will gradually give that perfect self-respect which forbids ill-mannered petulance, and lends one that kindly regard for others which is after all the most marked characteristic of the cultured and manly gentleman, and should be found even in a professional fraternity man, like the *Sigma Chi* editor.

THE *Beta Theta Pi* is a strange combination of inconsistencies. It "rises to remark that the exchange reviews are chiefly superfluous, and in

many instances wholly perfunctory." It then proceeds to devote one-fifth of its pages to criticisms of its contemporaries. It would be well if it would but thoroughly appreciate the truth it utters, when it says that, "As a critic of other journals and fraternities [the exchange editor] is of the least value and influence, since he knows but little of them and commonly knows that little wrong." This is no doubt a general truth. But it certainly applies with exactness and nicety to the *Beta Theta Pi*.

Again, the magazine has an editorial against statistics, as presented by the average chapter correspondent. This subject is renewed in the exchange column in a criticism of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon*. The figures of the latter magazine are taken up, and by another set of statistics, are proven very fallacious in conclusions. The readiness with which this is accomplished calls to mind the old saw about employing a kleptomaniac to capture a kleptomaniac. The persistency with which the subject of statistics is attacked might cause the thoughtless to jump to the conclusion that Wooglin was especially tender in that direction, that in the past "figures" had been very unpalatable to the canine god. Pleading guilty to the charge of knowing "but little" about the matter, we do not state this as a fact, but merely throw it out as a suggestion.

But it is in the matter of combinations that we find the inconsistency *par excellence*. The *Beta Theta Pi*, in a criticism of THE SHIELD, keeps up its old cry against combinations. What fraternity man, who knows anything about college politics in the Mississippi Valley, but knows that however sincere the editors are, or the fraternity was when it introduced an anti-combination clause in its constitution, the practice of its chapters are sadly in conflict with its professed beliefs?

We think of an instance now in the Inter-State Oratorical Association in which Beta Theta Pi, throughout all the States north of the Ohio river and between the Rockies and the Appalachians, was in a firm pact with quite a number of other fraternities, to uphold the local association of a certain school in Indiana. To be sure there was no written agreement, possibly no definite positive promise. But the understanding was thorough. The Beta delegates were counted safe, and they proved themselves true. They understood that the interests of their chapter at that place, and of the fraternities with which they were *combined*, were at stake, and far be it from them to be the cause of defeat to their own chapter and its friends. We have in mind a chapter, which, to our certain knowledge, has entered into combinations (which it afterwards broke), and which it denies having made, while on the other hand it avows that others have made combinations with it to which they never agreed. College men claiming combinations

which brand them as having broken over a constitution that they must have sworn to support.

We are tired of the Pharisaical tone and bearing of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. Tired of a righteousness which is hypocrisy of "vows as false as dicers oaths." If it were true that we had gone too far in rejoicing in our lack of restraint, which we by no means admit, Beta Theta Pi has done far worse in placing a restriction in her constitution that she cannot maintain. We believe in high ideals. We believe in every effort toward advancement and elevation. But we do not believe in exacting a pledge from every initiate which he knows before hand he will not keep. But more still, we do not believe in standing up and claiming a virtue, if it be a virtue, that one does not possess. We are from "the prairies," it is true. But even here we have a great respect for straight forward honesty. Nay more, we believe that a fault admitted is better than a virtue falsely claimed.

THE January and February numbers of THE SHIELD were of fewer pages than other issues. This was due to no want of matter, but owing to the fact that Brother Spangler wished to turn over enough money to Brother Van Cleve so that he could start out with no financial embarrassment. So those chapters which complain of letters crowded out will understand that it was not through their own tardiness nor our carelessness but because of want of room.

JUST as we are going to press our mail brings us a copy of the Annual Report of the Fraternity. It comprises a pamphlet of twenty-four pages, and is typographically as neat a specimen of the printer's art as one need wish to see. But it is in the contents that Phi Psis will find the greater pleasure and take the greater pride.

The new system of government is proving itself as satisfactory as could have been anticipated. The chapters are prospering. Not one on the decline. Those which were weak last year, without exception, have grown stronger, and while they may not be as able as some, they are all able to stand alone and ask no odds. We would especially call the brothers attention to one short sentence under the head FINANCIAL: "The entire November assessment has been paid." It speaks volumes in regard to the health and strength of the chapters and the fraternity at large. We have an active membership of 643, of which 175 are initiates of 1886. Are total number of initiates is 4,624. There are many other points of interest to

Phi Psis in the Annual, but you have copies and it speaks for itself. We congratulate Brother Wilson, under whose management it was issued, upon its creditable appearance and arrangement.

TWO YEARS ago a telegram from the Kansas Alpha delegation at Columbus asked if the writer would edit THE SHIELD, should it come west. A little later a note from the chapter announced our election as Editor-in-Chief for a term of two years. The first three and last two issues we have edited from a distance, for the most part. To the others we have given an immediate personal attention, that took time from our business that we really should not have spared. That we have done the work without pay is no more than was done by our predecessors, and it is pleasant to know that our successor will be paid for his services. The hearty support we have received from all quarters of $\Phi K \Psi$ would do any man's heart good. The compliment paid the writer by the last G. A. C. was an evidence of personal good will, which he appreciated. The growth and development of THE SHIELD during the past two years have been most gratifying to us. Our subscription list has increased sixty per cent. in two years. This enabled us to cover more ground, but involved more work than the magazine had ever demanded. Volume Five contained 198 pages. Volume Six, the first published in the West, contained 356 pages. As the pages were of the same size our brothers can judge of the additional labor involved. Financially THE SHIELD has long since reached a firm footing. We have availed ourselves of every aid that could be secured from our brothers, and as much as was possible have avoided the appearance of writing the entire magazine ourselves. However we have adhered to our own conception of what THE SHIELD of $\Phi K \Psi$ should be, as far as circumstances would permit. It is but just to Kansas Alpha to say, that if the chapter had evinced a desire to retain the magazine the Indianapolis G. A. C. would undoubtedly have voted to continue it in their hands. But we have all felt that our official journal ought to be published from a more central location and should be in the hands of the general government of the fraternity. Therefore we urged such action on the G. A. C. Though with our knowledge of Western college men we never had any doubt of their ability to conduct THE SHIELD in a satisfactory manner, we always doubted the advisability of its transfer to the West, which we regarded as justified only by the peculiar situation in which the magazine happened to be. We have learned to love THE SHIELD, and part from it with sorrow. However, our connection with it has always been at the expense of our own business

interests, and we feel a little as did small Tom Brown at the death of old Benjy: "Old Benjy is dead. Tom Brown very sorry. Put him in the coffin, big wig and all." But though we are no longer responsible for its utterances, *THE SHIELD* is by no means dead to us. Time cannot stale nor custom wither the infinite variety of pleasant memories it leaves us. It is the manly and honored organ of a great and cultured fraternity. It speaks for the sweeter and nobler side of the most satisfactory period of our unsatisfactory lives. No doubt its burnished front reflects smiling faces that will be gloomy with care long before they are laid in dusty tombs. No doubt many of the hopes pictured thereon will prove to be the idle illusions of youth. But after all, gentlemen, the substantial results achieved by age are like the idle illusions of youth, mere fancies that vanish like breath into the frosty morning air. The fond dreams of our hearts' ambitions will not be forgotten in a moment. So with good will and good wishes for every brother of $\Phi K \Psi$ we lay down the pen. If our brothers have the same feeling for us, if *THE SHIELD* has deserved the hearty support it has had, if our weeping Jeremiahs have mustered up courage enough to see the excellencies of $\Phi K \Psi$ and laugh at the foolish boasts of superiority by any rivals, if we have been able to give one doubting Thomas even one glance into that brilliant Kaleidoscope which we know as the West, with its wonderful development and unequalled prospects assuring an unsurpassed future to the fraternity which has the wisdom and courage to avail itself of the present opportunity, we are satisfied. Gentlemen, you and we will soon be remembered only when some curious youth pores over old files of *THE SHIELD*. I trust we shall moulder together in the same good fellowship in which we have lived together for the last two years. A pleasant voyage, comrades. The editor thanks you. Our pitcher has been to the well for the last time. I wish the editor well. The king is dead! Long live the king! I trust that

"When times has passed and seasons fled
Your hearts will feel like mine—
And aye the sang will maist delight
That minds ye o' langsyne."

Chapter Letters.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Pennsylvania Alpha almost regrets to see any change in the management of THE SHIELD. Our intercourse with the present board of editors has been highly satisfactory, both in regard to the promptness and gentlemanly manner in which all correspondence has been considered and in the ability shown in editing our fraternity organ.

We cannot boast any new men since our last letter, but we have always acted on the supposition that there is still one good man left in the ranks of the barbarians, and perhaps by another issue that good man may be a Phi Psi.

The latest stir in college circles is the entertainment on the 22d, at which the newly organized College Glee Club make their debut. Brother Charlie Wise represents Phi Psi. Charlie is acknowledged to have the finest barytone voice in college. Brother Orr, our "transferred" brother, still persists in "tripping the light fantastic" on every possible occasion. His latest dissipation was at the hop given by the Trinity Cadet Corps, of Trinity Hall.

D. A. HERRON.

Washington, Pa., Feb. 17, 1887.

BUCKNELL.

By the dispensation of an Almighty Providence two active and three alumni members have been removed from Gamma's roll of living sons since the opening of the present collegiate year. Again we are called upon to record the death of another loyal brother, J. K. Bogert, '71, of the Wilkesbarre *Evening Leader*.

Brother Wm. H. Backus, who died recently at McKees Half Falls, bequeathed \$100,000 to the University for the erection of a public library building.

The nine men that compose the chapter at Bucknell stand and act as harmoniously together as did that little band of Pilgrim Fathers, who landed upon the shores of the Bay State. Proper fraternity material at this University is exceedingly scarce this year. The number of new students is small, and nearly all the available men taken, yet we hope to introduce before the close of the term one, possibly two, who are worthy of wearing the shield. Φ Κ Ψ is the only fraternity represented upon the

Mirror editorial board. Brother H. L. Calder has been elected local editor for the fourth time. The finances of this paper are also in charge of two of the brothers.

Washington's Birthday will be celebrated in a royal and patriotic manner by the students. An elaborate program has been arranged, with Brother Calder at the head as Senior orator. Brother G. F. Clark is president of the meeting and will introduce the speakers.

The boys are anxiously looking forward to the convention of the District Council to be held at Harrisburg early in the spring. It is expected that our chapter will be there in a body, prepared to have a good time in $\Phi \Psi$. We hope that besides the renewal of old acquaintances many new associations will be formed. Best wishes to THE SHIELD and the fraternity at large.

W. C. GRETZINGER.

Lewisburg, Pa., Feb. 15, 1887.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania Epsilon continues to sail on down the stream of prosperity with her sheets filled by the breezes of success. Since the opening of the year in September fraternity life at Pennsylvania College has been very quiet. We have made no initiations recently, but have succeeded in "spiking" several worthy men whom we expect to introduce to the fraternity very shortly. At the beginning of the present term we lost two men, Brothers Zerfoss, '88, and Short, '89, both of whom left college to engage in business, which leaves us now "eight strong."

It is seldom that the death of a young man is so generally lamented as was that of Brother Brenner. Not only did it cast a gloom over Phi Psi, but it was also deeply felt by the whole institution as well as by the community in general, thus testifying to the high esteem and true nobility of this one of Epsilon's most brilliant and worthy sons.

We do not expect any honors this year. We have but one man in the Senior class, and as he is both entertaining and "well looked upon by Apollo," he considers it "nobler in mind" to devote his attention to the fair ones than "to suffer the slings and arrows" of the honor man's long toil.

Last spring we fitted out Miller Hall with a handsome \$200 set of furniture, and are now working to get a chandelier and a new carpet, so that any of the brethren who shall chance to visit us near Commencement may expect to find us snugly housed and prepared to afford them ample reception and a hearty entertainment.

The boys are all looking forward with high hopes to the coming District Convention, and without doubt we shall be there *en masse*. With best wishes to THE SHIELD and the fraternity at large.

Gettysburg, Pa., Feb. 17, 1887.

HOWARD P. SADTLER.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Though Pennsylvania Zeta now greets you for the first time since vacation, its greeting has lost none of the old-time warmth. The fires of Phi Psi still burn brightly here to light the path of "Greek" and "Barb" without.

Since last you heard from us a new form has been brought behind the shield, and Zeta numbers one more. Our "baby" is Brother Pierce, and with true maternal pride we claim that *our* "baby" is the best, the finest and the most promising "baby" throughout all Dickinson. With sixteen of the most genial, open-hearted boys one would meet in a long time, Zeta greets you now from where she has seldom greeted you before. With present success attained and the future assured, she is the acknowledged head of the fraternity world here. In whatever direction you look you will find Phi Psi right at the top with men ready to step in as the old ones drop out. Having lost Brother Curry from the base ball team we have Brother Wharton ready to fill his place, giving us, as before, three men on the team, more than any other chapter here, and besides two of these, Brothers Vale and Holler, will compose the battery. In the Glee Club the prominent positions of first tenor and bass are occupied by Brothers Gongsdorf and Holler, respectively. And the same thing occurs in every organization about college; but without continuing this I will speak of something which is of vastly more importance in a chapter, viz: the relation of brothers to each other. The foundations of any society, no matter what the character, must be laid upon the harmony and co-operation of its members, and this is doubly true of college fraternities. Unconsciously we seem to have discovered and employed this principle, and we are a unit in promoting any movement to bring us into closer companionship and establish an indestructible bond between us.

For the pleasant weather we have a well-kept tennis court provided with nets, balls and rackets, and for the rest of the time we have our rooms furnished with every amusement likely to please a young college student. And now if I have given you some idea of our position, without giving my letter the appearance of boasting, I am satisfied. And now in conclusion I want to extend an invitation, as a chapter and as individuals, to every Phi Psi wherever he be, whenever the opportunity is given to drop in on us and test the true spirit of Phi Psi as shown at Pennsylvania Zeta.

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 18, 1887.

A. D. MELOY.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Pennsylvania Eta again sends greeting to her sister chapters, and hopes that they may all be enjoying the prosperity which has been allotted to her, and which is unparalleled in the history of the chapter, for she is now "booming" as never before. Although her number is comparatively small,

yet that feeling of fraternal love, which is so essential to the success of the fraternity and the welfare of each member, abounds to overflowing in each brother.

THE SHIELD's second visit for this term was paid a few days since, and it is needless to say, that it always inspires new life and new vigor in the workings of the chapter. May it ever live and continue to shed its illuminating rays on our path that our journey on the road to prosperity may be clear and sure.

I think we have already stated that our rooms are the best located in town, and whatever may be desired for our convenience and comfort is at hand. The boys are doing full justice to the "billiard table," and it is amusing to see with what earnestness the "Babes" engage in a game. They are making excellent progress in wielding the cue, eclipsed only by the progress they are making in $\Phi \Psi$. Our meetings are dignified and serious. The *Mysticus Amicus* abounds in wit, humor and the best wishes for the welfare of the fraternity.

Our number is limited to nine men, including one Freshman, who, although he claims to be long, is so much of a shorty "he don't count." THE SHIELD has not yet been made acquainted with the honors won by our chapter in the last scholastic year and the elections this year, which places Phi Psi in the front. Brother Manger "walked off" with third honor. Brother Little, one of the appointed ten to speak at Commencement, delivered a masterly, logical and eloquent address. Brother Rothermel won the election for anniversarianship in the Diagnothian Society, and "swears" that if Boreas is favorable, he will raise the roof off the Opera House. Brother Rothermel is also senior editor of the *College Student*; and if I were confident that he would not see this letter, I would tell THE SHIELD that the *College Student* occupies a higher standard to-day than it ever did, but as the brother is a close reader of THE SHIELD and I am not accustomed to flatter any person, will say nothing. Brother Hay is a member of the *Oriflam* staff, and he thinks that the *Oriflam* would sell well among the ladies should his chromo appear as a frontispiece. Brother Apple is treasurer of the *College Student*, and is continually advocating the necessity of a new suit of furniture for the fraternity.

We have not as yet initiated any new men since last fall, but our prospects for "the good men" are decidedly better than our rival fraternities. The material here is not of the best quality, and by our initiation of two men in the beginning of the scholastic year, the cream is nearly all taken. One of our sister fraternities, running almost at fatal hazards after new men, has actually initiated the "ghost" of the identical man she didn't want. With best wishes and love to each of the other chapters, I am, yours in the mystic bonds,

RUSSELL N. KOPLIN.

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 14, 1887.

LAFAYETTE.

Nothing has occurred around college to break the quiet monotony of the winter term. The candidates for the base ball team, thirty in number, are in regular training in the gymnasium. The winter sports take place in the college gymnasium on Washington's birthday.

The Phi Gamma Deltas gave Gen. Lew Wallace a banquet recently after his lecture. Brothers Swift and J. T. Green, now of the University of Pennsylvania, were in town recently and paid us a visit. Swift is captain of the University of Pennsylvania base ball nine. The Junior Oratorical Contest takes place soon, and about eighteen Juniors are preparing for the fray. Theta was very sorry to hear of the death of Brother Brenner. He was personally known to many of our brothers. The College Glee and Banjo Clubs are in fine trim, and expect to take an extended trip through Pennsylvania and New Jersey during the spring vacation. Brother H. M. Watts, poet at the last G. A. C. is now on the staff of the *Philadelphia Times*. A number of the fellows expect to attend the District Convention at Harrisburg.

Easton, Pa., Feb. 13, 1887.

CORNELL.

There is the same dearth in chapter news here that seems to prevail elsewhere at this season. The rushing season proper has passed, yet we manage to have somebody on the string most of the time. Among so many students there is always some "gem of the purest ray," etc., coming to light, and they are fitting subjects for Phi Psi to work upon.

The Junior ball has come and gone, leaving its influence on the heart of many a gallant youth. All the beauty of the neighboring cities, from Detroit to New York, seemed to have been gathered in and the ball was a great success.

Cornell has been unusually fortunate lately, owing to the generosity of her friends. Mr. Hiram Sibley has just added a quarter of a million to his already numerous gifts. The money is to be used in perfecting and enlarging Sibley College of Mechanical Arts, which will place that department of Cornell on an equal footing with the world. Ex-President White has donated his historical library of 35,000 volumes to the University for the particular use of the School in History and Political Science. The library is valued at \$100,000, and is the finest historical collection in the country. The new Law School will be opened next year, and promises to bring in a large number of students.

The winter meeting of athletes was held February 18, in the gymnasium. It was a decided success. Cornell will send out a well trained crew and ball team this coming season. No doubt they will repeat the brilliant athletic record made by previous Cornell men.

As we understand this is the last issue of THE SHIELD that will come from Kansas Alpha, we wish to congratulate that chapter on their excellent management of the best fraternity journal published. With Brother Van Cleve to take up the good work we feel that THE SHIELD is on the highway to success.

WILL H. ROBINSON.

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 20, 1887.

UNIVERSITY OF SYRACUSE.

The two months which have elapsed since our last letter have been eventful ones for New York Beta. Religious meetings of great interest were held in the University during the last week of the fall term, and as a result of these meetings our boys were deeply moved for the religious welfare of the chapter. We have held weekly Sunday evening prayer meetings during the term, which have done our boys an inestimable amount of good. It is a very touching sight to see the boys gathered together for the purpose of prayer and song, and many a tearful eye has been the result of some dear brother's earnest prayer for his beloved chapter and fraternity. Brothers Mowry, of Hobart, and Burnett, of Cornell, have visited us during the term.

In our last letter we surmised a possibility, which has now become a fact, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ took up the local Sigma Psi on February 7. Sigma Psi had fourteen members and had existed since 1881. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ will have two Seniors, six Juniors, two Sophomores and four Freshmen. Three of these rank unclassified, one is a man of forty-five years. A city paper, commenting upon the advent of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, contained the following: "Many think that Sigma Psi has bettered her condition, while others are in doubt as to the degree of amelioration." It cannot be denied that the new $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s are a plodding set of fellows, who, by their very plodding, will succeed in taking some honors.

At a meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, in this city, Brother F. J. Holzworth, '87, was elected State Treasurer and Secretary of the association. The next annual Field Day will be held in this city some time in May. The class elections of 1887 were held last week. Brother E. G. Eldredge was elected chairman of the executive committee, and Brother F. J. Holzworth statistician. Brother A. C. Howe, '87, has been elected chairman of the base ball advisory committee. Brother Holzworth was a delegate to the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Convention. Brother P. D. Perkins is president of the class of '90. A new board of editors will take charge of the *Syracusan* for the remainder of the year. Brother F. J. Holzworth, '87, takes the position of literary editor, and Brother F. N. Burritt, '89, that of local editor.

A Freshman Octette has been formed with three $\Phi \Psi$ members. The University has just issued an alumni record, which contains a history of each *Alumnus et Alumna* who has passed from the *Alma Mater* since its

founding as Genessee College in 1852. Brother Sackett is to represent $\Phi K \Phi$ upon the *Onondagan* board of editors.

We have initiated another '90 man, Brother Olin Mirteenes, of Port Jervis, N. Y. He is a splendid fellow and is a great addition to our '90 delegation. Brother Augustine Broadway, Ph. D., '84, visited us a short time since. He had a prospective '92 man under his wing. We have great hopes of taking prizes at the next Field Day. Seven of our men are hard at work in the gymnasium, and Brother G. A. Wright has especially become a master of his muscle. Brother Wright has designed a very neat club cut to be put in the *Onondagan* among the eating club notes. Brother Barnard, '90, was a member of the University Quartette, which sung at a Sunday school convention lately. The men, whom we introduced last fall, have all proved themselves to be true Phi Psis in every way. They are active in all class affairs, and are great friends of the "coeds." We will postpone further writing until our next.

FRED. N. BURRITT.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 20, 1887.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY.

Your request for a letter for the March number of *THE SHIELD*, to be sent in by the 18th inst., considerably disturbed the serenity of my mind. I was laboring under the sweet hallucination of not having to write any more until April, when your request struck me like shot out of a shovel.

Virginla Gamma still continues to pursue the even tenor of her way, undisturbed by the strikes, riots, etc., of ye festive laborer. The various employments of her members are as follows: Some lose themselves in the wilderness of Infinity, hunting improbable mathematical numbers, and in impossible equations to unheard of lines; others burrow towards the regions where all is not bliss, in search of those priceless nuggets of the Roman and Grecian tongues; others course along the tree-tops, vainly striving to overtake some a priori reason or principle; others, on the contrary, deeming the above named occupations too trivial, are taking a course in calicoing and perfecting themselves in the art of impressing.

Brother Wood has also gotten desperate (or probably reckless), and gone to singing tenor(?) in the Hampden-Sidney Musical Club. Much to our sorrow, and also the sorrow of all the fair sex in this region, Brother Reynolds, after this session, will take his grip-sack and turn his dear, sweet, rosy, face homeward. When "Josh" first lit here he was an extremely verdant youth, but now there is no rule or exception to a rule, in the art of mashing, that he cannot lecture on for at least half an hour. Such, however, are the ways of man. All the rest of us are like other vertebrates, so on that subject I expect I had better be dumb. Nothing is going on in either fraternity or college life. Another student arrived the other day, making exactly one hundred students now in college.

Hampden-Sidney, Feb. 14, 1887.

E. H. PORTER.

COLUMBIAN COLLEGE.

Since our last letter we have had with us Brother Clinton Gage, of Boston, who, in his own inimitable way, talked "Fraternity" by the hour. We have also had the good fortune to reclaim Brothers Stevens and Falck, of the late D. C. Beta.

The most vital question now agitating the Law Department (from which many Phi Psis have recently been plucked) is that of electing a president of the class of '87. Five meetings have been held for the avowed purpose of accomplishing this end; but the goal seems further in the dim futurity than at the outset. The whole trouble grows out of the adoption of the "two-thirds rule," which *was* deemed a palladium and a safe-guard, but now appears to be an incubus—instead of a shield it has become a sword and slays most barbarously. About one-half of the members of the class have been honored with the offer of this sinecure; and the same courtesy will, no doubt, be extended to the remaining members. It is quite interesting and instructive, as well as amusing, to attend one of these, now celebrated, meetings. Here Mr. S. rises to a point of order, or equally often, to a question of privilege, either of which seems to be the cue for a general hullabaloo. Messrs. H., C. and G. (one at a time, and each one for himself, or oftener, all at once) move that a majority vote only be required to elect (or some similar motion is made). Up jumps Messrs. S., D. and B., armed with Roberts, Cushing, Jefferson, etc., and the statements of these writers are thoroughly sifted, until the bed-rock of parliamentary law is reached. The chair declares the motion out of order, and another ballot is taken. After each ballot the aforesaid motion is repeated (with the same result), followed by a motion by Mr. H. to adjourn, which last motion is invariably lost, until about midnight, when the janitor, with his insinuating presence, turns the scale. While I do not wish to be understood as saying that Columbian College will not turn out good lawyers, I will prophesy that it will throw upon the country this year many recalcitrant politicians.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21, 1887.

GRAFTON MASON.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Again we are they happy recipients of a note informing us that Mississippi Alpha is such a very important factor in the $\Phi K \Psi$ fraternity, and its B. G. writes such weighty epistles (?) that THE SHIELD must have another letter by the 18th, so we make haste to comply. No, Brother I., of course we were only jesting in regard to thanks for the great number of subscribers (2) we had gotten, and the great work we have done for THE SHIELD. It has given us pleasure to do this, and we are sorry that its not in our power to do more.

We received this morning the February number of THE SHIELD, and we are very sorry, indeed, to hear of the misfortune of Kansas Alpha.

The chapter has our deepest sympathy, and if it is still in need of—sympathy, we can send the boys a whole car load. Since our last letter nothing of interest has occurred in school. Brother Foreman, Indiana Gamma, of '80, traveling in the interest of Foreign Mission, paid us a pleasant call, and, I think, that in a few years hence you will hear of several of us in some foreign country expounding the doctrine to the little heathen with a six-foot hickory.

Our examinations are just over. All, I think, have made the rise; but am not certain as we have still several counties to be heard from. It was with a tear in the north corner of our eye, and a look of despair, that Brother Swinney and I bade farewell to our "pony" and "Old Farlarnian Wine." Our Junior, Brother Tackett, made a mark (reversed) in Chemistry that an honor-man might well feel proud of. Well, you are tired of my nonsense, so I'll say *au revoir*. R. E. HALSELL.

University of Mississippi, Miss., Feb. 14. 1887.

UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

Indiana University had as guests last week a delegation from the State Legislatnre. After having carefully examined the condition and workings of our institution, the visitors, together with faculty and students, congregated after a time-honored custom in the chapel, and for one hour and a half we listened to the eloquence of the Senators and the wit of the Representatives. They all declared themselves in favor of the "old flag and the appropriation."

The appropriation is for the erection of a new building in our beautiful campus, just east of the city. Since our fire in '83, which swept away the greater part of the institution, three new buildings have been erected; but the growing needs of the University demand a fourth and could well dispose of a fifth. Our University Park comprises twenty acres of ground, densely wooded with beech and maple. Sitting in our recitation rooms we can see the squirrel as he runs from tree to tree, or hear the shrill notes of the "Jay" as he playfully chases his mate from bough to bough. It is a place eminently fitted for all lovers of nature, and to those not so disposed the air of retirement, and the learning of surrounding elements, give to him a vigor in the prosecution of his specialty. It is here where Indiana Beta flourishes, and from here we hope to send forth into the work men who will prove that the teachings of the noble brotherhood were not in vain.

Since our last epistle we have gathered within the "mystic circle" Brother Will Thompson, who I now have the pleasure of presenting to you. Brother T. has already evinced an enthusiasm in fraternity matters which would do credit to a higher classman.

The relations existing between the various fraternities ($\Phi \Delta \Theta$ excepted) are friendlier than ever before in the history of this institution. The cause of this arose out of a necessity. Pan-Hellenism was necessary to maintain

our rights and privileges against "Barbs." The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s, however, preferred to join hands with the "Barbs," (their worst enemy, who have sworn to do all in their power against frats,) in order to obtain at their hands a few paltry positions. We do not bemoan the fact that they are not with us, but rather pity them, because they are unable to grasp the conception of what a fraternity is. Our nearest, and yes I will say dearest friends, are the members of $\kappa \kappa \Gamma$. The Kappas easily stand first here among the ladies, and as Phi Psi will submit to no other position among the gentlemen, we think the combination a decidedly good and fitting one.

Indiana Beta desires to extend to Kansas Alpha her sincere sympathy in her misfortune, and also to extend her heartiest congratulations on the excellent manner in which THE SHIELD has been conducted.

Bloomington. Ind., Feb. 14, 1887.

L. VAN BUSKIRK.

BELOIT.

With Beloit's increase in prosperity Wisconsin Gamma is experiencing a corresponding renewal of her old-time vigor. New men, and good men, are regularly being added to our roll. Our latest acquisition is Brother Sam Smith, '90; young in years, small in stature, but large in all that goes to make up the Phi Psi. Brother Smith, it may be mentioned, captured the Wakeman prize for best entrance examination, which seems to have been effectually cornered by Phi Psis. Three of the best among the incoming Freshman class, one of them a professor's son, are on the ragged edge of committal to Phi Psi, although the other fraternities, and especially our rivals the "Sigs," have been making frantic efforts to seduce them. While our rivals have only sleigh-riden and "tobogganned" the candidates for fraternity honors, we are about to take them up to Janesville to Brother Richardson's home, where, under the persuasive influence of a good, square "feed," we expect to dispel all remaining hesitance, if there be any, and tie them up for keeps.

The graduation of '87 will draw heavily upon our chapter, taking, as it will, four of our strongest men, who have held down the first three places in a remarkably strong class. Notwithstanding we are growing in enthusiasm, as is seen by the unfailing attendance upon all chapter meetings by every member; financially, as the increasing comforts in our chapter rooms attest, and that we are not sullyng the Phi Psi record in the race for college honors, is easily proven by an examination of last year's awards. Two of our alumni brethren, Bergen, '81, and Lansing, '85, have lately put up the bars between youth and manhood, both marrying Beloit girls; but that they have not forgotten the Phi Psi boys was amply attested at the Phi Psi reception last week, given at Lansing's home.

Beloit College is having a great "boom." Her new President, Dr. Eaton, is becoming immensely popular. Under his management everything pertaining to the college is beginning to look up. Many needed changes

have been made in the curriculum. A large range of electives have been introduced for the two higher classes, making the courses of study broader and more desirable than formerly. A new feature, which bids fair to become a leading attraction, is a monthly lecture course, embracing in its range such leaders of thought as Dr. Aubrey, of London, T. C. Chamberlain, President-elect of Wisconsin State University, and other eminent thinkers and educators.

Since the other members of the Wisconsin Oratorical Association have despaired of winning the laurels from Beloit and left the association in disgust, our college stands a very fair chance of representing Wisconsin in the *next* Inter-State Contest, at least.

H. E. BOMSTEEN.

Beloit, Wis., Feb. 15, 1887.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

It has been rumored that a large preparatory department for the S. U. I. will soon be founded by private parties. If this be true our school will have good cause for congratulations and a long-felt want, when fulfilled will add to that list of numerous improvements which our institution is constantly making.

Our chapter has not increased its membership in the last month, and indeed we regret to say that Brother E. E. Dorr, the most earnest and truest of Phi Psis and the founder of our present organization, who has been in the Medical Department during the last year, will leave us soon. In Geo. Murphy, of Simpson, also in the Medical School, we have long since realized a firm friend and zealous brother. In honor of these two, before they should bid us farewell, we gave a dancing party in our new halls, so that another pleasant remembrance might be added to the many which will endear them to Iowa Alpha. We do not use our halls for regular weekly meetings alone; very often, indeed, do Phi Kaps congregate there to spend a little time in leisure and enjoyment. A piano now adds greatly to their pleasure and entertainment, and our whole chapter reads with envy the accounts of chapter-houses which other Phi Psis are enjoying and which we wish were practicable for us to enjoy. In the literary societies three of our members have been elected to positions on the exhibition program, and thus we have attained to what we held last year, and that too not by means of the detestable fraternity schemes. In the military appointments last fall we received two lieutenancies.

We send sympathy and condolence to Kansas Alpha for her misfortune. To the retiring editors of *THE SHIELD* we wish to express the greatest appreciation of their work, and hope that they may be as efficient and successful in their future undertakings as they have been while serving on the editorial staff of our journal. We expect to be represented at the coming District Convention in Chicago.

JAMES W. BOLLINGER.

Iowa City, Iowa, Feb. 17, 1887.

SIMPSON COLLEGE.

Iowa Delta is quiet; there is little to break the monotony of the old ruts of enjoyment in which it moves. We have a pleasant hall neatly furnished, which is situated a few blocks from the college. We meet regularly once in two weeks, have our social good time, literary exercises besides attending to matters of the fraternity. It is a difficult, as well as an important question, how to keep up the interest in our meetings. Our boys are careful to observe the little courtesies in the class-room, on the streets, etc., and are true Phi Psis; but how to get them all to attend regular meetings that's the question? We have given the matter not a little thought, and many suggestions have been offered. It has been the opinion of some that if we hold our regular meetings with even a majority of the members present, have our various literary exercises, music, peanuts, ice cream, indulging the social nature, and by these means become acquainted as also cultivating the fraternal spirit that this is sufficient. We admit that even this alone is worthy a fraternity organization, but we would like to get a little in advance of this. We would like our fraternity meetings not made secondary matters.

We find that a few of our members, as they approach the Senior year, often become so busied with their studies, "coeds," etc., that many times we are not favored with their presence when they might, by their attendance, add very materially to the interest of the meeting. The most of the work is thrown on the shoulders of the younger members. Of course a fraternity organization is a means and not an end, but to be thoroughly effective and an organ of strength, its meetings should be made as attractive as possible. And if our letter should be the means of calling forth suggestions on this subject, perhaps more than our chapter could be benefited by them. Accept our expression of satisfaction in the very successful management of *THE SHIELD* during recent months.

M. C. MORRIS.

Indianola, Iowa, Feb. 14, 1887.

ALLEGHANY COLLEGE.

A few days ago we were reminded that *THE SHIELD* was about to pass into other hands. This worthy organ has always been a welcome visitor in our midst, and its advent is always anticipated with pleasure by the brothers. Kansas Alpha has done her duty by *THE SHIELD*, and has made it one of the best, if not the very best, of fraternity organs. It is with sorrow that we learn of the misfortune of Kansas Alpha. We hope she may soon recover from her loss and once again sail on the sea of prosperity.

Pennsylvania Beta has had all the success that usually attends good work, and is still in the ascendancy. Our rooms have been fitted up throughout and present an improved appearance. New furniture will be added next term, when Pennsylvania Beta will have a fraternity home

second to none in the college. We have taken our share of college honors, and feel satisfied that we have done our duty to the college and ourselves. Our rivals are all in a flourishing condition and general good feeling prevails. With this letter it gives us pleasure to introduce to the fraternity in general Brothers F. A. Cattern and Frank Gallager, two men of ability, who possess the true Phi Psi qualifications. While we are loth to part with our late editors, and especially Brother Little, who has so closely allied to us through our paper, and who was so favorably introduced to us by our representative to the G. A. C., T. H. Shaw, district member of Executive Council; still we realize that changes must be made and will gladly welcome our new management. May THE SHIELD march on to success with us all.

Meadville, Pa., Feb. 16, 1887.

B. E. WILLIAMSON.

HOBART.

New York Delta again cordially greets her sister chapters through THE SHIELD in the orthodox manner, and takes pleasure in noting the success of the fraternity at large. Here, at Hobart, we have no new conquests to report since our last letter, but believe there is a prospect for some in the future. Brother A. C. Burnett, of New York A, made us a pleasant visit a short time since. "Senator" Mowry, of our own chapter, while in Syracuse recently was agreeably entertained by the Beta boys.

The Sophomore exhibition occurred at Library Hall on February 16, and proved a pleasing entertainment. Brother Henry Pegram represented $\Phi K \Psi$, and though not winning the prize, his friends believe that he did the fraternity credit. The Freshmen improved the opportunity to produce an amusing burlesque program of the entertainment, which raised the ire of several Sophs to almost boiling point. The Junior exhibition, which of late years has been slumbering among the relics of antiquity, bids fair to be revived by '88. The Juniors, stimulated by the recent Sophomore exhibition, and also by the flattering approval of the English professor, will doubtless give an exhibition some time shortly after Easter.

Several of our members were so impressed with the glories of tobogganning during their vacation, that on their return they resolved to indulge in the popular sport of coasting, as this town does not boast a toboggan slide. Accordingly they had built, under the careful supervision of a committee, the finest coaster in town. A few weeks later the boys had the pleasure of inspecting "The Delphian," which has already proved itself worthy of its honored namesake. We miss the familiar face of Brother A. L. Mowry, '89, in our chapter hall, but hope to have him with us again next year.

A musical craze has lately struck Hobart, and several enthusiastic banjo fiends enliven the old halls with minstrel music, which is too often "sweetness wasted on the desert air." The new alumni hall is rapidly

approaching completion. It is a handsome and commodious structure and well adapted to its uses. We thank Kansas A for her able management of *THE SHIELD*, and trust that under the new system it will prove an entire success.

GEO. W. O'BRIEN.

Geneva, N. Y., Feb. 18, 1887.

WASHINGTON AND LEE.

We are sincerely grateful that we are alive to pen another letter to *THE SHIELD*; strange as it may seem we have survived and are here to tell the tale of war. The examinations are over and all the boys did very well, especially our "goat" brother, B. C. Heyward, and Brother Irwin holds his own in the law class.

We had a short visit last week from Brother Wm. Preston, now a successful lawyer in Richmond. Since our last we have heard of the death of a once influential member of Virginia Beta, Sam Jack, of Memphis. Brother McGowan, B. L., '86, has hung out his shingle in Memphis, Tenn., and as he is not yet overburdened with business we hear from him occasionally. It is useless to say how much we miss his deep bass voice at "bug" meetings, calling out in sepulchral tones "fine him." We also enjoy an occasional visit from Brother F. D. Coe, formerly a shining light in Virginia Gamma, who *says* he is farming near here. He steps in after "bug" meeting is over with his usual "got anything to eat, boys." We hope to have a reunion next Commencement and a symposium to equal that of '85.

It is with sighs of regret that we bid farewell to *THE SHIELD* under the management of Kansas Alpha, for during this time Virginia Beta has, after many a manful struggle, at last gained a firm foot-hold again and is now second to none of the Greeks at W. and L. We extend our best wishes to *THE SHIELD*, hoping it will always be as prosperous in the future as it has been under the editorship of Brother Little.

Lexington, Va., Feb. 16, 1887.

MORGAN BILLIEU.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

The intermediate examinations having just been past South Carolina Alpha is in an exhausted condition from the effect of her efforts to run the trying gauntlet. So it is from a recumbant position, with aching brow and through an odor of camphor that she extends her greeting to her sister chapters. Our hall has been a sufferer from recent heavy rain storms. The roof proved inefficient, and our consternation can be imagined when one night we found, upon entering it, the floor covered with water, in the midst of which several pieces of plastering from the ceiling stood like islands, while the whole place was in a drenched condition. Fortunately none of our pictures or books were injured. The college authorities have agreed to

fix up the roof, but have done nothing as yet. For the past two weeks the Grand Salvation Army, eight strong, have been parading the streets of Columbia and holding daily and nightly meetings. After the first two or three nights they ceased trying to convert the college students—gave them up as a *hard case*.

It has been rumored in fraternity circles for some time past that Δ K E was endeavoring to place a chapter in this college, but nothing definite has yet been heard from them. In the way of athletic sports Phi Kappa Psi is not left behind. In foot-ball there is not perhaps a better player in the whole college than Brother McLure, '87. And on the Sophomore team Brothers Barber and Lee both hold their own. In the base ball field we are represented by five out of our eight members. Brother Blakeney, law, '87, plays short stop, but is laid up with a sick finger. Brother McLure, '87, "holds down the second bag" on the college team, and also on the Seniors. Brother Cathcart, '88, is a fine curve pitcher, who plays with the "Midgets," a team composed of about the smallest men in college. On the Sophomores, who defeated every club in college last year except the Juniors, are found Brothers Barber, pitcher and Lee, second or third base.

At the semi-annual Society Contest, on December 22, Φ K Ψ was well represented. As declaimers Brothers Barber, '89, for the Clariosophic, and Lee, '89, for the Euphradian, were presented. Both declamations were finely rendered, but Brother Barber gained the victory. His subject was, "Asleep at the Switch." In October Brother Barber was elected one of the two editors from the Clariosophic Society on the *Collegian* staff. On Saturday, February 19, Brother Lee was elected one of the two editors from the Euphradian. Before closing I must remark the pleasure we enjoyed from a visit from Brother Sims on the 25th of January. He is at present engaged in teaching at Eutawville, where he reports flattering success.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 21, 1887.

HUTSON LEE, JR.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

As your correspondent takes up the mighty goose-quill to record the latest occurrences of general interest in Ohio Alpha's history, he rejoices that of sorrow there is little and of mirth there is much to relate. Numerically we rank second in college—eleven good, true men, whose hearts are in the work of making the pink and lavender the envy of all our fellow Greeks. Our prospects are of the brightest, and why should they not be so? We have among us the true fraternal spirit, and we esteem it a priceless boon. Ohio Alpha does not believe in having a fraternity more akin to a refrigerator than anything else. Too often, in chapters located here and there in all our colleges, every little struggling blossom of brotherly love is bitten by the cold frosts of envy and rivalry. But, most emphatically, the climate where our "Billy" rears his shaggy form, favors the growth and

development of everything fraternal and pleasant. May it long be so is the fervent wish of every one of Ohio Alpha's members.

In accordance with the usual custom of our six fraternities, we met last Saturday night at the Hotel Donavin, to hold our annual Pan-Hellenic banquet. And as the dainty viands which graced the table disappeared with startling rapidity, so vanished the rivalries and petty animosities which may have disturbed the serenity of our Grecian skies. In the merry clatter of knives and forks the din of battle was hushed; fumes of gunpowder and smoke fled before the odor of welcome edibles; in huge slices of cake the tomahawk was buried, and more strongly united than ever we marched forth from the dining hall to conquer or to die, an undivided phalanx of Greeks.

Ohio Alpha is anticipating a most pleasant time during the coming District Convention, held under her auspices. Everything will be in readiness to make the occasion one of pleasure and enjoyment as well as profit. And now, 'ere I lay aside my pen, let me write as the wish of every Phi Psi of the O. W. U., long life to THE SHIELD and prosperity to every interest of the grand old fraternity we all delight to honor. May her course, like the sun in his shining chariot, be one of blessing and light, and may the pink and lavender be everywhere the standard of a loyal heart, a brotherly hand and a genial companionship.

PHILIP PHILLIPS, JR.

Delaware, Ohio, Feb. 15, 1887.

WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter Ohio Gamma has sustained very heavy loss by the absence of three of her best men. Brother Neilson accepted a good position in a bank at his native town. "Jack" will be greatly missed in the college and fraternity, since he was one of the most popular factors in college. In the fraternity he was one of the workers and most congenial of the boys, and by his manly actions and appearance, although only twenty years old, he was considered the "pa" of the fraternity. Many good wishes follow "Jack." Brother Brinkerhoff has accepted a fine position in the capacity of a "drummer;" in which we know from experience that few can surpass his loquacious abilities. "Brink" will be missed by the fraternity, since he was a good student and a jolly fellow. He furnished the fraternity with theatrical performances, for which he had a natural tendency. Brother Orr was not permitted to return to school on account of his eyes. We are sorry to lose him, since he is one of those who make fraternities a pleasure. He will start west next week for Kansas, so let Phi Psis look for him, especially ye editor, as he will be in Lawrence, Kansas.

We have pledged Mr. Herrick, who, we think, will be initiated ere we shall write again. He is a good man and was rushed by several other fraternities. We consider the article "Temperance and the Greeks" a very

appropriate composition, and think the writer worthy of commendation for fearlessly launching upon this subject.

Brother Morris, '87, is attending Medical College at Cincinnati. Brother Talcott is teaching music at Waukegon, Ill. Brother Taylor, '90, is studying law at his father's office, Carrollton, Ohio. Brother Kemper, '89, has a position in a bank at Cincinnati. Ohio Gamma is eagerly waiting the time for province G. A. C. at Delaware. Ohio Gamma will be there in a good sized delegation.

MONROE MAUGES.

Wooster, Ohio, Feb. 19, 1888.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

We were unfortunate in not having a letter in the last SHIELD, for although one was sent it failed to appear, so we will suppose, in order to spare our feelings, that it did not reach Lawrence. The little misfortune, however, must not be taken as a criterion of the work of the chapter, for we have been booming.

The latter part of last term we initiated Brother J. A. Wilgus, one of the ablest men in the Junior class. Nearly all the chapter doors were open to him, but he chose to enter ours and make his home with us. On that memorable evening Brother Geo. Anderson, one of our most enthusiastic resident members, entertained the chapter at his home, thus celebrating our victory in proper style. The interest that our resident members take in the chapter is of great help to the boys, and is one of the secrets of our success, for not a meeting this term has failed to find them well represented. The custom of setting aside one meeting each term for them all to be present with us has proved a source of pleasure and benefit to all, and as a result we have an alumni who take a deep interest in our welfare. We should like to give an account of our last meeting, but we are one letter behind and so must hasten on.

The last of November we initiated Brother Chas. S. Gray, '90, of Ironton. We had a splendid meeting, for there is nothing like an initiation to stir up a true $\Phi \Psi$ enthusiasm. Brother Wilson, our esteemed secretary, paid us a flying visit the last of the term. We were pleased to hear how smoothly the new government is working, for it shows that our constitution is entirely practical. Too much credit cannot be given to Brother Wilson for his untiring efforts. Our goat has not attempted a double initiation for several years, but he did the act in good old-fashioned style February 12, as our new brothers will testify, and as a result we have two sterling Freshmen to present: Brothers Robert K. Beach and Chas. C. Weybrecht. They had "pressing opportunities" also, but they are loyal Phi Psis now, and they are happy and so are we. This gives us a splendid representation of six men in the Freshman class. They were all carefully selected, men whose characters are beyond reproach, and we have reason to believe that they

will guard the high standard of our chapter with credit to themselves and to the fraternity.

The standing of the fraternities represented here at present is: $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 10; $\Sigma \chi$, 11; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 10; $\chi \Phi$, 10; $\beta \Theta \Pi$, 11; $\Phi \kappa \Psi$, 13. The Phi Gams were unfortunate and lost their five Freshmen. The Phi Delts have not made an initiation this year, but they have several men on the string. The Chi Phis have signed the inter-fraternity agreement not to initiate Preps. They have secured several good men and seem to be improving.

On Monday, the 21st, we give a reception to about sixty of our college and city friends, and from our previous experience we have reason to look for a very enjoyable time. A few of us attended the State Oratorical Contest at Delaware, and also paid a short visit to Ohio Alpha. They are the same warm-hearted crowd that we first met four years ago, although only a few of the originals are left. We expect a full delegation to be present at the social. Washington's Birthday is University day here, and will be celebrated accordingly. Brother J. B. Foraker is to be present and deliver a short address. We all enjoyed a hearty laugh over the fun poked at the *Scroll*. It is their next shot.

HALBERT E. PAYNE.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 15, 1887.

DISTRICT CONVENTION III.

DELAWARE, OHIO, Feb. 16, 1887.

S. T. Gilmore.

DEAR BROTHER:—Our B. G., Brother M. R. Dial, received a communication a day or so ago requesting that Ohio Alpha furnish necessary particulars regarding the coming District Convention held at Delaware, Wednesday, April 6, and thereafter. At Brother Dial's request I hasten to reply as fully as my knowledge of the arrangements permits.

1. As to railroad reductions, delegates and brothers in attendance from other chapters will pay full fare to Delaware, but tickets will be sold to them on their return at the rate of one cent a mile.

2. As to hotel accommodations, the Hotel Donavin, the best and only first-class house in the city, will board all Phi Psi delegates and visitors at \$1.60 a day, two occupying a room. We think this arrangement will be satisfactory, as the Donavin bears a splendid reputation for hospitable and comfortable entertainment, and this reduction from regular rates, \$2.50 per day, is greater than any heretofore made.

3. As to other expenses, the banquet will probably cost about \$1.25 to \$1.50 a plate. As to other matters, the delegates and visitors can, as in all such cases, increase or decrease their expenditures much at their own will.

To all brethren who will honor us with their presence on the occasion, we would say, come prepared to have a good Phi Psi reunion, as Ohio Alpha trusts to make it a time long to be remembered for its pleasantness. Trusting that this information will be sufficiently lucid and sufficiently conclusive to show that it is the sacred duty of every Phi Psi in the Third Division to come to Delaware next April, I am,

Your brother in $\Phi K \Psi$,

PHILIP PHILLIPS, JR.

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