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## THE ANNUALS. I.

The crop of college annuals for 1888 has been not alone a prolific one but luxuriant in growth. We note a somewhat annoying tendency in certain of them to follow the beaten track, such that if one but change the date on the cover and title-page and the names of classmen, this year's publication will appear a repetition of the last.

While it is not to be expected that any great bursts of originality will break forth and much of stock witticism and illustration is the *sine qua non*, yet we have this year some interesting features which, if not entirely novel, are certainly refreshingly new in college annual enterprises.

We wish to note that quite a number of this year's productions favor us with composites, mostly serious, though with the prevailing spirit of the college annual, the *Kaldron* gives us a most awful caricature, purporting to be a type picture of '90 at Allegheny.

We notice with pleasure an increasing tendency to illustration among the annuals of faculties, buildings, college classes and the most taking of scenes surrounding the various college homes from which these publications come. It certainly is a better advertisement of a college to send out a creditable annual, full of pictorial illustrations of the men who teach and those who learn, than to flood the newspapers with lying statements as to the cost of living. The *Makio* introduces autographs and phototypes of faculty and trustees as well as phototypes and a composite of themselves, which latter custom we think far more becoming than the rather hackneyed custom of producing a cut of the *sanctum sanctorum* with editorial boards in the most preposterous attitudes and costumes from the "fighting editor" down.

We shall be rejoiced when college boys in writing their doggerel forget the "Raven" and "Hiawatha." We are surfeited this year with so-

called poetry upon these models, and could well forego expressions of this character for a few years. One of the several parodies is fairly good, several are barely passable, some execrable. One is tempted to believe sometimes as he sketches through so many college publications that we have lost our power of originating humorous situations either with pen or pencil.

On the whole, the annuals of this year are on a par with those of last, and in a few instances quite a decided improvement in typography and general make-up is to be noted, but as the offerings upon our table are some of them new visitors, we shall pay our respects to them and their contents first.

The new-comers are *L'Agenda*, *Indiana Student*, *Kaldron*, and *The Gopher*. Of these the two former are first-ventures and will receive our attention first on that account. As we are informed  $\Phi K \Psi$  is chiefly to be thanked that so large an undertaking as the publication of an annual was assumed at Bucknell, and we are gratified to see that despite all defects due to the untried hands which constructed it the *L'Agenda* is a success.

We do not altogether like the shape of *L'Agenda*, believing that the make-up of this sort of publication ought to distinguish it from every other, and the small octavo so generally adopted we believe to be preferable to the ordinary 12 mo., which the publishers of *L'Agenda* have chosen.

As a rule the engravings in Bucknell's annual are good, the wood cuts rather moderate in conception and execution, but our taste is nowhere seriously offended except in the cut used for  $\Phi K \Psi$ . This is fit to be a companion to an effort of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  published in some of the annuals this year, and commented upon by the editor of the *Quarterly* in terms so severe as to be unkind. We have no purpose to quarrel with the artist who, whatever may be his genius, certainly is innocent of any knowledge of the spirit of traditions of Greek-letter societies, for he makes an impossible combination of Egyptian ruins, Bedouins, a roaring lion, palms, a sarcophagus and what not, to pass for an emblematic blazonry of Greekism.

We find among the literary matter a clever history of the class of '90 in the solemn style, Americanized Del Sarte, a satirical array of field day events, a polygot report of a senior class meeting, some clever bogus examination questions, and some advice to freshmen.

It is pleasant to see that *L'Agenda* gives information of a straightforward sort about the college it represents, without statistics or flub-dubbery of any sort; and includes a well written eulogy of their retiring president, David J. Hill, of whom Bucknellites are very proud, as they well may be.

Here are a few sample examination questions:

ENGLISH.

Write the first and last letter of the alphabet.

Separate the following into words and distribute the punctuation marks. Is it a horse no it is a pony and is adapted to classroom work, , , , ! ? " ' " —.

Give three undisputed rules of English grammar.

GEOGRAPHY.

Where is the North Pole?

Will the temperature increase or decrease as you approach the class-room unprepared?

Who excavated the Gulf of Mexico?

LATIN.

If Cleopatra had been an accusative of specification, would she have specified Cæsar or Anthony?

Sing a Salian hymn to the tune of "Old Hundred."

GREEK.

Name and locate six obscure hamlets of Greece, in the order of their obscurity. Write a biography of Zeus from the time of his birth to that of Minerva.

Here are some of the pleasant words of cheer given to freshmen:

BEFORE LEAVING HOME.

If in love get out immediately.

Believe what the catalogue says about expenses, they are mere trifles at all colleges.

Walk around with all the dignity you can assume and tell everybody that you are going to college.

Write out a list of good resolutions, such as the following:

Get up every morning at 5 o'clock.

Never crib.

Never flirt with the ladies.

AFTER REACHING COLLEGE.

Write home for money.

Greet the seniors familiarly.

If the "Texas Rangers" visit you, resist and be as happy as you can under the circumstances.

We feel that Bucknell has made a brave and hopeful beginning in publishing so good a first attempt, and think many western colleges with five times her strength in students might profit by her example.

Apropos of beginning, we feel encouraged for western colleges when we look at the modest effort from Indiana Beta, where a commencement issue of the *Indiana Student*, the college paper, was gotten out with some pictorial elaboration, including the usual fraternity engravings, with some

few special features usually found in college annuals, such as rolls of college organizations and wood cuts. We sincerely desire this seed to germinate and bring forth in due time an abundant harvest.

The gem of the year by odds is the *Kaldron*, which in typography, engravings, "scalds," and satirical work generally is up to the best productions of former days, when the engravers did little and bright wits in the editorial boards much.

Mr. McNair, *Φ Γ Δ*, the editor and designer of nearly if not quite all of the wood-engravings, is a young artist of the finest sort. We have not words of praise too loud for the greater part of his work, and regret that the same artistic purpose is not clearly evident in all his fancy head and tail pieces as well as more ambitious work. His work is far better than the steel engravings from the leading firms of the country represented here, in conception and finish, though, of course, comparisons between the work of the pencil and that of the graver's tool are not often possible. If Mr. McN. will permit us, we should like to suggest that the full page cut preceding the enumeration of atheletic organizations, is sadly forced in conception and by no means so happy as the simple head-piece on p. 71. We hope to hear more of this talented young man.

The *Kaldron* contains the two best bits of doggerel of the year, but if the author of the parody on the Raven had studied several of Poe's essays on the making of verse, he would have saved himself the fearful blunders of rhythm of which he has been guilty. However the ideas are so good that the poems deserve quoting entire:

THE HERO.

Once upon a midnight dreary, while my stomach, weak and weary,  
 Wrestled with mince pies, a dozen fruits, and sweets a dozen more;  
 Suddenly, there came sweet slumber, slumber with a gentle snore.  
 Like the sound of distant thunder, came the gentle snore.  
 Something like it, only more.

Ah! the dream I'm now recalling, fearful sights and sounds appalling,  
 Mince pie—dreams the like of which no student ever dreamed before;  
 For it seemed there came a rolling, on my ear the awful tolling  
 Of the old fire-gong a clanging, clanging louder than before,  
 Telling of the fire-fiend raging somewhere now, as oft before.  
 In the warm forever-more!

Rose I then, and partly dressing, joined the crowd, which on was pressing,  
 Where the inky darkness all the brightness of the noon-day wore;  
 There I saw fair Hulings blazing, and to me still more amazing,  
 My own sweetheart, wildly calling, calling me as oft before,  
 With her arms toward me extended, as I'd seen them oft before.  
 Calling me, just me, no more.

Through the crowd, in frenzy springing, high I leaped, and firmly clinging  
 To the fire escape, I soon was by her side, just as of yore,  
 Her fair form one instant clasping, and the next the ladder grasping,  
 Swiftly came I down—I woke then—downward rolling on the floor,  
 And my pillow, which I pressed so fondly, laid I on the floor.  
 Not my love—my pillow, nothing more.

Here is a dainty bit that  $\Phi \Psi$ 's will appreciate:

The drummer has "face,"	And here in our midst
And the book agent "gall;"	Is the "brassy" cadet,
The hotel clerk "metal,"	But the top of the heap
Which once beat them all;	Is the "Phi Psi Quintette."

In contrast with the halting rhythm of The Hero, quoted above, we reproduce, with slight omissions, a much better metrical effort, though the moral tone is a trifle low:

In the fall of '87,	Tried to get the inside wet side,
Four of Allegheny's students,	Where was then the outside dry side;
Nearly dead from over study;	But the end side upside outside
One a Gamma, one a Delta,	That had been the east end dry side,
One a Sig. and one a Theta,	Would not yield to their endeavors,
Hied them to a hotel <i>side-board</i>	Still remained perverse and willful.
Filled their stomachs, filled a basket,	Turned they then unto the long side,
Then their stomachs with pale lager,	To the side that was the down side,
Ordered them a keg of lager,	To the side they called the bung side.
Took it with them when they went	Found they here, at last, the bung hole
Toiling up the hill of learning;	Just between the hoops of iron,
Took it to the college campus,	Found the bung and drove the spigot.
Through the eastern gate they rolled it,	Turned it then and drank the lager,
To the circle of the pine trees.	On the grass they gently stretched them,
There they stopped and then unloaded,	On their overcoats they laid them,
First their baskets, then their stomachs;	With the beer kegs and the bottles.
Turned they then unto the barrel,	First a groan and then a gurgle,
Strongly made was the small barrel,	Then a sigh and then a moan,
Made of oak and bound with iron,	And the boys without one struggle,
So that not one drop could filter;	Lay there with themselves and bottles,
Scarcely could the heavenly ether	Lay there dreaming of old Bacchus,
Find a place through which to enter.	Of the kingdom of Anheuser,
Turned the down-side right side upside;	Of the land of Phil's beer water.
Turned the west end to the down side;	

*The Gopher*, from Minnesota *B*, is a welcome addition to our older friends and we hope to become better acquainted. *The Gopher* as an annual partakes largely of the character of an advertisement of the university, and as such it is warmly to be commended. It is full of information, portraits, cuts of buildings, class rolls, student organizations, and is

more or less a reproduction of the *Cornellian*. Satire and broad humor cut little figure in this publication, the following address being the most pointed, presumably dedicated to I. Donnelly, Esq. :

SHAKESPEARE'S BUST TO THE OTHER BARDS ON THE BACON-SHAKESPEARE CONTROVERSY, FROM HIS NICHE IN THE LITERATURE ROOM.

Ye sacred bards, whose songs from age to age  
 Have kindled men to noble deeds and true,  
 Know ye the fate that now awaits your fame?  
 Then list, while I reveal, and tremble, lest  
 In coming years, some upstart critic bold,  
 Seeking to pander to degenerate minds,  
 Declare your names all myths, your works all frauds.  
 Laugh ye my words to scorn? Hark, hear my tale:  
 The Bard of Avon was I, known and loved  
 Of every man whose darling boast it was  
 That England's soil could claim me for her own.  
 Three centuries I held despotic sway,  
 The sceptre wielding over all beside  
 Of whatsoever time, or land, or speech;  
 But now within my realm foul treason's born,  
 The traitor waits to rob me of my crown,  
 Tear off my robes, depose me from my throne,  
 And thrust me beggared out upon the world.  
 And now the rabble throng upbear with shouts,  
 Upon their shoulders, one whom they proclaim  
     The rightful king.  
 But note his trembling hand; his sceptre shakes;  
 His tinsel crown, in fashion like to mine,  
 Slips o'er his brow and hangs about his neck;  
 And when they ask for his great seal of State  
 To set upon his work and make it sure,  
 'Tis but a cipher, to be sneered aside.  
 And yet these rising striplings bend the knee,  
 And say, "Long live King Bacon! Down with him,  
 "The traitor, rascal, bibler, roister, thief!  
 "Justice shall come at last, though long delayed,  
 "Bringing reward and punishment alike,  
 "Justice shall come at last!" Aye, come she shall,  
 Leading the rightful ruler to his place,  
 And, ruthless, snatch away the gaudy robes  
 Of the usurper, leaving his true garb—  
 Showing an exile, lone, disgraced, reviled,  
 With puffed out cheeks blowing a tiny spark  
 That he may start the fires of science fresh,  
 And light the world upon its onward march;

For which all honor to his name, but not  
For this, that he hath writ the works of  
    Avon's Bard.  
Then tremble, brothers, lest a time should come  
In the revolving cycles, when your fame,  
Like mine, should be assailed, and you, like me,  
Cast from the pedestals on which you stand.

N. B.—If any of my friends should detect a slight deterioration in my style, let them remember that I have been out of practice for 272 years.

The *Makio* enjoys the high distinction of being the only college annual published in the State of Ohio. It is true there are several other larger and richer colleges in the state than the Ohio State University, but college spirit seems to be lacking in them, for though once in a great while a college publication comes forth from them, the *Makio* is the only annual in the State.

The *Makio* this year is largely improved over former efforts. In the first place there seems to have been in the editors' minds an honest desire to say more about their college, its work, and its prospects, and less about its unpopular professors. Many portraits, cuts, and articles are inserted which may well go toward making outside opinion favorable of the university; and the literary matter, though not quite so keen as formerly, is vastly improved in moral tone. We note with pleasure that vituperation of Prof. Welsh has ceased and little is said disrespectful of the president, Dr. Scott, and we hope the boys are acquiring, if not more respect for the powers that be, at least more self-control in expressing opinions concerning them. The dedication is a graceful one, and one which may seem as a kind of index to the tone of the whole publication: "With kindest regard, this book is dedicated by the Board of Editors to the wives of the Faculty of O. S. U."

Two clever things we make room for, the first of which is a very clever satire:

A LECTURE IN SOPH. PHYSICS.

PROF.—Has the second bell struck?

CLASS—Yes, some time ago.

PROF.—Very well then; we will proceed,—[*Five minutes elapse during which time the individual hairs of the professional mustache are carefully arranged*]—as I remarked a few minutes ago, we will proceed.

[*Class settling into easy positions.*]

PROF.—Mr. Hine, will you lower the windows on this side of the room? Mr. Steckel, you may put the windows down on your side. The room seems a little close this morning.

CLASS—[*In whispers*]—Wonder if the bad air is the cause of this great flow of eloquence.

PROF.—The class will please excuse me; I want to step into my private room for a minute. [*Twenty minutes.*]

CLASS—[*In subdued tones*—These lectures are growing more interesting every day.

*Enter PROFESSOR.*

PROF.—We will take up this morning,—

*Enter BUNKER HILL.*

PROF.—[*With profound bow*—Mr. Whitney!

BUNKER HILL—I.....[conversation sinks into whispers for another *moment*.]

PROF.—The class will please keep their seats while I go down stairs with Mr. Whitney.

*Exeunt PROFESSOR and BUNKER HILL.*

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE CLASS—The Professor is improving every day in his lectures. Why don't Dr. O. and Prof. T. exert themselves a little, and make the lectures in Geology and Physiology as interesting as those in Physics?

*Enter PROFESSOR.*

PROF.—As I said before, we will take up this morning—I believe I can make the subject a little clearer by performing some experiments. Excuse me for a moment till I get out some apparatus. [*Professor returns.*] You remember in the last lecture I spoke of the law of Specific Resistance. Now that principle is very clearly brought out by this piece of apparatus. [*Long interval elapses.*] I discover that this instrument is broken; we will have to postpone our experiments till some other time. But I want to say right here, to the class, that this is not my way of experimenting. In the laboratories of Prof. Mayer and Prof. Cross, I was not used to apparatus in this condition. I have not been here long enough to personally inspect all the apparatus in this laboratory. Did any of you have any trouble with the mathematics of the last lesson?

[*Many answers in the affirmative.*]

PROF.—Well, you will have to give the matter a little closer attention. I would draw a diagram and work out those formulæ, but I can't reach the black-board from where I sit. We will let that go for the present, and take up— [*Bell strikes.*] Well, I see our time is exhausted; we will have some more to say on this subject at the next lecture. You may take a lesson in Silvanus Thompson and one in the text. Also read what there is in Daniell's Physics on the subject. You might also look up what there is said in the laboratory book used here, and if you have time, consult Faraday's works; and you will find an article in the Philosophical Magazine, Vol. XXII. [*Second bell strikes.*] I want to say to the class, while I think of it, that the last examination showed that a great many of you have not digested the lectures very thoroughly.

The class is excused until the next lecture.

Here are two poems which, aside from the few bits of stumbling in rhythm, are clever in thought and versification. We stop here to wonder why people who have the poetic instinct and who know apparently how to write good verse, can yet be unable to detect in their writing glaring inaccuracies which the veriest tyro in rhetorical art could detect. And now the poems:

TWO PICTURES.

I—SHADOWS.

A line of wave-washed glistening sand,  
Upon the border of a sea,  
That throws its dark unfathomed  
depths

Into the blue Infinity.

While on the waters distant verge,  
That parts the fearless sea and sky,  
Sharp out-lined 'gainst the dimmer  
blue,

A sail of white is passing by.

Clear painted 'gainst the sunset sky

A lovely maiden lonely stands,  
And as the fleet sail passes by,  
She waves "adieu" with small brown  
hand.

She waits, till in the gloaming there,  
The mild October wind has sung  
Its evening song, a sweet, sad air,  
To her upon the beach alone.

The tide creeps up to her bare, brown  
feet,  
While the sea-gulls homeward all are  
flown.

'Neath the sun-set's rosy glow,  
She turns once more her longing eyes  
To the far, far circling line  
Parting the fearless sea and sky,  
Where in the lengthening shadows dim,  
A sail of white is flitting by.

She waits—all the crimson clouds  
Fade into ashy gray;  
And then in sadness she cries,  
"The shadows stretch far to-day  
O'er my heart, the sky and sea!  
My sailor boy goes away!  
I can only watch and pray,  
'Oh, God! bring him back to me!'"

II—SUNSHINE.

Look at the sea to-day,  
With the waves of glimmering white!  
And the sky radiant in beauty,  
With the sun's pure golden light!  
Ah! what a different picture  
From the gloomy shadow of night!

Out on the long sand-bar,  
The children are filled with delight;  
The birds sing everywhere,  
Life is so joyous and bright!  
The fisher-folk all give thanks;  
The good ship is coming, say they  
That in the autumn-tide  
Sailed to the South away.

There on the shining beach  
Standeth a maiden fair,  
And 'tis the spring-time breeze  
Blowing her flower-decked hair;  
What hope and joy in her face,  
As she waits in the sunlight there!

She ever watches the line  
Parting the sun and sky,  
Until in the fathomless blue,  
A well-known sail comes nigh.  
Cometh still!—our little maid  
Utters a joyous cry.

"God's sunshine has come again  
Over the earth and the sea!  
My heart is glad, for this white-sailed  
ship,  
Coming over the lea  
Answers my prayer and brings  
My sailor boy home to me!

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Would that Life for us  
Had none of the shadows and dread!  
Would that the sun would shine  
O'er the Past and buried dead!  
Oh, that our hearts were free  
From the Winter's sorrow and pain,  
To be filled with the joy and light  
From Spring-time's glorious train!

The *Oriflamme* comes forth in much improved style this year, though we are sorry to see the same nondescript cut of  $\Psi K \Psi$  included which adorned (?) the pages of *L'Agenda*.

The "Burning Brand" and other witticisms are so largely of a local nature that they preclude quotation, but we are so overwhelmed with the naïveté of the closing words of the final editorial that we can not refrain from reprinting a few sentences.

The business men of this city and elsewhere who have favored us with their support, should receive the complete patronage of the students and readers. We can recommend them all as reliable houses, which have thus shown their desire for the welfare of the college and everything connected with it. Others who have received a large share of college custom have persistently refused to advertise, thinking to receive as much without. We ask you to show them their mistake by withdrawing your trade from them.

The *Echo* is another annual whose typography and general make-up are vastly improved, the former being especially chaste and elegant.

Perhaps the most interesting article of this year's *Echo* is the following which we prefer to quote entire:

THE LEGEND OF THE ECHO OF THE SENECA.

*From Vol. II., "Echo of the Seneca," published June, 1859.*

In presenting another number of the "Echo of the Seneca" to our intelligent readers, it will not be amiss, perhaps, to relate the wild legend connected with its name.

The "Echo of the Seneca!" Who has not heard, in the still summer eve, that deep, booming sound which rises from Seneca's bosom, and rushes along from rock to rock, from shore to shore, dying away at length in low and smothered tones, as of distant thunder?

THE LEGEND.

Long ago, in those times of savage simplicity and freedom, when a vast and unbroken wilderness covered these now smiling and prosperous regions, and the red men enjoyed undisputed sway everywhere, the Sachems of the Seneca nation held a council on the banks of their beautiful lake, and decreed a fishing-law. It was decreed, in the name of Manito, that trout-fishing should be entirely refrained from during the spawning season. All shouted their approval of this just and humane law except one young warrior, who stepped forth, and, in a loud and insolent tone, declared that the law was unjust, and wholly at variance with their customs. "The Great Spirit is not stingy; see," said he, pointing to the lake, "the Seneca is long and full of fish. Have not our fathers fished before us? But do the speckled trout dart less often at the bait? Aga-yeu-teh will not obey the law!" The multitude was astonished at this bold speech. A slight murmur of applause could be heard as Aga-yeu-teh, with a haughty and determined step, was about to leave the council. But when the chief Sachem, an aged and venerable man arose, universal silence prevailed. "Stay, Aga-yeu-teh," said he, raising aloft

his mighty hand, and pointing to the heavens; "Stay and hear the words of Manito. Go and fish, but think not that the Great Spirit will overlook disobedience to his law."

The young chieftain thus solemnly warned, stood irresolute for some moments. An inward struggle was going on between his pride and a reverential regard for the words of the old Sachem. At last, however, gazing at the crowd for a moment, with a look half pitying, half contemptuous, he turned, and, as if urged on by some evil spirit, bent his course directly toward the lake. Meantime, the whole tribe arose and followed their chieftain in solemn silence to the lake also. Aga-yeu-teh had paddled out his canoe a short distance from the shore, and was now standing up, proud and erect, watching his countrymen, as they slowly assembled on the high and beautifully shaped bank to the right. The scene was picturesque and beautiful. The sun was just sinking behind the western woods, and its lingering rays cast a strange, unearthly luster o'er the awe-struck groups which now clustered closely around the sacred person of the Sachem. Not a ripple disturbed the motionless and glassy bosom of the Seneca.

Harsh sounds and sighs, with melting day,  
Had from the lovely scene been driven;  
Nature seemed kneeling down to pray,  
In praise and gratitude to heaven.

Aga-yeu-teh dropped his line. As it touched the water's edge a fearful crash was heard, and the rushing of a mighty blast; then all was silent as before. All eyes were fixed upon the spot where the rash young brave had disappeared forever. Soon, however, a blackened and misshapen mass arose to the surface; prolonged peals of thunder resounded far away in the distance, and immediately it commenced moving in the direction whence the peals proceeded.

"Behold an example of the just vengeance of Heaven," said the Sachem, pointing to the object before him. "The voice of the Great Spirit is calling Aga-yeu-teh away. Doomed forever to float on the bosom of the Seneca, thus, when the voice of Manito is heard, must he always obey."

Such is the legend that we have heard of the "Echo of the Seneca."

We note with pleasure that  $\Phi K \Psi$  has taken a leading position at Hobart, judging from the representation which she has upon all student organizations and college enterprises, and earnestly hope that she may never lose prestige.

C. L. VAN CLEVE.

**A CLUSTER OF VERSES.****TWILIGHT.**

Evening twilight, mystic hour,  
 When shadows flee before the sun,  
 And deepen, lengthen, one by one,  
 'Til night and shadow are the same.  
 Morning twilight, joyous tide,  
 When birds their praises have begun,  
 And nature wakes; the night is done—  
 All earth breaths forth Jehovah's name.

Twilight, emblem sweet  
 Of ripening years—of man whose work  
 Is done; and as the shadows lurk  
 So death pursues, and ends the strife.  
 But what is death to meet?  
 The silver cord is loosed; behind  
 The world. From night man wakes to find  
 Eternal day, immortal life.

BURT MCVAY ALLISON.

**YE COURTYNG RACQUET.**

I met her last summer at tennis,  
 Oh, I tell you she played the game!  
 And before I knew it, she'd won it,  
 A love one, all others the same.  
 "Are you ready?" came from her corner,  
 And then she would play for the set;  
 So before the summer was over,  
 She landed us all in her net.  
 But "love all" was too universal,  
 One racket I'll never forget.  
 When I told her *we* couldn't play doubles,  
 The deuce, how she said—"It's a let."  
 I left the next day for the city—  
 Put up my net, cap and bat;  
 But snug in my cap was her picture,  
 The racket a framing for that.  
 As during the long winter evenings  
 Her playing to friends I'd exalt,  
 I was more and more captivated,  
 And found that my play was a fault.

At the first sign of summer  
I went to the place where we met,  
And finding her still playing tennis  
I asked her to try me a set.

I told her I never liked singles,  
How they lacked in spirit and life;  
So we played at doubles that summer,  
And keep it up now—man and wife.

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THE REASON WHY.

The poet asks, Oh, why this sigh—ah?  
This haggard look, and sunken eye—ah?  
But stop, the answer to your question  
Is, no doubt you've indigestion.

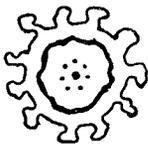
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A DRUMMER'S IDYL.

Her head rests on the velvet blue  
Of a through car Pullman sleeper.  
Her hair a delicate golden hue—  
Old Morpheus her keeper.

I sit behind, enjoy the sight,  
And picture her form and feature;  
Willowy, graceful, fairy light,  
In short, a perfect creature.

She 'wakes, now am I right or not?  
Surely nothing now can hinder—  
She turns, I'm blinded; oh, Great Scott!  
By a b—— a beastly cinder.



## Editorial.

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IN writing for the opening issue of a new volume, we are embarrassed by the multitude of suggestions which throng our mind as to what we should say to indicate in some measure the plans for the year.

We desire more than ever that THE SHIELD should take the first place among fraternity journals and keep it, and think we know how this may be brought about; but so important a discussion as that must not be broached at this time nor in this place.

We desire most of all the approval of our constituents, believing that if our journal cease to be the indispensable adjunct to fraternity life, we have failed in our mission, and have given cause for removal from the high office which we have so long enjoyed.

At the outset of the year we send a hearty greeting to every chapter, to every alumnus, to every patron of any sort, and express a hope that we may all begin the year with higher aspirations than ever before, and may experience a year of unexampled prosperity.

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WE can not forbear to caution chapters against initiations made at the very beginning of a term. We know the cry will be raised that other fraternities will snatch the best men from us if we do not seize the earliest opportunities, but permit us the suggestion that it were better far

to lose a dozen good men by going slowly, than by taking one man who may spoil an entire chapter.

We believe that every chapter ought to be on the alert, so much so that the coming of the good men from every point may be anticipated even, and "spiking" be begun before the initiated leaves his home; but rushing men and taking them in are two very different things. We heartily wish that we might be sure of a patient hearing, so that we might detail a few of the confidential remarks that have been made to us during an experience of ten years or more of active fraternity work, about the horrible blunders that have come from precipitancy in initiating men.

We know of three chapters of our own fraternity that have been ruined, perhaps we might add others that were nearly wrecked, by the admission of one uncongenial man, who was unfitted by nature and inclination for the associations with which he was thrown in joining  $\phi K \Psi$ .

If the truth were only known, many men have been chosen into our own and other societies because of some fancied brilliancy of intellect evidenced by a flat joke or two, or an accidental repartee, whose fraternity life has been no credit to himself or chapter.

We believe in a good many things, but in none more than in "blood." We have no sympathy with the sentiment that there are people among us who are of a little finer type than ordinary mankind, and who, because of wealth or other accidents of birth, are entitled to greater social recognition, but we do most heartily subscribe to a faith in the laws of heredity by which a boor is differentiated from a gentleman by the unerring transmission of traits through long generations.

We ought to know as much of a man's family as of himself when we take him into our fold, not whether his

father has been a governor or his great grandfather a millionaire, but whether there flows through his veins a flood of warm blood, rich in the potentialities of a sweet and lovely mother, as well as of a courageous, high-minded father.

What can we know of a man's suitability for companionship in our charmed circle if we rush him in during his first week in college? It is not enough to have a man vouched for by some enthusiastic friend already in the chapter, but we should have time to find out by personal acquaintance how much the friend's partial estimate is true from our point of view, and making allowance for the "personal equation," ascertain whether it is the part of wise men to be precipitate.

It is no argument to say that if we are so slow as this line of suggestion indicates we should be left in the race for new men, for we believe if young men on coming to college could once get an inkling that the best fraternities were not around making them miserable with attentions before trunks could be unpacked, the dangers would all disappear.

We conclude this brief exhortation by expressing confidence that the "good fish" are not all caught in the first haul of the net, and oftenest the best fish are those which have to be angled for and conquered by skillful art.

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WE should be much obliged to our chapter correspondents and other contributors if they would remember to write their communications so carefully that changes would not be made necessary after matter is in type. Be sure that your motives are pure in making any statement regarding a rival fraternity, and having said anything stick to it. Write in pure idiomatic English, and save the

Editor a vast deal of patching and tinkering of badly constructed sentences.

Again, be merciful and do not ask of the editor labor which you ought to undertake yourself. Our work is onerous enough with your most valuable efforts, and we sincerely hope that you will not increase it any by the lazy thought that we have nothing else to do but to look up matters concerning your own chapter.

We find it still necessary to remind a few that *printers will not set up "copy" written on both sides of a sheet of paper*. It is not right to expect us to copy letters improperly prepared, and believing as we do that THE SHIELD is a medium of communication between chapters more than anything else, we can not afford to omit any letter from publication.

Finally, brothers, remember that THE SHIELD has as many alumni to interest as active members, and personals to them are the most valuable part of the paper.

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CO-LABORERS of the fraternity press, a word with you: We have enjoyed your companionship during the year gone by, and in the providence of God hope for a pleasant future in your society. You have said some good things about us, you have made some pleasant comments, but your attitude toward us has not been one of courtesy at all times.

We might emulate your example, and opening up an exchange department vent our anger at unfair treatment in our finest sarcastic vien; but believing that such a course is not in accord with our duty to our fraternity, we have so far refrained from such a course.

We do not expect you to think of yourselves, the fraternity world or us, as we think, but we wish to enter a

protest against the lurid style of so-called "reviews" during the past year. Much of the same kind of stuff that contaminates the daily press has crept into the pages of fraternity journals, and for the life of us we can not see for what use.

We enjoy the frank, honest opinion of a contemporary decently expressed, but we think there is not an editor of any fraternity journal who could not, from his exchange list of the past year, cull a lot of illnatured, vicious stuff which would be discreditable to the *Eatanswill Gazette*. We may not all be able to be generous, but as fair-minded men and women let us be just. Let us give each other honest praise if we can, helpful criticism if we would do good, and playful sarcasm if we must, remembering that our constituencies expect our best thought and brightest writing for themselves, and not for the beggarly few of our contemporaries with whom we have no interests in common, except such as those engaged in a pleasant literary occupation ought to have, unless we look upon the Greek world as a field in which we can labor side by side for the upbuilding of American manhood.

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As we go to press, the Executive Council is holding its annual session in the City of Columbus with a full attendance. We hope to give such an epitome of its deliberations in the October issue as their nature will permit.

## Chapter Letters.

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### ALLEGHENY.

In the year just passed Pennsylvania Beta has experienced an active college life. Gaining enough honors and victories to place the chapter in such a high road that no member could fail to feel a just pride in his fraternity, and this feeling, tempered by the fraternal bond, has made each brother's life pleasant, which he has not been slow to manifest at all times, so that we can truly say it has been a most successful year for Phi Psi at Allegheny.

During the spring term quite a little excitement and talk was caused by a certain few students who attempted to raise a small-sized insurrection, because the faculty had seen fit to deal in a different manner from what these students had previously suggested to it, with a half dozen offenders whom the would-be insurrectionists wanted expelled. In their excitement these fellows did a good many things they were afterwards ashamed of, while the matter was satisfactorily arranged by the faculty, which, by the way, has undergone a change.

Owing to the ill health of Dr. Wheeler he was compelled to resign from the laborious duties of president, and Wilbur G. Williams, D. D., class of '75, and of the professional corps, was chosen to succeed him. Dr. Wheeler, however will remain in the faculty as a professor. Rev. J. H. Miller, class of '82, was elected as principal of the preparatory department, vice Prof. Newland, resigned. In all other respects the faculty for the ensuing term will be as formerly.

Since our last letter to THE SHIELD we have initiated two members of the class of '91—Henry Byers and Arthur Barnes—both lively  $\Phi \Psi$ 's, and very promising ones too. This makes the number of initiates for the year five, and the membership of the chapter unlucky (?) thirteen.

We lose Brother Ellsworth, who graduated as valedictorian, and will study law in Meadville. Also Brother Barrett, class of '90, who leaves the fold of Allegheny for Syracuse. The rest of the chapter, with possibly one or two exceptions, will return, and we will have a good working force with which to be ready for business at the opening of the fall term.

Through the efforts of Brothers Anderson, Bray, and three other "Captain Dutton" men, Theta Nu Epsilon was established early in the year. It was somewhat of a surprise as its existence at Allegheny was kept secret until the initiation of the '91 men. Kappa Kappa Gamma was established in April.

The chapter did not distinguish itself to any very great extent this year in athletics, capturing no prizes on field day, yet it was well represented on every college athletic organization. We had three members on the ball nine, and the captaincy of it, and two members on the foot ball team, while a number of the brothers became very proficient in tennis.

The last term was all the pleasanter by being spent in a chapter-house, which we found added much to the enjoyment of college life, and the receptions and impromptu parties given by the boys won many friends for the Phi Psi house, which we now think is an assured success. The annual banquet was held there, which made that event even more enjoyable than those held heretofore.

While the chapter has better and higher aims than the mere securing of prizes, yet it always endeavors to obtain enough to establish a reputation in that line. The following is a list of those captured by the fraternity: The Allegheny Society declamation and oration prizes by Bro. J. R. Anderson. The inter-society oration contest by Bro. F. A. Cattern. Brother Bray as inter-society essayist, was beaten by the merest margin, the count standing 607 to 608 against him. By an inferior system of marking, the majority of points given him by two judges were overruled by those handed in by a third. Brothers Laffer and Cattern were editors on the *Kaldron*. On the *Campus* board of editors  $\Phi \Psi$  is represented by Brother Anderson as associate editor-in-chief, by Brother Bray as chairman of the local department, and Brother Cattern as exchange editor. Brother Bray was chosen leader of the Glee Club, and Brother Sullivan leader of the Guitar Club. Pennsylvania Beta was represented on both organizations by her famous Quintette Club, consisting of Brothers Porter, Hersperger, Silliman, Bray, and Barrett. The club became quite popular for the serenades it gave during the spring term. The class officers were: Brother Laffer, president of '89; Brother Anderson, president and Brother Barrett secretary, of '90; Brother Brown, historian of '91.

The boys stand by THE SHIELD, and are going to strengthen their hold upon our alumni by making a desperate attempt to secure the requisite number of subscribers for Volume IX.

With but two exceptions the entire chapter, and quite a number of alumni, met at Chautauqua, July 27th, and witnessed Bro. Frank A. Cattern win the \$100 prize in the inter-collegiate oratorical contest. Representatives from the following colleges participated: Adelbert, Allegheny, Ohio Wesleyan, University of Rochester, Syracuse, and Washington and Jefferson. The subject of Brother Cattern's oration was, "American Feudalism." The result was a decided victory for Allegheny, and was all the more emphasized for Phi Kappa Psi, because all the representatives were fraternity men but one. Dr. Buckley, Hon. A. W. Tourgee, and Prof. Cumnock acted as judges. After the decision the boys proceeded to celebrate.

The outlook for the college is very favorable, and it seems to be "catching on the spirit of the tendency of the times," and gradually pulling away from some of its old time moorings. There are new walks being built through the campus, building painted, papered, and the grounds improved generally.

During the last two years the college has seen the establishment of the custom of having class plays, and this last year a class fraternity. The publication of an annual was begun, this year's "*Kaldron*" being the first for about five years that has been issued at Allegheny.

Anticipating in '88-9 a good all round year for the chapter, college, and fraternity in general, and hoping and believing THE SHIELD will have a continuance of its past prosperity, and a host of new Phi Psis upon its subscription list, we will say good-bye for two or three months or "summers" thereabouts.

A. M. BROWN.

Pleasantville, Pa., Aug. 4, 1888.

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#### BUCKNELL.

Since Gamma's last communication to THE SHIELD our number has been increased by the initiation of three brothers: Paul Tustin, '91, of Bloomsburg, Penn.; Chas. A. Walker, '89, of Philadelphia; and Clayton Bennett, '91, of Lewisburg, Pa. These accessions made our number fifteen, the largest in the year, and for some years past.

We lose, of course, the three seniors, by their graduation. Kelly becomes Professor of Latin and Mathematics in Central Pennsylvania College, New Berlin, Pa.; Schreyer enters the iron industry in his native town, Milton; while Woodward is pursuing his medical studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Pierson, of '91, also leaves us, to resume business at Milford, Del.

This will leave an active chapter of eleven—five seniors, one junior, and five sophomores—as against nine last year, to begin the work of next year.

All the Phi Psis of '88 graduated with "first class orations," Kelly securing third classical honor, the masters's oration; Woodward was the class day prophet; Schreyer was awarded one half of the divided Faraday Prize for best essay upon an assigned scientific subject. At the Corporation Dinner the toast to the graduating class was responded to very neatly by Kelly.

The Fowler Prize, for the best oration at the junior exhibition in oratory, was awarded to the author of "American Courtesy," our own brother Gretzinger. To Wolfe, of '89, fell the honor of commencement's chief marshalship. Woodward also, as president of Theta Alpha Literary Society, presided on the occasion of the oration before the societies of the college, pronounced by the Rev. T. S. McArthur, of New York.

Our annual symposium, honored by the presence of President Robert Lowry, and of Archon H. L. Calder, will long be remembered as a pleasant gathering of Gamma's "old boys" with the younger members, yet all alike loyal, zealous, and enthusiastic for the chapter and  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

During the past year the *University Mirror*, with Brother Kelly as editor-in-chief part of the year, and under the continuous financial management of Brothers Gretzinger and Abraham, has held its high rank among college journals. The inauguration of the *Commencement Daily News*, and our first annual, *L'Agenda*, are due to the energy of Brother Gretzinger alone.

Brother Shuster, '91, as manager of Bucknell's base ball interests, proved

a "Mascot" to them.  $\Phi \Psi$  was represented on the team by Wilkinson, '91, as second base. Wilkinson has also acquired quite a reputation in tennis, winning the championship cup for singles in the summer tournament of the Lewisburg Association.

There was quite a reunion of  $\Phi \Psi$  boys at the recent encampment of the Third Brigade N. G. P., at Mt. Gretna, Pa. Eleven of Gamma's men, including our worthy archon, two of Epsilon, and one of N. Y. Alpha, joined in frequent discussions of old  $\Phi \Psi$ .

Bucknell University is undergoing many changes, and all for her advancement. Two new buildings are now in course of erection, and material improvements are made to the old. The gymnasium and chemical laboratory are assured in the near future. Literary facilities are now increased, and the erection of a new building for this purpose is only delayed for the fulfillment of the conditions of the late Brother Backus' behest. The preparatory department is made separate from the college and additional instruction is provided therein. The vacancy in the chair of Greek, caused by the election of Prof. W. A. Robinson to the same department in Lehigh, is already filled in the person of Prof. Clarence F. Castle, Ph. D., of Dennison University, and late of Yale College.

The election of President David J. Hill to the presidency of Rochester University, leaves the university without a nominal head, though under its acting president, Prof. G. G. Groff, its interests are well managed. Bro. G. H. Philips, '71, Principal of the West Chester State Normal School, is favorably mentioned as Dr. Hill's probable successor. There are, upon the whole, very gratifying evidences of prosperity for our university.

Our chapter, too, is in a healthy condition. We will commence the Fall term with eleven men, while  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  will number ten, and  $\Sigma X$  five. The past year has seen many  $\Phi \Psi$  success, we mean to chronicle more in the school year to come.

H. M. KELLY.

Lewisburg, Pa., August, 10, 1888.

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#### DICKINSON COLLEGE.

We were all pleased with the last SHIELD, and we like the change in making September, rather than April, the beginning of the volume. We have already commenced our subscription list for our extra copies of THE SHIELD, and in all probability will have the required number by September.

A few months since we mentioned the fact that Wm. P. String, '91, had been pledged to us, but now we have the pleasure of introducing him to you as an energetic brother. We prophesy in him a future member of the G. A. C.

Our commencement exercises this year have been a decided success. On class day, Brothers Boyer, Ashley, and Meloy distinguished themselves. Brother Ashley's presentation speech is considered the best that has been delivered here for years, and Brother Meloy's history kept the audience in a state of visible good humor for more than an hour.

This year we lose by graduation Brothers Ashley, Boyer, Dryden, Meloy, and Sterling, and Brothers Holler and Wharton also leave us, the one to study

law and the other to enter business. May peace and harmony accompany them!

Of the six fraternities situated here only two had enough alumni back to insure a banquet, and you may be sure that  $\Phi$   $\Psi$  had enough loyal sons back to have a royal symposium.

Bro. Judge Herman, '62, was symposiarch, and he gave us, as he always does, some of the most delightful reminiscences of the early days of old Zeta.

Brother Morris, '89, gave the address of welcome, which was followed by the banquet, which of course was enjoyed. The following toasts were responded to in the most pleasing manner:

- “The G. A. C.”.....R. D. Meloy, '88.  
 “Our Alumni,”.....Rev. W. L. McDowell, '63.  
 “Our Lady Friends,”.....J. A. Strite, '84.  
 “Our Absent Brothers,”.....Wm. B. Longsdorf, '87.  
 “Phi Kappa Psi,”.....Rev. J. Y. Dobbins, '75.

Bro. E. O. Shakespeare, '67, late from Spain, where he was sent to make investigations in regard to cholera, also gave some very pleasing remarks.

Phi Psi has been “on top” this year as to honors. Brother Boyer of the senior class was taken into the  $\Phi$   $\Psi$   $\Psi$  Society, Brother Morris of the junior class was in the first section, Brother Pearce of the sophomore class lead the “Latin Scis,” and Brother Mills of the freshman class took one of the \$100 prizes. Besides these all of our boys were in the upper sections of their classes.

Brothers Holler, Wharton, and Vale were our representatives on the base ball team, Brother Wharton being captain. Only two games during the whole season were lost.

Our beloved president, Rev. J. A. McCauley, D. D., LL. D., has lately resigned his position, and we are now numbered among those colleges without a president.

Our prospects for next year are of the best, and with joyful hearts we separated for our several homes.

God bless our fraternity!

GEO. V. MORRIS.

Carlisle, Pa., June 29, 1888.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY LETTER.

August 14th was celebrated at Ocean Grove as Dickinson College day. Many prominent alumni were present, among whom were Rev. Dr. Deems, of the Church of the Stranger, N. Y.; Hon. C. B. Lore, Attorney General of Delaware; Rev. Dr. Dobbins, of State Street M. E. Church, Trenton; J. E. Price, of Scranton, Pa.; Robert McKay, Prof. J. H. Morgan, Ralph Illingsworth, Wm. B. Longsdorf, Wm. P. String, etc. All of the above, except the first two, are loyal  $\Phi$   $\Psi$ 's.

The reunion was very pleasant. Speeches were made and the faculty gave a reception in the evening.

GEO. V. MORRIS.

Ocean Grove, N. J., Aug. 15, 1888.

## FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Commencement at Franklin and Marshall was held from June 10th to 17th. Of the graduating class, which numbered seventeen, two were  $\Phi \Psi$ 's.

Nothing of special interest to the readers of THE SHIELD transpired during the week, with the exception of Tuesday night, when about thirty-five of the brothers of Pennsylvania Eta sat down to a repast. The board was indeed a festive one, and the occasion one long to be remembered.

Brother Hay, of the graduating class, was presentation orator on class day, and the writer was valedictorian on graduating day.

The prospects of the chapter for the coming year are good. Several men are already contemplated as starters for the new term, and the fraternity may expect to hear good, if not very great things, from Pennsylvania Eta.

Hoping for the everlasting prosperity of the fraternity and its SHIELD,  
FRED. A. RUPLEY, JR.

## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

In this letter we will give a brief resumé of the principal events connected with New York Beta's history during the past year.

We returned at the beginning of the year '87-'88, with twelve members. Believing that conservatism was the best policy, we carried it to an extent which might have seemed ruinous, or at least unwise, initiating but two freshmen. But though numerically weaker than some of the other chapters, we have fairly shared the honors with them.

One bold stroke, and one which has been greatly to our benefit, was the severing of our connections with the *Syracusan*, and uniting with  $\Psi \Upsilon$  in the publication of a new weekly, the *University News*. It is just, however, to say that the *Syracusan*, under the editorship of Brother Schmidt, '88, had attained a higher reputation than it had ever before known.

At the Junior Hat Exhibition, held during the winter term, Brother Piper, '89, and Brother Burlingame, '90, filled prominent positions, Brother Piper being orator of the occasion. Brother Statham was elected Calculus Orator against the combined efforts of the  $\Delta K E$ 's and the neutrals. Brother Statham has also held the position of musical director of the University Glee Club during the year, and of class president, winter term.

At our annual Field Day, Brother Mirteenes, '90, took second prize, putting the shot; Brother Statham second, hurdle race; and Brother Burlingame second on the 100 yards and 220 yards dashes, and first on the 440 yards dash. Brother Burlingame also won two first prizes at the New York State Inter-Collegiate Field Day—the 100 yards and the 440 yards dash.

Brother Pratt, '88, was poet of his class. Brother Schmidt was also elected to a position, but was not here to fill it, having gone to his home in Minnesota.

The growth of our University during the past year has been unparalleled. The value of its property has nearly doubled. First came the Holden Observatory. The gift of the Von Ranke Library came next, which was soon followed by the princely gift of the John Crouse Memorial College. Other donations

have followed, making a total of more than \$500,000. Those who shall hereafter make Syracuse University their *alma mater*, will find a thrifty, prosperous institution.

GEO. K. STATHAM.

Syracuse, N. Y., July 30, 1888.

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OHIO WESLEYAN.

The heart of your correspondent is sad as he reflects upon the mighty scattering of Ohio Alpha's sons this summer.

Brother Phillips is busy at the immense pipe-organ of the grand Cathedral of St. Paul's. Brothers Semans, McElroy, and Westfall are somewhere in Delaware, but will return West in time for school. Brotherton, the only one still in Ohio, is boring for oil up in Lima. Reed accompanied Dillon in his trip over to London, and thence went on down to Portsmouth on the coast. Kennedy was last seen making his way toward Canada, so as to be able to practice elocution without disturbing the nerves of one J. Shur, a very dear friend of Webster's. Brother Hatcher is playing tennis in Chicago, while Fisher is sawing lumber on the Allegheny. Brother Henderson we lose by graduation, our own senior. He is now traveling in hot pursuit of law accompanied by McCafferty, under whom he is studying logic and the science of politics.

The last commencement of our university resembled in most respects the one preceding it. From early morn till late in the evening the voices of sixty graduates rang out on the college campus, with their words of logic, philosophy and advice to the faculty and visiting alumni. All the graduates spoke, and although speeches were limited to eight minutes, each speaker misunderstood the rule, and gave us interesting talks of twenty-five minutes. On Wednesday we had our field day of sports and games, which are always enjoyed hugely by the students.

One of the pleasing features of commencements is the return of our alumni, and the privilege we enjoy of meeting both those who have passed out within our own memory, and the older members who upheld the Phi Psi standard years ago.

Of the older brothers we greeted Dr. Robinson, of Cleveland; Dr. Porter, of Ripley; J. M. DeCamp, of Cincinnati; Dr. T. C. Reed, of Fostoria; Rev. W. C. Davis, Dr. W. D. Cherrington, and W. M. Semans, M. D. And then of more recent times, there was Billy Frizell with his straw hat, and Useless Sanger constantly wearing a daisy, and the kindly face of Burt Allison looming up to greet old friends. Brother Stivers, of Ripley, made a short stay, and Brother Van Deman came in late from Harvard.

But we hasten to introduce our three initiates of commencement week. Frank H. McElroy and Ralph E. Westfall, of Delaware, and Cloyd Brotherton, of Lima, have listened to Phi Psi's beautiful initiatory service, and are now wearers of the shield. May they never regret their choice, and live long to honor their fraternity.

We will open the year this fall with ten men, possibly more. In the place of Brother Phillips, who sailed for Europe August 7th, we welcome back

Brother Sanger, who will enter as junior. We will be represented in the college classes as follows: Seniors, 3; juniors, 3; sophomores, 1; and freshmen, 3.

At last the gymnasium is out of the ground, where it has lain buried since the memory of students and gray-haired alumni runneth not to the contrary. The building is now in rapid progress, and it is hoped to be completed by fall. The first ten feet of the structure will be stone, and will be finished *a la mode de Queen Anne*.

One of the incidents of the last trustee meeting was the resignation of our president, Dr. C. H. Payne, who enters immediately upon the duties of Secretary of the Board of Education of the M. E. Church. Under Dr. Payne's administration the Ohio Wesleyan University has experienced wonderful growth and success.

On the whole, to sum up Ohio Alpha's record for the past year, and her flattering prospects for the coming year, we are doing very well. We feel confident of marked and increased success for the coming year, and while we do not of course claim perfection, we do claim that Ohio Alpha has a worthy record, and we mean to maintain it. We still demand those three elements of character—scholarship, morality and sociability in its noblest sense.

Wishing the different chapters success in the coming year, and extending to Brother Van Cleve our heartiest congratulations on his excellent management of THE SHIELD, I will close.

E. B. DILLON.

London, Ohio, Aug. 10, 1888.

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### WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Commencement week brought a large number of visitors to Wooster, but more than half of the students have gone home. It has been a custom in the last two or three years for many of the students to leave as soon as they have completed their examinations. Some means should be tried by which more could be induced to remain for the closing exercises. The class of '88, including the musical students, numbered forty-three. There were four honor men, all non-frat, except the third honor, who was a member of the Delta Tau fraternity.

The college year just closed has been one of the most successful in the history of the institution. There were more students enrolled than ever before. The best paying department of the university is the musical department, under the direction of Prof. Karl Merz. The name of Karl Merz is known to the musical public all over the country, and he is the most popular man in Wooster. He has raised the standard of musical taste and culture far above that of towns of Wooster's size, and above many much larger. The high degree of excellence in musical culture is the source of constant remark by visitors. But what Wooster needs is more money and more buildings. She has the faculty, the students, but has not the proper accommodations for them.

One of the main features of this year has been the boom which athletics has had. This has been caused by the faculty granting the petition of the

Athletic Association, asking for inter-collegiate games. Our base ball team has made a brilliant record, and is justly entitled to be called the champion base ball team of the Ohio colleges. Five games were played, of which four were won and one lost. Adelbert was beaten twice, Kenyon and Oberlin once each. Oberlin won the only game lost by our club. Oberlin was beaten also in the lawn tennis contest. The success attained this season leads to the expectation of more privileges being granted in that line next year.

Judge West, the "blind man eloquent," delivered the oration at the military commencement, and Mrs. Perkins of Akron, quite a favorite with Wooster audiences, sang at the same. In the distribution of military appointments for next year, Ohio Gamma gets two commissioned officers: Brother Wilson, '90, sergeant major of the battalion, and Brother McGaw, '90, first sergeant of Co. A. The most of our members will return next year. We loose by graduation Bro. Monroe Manges, who has been fortunate in obtaining for next year the position of Superintendent of the Windham Schools. We will be strong next year, though we will be at a slight disadvantage in not having any seniors.

Brother Voorhes, '92, represented Bryant in the oration in the contest with Philo, and was beaten by the small margin of two thirds per cent. His delivery was far superior to his contestant, but the judges gave it to the Philo man on his thought and composition.

Brothers Voorhes and Kendig, '92, represented their class on class day in the declamation and oration. Brother Glover, '91, has been elected president of his class for the coming year.

Brother Wilson, of Cleveland, and general secretary of the fraternity, paid us a visit the first of this term. A banquet was held in his honor at which a number of our resident alumni were present. Brother Wilson expressed himself as well pleased with the condition in which he found our chapter.

FRANK D. GLOVER.

Wooster, Ohio, June 21, 1888.

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#### DE PAUW.

Another year has come and gone, and with it our disadvantages and toils, but the feeling of triumph and of work well done still remains; so it is that Indiana Alpha looks hopefully ahead, and awaits the opening of next year as an opportunity for greater successes and more brilliant triumphs.

Last fall, when we gathered for the first time of the year in our hall, we numbered just thirteen, and some one suggested that somebody should retire and stay away from our meetings until we had a new name added to our roll. But one brother said, "Never mind, I have three or four men pledged; just stay here and vote them in," which we immediately proceeded to do.

We went about our business quietly, and secured every man that we voted in, meeting very little opposition, and where we did only to secure a victory.

On the strength of the old adage that "the early bird gets the worm," we frequently interviewed our prospectives as soon as we secured the vote, thereby cutting the Δ K E's out of two good men, and at another time secured two others from Β Θ Π.

The  $\Delta T \Delta$ 's wanted Brother Houts, and when we began to spike him they made a desperate effort to force him into a decision in their favor, but he declined with thanks.

This brings us to our latest, Bro. L. H. Murlin from Ft. Wayne College, where he has been teaching this last year. He entered the class of '91 about the middle of the last term, and is one of the best all around men that has entered school this year.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Delta \Upsilon$  both gave him propositions and spiked him for some time, and a young lady says that the  $B \Theta \Pi$ 's requested her to spike him for them. But after mature deliberation he decided to wear the pink and lavender.

The condition of most of the fraternities here is good, but that of a few is a disgrace to their fraternity at large. We will undoubtedly be in the best shape for work next fall of all the fraternities here. A table showing the number with which each will begin the next college year is here given in the order of their founding:

	'89	'90	'91	'92	Total.
Beta Theta Pi.....	6	0	3	5	14
Phi Gamma Delta .....	1	2	5	5	13
Sigma Chi.....	0	0	5	3	8
Phi Kappa Psi.....	5	6	6	2	19
Delta Kappa Epsilon.....	7	5	4	2	18
Phi Delta Theta.....	4	5	10	2	21
Delta Tau Delta.....	0	4	2	3	9
Delta Upsilon.....	2	3	7	3	15

Fraternity spirit has been at an ebb for the last two or three years, but the indications are that it will run high next year, as two of three of the fraternities have indulged in getting out a bogus on another fraternity, and it replied in very bitter terms through the pages of the college paper. The affair occasioned some hard feeling, but suffice it to say that no  $\Phi K \Psi$  was engaged in it.

Next year marks a new era in our university, for a law has been passed by our faculty and Board of Trustees, to take effect next commencement, abolishing all prizes except that given by the college Oratorical Association.

The work done here this year has been most satisfactory, and it is a well known fact that the  $\Phi \Psi$  chapter here has not been equaled in scholarship by that of any chapter, but it is not alone for scholarship that we are noted, but for good fellowship. The chapter will sustain a severe loss in the departure of its most loyal supporter, who no doubt has done more for the chapter than any brother in it, Miss Susie Kelly, who leaves in August for Europe, where she will complete her musical studies.

Brother Hodel took second prize in the Asburian oratorical contest.

Five of the university nine, which is now considered the best college nine in the state, are  $\Phi K \Psi$ 's.

Five members of the faculty are Phi Psis, which is more than the number from any other fraternity, and three of the five are from our chapter.

With best wishes for future success we subside.

GUY M. WALKER.

Greencastle, Ind., July 9, 1888.

## STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

As the "cry between the silences" it has devolved upon me to extend greeting to all the chapters of the fraternity in behalf of Iowa Alpha. Your correspondent, *ex-officio*, was absent most of the spring term and negligent while present at the university, hence the long silence.

It is customary, and perhaps best, to mention only the pleasant by-gones and bright prospects of fraternity life, but Iowa Alpha, in taking a retrospect over the past year, and beyond over her career since re-organization, may well feel proud of her present status, and her future prospects are indeed gratifying.

During the year past, the true fraternity genius has presided at all our assemblies. The withdrawal of one member from our midst came about quietly and passed off peacefully. We initiated three new men. Brother Ross rejoined us in the winter term and Brother Park identified himself with us on his arrival from Illinois. Our membership, which rose as high as fourteen, sank to half that number during the spring term; hence our failure to send a delegate to the G. A. C., which we regretted. A number of pleasant parties and reunions enlivened our college routine. Socially, the character of the  $\Phi \Psi$ 's stands unchallenged and unrivaled in the fraternity circle at Iowa City. Our noteworthy "improvements" consist of a long-needed secretary, new curtains, and a spacious, elegantly furnished dancing hall. This latter addition puts us on a level (so far as halls are concerned) with the oldest and best equipped fraternity at the university. Only we, who have seen our material equipment grow from a single scantily furnished room to the present dimensions, can appreciate what Iowa Alpha has accomplished within three years! Have we not good reason to congratulate ourselves?

The widely worshipped college Goddess of Honor, too, has favored us, as usual. Your humble servant was elected to the *Vidette-Reporter* staff last fall, and Brother Schroeder succeeds him as the only fraternity man on the staff for the ensuing year; and all this was accomplished against the persistent, united opposition of the remaining fraternities, conclusively proving our general standing in the university.

Brothers "Chuck" and "Chip" have augmented their established reputation on the first base and elsewhere on the diamond field.

All our last year's members, except one, will return next fall. We have two new men pledged and three more in expectation, every one of whom is as flawless as a  $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$  should be! Next year's membership will probably approximate twenty.

The "rumpus" of last year has somewhat retarded the progress of the university; but this year's famous investigation will doubtless clear up all difficulties and ultimately redound to the good of the institution. Brother Charles A. Eggert, Professor of Modern Languages, has severed his long connection with the university in order to pursue special literary work. We have not yet learned who his successor will be, but it will be difficult to find a man of equal proficiency.

We graduated two men at commencement. Brother Bollinger stood high

in scholarship and distinguished himself in the finest delivery of commencement orations.

Our other graduate, (modesty witholds his name), though not distinguished in scholarship, endeavored to reflect honor upon his Alma Mater, his class and his fraternity, as Class Poet, in a poem of 450 lines, which was printed in a neat pamphlet and published during commencement. In addition to this he wrote two class songs, one of which was generally admired, and, in closing, he will add in full our

FAREWELL SONG.

AIR:—*Juanita.*

—Bright are the bowers  
Where the Spring and Summer meet;  
June scatters flowers  
Where they fondly greet.  
Though the Spring must perish  
On the Summer's ardent breast,  
Mem'ries sweet we'll cherish  
Of the Spring-time blest.  
Farewell, lovely Spring-time,  
Must we say a last good-bye!  
Farewell, lovely Spring-time,  
Thou canst never die!

—Years have departed,  
And our Spring of life is past;  
Summer retarded,  
Has arrived at last;  
Though our school-time perish  
On the untried Future's breast,  
We will ever cherish  
All its mem'ries blest.  
Farewell, lovely school-time,  
Can it be that we must part!  
Farewell, lovely school-time,  
Thine is all our heart!

JACOB CLOSZ.

Webster City, Iowa, August, 1888.

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**SIMPSON COLLEGE.**

As commencement week drew to a close the students and visitors departed for their respective homes and business pursuits, anxious as to next year's work at Simpson, but with all their anxiety they had bright hopes, and the future of Simpson seemed promising indeed.

There had been some vacancies in the faculty by the resignation of Prof. Ellinwood and our instructor in History and English, Miss Jay, and also the principal in the music department, Miss Wood. But while we greatly feel the

loss of these, yet we are gratified in being assured by the Board of Directors that their places are filled by able and energetic instructors. Prof. Tilton, of Connecticut, was elected to fill the chair vacated by Prof. Ellinwood—Natural Sciences. We did not learn who were to fill the other vacancies, but every one was exceedingly well pleased to learn that Prof. Phillips was elected to the chair of mathematics and the principalship of the Normal Department.

Indeed the future of our college was the more flattering as we noticed the rapidity with which the new college building was being erected—a building to be used for a Science Hall and Art Studio. It is 46x80 feet on the ground, and four stories high including the basement, which is almost all above ground, and it will cost about \$14,000.

With these facilities added to our equipments we expect a large attendance this coming school year, and the members of Iowa Delta will endeavor to gather the best of the sheep, from the barbarian flock, into the generous fold of  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

At the beginning of school last year Iowa  $\Delta$  had but one member on the roll, but before the winter term closed she had a membership of six, all loyal enthusiastic men, and we expect to begin this year with six. We greatly regret that Brother Campbell will not be with us this year, yet we wish him success in his business pursuits and hope he may be with us soon again.

The boys were greatly cheered in seeing the faces of several of the "old boys" attending the commencement exercises. Among them was to be seen the genial countenance of Brother Elrod, who, we have just recently learned, has been elected to the chair of Natural Sciences in one of the colleges of Illinois. We also had the privilege of giving Bros. Webb, Thompson, E. H. Todd, and Newland the grip, each one manifesting a great interest in their chapter and fraternity.

After the usual annual "sociable" had closed and we had given each other the final good byes, we went our way homeward with great hopes for the prosperity of Iowa Delta. Now hoping the first number of the SHIELD will infuse new enthusiasm into every loyal  $\Phi \Psi$  who may read it we close, hoping to greet the fraternity with another letter for the October number.

J. E. BUNTING.

Knoxville, Iowa, September 10, 1888.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The year which has just closed has been one of unusual prosperity at the University of Minnesota. The school has grown in size and importance and has received generous aid from the state.

A new science hall is being built at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars. A beautiful brown-stone house, the property of the Student's Christian Association, has been completed and dedicated.

The departments of law and medicine have been provided for and the faculty increased in number to one hundred.

We confidently expect seven hundred students the coming year.

A brilliant commencement week fittingly closed this successful year.

The class of '88 being the largest ever graduated at this school, sought to perpetuate its memory by a grand exit. Accordingly the week beginning with Baccalaureate services, Sunday, June 3, and closing with the president's reception, Thursday evening, was completely taken up with the various exercises.

Perhaps the greatest event was the promenade given Tuesday evening, June 5, at which the senior class entertained their invited guests. The large and brilliantly lighted Colliseum made an excellent ball room, and easily accommodated the two thousand who were present. Dawn was breaking ere the long programme was danced out and before the last of the guests withdrew.

We  $\Phi \Psi$ 's feel that we have had a share in providing this week's entertainments, for in the Home Oratorical contest which occurred Monday evening, June 4, Bros. H. D. Dickinson and T. C. Soares took part. Brother Dickinson spoke on "Bismarck and German Unity," and Brother Soares on "Gladstone and Disraeli." They were awarded first and second places respectively by the judges, with all competitors far behind. We consider this a very great victory for  $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ .

In April next they speak in the state contest from which we hope to see both go to the inter-state. Not a few other honors have been gained by our boys this past year. Bro. J. E. Erf gained second place in the State Oratorical contest and went as a delegate to Indianapolis. Bro. B. H. Timberlake has been president of the freshman class and also two terms in the Delta Sigma Literary Society he held the same position.

Brothers Soares, Dickinson and Baily represented the Delta Sigma Society in its annual contest with its rival, the Hermean.

In the annual election of officers and orators of the home Oratorical Association, Bro. J. E. Erf was made Vice-president, Bros. M. D. Purdy and H. M. Woodward were selected as two of the three delegates to the state convention, and Brothers Timberlake and Baily had the good fortune to be elected to come on next year's contest.

And so, on the whole, we feel very well pleased with our year's labors and hope for as much in the year to come. It is with best wishes for the prosperity of the fraternity at large and success of THE SHIELD that we close.

HENRY P. BAILY.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 21, 1888.

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#### KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Kansas Alpha has been the recipient of a photograph of the Grand Arch Council at Washington. The picture was presented by Mrs. M. W. Sterling; and besides newspaper reports, the photograph has thus far been our only means of knowing that the Grand Arch Council was a grand success; but we expect to welcome back our delegate, Brother Sterling, in a few days, when we will hear all about it.

The university has a good base-ball team this year. It beat the Baldwin team last week two to one, and has had no serious defeats. Phi Kappa Psi is

well represented in the nine by Bro. O. B. Taylor, pitcher; Bro. W. S. Allen, center field; and Bro. O. H. Campbell, catcher.

There being no fraternity nines organized this year, Phi Kappa Psi remains the acknowledged champion in base-ball—it having won the inter-fraternity pennant last year.

Kansas “made a sacrifice” in the Inter-State Oratorical Contest, which is not strange, since no encouragement whatever is given to oratory in the State University. However, the principles of Kansas orators may be better received when partisan politics is not so warm, and Kansas may win enough laurels next year to atone for defeat in this.

The senior reception was given by the chancellor last Friday evening. A little more than the usual fun resulted from it. The juniors very foolishly made a raid on the ice cream, and after they thought they had captured it, found that the freezer contained mud. The horses attached to the vehicles of some of the professors were so inter-changed that the professors were unable to find their own animals before the next day.

The appointments have been made for commencement day, among which are all of the representatives of Phi Kappa Psi in the class. These are Bro. W. S. Allen and Bro. J. A. Prescott, who leads the class in scholarship.

Bro. S. T. Gilmore, who led the class in '86 in scholarship, graduates this year in law, and has been appointed valedictorian. This makes the fourth representative from our chapter on the programme for commencement week. Two of these are valedictorians, and two are appointees for commencement day.

Owing probably to the agreeable cool weather, plans are being made for an unusually large number of parties for the few remaining weeks of school. As usual, the grand *finale* of the year will be the “Symposium” of Phi Kappa Psi on commencement night.

Brother Stocks, of '84, now mayor of Blue Rapids, Kansas, complimented the brothers with a visit recently, and expressed his approval of the condition of the chapter. We would be glad to welcome the older brothers oftener.

WALTER DAVIS.

Lawrence, Kansas, May 15, 1888.

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THE SHIELD has an unpublished letter from Kansas Alpha, which we expect to see in the September number. There is little to be added to what was given in that letter. Brother Van Cleve, however, has asked us to give a sort of synopsis of matters for the year.

Kansas Alpha has by no means experienced a year devoid of glory. This chapter has always been foremost in study, in athletics, in oratory, in the college newspapers, and in society. As students, the chapter has the honor of possessing the leaders and valedictorians of the pharmacy and law classes of '88, in the persons of W. P. Brown and S. T. Gilmore, and the leader of the collegiate graduates, '88, in the person of J. A. Prescott. The outlook for '89 is no less promising.

In athletic sports, though Kansas State University holds the championship over all rivals in tennis, the chief interest has always been in base-ball. In this sport Kansas State University and Kansas Alpha can boast much. Our club has not been beaten this year, and has won several games, each, over Washburn, Baker and Lawrence. Kansas Alpha furnished four players in this victorious nine; two of which, Brothers Taylor and Campbell, constituted the battery.

The chapter received in time for exhibition at the Annual Symposium, a pennant for the inter-fraternity championship, which it won in '87.

For orations, Kansas Alpha received five faculty appointments in '88— Brother Allen for Washington's birthday, and Brothers Allen, Prescott, Gilmore and Brown for commencement week. The fact is undisputed that the oration of these brothers embraced the best delivered in the university for the year. Besides this, the chapter was well represented on the programmes of the literary societies, and Brother Nushrush holds the presidency of the State Oratorical Association.

Kansas Alpha has a large influence in everything published in connection with the university. It has the editor-in-chief and business manager of the *Weekly Courier*, which is the best college weekly published. The commencement edition of this paper consisted of ten pages, of five columns each, devoted entirely to university matters. In the *Review* company, which held its annual election a few weeks ago, Brother Wilmoth was re-elected business manager, and Brother Taylor was elected a director.

Our symposium this year on commencement night, though not visited by very many of the alumni, was, as usual, a success, and was recognized as a leading social event. The music was by Coate's Opera House Orchestra, of Kansas City; and Phi Psi hall being in the opera house block, a sumptuous banquet was served on the opera house stage. As to our standing in social matters, we ask all Phi Psis to visit us and judge for themselves.

We lose eight men this year, but with those whom we already know will be back, we will begin in the fall with more than a dozen good men, and the outlook for the coming year is very promising.

WALTER W. DAVIS.

Lawrence, Kansas, June 20, 1888.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC.

During the last month of the year just closed little of importance transpired here. During the elections, which always take place here at the close of the year, we captured everything. When the time came for electing editor and business manager for our publication, the "Pharos," Brothers Evans and Winning were elected without a struggle.

Then came the rush at the close. Among the social events it is not egotism to say that California Alpha's Symposium was foremost. On this occasion is the only time that any one gets beyond the parlor of our chapter-house, and of course the curiosity of the co-ed. is more or less aroused to know what is

beyond. Their desire to see is only partially gratified. An elegant menu was served in the dining-hall. After this had been disposed of toasts were responded to by Brother Bovard of San Francisco, "Phi Kappa Psi;" by Bro. Jno. E. Richards, "Fraternities;" by Brother Cecil Mark, "The Ladies." The guests had not come together till ten o'clock, and did not depart till three A. M. So you see we made a night of it.

Many changes are being made in the faculty. It is said that some very strong men have been secured from east of the Rockies, and that in every way the faculty has been improved. Of course student opinion can not be formed till we have seen at least a year of the new work. The institution is, however, on a better footing than it has ever been before.

California Alpha returns thanks for the compliment extended to her in the selection of Brother Manning to an office in the Grand Arch Council.

We have a baby to introduce. Bro. D. H. Blake, '90, was snatched out of the hands of the barbarians just a week before commencement.

Bro. Earl C. Bronaugh and Miss Grace Huggins were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents on the Alameda, San Jose, shortly after commencement. Mr. and Mrs. Bronaugh were both members of the class of '88. They are residing in Portland, Oregon.

A new post-office building is now in process of construction. The college post-office is called "College Park." I suppose communications should hereafter be directed to "College Park, Santa Clara Co., Cal.," though perhaps it would be as well to add "via San Jose."

WILL A. BEASLY.

San Jose, Cal., July 18, 1888.



## Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

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This department of the paper is made up of excerpts from THE SHIELD'S exchanges, and reflects the sentiments of our rivals which are most pointed and characteristic. We refrain from expressing any opinions as to the matters discussed, and scarce deem it worth while to controvert any statement made by our contemporaries. No more is written by the Editor than may suffice for introduction to each quoted passage. This will relieve the doubts of inquirers, some of whom perversely consider this feature an exchange department.—ED. SHIELD.

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*Beta Theta Pi* has a timely discussion of the literary phase of the Greek-letter society, as follows:

"Sundry reference in college papers indicate a revival in interest of the discussion of that time-worn subject, the effect of fraternities upon literary societies. Eastern college men, who recognize little difference between the terms 'society' and 'fraternity,' should remember that out in the 'rowdy West' no college is complete unless it contains at least two sesquipedalian named literary societies, from time immemorial at bitter rivalry, and really very important factors in its life.

"The Alphabetazetagean and the Nupiomicronpsiterpean held sway long before the day of college fraternities. Their contests for membership were acrimonious; and in the early history of the college when organizations were few, and there was little to turn the student from his books, the societies flourished vigorously. Since the advent of the secret fraternities the cry has been raised again and again, 'The fraternities are injurious to the literary societies.' That cry was appalling in the anti-fraternity war of the seventies, and it is still heard, as untutored barbarians without the pale of Greece, picturing to themselves the evils of fraternity life, unite in complaints against these powerful factors in American college life. In two days, it is said, the fraternities injure the literary societies — 1, they divide the interest of the student, and thus cause loss of working force to the societies; 2, they introduce cliques, and thus destroy harmony. History is cited in support of the first theory. Did you never hear an old student tell of the glory of Nupiom or Alphabeta in the early days? Why then the society was everything to the student. He was enthusiastic over his society pin, its motto, its library. Its public exhibitions were heralded everywhere, and great pains were taken by the Nus to down the Alphas. In those days, the college life was affected by the societies. Now interest is negative, the literary society is forgotten, and the fraternity badge, color and honor are esteemed of most importance. Out with the fraternities!

"Such persons never stop to think that nowadays there are a dozen college organizations where once there was but one. The student of to-day is pressed on every side with literary work. The college paper, the college rhetoricals, the college reading room, the college Christian association, the scientific association, these and kindred organizations demand his attention. Then, all surplus energy was devoted to the literary society. In

our western institutions literary exercises are not much carried on in the fraternity meetings; these employed in developing the heart and not the mind. If the literary societies fail to awaken the enthusiasm in colleges not yet invaded by the Greeks, the reasoning seems conclusive, that the undoubted decay must be accounted for otherwise."

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*Beta Theta Pi* seems to enjoy a good thing occasionally, when she sees it in a journal of another fraternity. We clip from a recent *Kappa Sigma Quarterly* this delicious bit of chapter correspondence, and suggest its careful perusal by our brothers of *Virginia A. Beta Theta Pi* comments upon it in a humorous vein, but we refrain. Here is the gem:

"By one of the firmly established and immutable laws of nature, the revolutions of this planet have borne us further into the ages, and the moments in which have been fulfilled those mathematically precise performances of the earth and whose aggregate Time, have brought upon the corresponding secretary of Zeta chapter the duty of inditing a brief communication to your sanctum. The writer entertains no feeling of hesitancy in reporting the condition of his chapter, as great and even unwonted success has crowned the efforts of the members of Zeta to elevate her to her pristine pinnacle of glory and brilliant splendor, whose radiancy has ever been known to eclipse the most fortunate of Greek soldiers. We stand to-day upon a plane elevated far above that hoped for by our most sanguine and enthusiastic supporters. In short, Kappa Sigma, from her lofty seat, surveys with feelings of pride consistent with the glory of her lordship, an extended and extensive influence which has indelibly marked her as a distinguishing feature in the sphere of Greek-letter fraternities, and we hold forth to our readers Zeta as a chapter by whose efforts, as far as her duty, at least, has prescribed, the Kappa Sigma world has been made to assume her justly enviable position in the eyes of all beholders of her approach to perfection in the cause of which she claims to be exponent."—*University Vir. Correspondence Kappa Sigma Quarterly.*

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We quote these very opportune comments from the editorials of *The Palm* in its last issue:

"In every chapter there must necessarily be diversity of temperament among its members. One man will make friends easily, and the very characteristics that lead to this, will cause him to endeavor to push a new student into the chapter with undue haste. Another is over cautious and disposed to delay matters until he has assured himself that the new man is in accord with his individual tastes and views. Still another is crotchety and will find some objection to the best man in the world. The first named is at one extreme; the last two at the other. But in this matter of admitting new members, as in all practical affairs of life, the men who occupy the middle ground are the most reliable and true. There can be no question that haste in initiating members, if indulged in to any extent, can but result in injury to a chapter; and, in any event, it is dangerous. We would suggest at this point, in the absence of the committee which we recommended in a former article, that no man be invited to join the chapter until every member has had reasonable time to know something of the proposed candidate. In any case do not vote for a man on the recommendation of any one member, unless you are satisfied that the party recommending is a man of cool judgment and not biased by personal relations to the one recommended.

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"Are there definite ideas entertained in your chapter as to what its influence should be upon the life of the institution with which it is connected? Is this matter of influence ever discussed by you, and does each member understand and appreciate its full import and meaning? These are pertinent questions, and it is our duty to call the attention of the fraternity to what they may imply.

"We have several times referred to the inevitable influence which each member of a chapter has upon the lives of the others; we would here impress upon every local organ-

ization the importance of the relation it sustains to the other members of the institution whether Greek or otherwise. Do you feel that your chapter has a mission, a special work to perform in connection with your institution? If it has not, then it does not deserve to exist. The individual who has no definite ideas of usefulness, no plan of action in life, no goal to which ambition points him, will never succeed, for there is no vital manliness in him. So of the chapter; we want to understand why it exists—what is the purpose of its life?"

The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* erstwhile somewhat inclined to sneer at fraternity journalism, has fallen cheerfully into the ways which distinguish us all. The issue for July has an awful "skinning" of *D. K. E. Quarterly* in it, from which we quote a few extracts:

"The Delta Kappa Epsilon (alleged) Quarterly for April, the third and last number of this volume, lies before us. It is embellished with a heliotype frontispiece, the subject of which illustration is a handsome stone chapter-house which exists only in imagination. An editorial note explains that it is 'a shadow cast before of Omicron's new chapter-house. It is still somewhat a castle in Spain,' we are told, 'but the boys hope to be domiciled in it by next year at about this time. \* \* \* The Quarterly will await with interest an account of its house-warming.' From other sources we learn that \$1,000 is still due on the land, and that the house is to cost \$15,000. We have an indistinct recollection of the announcement, some years ago, that D. K. E. was about to issue a new catalogue. It has not yet appeared, and we do not expect it very soon. Nor do we expect to see this chapter-house loom up rapidly at Ann Arbor, and we can not promise to 'await with interest an account of its house-warming.'

"The first article in this issue is styled at the beginning 'Memories of Eta,' and 'Memoires of Eta' at the top of page 181. The statistics given are compiled from records, not from memory. We do not know what 'Memoires' are, but—whatever way one spells them—they are tiresome reading.

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"As we turn the last pages of this remarkable ½ly magazine, our attention is attracted by the advertisements. It is well known that to be rapidly successful in the solicitation of advertisements one must show pages of advertisements in previous issues, even if these have to be copied from other publications. As we glance over the list of advertisements here printed, we are led to wonder if some of them are not 'dead ads.' The question arises concerning an advertisement of E. Walker's Son, 14 Dey street, New York. This may not be a 'dead ad,' but the address given is that of a house from which Mr. Walker removed in 1886. However, it is hardly worth while to discuss the matter.

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"We read of the 'Kindred minds judiciously disposed about the banquet table.' To quote again: 'Would you see the subtle quality that makes Delta Kappa Epsilon a fraternity by itself and lends a distinct personality, watch its banquets.' Thank you. We will watch its banquets; and so, peradventure, will the police, without special invitation. We notice in the *New York Mail and Express* of May 10th, the following paragraph:

"CAMBRIDGE, May 10th (*Special*).—The police raided the rooms of the D. K. E. Club of Harvard last night, and found seventy-two bottles of ale and a lot of hard liquors.'

"The *New York Tribune* chronicles the same event, but cuts down the stock of ale somewhat, in the following paragraph:

"The Cambridge police were awakened one evening by discordant cries proceeding from the D. K. E. club-house. \* \* \* The hilarity suggested to the police the possibility that it was occasioned by the use of prohibited alcoholic beverages. To-day they 'raided' the club-house and carried off fifty-two bottles of ale, eleven bottles of lager, and a few bottles of whiskey, brandy and wines.'

"A later dispatch reads:

"BOSTON, May 19th.—Two Harvard College students, ——— of New York, and ——— of Chicago, were fined \$100 and costs each this morning, for maintaining a liquor nui-

sance at the rooms of the 'Dickey' Club on Brattle street, which were 'raided' by the police last week. The accused students pleaded guilty and paid their fines.'

"The 'chapter letters' consist largely of gush and bombastic utterances. A fair sample being seen in this extract from the Trinity letter:

"We were wonderfully successful this year in securing new men, having two pledged at the opening of college, and by careful and successful rushing we pledged two more whom we deemed worthy of the honor of wearing the diamond pin.'

"We have frequently alluded to the attempts of the (alleged) Quarterly to mystify its readers by allusions to picturesque vagaries and shadowy possibilities. On page 241 we find in the Wesleyan letter:

"Mr. White has been director of the foot-ball team, captain of the base-ball team, leader of the college orchestra, delegate to conventions and dinners *ad infinitum*, a Junior Eman, a tennis player, *et cet., et cet., ad lib.*'

"One might be led to infer from this last line, that the Juniors of Wesleyan University ran a minstrel show, and that 'Junior Eman' was a misprint for Junior End man.

"Among the 'Personals' we find much that is interesting and instructive, for instance:

"'87. F. D. Tuttle has gone into business.'

"The average mind would readily comprehend the fact; but the editor fears that its importance may not be fully realized, so eight lines below he repeats:

"'87. F. D. Tuttle is in business.'

"Having finally settled the point as to Mr. Tuttle's vocation, and relinquished all desire to know what and where his business is, we next find that

"'86. C. L. Hyde is president of a bank in New Jersey.'

"That sounds large, but we are in doubt as to what kind of a 'bank' it is. We trust, however, that it is neither a 'faro-bank' or one of the famous New Jersey 'sand-banks.'

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*The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta has come to our position of the past two years and speaks frankly thus:

"It seems rather like an indelicate thing for an official to make suggestions regarding his own office, and yet it is not at all so when we consider that his suggestions are regarding the office itself and not the incumbent. Hence we feel at perfect liberty to express our views on the subject of a salaried editor, since no such change could be wrought in our internal polity until the editorial pen passed on to our worthy successors. We believe that it is asking too much to expect any man, on the score simply of fraternal love, to assume the management of a monthly (or even a quarterly) journal for one or more years at either no remuneration at all or a very paltry one. Few of those to whom these periodicals go have any conception, we are confident, of the number of laborious hours that are expended on them in the course of a year, with a return of small thanks for good work—that is expected, if not *demand*ed—and plenty of complaints when the least thing goes wrong. We see no reason why the entire management of a fraternity journal, *i. e.*, business and editorial, may not be placed in the hands of one man, especially if that man receive some adequate compensation for the labor which is expected of him. As long as *The Scroll* lives at the hands of charity its existence must be precarious."

## Personals.

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### PENNSYLVANIA B.

Dana L. Hubbard, '65, until recently of the *Erie (Pa.) Herald*, is one of the editors of the *Indianapolis Journal*.

Chas. T. Fox, '85, Professor of Latin and German in Findlay College, Ohio, was married on August 16th, to Miss Emma Stoner, of Stonersville, Pa.

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### PENNSYLVANIA G.

The many friends of Brother G. will be delighted at this tribute to him from the *Bucknell Commencement Daily News*:

We extend our heartiest congratulations to our energetic business manager, W. C. Gretzinger, on the honor he received yesterday. There is not a man in college who has done more in the way of personal sacrifice in behalf of the interests of the university than Gretzinger, and is to be congratulated that in spite of his loss of time, etc., he is yet able to take the coveted prize of the junior year. We prophesy for him a successful future. He possesses one qualification which makes that prophesy certain of fulfillment — he is faithful to the trusts confided to him, a trait that we are sorry that some whose names have recently appeared in positions that would imply that the men had some superior qualifications, do not possess. We also congratulate Gretzinger on the fact that the annual of which he was the business manager and leading spirit has paid for itself.

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### PENNSYLVANIA E.

S. D. Shmucker, Esq., '60, with his wife, spent several months in Europe this summer.

Dr. Stahley was re-elected Alumni Editor of the *College Monthly* at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association.

D. R. Miller, Esq., '56, was chosen as a representative of the Alumni Association in the College Board.

The address of the alumni of the seminary was delivered by Rev. W. E. Parson, '67, of Washington, D. C.

Harry F. Buehler, '86, has been one of the instructors in the military school at Bordentown, New Jersey, during the past year.

H. M. Clabaugh, Esq., '77, is prominent among those mentioned as the probable Republican candidate for Congress in the second district of Maryland.

Rev. G. D. Gotwald, '82, made a flying visit to Gettysburg on May 10th, his special object being to call the attention of the seminary students to the demands of the West for their services.

Since our last issue, Dr. G. D. Stahley, '57, delivered a series of *twelve* lectures in College on Hygiene. He began with the freshmen, but before he was half through all four classes were before him. A hearty vote of thanks was given him at the close.—*Pennsylvania College Monthly*.

The following honors were conferred upon brothers in Phi Psi by the college at our commencement in June:

Ph. D. for post-graduate courses of special study—Daniel Fleisher, '80.

D. D., honorary—Prof. G. D. M. Eckles, '57, Shippensburg, Pa., and Rev. G. U. Wenner, New York City.

It is becoming more and more evident to the friends of Pennsylvania College, that, when Dr. McKnight was elected as president, the Board chose the right man. He is accomplishing just what was needed, and is making a record that is most gratifying and that will endure. We hope he will feel encouraged to go on in his good work.—*Pennsylvania College Monthly*.

The *News*, of Newport, Pa., Prof. D. Fleisher's, '80, old home, has the following about him in an extended notice of his school in Troy, Pa.: "It may be gratifying to the many friends of Prof. Fleisher, in his native county, to know that he is held in the highest esteem not only by the citizens of Troy and vicinity, but also by all the pupils of the five schools over which he presides, as has been shown over and over again by the beautiful and substantial testimonials, which he has received at their hands."

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## PENNSYLVANIA Z.

'63. Rev. W. L. McDowell is a successful preacher in Philadelphia and is a loyal  $\Phi \Psi$ .

M. D. Learned, '80, holds the position of Associate Professor in German at Johns Hopkins.

*Personals.*

'67. Dr. E. O. Shakespeare, lecturer in the Pennsylvania University, received the degree of Ph. D. from the *alma mater* in June last.

'75. Rev. J. Y. Dobbins, one of New Jersey's leading ministers, was a "conference visitor" during commencement.

'75. Rev. W. W. W. Wilson, of Delaware, met with a serious accident—a fall from a high step—while in Carlisle, during commencement.

'62. Hon. M. C. Hermann is one of the founders of Z. He was a member of the Pittsburg Grand Arch Council, and though he is one of the fathers of the fraternity, he seems young in years.

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**NEW YORK B.**

The laying of the corner-stone of the Von Ranke Library Building was celebrated Monday, June 25, at 10 A. M. The Hon. Warner Miller, LL. D., who was to have delivered the address, was detained at the Chicago convention. Hon. F. H. Root, of Buffalo, was introduced and took charge of the exercises.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Syracuse University, the treasurer presented the following financial statement:

The receipts were, \$81,622.84; expenditures, \$81,622.84. Total resources, \$1,403,140.98. Liabilities, \$80,100.00. Net resources, \$1,323,040.98.

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**NEW YORK E.**

John D. Rumsly writes that he is settled pleasantly at Beaver Falls, Wisconsin, in charge of the Baptist Church.

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**VIRGINIA A.**

Woodrow Wilson, formerly of Bryn Mawr, has been elected to the chair of Political Economy in Wesleyan University. He is widely known as the author of a book on "Congressional Government," pronounced by competent critics to be the ablest exposition of the workings of the American Constitution since De Tocqueville.

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**MARYLAND A.**

Thos. K. Worthington, A. B., Haverford, '83, took his degree of Ph. D. from the university in June, and his thesis was, "Historical Sketch of the Finances of Pennsylvania."

The only Phi Psi that was graduated from the College of Liberal Arts was Hamilton McF. Brown.

**OHIO A.**

W. P. Henderson, '88, is studying law in Kenton, Ohio.

Burt Allison will be senior at Harvard the coming year.

U. G. Sanger, formerly of the class of '89, will return and enter '90 this fall.

Philip Phillips, of active membership, sailed for Europe August 7th, where he will remain several months.

Ralph Van Deman, who left the Ohio Wesleyan University in his junior year, graduated at Harvard at the last commencement.

Ed. M. Semans, who was compelled to leave Miami Medical College on account of sickness last year, will re-enter there this fall.

Rev. A. B. Riker, formerly of the Ohio Conference of the M. E. Church, but now of Chattanooga, Tenn., was honored at the last commencement of Ohio University, Athens, with the title D. D.

Apropos of this announcement, from the *Methodist Advocate* (Chattanooga) we quote the following pleasant paragraph :

It is Dr. Riker now, by the unanimous vote of the trustees of the Ohio University. The Rev. A. B. Riker, came to Chattanooga from Athens, Ohio, the seat of that venerable institution of learning, and that he should have received this high degree of Doctor of Divinity from that university is proof of his established reputation as a preacher and scholar, and the esteem in which he was held in his own Conference. We need not add, except for the reading of those who do not know Dr. Riker, that he had no inkling of what was coming. But the lightning struck in the right spot, and we tender our hearty congratulations.

In speaking of the convention of *Δ K E* the *Beta Theta Pi* has the following which will greatly interest the friends of Brother Watson :

Twenty-three chapters out of about thirty were represented. Prof. Charlton T. Lewis, of New York, delivered a scholarly and polished historical oration, and two other gentlemen read poems of no special note. Only Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, who would have belonged to Alpha Delta Phi but for the anachronism, and Orville E. Watson, of Phi Kappa Psi, seem to possess the rare and exquisite faculty of writing special verse that is also real poetry. Not even many genuine poets can succeed in this difficult and delicate endeavor.

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**OHIO B.**

Bruce Chorpening, '85, is practicing law in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Jas. L. Minnick has accepted a position as Professor of Chemistry at St. Charles College, St. Charles, Mo.

E. R. Miller, '90, has secured the principalship of the High School at Arkansas City, Kansas.

S. S. Burtsfield, '87, has been nominated by the Democrats of Van Wert County, Ohio, for County Surveyer. He will probably be elected.

Alvin F. Linn, '84, who has for some years past been pursuing special work in Johns Hopkins, in chemistry, was fortunate enough to secure a fellowship in June.

M. L. Smyser, '70, has been nominated for Congress by the Republicans of the Twentieth Ohio District. He is the first graduate of Wittenberg to be so distinguished.

Alvin F. Linn, '84, was elected Professor of Chemistry in Wittenberg by the faculty, on September 10th. He takes the place of Dr. E. F. Smith, Pennsylvania *E*, who has accepted a position in the University of Pennsylvania. Brother Linn has accepted the position.

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#### INDIANA A.

George B. Baker, '87, is cashier in a bank at Warsaw, Indiana.

Albert A. Small, '82, is editing a newspaper at Anderson, Indiana.

Wilbert Ward, '84, is principal of the High School at Anderson, Indiana.

J. E. Watson, formerly of '86, is practicing law with headquarters at Winchester, Indiana.

Ed. P. Thayer, '86, is engaged in business as a contractor at Greenfield, Indiana.

Richard S. Tennant, '67, was recently elected one of the Board of Trustees of the University.

Will G. Neff, '90, is in the city office of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Columbus, Indiana.

T. Lee Neff, '83, has been elected Associate Professor of Modern Languages at De Pauw University.

F. W. Hanawalt, '84, is professor of Mathematics and Astronomy in Mt. Morris College, Mt. Morris, Illinois.

Roscoe E. Kirkman, '88, has become a partner in the law firm of Johnson & Freeman, Richmond, Indiana.

Noble Warrum, '83, has been nominated for the Legislature by the Democrats of Madison County, Indiana.

William A. Imes, formerly of '79, is Receiver of Public Money of the United States Land Office at Bozeman, Montana.

George North Neff, formerly of '86, is the author of a book recently published entitled, "Day Dreams and Night Thoughts."

Emerson E. Ballard, '85, a lawyer at Crawfordsvills, Indiana, is the author of a law book entitled, "The Civil Code of Indiana."

Frank C. Payne, '85, who is the base ball reporter for the *Chicago News*, was married on Saturday evening, June 30th, to Miss Mary Riley.

Rob. Morris, LL. D., the Poet Laureate of the Masonic fraternity, died at his home in La Grange, Kentucky, on the 31st of July, of paralysis.

James H. Crichton, '67, an ex-member of the Kansas House of Representatives, is now regent of the State Normal School, and serving a term as State Senator.

Chas. W. Farr, '87, is the professor of Natural Science at the Southern Kansas University, Winfield, Kansas. The professor and his wife have recently had an addition to their alumni association in the shape of a ten pound  $\Phi \Psi$ .

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**INDIANA B.**

We quote from the *Republican Progress*, of Bloomington, Ind., the following very complimentary notice of a loyal Phi Psi.—ED. SHIELD.

The contestants for the Cobden Medal, offered by the Cobden Club of London, were three in number: W. L. Morrison, R. F. Hight and L. Buskirk. Mr. Buskirk had been absent from college for three months, (since January), during which time he had not been able to study. Nevertheless he entered the contest, and the result shows this gentleman's remarkable ability. On Thursday evening last he received notice that he had taken the medal, to his own surprise and joy, as well as that of his friends. Mr. Buskirk deserves the highest praise for the manner in which he passed the rigid examination necessary to obtain this medal, which is considered the best and most valuable of college prizes. Mr. Buskirk is a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, as is also Mr. Lauren Hooper, who it will be remembered took the medal last year.

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**INDIANA G.**

Bro. Robt. J. Burdette lectured in San Jose, Cal., in May last, and many of the brothers heard him and met him. He captured every one by his cordiality and eloquence.

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**KANSAS A.**

S. T. Gilmore delivered a Fourth of July oration at De Soto, Kansas. Will Spencer, senior, '88, is a civil engineer on the Santa Fe railroad. Denton Dunn, '87, is engaged in the Kansas City National Bank.

Bro. E. C. Little, '84, is a lawyer and leading politician at Ness City, Kansas.

W. W. Davis, junior, '88, has charge of a topographical survey party in New Mexico.

Bro. J. V. Humphrey is practicing in the law firm of Humphrey & Humphrey, Junction City, Kansas.

Henri Nickel, '87, has received the degree of Master of Arts from Kansas State University, and now resides in Newton.

Bro. Palmer Ketner, sophomore, '86, is chief book-keeper for the Aztec Mining Company, Galop, New Mexico.

Chas. B. Spencer, pharmacy graduate, '88, is compounding medicines for Geo. Leis & Co., Lawrence, Kansas.

D. E. Esterly, sophomore, '87, who has been conductor on the Santa Fe the past year, will return to the Kansas State University in the fall.

On the 30th of May last, Bro. E. C. Little delivered an address to the members of the G. A. R. at Dighton, Kansas. The exercises were held in the M. E. Church, and, according to the local paper, the large audience room was filled with an attentive gathering, who listened with eagerness to his eloquent address. The unusual compliment was paid Bro. Little of printing his address in full in the *Dighton Republican*.  
—ED. SHIELD.

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### CALIFORNIA A.

Jon. A. Doak is at Boston Polytechnic Institute.

Cecil Mark, '88, is teaching in San Mateo County.

S. C. Evans, '89, passed his vacation in the Sandwich Islands.

P. S. Driver, '88, thinks of entering Columbia Law College this autumn.

Sam. Tompkins, '86, is a leader in Prohibition politics in Santa Clara County.

Geo. Elsey, '88, has passed a part of his vacation at Modesto. It is an '88 co-ed.

J. R. Welch, '87, is reading law in the office of a prominent San Jose attorney.

C. E. Wining, '89, delivered the oration on the Fourth of July at Bloomfield, Cal.

M. L. Pettit, '88, will take a course in civil engineering in the Cogswell Polytechnic Institute, San Francisco.

H. M. Nelson, '88, has an interest in an extensive fruit packing company at Colton, Cal., and is at present residing there.

## College and Fraternity Notes.

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Ohio Wesleyan has added \$125,000 to her fund this year.

Beloit College has added \$60,000 to her productive funds this year.

The new science hall of the University of Wisconsin, lately completed and occupied, cost \$270,000.

An astronomical observatory, to cost \$40,000, is in process of erection at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

Delta Tau Delta has so legislated that she can never again "lift" a man from another fraternity.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

Two annuals are published by the students of Knox College; one by the fraternities, called the *Gale*, the other by the anti-fraternity students, called the *Pantheon*.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

It is rumored that the chapter of Alpha Delta Phi at Western Reserve may soon give up its charter, as there are but three members. The Dekes also are weak there, having but four men; but they are working hard to regain their former position.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

L. C. Sorosis (Pi Beta Phi) has added another to her list of chapters. With five charter members the Michigan Beta was established at the University of Michigan on the 7th of April. It is reported that each member of the chapter has an office, and some have two offices.

Both Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi at the University of Wisconsin will have houses erected for them. The former is fortunate in the location chosen, it being the best building site available in the city. The Chi Psi's have leased a house for several years.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

Fraternity men are coming to the front in politics. Benjamin Harrison, the Republican nominee for the presidency, is a Phi Delta Theta. Melville W. Fuller, the newly appointed Chief Justice of the United States, is a Chi Psi, and a graduate of Bowdoin in the class of '53.—*Chi Phi Quarterly*.

The restrictions placed upon Amherst students who receive scholarships are as follows: Every recipient must sign a document saying that he has not entered a billiard room, except in our gymnasium, during the term, nor used tobacco, nor drank liquor as a beverage, nor paid any money as tuition for dancing, and must also send in a signed account of his expenses during the year just passed.—*Era*.

The fifty-fifth annual convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity was held in Columbus, O., May 10th and 11th, under the auspices of the Iota Chapter of Kenyon College. The chapters of the fraternity were represented by delegations of various sizes, and, considering the locality, the convention was largely attended. The business meetings was held in the assembly room of the Niel House—a large hotel situated immediately opposite the State Capitol. They were presided over by Benjamin H. Bayliss, of New York City, a member of the Grand Council. The public exercises, reception and ball took place at the Wells Post rooms on the evening of the 10th, and were a pronounced success. The oration, “The Young Men of America and their Opportunities,” by A. H. Ricks, a Kenyon graduate, and the poem, “The Origin of Psi Upsilon,” by Charles D. McGuffey, of the same college were finely rendered and highly entertaining. The reception and ball were marked by the same elaborate display and elegance which has characterized the social assemblies of Greek-letter fraternities for the past few years. The banquet was held at the Niel House on the evening of the 11th, and was the occasion of many happy toasts by the older members. The convention was throughout an unqualified success and was genuinely enjoyed by all present.—*Bowdoin Orient*.

The re-establishment of the Yale Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi has emboldened other fraternities to look upon New Haven as a desirable city in which to plant a new chapter, and Yale Academics as a desirable source from which to draw the men. The great reputation of Yale University, the long roll of its distinguished graduates, and the excellent character of the large majority of its men have had their influence in persuading fraternity men that the field is a good one; but until very lately no attempt has been made in recent time to attack the stiff class-feeling and the old class societies. There is a great deal of conservatism about Yale; a great deal of veneration for old customs simply because they are old, as was shown in the impracticable and foolish action concerning the desired retention of the old, historic fence.

But there is such a thing as carrying a bag to mill with the grist in one end and the dear old customary, conservative and historic stone in

the other end. The fence is gone; the stone will go, too. In other words, the class feeling will decrease and a fraternity spirit will arise, and other four-years' societies will gain such a position as Alpha Delta Phi now occupies, and will be as successful as fraternities in other colleges.

The stone is a sacred one; it is a fetich; it occupies a specially guarded shrine, and many there be who bow down to it. But the iconoclasts are here, and they are no other than Yale men now in college.  
—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

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## Miscellany.

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### HOWARD L. CRESSWELL.

WHEREAS, In the death of our beloved Brother Howard L. Cresswell, which occurred upon April 30, 1888, a severe blow has been sustained by the fraternity, and the Iota Chapter of Pennsylvania has been deprived of one of its most active, earnest and faithful brothers; and,

WHEREAS, We desire to record our sense of the loss which we have thus sustained; therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That while we bow in submission to the Divine will, we most deeply feel the bereavement which we have undergone.

*Resolved,* That in him we have lost one whose place never can be filled, but who will always be cherished in our memories.

*Resolved,* That in our association with him we always found him a sincere and generous friend and brother.

*Resolved,* That our heartfelt sympathy be extended to his bereaved family in this their hour of deep affliction, and

*Resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions be sent to them and to each of the chapters of the fraternity.

WILLIAM H. BOWER,  
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ALEXANDER J. GRAY,  
GEORGE R. BOWER,  
WILLIAM C. POSEY,

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## THE ANNUALS. II.

The students of the University of the Pacific show decided pluck in issuing their annual, *Naranjado*, every year, and are thrown into startling contrast with the older, richer and better patronized institutions of the same denomination. There are no less than seven colleges supported by this church influence on our roll, and three of these only have annuals to offer. One of them, at least, has double the patronage of any of the others, and during the past fifteen years has issued four annuals(?).

We would suggest to the *Naranjado* board a change of printers, or a stirring up of the old one, for typographically there is a sameness with former issues that betokens a failure of those to whom the mechanical part has been left to keep abreast of the times.

The most noteworthy thing of this year's issue is the prologue, which is excellently conceived and expressed opportunely. The most distressing doggerel that we have seen for some several moons appears in the pages of this annual, wherein some fair member undertakes to tell the history of the *Emendian Literary Society*. Here are a few of the thirty-one couplets:

Who was it sang "bye, baby mine?"  
The *prophetic* girls of fifty-nine.

Who led your toddling feet, so wee?  
The *loving* girls of sixty.

Who taught you danger's paths to shun?  
The *watchful* girls of sixty-one.

Who was it taught you to be true?  
The *honest* girls of sixty-two.

Who heard you lisp your A B C?  
The *learned* girls of sixty-three.

Who sang your praises o'er and o'er?  
The *charming* girls of sixty-four.

Who gave you strength to do and strive?  
The *fearless* girls of sixty-five.

Who cautioned you 'gainst wayward tricks?  
The *careful* girls of sixty-six.

For those who have tasted the joys of college boarding clubs or female seminary dining tables, the flavor of the following parody on Mary's Lamb will not be undistinguishable:

Mary had a little lamb  
She'd raised it as a pet,  
'Twas always tough when it was young,  
When old, 'twas tougher yet.  
It followed her to school one day,  
And Mary had no fear  
That the next time she'd see her pet  
Would be upon its bier.  
However, Mary went to class,  
And left the lamb to reap  
The herbage 'round the Boarding Hall;  
Alas for that poor sheep!  
It walked unconsciously about,  
Devouring as it went  
Until, at last, the folks in charge  
Did get his mutton scent.  
'Tis plain, said they, as anything  
That living here's too high,

So now prepare, my woolly friend,  
Your time has come to die.  
They gathered them about the sheep,  
It was too kind to butt,  
They choked it till its life was gone  
And then its throat was cut.  
They put that poor sheep in a pot  
And let it cook awhile,  
And then they served it up in chunks  
With a revengeful smile.  
The students struggled long to chew  
Its tough, and sinewy frame,  
But every meal they had that sheep  
"They got there all the same."  
They found they'd made a lucky hit  
In killing Mary's pet —  
This happened long, long time ago,  
They're serving mutton yet.

The artist of the *Naranjado* dotes on combination cuts, wherein so many things are delineated that to a reviewer the plan is obscure, and the point sometimes wanting. We note, however, this year two suggestive full page illustrations, well conceived but poorly executed. One is called the "U. P. Necropolis," wherein is charmingly laid out in decent interment the many ambitious efforts of students, which have died for lack of breath, and a yawning grave is all ready for "Class Spirit," which no doubt has one foot already in its final resting place. The other is styled the "Walking Club," and depicts sundry vigorous youths reclining in slumberous attitudes upon the benches of a park, all enjoying their invigorating exercise, it would appear, to their heart's content.

The palm for clever literary work in this year's annuals to us appears to lie between *Salmagundi* and *Syllabus*. The former is perhaps wider in its range and of greater bulk, but there is a disposition at Madison to do as former boards of editors have done, rather than to launch out upon the

treacherous ocean of student favor, trusting to skill of present pilots to avoid rocks, shoals, and quicksands. We are free to say that whenever the work of this year's annual is brought into direct comparison with that of last year, in its literary department, '89 carries off the palm. We do not admire the typography and general appearance of this year's offering as we did that of last year, but there are so many clever "hits" that we fear to begin quoting, knowing that the temptation to add just one more extract will be well-nigh irresistible. We wish we might give entire "A Junior's Lament," but instead offer a few stanzas:

I used to feel so happy once,  
 When first I struck this town,  
 My prospects were so very bright,  
 For glory and renown.  
 I used to think that I would stand  
 With laurels on my brow ;  
 But I haven't, haven't,  
 Haven't for a long time now.  
 I used to think I'd take a key,  
 And be an Honor-man,  
 That I'd climb up to Valedic,  
 And worked upon that plan.  
 I used to bohn my lessons out

And make the V's, I vow,  
 But I haven't, haven't,  
 Haven't for a long time now,

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I used to think I'd graduate,  
 Till Prexie called me down,  
 And said he'd give me until June  
 In which to quit the town,  
 I thought I'd borrow cash enough  
 To neatly make my bow ;  
 But I haven't, haven't,  
 Haven't for a long time now.

A colloquy in the style of the Gorgias is very clever, as are also "The Inquiry" and "How the Students Came Down the Hill," but the gem of the work is a wonderfully clever burlesque of "She," entitled "Them," by H. Hager Riddard. We can not, in closing our review of the *Salmagundi*, forbear from quoting entire a suggestive poem which appears on the first page after the preliminary announcements:

SOME SERIOUS SUGGESTIONS.

There is a necessary theme  
 Of which we hate to speak ;  
 Because a some wise sage has said  
 It does involve some cheek.  
 We wish that all subscribers pause  
 To grasp this subtle thought ;

And soon resolve that they will do  
 The self-same deed they ought.  
 Our business principle compels  
 The settling of all bills ;  
 And how shall we perform that task  
 Unless the fountain fill ?

*Syllabus* has revived the witticism made famous by Mark Twain in "Roughing It"—a fac-simile letter of recommendation of their annual from Dr. Cummings, president of the university. The venerable Dr. can not quite equal Horace Greeley for illegibility, but seven different translations of his supposititious letter attest the regard in which his penmanship is held by the students of Northwestern University. We note with pleasure

a fresh style of tail-piece at the close of the class lists. Omitting the suggestive illustrations, they are as follows:

*PLATE I.—FRESHMAN.*

*Spongida*; very low form, mental processes silly-ated; considered by some "vegetil," because of the chlorophyll it secretes; semi-parasitic.

*PLATE II.—SOPHOMORE.*

*Lolligo vulgaris*, the common squid or squirt; variety *amoribundus*, for it is in love but hasn't got there yet.

*PLATE III.—JUNIOR.*

Evolution reaches a higher type. *Pseudo-pegasus* or *Rambunctious Rocking Horse*. Feet greatly developed, mouth large, and eyes close together; secretes gall.

*PLATE IV.—SENIOR.*

*Homo Sapiens*, or *mandiferens*. Completed type slow and stately in bearing. *Simillimus deis*, *proximus angelico*.

*Syllabus* has a pleasant custom of giving at the beginning of each fraternity list, a short sketch of the rise of the society; that for  $\Phi K \Psi$  being decidedly well-written and modestly stated. A satire of Donnelly's Cryptogram is among the best burlesque efforts of the year, and vies with that celebrated piece of literary demagoguery in incoherency and silliness.

A somewhat elaborate, not to say labored dramatic episode, in heavy paper covers, is introduced into the body of *Syllabus*, and at first one fain would cry "chestnuts," but occasional flashes of wit and genuinely humorous situations relieve the dreariness, and one wades through the entire eighteen pages in hope of finding these plentiful.

While there are in *Palladium*, *Kaldron*, and *Salmagundi* some few things better than any one literary effort of *Syllabus*, yet we are inclined to believe that the general average of the latter is higher. *Syllabus* shows a true appreciation of the "powers that be" in apostrophizing the "door-girl" at the fem. sem. and the puissant janitor, twin worthies who can do more mischief by telling what they hear and see than the entire faculty. We are glad to see this move and hope that appreciation of merit in other colleges may arise from such genuine inspirations as this:

O, Nelly, maiden of the apron white,  
Who watchest o'er the Fem Sem hall,  
To thee I would these humble lines indite;  
Now don't forget it when I call.

I sometimes think your heart's of stone.  
Unlike the maidens of the ancient lay,  
Your curfew always rings with solemn tone  
To stop the calling at the close of day.

And yet I know your heart is not of stone;  
For often have the lower doors unbarred  
Admitted maidens wandering—not alone,  
Whose midnight joy the Dean has never marred.

Full many a box of costly chewing gum  
Is given you by anxious, artless Preps,  
That you'll consent to keep extremely mum  
About that parting kiss upon the steps.

When fortune's fickle, you are true,  
When sickness (?) keeps my first love in her room,  
And you take up my card to Number Two  
I've never met my well deserved doom.

O, Nelly, that your intellect is great, I ween ;  
In years to come, when I'm a reverend, grave Trustee,  
I quite expect and hope to see you Dean,  
And nothing could more pleasant be to me.

Before making our final quotation we wish to commend in the heartiest terms a feature of *Syllabus* that we should be glad to see in every annual—a list of alumni with present addresses, titles, fraternity membership, etc. Apropos of the Forum and its suggestive articles this is not by any means bad :

BOOKS THAT HAVE HELPED ME.

- “She ”—Dr. Bonbright.
- Baird's “College Fraternities”—Ezekiel Taminosian.
- “Bill Nye's Chestnuts”—Prof. Kellogg.
- “Mother Goose Melodies”—Prof. Pearson.
- Almanac—B. L. McFadden.
- “Hoyle's Manual ”—H. R. Howell.
- “Compulsory Bathing,” (a pamphlet)—C. L. Stevens.
- “Webster's Pronouncing Dictionary”—Dr. Sheppard.
- Bible—C. C. Clifford.
- “Roberts' Rules of Order”—C. P. Abbey.

We are not so well pleased with this year's *Onondagan*, either in contents or typography, as with that of the class of '88. We often wonder why fraternity and other organizations are so strenuous for new engravings. A few more such nondescripts as have appeared during the past year or so will make Greek heraldry a jest and bye-word in artistic circles. It is to be hoped that some artist may be found who has had a classical training and will have influence enough to put an end to the monstrosities, such as one of the cuts of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , one of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , which has been mentioned before, and one in the present annual of  $\Upsilon \Psi$ . With a true appreciation of the fitness of things, the “Junior's Lament” voices this disconsolate plaint:

'Tis the last rusty hairpin left lying alone;  
 All its crooked companions are scattered and gone.  
 Its owner's departed, no maiden is nigh  
 To answer with blushes or give sigh for sigh.  
 I'll leave thee no longer to rust on the ground;  
 I'm not wholly forsaken since thee I have found.  
 Then fondly I'll place thee close down to my vest,  
 Where thy owner's head oft has sought and found rest.  
 Oh, soon may I follow! I care not to stay  
 Where from Love's charmed circle the girls pass away.  
 When summer has faded and fond ones are flown,  
 Oh, who would inhabit a hammock alone!

This Latin doggerel, some considerable distance both in scansion and time after Horace, appears under the caption *Pileum Juniorum* :

Omnes coronent pilea splendida	Neptunus ingens quaerit unquam,
Quorum nitorem conspicimus procul	Mercurii caput id rogavit.
Lauru; merent laudes meracas	Tanto decore eh! non galeae micant,
Qui juvenes agitant Minervam.	Nulli tiarae talia lumina
Non rex Olympi talia tegmina,	Spargunt eo ut quum id coronam
Fulgens Apollo non habet, impotens,	Vertice nostra gerit puella.

We are gratified to see in *Palladium* of '88 a great stride toward the work of former years, and are not sure that artistically it is one whit inferior to the best efforts of the editors in the past. In Mr. Ireland, the *Palladium* board has found an artist with an excellent conception of the work he has to do, a keen wit and a facile pen. There is scarcely any thing to find fault with in his work, and much to praise highly. The full page illustration on p. 139, and the head and tail pieces for class of '88, are especially delicate in conception and graceful in execution.

A delightfully gossipy sketch of the rise and progress of the university, from the pen of Prof. Frieze, appears, and we read with all the innocent pleasure of a participant, the account of the doings of that earlier time of which he could well say "*quorum magna pars fui.*"

That no love is lost between the literary department and the special schools, this introduction to their lists will sufficiently show :

HOI POLLOI.

Allops, Homeops,  
 Pharmics, the Laws and Dents, once bless'd, now curs'd  
 By those who know them best, still stand arrayed  
 In solid phalanx: the first, they lose no chance,  
 Indeed, to urge, with calomel, the world  
 To steer for Hades; the next, the same end,

With sugar pills, would do their best to attain;  
 But in this direful business the Druggist  
 Swears allegiance to them both,—all three are now  
 Aghast and gaping, writhing in the clutch  
 Of Law and Right and Power, till anon  
 Their purses, swelled out with silver and with gold—  
 Ill-gotten filth—o'ercomes the Lawyer's might,  
 To crush his lust for gain;—he, too, then joins  
 The multitudes to blot out decent men.  
 The Dentist strives to do his part; one more  
 To join that phalanx! “Hail, horrors, hail,  
 Infernal World! and thou, profoundest hell,  
 Receive thy new possessors!”

There are a number of things in this issue worth quoting, but we must content ourselves with the song *Carpe Diem*, which took the first prize offered for best song. As a bit of verse the effort is excellent, but the horrible inappropriateness of sentiment to the music selected to sing it by, suggests the inquiry: Is this song to be sung? Mendelssohn wrote charming music, which were called songs without words; may this not be justly called words without a song?

AIR—“*Die Wacht am Rhein*”

Stay, stay, O flowery-kirtled morn,  
 Pour roses from thy amber horn!  
 Weave, weave ye laughter-loving hours,  
 Your dances round our College towers!

*Chorus:* Too soon the Loves and Graces fly!  
 Too soon the morning glories die:  
 The swift delights, the sweet—the sweet delays,  
 The fragrant morn—the morn of College days.

Stay, stay, thy steeds, O glittering noon!  
 The crickets have not done their tune;  
 The skies are soft—the tender breeze  
 Still whispers to the College trees.

*Chorus:* But oh, the bells of evening chime  
 While Day is only in his prime,—  
 While Life is lost in sweet—in sweet amaze  
 Of golden noon—the noon of College days.

Stay, stay thy pinions, gentle night!  
 Let dreams pursue their drowsy flight,  
 And day in soft oblivious shroud  
 Lie pillowed on a purple cloud.

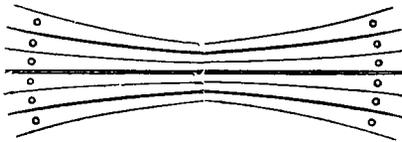
*The Annuals.*

*Chorus:* But thou, Orion, don anew  
 Thy belt of gold and armor blue,—  
 We sons of Michigan shall sing her praise;  
 Wear thou her colors through the starry ways!

In closing this review we can not neglect to tell the brothers of Pa. A, N. Y. A, and Pa.  $\theta$ , how much we have missed *Pandora*, *Cornellian* and *Melange*, all of which gave us, last year, pleasure to peruse and criticise, and we hope it will not be inopportune to express the wish that these, with other annuals from colleges where we have chapters, which have not yet put in an appearance, may grace our table this year.

We believe that no better advertisement can be offered by any school than such publications as we have been receiving, and we hope that many of our strong colleges, at least so far as endowment and attendance bespeak strength, will come to this conclusion and foster this, one of the peculiar institutions which makes college life an experience apart from every day duties.

C. L. VAN CLEVE.



## The Areopagus.

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The committee on catalogue has no doubt that many of the brothers are wondering whether the catalogue will ever appear, and it may not be improper for us at this time to give some signs of life. I shall not make a prediction as to the time of the appearance of the catalogue, for I really do not desire to lose all reputation for truth and veracity; but I can truthfully say that the work is going forward as rapidly as careful attention to detail will permit. Those of you who were at Washington probably obtained some idea of our troubles, and I shall not weary you with repeating the story. A new phase of delay has arisen, however, which is not altogether displeasing. As our proofs are finished and sent to the chapters for correction, they usually come back so disfigured that even our usually even tempered printers use some pretty strong words concerning the gentlemen who so disfigure proofs. You see, in the first place, the average Phi Psi believes in moving every time he can improve his condition thereby. Hence addresses have to be changed. This is a comparatively small matter. The great cause of proof disfigurement is that Phi Psis will push to the front. Honors come and must be recorded. In all the leading callings of life, Phi Psis are found well to the front, and those who are in college are continually being elected to positions of honor. This is well, but all this additional information delays the catalogue. We have now over 100 pages in type, and the work will go steadily on. I have endeavored to send a proof to the B. G. of each chapter, and also to an alumnus of each chapter, whom I know to have a fund of information about chapter matters. A brother like George D. Gotwald, for example, is invaluable in correcting proof slips.

I desire to impress a few points upon the B. G.'s and other brothers who are to read the proofs of their chapters. Do not forget that the brothers are classified by *years of initiation*, and that the numbers after their names indicate the classes with which they graduated, or with which they were most closely identified. Be very careful to notice the spelling of proper names. Compare the proofs with the chapter records, and see whether the brothers are correctly classified. We have classified the

brothers according to their answer to the question, In what year were you initiated? Frequently, brothers have been unable to state exactly the year, and in all cases their memory should be tested by the chapter record. *Do not delay in returning proofs. Every day counts,* and we earnestly desire to have no delay that is not absolutely necessary. Keep on sending information, no matter whether your chapter proofs have been read or not. Be sure to get in all the new initiates. If you need any more circulars, apply to me.

Address all communications to GEORGE SMART, care *Daily Press*, Columbus, Ohio.  
 GEORGE SMART.

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### A TRIBUTE.

JAMES HAVEN KIMBER.

My friend is dead and the 27th of September, 1888, will stand enshrined in memory as a day of deliverance for a soul as heroic as Job. Sciatic rheumatism had been the life-long "thorn in the flesh" of our dear brother, and for the past seven years of his life had kept him confined to his bed, until torture-racked flesh at last succumbed.

Brother Kimber, more than any man whom I have ever known, believed in and practiced the principles of  $\Phi K \Psi$ . His love for his fraternity was a passion, and throughout his long sickness he said, again and again, that "the boys" must bury him and no services, except such as they chose, must be held over his dead body. In accordance with this oft-expressed wish, I had the melancholy privilege of conducting the funeral at his late home in Findlay, Ohio, as nearly in accordance with his desires as friends and relatives could prescribe.

Among other things, the following thoughts were presented: "Life and Death—twin mysteries. The latter to youth impossible, to manhood a remote contingency, yet to all alike inevitable. That life ever began to be, seems to me the surest proof that it can never cease to exist. Science stands speechless before the gates of Life and Death with no answer for the searching questions of either, and the imponderable essence we call life once known and recognized, to my thought, can not pass into nothingness, into the vacuity of unending oblivion. The mere condition of its earthly existence demands its continuance, and my friend's inert body no more is my friend at this hour than it was the active, sentient being of his earlier brighter days, when human companionship and love were his meat and drink.

"Standing here, as I do, to say some things of my friend, sad as I feel, I can not but rejoice that his night of sorrow has ended, and the pain-

racked body has ceased its torment, and his disenthralled soul is basking in the sun-light of eternal peace.

“Were I to take a text around which to let thought lovingly linger, it would be from a little book—his *vade mecum*—in which he enshrined the deepest thoughts of the profoundest sages of every age and language, and which he left to me as a legacy, the dearest offering of his warm heart: ‘Deep life not long life is valuable.’ What shall I say of him whose heart was to me as open as the petals of the summer flowers? I can not impart the subtle fragrance which his character has shed into my life, nor yet describe what he was and is.

“His was a simple nature—naturally sensitive, to those who knew him he was as easily read as the pages of an open book, and yet to some how distant, how difficult of approach he seemed! Love was to him no artificial question of sentiment or surroundings, but a passion direct and potent, scorning analysis and defying reason. Sham and pretense were to him as easy to detect as the rainbow in sullen clouds of summer storms, and he hated a lie with all the awful force of an intense, unyielding scorn.

“The question constantly arises, when we look at his mental achievements, what might he not have done had he been blessed, as are we, with health or may be long life? With a subtle sense of the fitness of thought or phrase, he had a mind acute in penetrating to hidden sources of feeling and broad enough to comprehend great ideas without confusion.

“His was a heroic mold—no man can know how he suffered, with supra-Spartan courage, through the long years of his illness. God only can understand why he who might have been what men call a brilliant success, lies here cold and lifeless before his earthly career had fairly begun. The Almighty Father understands wherein his life has been grandly successful, for he who heedeth the sparrow’s fall has meant more by our friend’s blasted human life than mortal mind can fathom. What more can I say of this sweet, patient, loving soul, which you do not know far better than I can tell? It will be asked, what did he believe? Ah, the answer to that question is so easy. He believed in everything pure and good; he believed and practiced a broader charity than many of us who bear the name of Christian have ever conceived, and though his high soul could scarce stay within the bounds of creed or theology of the plainer sort, he dealt in subtle communings with life’s great essence, which can so little be understood and so feebly described.

“With him his college fraternity was a potent, vitalizing reality. Initiated into Ohio A Chapter, *Φ K Ψ*, May 25, 1878, he never lost membership. ‘The Boys,’ he loved with no effusion, no mere comaraderie, but with a passion as deep as his too earnest heart could feel. His wish,

expressed so many times to me and to his family, that whatever services were held over his remains should be by the 'boys' tells more eloquently than feeble words can ever convey, how with death an ever-present guest, he fondly cherished them in his heart.

"Farewell, old boy; good-bye, a long good-bye. In very sooth, 'God be with you 'till we meet again.'"

I wish that it did not so seriously trespass upon the space allotted to other departments of our journal to give in this place the bouquet of quotations from Brother Kimber's Seed-Thought Book, which made up a considerable part of the funeral address, but must content myself in closing this inadequate tribute to the memory of the brightest mind I ever knew, and the most constant, aspiring soul, whose love illumined my life, with a quotation from manuscript he left, which for want of a better title, I will call

MY CREED.

I recognize the important functions discharged by the church; she has been, in the past, a potent civilizer, and to-day imparts an element of stability to national life, perhaps not otherwise attainable; through countless ages the conservator of the religious or moral sentiment (itself an inseparable concomitant of the intellect and a by no means insignificant factor in all true culture,) she has wielded a well-nigh absolute power, not always well bestowed, but in the main well-meant. Yet, for myself, I more and more distrust all creeds; no dogmatic creed can, in its very nature, be final, though every historical religion has played an important part in the development of the spiritual life of mankind. Christianity itself is but symptomatic, conditional; science with every new perception of truth sweeps away our infantile catechisms and necessitates a faith commensurate with the grander orbits and universal laws it reveals. The creeds of the narrow sectarian shrivel like dried leaves in the laboratory or at the door of the observatory. From birth we are entangled in a web of convention—our creed prescribed, our politics ready-made—cut, dried, and parcelled out in unvarying proportions, as well for seraph as for clown; and if now and then some richly-dowered soul snatches aside for an instant the veil of specious imbecility which envelops us, and offers a glimpse of eternal, infinite, absolute truth, there are not wanting petty, hide-bound spirits to raise a clamorous accusation of irreligion, atheism, and blatant infidelity. The mind suffers no religion—no empire but its own. I would read, not the Bible only, but *all* bibles; regarding a bible as the crystallized spiritual life of a nation—embodying for each the supreme result of its experience. A cosmopolite in science, religion, and politics, I shall strive to recognize truth wherever and in whatever guise it may appear—hoping, meantime, that my opinions may ever be characterized by a most catholic tolerance of the opinions of others.

For the future I do not despair—already faint traces of advancing dawn streak the east. The day of inspired fanaticism, of narrow, bigoted sectarianism, is, I trust, forever past, and the hour at hand when emancipated mind, untrammelled with the leaden weight of creed or cult, will soar at will throughout the universe, and bathe unchallenged in the sunlight of eternal truth.—J. H. K.

C. L. VAN CLEVE.

## Editorial.

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We wish to commend the late official circular of our efficient General Secretary as the acme of business clearness and force. We have seldom seen anything in the nature of a circular for information and instruction to compare with it, and we feel like congratulating the fraternity again upon securing Brother Wilson's services for two years more.

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The annual meeting of the Executive Council at Columbus, Ohio, during Sept. 18th to 21st, was characterized by method and force. The sessions were well-nigh continuous day and night, and the condition of the entire fraternity received exhaustive treatment in the discussions.

The absence of Brother Lowry was occasioned by a misunderstanding. He had written that he would be present at the opening session and would remain till the business had all been transacted, but a previous engagement in the vicinity of New York, the date of which had been left somewhat undetermined, came in at the last moment to disturb his plans. He found it impossible to secure a release from his professional engagement, and thus we were deprived of his presence.

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We feel in a congratulatory mood. In nearly, if not quite all, the chapters the year has opened auspiciously, and in two cases where, during the year past, the flood of  $\phi K \psi$  has ebbed, a new flow of life and strength has set in.

We have lost some chapters since last year began, one of which we shed no tears over, but in several other instances we had felt a bitter disappointment at the failure of the present generation of  $\Phi K \Psi$ 's to maintain the standard of former times. It is true that charters have not been revoked, in some instances, but the immediate prospects in these cases is not bright.

At Carleton College we made a brave fight. Our boys went manfully to work to oppose and overcome an absurd prejudice against secret organizations, and well-nigh succeeded. After a number of stormy sessions, the faculty, by a narrow majority, put the stamp of provincialism and bigotry upon their institution, and Minnesota Alpha was no more. Most of the chapter left the institution for more favored college homes, quite a number uniting their fortunes with those of Minnesota Beta by entering the State University.

We hope an end has been reached of placing chapters in institutions hostile to freedom and growth by  $\Phi K \Psi$ . Monmouth College and Carleton College are experience enough in that line, we think, to last us for a generation to come. College fraternities have come into American social life to stay, and the institution which does not foster them simply advertises its own intolerance. Such a position as Princeton and Oberlin have taken upon this question is incompatible with American ideas of liberty and enlightened freedom, and we are content to leave all such institutions alone.

We believe it a mistake to send a boy to a college where the paternal idea of government exists, and where student organizations, whose tendency is not evil, are not permitted, and while we have had too little opportunity for observation to generalize, we can scarce conceive how such an attitude of hostility to student organizations, and un-

warranted interference with their personal habits, as prevail at these colleges, can fail to stultify the manly character of the youth in attendance upon them.

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Speaking of the permanency of college fraternities brings us to a consideration of a subject that has been upon our mind for some years, and which we hope to see adequately discussed in our pages during the present collegiate year. In no way is the permanency of this institution better secured than by the owning and controlling of valuable property. The sentiment in favor of chapter-houses is growing and we hail the increasing interest with delight. Phi Kappa Psi can in no way demonstrate her right to a position in the fore front of American fraternities, than by a progressive era of chapter-house building.

We now own two such structures, and our boys at several institutions live together in rented property, securing in this manner many of the pleasures incident to the owning of property. Chapter houses are of two kinds: those in which the meeting-hall and residence are combined, and those in which they are separate. We believe the former kind to be more serviceable and in the end more judicious as an investment. It will cost comparatively little more to build a chapter-hall in connection with living accommodations for twelve to twenty men, than to build the hall alone, if any regard is paid to artistic form and completeness.

Several chapters are making progress toward the building of houses. by creating a sinking fund into which is put all moneys from whatever source derived that the chapter can secure, and loaning the same with approved security, until a time when the accumulation having been great enough, the building is begun.

We know a chapter that years ago raised several hun-

dred dollars, with which to furnish their hall, by running a lecture course. This we know is a hazardous business, but there is an adage distinctly applicable to all movements of college secret societies that runs thus: "Nothing venture, nothing have."

Pennsylvania Epsilon and California Alpha have built chapter-houses; why may not other chapters do the same? We have heard it urged that if a living-house is built that the students dwelling in it will be so constantly thrown together that they will cease their efforts to excel and become worthless as students. Perhaps; but we have little respect for any so-called student whose ambition and habits can be dissipated so easily. On the other hand we believe the responsibility of ownership, and the pride of possession will do more to foster an independent spirit and an energizing influence for better work, than any such deteriorating cause can nullify.

Several of our chapters are trying the living-house plan in rented houses. Let them say whether their reputation as workers and men has in anywise suffered because of the dwelling together.

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The chapters ought to begin in the near future, as soon as the rush of initiations is over and work has commenced in earnest, to prepare themselves for intelligent work at the coming District Councils. While these gatherings have no legislative power, they have what is often of more effect, the privilege of meeting together in a body small enough not to impair free discussion, and talk together over plans for upbuilding the fraternity.

We have always been of the opinion that these District Councils were of more vital value to us than our G. A. C.'s, though the latter are a necessary adjunct to our government. So few members of a chapter can get to a meeting

of the G. A. C., that the moral effect of much legislation is dissipated before it can be made operative. Sentiment in favor of any forward movement is created very slowly when derived from a word-of-mouth report to a chapter from a single member perhaps, who has had the privilege of attending upon a G. A. C., part of the time may be in a committee room. And what shall be done in expediting fraternity growth and thought for chapters to whom distance renders the expense of representation to a G. A. C. too heavy to be borne?

The District Council multiplies by four, at least, the probability of full attendance, and certainly affects by the same number as a divisor the expense of attendance.

Few of our men are rich, and while this condition is not an unmixed evil, attendance upon our legislative gatherings has never been of such a character as to bring the promptest and readiest obedience to law. Measures are prepared, debated and carried, whose operation can be hardly understood, except by an understanding of all the conditions precedent brought out in a discussion in which the interests of all are considered, and we are of opinion that much legislation has been made inoperative from its very beginning because so little understood.

All this unfortunate state of affairs can be remedied by enthusiastic, well-attended District Councils. These can not be made of the greatest use unless ample preparation is undergone by chapter discussions and instructions to delegates as to sentiment felt at home upon the matters of interest.

## Chapter Letters.

### ALLEGHENY.

Since our last communication to THE SHIELD, nothing of particular importance has happened in the affairs of Pennsylvania Beta. The new year, '88-9, opened September 18th with bright prospects for Allegheny. Extensive and important improvements have been made in and about the college buildings and campus during the past vacation. The unusually large number of new students indicate an increase in the popularity of Allegheny, and the present college year promises to be one of the most prosperous in her history.

Our new president, Dr. W. G. Williams, is a tireless worker, and we confidently predict a period of unparalleled progress in the coming years for our already noted and honored old college.

The change in the faculty and instructors seems to have exerted a healthful influence, and we have already experienced decided benefits under the new administration.

We are sorry to lose Dr. Luccock from the chair of Latin and Greek, he having resigned from the faculty and re-entered his chosen field of ministry. Dr. Luccock is not only an accomplished scholar and an able instructor, but he has become endeared to all the students by his interesting, original and generous personal character. His place has not yet been filled.

Pennsylvania Beta enters the year's race with all the old men returned but two. Brother Ellsworth, who graduated with the class of '88, is Professor of Mathematics in Barkleyville Academy, Pennsylvania. Brother Brown, '91, has entered Amherst College, Massachusetts. Bro. Harry Barrett, who was reported as intending to enter Syracuse, has changed his mind, and, we are glad to say, is again with us. Our chapter starts out with ten men. We have already pledged one man, and expect to introduce several new Phi Psis to the fraternity in our next letter to THE SHIELD. The present numerical standing of the other fraternities at Allegheny is as follows,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 15;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 12;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 11;  $\Sigma A E$ , 5;  $K A \Theta$ , 10;  $K K \Gamma$ , 3.

The editorial in the September SHIELD on "rushing" meets the united approval of Pennsylvania Beta, and is an endorsement of our policy. Among all the fraternity journals of the day, we are truly and justly proud of the noble SHIELD, and always look forward to hearing from our sister chapters. With best wishes for the success of paper and chapters we will close with a promise of a better effort for November.

FRANK A. CATTERN.

Meadville, Pa., October 8, 1888

## BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Notwithstanding the fact that Pennsylvania Gamma held a place in the last issue of THE SHIELD, she again clamors for recognition in the October number. In sending greeting to all sister chapters, Gamma desires to present to the Greek world her recent acquisitions: G. Fred. Love, '92, Princeton, N. J.; A. Lincoln Moore, '91, Haddonfield, N. J.; and, J. Harry Haslam, '90. Please observe that although these new initiates, to the man, part their names in the middle, they do not treat their hair in the same manner. In due course of time they will all become true and loyal Phi Psis. We make no further comment upon the personal merits of each, suffice to say that they are good all-around men.

At the recent election Bro. O. E. Abraham was chosen as G. P.; C. E. Shuster, P.; C. A. Walker, A. G.; Clayton Bennett, P.; Paul Tustin, H.

The university opened on the 13th ult., with Dr. G. G. Groff, as acting president. All departments are filled. The prospects for a successful year are glowing. The two new buildings, now in course of erection, are under roof and will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the next session. The presidency of our university has formally been offered to Bro. George M. Phillips, Ph. D., class of '71, Bucknell University. Dr. Phillips, after considering the offer, made a proposition to the Board of Trustees which will likely be accepted.

The review in the last SHIELD of our first annual, *L'Agenda*, was considered by all a fair and impartial treatment of a work sent out by untried hands. The members of '89, who represented  $\Phi K \Psi$  in the board of editors, heartily thank Bro. Van Cleve for his kind words, but can not profit by the criticism since '89 never again expects to issue another volume of *L'Agenda*. It is hoped, however, that '90 will take into consideration the suggestions so kindly given.

Again  $\Phi K \Psi$  comes to the front at Bucknell. The first fall meeting of the athletic association, which takes place the first Saturday in November, was brought about through the earnest endeavors of  $\Phi K \Psi$ 's loyal workers.

Pennsylvania Gamma believes in keeping up with the onward march of the collegiate world, and has done much to make Bucknell University a modern institution. With best wishes for THE SHIELD.

W. C. GRETZINGER.

Lewisburgh, Pa., September 29, 1888.

## PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Since Epsilon's last letter to the SHIELD our number has been considerably diminished. Bros. Smith and Charley Stitely are attending a business college in Baltimore. Bro. Luther Stitely went west to recruit his health. Bro. Uhler is at his home in Philadelphia. Bro. Tuttle is now at Johns Hopkins University. Bro. Sadtler was our only graduate. After a year's absence Bro. Fleck has again returned to college. This will leave an active membership of nine—one senior, four juniors, one sophomore, two freshmen, and one "prep"—as against fourteen last year, to begin the work of the new year.

The prospects for the future of our college are flattering. Work on the new college building, which when completed will contain all the libraries, recitation rooms, chemical departments, etc., is progressing rapidly. The building will cost about one hundred thousand dollars. The Bran Memorial Chapel will be commenced early in the spring. It is the intention to have it completed early in the fall of 1889.

The classes are larger than ever before.

Among the pictures of fraternity halls, with which J. Addison Porter's article on "College Fraternities" in September *Century* is illustrated, we are gratified to find that of Miller Hall among the twenty-nine given, ours being the only one given from the State of Pennsylvania.

Epsilon is well represented on the College Glee Club by Bros. Ed. Whitmer, Charley Fager, and Hummel Fager. Their music is in great demand. They will render some of their choice selections at the County Institute.

We have had no initiates yet, but in our next letter we hope to introduce a new brother to you. With best wishes for THE SHIELD and the fraternity at large, we now close.

FRANK P. WHITMER.

Gettysburg, Pa., October 1, 1888.

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#### DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania Zeta has done better work this year than for many years past. An alumnus, of another fraternity, reports around that  $\Phi \Psi$  has the best chapter in Dickinson, and a "non-frat." alumnus, who is teaching at a preparatory school in the South, recommends our fraternity.

We started out with seven men: Brothers String, Boyer, Illinsworth, Mills, Zimmerman, Pearce, and Morris. We now have twelve men, besides two pledged, with a probability of one or two more. It is not our policy to take in so many, but we had such excellent material to work upon that we did not dare let it waste. A man who can do us good would have the same power to harm if he were in some other fraternity.

Our first addition was Bro. Charles W. Black, '89, who has been in college for three years without joining a fraternity. Now after three years he chooses  $\Psi$  as his home. There is not a chapter in college that would not be proud of Brother Black. He has lead his classes easily, and is already a firm  $\Phi \Psi$ .

We next took in Bro. Turner, '91; Bro. Sudler, '91; Bro. Eveland, '92, and Bro. Price, '92. All of these are victories. Bros. Turner and Eveland will probably be on the foot ball team, and Bro. Sudler on next year's base ball team. Bro. Price had the misfortune to break his arm while playing ball,

Mr. Gifford, a sophomore, is pledged to us, after refusing to join two other fraternities, and Mr. Grear, who has had more rushing, perhaps, than any other man in college, has just given us his word, and we expect to call him brother before we see this in print.

We have just returned from a  $\Phi \Psi$  ride to the mountains. We were out all

day and came home more in love with our fraternity and each other than ever before.

Φ Ψ is well represented in honors; besides class standing and athletics, which have been mentioned in our previous letter, Bro. Illingworth is curator of the reading room, Bro. Black is assistant gymnasium director, and Bro. Morris is assistant in the physical laboratory. Besides we have the presidency of both literary societies, and several important class offices.

We are still working for new subscribers, but have been oft disappointed. We send three more names.

GEORGE V. D. MORRIS.

Carlisle, Pa., October 6, 1888.

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#### FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

The boys of Pennsylvania Eta all report having had a good time during the summer vacation, and have again returned to the care of Mother Eta. Even Hay, '88, could not but return and stay amongst us for several days.

Everything has been moving along as usual at Franklin and Marshall, so there is nothing striking to report in this letter. On the arrival home of our president, Dr. Apple, from his sojourn in Europe, the college boys, together with the students of the Theological Seminary, gave him a rousing reception. Dr. Apple, though not a Φ Ψ, is very dear to us for having given his four sons to the care of Mother Eta; and this leads me to introduce our late baby, "Joe," who is the baby of President Apple's family also. But Bro. William Hopple, whom I take pleasure in introducing also, did not permit Brother Joe to remain in the cradle long, and declares that he will not occupy it long either. As Bro. Hopple always means what he says, this means another initiation ere long.

We have just fairly begun our "rushing." The sentiments uttered in your editorial, brother editor, in the last number of THE SHIELD; are our sentiments also. By this time we have become acquainted with such of the new students that strike the eye of a Φ Ψ, and we are now at work on several whom we hope to call "brother" in our next letter.

We had the pleasure of hearing Bro. Bob Burdette lecture a few weeks since in this city, and what was even more pleasing to us, was the "little meeting" which followed.

The Φ Κ Σ's have secured their old hall and will again have an active chapter here.

The Δ T Δ's are showing more life than they have for several years. It is hard to tell just how many members they have, as they are pinning some men whom we know have not been initiated, still the fact that they have secured a hall shows that they are progressing.

Brothers Shaffner, McLean, and Greenawald, our representatives of '90, have been elected to the *Oriflamme* staff.

Our meetings have all been interesting and inspiring, and our *Mysticus Amicus* has been unusually bright and humorous this term.

IRWIN W. HENDRICKS.

Lancaster, Pa., October 15, 1888.

## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

The collegiate year has again opened, and again New York Beta sends her letter to THE SHIELD, and greetings to the sister chapters. All of the boys, except Brother Burlingame, have returned this fall. Brother Barnard, who dropped out a year, is again with us.

Our new buildings are progressing finely, and have sprung up as if by magic during the summer vacation. The roof is being put on the Crouse College, and the library building is also well under way. These buildings will make a great improvement in the campus, and be an ornament to the city as well. Needed improvements in all departments of our university are steadily being made. A chair in Theistic Science will soon be established, which will be filled by a leading German professor.

One sad incident has cast a gloom over the spirit of all connected with the institution. Professor William Schultze, while playing in the first weekly musical recital, was stricken with apoplexy, from which he died in less than an hour. Dr. Schultze was kind and loving in his disposition, faithful and patient in his duties, spotless in his character, and beloved by all who knew him.

The present freshman class is the largest ever entering, and numbers about 180. Of these more than one-half are pursuing courses in the liberal arts. As a consequence all the fraternities have secured large delegations, and the "rushing" has been carried on with comparatively little strife, each fraternity working its men without much opposition. Last Friday night our goat was brought, and did his respects to eight of the best men in the freshman class, and to one junior, *similis generis*. The goat did some hard kicking, but they all stood the ordeal with true Phi Psi spirit, and came out thoroughly imbued with this same spirit. The new brothers are as follows: Henry Danziger, '90; C. H. Ball, C. R. Cluster, C. V. Gray, W. D. Lewis, J. M. Rice, E. D. Shepard, F. W. Sherwin, and F. L. Stevens, '92.

After the initiatory services, about 30 brothers set down to a royal banquet at the Globe Hotel. There were present brothers from N. Y. Alpha, N. Y. Delta, Ohio Alpha, and Virginia Beta, but the honored guest of the occasion was Bro. J. B. Foraker. His response to the toast, "Phi Kappa Psi," showed that amid all the whirl and anxiety of a political life, he had not forgotten the mystic cords which bound him to his fraternity, nor the pleasant memories of his association with it during his college days. He seemed thoroughly to enjoy the college and fraternity songs, and entered into the spirit of the occasion with a heartiness which was very gratifying to all present. As the Governor had to take a 2 o'clock train, the festivities were somewhat hastily brought to a close. The boys escorted him to the depot, and as the train moved away, gave three cheers for Foraker. All came away with the firm conviction that this had been one of the pleasantest events of the college course.

GEORGE K. STATHAM.

Syracuse, N. Y., October 11, 1888.

**HAMPDEN SIDNEY COLLEGE.**

Last year was one of the most prosperous for Virginia Gamma that she has ever known. Our chapter consisted of nine active and five alumni members. When the roll of honors was called at commencement, Phi Psi was in the front rank. She took the senior and sophomore debaters' medals, and would have taken the writer's medal if our contestant had chosen to avail himself of a piece of information given him by one of the committee of three, who were the judges.

The exercises of the Philanthropic Literary Society were presided over by our honored alumnus, Col. J. P. Fitzgerald, of Farmerville, Virginia, and those of the Union Literary Society by the Rev. J. H. Rawlings, of the University of Virginia, and both have always been known to us by reputation, but we were all charmed by their genial and courteous manners.

Bro. P. S. Wood's oration was one of the best we ever heard, and his reply on receipt of the senior medal held the audience spell-bound with interest and convulsed with laughter by turns.

Our four seniors, Bros. McIlwaine, Porter, E. S. Watson, and Wood, all took A. B., and had stood well in class. Bro. Porter Holladay and Bro. Reynolds, both honor men; our two lawyers, Bros. Flournoy and Irving, were present and we had a grand reunion.

The new men this year are a much better lot than usual, and we have already secured and initiated two first class men, and take pleasure in introducing Bro. K. M. Osborne, of Norfolk, Virginia, to the fraternity at large, and Bro. J. S. McIlwaine, of Hampden Sidney, Virginia, who is a son of our venerable and honored president, Rev. Richard McIlwaine, who is a staunch Beta Theta Pi; but not wishing to join them, when  $\Phi K \Psi$  called he came into the fold. We have scored a complete victory over our rivals in getting these men, and although we started with only four men we have a strong, solid chapter and intend to keep the lead we have taken so easily and successfully. We made "Rome howl" at our first meeting, and having a full attendance of our active members and alumni brothers from the seminary, we were prepared to enjoy ourselves to the fullest extent. The old hall saw a repast that she has not seen surpassed for some time. After supper had been enjoyed by all, and the hall cleared, our never-failing "Toots Saunders" was escorted to, and seated in state upon the rostrum, and awakened in a lively and seminitical manner some of the memories of last year. In a few moments the ball was in full swing, and although we can hardly say that we tripped the "*light fantastic*," we certainly danced with a careless grace and charming negligee, and when Bro. Saunders was escorted from the rostrum, we found that we had already come near trespassing on forbidden hours, and after a farewell song, we all went home "in the morning."

With best wishes for fraternity and SHIELD.

W. S. STUART.

Hampden Sidney College, Va., October 5, 1888.

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.**

Commencement news, though a trifle old, is always interesting. The commencement of 1888 has served, like its predecessors, but to add new laurels to the brow of South Carolina Alpha. We say this in no spirit of boasting, but as an evidence of the work that has been done and the deeds accomplished, and, in looking back over the record of the year's work, we have no hesitation in saying that the chapter has made good use of the talents entrusted to it.

We opened the year with three members and closed it with eight. We could easily have made it eighteen, if we accepted the standard of some of our rivals, but we preferred to wait, and our reward is now in sight.

In scholarship during the year, as evidenced in our letters to *THE SHIELD*, we continued easily first. Personal comparisons are odious, as well as unnecessary, and we shall not enter into them, especially as this is intended for brothers, not rivals, to read. We graduated two men at commencement, Bros. Shard and Cathcart, both with distinction. The speech of Bro. Cathcart, upon the "Historical Development of the English Language," was, in the words of the *News and Courier*, "both well conceived and delivered." We have just heard that Bro. Cathcart has decided to return and take an A. M., so the commencement of '88 will have robbed us of but one brother, leaving us a working force of seven energetic Phi Psis to open the campaign with.

Bro. Barber was junior orator from the Clariosopic Society, and delivered an admirable essay on "Woman as an Index to Civilization," which was greeted with storms of applause by the assembled beauty and chivalry of South Carolina. If flowers be an index of popularity with the fair sex, we shall all have reason to be jealous of Bro. Barber's prestige in that direction, as he was literally overwhelmed with floral tributes, and our boudoir presented the appearance of a vernal bower for sometime afterwards.

To Bro. Grimké was awarded the Hampton scholarship, on the intrinsic value of which modesty forbids us to dilate; suffice it to say that of the three scholarships awarded at commencement, this was the only one gained by a fraternity man, or for which there was any competition, the other two being obtained by men who were barbarians and without rivals in their respective courses. Phi Kappa Psi is on top as usual.

Bros. Sims and J. H. McLure were with us at commencement and assisted us with the sunshine of their presence. Bro. Sims hopes to return to college after Christmas, and Bro. Lee, who is now at Sewanea, expects to do the same thing, which will restore two of our wandering sheep to the fold.

During the year we revised and vastly improved our chapter by-laws, so that we hope there will be no reason in the future for further change, except in an incidental way.

Our chapter was entrusted last spring with the compilation of the alumni data for the new grand catalogue, and has kept steadily at work on it, until, out of a total membership of 118, many of whom are dead, and killed on their country's battlefields, only four remain of whom we can find no trace. But our chapter's record has been a proud one, and we take only pleasure in the work.

Bro. Marshall, '67, has just been unanimously re-nominated for Secretary

of State, and Bro. Perry, '57, for Congress, both of which are equivalent to re-elections. Others of our alumni are daily gaining more in prominence in the State, and we trust we shall be able to record the day when a Phi Kappa Psi fills the gubernatorial chair.

The South Carolina College is now a thing of the past, and in that light the commencement of '88 was an interesting and memorable event to every one, the last of a long line that stand forth in figures of light on the walls of time. Bro. McBryde's address to the graduates on this occasion was beautiful and affecting in the extreme; and when the walls of the university are thrown open next month, if we but obey the injunction of our beloved president, the characters in which its career shall be recorded will shine by the others as the light of the noonday sun. These are facts and prospects; we trust in our next to record *results*.

E. ST. J. GRIMKÉ.

Columbia, S. C., September 20, 1888.

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#### OHIO WESLEYAN.

The enrollment of students at the Ohio Wesleyan University this term has already reached 780, and comparing this figure with the enrollment of the corresponding week last year, the prospects indicate the largest enrollment ever attained.

The university will no doubt do this year without a president, as the trustees are determined to go slowly and select none but a strong and scholarly man for that responsible position. Meanwhile an open invitation stands to Dr. Butz, of Drew Theological Seminary, who, however, will probably not accept.

As to the new students, they are an exceptional class. Not for years have the fraternities here had such good timber to select from, and they all happily recognize the fact and are progressing slowly and cautiously. Only three accessions to fraternities have come from the new students so far. Indeed, the fraternities here have always exercised a selectness which is entitled to great credit, when we view the massive crowd of some six hundred and fifty students from whom the eight fraternities here show only eighty men. And, pardon the assumption, we are compelled to say that never yet have we seen a university possessing a finer set of fraternity men, taken *ensemble*, than those of the Ohio Wesleyan University. So much for the careful selectness existing here. The different chapters here now number as follows: Phi Gamma Delta, 8; Beta Theta Pi, 13; Chi Phi, 8; Delta Tau Delta, 12; Sigma Chi, 3; Alpha Tau, 9; Phi Delta Theta, 14; and Phi Kappa Psi, 10.

Ohio Alpha was honored at her last meeting by the presence of Dr. S. A. Ort, President of Wittenberg College; Rev. E. E. Baker, of Dayton, and Rev. C. D. Hoover, of Circleville. The chapter was highly pleased and benefitted by the encouraging and profitable talks which those elder brothers gave us. Dr. Ort's strong and vigorous reply to an attack on college fraternities made by a member of the Lutheran Synod in assembly here, is the talk of the day among fraternity men, and is in every way deserving of publication in the various fraternity journals.

The university now has two papers. In addition to the old one, *The Transcript*, an independent newspaper, *The Practical Student* has made its appearance, and judging from its present success, it is here to stay.

In view of the stolen matriculation book failing to materialize, the entire college, old students and new, had to matriculate this term. It was the third time for some, and served as a painful reminder of the Frederick Ward incident three years ago, when some half a hundred students ate cold crow and were re-admitted to college.

Ohio Alpha misses from her meetings "Dude" Semans, who is completing his study of medicine in Cincinnati, but in his chair we placed his faithful ally, Bro. Van Deman, who is studying law in this city. We had the pleasure, some days ago, to welcome back to our hall Bro. E. M. Van Cleve, '85, Superintendent of the South Charleston schools. Brother Van Cleve is one of Ohio Alpha's model men and zealous workers, and gave us an interesting chat while here.

Meanwhile we are always on the lookout for any stray Phi Psis who may pass by our way, and will always try to make such feel at home.

E. B. DILLON.

Delaware, Ohio, October 17, 1888.

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#### WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

It was our intention to be represented in the September number of THE SHIELD, but since a conglomeration of unpropitious circumstances make that impossible we will combine two letters in one.

The history of Ohio Beta for the year '87-'88 was one of warfare and glorious victory. The defeat of a combination of the other three fraternities against  $\Phi$   $\Psi$  has already been referred to. Aside from this unpleasant episode  $\Phi$   $\Psi$  had her full share of honors during the year. Brothers Burtsfield and Fred. Gotwald represented the Philosophian and Excelsior literary societies as senior editors of "*The Wittenberger*." Brothers Hiller and Jones stood at the head of the junior and sophomore classes. Bro. Ben Hiller was president of the class of '90. Bro. Clem Ehrenfeld held the position of president in Excelsior, and Brothers Burtsfield and Hiller in Philosophian Society.

Socially, as usual, the  $\Phi$   $\Psi$ 's held the lead throughout the year. The Phi Psi musicales were of a higher order than any other amateur musical entertainments given in the city. Several informal parties were also given during the year.

In athletics Bro. Fred. Gotwald, who was the finest ball player in college, held the captaincy of the Wittenberg nine throughout the year. Bro. Ben. Hiller, who has won several bicycle races and sports a fine gold medal, distinguished himself as being the first to climb the college hill. The successful contestant at the hill climbing contest during the meet of the State division of the L. A. W., at Springfield in '85, failed to accomplish this feat by a distance of seventeen yards.

At the Junior Oratorical Exhibition, held in Black's Opera House during commencement week, Bro. R. Hiller was awarded first place in thought and composition, and second on an average of thought, composition and delivery,

thus giving him, by previous agreement of the class, the position of Mantel Orator on class day. Our two seniors, Brothers Burtsfield and Gotwald, did the fraternity credit in their masterly orations on commencement day. Brother B. has received the Democratic nomination for County Surveyor of Van Wert Co., and has very good prospects of being elected. Brother Gotwald is studying law in the office of John Zimmerman, Esq., of this city. He expects to begin a course of study at the Columbia Law School next year.

During the summer a portion of Ohio Beta enjoyed a delightful experience camping on the shores of Otsego Lake, N. Y., the "Glimmer glass" of Fennimore Cooper's "Deerslayer." The party consisted of twenty-one ladies and gentlemen, among whom were Bros. C. H. Ehrenfeld, '86, F. G. Gotwald, '88, F. N. Bouck and R. Hiller, '89, and Ben. Hiller, '90. The beauties of Otsego Lake fully meet the expectations of the reader of "The Deerslayer" and "The Pioneers," and the associations thrown around this locality by the fascinating pen of America's first novelist add much to its charms. The imagination easily pictures "Natty Bumppo" clambering through the steep lakeside forests, and felling with deadly aim the bounding deer. But a marksman of more experience and far wider renown occupied the forests of "Camp Racket," and alas! numbers among his victims two loyal Phi Psis, Bros. B. and G. Memory will often revert to those good old days at Otsego,—the rowing and yachting, the fishing and flirting, the camp fires, college songs, and last but not least, the delightful Phi Psi associations.

After breaking camp the writer had the pleasure of entertaining Brothers Ehrenfeld and Gotwald at his home, where the latter won laurels in a hotly contested tennis tournament. The pleasure of our vacation found its climax in a trip down the grand old Hudson, and a week of solid enjoyment in New York City, on our return to college, leaving behind us one of the pleasantest of summer experiences.

We find Wittenberg's halls crowded with new students, among whom, however, little good Phi Psi material has yet been discovered. But we take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Bros. Allen and Francis Seiberling, of Wadsworth, Ohio, (nephews of the well known reaper manufacturer of Akron) who cast their lot with  $\Phi \text{ K } \Psi$  in spite of a most vigorous rushing from  $\Phi \text{ T } \Delta$  and a guarded "bid" from  $\text{B } \Theta \text{ II}$ . It is also our privilege to introduce Bro. John Bushnell, son of Gen. Bushnell of this city; E. S. Luckenbach, of Germantown-on-the-Hudson, son of Dr. Luckenbach, who is well known throughout the Lutheran Church as a minister and author; and L. A. Wiles, son of Dr. Wiles, of Mansfield, Ohio, who is also a prominent Lutheran divine. The last three were initiated during commencement week. All the new brothers are members of '91, and jolly good Phi Psis.

Ohio Beta begins the new year with the usual encouraging prospects. Two Phi Psi members have been added to the faculty, Bro. L. A. Gotwald, D. D., as "Culler Professor of Sacred Philology" in the Theological Department, and Bro. Alvin F. Linn, '84, who has been pursuing a post-graduate course at Johns Hopkins University, as Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology in the Collegiate Department. There are also two additional new professors,

both members of B Θ Π,—Rev. G. M. Heindel in the Theological Department, and Samuel Keller, '88, Professor of Botany, Physics and Zoology in the Collegiate Department. Of the present faculty six are Φ Ψ's, two B Θ Π's, one an A T Ω, and four members of no fraternity.

At a recent election Φ Ψ was given the following representation in the class day exercises of '89: Brother Bouck, Prophet, Bro. Clem Ehrenfeld, Signa Vultus, and Bro. Hiller, Mantle Orator.

Brother Ehrenfeld has also been elected President of the Wittenberg Athletic Association, and Brother Hiller represents the Philosophian Society as senior editor of "*The Wittenberger*." But we have blown our trumpet loud and long. Asking your pardon if we have wearied you, we will close.

ROB. H. HILLER.

Springfield, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1888.

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#### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Owing to the enforced irregularity in the publication of THE SHIELD and the negligence of her correspondent, Ohio Delta has not communicated with her sisters for some time. Much change has been made in the chapter since the last letter. We lost by graduation Brothers Wilgus and Hartwell, the latter, as all well-posted Φ Ψ's know, a member of the Executive Council. They are not entirely lost to us, however, as Bro. Hartwell is at work in the city, and Bro. Wilgus has obtained the position of assistant in Latin and History in the University. Another loss which we all feel keenly is that of Bro. Harry Yeazell, who filially followed his parents out to Washington Territory, and is now attending the University of California. In losing Bro. Yeazell the chapter lost one of her most ardent supporters.

The chapter came in for her share of the honors last year. One of the most enviable is that of the captain of the winning company in the prize-drill. Bro. Kiesewetter, though the youngest in age and rank of the four contestant captains, carried off the prize, and the event was duly celebrated in the evening.

At commencement, Bro. Wilgus, too, gave Ohio Delta every reason to be proud of her son, as he had the honor of delivering the oration for his course, and covered himself with glory on account of the excellence of his production as well as his fine delivery.

The usual farewell banquet was a great success, and, though informal, was overflowing with the spirit of good fellowship and loyalty to the fraternity; and here let me introduce Bro. Percy Martin, whom we initiated just in time for the banquet. Bro. Martin was one of our pledged men who was fortunate enough to obtain his rank in college in time to wear lavender and pink on commencement.

After three months of separation the boys met to find the chapter in much better condition than had been anticipated, as Bros. Miller and Allen, contrary to expectations, returned to the fold, while Ohio Gamma sent us Bro. Kendig. We have reaped, too, the fruits of our last year's sowing, and initiated on the first and second Saturdays of the term, respectively, Bros. Ed. Howard and Brush Hatcher, whom we had pledged.

The fraternity work this year seems unusually slow. I am not sure that this is not a good thing, as too much rushing not only consumes the time of the rushed and the rushers, but leads to over-hasty judgments, something against which the September SHIELD has a very timely warning.

The chapter, however, has been active and we have a very good idea where our next men are coming from. Among the incoming class there is some very good material, and it is probable that we will have little trouble in filling up our ranks.

HENRY POMEROY HORTON.

Columbus, O., October 8, 1888.

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#### WABASH COLLEGE.

The happy office of tendering the greetings of Indiana Gamma to the chapters once more devolves upon me, and it is with feelings of pleasure that I proceed to offer to notice our latest events. At the beginning of our present college year we started out with gloomy forebodings, but, as in the past and with true  $\Phi K \Psi$  pluck, "we have met the enemy and they are ours." It gives me peculiar pleasure to introduce to our brothers at large, Mr. Alba Perry, of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Mr. Will Luther, Brazil, Indiana, both members of class '92, and who, we are well assured, are valuable acquisitions; also, with Mr. Will Coleman, New Albany, Indiana, and Mr. James Hanna, Crawfordsville, classes '91 and '89, whom we regard as par excellence. We are also chasing two others around the stump at a very lively gait and expect to have them corralled in another week. With these new members to add to our previously exalted merits, we regard ourselves as once again on the highway to one of our most successful years, and hereby extend the right hand of fellowship to all brothers in self-congratulation. An elegant spread was laid out in honor of the aforementioned initiations, and the delights of the event were very much enhanced by the presence of Mr. James Byrnes, of Terre Haute, Indiana, and Mr. Will Goltra, an active resident member. The Betas, who in this chapter are the embodiment of unwarranted egotism, were out en masse beneath our windows, howling and bellowing like a crowd of hoodlums and made themselves as obnoxious as possible by trying to disturb our serenity, in which attempt they fell with a dull thud. After the goat had trotted its prescribed heats and the feast had been discussed, we decided to serenade the  $\Phi \Psi$  ladies, and visited many residences, at each of which we obtained recognition, and in two instances, refreshments. At this writing our debutants have appeared in public, and quite a sensation has been created by this, our *coup de main*. We are now in "scrapping" trim, our loins are girded up, and beneath the banner of  $\Phi K \Psi$  you once more find us fighting the good fight, and holding our own with something to spare.

RILUS EASTMAN.

Crawfordsville, Indiana, October 18, 1888.

**NORTHWESTERN.**

Northwestern has already begun what promises to be one of the most successful years in her history. Her freshman class is larger than any previous one, and her preparatory school is filled to overflowing.

Illinois Alpha ended the last school year with a grand symposium. All who attended enjoyed a most pleasant evening. Several of our loyal alumni were among this number.

We lost, by graduation, Bros. Little, Conley, P. B. Bass, G. O. Bass, Thomas, Tuttle, Booth and Thwing. Bro. Thwing is now a full-fledged instructor of sciences in the preparatory school.

Brothers Archer, '90, Evans and Bucks, '91, are not able to be in school this year, but expect to return next year if "fortune smiles" on their efforts.

Following our usual custom we initiated our pledged freshmen early in the term, so that we now introduce Bros. J. L. Alabaster, of Evanston, Illinois, and Daniel W. Terry, of Stuyvesant, New York; also, Bro. George E. Fawcett, of Omaha, Nebraska, who, when shown the advantages of our fraternity, was not loth to cast his lot with us. His struggle with our "goat" was quite severe and one that he will long remember.

Most of the fraternities here are in good condition, with the exceptions of Phi Kappa Sigma, which is practically dead, and Phi Delta Theta, whose membership is quite low. The exact numbers of the different frats. are about as follows: Phi Delta Theta, 6; Beta Theta Pi, 11; Sigma Chi, 13; Phi Kappa Psi, 16; Delta Upsilon, 24.

On the contests of the coming year we are represented as follows: Declamation, Bro. Maltman; Hinman Essay, Bros. Herben and Springer; Adelpic Oratorical, Bros. Graves and Grier; Junior-Sophomore Debate, your humble servant.

The work on the new observatory is being pushed rapidly, so that in the near future we anticipate studying the stars through one of the largest telescopes in the world.

At a meeting of the trustees and faculty, shortly after the last commencement, the method of contesting for the Kirk prize was changed, so that it now takes place as part of the regular commencement exercises. There will be ten speakers, the successful competitor receiving the prize of one hundred dollars in cash.

Brother Herben, '89, our worthy G. P., is in Chicago this week editing the Rock River Conference daily. He is ably assisted by Bro. Booth, '88, who is at present attending the Union College of Law.

The foundation is already laid for a new dormitory. This is to be the test of the dormitory system at Northwestern, and if successful, will be the first of a series of dormitories to be erected during the next few years.

Our President, Rev. Joseph Cummings, D. D., LL. D., and several other members of the faculty, have been in attendance at the Rock River Conference this week, thus giving our juniors and seniors a slight relaxation from their *arduous* (?) duties.

Brother Graves, our corresponding secretary, has not yet returned to school so that THE SHIELD letter was assigned to me.

If any of the brothers come to Chicago at any time, if they will but come out to Evanston, they will find our latch-string always out. With best wishes to THE SHIELD and our fraternity.

W. E. HUMPHREY.

Evanston, Illinois, October 6, 1888.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Michigan Alpha is again full of life and activity after the summer vacation. Two weeks have passed since most of the boys have returned, and now at the end of those two weeks we can congratulate ourselves on what has already been accomplished and look forward to still further success. The weather has been gloomy, but we have had Austerlitz without the sun.

Last night the mysterious goat did not retire at the usual time, but in the silent hours held quite a levee, and made the acquaintance of five new brothers—Mortimer B. Biglow, Carl C. Warren, Phillip L. Marshall, Frank C. Smith, and Wm. Johnstone, all men whom Phi Kappa Psi may justly be proud of.

But the goat's appetite is not yet satisfied, and we have been compelled to give him the most solemn assurance that we will fling as many more men on his horns in a short time.

Michigan Alpha is now in a very healthy condition, and will yield the first place to none. There are now sixteen active members in the chapter. We lost five brothers with last year's class. Brother Cole, who is at present instructor in English in the Ann Arbor High School, Brother Campbell who is studying medicine in New York City, and Brothers Washburn, Plain, and Walbridge.

Brother Averill, one of the juniors, has not returned to the university, but will probably be with us again next year.

The series of inter-fraternity base ball games played last year resulted in giving Phi Kappa Psi the third place with A Δ Φ and Δ K E tied for first place. Arrangements are being made for the banquet, at which the losers are to regale the winners, and Phi Kappa Psi will be among the feasted.

The new buildings, which have been so long in process of erection on the campus, are now completed and in use.

We think we may say that the facilities now offered by this university in the new physical and mechanical laboratories are not excelled elsewhere, and the increase in the number in this department is quite perceptible.

The freshman class in the Literary Department this year numbers 278. The betting on the sophomore-freshman foot ball game is all on the side of the fresh.

Many changes have taken place in our faculty. Prof. Elisha Jones, one of the most honored professors, and the author of several text-books in common use, was taken from us by death this summer. Mr. C. U. Jones, professor of mathematics, is now in the real estate business in Detroit. We have many new tutors and several brand new professors.

GRANT M. FORD.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Oct. 7, 1888.

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.**

The year opens up at the University of Wisconsin with most flattering prospects. The number of new students has reached over 275, (this does not include students in the technical courses) thus making a total enrollment of 625.

A number of changes have been made in the faculty, among the most important of which are the following:

Lieut. J. A. Cole, from Fort Bayard, New Mexico, (Phi Psi and member of of Wisconsin Alpha,) takes the professorship of Military Science and Tactics. Lieut. George Ransom, of the United States Navy, has been detailed by the Government to teach steam engineering and other branches in the department of mechanical engineering. A chair of Experimental and Comparative Psychology has been established, and is filled by Professor Joseph Jastren, who comes from highly recommended Johns Hopkins University.

We, members of Wisconsin Alpha, are justly proud of Phi Kappa Psi's position in the fraternity world, and it is with the greatest pleasure that we undertake to inform our brothers of the former's present condition. We are nicely situated in our new chapter house, which occupies one of the most beautiful sites in the City of Madison. Thanks to our alumni, as also the liberality of active members, we have been enabled to furnish the house throughout in a manner that calls forth the admiration of even our rival fraternities here.

On the evening of September 29th occurred our first party for this year, at which were present about thirty couples. Were we to describe the occasion in justifiable manner, several sheets of fools cap would be required—suffice it to say therefore, that it was characteristic of all Phi Psi gatherings.

Our ranks have thus far been swelled by the addition of five new men, and we have no hesitancy in pronouncing them men of high ability and great promise, hence it affords us great pleasure to introduce Bros. E. P. Sherry, Neenah, Wis.; Loren Prescott, Marinette, Wis.; George Clementson, Lancaster, Wis.; T. P. Carter, Platteville, Wis.; and L. B. Flower, Chicago. We will not weary you with a detailed account of the "fight," but simply say that Chi Psi and Beta Theta Pi have retired from the field with aching hearts.

Our old quarters, commonly known as the Davidson House, have been taken by the Gamma Phi Beta Society.

The Beta Theta Pi's are soon to move into a chapter house—but if we mistake not, they will be obliged to "take lodgers" would they fill their house, for their "family" is exceedingly small this year.

A few weeks ago we were favored with a visit from Brother Wilcox, of Ann Arbor.

Please remember that we are at home to Phi Psis on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, during the college year.

FRED. J. COLLINS.

Madison, Wis., October 19, 1888.

**BELOIT.**

Our college starts out this year with an exceptionally large attendance. The freshman class exceeds in number any previous one, and "preps." are exceedingly numerous. Everything points to a very successful year.

Prof. Salisbury, the boys' favorite, who has been studying for more than a year past in the old country, is with us again, and we are all glad to welcome him back. Professors Pearson, Bacon, and Wright, have also returned from abroad and commenced work again this fall.

We are now in the midst of the "rushing" season, and will all feel greatly relieved when it is ended. So far we have added two new men to our number, and they are both men from whom Phi Psi has good reasons to expect much. In physical make-up they are the two extremes, but in those qualities which make up a Phi Psi they are both "heavy weights." We now beg to introduce to the fraternity at large Bros. R. J. Thompson and E. L. Rasey. Before the issue of another SHIELD we hope to introduce three or four more new men, for we have about that number who are about ready to "receive the mysteries."

There was a desperate effort made by the present freshman class to organize a "class frat.," which was to be opposed to secret fraternities. Of course this has been a very serious drawback to all the fraternities here; but as they have at last discovered that such a scheme could not work, they will lose no more time in coming over to the "Greeks."

Brother Waite, who has been out of college for the last year, is here again.

Bro. A. R. Townsend, of the class of '72 of Cornell, has been in town for the past week and made us a call at our last meeting. He made the evening very pleasant for us, and we were sorry he could not stay longer. While in college Bro. T. was a schoolmate of Brothers Foraker and Rea, and is justly proud of the fact.

Wisconsin Gamma is always glad to welcome visiting Phi Psis, and will endeavor to make it as pleasant for them as possible.

DANIEL WAITE.

Beloit, Wis., October 8, 1888.

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**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.**

Minnesota Beta begins the new year very much strengthened by the addition of Bros. Phillips, Snedcor, Davidson, Sikes, and Lomman, of Carleton College, and Bro. W. R. Triggs, formerly of Cornell, Iowa, who is taking the law course here. We also have the pleasure of introducing to the  $\Phi K \Psi$  world our initiates, O. L. Triggs, '89, and Harley G. Bushnell, '92. Our total strength is now 17. Eleven of this goodly company have taken up their abode in the new  $\Phi K \Psi$  chapter house at 628 Fifteenth Avenue, S. E., where all  $\Phi \Psi$ 's coming to Minneapolis will receive a hearty welcome.

The house is on a corner lot, with plenty of "space" around it in which the "sounds of revelry by night" are diffused before coming to our neighbors'

ears. It is two and a half stories high, containing about a dozen rooms, all newly papered and painted, and which are rented, except those on the lower story, to the boys who do not live in the city. The fraternity also provides board to the boys at a very reasonable figure.

From the wide porch in front, a door at the left leads into the large hall containing a broad oaken staircase leading to the "upper regions." The hall has a hard wood floor, and has been furnished with a hanging lamp, hat-rack, and a framed photo of the G. A. C. delegates. A door at the right leads into the large front parlor, the most prominent feature of which is the open fireplace and high oaken mantelpiece diagonally opposite the entrance. Light by day enters through two windows, one of broad plate-glass commanding a view of the porch and street, and by night bursts in crimson rays from a beautiful lamp hanging from the center of the ceiling. The floor is nicely carpeted and the room furnished with pictures, lounge, chairs, center table, and an upright piano, at which Bro. Purdy generally presides. Several of the boys are able to take his place, however, for we are a musical crowd, as you may readily perceive, when I say that besides the piano, we have cornet, flute, banjo, violin, and accordeon in the house. From the front parlor, folding doors hung with curtains, lead into the rear parlor, carpeted and furnished with a long table and used as a reading room. To the left of this, and at the rear end of the hall, is a large room at present occupied by our senior. The rear part of the house contains bath-room, dining-room with hardwood floor, kitchen and pantries. There is also a bath-room on second floor, a gymnasium in basement, and a furnace which heats the entire house; so you see that we have a very comfortable home.

In the way of elections, etc., we have not been without honor. Bro. H. D. Dickinson being made president of the Law Society; Bro. T. G. Soares, orator, class '91; Bro. B. H. Timberlake, second vice president University Republican Club; Bro. O. L. Triggs, member of the board of directors of the Students' Christian Association, and memorial orator of the senior class, and H. P. Baily, president of the junior class. Wishing a bright new year to all sister chapters, we close.

HENRY P. BAILY.

Minneapolis, Minn., October 8, 1888.

## Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

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This department of the paper is made up of excerpts from THE SHIELD'S exchanges, and reflects the sentiments of our rivals which are most pointed and characteristic. We refrain from expressing any opinions as to the matters discussed, and scarce deem it worth while to controvert any statement made by our contemporaries. No more is written by the Editor than may suffice for introduction to each quoted passage. This will relieve the doubts of inquirers, some of whom perversely consider this feature an exchange department.—ED. SHIELD.

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Our quotations from the journals of our rivals are limited in this issue to those of two ladies' societies for a reason so simple that it scarce needs expression. At the close of October not one of our contemporaries has appeared to grace our tables, except those from which we quote, and the clippings for September were wholly from issues of last year.

*Delta Gamma Anchora* has these earnest words in the closing issue of the last volume :

*The Anchora* Board has gained quite a fund of experience during this year's work, and especially have the literary editors grown a little wiser in some particulars, the benefit of which wisdom we would like to impart, for the edification of the general fraternity and aid to the next literary editor.

If there is a corner in our fraternity journal that receives comparatively little attention and is generally neglected, it is the Literary Department. It is taken for granted that it will be filled out with dry college essays, the same old arguments for and against fraternities, a few rhymes dignified by the name of "poetry," and blank spaces at the end of each article to make the requisite number of pages.

The demands and requests of the editors are never answered in full. A request to write for this department is met by the question "How much must I write?" and the answer is, "Two pages, which will be eighty lines or 800 words." The article is written and words are counted instead of ideas. The Literary Department is the last part of the journal to be read, and after concluding each reader wonders why *somebody* does not write something worth reading. We do not mean to disparage those who have helped us this year, for they are an exceedingly small percentage of the number for whom we are writing.

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Everyone of us, no doubt, believes that a woman is as capable of ideas as intelligent, forcible and original as anyone in the universe. We probably believe farther, that *Delta Gamma* contains as many intelligent women as any other organization, and we certainly have some talented minds among us. Would a single member like to have the fraternity's intellectual capacity measured by the sum total of ideas that have found their way into *Anchora*? Would you be willing to let *Anchora* stand as the representative of



## Personals.

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### NEW YORK B.

- '89. W. R. Peckham is engaged in teaching.
- '88. W. A. Pratt is preaching at Redfield, New York.
- '90. Menzo Burlingame is teaching at Manlius, New York.
- '86. W. L. Harris is principal of the Port Byron Academy, N. Y.
- '86. A. D. Bartholomew is practicing law in St. Paul, Minnesota.
- '88. G. W. Schmidt is engaged as Professor of the Modern Languages and Latin in Lake Foust University.
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### NEW YORK A.

Bro. Charles A. Smith, '88, is engaged in teaching at Fairibault, Minnesota, in the Shattuck School.

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### PENNSYLVANIA E.

'80. Rev. G. S. Bowers, of Bloserville, Pa., has been elected pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, York, Pa.

'88. H. P. Sadtler paid a pop visit to some friends in G. near the opening of the term. He has begun reading law.

'82. Charles S. Duncan, Esq., made a good fight for the Democratic nomination for District Attorney of Adams County, Pa., and won it by a large majority.

Dr. G. D. Stahley, '71, has published a most excellent article on Professional Athletics vs. Physical Education, in the *Pennsylvania College Monthly* for October.

'58. L. A. Gotwald, D. D., has been elected Dr. Richard's successor in the Theological Department of Wittenberg College. A good selection. Whether he will accept or not has not yet been announced.

'64. J. M. Krauth, Esq., in August, was nominated by acclamation as the Republican candidate for District Attorney of Adams County. His Democratic opponent is Charles S. Duncan, Esq., '82. Thus two Pennsylvania College men are on opposite tickets with a party majority of about 500 in favor of Duncan. We wish both could be elected.—*Pennsylvania College Monthly.*

Prof. Edgar F. Smith, '74, has been elected to the chair of Analytical Chemistry in the University of Pennsylvania, at an annual salary of \$3500. How every loyal Phi Psi will rejoice at this news! We feel that Pa. Iota is now assured of its former prosperity, since this founder of THE SHIELD has returned to the scene of his early struggles as a fraternity organizer. Long life and success to our dear brother.—ED. SHIELD.

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### PENNSYLVANIA I.

Lord and Wolfe have been assigned positions on the 'Varsity foot ball team.

Rev. H. J. Hamilton, one of I's old boys, now has a charge at Con-  
nellsville, Pennsylvania.

W. C. Gretzinger is one of the foot ball directors for '88, and chair-  
man of the field day committee.

T. J. Purdy, who left college owing to ill-health, will spend some  
time in Wayne County during the winter.

H. L. Calder, archon first district, spoke on the issues of the day,  
before a Republican mass meeting held in Lewisburg, Saturday evening,  
October 29th.

Dr. G. M. Phillips, principal of the West Chester State Normal  
School, visited Lewisburg recently. Dr. Phillips has been tendered the  
presidency of Bucknell.

**PENNSYLVANIA Z.**

J. A. Strite, '84, who since graduation, has been principal of the Leitersburg Grammar School, has resigned his position to enter upon the practice of law at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Bro. A. D. Meloy, Pennsylvania Zeta, '88, has been appointed to the position made vacant by Brother Strite's resignation.

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**KANSAS A.**

Bro. F. A. Stocks is a candidate on the Republican ticket for Representative in Kansas Legislature for the forty-eighth district.



## College and Fraternity Notes.

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The first baccalaureate sermon ever delivered at Columbia College was preached last commencement.

The freshman class at Princeton numbers one hundred and fifty men, and that at Yale three hundred and fifty.

Muhlenberg has 22 freshmen; Franklin and Marshall, 24; Dickinson, 21; Bucknell, 27; Gettysburg, 39.—*Pennsylvania College Monthly*.

The Rutgers *Targum* says that nine-tenths of all her students last year were professed Christians, while nearly one-third were studying for the ministry.

A professorship of physical culture, with an endowment of fifty thousand dollars, is to be established at Amherst College as a memorial of Henry Ward Beecher.

The undergraduates of Princeton University have undertaken the expense of sending one of their number as a missionary to India. The fund subscribed reaches \$1,600.

Johns Hopkins University is short of funds to defray expenses on account of the failure of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to pay a dividend, the income of the university from this source having been about \$120,000 annually.

The following colleges had last year more than a thousand students: Harvard, 1690; Columbia, 1489; University of Michigan, 1475; Oberlin, 1302; Yale, 1134; Northwestern, 1100; University of Pennsylvania, 1069.—*Crimson*.

Swarthmore College during the last year has had endowments for professorships in latin, mathematics, astronomy, history and political science. The funds of the college now reach a half million, with buildings and apparatus worth as much more.

Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., has adopted the co-operative system of college government, something we offered our students some time

since, which was declined, they preferring the present system under a mistaken notion, we think, of what the other involved.—*Pennsylvania College Monthly.*

William and Mary College, the *alma mater* of Presidents Jefferson and Monroe, and Chief-Justice Marshall, is to be re-opened this fall after a long term of inactivity. The late war crippled the institution very severely. It is the oldest college in Virginia and one of the oldest in the Union.—*University News.*

The annual invitation banquet of the New York Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity was held at the Globe Hotel last evening. The following students were initiated into the mysteries of the fraternity: Harry Danziger, '90, of Syracuse, Earl D. Shepard of Le Roy, Charles H. Hall of Le Roy, Carney Chester of Schenevus, Fred. W. Sherwin of Canton, Frank L. Stevens, of Syracuse, William D. Lewis, of Canton, Cecil V. Gray of Earlville, Jones M. Rice of Otisco, all of '92. The banquet at the Globe was an elaborate affair and was attended by about thirty-five. Beside each plate was a bouquet of lavender and pink flowers, emblematic of the fraternity colors. Governor Joseph B. Foraker, of Ohio, was present at the banquet and remained with the boys until 2 o'clock, when he departed for Cleveland. The Governor, in responding to the toast, "Phi Kappa Psi," said:

*Brothers of the Phi Kappa Psi:*—When I came over into New York this kind of pleasure was as far from me as anything that could be imagined. I expected to hold out the lamp of truth, but hardly expected the pleasure of meeting my brothers of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. The pleasure to me in meeting with you is the pleasure that comes to me from the memory of some twenty years ago. I have never had occasion to regret at any moment my membership of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. It was our aim to raise the Phi Psi standard to the highest point at Cornell. My relations to the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity were always beneficial. Our aim was always to get the most good out of college life, not only by study, but by a good time in general. I am assured by what I see here to-night that Phi Kappa Psi has as successful a future as she has had a past. No one has a keener interest in the Phi Psi than myself. I remember when I was first inaugurated Governor of Ohio a telegram was brought to me from a Democrat containing the following words: "May peace and harmony ever be with you and may our Great Ruler in heaven ever guide you."—*Syracuse Standard*, Oct. 16.

## Miscellany.

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The resignation of A. M. Brown from the fraternity is announced from Pennsylvania Beta. Brothers are hereby cautioned not to hold communications with Mr. Brown upon fraternity matters.

### JAMES HAVEN KIMBER.

WHEREAS, Death has again entered the ranks of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, removing from her midst Bro. J. H. Kimber, of Findlay, Ohio, and,

WHEREAS, Brother Kimber was an honored alumnus of Ohio Alpha Chapter,  
*Resolved*, That, we, the active members of Ohio Alpha, thus formally express our feelings of sorrow over the loss of our honored alumnus.

*Resolved*, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his relatives suffering so keenly his loss.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE SHIELD for publication, and be spread on the minutes of the chapter.

E. B. DILLON,  
W. C. KENNEDY, } *Committee.*  
H. M. SEMANS, }

### JAMES W. WARWICK BIAS.

Since it has pleased God by a mysterious dispensation of his providence to remove from our circle our friend and brother, J. W. W. Bias, who died at Charleston, North Carolina, on the 20th of August, and who had been associated with us for the past two years, as an alumnus member, while prosecuting his studies at U. T. Seminary, Virginia T, while recognizing God's inscrutable dealings in thus suddenly removing a life so young and so full of promise of usefulness, and rendering submission to His will, desires to express her deep regret at the loss of one in early years initiated by her into the brotherhood of  $\Phi$  K  $\Psi$ ; whose presence in later years in her meetings was a source of pleasure and of profit; whose manly bearing and Christian integrity made him everywhere respected and loved; whose genial manner and sincerity always won for him, not only the esteem, but the friendship of those with whom he came in contact. We desire to join our sorrow and sympathy with the family and friends of our brother, and with our sister chapter of Va. B, of which he was a member. On behalf of Va. T,  $\Phi$  K  $\Psi$ .

L. W. IRWIN,  
W. S. FRIEND, } *Committee.*  
A. P. SANDERS, }

October 2, 1888.

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## THE PHI PSI PIN.

“Let your light so shine that you may be known among men.” So, slightly paraphrased, say the Scriptures; and why does not this saying apply as well to the fraternity as to the religious world? A fraternity man who does not wear his pin is even worse off than if he had none—he isn’t getting the interest on his investment.

A pin was manufactured to wear, and it is the wrong place for a pin to be at home when you are out—to be on the other vest, or in the bureau drawer. While we would not advocate the wearing of the pin upon the coat or overcoat lapel, as we have often seen it worn, yet a retired but not hidden spot upon the vest, or if small, upon the necktie, seems to meet with general approval.

We once knew a member of a rival fraternity who was not satisfied with the wearing of one pin, but must bedeck himself with three or four borrowed badges, probably thinking to make good in fraternity pins what his chapter lacked in numbers. He was wont to enter chapel every morning with two of these pins upon his stomach, and there never was doubt in the minds of any but that he bore them in the most prominent place.

We feel most deeply for the pledged sub-freshman in his anticipated hopes of wearing the badge, and sympathize with the member of a sub-rosa chapter, who is compelled to wear his pin face in. A freshman justly feels proud when, upon the morn after his initiation, he faces the mass of unsuspecting students with his Phi Psi pin. He has mingled feelings of gladness and regret—regret that he can not join with every one of his intimate friends; but he loses no true friend by taking the decisive step.

There is a peculiar fascination attached to a pin which one has worn during his college course. The wearer sees many pins made in more pleasing shapes and later designs, yet there are so many reminiscences connected with the college days in which the pin was associated, and which it brings back to the owner's mind, that it is too dear to be parted with when the college course is finished, and consequently with the owner's initials on the back it accompanies him from year to year; and in later years, although the chapter head and chain have departed, and the old-fashioned wreath has broken off, yet as long as the  $\Phi K \Psi$  is there the pin can not be bargained from its owner.

The plea that one has lost his pin is not a sufficient excuse at this date for not wearing a pin, for pins are getting so cheap and the assortment so varied that they come within the reach of every member of Phi Psi. It is well enough to let your wife wear your pin, if you have been lucky enough to get one (a wife), but kindly instruct her in the beginning, while yet you have some authority in the household, that your turn comes once in a while. If she persists to wear it until it is lost, better that you get another—pin.

It is quite customary in all co-educational institutions, to let the young ladies wear the badges, and thus they make themselves "Phi Psis." It has always been assumed, without strict proof, that the young lady feels a little proud when she obtains possession (no matter how) of a Phi Psi badge. We are not aware that the question has ever been propounded, "How shall we keep the young ladies away from the badges?" We do not know that any chapter wants it solved.

It is said that the members of one of our chapters thought that they had this question positively solved once, by presenting each favored young lady with an expensive gold bangle with the fraternity's monogram upon one side and that of the young lady upon the other; but in a very few weeks, much to the sorrow of our brothers, it was found by them that every bangle which had not been lost was safely stored away upon the pin cushion at home. There is no use trying to deceive the "Phi Psi girl." If the pin does have to be given to some young lady, select one who knows when "the time is up," or at least who appreciates the pin sufficiently not to release it to some third person, who, having but little if any interest in it, may make more trouble than is needed in the way of giving it back.

We once knew of a chapter whose members, either for the want of good memories or just for a novel idea, used to place their individual badges upon their prospective partner for the next college entertainment. This proved to work well for an advertising dodge, but entertainments

became so numerous that the society members of the chapter never obtained a chance to wear their own pins. There were a few, however, in the chapter that did not share the trouble of their fraters.

We knew of a novel instance once, where a brother who did not belong to the minority mentioned above, but who had his badge off his vest for a considerable time, and who had begun to worry about its ever returning to him, sold to another for a good fair price the pin and all its appendages. The buyer and the wearer have since been married, and that pin has already descended. Another instance of female fraternity spirit may be related of a young lady, quite well acquainted with the Phi Psi badge, who entered a large dry goods house of our city, and upon meeting a strange young lady wearing a  $\Phi \Psi$  badge immediately extended her hand with the question, "From what chapter, please?" It is needless to say that much information followed, and an interesting joke followed upon the owner of the pin.

While wearing a pin has nothing to do with one's becoming or being a Phi Psi, yet we think that every member ought to provide himself with some sort of a fraternity badge; and that one of the mottoes of the Phi Psi fraternity should be, "A 'Shield' for every Breast." A fraternity pin is a constant reminder, to the wearer, of his fraternity, and a perpetual renewer of his interest in it; though a fraternity would scarcely be forgotten if one never saw a pin.

One professor, and a young man, too, not long ago, upon being questioned as to whether he ever joined a fraternity, replied that he *believed* he did once join the ——— fraternity. We hope no Phi Psi will ever be so forgetful as that. The only other excuse we could offer for such an answer is that the resident chapter of that particular fraternity was a little short of funds just at that time, and was making vigorous search for alumni members.

Many interesting fraternal friendships are made in a large city by means of the Phi Psi pin, and not a little pleasure, and aid perhaps, often result. No other than a cordial welcome ought to follow a meeting of two Phi Psi pins, and no member of this fraternity ought ever to be afraid or ashamed to be accosted by the wearer of one. Little can be imagined, without due thought, of the vast benefit and importance it is to this fraternity that the older members wear pins.

No member of this fraternity, I think, believes the benefits derived from our fraternity of such trifling importance that he thinks it merely prolonging child's play to wear a fraternity badge when reaching mature years. No; it is from other causes that they are not more generally worn. But what vast strength it would be to the fraternity if every member did

wear a badge? What confidence it would inspire in the new initiate to know that the society he had joined is not a trifling affair, but has been of such help, strength and benefit to the many who have joined long before him, that they ever honor the fraternity and continuously sport an emblem in its remembrance?

LINCOLN M. COY.

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**A FRAGMENT.**

QUINTI HORATHI FLACCI,  
*Liber Primus. Carmen IX.*

AD THALIARCHUM.

See how in snowy mantle the high Soracte gleams,  
While scarce the trees their heavy load upbear,  
And blighting frost has stricken dumb the streams.  
Dissolve the cold! nor from thy hearth the high-piled firewood spare.  
And, Thaliarchus, growing more benign,  
Pour forth from unpolluted jar  
Thy four year old Sabine.

—J. H. K.

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[Bicentennial of the Middletown Baptist Church, Middletown, N. J., October 29-31, 1888.]

**MEMORIAL HYMN.**

BY REV. ROBERT LOWRY, D. D.

TUNE—*Uxbridge.*

O Lord, Thou art our living Head;  
What precious grace our life has crowned!  
We seek Thy courts with reverent tread,  
And stand as if on holy ground.

Two hundred years! Oh, who can tell  
The battles fought, the victories won?  
Though men who bore the standard fell,  
They passed it on from sire to son.

Our feet are where the fathers trod.  
Our lips recount their deeds of love;  
As they were true to truth and God,  
So we will follow them above.

All blessed and triumphant they  
Who dropped the sword for palm and crown;  
The godly cease; but we to-day  
Take up the work which they laid down.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place  
In all the generations gone;  
Uphold us, till we see Thy face  
When breaks on earth the heavenly dawn.

## The Areopagus.

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JAMES W. WARWICK BIAS.

On the 20th of August, at Charleston, N. C., James W. Warwick Bias died after an illness of three weeks. The immediate cause of his death was typhoid fever, contracted while preaching during his vacation in the mission districts of western North Carolina. Here, deeply impressed with a feeling of the needs of his field, of his own responsibility as a steward of his Master, yearning to preach the gospel to his fellow men, he disregarded his own personal comfort, his health and even his life in order to meet the needs of the work. His letters to friends show him filled with a determination to do his best to accomplish some good, and in his zeal lost sight of himself and sacrificed his life to his work.

His ardor and devotion in the active work of the ministry upon first engaging in it, are but the acme reached of a life of peculiar promise and of perseverance and determination. Early deprived of his patrimony by misfortune, and thrown upon his own resources, he firmly adhered to a resolution made early in life to devote himself to the ministry, and by sheer output of effort and of perseverance he procured means to prosecute his studies, first at Hampden-Sidney College and afterwards at Washington and Lee University, where he completed his college course. At the time of his death he was approaching the third year of preparation for the ministry at Union Theological Seminary, Virginia.

As a student he was careful and painstaking, winning the esteem of teachers and fellow students, and maintaining always a good standing in scholarship. As a man he was characterized by an honesty and integrity of character that were free from any suspicion of cant or hypocrisy or love of display. "Self-assertion, self-sacrifice and self-restraint" for him, constituted the ideal man. An interested and close observer of men and things, he united a keen insight into character with a tact in dealing with men which promised well for his future usefulness in his work. His en-

ergy and enterprise were united with a determination that often carried him successfully through undertakings in spite of difficulties.

As a friend, free from excess of enthusiasm or display of feeling, he was a friend to be relied on in every respect, a good counsellor, a pleasant companion, a sympathizer whose feeling never overcame his judgment.

As a Christian he showed his sincerity by devoting his life to his Master's work, and by his earnestness and disregard of self. His actions were governed by what was his clear conviction of duty, and from that conviction, once felt, he was unswerving.

Brother Bias was, for eleven years, a member of  $\Phi K \Psi$ ; of these, eight were spent in active service for his fraternity. He became a  $\Phi \Psi$  in '77 at Va. *I*, and after a year's connection with that chapter he suspended his college life until '82, when he resumed his studies at Washington and Lee University; here he found the chapter Va. *B* had dwindled down to one member. The two, with an alumnus to aid, revived the chapter, and in two years brought it up to the front, not only in standing but in numbers. While an active member of the fraternity none was more alive to its interests, none had a truer conception of its object, none was more thoroughly imbued with true fraternity spirit than he, and his qualities of tact, of enterprise and energy did good service for  $\Phi \Psi$ .

That thus early, upon the very threshold of his life's work, with so much of promise of usefulness and success, he should be called to enter upon his reward, is inscrutable to man. But we can not think that his life was sown in vain even in the field in which he labored so briefly; while the influence of that life, as treasured in the memories and hearts of those who were glad to call him friend, can not be otherwise than for the right and for good.

JAMES QUARLES.



## Editorial.

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College papers have, to a great extent, failed to reach us, and we miss some of our old favorites sadly. Up to date we have received *University News*, *Syracusan*, *Penn. Coll. Monthly*, *University Mirror*, *College Student*, *The Burr* and *The Adz*.

An observant and thoughtful brother in every college where we have a chapter, ought to see that we receive a copy of his college paper with Phi Psi personals marked, not forgetting that chapter letters and personals make THE SHIELD of value to the alumnus whose interest is to be kept alive, as nothing else can.

We note with pleasure the fact that three brothers in as many different colleges faithfully follow our suggestions as to personals, and their chapters are seldom if ever unrepresented by personals. We sincerely regret that the list of subscribers from these chapters is so meagre, for we dislike to see so much zeal spent upon an audience small to an embarrassing degree.

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We wish to give a special invitation to every loyal Phi Psi, in college or out, active or alumnus, to contribute to two departments of the paper — Areopagus and Personals. In the former the widest latitude is given for the expression of individual opinion, and every good  $\phi \psi$  is welcome; to the latter every well-wisher of THE SHIELD

should send items of interest regarding himself or any other member of the fraternity of whom he knows anything.

If every man in the fraternity who reads *THE SHIELD* should virtuously make up his mind to send one personal only for the December issue, we should be obliged to issue a supplement. What a delightful Christmas present to every loyal Phi Psi such an issue would be!

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We had occasion, about the middle of the month, to address a circular letter to the several chapters, which has been somewhat misunderstood. The first provision of the communication applied to a large percentage of the chapters, and all the later suggestions were meant to be of force to the entire membership.

We wished to avoid the labor of writing and reproducing two circulars, and therefore included matter that was not applicable to a part of the fraternity. We hope that the misunderstanding thus occasioned will be pleasantly passed by, and we shall endeavor hereafter to word communications so that just cause for complaint may not arise.

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We are not advised of the plans of the Song Book Committee, but we feel confident that the representative Phi Psis upon it are of the sort that will push the project to a successful issue.

*THE SHIELD* offers its pages to the committee for the expression of their suggestions or exhortations, and whatever of influence we wield shall be exerted in the direction of rendering their labors most fruitful. We would be glad to offer cash prizes for the best song and second best, but, alas, our exchequer will not warrant any such extravagancies. However, if any brother's muse wants to disport herself, our pages are open, and we may thus bring to

notice talent, which, for want of a specific invitation to seek the light, would languish in obscurity.

We have had lyric talent of a high order in our ranks. Mr. Chambers Baird, himself a clever versifier and a literary man of large experience in fraternity matters, said, in a recent issue of the journal which he edited, *Beta Theta Pi*: "Only Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, who would have belonged to *A J Ø* but for the anachronism, and Orville E. Watson, of *Ø K Ψ*, seem to possess the rare and exquisite faculty of writing verse that is also real poetry. Not even many genuine poets can succeed in this difficult and delicate endeavor."

Beside Brother Watson, there are a number of clever song-writers in our membership, and to these we appeal. Cull from your portfolios the dearest treasures of your boyhood for the present generation of boys. Pay assiduous court to your muse until we shall have secured a fine collection of choice songs, which it will be a credit to our fraternity to print and sing.

Members of chapters which have any private song book written by *Ø Ψ*'s, or who know of any poetical brother who has written or can write a good song, ought at once to come to the help of the committee. Send all material which you deem worthy of a place in our song book to Rev. Robert Lowry, Plainfield, N. J., and do it at once.

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In looking over our pile of exchanges the other day we chanced to come upon an editorial of the *J K E Quarterly*, which, when we first read it, troubled us not a little.

Under the caption, "Whither are we drifting," an editorial appears, taking for its text some words of ours on the decadence of fraternity journalism. After explaining in a rational manner some of the causes operating to bring this state of things about, the editor pitches his thought

on this high philosophical plane: "The fundamental idea of Greek culture, which is supposed to be represented by our American fraternities, is, popularly speaking, 'a strange plant in an unkindly soil.' Set side by side with so hardy and aggressive a growth as American commercial life, a delicate exotic like the refined and elegant Greek spirit will attract only the cultured few. \* \* \*

We believe the true field of the fraternity magazine lies wherever the influence of Greece is felt, be it in history, letters, or art. \* \* For us, we believe that between a striving for the highest and a base degeneration into a mere chronicle of dates and names, there is no middle course which can be successfully pursued. The broad road is the safe one, and the narrow street leads to the squalid quarter." The editorial acknowledges the force of THE SHIELD'S strictures and calls upon us to begin the work of reform at home.

When we first read the remarks above quoted we were struck with their apparent profundity, and were pleased with the sententious style in which the concluding sentences were written. As time wore on and we kept struggling to reform, a fine sense of the unsatisfying vagueness of the comments about Greek life and thought came over us, and it seemed to us as if the spirit of Landor or Mahaffy must have been troubling the dreams of our coadjutor.

We have been thinking since that comment of the *Quarterly* upon our eminently practical editorial plaint appeared and fail to "connect"—if the Americanism may be pardoned—even to this present time. Our knowledge of Greek-letter societies is not extensive enough to warrant us in making very broad generalizations, but it has fallen to our lot to come more or less closely in contact with leading men in perhaps a dozen of the largest of these

organizations, and to read the constitution and rituals of a considerable number. If there is anywhere to be traced a semblance of "the fundamental idea of Greek culture" in the conversation of representative fraternity men, or in the written work of bodies to which they belong, we have not seen it made manifest. Beyond the name, motto and a very little Greek of decidedly un-Attic purity, no traces of anything resembling the culture described in the *Quarterly* are visible to the naked or microscopic eye.

We fear that something has been sacrificed in the *Quarterly* to a desire to do fine writing, and it does not become us to say what that something is. We have said before what we sincerely believe, that the mission of the American Greek-letter society is to cultivate in young men a broader, higher and more inspiring manhood, modeled after the best types of Christian gentlemen with whom we are severally brought in contact. The banding together of enthusiastic young men in fraternities at our educational institutions, with common tastes and common ambitions to gain the highest culture which opportunity offers, is *raison d'être* enough and affords sufficient grounds for belief in their perpetuity.

Fraternity journals are meant to reflect the best sentiment of the societies which they represent and to afford a means of intercommunication. If fraternity men generally find new thoughts and ideas engaging their attention, the journals of the various organizations will take on new and fresh forms of utterance; but we rather incline to the belief that while human nature and ambition remain as unchanged and unchangeable as past experience has proved essential, the threshing of old straw, which our contemporary so mournfully deplures, will continue to interest and delight succeeding generations of "Young American" Greeks.

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There are fraternities which apparently take pleasure in calling themselves Eastern; two, perhaps three, which choose to be known as Southern; while both classes unite in denoting such organizations as ours, Western, with an incipient sneer on the term.

There are some signs of a breaking up of this provincialism in the South, but so far as we have been enabled to discern the signs of the times, the so-called Eastern societies are becoming more and more wedded to their idol, or fetish, shall we say? What virtue there is in wearing upon one's face the snobbish sneer of superlative excellence we have never yet been able to see, and with equal stiffness of neck we have never found ourselves bowing at the Eastern shrine to acknowledge the superiority of a man bred in a college east of the 75° of W. longitude.

Isn't it about time for us to ask in candor, what mental or moral traits are peculiar to the East that the West and South do not possess, which develop there a better type of manhood? The fraternity field is a broad one, and ample room is afforded for every organization which now exists to occupy, but we do not believe that Greek-letter society spirit is to be developed, or its perpetuity established, by the cultivation of a provincialism, which has never failed in human affairs, to stultify and dwarf the progress of mankind.

Beta Theta Pi, a few years ago, undertook a practical protest against this spirit by establishing one or two chapters east of the severe line of demarkation to which we have alluded, and by endeavoring to prove title to the name "National," which seemed so amusing to fraternity men in general that the phrase has been laughed into endless rest. Again, others have endeavored to make protest against this spirit of snobbery by scattering chapters far and wide throughout the length and breadth of the Union,

with little thought to any other standard of qualification in their organization but the greatest roll and largest membership.

So far as our reading has gone, *ΑΤΩ* is the first fraternity to go the whole length in a radical policy of extension. Witness these words from the editorials of the last *Palm* :

If you are loyal in this work you will send your delegates to our next Congress with plans and purposes so high and so near the great heart of the fraternity that your zeal and ardor will set aglow every project with the fire of invincible determination, and will cause every member of that greatest of all congresses to resolve to leave no method untried and allow no effort to be in vain, until every worthy institution in the land can boast an altar dedicated to the eternal principles of Alpha Tau Omega.

Here now we have the clearly defined issue of radical extension succinctly stated. We do not subscribe to the sentiments expressed above, but we are glad for the sake of *ΦΚΨ* that they have been uttered, We have observed sporadic developments in our own beloved fraternity of the snobbery that would emulate the example of the ultra-conservative, and die in the shell rather than encounter the perils of extension.

There are not wanting wise and zealous *ΦΨ*'s who are ready to enter any college where the conditions seem to warrant, believing that the fraternity will be the gainer if the chapter lives only long enough to graduate one class of freshmen. Worthy men are made better and stronger by their affiliation with *ΦΨ*'s, and broadened into a nobler manhood by a study of her principles, argue these brethren, and they instance men whom we are proud to honor, whose influence would have been lost to us had we followed the prejudices against extension which too greatly prevail with us at present.

We have now an efficient and rational form of government, and the earnest spirit with which it has been ac-

cepted has found a strange development of late in resistance to petitions for membership, which come from superior men in excellent colleges. We said strange development. Perhaps the very efficiency of our new government has brought about, in a logical way, this stringency of which we complain. The increasing respect shown to authority, and the sudden stoppage of irregular and illegal acts upon the part of chapters, undoubtedly quickened the fraternity conscience in every direction, and in none so effectively as the loose granting of charters to petitioners, which existed in days not long since gone by.

It does not surprise us that this severity of opinion upon extension prevails, when we think that genuine pleasure has been felt in every quarter at the death of some of our chapters, but nevertheless the feeling is wrong.

We have grieved sorely at the disasters that have well-nigh destroyed three chapters at promising institutions, and if we were easily frightened or belonged to the alarmist class, we might cry out a note of warning. Pray, what protection have we, brethren of ultra-conservative spirit, against the loss of chapters in large and great institutions, but to place others in institutions where frats are less subject to vicissitudes of fortune? We can point to many a chapter of  $\phi K \psi$  in prosperous, not loudly-trumpeted colleges, which have kept high rank through many years, never losing prestige, and sending forth distinguished sons to make name and fame for her, while during twelve years past we have been compelled to witness with sadness the decadence, and in two instances, absolute death of chapters once of first rank in our fraternity, but placed in institutions where conditions were not favorable to a development of the fraternity principle of close association.

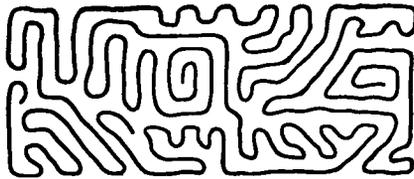
A truce we say to this clannish spirit which is robbing the fraternity world of so much that is best in it, making

men prefer to belong to a chapter rather than to the fraternity, and which finds more pleasure in belonging to a crowd of thirty or forty *bon vivants* than to a congenial brotherhood of half the number or less.

$\phi \kappa \psi$  will die, and ought to have hasty interment, when the principle of social clubs of large membership, as at Harvard, or purely literary coteries, as at Dartmouth, shall drive out the warm, generous love of fellow for fellow, and of all for the fraternity, which ought to characterize every member of our cherished order.

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“The  $\phi \kappa \psi$  Quintete Club with Humorist,” (Brothers Hersperger, Bray, Smith, Sullivan, Porter, and Barrett) would be pleased to meet all Phi Psis who may live at the places named in the following route: They have concert dates for Hudson, Ohio, Dec. 13; Painesville, Dec. 14; Berea, Dec. 15; Elyria, Dec. 17; Fostoria, Dec. 18; Austinburg, Dec. 20; Ashtabula, Dec. 21.



## Chapter Letters.

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### WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Pennsylvania Alpha started in on the new year somewhat discouraged by the fact that out of thirteen members only seven returned to college, but with Phi Psi spirit we are working together, and hope to have other good and true Phi Psis to replace the loss of our last year's group.

The first new student to find that the straight and narrow way lies through the borders of Phi Psi was Ed. L. Love, of '91, a man in every way suited to bear the lofty standards of the fraternity, and it is with great pleasure that Pa. Alpha now introduces him to the other chapters.

Phi Psi has come in for her share of honors in elections, as Brother Moorehead, senior, has been elected president of his literary society, and Brothers Moorehead, Jr. and Kooser of the junior class have been elected on the Board of Editors for the college annual.

We are glad to welcome Brother Wallace back with us again. He was taken sick two weeks after the term began and was compelled go home, and did not expect to be back this term, but has so far recovered as to be able to return.

Professor Simonton, who was also taken sick about the same time, is once more able to resume his duties.

Our last year's graduates seem to be turning toward the law. Brother Wise is studying in Pittsburg, Brother Orr in Mercer, while Brothers Templeton and Oliver have concluded that the attractions in Washington are too strong to resist, and as they could not be contented away from here have decided to remain and devour Blackstone where its monotony can be relieved by an occasional smile from the fair sex.

G. P. MARQUIS.

Washington, Pa., Nov. 12, 1888.

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### ALLEGHENY.

Pennsylvania Beta again asks for recognition in *THE SHIELD* and fourteen happy boys send greeting to absent brothers, hoping that our sister chapters are reaping success as in the past, and enjoying those advantages of fraternal fellowship which must fall to every brother loyal to the principles of  $\Phi \Psi$ .

The rushing season is now well over at Allegheny. In the general scam-

ble for new men our festive goat "singled out, backed out and knocked out" from the hands of the enemy, the men possessing the necessary qualifications for entrance into the Phi Psi world, and landed them safely within the fold.

With an appreciation of the merit and fitness of our latest acquisition, we take great pleasure in introducing to the brothers at large our "quartette:" Bros. Will Youngson, '92, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Lee Baldwin, '91, of Kinsman, O.; Byron Snyder, '93, of North Bloomfield, O.; and Lee Eigmy, '93, Springboro, Pa. Our babies have certainly proved themselves worthy, and already sport the shield with the air of veteran Phi Psis. After the initiation the chapter repaired to our dining hall, where the event was duly celebrated by a feast, songs, toasts, etc., while the presence of our neighborly and loyal alumni, Bro. S. B. Smith and W. R. Bole, '85, added to the dignity of the occasion.

This gives us fourteen men—three seniors, four juniors, four sophomores, one freshman and two preps. We have pledged one man and expect to introduce at least two more brothers in our next letter.

Pennsylvania Beta is again showing her hand as the distribution of college honors commences. Bro. Harry Barrett has been elected Editor-in-Chief, and Bro. John Porter, Chairman of the business managers of the *Kaldron*, to be issued by the class of '90. Brother Bray is also represented on the board. Bro. J. Robt. Anderson will represent the Allegheny Literary Society as orator in the annual inter-society contest to be held commencement week. Bro. F. C. Bray has been elected Ladder Orator of the junior class.

We are well pleased with the review of the *Kaldron* in the September SHIELD, and take this occasion to thank Bro. Van Cleve for his kind criticisms and compliments, and believe that the class of '90 can profit by his suggestions.

One of the most pleasant features of our fraternity life at Allegheny, are the receptions and *musicales* given at our chapter-house to friends in the college and city. We have enjoyed two such events this term, which we think will not soon be forgotten. These occasions, we believe, not only aid in developing the social character of the brothers, but add not a little to the forming of that social prestige so necessary to the healthful activity of the fraternity in the college community. We can heartily endorse the chapter-house scheme set forth in the editorial of the October SHIELD, and recommend the renting of houses by all the chapters.

FRANK A. CATTERN.

Meadville, Pa., Nov. 10, 1888.

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#### BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Though Bucknell has been represented in the last two issues of THE SHIELD, I think the brothers will be willing to hear from us again, especially since we have a new initiate to introduce. Our latest is Bro. Homer Dowlin, a freshman from Downingtown, who, we think, will develop rapidly into a first class  $\Phi \Psi$ . Our number is now thirteen, unlucky some may say, but we have found it to be always to the contrary.

Through the efforts of Bro. W. C. Gretzinger, a chapter of  $\Theta \text{ N } \text{ E}$  has been established at Bucknell, in which  $\Phi \Psi$  is represented by Brothers Abraham,

Finn, Gretzinger, and Wolfe, of the senior class, and some sophomores, who, of course, are "sub rosa."

On Wednesday of last week,  $\Sigma X$  and  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  held a Pan (?) Hellenic banquet at Milton, and for some reason, best known to themselves, did not invite our chapter to participate. We are not at all sorry, however, as it saved us the trouble of refusing their invitation, for they are not exactly the kind we care to meet on such familiar terms.

We miss Brothers Haslam and Purdy, of the junior class, very much. The one is at home settling the estate of his uncle, who died recently, and the other is out of school on account of ill-health, but will probably be back in the fall.

The Bucknell foot ball team has met with some success this year and  $\Phi \Psi$  deserves a share of the credit, being represented by Brothers Wolfe and Love, who play on each end of the rush line. Both of them do their work well and Love is the hardest tackler in the team, as some members of the other teams have learned to their sorrow.

Nearly all the good material for frat. men has been picked out this year, though a few very fine young men remain. We have a freshman pledged, who has been rushed by both of the other frats., and by the time this appears in print he will probably be a brother.

Brother Gretzinger is one of the representatives of Theta Alpha Literary Society, in a public debate with Euepia Literary Society. He will be able to hold up his side of the debate as he was the winner of last year's junior oratory prize.

JOE M. WOLFE.

Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1888.

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#### DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania Zeta has had a letter in every issue of *THE SHIELD* since last February. This has not been because of any desire to make ourselves prominent, but because we promised an alumnus at the last G. A. C., that if he would take *THE SHIELD* we would have a letter in it each month. Hence, as a fulfillment of our pledge, our frequent appearance.

Now, since we have to write about ourselves so often, we are not ashamed of what we have been doing. We have had a struggle, not equaled for years, and have come off victors. We do not say this for bombast, but as an actual fact. Then we have taken in only the *best*, and consequently there is not a man among us for whom we have to make an excuse.

There is one thing for which we feel sorrow; we have not obtained our number of new subscribers for *THE SHIELD*. We are still trying, however, and send herewith another name.

Allow us to make you acquainted with our latest: Brothers Greer, '92, Gifford, '91, and Evans, '92.

We have lately received from Brother Smart the proof sheets of our chapter for the new catalogue. In correcting the proof we had cause to be thankful for the complete chapter register which we have. We have the autographs and

date of initiation of every brother from 1859 to the present. We not only have the autograph of every brother, but in many instances the photograph also; and if this should meet the eye of any brother of Pennsylvania Zeta, who has left the chapter and has not left his picture, he would confer on us a great favor if he would forward one to us at his earliest convenience.

Our time of meeting, for years, has been Friday, at 10 o'clock P. M., and only every other week. At a recent meeting it was agreed to meet every week and on Saturday night at 8 o'clock. But this last change met with such opposition from some of our most enthusiastic alumni that we had to return to the old time. Our meetings are weekly, however, and are characterized by new zeal and earnestness. We have inaugurated at our meetings discussions on general fraternity matters, in order that our "children" may soon become "men" in the fraternity.

Arrangements are being made for an informal banquet on Thanksgiving night in the parlor of our chapter hall. *No one* will be admitted but  $\Phi \Psi$ 's.

Apropos to the suggestion in the last SHIELD we have been "talking up" the next district council. We hope to renew there some of the acquaintances made at the last G. A. C.

GEORGE V. MORRIS.

Carlisle, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1888.

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#### FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Notwithstanding the fact that the political campaign was waged fiercely in this city as well as everywhere else; although there were two clubs in the college, with loyal  $\Phi \Psi$ s on either side, yet that matter which is of direct interest to every member of our fraternity—the rushing of good men—was never abated.

Since the opening of college every one has taken an intense interest in the fraternity. Brothers Happel and Apple, whom we introduced to the readers of THE SHIELD in the last number, have already gained the confidence and good will of '92, for they were elected respectively historian and treasurer, of their class.

Pennsylvania Eta has a man pledged, and will be pleased to introduce him to the fraternity at large before long; while we have several others on the string.

On the evening of the 10th inst. our chapter met at the home of Bro. Rev. F. E. Schroder, of the city, at which time there were four alumni brothers present. Although Brother Schroder has been an invalid for the last few years, he has lost neither his enthusiasm for the fraternity, nor has he forgotten that the  $\Phi \Psi$ s are a hungry crowd, for he had a royal banquet for us.

Fraternity life is more spirited this year than it was for the last few years, and  $\Phi \Psi$  has lost none of her ancient prestige and grit.

The article on chapter-houses, which was so well discussed in the last SHIELD, has been favorably commented upon by the entire chapter. All are enthusiastic and seem ready to make great sacrifices for the accomplishment of

so good a purpose. While it is impossible to have a chapter-house of our own at this time, yet we believe a step in that direction would be, renting a house and have all the boys live together. It is quite likely that Pennsylvania Eta will try that plan the beginning of the next term.

Our meetings are interesting and beneficial, and the Mystic Amicus is a great factor in making them such. Success to THE SHIELD.

A. M. SCHAFFNER.

Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 13, 1888.

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#### HOBART.

With the November number of THE SHIELD, New York Delta greets her sister chapters, and trusts that they will bear with her while she relates events, which, although almost forgotten, may yet prove interesting.

The commencement of 1888 was held on Thursday, June 28th, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, Linden Hall was well filled with visitors from out of town and with the prominent ladies and gentlemen of Geneva. On the stage was seated President Potter surrounded by the trustees, faculty, and prominent alumni. After the salutatory, Phi Kappa Psi was well represented in the persons of Brother Beers, who delivered an able oration on "Thought as Instrumentality," and Brother Smith, who delivered a splendid eulogy on the life and character of Henry Clay; in addition to Brothers Beers and Smith, Brother O'Brien went away rejoicing, with his "sheep-skin" safely locked in his portmanteau. Time and space will not permit us to go any farther into detail, so with a passing tribute of respect to the Rev. Prof. William Clark, of Toronto, who delivered an elegant and scholarly address before the Phi Beta Kappa Society, we shall proceed from the reminiscences of the past to the contemplation of the facts of the present and our prospects for the future.

We began this fall with ten members, and succeeded in getting two good young men, Bros. W. Bruce Macpherson, of Aquasco, Md., and R. Heber Murphy, of Calvert Co., Md., from the freshman class; and now our chapter, although comparatively young here, is acknowledged and recommended by the faculty to be the fraternity for scholarship and morality. We do not say this for the purpose of vaunting ourselves in the eyes of our sister chapters, but as an evidence of the standing and reputation of the Phi Psi boys at Hobart. Of the three Phi Psis who graduated last June, two now wear the Phi Beta Kappa keys, a sure proof of their diligence and ability for the past four years. Nor do we sacrifice health to the acquirement of knowledge, but firmly believing that a good brain depends upon a sound and hardy constitution, our boys are found in the "gym," and also take an active part in out-door exercises. At our fall Field Day, Brother Gatley came in first on the half mile run and carried off a handsome prize. Is it any wonder, then, that having a chapter composed at present of twelve genial men, enthusiastic for the cause of Phi Psi, we should look forward to the near future, when, with the aid of our alumni, the Phi Kappa Psi banner shall wave over New York Delta's neat and imposing chapter-house.

J. T. CROWE.

Geneva, N. Y., Nov. 10, 1888.

**WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.**

It is with a feeling of real pleasure that I assume the duties so long and faithfully performed by my worthy predecessor, Brother Billiu, and I am especially glad to be able to make my first report of Virginia Beta's condition to THE SHIELD such a favorable one.

The present session of Washington and Lee opened September 20th with quite an increase of students, and from the new students, Virginia Beta has succeeded in enrolling under the banner of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , five worthy brothers. It gives us great pleasure to introduce to the fraternity at large, Bros. Hale Houston, of Wyoming, Ohio, brother of Bro. L. W. Houston, whose sad death two years ago we mourned; K. S. Miller, of Carrollton, Missouri; Rees Turpin, of Carrollton, Missouri; C. K. Harvey, of Richmond, Virginia, and W. H. Winfree, of Richmond, Virginia. We also realize a very valuable addition to our strength and social enjoyment in Bro. C. R. Watson, who came to us from Virginia Gamma. Virginia Beta has had new life infused into her by her large and valuable acquisitions of this session, and feels that she is on the highway to greater prosperity than she has ever attained. We have changed our quarters since last session, and now occupy a very spacious hall in the handsomest building in town. Our goat now has ample space in which to perform the duties incumbent upon him, and we appeal to our late initiates to attest the agility and thoroughness with which he is wont to conduct himself.

Bro. Frank Coe, who graduated in law at the university last June, and who is now a brilliant young attorney of the Lexington bar, had the misfortune a few days ago, to be thrown from a horse and have his leg broken. He is doing very well, though from the nature of his injury it will be some time before he will be able to be out again.

Cupid, with characteristic trueness of aim, pierced the heart of Bro. Bayard Heyward while he was in attendance at the university, and consequently on the 1st of September last, he took unto himself a wife of the fair daughters of Lexington, and is now enjoying a bridal tour in Europe.

With best wishes for THE SHIELD and all sister chapters.

JAMES QUARLES.

Lexington, Virginia, November 10, 1888.

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**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.**

The university opened its doors on October 1st and has entered, together with South Carolina Alpha, on what promises to be the most prosperous year in its existence, since the war. The coming events that cast their shadows so surely before them last year, are realities at last and fully attest the correctness of the predictions we then made about them. The expected boom has reached us, and we have made the most of it. The incoming class numbered more than ninety men, swelling the total enrollment to over 224, an increase of fully thirty per cent. and greater than ever before known. The quality of the new men, is on the whole, far better than in previous years, and the fraternities have consequently had a much finer field to work in. This is exactly what we have

been waiting for, as it has never been our policy to increase our numbers at the expense of our notion of what the standard of  $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$  ought to be.

The season opened early and we were early in the field. Rushing was more than usually lively, for there was some big game to be bagged and the result meant life or death to more than one crowd. With us it was a struggle for the mastery with some of our older and more powerful rivals, but the combined inducements of a good chapter and a good fraternity which we were able to offer, gave us an advantage over all competitors which we were not at all backward in availing ourselves of. The result has exceeded our fondest anticipations, and places us in a position to maintain without fear of contradiction, save by the disingenuous, our claims to the ascendancy here. This is the position we have long been fighting for, and now that we have gained it there need be no fear as to our ability to continue to hold it and avail ourselves of the advantages it gives us.

But I must not keep six such good Phi Psis waiting for an introduction, as that is all they need to enable them to talk for themselves and show how thoroughly our goat has imbued them with "the proper spirit." These are our jewels, in the order of their initiation: Carl T. Dudley, '92, Bennettsville; Wm. H. Johnson, '92, Charleston; Robert C. Shand, '92, Columbia; Francis Parker, '91, Georgetown; James A. Weeks, '91, Packsville, South Carolina. At commencement we initiated Bro. J. H. Donaldson, '89, Georgetown, South Carolina, who had remained a barbarian just long enough to decide that ours was the best goat in college. Better late than never, and, in fact, the longer a man stays out, the greater is the victory for us. We do not think our new brothers are the sort to be hurt by our boasting of them, but we can not help congratulating ourselves on the acquisition of men who had the good sense to refuse the pressing invitations they received from our various would-be rivals, (whose names, space—and respect for their feelings, forbid us to enumerate.) We consider our "flies," individually and collectively, the best on the campus, and the amount of rushing which some of them got from other crowds is sufficient evidence in itself that "our friends, the enemy," agree with us perfectly in this respect. We consider it a glorious victory all round, which lays the foundation for many more, and, as time goes on, we shall hope to show, by concrete results, on what we base this conclusion. Our goat has only improved by practice and hopes to rear around a little more before he retires for the season.

The number of initiations by the other fraternities this fall, is as follows:  $\Kappa \Lambda$ , 3;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 4;  $\chi \Psi$ , 3;  $\Sigma \Lambda \Xi$ , 6;  $\Sigma \Nu$ , 3;  $\Lambda \Gamma \Omega$ , 5. Some of these are excellent men, others it is simple charity to pass by in silence, but we can not help being struck by the utter foolhardiness of a policy which strives to keep a chapter alive by the influx of inferior men, whose fatal effect in ruining all hopes of future prosperity is already sufficiently evident to the observant eye here to-day.

We are soon, by the way, to have another festive goat, or rather kid, in our midst. The Chi Phis expect to blossom out with eight men in the course of time. We wish them all good luck, and whatever share of prosperity they may succeed in obtaining. This will make eight fraternities here, and goodness

knows how many more thinking of coming. If they are wise and will take a little piece of friendly advice, given in a friendly way, they'll give up the idea, and stay away, as any sane man can see, by coming here and looking around him, that there are just about four too many here now.

We feel in a congratulatory humor just now, and right here will beg to congratulate ourselves and Brother Barber on his unanimous election to the Presidency of the Clariosophic Society, the other night. This is esteemed the highest honor in college, and we claim our due share of it, complemented, as it is, by the grace and ability with which he presides in our own G. P.'s chair.

We have another newly elected President, but on a somewhat larger scale this time. Bro. William E. Boggs, '59, is now Chancellor of the University of Georgia, and South Carolina Alpha is able to boast of the Presidents of two universities, which is an honor that I do not think any other chapter in the Panhellenic world is prepared to lay claim to. A short sketch of Dr. Boggs' life will be found among the personals.

Our closing news is not so bright. Brother Johnson has just been taken sick with typhoid fever, and left for home yesterday. We await with anxiety news of his progress, for in the short time he has been with us, "Jimmy" has made us all very fond of him, and already we feel keenly his absence from our midst, and long for the time when his vacant seat will be filled and his contented face be amongst us once more. Our prayers are with him for his speedy recovery and return to us.

E. ST. JULIEN GRIMKÉ.

Columbia, South Carolina, November 10, 1888.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

We regret exceedingly that we could not be present in the October number of *THE SHIELD*; but on account of "Yellow Jack's" august presence in several sections of our sunny clime, where death and desolation followed in his wake, and inasmuch as he even saw fit to pay our own state a flying visit, our cautious faculty thought it advisable to postpone the opening of the session from the first to the fifteenth of October, hence our absence in the last issue.

We read with much pleasure the letters from the other chapters, and are glad to see that the out-look for  $\Phi K \Psi$  is exceedingly bright and encouraging. We note especially that she has been a conspicuous sharer of the medals and honors of '88 at nearly every college where she is represented, and at none has she been more successful in contests for honors, particularly within the last five or six years, than at the University of Mississippi. In glancing over her records for the above short period, we have made a note of the honors that have been borne away from this institution by  $\Phi \Psi$ s, and will make a short statement of them just here:—

Bro. W. P. Tackett, literary class of '84 and law class of '85, took first a medal for excellence in elocution, and also was the winner of senior medal in a competitive debate. Bro. W. J. Bowen received first medal for excellence in declamation in 1882. Bro. J. S. Buckley, class of '85, was, that year, the anniversary from Hermaean Society—elected so in a trial debate. Bro. W. F.

Stevens, literary class of '84 and law class of '88, received second Hermaean freshman medal for excellency as a declaimer in '82; and lastly, Bro. R. E. Halsell, who, we profoundly regret to say, has been unable to return to college this session, and who would have graduated this year in the literary department, was the most successful medal man we have ever had, and we will venture the assertion that he has taken as many medals here as even any graduate of the institution ever bore from its classic halls, though he went only through the junior class. He was not defeated in a single medal contest, notwithstanding the strong competition at each contest, and on leaving the university he carried with him the following prizes: One first grade medal for excellence in elocution, awarded by the professor of that department, and one first grade freshman medal for excellence in declamation, both of which were taken in '86. In '87 he was awarded first sophomore medal for excellence in declamation and elocution, and in '88 Brother Halsell was elected junior speaker by his literary society.

We could make mention of many more prizes taken by  $\Phi \Psi$ s at the university, by referring to earlier records, but do not consider it necessary, as we only took occasion to make the reference we have made in order that our sister chapters may know that we are striving to keep apace with them, and hence, also, apace with all other college fraternities in the honor line, and we feel that we have a just right to congratulate ourselves on the success we have had so far. We have three members in the senior class this year, some of whom will probably speak for senior medal—they will speak if not too crowded in their regular studies.

The opening of this session seemed rather *blue* for us at first, our membership having decreased from that of thirteen last session to only six this. We lost one by graduation, one junior, to whom I have already alluded, and five sophomores, some of whom have gone to other colleges and some have gone into business; thus may it be seen that there were only a few of us left to work for the interest of our chapter. Another circumstance which tended to cast a gloom before our remaining few, was the unusual scarcity of club material here this session, and what few good men there chanced to be here were, of course, greatly demanded by each and every one of the seven clubs that are represented here. But by sparing nothing that tended to the interest of old  $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ , and by close and earnest work for the cause, we have succeeded in having the very pleasant duty of introducing to you our new Bros. W. M. Durr, W. F. Tucker and T. F. Pettus, all of whom are elegant high-toned gentlemen, and bid fair to make  $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ s of the first water.

W. F. ASHLEY.

University, Miss., Nov. 6, 1888.

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#### WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Gamma has commenced this term in the fullness of strength and we prophesy a year of great prosperity for her. Our election has been held and the officers installed, as follows: Brothers McGaw, G. P.; A. F. McNeal, P.; Weeks, A. G.; Bartram, B. G.; Voorhees, S. G.; Bert McNeal, H.; Glover,

Ch., and Miller, SHIELD correspondent. Fraternity spirit always runs very high here at the beginning of the first term, but we have proceeded very slowly and have enrolled under our banner two new brothers of Phi Psi qualifications. Bro. Fred. Hanna, of Los Angeles, California, class of '92, and Bro. Edward J. Hudson, of Millersburg, Ohio, class of '92. Bro. Clarence J. Uhl, of Ohio Beta, was present at the initiation of Brother Hudson.

We have added an elegant new set of furniture to our hall and done a great deal towards beautifying it in many ways. We again organized a fraternity orchestra. Altogether Ohio Gamma is alive to her interests. Brother Weeks has been commissioned Sergeant-Major of the University Battalion. Brother Glover is president of '91, and Brother Voorhees of '92. Bro. Harry Mitchell, of New York Alpha, dropped in on us last week and talked chapter house. Two of our boys will likely go to Cornell next year. They were very much excited over his description of fraternity life at Cornell. We are always anxious to meet  $\Phi \Psi$ 's, and wish them to make themselves known to us. Brother Wilson, secretary of the fraternity, paid us a flying visit a few days ago. Brother Wilson is one of the most enthusiastic Phi Psis one would wish to meet.

One of the great events of the season has been the fraternity tennis tournament.  $\Sigma X$  took first place not losing a set,  $B \Theta \Pi$  second,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  third,  $\Phi K \Psi$  and  $\Delta T \Delta$  tied for fourth place,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  sixth.

There are rumors that  $A T \Omega$  and  $\Sigma A E$  would make their appearance among us, but we fail to discover any source from which these fraternities would be likely to spring.

Brother Higbey, '91, leaves us this term to accept a position with a prominent firm in St. Louis. Brother Neilson, '90, is with the Meughwood Coal Co. Brother Corson, '91, is pursuing a business course at Duff's College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Brother Kendig has cast his fortunes with Ohio  $\Delta$ .

HORACE J. MILLER.

Wooster, Ohio, November 15, 1888.

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### DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Our university has entered upon the new year under circumstances which promise the most successful year in its history. There are a hundred more students than ever before at this time of the year. Several changes and additions have been made to the faculty.

Dr. Edwin Post,  $\Phi K \Psi$  Penn. Zeta, returned to his Chair of Latin, after an absence of two years of study in Germany; while Dr. Baker, of the Chair of Chemistry and Professor Longden, associate Professor of Latin, are abroad for study and travel.

Our gymnasium has been refurnished, and is becoming a very attractive feature of the university.

Indiana Alpha entered college with eighteen active and two pledged men, and felt equal to cope with our rivals without any acquisitions, but the quality of the new men was above the average, and we sailed in for the best. We came out entirely victorious. Three new men initiates—one pledged.

had the pleasure of defeating our rivals in two instances after one of the hardest spikes for years.

We have thus far initiated Bros. Nat. C. Wright and Verner Roehl, class of '92, both of Connersville, Ind., also Bro. J. W. D. Metts, class of '91, of Ossian, Ind. All are very enthusiastic  $\Phi \Psi$ s, and can't understand now why they even considered any other fraternity.

We pledged E. S. Porter, of Joliet, Ill., class of '93, Professor of the Guitar and Mandolin in De Pauw Music School and musical director of our chapter. Through his efforts we have a Phi Psi Guitar and Mandolin Club of eight pieces. We expect to appear in public before the year is over.

Our standing in college is second to none, and we are endeavoring, by a good, careful selection of men, to sustain our position. Our prestige is sustained to a great extent by the very enthusiastic support of our Phi Psi professors:

Dr. Post, Chair of Latin; Dr. Poucher, Chair of Hebrew; Col. J. Riley Weaver, Professor of Political Economy and Modern Language; Professor Neff, Associate Professor of Modern Language, and Professor Ayers, Assistant Professor of Mathematics.

Brother McDougal, '90, is exchange and fraternity editor on the new bi-weekly, *The De Pauw Adz.*

On the night of October 11th, Bro. T. L. Neff, Chair of German, class of '83, and Miss Cora Lloyd,  $\text{K K T}$ , class of '84, were married at the "mansion" of the bride's parents. The guests numbered one hundred and fifty, among whom were our chapter and Miss Lloyd's "Kappa" sisters. It was a brilliant affair, and served only to increase our love and respect for an enthusiastic and honored Phi Psi.

Kappa Alpha Theta entertained her numerous friends upon Halloween in a royal manner. We were favored with more invitations than any other fraternity—thirteen of our number receiving invitations.

One of the most pleasant and unique affairs of the season, was the receiving of election bulletins in our hall, upon the night of November 6th. With us were our Phi Psi professors and their families, "Fraters in Urbe," and our lady friends. Nice refreshments were served, and all departed at midnight complimenting Indiana Alpha's hospitality.

We feel greatly pleased with the able and successful management of THE SHIELD, and feel indebted to Brother Van Cleve for his untiring efforts.

We hope soon to be able to announce the establishment of an Alumni Association at Cincinnati, through the efforts of Bro. E. A. Daumout, one of Indiana Alpha's most enthusiastic alumni.

We are ever glad to receive visiting brothers, and will try to make it pleasant for any happening to be in Greencastle.

WILL G. NEFF.

Greencastle, Ind., Nov. 9, 1888.

## UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

Because Indiana Beta's letter does not appear as regularly as some of the other chapters, do not not consider us *non est*, but put it on grounds of extreme modesty. Last year there was quite a revival in Indiana University of college spirit. The first Pan-hellenic banquet was held under the auspices of the senior class, and was a pronounced success.

The first attempt ever made at Indiana University in the shape of an annual, was undertaken and the move thus made will undoubtedly give place this year to a full-fledged annual, with the usual "phunny jokes and cartoons."

A senior fraternity, "Tau Epsilon Pi," was founded in March, '88, a short account of which will not be out of place here. It is composed of seven members, representative Greeks, (in fact the organization is based upon the mystic number seven) has the seven primary colors of the rainbow. The badge being a left human jaw-bone of gold with seven silver teeth, hence it is popularly called "jaw-bone." To perpetuate the organization, at the graduation of the seniors, seven juniors are selected for the next year. Phi Psi has been honored with three representatives.

During commencement week Phi Psi carried off her share of the honors. Brother Buskirk winning the Cobden medal (this being the second time out of three times offered,) Brother Owen having previously taken the Wicks prize, giving us two out of four prizes for the year. On field day we carried away eight out of the thirteen prizes offered, besides having Master of Ceremonies for the day. If any brother wishes to compete in tennis, vaulting, sprinting, long distance throwing, etc., we can entertain him here at Indiana Beta.

We lost four members by graduation, and six others who staid out for various reasons, so at the opening this fall only eight of the boys were on hand for the annual rush. The smoke of the battle has somewhat cleared away, and Phi Psi has seven new men whom she captured in the fray. They are Brothers Burton, Boland, Beeson and Reed. freshmen; Brothers Groninger and Eads, sophomores, and Brother Moore, junior. We have offered twelve spikes and lost only one, (he being a room-mate of a Beta,) the other four promising to join  $\Phi \Psi$  if any fraternity. Our chapter now occupies a new suite of five rooms very pleasantly located.

Among the ladies we still hold our own. At the Kappa banquet, the social event of the year, we had twice as many representatives as any other frat.

In scholarship and morality the chapter is all that could be desired. With a present membership of fifteen, we hold six honor scholarships out of thirty-eight granted to members entering the university, of which there are 425. Three out of the four promised us also hold honor scholarships.

A review of this letter shows rather a boastful spirit, but we have tried modestly to recount our victories and let you decide as to our position here. We feel that a chapter letter should present all facts of interest and honors won by  $\Phi \Psi$ . It may not be out of place to add, that it developed in the recent rushing season, that every fraternity we meet here placed us second to them.

With fraternal regards to all sister chapters and best wishes for THE SHIELD.

P. V. BUSKIRK.

Bloomington, Indiana, October 27, 1888.

**STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.**

The university opened on the 12th of September with a marked increase in attendance in all departments.

Fraternities were busy from the first day. We commenced the year with eleven old men. Bros. Ned Meek, Will Stutsman and Will Kenyon are with us again for the purpose of studying law.

The first Saturday night after school opened belonged to fraternities.

Our babies are Ruel Cook, of Davenport, and Will Bonson, of Dubuque. The goat found "Cookie" to be quite a lusty one, but he, the goat, gave him a good ride, and some one has said "Cookie" had to be carried home. "Billy" was worked up into an excellent condition for "Susan" Bonson, who rode through without falling off once. It is a mystery to us how "Susan" got to the freshman sociable.

Of our rivals, B Θ II has moved into new and larger quarters—they have initiated six men; Δ T Δ six, and Φ Δ Θ three.

We are enjoying our halls immensely, having had several little parties, and one is on the tapis for the 30th.

Foot-ball is the game here in the fall term, and as usual a team was organized, but so far we have been unable to get any games with neighboring colleges.

The university is blessed with a new paper, *The University Mirror*. It is a private enterprise, but each of the fraternities has a representative editor, as do also the several departments in the university. It is a very excellent paper.

In the way of politics we seem to be mostly Republicans. The students are taking great interest in the campaign. The military discipline the students have had, aids greatly in the processions.

Bro. Jim Bollinger is captain of a company of laws, and Ed. Dorr of the medics. Ned Meek was one of the Aides in the last procession. In consequence of the above, they were allowed to sit on the platform during the speech. Ned and Jim are doing some stumping around in the country towns. Brother Techentire has lost his former good reputation. He was run in for "hollering for Harrison" during a Democratic rally. It is doubtful whether he can live down the disgrace.

DILLON L. ROSS.

Iowa City, Ia., Oct. 27, 1888.

**SIMPSON COLLEGE.**

A recent visit to Indianola was so much enjoyed that I am constrained to write THE SHIELD a few words.

Many of the brothers in the larger schools have not had experimental knowledge, and therefore do not know of the advantages that accrue to the fraternity through the chapters in the smaller colleges. A fraternity in a small school is, of course, more *conspicuous* than it would be in a larger school where there are more competitors, and consequently each man takes much pride in the general fraternity, remembering that "as he honors himself."

In Iowa Delta I know that any Phi Psi will receive a royal welcome, and I

am sure that, when its members are away from college, they will never forget nor cease to revere their fraternity.

Let me introduce you to the "upper classmen." Here is a photograph of eight of the brothers:

Seated on the right here, is Brother Sylvester, of Council Bluffs. You notice that he wears a drooping mustache and a bland smile. Among his accomplishments are his ability to play a flute, sing tenor in the Phi Psi Quintette, and talk "Deutsch." He is a leading Y. M. C. A. member, and also leads many of Y. W. C. A. members. Brother Sylvester is the recipient of the Butler Gold Medal for excellence in declaiming, and is considered a fine speaker.

Brother Stuart, who wears his hair cut red, sits next. He is the "father" of the fraternity now in school. Last year he was the youngest superintendent of schools in Iowa, but he is now (like the farmer buying more corn-land) back in college to acquire more knowledge to get more money with which to get more knowledge. He took the Buxton Prize for oratory, and is the President of the Athletic Association.

Brother Youtz over there, whose Prince Albert is worn, unlike those of some of the other brothers, from professional motives, is the professor of that difficult art for which Demosthenes swallowed so many gravel stones and sea-shells, as he strove to out-bellow the sea. Brother Youtz, having no seashore at hand, takes advantage of thunder storms and political demonstrations to keep his lungs in practice, his indulgent neighbors prohibiting practice at other times. He is reporter on the *Simpsonian* staff, and a member of the quintette.

Brother Ross, here wearing the L. A. W. suit, is Captain of the Bicycle Club. He looks well in knickerbockers and stockings, and many a lass looks longingly upon him as he goes by on his wheel. Judging from appearances, he often, like the knights of old, "doth love and ride away." The bland smile you notice running in an irregular line between his ears, is not the result of cholera morbus, but is attained by long-continued perseverance. He is a *virtuoso* on the guitar, at least the best among the musically inclined students who play that pleasing instrument.

The fat man of the fraternity is Brother Clayton. He was sent to college because good for nothing else. Since his three years as an "under-grad." he has become larger, a little older, less wise, and a shade homelier, if possible. Many a girl's heart has he trifled with, and many a fellow owes his failure to secure the girl of his choice to the fact that "Billy" was "too fleshy" for him. Brother Clayton is the second baseman of the college nine (champions of the State).

On the right again is Brother Stratton, the one with the dreamy, wish-I-could-see-her-now look on his face. He is the best student of the classics in his class. Some of the brothers say he dreams in Greek, and his Latin would make Cicero shed crocodile tears. He is the basso-profundo of the quintette. Though soon to be a theologian, his physique would not ill-become a pugilist. He, like Brothers Stuart and Sylvester, is an ex-pedagogue.

The imposing personage over there, who sports the silk tile and the pom-

padour mustache, is Brother Bunting, a Democrat by profession, a senior by occupation. During John's early college days he was probably one of the greenest looking individuals this side the British possessions, but a glance at him "before" and "after taking," would convince the most skeptical of the advantages of a college education. Even now, when greatly excited, his murder of the Queen's English would put a Missourian to the blush. To let the wind blow through his whiskers is his common amusement. On the forty-sixth ballot he was elected President of the Democratic Club by a majority of one, the other member of the club forgetting to vote. He is also the business manager of the *Simpsonian*. Brother Bunting will study law, and he will succeed in the profession, for he has the ability and the energy to do it.

Trusting that this introduction may lead many a brother to become more closely connected and better acquainted with the brothers of Iowa Delta, I am, fraternally,

R. O. EVANS.

Chicago, Illinois, October 25, 1888.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Our last letter was almost wholly devoted to a description of our chapter-home, a "rather glowing description" so the boys said. We will speak of our college this month, as there is not much to mention about the chapter, except the transfer of Bro. Eugene Day from Wisconsin Alpha.

Brother Day is a law student, and a member of the college foot-ball team which won great glory for itself and our college by defeating the Shattuck school team last month. The "Shattucks" have been the champions for some time, and were considered almost impregnable.

The large enrollment this year, and the addition of law and medical schools, have given the university a great impetus. Besides the increase in faculty caused by these new schools, we have Prof. John Dewey, who comes to us highly recommended by Ann Arbor, to fill the chair of Mental and Moral Philosophy and Logic, and Lieut. E. F. Glenn who is to instruct in military tactics.

The "drill" is optional, but so popular that nearly all take it, and even the girls, in a burst of enthusiasm, have petitioned for "broom tactics," with a show of success.

The militia has decided on a uniform which we hope to have in time for the annual Thanksgiving reception. The lieutenant will endeavor to get an appropriation from the next legislature for a gymnasium and drill hall, as the "colliseum" is not well adapted for the purpose.

Our new Science Hall is slowly approaching completion.

The Agricultural College suffered from a \$5,000 fire on the evening of September 29th, in which a valuable collection of minerals was destroyed.

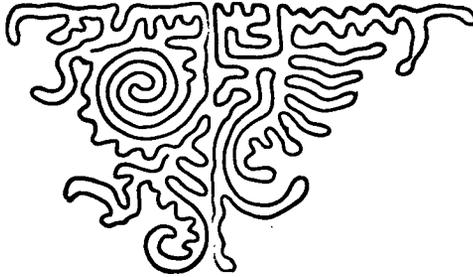
Election excitement runs high among the students this fall, each party having numerous adherents, who have banded themselves into clubs for the purpose of active work. The parades of each party are elevated and dignified (?) by the presence of one or the other of our clubs, and nearly every speaker is encouraged by the "Rah, rah, rah, ski-u-mah, Min-ne-so-ta" of admiring students. We  $\Phi$   $\Psi$ s have a Democrat, one or two mugwumps—he who inclineth toward prohibition and free trade—and a solid majority for Harrison and Morton.

Bro. J. B. Foraker was to speak in Minneapolis, and we were hoping to entertain him, but he disappointed us by not coming.

Bro. A. D. Bartholomew, of New York Beta, favored us with a call last month. It gives us very great pleasure to meet the brothers from older chapters, to whom we are always "at home."

HENRY P. BAILY.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 5, 1888.



## Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

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This department of the paper is made up of excerpts from THE SHIELD'S exchanges, and reflects the sentiments of our rivals which are most pointed and characteristic. We refrain from expressing any opinions as to the matters discussed, and scarce deem it worth while to controvert any statement made by our contemporaries. No more is written by the Editor than may suffice for introduction to each quoted passage. This will relieve the doubts of inquirers, some of whom perversely consider this feature an exchange department.—ED. SHIELD.

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The *Theta Delta Chi Shield* has an excellent contribution from one of its editors on the subject so often discussed in fraternity journals—preparation of delegates for legislative gatherings:

Conservatism in our fraternity is what we want, but we must not be conservative enough to adhere to mistaken policies, because we have done so in the past. It is well, indeed, that this year brings such a chance of time and opportunity for earnest hearty work in this direction; and much will be accomplished if our various delegates come prepared for this work. To come prepared does not simply mean to be ready to work, for that, as we know from the past, very often means waiting to be instructed after the opening of convention. What is really necessary is that each and every delegate should come with some knowledge of what has already been done, and of those matters which must necessarily come up at this convention. The minutes of the past two conventions should be carefully read and discussed by the charges, that their delegates may be ready to meet the difficulties in an intelligent manner.

In the matter of delegates I would say to those charges which have not already chosen theirs, look to it that the best men are sent. The best man does not necessarily mean the most popular or the most brilliant, but the one who by nature and inclination is best fitted to cope with legislative difficulties in a calm, reasoning and sensible manner; such a man, filled with an earnest desire to do all in his power to promote the welfare of his fraternity and the charge which he represents, will be an important factor in the hoped for achievement of success. Again, see to it that your charge is *fully* represented. Do not trust to having your delegation filled with men from other charges. No one can represent you as well as can one of your own men, and to secure a good working convention it is necessary that the three men from each charge shall be in their places and do their work.

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The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* rather takes one's breath away with the bold stand it takes on extension. In startling contrast with the ultra conservatism of some Eastern fraternities, how does this sound?

While we have great reasons to rejoice at our present prosperity, and while we to-day are in a far better condition as a fraternity than we have ever been before, we must not for one moment suppose that all has been accomplished that needs to be

done, and that all we need is to hold our own in the institutions we occupy. Alas this is too much the case with some of our chapters, and if there were not some others who have their eyes open and are wide awake, we should soon go down before the onward rush of progress and be lost in the dim distance where careless indifference alone is content to abide. We live in not only a practical age but in an eminently progressive one. The cause of education is daily receiving more attention, and new institutions as well as old ones, are looming up into prominence everywhere. In many of these all over our land the name and worth of Alpha Tau Omega is unknown. If fraternities are a benefit to a college and a blessing to her students, and we believe they are, why should not we extenuate our eternal principles wherever truth and education are honored? And to whom does this positive duty belong if not to the chapters? In this day of inter-collegiate contests in oratory and athletics, who has more and better opportunities for perpetuating the name of Alpha Tau Omega than our active chapters? To you then, the chapters of our order, is delegated the work of extending our order into new fields of operation and usefulness. If you are loyal in this work you will send your delegates to our next Congress with plans and purposes so high and so near the great heart of our fraternity, that your zeal and ardor will set aglow every project with the fire of invincible determination, and will cause every member of that greatest of all congresses to resolve to leave no method untried, and allow no effort to be in vain, until every worthy institution in the land can boast an altar dedicated to the eternal principles of Alpha Tau Omega.

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The *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record* quotes freely in its November issue indorsing a proposition to break up exclusiveness in Southern fraternities:

We find in the *K. A. Journal* the following forcible remarks: "We are aware that some of our brothers are opposed to the extension of our fraternity beyond the Southern States, considering that Kappa Alphaism originated and has so far remained in the South. It is one of the pet arguments of most of the writers against extending beyond the borders of the South, that the harmony of feeling now existing among Kappa Alphas would be lessened by such an extension. Must we, on the same grounds, suppose that the Southern Chapters of Phi Delta Theta or Beta Theta Phi, are not in full sympathy and unison with their Northern and Western Chapters?"

"The present writer is a Southern man, and appreciates the feelings of those gentlemen who oppose the Western extension of K. A., but we must realize that K. A. is not merely a creature of our own college days, but an organization which we hope will live and flourish long after we shall have been forgotten. By the shifting of population and the interchange of literature and manufactures, the different sections of this country are rapidly becoming as one, and we think that by the time that K. A. extends North, South, East and West, all differences between these sections will become differences in name only, and that our members, whether natives of Virginia or Pennsylvania, Georgia or California, will become enthusiastic K. A.'s."

What is here said of K. A. is strictly applicable to  $\Sigma A E$ , and particularly at this time, for our men must feel themselves personally interested in the grand work of enlarging and ennobling our Order. We must think over, and work for the glorious result. North, East and West warmly and heartily extend their hands to us, and we must place ourselves in a position to grasp them with a grip so true, so genuine, so full of love and brotherly warmth and feeling, that  $\Sigma A E$  will indeed be known and appreciated through those portions of our Union.

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The *Chi Phi Quarterly* seems to preach the same doctrine that THE SHIELD has so often promulgated:

It is the constant endeavor of the management to make the *Quarterly* interesting between its covers, and some of the best writers of the fraternity lend their talent to its pages. A hint to chapter correspondents may not be out of place, however, since the chief interest of the magazine, after all is said, really centers in that department. What fraternity magazines especially need is chapter items and personals, and the older the graduate member about whom a personal item can be procured, the better

the item for publication. Chapter correspondents need not fear to deluge us with such. They can all be used. Active members and chapters are more interested in the chapter letter itself. They seek all the items of news relating to their contemporaries and read with avidity of the various occurrences of college life. For their benefit Zetas should record in full all the fraternity gossip of an acceptable nature in their respective colleges, names of chapter prize men, such donations to the lodge room as can with propriety be described to the public, accounts of banquets, balls, excursions, entertainments, and other incidents of social life, in which the chapter or the brothers take active part, athletic meetings, regattas, or other sporting incidents participated in by the chapter or the brothers, especially the records made and the prizes won by the latter, progress of proselyting work in general terms, and the like. In short, anything tending to inform sister chapters as to the standing of each other in college.

And this regarding a subject recently discussed in our own journal, is pointed:

Now that the initiation season is at its height, the under-graduates should heed a note of warning. There can be no surer cause of decline in the chapters, than the initiation of men who may prove undesirable. It can not be denied that in some colleges the fierce competition among fraternities for choice candidates, tends to leave the more conservative following in the wake of energetic rivals, who select the cream of the incoming class; nevertheless the race is not always to the swift; and the agile hare often fails to out-strip the slow but industrious tortoise. Experience has shown that long lists of new initiates, though they increase the length of chapter rolls, are by no means a correct index of chapter prosperity. It is more difficult to enthuse large bodies of men and to keep them up to fraternity work. The larger the body of men, the greater the probability of indifference, consequent neglect of duty, and the introduction of uncongenial elements. Congeniality is the main-spring of the fraternity idea. To enable its members properly to appreciate its advantages, and fully to enjoy them, the wheels of the complicated machine must move smoothly, silently, and in unison.

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*Sigma Nu Delta*, in common with other journals, has a realizing sense of where its influence lies:

The most difficult task that falls to the editor of a fraternity journal—aside from the matter of finances—is the department of chapter letters. He can fill in most any where else, but the chapter letters are beyond his control. It ought to be a matter of pride with each chapter to see that it has a good letter in every issue of the fraternity publication. Some are very prompt, while others are a drag from the beginning to the end of the year. They are never on hand with anything, and the fraternity would be better off without them. It is now made the duty of the Grand Scribe to write the chapter letter, so if our alumni readers do not find a letter from their chapter hereafter, they will only need to turn to the directory on the second page and find the delinquent member. We shall notify all Grand Scribes when we want their letter, and that in plenty of time to enable them to get one ready. Further than this we can not go. Loyalty only consists in doing one's duty, and the chapter or member who neglects to perform his manifest duty is a blight we can not afford to carry.

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The *Delta Gamma Anchora*, under the new management, renews the complaints of the out-going board:

*Anchora* always appears at stated quarters, and the inference is that it will always continue to appear, that literary matter will be evolved in some miraculous way from some indefinite source in sufficiently large amounts to fill out the requisite number of pages. But, unfortunately, the editing board is fallible, and it usually requires our best efforts to issue the paper, even after the material is at hand, and when our requests for articles meet with no responses, or at least few, it is apt to be a trifle discouraging.

Now to make *Anchora* a pride, a benefit and a real help to us all, it is necessary that each chapter have some part of the responsibility, and feel that a certain part of the work that each issue of *Anchora* represents is theirs. We wish to emphasize most heartily the idea expressed by our literary editors in the article headed "*Some Candid Remarks*," in the June number. They say: "Would a single member like to have the fraternity's intellectual capacity measured by the sum total of ideas that have found their way into *Anchora*? Would you be willing to let *Anchora* stand as the representative of our literary abilities?"

Of course we would not, and yet *Anchora* does represent our fraternity, and just as long as *Anchora* continues to exist, it will be taken as the representative of Delta Gamma, as a society. Now probably each chapter has some member who excels in the line of literary work, and whose article printed in *Anchora* would do credit to herself and her chapter. These are what we want; why "reserve all your best thoughts for a prize essay" when *Anchora* so much needs them?

We particularly recommend such articles as the one on Tolstoi, which appears in this issue. Some may object that we ought to confine ourselves to purely fraternity subjects, but that gives such a small field for work that it seems as if our paper will be much more profitable and interesting if we admit articles of this and similar character, so we shall ask and expect contributions from all of you. Do not wait to be asked though. If something comes up in your chapter that you would like to talk over with the fraternity, as plans for work, or other matters of interest for all, send them to the *Anchora*. In this way we may get up discussions which will be very beneficial to our society. Then, again, if you have any suggestions to offer in regard to *Anchora*—any way in which you think it needs a change—do not hesitate to say so. We will study your ideas well, and use your advice as far as we can. Of course none of us think *Anchora* is very near the ideal fraternity paper, and it is only by a candid recognition of its faults that we can hope to improve it, and we urge all to express their views in regard to this matter.



## Personals.

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### PENNSYLVANIA *I.*

'88. John Schreyer is in the iron business at Milton.

'82. Rev. H. J. Hamilton goes to Connellsville, Pennsylvania.

'62 William Wolverton has charge of the High School at Lock Haven.

'88. W. M. Woodward is studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

'87. Prof. J. G. Owens, is instructor in the natural sciences at South Jersey Institute.

'88. H. M. Kelly is professor of Latin and Mathematics in Central Pennsylvania College, New Berlin.

'71. Prof. G. M. Phillips, Ph. D., paid us a flying visit on his way to the Teachers' Association at Williamsport.

'84. George Miller, who last year graduated at Lehigh University, is now with an engineer corps in Denver, Colorado.

'86. Prof. W. W. Kelchner is editor and one of the proprietors of the *Pennsylvania School*, a monthly magazine, devoted to the improvement of schools and the teacher's profession. The favorable recognition and wide circulation which this journal has received reflects much credit on our worthy alumnus.

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### PENNSYLVANIA *E.*

'65. President H. W. McKnight, D. D., has been elected a member of the Loyal Legion with membership in Philadelphia.

'57. L. A. Gotwald, D. D., has accepted the call to a professorship in the Theological Department of Wittenberg College. We congratulate the college on its good selection.

'86. D. C. R. Miller, after two years in the Medical Department of Michigan University, is now attending Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Letters addressed to the Jefferson Medical College will reach him.

'83. Dr. John Marshall, the Demonstrator of Chemistry in the University of Pennsylvania, has personal charge of that department in the *University Medical Magazine*, giving a *resumé* of the most important chemical laboratory researches as they are carried on in the University.

'70. At a soldier's fair in Harrisburg recently, as we learn from one of the local papers, Lieutenant Fred. M. Ott, '70, was a prize in a lottery gotten up by the ladies. It is a question now whether the young lady that won him has not a matrimonial claim upon him, if he consented to the lottery. It is about time for him to be married at any rate.

'82. Rev. George D. Gotwald has accepted a call as pastor of the Children's Memorial Lutheran Church of Kansas City, Mo., as successor to Rev. M. F. Troxell, '80. His work in Salina, Kansas, was exceptionally successful, and he has our best wishes for the same record in Kansas City.

'68. Rev. D. L. McKenrie's hard struggle to establish an English Lutheran Church in Sioux City, Iowa, is meeting with success. Glad to hear it. Pleased, too, to receive a student this term from his pastorate.

'83. The following clipped from the *University Medical Magazine*, of Philadelphia, in reference to some of Dr. Allen J. Smith's recent work, will be read with special interest. Dr. Smith is Assistant to the Demonstrator of Pathology in the University:

In the Bacteriological Department of the Pathological Laboratory, Dr. Allen Smith has made some interesting observations. During the regular instruction of students in water cultures, he recently discovered a new chromogenic bacterium in the Schuylkill water. It is a bacillus, which in surface cultures (best on potatoes), develops an intense blue color and which Dr. Smith has named *bacillus ceruleus*. It differs essentially from the bacillus syncyanus, the bacillus violaceus, and the micrococcus cyaneus in its behavior to reagents and in its mode of growth in cultures, as well as morphologically. It has a peculiar dark, intensely blue shade.

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#### PENNSYLVANIA Z.

'88. Brother Ashley is studying law in Pittsburgh.

'87. Bro. T. Vail is teaching at Delta, Pennsylvania.

'88. Brother Sterling is teaching at Chance, Maryland.

- '87. Brother Foreman is teaching at Ansonia, Connecticut.  
 '86. Brother Howell is studying pharmacy in Philadelphia.  
 '87. Bro. M. Vail is teaching at Faun Grove, Pennsylvania.  
 '88. Brother Dryden is in business at Grand Rapids, Michigan.  
 '87. Brother Longsdorf is teaching at Asbury Park, New Jersey.  
 '88. Brother Boyer is studying law at Port Clinton, Pennsylvania.  
 '86. Brother Curry is studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.  
 '88. Brother Anderson is studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.  
 '88. Brother Meloy is principal of the academy at Leitersburg, Maryland. He recently paid the chapter a visit.

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**NEW YORK A.**

- Mark W. Way, '85, is teaching in Rochester, New York.  
 George W. O'Brien, '88, is teaching in Wahoo, Nebraska.  
 C. H. Beers, '88, is studying theology in Berkley Divinity School, Hartford, Connecticut.  
 Charles A. Smith, '88, is Professor of Greek, Latin and Mathematics in Shattuc Military School, Fairibault, Minnesota.

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**SOUTH CAROLINA A.**

- '91. Brother Sowders is Vice of the sophomore class.  
 '57. Congressman W. H. Perry was in town during the State fair with his bride, and was the recipient of much attention.  
 '68. Hon. W. B. Wilson has been elected Senator from York Co., and will be in Columbia in attendance on the Legislature about Dec. 1st.  
 T. B. Butler, '86, D. E. Finley, '86, S. M. Clarkson, '87, George T. Sims, '88, and W. C. Hough, '90, spent fair week with us and added very much to our enjoyment of the festivities.

The Trustees of the University of Georgia have elected the Rev. Dr. Wm. E. Boggs, '59, to the Chancellorship made vacant by the death of Dr. Mell. As the University of Georgia has at different times contributed three of her alumni—the two LeContes and Prof. Jos. Daniel Pope—to the faculty of the South Carolina College, it is fitting that an honor graduate

of the South Carolina College should, in turn, be called to preside over the fortunes of the time-honored seat of learning at Athens.

The father of Dr. Boggs was himself a Presbyterian clergyman, who married a member of the well known Ellison family, of Fairfield, and then went as a missionary to India, where he remained several years. During this time Dr. Boggs was born. Mr. Boggs returned to Fairfield, and his son, the subject of this sketch, was put to school in Winnsboro, at Mt. Zion College. Here he distinguished himself. On entering the South Carolina College he maintained the promise of his early days, graduating in the class of '59 with second honor, the first place having been taken by W. T. Cleveland, a gentleman who is said to have "possessed the most marvellous capacity for making hundreds of any man that ever attended college."

After graduation, Dr. Boggs determined to enter the Presbyterian ministry, but when the State seceded he enrolled himself in the Sixth Regiment and did good service as a soldier. It was determined to appoint him Chaplain, and he received a leave of absence to return to the Theological Seminary, of which Dr. Thornwell was a Professor, until he should be licensed to preach. Just about this time there was a revival in camp. The commander of the regiment, who had also been a student in the South Carolina College when Dr. Thornwell was president, said jokingly to Mr. Boggs as he bade him good-bye, "Tell 'Old Joe' (the name by which Dr. Thornwell was affectionately known by his old students), that if he doesn't hurry up and give you your papers, the Baptists will have every one of these fellows before you get back." It is reported that Dr. Thornwell laughed very heartily when he received the message, but the Colonel still says that he lost no time "in fixing up those papers." As Chaplain, Dr. Boggs did his full duty.

After the war he filled several charges of importance and gained a reputation for earnest work and for a more than ordinary display of logical ability and graceful, fluent speech.

While he was laboring in Memphis that city was stricken with the cholera. In the midst of pestilence and terror, with death in its most dreadful forms on every hand, Dr. Boggs remained at his post regardless of self, ministering assiduously with his own hands to the stricken sufferers. During a second visitation, as deadly as the first, Dr. Boggs displayed the same heroism and devotion to duty. He himself was prostrated, and his struggle with death was fierce. He recovered, but his health was seriously impaired for months.

Dr. Boggs preached some time in Atlanta. On the reorganization of the Theological Seminary he was elected to fill one of its chairs, and served

acceptably until differences of opinion arose in the Church over the management of the seminary, when he resigned and resumed his pastoral charge in Memphis.

Dr. Boggs possesses both ability and energy, and in his new position his friends believe that he will achieve gratifying success.

Franklin College (now a part of the University of Georgia) is over a century old, and its glory is the greatness of the men who claim it as their *alma mater*. In every walk of life they have distinguished themselves. The Chancellorship of such an institution is worthy the ambition of any man.—*University Carolinian*.

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#### MISSISSIPPI A.

J. A. Hoover is managing his father's store in Pickens, Mississippi.

John W. Mosely is still in the drug business in Meridian, Mississippi.

John L. Buckley is practicing law quite successfully at Enterprise, Mississippi.

J. J. Stevens, W. F.'s brother, is at Tulane, New Orleans, Louisiana, pursuing the degree of M. D.

W. P. Tackett is still getting a lively practice in law at Lexington, Mississippi. Brother T. represented his county well in the last Legislature.

A. E. Halsell, '89, our efficient B. G. for a long while, has accepted a position on the M. & O. R. R. which pays him a lucrative salary. Brother H. has a large supply of energy and will succeed at whatever he undertakes.

W. F. Stevens, '88, has hung out his shingle as a lawyer at Augusta, Mississippi, and has met with unusually good success in a recent term of circuit court. He is doing away with "hog cases" as if they were nothing but "egg-shells."

J. R. Tackett, a brother of the above, has returned to Tulane University for the purpose of completing his course in medicine. We predict for Jack a good success, for no later than this summer did we hear of him extracting the *canines* and *molars* from the mouths of the suffering peasantry.

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#### INDIANA B.

Bro. W. J. McCormick, '86, is studying law.

Brother Butterworth is city editor of a La Porte paper.

Brother Taylor, '87, is teaching in Renssaelear, Indiana.

Bro. Harry Rhoads is in the drug business in Greencastle.

Brother Thompson, "special," is in a bank at his home in Edinburg.

Brother Kiplinger, through junior with '89, is in business in Colorado.

Bro. J. C. Fitch, '86, has located in Chicago in the practice of law.

Brother Fee, '87, is engaged in the dry goods business in Burlington, Indiana.

Bro. P. K. Buskirk, '84, is practicing law in Bloomington, Indiana, with success.

Bro. E. C. Fitch, '85, is County Superintendent of Schools in Edwards County, Illinois.

Brother Owen, through junior with '89, is studying law preparatory to a course at Columbia.

Bro. Frank Taylor, '82, has been nominated for Congress from Tulare County, California.

Brother Springer, through junior with '89, is bookkeeper in a large spoke factory in Bloomington.

Brother Baker, "special" of last year, has been promoted to the city ticket office of the Wabash at Chicago.

Bro. C. L. Hooper, '87, was granted his M. A. last commencement, an honor very rarely accomplished in one year.

Bro. T. D. Long, through junior with '88, a graduate of Cornell, '88, is studying law at his home in Columbus, Indiana.

Brother Hooper, '87, is Superintendent of the New Harmony Schools. He obtained that position over thirty-three applicants.

Bro. H. P. Burnett, '84, has located in Cleveland, Ohio, while Bro. P. B. Burnett, (twin brother) has gone to Argentine Republic on business.

Brother Gabe is managing his father's business in Bloomington, Indiana. Brother Driscoll is teaching at White Sulphur Springs, Montana, Brother Buskirk will soon go to Ann Arbor to attend law school, Brother Golden is teaching at his home at New Harmony. All these brothers are of '88.

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### INDIANA I.

"Roaming Robert" has "bobbed up serenely" again in true Phi Psi style, as witness this clipping:

Mr. Robert J. Burdette, the humorist, can not fail to remember Lockport with pleasure.

Upon his arrival Mr. Burdette was waited on by Theodore Stevens, a college

society friend. A dinner had been arranged for in his honor at the Commercial by Mr. Stevens, as announced in the *Journal* of last evening. The affair was very tastefully gotten up. Mr. Burdette occupied the seat of honor. On his right and left were seated Master Robert Burdette, Jr., and a little Miss Alice Tucker. The other guests were Rev. and Mrs. Camp, Dr. and Mrs. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Helmer, Miss L. Gertrude Sears, Miss Van Valkenburgh, Miss Pierson, Miss Boynton, Miss Westerman, Mr. Charles Cornes, Mr. William Shapleigh, Mr. George Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Tucker, and Mr. Theodore Stevens.

The table was beautifully arranged. Cut flowers were everywhere in profusion. The service and *menu* were excellent. A handsome *boutonniere* was at each guest's plate with a card attached bearing the name of the person and on the reverse side the inscription, "Meeting Robert J. Burdette, Nov. 13, 1888." Mr. Burdette's card on the reverse bore the names of the entire company. The gentleman expressed the great appreciation of the honor conferred upon him, and stated he would treasure it as a remembrance of the happy time at Lockport. There was no regular *menu* card, but dinner was served in the usual courses. The great regret of the company was the necessity of drawing the dinner to a close early in order that Mr. Burdette might meet his appointment to lecture.—*Lockport (N. Y.) Journal* November 14, 1888.

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#### IOWA A.

Ed. Baker is teaching school in New Mexico.

Jacob Cloz is teaching school in Webster City, Iowa.

Fred. Nye, '87, is practicing law in Kearney, Nebraska.

Frank Mann will be found in his father's dry goods store in Cedar Rapids.

Charles H. Schroeder is in Traer, Iowa. "Chuckie" will be with us in the spring.

Carl Stutsman is at present city editor on "*Burlington Hawkeye*" staff. He will return to Iowa State University next year.

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#### IOWA A.

Bro. J. E. Thompson is studying law in St. Louis.

Bro. J. W. Drabelle is a member of the Missouri Legislature.

Bro. J. H. Newland is attending the Boston University School of Theology.

Bro. J. S. Wright has charge of the Corydon charge of Des Moines M. E. Conference.

Bro. Silas Howard was married at Lewisburg, West Virginia. He is now at Hastings, Nebraska.

Bro. M. J. Elrod is Assistant Professor of Natural Sciences at the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Illinois.

R. O. Evans, one of A's old boys, but now connected with Illinois A, made us a very pleasant visit at the beginning of the term.

## College and Fraternity Notes.

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There are nineteen students in the course of journalism at Cornell University.

That student at Bucknell University who has his room most tastefully furnished receives a prize.

Out of a class of twenty-eight freshmen in Adelbert College, *Δ K E* initiated seven men.—*Syracusan*.

There are forty-three educational assemblies in the United States modeled after that at Chautauqua.

Of the 337 students that compose the freshman class at Yale, 125 have entered the scientific courses.

Cornell University claims the largest freshman class ever entering an American college. It numbers 400.—*Ex*.

One-quarter of the applicants for admission to Harvard are from undergraduates of other colleges.—*Princetonian*.

The co-educational institutions of the United States sent out over three hundred lady graduates last year.—*Ex*.

The Cornell chapter of the Q. T. V., the only Latin letter fraternity in America, has been formed at Cornell University.—*University News*.

Northwestern University has offered lots to the Greek letter fraternities that will put up chapter houses, and several are preparing to build.

A new college for women has been established in New York, under the name of "Rutgers Female College," with a corps of 18 professors.—*University News*.

We are advised that the squib going the rounds regarding the size of the freshman class at various Pennsylvania colleges is not accurate. A brother writes us saying that the class of '92 at Dickinson numbers 50.—  
ED. SHIELD.

The establishment of a fifth Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta occurred at the Northwestern University, October 13th. About twelve young ladies were initiated under very auspicious circumstances by the Beta Chapter, of Ann Arbor, Mich.

We learn from the daily press that the co-education sentiment is growing, if annex departments represent this principle in education, for Columbia College has followed the example of Harvard and admitted women to instruction in its courses.

Wellesley College opened with two hundred freshmen this year, and had turned away many because of the lack of room. The Wellesley girls are now seven hundred strong. The college has enlarged the number in its faculty, and is starting earnestly forth on the year's work.

The ninth bi-ennial convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma was held in Minneapolis, beginning August 21st. The business session opened Wednesday, at 9 A. M. Delegates were present from each of the twenty-one chapters. The resident chapter and visiting members swelled the number to more than sixty. \* \* \* The convention of '90 goes to Epsilon Chapter, Illinois Wesleyan University. Phi, Boston University, retains the publication of the *Key*. The song book is to be published under Chi's direction, and the catalogue and semi-annuals are to be in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

The seventh annual convention of the  $A \Phi$  fraternity was held with the Alpha Chapter, of Syracuse University, at their chapter house, October 11th to 13th. \* \* The sessions were occupied with the usual routine of business, the reports showing  $A \Phi$  to be in a prosperous condition. Business meetings were held on Friday and Saturday, when the convention adjourned formally to convene the second Thursday of October, 1889, with the Eta Chapter of Boston University. On Thursday evening, the tables were spread in the parlors of the chapter house for the convention banquet. \* \* One conspicuous decoration was a large basket of roses, presented by the gentlemen of  $\Phi K \Psi$  fraternity.

The forty second convention of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity was held on October 24th and 25th, with the Central Alumni Association, at Cincinnati. The business sessions were held on the morning of each day. On the afternoon of the 25th a reception was given the delegates by the Queen City Club, and in the evening they visited the Centennial Exposition, which has been in progress during the past three months. It had been previously announced in the city papers that the delegates would visit the exposition, and they found a large audience assembled in

Music Hall, which is included in the grounds, to listen to speeches and college songs from them. On the next afternoon an invitation was accepted from Messrs. Procter & Gamble, manufacturers of ivory soap, to visit their factories at Ivorydale, Mr. Gamble being a member of the fraternity. In the evening was held the banquet at the Burnet House.

The Delta Upsilon convention was held in the Stillman House, Cleveland, Ohio, October 24th, 25th and 26th. The delegates were very hospitably entertained by the Adelbert Chapter and the Cleveland Alumni Association. All the chapters were represented. Rev. Arthur C. Ludlow, of Cleveland, presided over the convention. On Thursday evening a large and pleasant reception was held in the parlors of the Stillman House, where greetings were exchanged and past incidents of college and fraternity life were related. On Tuesday evening the public exercises were held in the First Presbyterian church, the oration being delivered by Dr. George Thomas Dowling, Madison, '72. Among the officers elected for the following year were the Hon. Joseph O'Connor, editor of the Rochester *Democrat and Chronicle*, president; Rev. S. T. Ford, of this city, acting president. The Syracuse chapter was represented by seven men, of whom Messrs Chapman and Somerville were the regular delegates. The next convention of Delta Upsilon will be held with the Syracuse chapter.—*University News*.



## Miscellany.

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Resolutions passed by Virginia Beta Chapter,  $\Phi$   $\Kappa$   $\Psi$ , on the death of

**JAMES W. WARWICK BIAS.**

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to call from his earthly labor to his Heavenly reward our beloved brother, James W. Warwick Bias; and,

WHEREAS, The fraternity at large, and Virginia Beta Chapter especially, has suffered a great loss in the decease; and,

WHEREAS, We desire to record the feeling of our loss; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That while we bow in humble submission to the Divine will, we deeply deplore the death of our beloved brother.

*Resolved*, That in him we have lost one who was greatly instrumental in building up our chapter, and whose memory will ever be cherished.

*Resolved*, That in him we always found a true friend and brother.

*Resolved*, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to them and to THE SHIELD.

S. G. ANSPACH, }  
 C. R. WATSON, } *Committee.*  
 JAS. QUARLES, }

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Clark—"Well, I will declare! Smithers, how you have picked up lately." Smithers—"Yes, yes! things were bad enough with me a little while back, but I happened to run across the advertisement of B. F. Johnson & Co., of Richmond, Va., and they put me in position to make money right along. If you know of anybody else needing employment, here is their name and address."

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## FAVORITE SOCIETIES.

*Suggested by the September Century.*

With the character of a cosmopolitan the American often combines the instincts of a villager. Sincerely national in his opinions of America, he is frequently provincial in his opinions of Americans. The local associations of his youth dominate the judgment of his manhood. So many intelligent men utterly fail in their conception of the West and Northwest. In the East denominational schools and eleemosynary institutions have grown to be great colleges after many years. In the West wealthy commonwealths have generously endowed their State Universities, and have made them great in a generation. The developments in student life have kept pace with the growth of the colleges. Eastern college men can not realize all this, and imagine that because Harvard boasts two hundred and fifty years, the University of Wisconsin must be as ancient before it takes rank as a great institution of learning. A member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity from Yale has an article on "College Fraternities" in the *September Century*. It is to be regretted that the writer of so excellent a sketch has permitted himself to be governed by habits of thought acquired in his college youth.

Speaking of his own fraternity and its traditional allies, Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi, he modestly says:

*"While certain smaller fraternities are favorites in certain parts of the country, all barriers are rapidly disappearing before these favorite societies in their march toward representation at all the important colleges of the country."*

This statement is incorrect in fact and unfair in inference, in the judgment of many thousands of students and graduates. It would be unjust to equally worthy fraternities to permit so sweeping an assertion to go unchallenged in so high a court as the *Century*. These fraternities are

known among undergraduates as "Eastern Fraternities." The water runs into the Mississippi from the roofs of but three colleges in which his "favorite societies" are located. They have only one chapter on the Pacific Coast. Even in Pennsylvania they touch but two colleges. All three are almost entirely confined to New England and New York. Alpha Delta Phi has but three chapters which are not located in New England or New York. Psi Upsilon has the same number.  $\Delta K E$  has but five west of Pittsburgh and north of Mason and Dixon's line. To declare that "all barriers are disappearing" before such organizations is simply nonsense. The centre of population in the United States is near Louisville. Most of the people of this country live in the Valley of the Mississippi. Mr. Porter's "favorite societies" are essentially "Eastern Fraternities." The great West is not even a promised land to them.

Nor does the class of colleges they have entered justify Mr. Porter's conclusion. Certainly no one can claim that Hamilton College of New York, Colby, Middlebury, Bowdoin, Trinity, Rochester, and Union outrank Northwestern and the universities of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Ohio, Indiana, and Kansas. In their own territory the favorites find Phi Psi, Chi Phi and Zeta Psi formidable rivals, while Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi, Delta Phi and Delta Psi excel them in wealth and exclusiveness.

Of the twenty-seven illustrations which adorn the September *Century* fraternity article, but eight are of the so-called leaders, nineteen belong to rival organizations. This indicates a few "barriers." And he has never heard of the Phi Kappa Psi chapter-house at the University of the Pacific, or the Zeta Psi lodge at the University of California, once said to be the finest Greek-letter society building in the world. He gives a list of distinguished gentlemen whose names grace the muster-rolls of his favorites. Of these James A. Garfield is the most famous, and everybody knows that he was neither Psi U., Alpha Delta nor Deke, but a Delta Upsilon. Whitney, Storrs, and Stedman, too, are claimed by rival organizations. If he had regarded other eastern Greeks as worthy of his attention, he might have added to his list John J. Ingalls, President of the Senate, Melville W. Fuller, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Senator Frye, Sunset Cox, and other names as illustrious—all members of rivals of the favorites.

Yet it is to the western fraternities Mr. Porter seems most unjust in an article which should have been fair to all. His list of the distinguished sons of "favorite societies" contains no names more illustrious than can be furnished by western fraternities, who are, I presume, "favorites in particular localities." The western Greeks, who are not worthy his

attention, have given to literature Lew Wallace and Ben Hur, Edward Eggleston and the Hoosier Schoolmaster, Will Carleton, James Whitcomb Riley, and Robert Burdette. They have contributed to scholarship the names of John W. White of Harvard, Young of Princeton, Watson of Ann Arbor, Bascom, and Dolbear. Their Oliver P. Morton is gone; but these western fraternities can still point to sons who are not unknown—Benjamin Harrison, by the gracious favor of the American people soon to be President of these United States, Foraker, Hoadley, McDonald, Voorhees, Vilas, Vance, Blackburn, Jenks, Tom Browne, Porter, and Beaver. He mentions five fraternity judges of the Supreme Court, but forgets to add that at least three are from western fraternities. It is a well established fact that as far as political honors are concerned what are known as western fraternities have surpassed their brothers of the eastern societies.

I have called attention to the circumscribed limits of Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, and Delta Kappa Epsilon. We will note the area occupied by three western fraternities and compare, that we may decide which class is most “rapidly marching toward representation in all the best colleges.”

Beta Theta Pi has chapters in forty-nine colleges, the list extending from Maine to California, from Wisconsin to Texas, and has initiated over 7,000 men. This fraternity possibly has entered some colleges from which it would prefer to withdraw, but it knows that noble men often spring from humble schools. It is to its credit that in the day of its success Beta Theta Pi has not forgotten the friends of its youth. Phi Delta Theta has sixty-six chapters, most of them located in institutions of high rank. The enrollment is 900 in college and a total of 5,360. The rapidity of its extension is unparalleled. Though it has made it impossible that it should find the best material in all cases, the fraternity has secured a footing which will be improved. Phi Kappa Psi has thirty-five chapters, extending from the Hudson to the Pacific, from Minnesota to Mississippi. There are more than 5,000 Phi Psis, about 500 of whom are present undergraduates. In general excellence these fraternities compare very favorably with Mr. Porter’s “favorites.” In robust life, in comprehension of the possibilities of the future, in reaching every section of the country they far excel them. Especially is the difference in their methods shown by their magazines. In its prime the *Star and Crescent* of Alpha Delta Phi consisted of forty pages and appeared four times a year. The *Diamond* of Psi Upsilon appeared quarterly, and sometimes printed as high as seventy-six pages. These journals were all established long after the western fraternities had published similar magazines. The *Star and*

*Crescent* and *The Diamond*, both dating from 1880, were never equal to their rivals, and long since lapsed into "innocuous desuetude." If there has been a resurrection it is recent, and they have not removed their grave clothes and come into the light. These periodicals are intermittent. In gentlemanly courtesy the *Δ K E Quarterly* is unsurpassed. In literary finish it stands first among Greek magazines. It lacks, however, one essential feature of a successful fraternity journal—it often appears without chapter letters, and a fraternity paper without news from the chapters is Hamlet unhamleted.

The *Beta Theta Pi* appears quarterly, and contains from eighty to ninety pages. It is now in its sixteenth volume. The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta is publishing its thirteenth volume, and sends out forty-eight pages every month. THE SHIELD of Phi Kappa Psi appears every month with forty-eight pages and is in its ninth volume. As to the value of THE SHIELD, Mr. Porter's own fraternity magazine, the *Δ K E Quarterly*, says in its issue of January, 1887:

In the amount, quality, and literary finish of the good work done by its editor and contributors, including chapter correspondents, during the year past, THE SHIELD is in the first rank of our exchanges. It would be easy to fill half this issue of the *Quarterly* with valuable matter of general Greek interest clipped from its pages; and in the matter especially devoted to its own fraternity it is not less conspicuous. The carefully edited exchange department is one of the best of the Greek press.

The *Scroll* is particularly noticeable for the vast array of chapter correspondence from all parts of the Union. In general fraternity information and sustained interest the *Beta Theta Pi* is not excelled. It is but simple justice to say that the present SHIELD is the most carefully and systematically edited fraternity magazine in the land. These three are the oldest of the well-sustained journals. They represent the largest of the western fraternities. The culture of their editors, the healthy vigor of the fraternities which sustain them, the magnificent array of chapters behind them, the long line of scholarly and manly alumni who remember them with affection, their well-fortified strongholds in the West and South will prove formidable "barriers" to the "favorite societies" of a gentleman who has so far forgotten the courtesy due rivals as to permit himself to use the pages of the *Century* to "spike" bucolic freshmen.

In many respects Phi Gamma Delta is fully equal to the fraternities I have used as examples. The *Sigma Chi* is in many respects as good a magazine as the best. Delta Tau Delta is rapidly approaching the leaders, and for some ten years has made *The Rambow* and its predecessor, *The Crescent*, first-class journals. Delta Upsilon and its *Quarterly* have never

found any difficulty in keeping the "favorites" busy. Modest and business-like Theta Delta Chi always holds her own, while off to the South Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Sigma Nu are building castles to stand forever. I have used Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, and Phi Kappa Psi, because I happen to have at hand more complete information as to them than as to the others, and because they are, I believe, the largest of the western fraternities. I have referred to them as "western," because this distinction is often made by their eastern rivals. However, it is but fair to say that they reach nearly every section of this country, while they have almost entirely held as their own the old and wealthy colleges of the great eastern State of Pennsylvania, and hotly contest for the leadership in New York. The Greek-letter chapters at Harvard and Yale are unworthy the name. The Psi Upsilon *Diamond* once said:

The Greek-letter societies at Harvard are small and but little heard of amid the more important and older literary and social organizations. The first of them is a feeder to the Hasty Pudding Club, and its honored badge is chiefly valued as an ornament to the student's room, and certainly not as a symbol of membership in a brotherly fraternity. The same is true of the Yale chapters. They are mere class clubs and dwindle into insignificance when compared with "Bones" and "Keys."

Such precedence as Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, and Delta Kappa Epsilon hold at the minor colleges of New England is more than outweighed by the high standing of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, and Phi Kappa Psi and the rest in Pennsylvania and the great universities of the West and Northwest. Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, Garfield, Harrison, fished in streams whose waters run to the Gulf of Mexico. So did Jefferson Davis and Lamar. It may as well be understood that the Lion of the tribe of Judah long ago pitched his tent in the Valley of the Mississippi. Eastern Greeks can never hope to enter western colleges on an equal footing with the established chapters of the societies they have pleasantly termed western. You may go down from the mountain, gentlemen. The Lord has given this land to another people.

Mr. Porter's article was an admirable one, and gave non-fraternity readers an idea of fraternities. When he writes again he should remember that there were kings before Agamemnon, colleges west of the Alleghenies. He should have at least a speaking acquaintance with Greek life in the West. He had ample time to inform himself. Nearly if not quite three years have passed since it was announced with flourish of trumpets that he was preparing an article for the *Century*. And after all his sketch is merely to show the alleged superiority of certain local societies! The line of battle displayed does not justify the resounding

proclamation. He has failed to give us one line on western fraternity development. His favorites occupy ancient and honorable institutions of learning. The fond memories of years cluster about them. "It is a small college, but there are those who love it," said Daniel Webster of Dartmouth. I honor the man who honors his alma mater. We of the West honor our own. This country is too great to be cribbed, cabined, coffined and confined by any three Greek societies. The *Century* ought not give its opinions without even looking beyond the Alleghenies. Mr. Porter should inform himself as to the conditions of college life in the West, and should find a better use for the *Century* than to make it serve as a "spike." To his mind the trans-montane country is a terra incognita. To him the Rocky Mountains are as distant as the Pillars of Hercules. To him state universities—born in the purple—are as high schools. To him the Valley of the Mississippi is about as important as the ravine down which the Merrimac has meandered for countless generations.

E. C. LITTLE.

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**TO PHI KAPPA PSI.**

BY PHILIP PHILLIPS, JR.

Our hearts bound together, our hands joined as one,  
 United in purpose our race will we run.  
 We're brothers in sorrow and brothers in mirth,  
 At the shrine of our Order our joy found its birth.  
 Then up with thy banner now floating so high,  
 Yet upward and onward our Phi Kappa Psi.  
 And while we have strength we will ever love thee,  
 And look to thy honor and fight valiantly.

Like a star in the heaven thy beauty doth shine,  
 Thy lustre is matchless; the onslaught of time  
 Undimmed leaves thy glory, unscarred leaves thy shield,  
 Thou art victorious in each battle field.  
 Then up with thy banner now floating so high,  
 Yet upward and onward our Phi Kappa Psi;  
 And while we have strength we will ever love thee,  
 And look to thy honor and fight valiantly.

And when in the struggle of life we take part,  
 When troubles assail and we almost lose heart,  
 Then brother to brother will offer his aid,  
 Till the victory is won, and the darkness will fade.  
 Then up with thy banner now floating so high,  
 Yet upward and onward our Phi Kappa Psi;  
 March on in thy beauty and ever be clear  
 The star of our Order, so cherished and dear.

## The Areopagus.

### FRATERNITY EXTENSION.

As the question of fraternity extension is now agitating Phi Kappa Psi, we wish to call attention to an article which appeared some time since in the *Orient* of Bowdoin College: "There are about twenty-five non-society men in college, a fact significant of one of two things. Either Bowdoin societies are changing, and are determined to become as several years ago, not wholly and exclusively Greek, or else another fraternity will soon establish a chapter here, there now being material enough here for a good chapter." This in connection with an article which appeared some time ago in the editorial columns of the *Wesleyan Argus*, in which the writer advocates the advisability of another fraternity chapter at Wesleyan, stating that there is plenty of good material and a general desire upon the part of other chapters for the establishment of another good fraternity. This, we think, gives an opportunity for some work upon the part of Phi Kappa Psi, not only at Wesleyan and Bowdoin, but also at Williams and Columbia, where there are excellent openings for chapters of our fraternity, if only the proper amount of enthusiasm and executive ability be displayed. There is no substantial reason why we should not have chapters at these institutions, and the sooner the better. While we do not distinguish between the East and West at all, we believe that these institutions of high grade in the East should be entered by Phi Kappa Psi, at the same time that we establish and sustain good chapters in the best institutions of the West.

I do not believe in extension unless the very best institutions are added to our chapter roll. It is a significant fact that there are many such colleges and universities in both East and West, which would easily support a good, live chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, and are waiting only for investigation. I do not at all sympathize with the pessimistic views which seem to be held by many members of the fraternity. Judging from the past history of the fraternity, we have no reason to believe but that Phi Kappa Psi can establish such chapters, which will prove to be an honor to the fraternity.

F. N. BURRITT.

Syracuse, Dec. 6, 1888.

**THE GRAND CATALOGUE.**

The catalogue work is progressing satisfactorily, though not at great speed. The hearty co-operation and assistance from all the New York and Pennsylvania chapters has been most encouraging. The chapters in the other states will find it necessary to be both very energetic and very prompt if they excel the brothers in the states named. I believe that the Pennsylvania and New York chapters have reason to be proud of their records, and I trust every other chapter will have just as much reason. I desire to offer a few more suggestions, but before doing so it may be well to state that up to date, Dec. 13th, no proofs have been sent to chapters except in the two states named. Some of the B. G.'s, with commendable interest, have written me asking whether their proofs had been sent, and stating that none had been received. I expect to take up the remaining chapters in the following order: Virginia, District of Columbia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, California. A majority of these chapters are small in comparison with the Pennsylvania chapters, and the proofs will be furnished much more rapidly than heretofore.

1. In a few of the chapters, the manuscript or "copy," as printers call it, will be sent in a few days to either B. G.'s or alumni for correction before being placed in the hands of the printers. This is done to avoid trouble and expense after the type is set. Printers' time is valuable, and it costs money to make corrections and additions after the type is set. In reading the proofs I shall be obliged if the B. G.'s and others reading proofs will remember this matter of expense. Of course I expect and desire that all necessary corrections will be made, but matters of small importance should not be written on the proofs.

2. Again permit me to remind the brothers to be prompt in returning proofs. If I say the proofs must be returned in five days, do not keep them ten days, and compel me to write or telegraph for you to hurry. After a chapter's record is set up in type and made up into pages, the pages are stereotyped, and it is absolutely necessary that the stereotyping be done as soon as possible, so that the type may be used for other chapters.

3. Be sure not to omit any Phi Psi in good standing from the record. Every initiate's name must appear in the catalogue unless he has been legally expelled or has legally resigned. If a man's address is not known, it will not do to drop his name for that reason. His name, if nothing more, must appear. Some of the best Phi Psis I ever knew have been so unfortunate as to be classed among the lost, when they still had a warm

interest in Phi Kappa Psi, and would have regretted exceedingly to see their names dropped from their fraternity's roll. If, however, a man has resigned or has been expelled, he should, by all means, be dropped from the lists.

4. Some of the chapters are slow in sending the records of initiates. I have read in THE SHIELD of numerous initiates whose records have not been sent to me. Any B. G. needing blanks will obtain them by applying to me. These records should be sent without further delay.

5. In correcting proofs write plainly, and do not use fraternity symbols or Greek letters.

6. In all cities of more than 15,000 inhabitants, the street and number of every brother should be given. I trust all the chapters will attend to this matter. If your proofs have been read, and your chapter's record stereotyped, there is still a chance for you. In the back part of the catalogue there will be a geographical index, giving the names of the brothers by states and cities. In this index the exact address of every brother should be given. This index will not be set up in type till the last moment in order to have all corrections made up to the date of the appearance of the catalogue. If every chapter will attend to this matter, the work will not be very difficult. Say, for example, a brother lives in Chicago. That's a big town, and it is not very satisfactory to read in a catalogue that John Brown lives in Chicago. So if Brown is on your list, drop a line to Bro. T. R. Weddell, care *Inter-Ocean*, Chicago, and ask for Brown's exact address. You'll be sure to get a prompt answer. So it goes. If there is a city of over 15,000 inhabitants where you don't know a Phi Psi who can assist you, drop me a postal, and you can depend upon me to furnish you a name. If you are living in a city, I take for granted that you have learned how valuable a directory is when correct and how exasperating when incorrect. Thus it will be with our catalogue. We want to have it so correct that, no matter how large a city is, a Phi Psi can be found easily with the assistance of the catalogue.

7. Now a word to the chapters whose proofs have been read. You have seen your proofs and know what the imperfections are. Please do not think that your work is done, and that all remaining is to wait for the catalogue, and then lapse into inactivity concerning catalogue matters until, five or ten years hence, another committee is appointed to arouse the slumbering Phi Psis, hunt up the missing, and prepare another catalogue. We might as well—all of us—make up our minds now that, if the Phi Kappa Psi is to keep in the lead among the Greeks, she can not afford to neglect her record. The matter of especial importance, between now

and the time of the publication of the catalogue, is for all chapters to keep posted in regard to the addresses of alumnus. Hunt up those whose addresses are now not known, and keep your eyes on those whose present addresses are known, so that changes may be recorded. I think it would be a good plan for every chapter to divide its alumni among the active members, giving each active member his share of the alumni to watch and report all changes of addresses. Then, at every meeting between now and the time of the appearance of the catalogue, let every G. P. call on the members of the chapter for information concerning the alumni assigned to them. I would like to have all changes, collected up to January 30th, forwarded to me at that time, instead of sending a change or two at a time.

GEORGE SMART.



## Editorial.

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We have been annoyed, exasperated, "and so following," by the irregularities of the U. S. mails. During a year or more we have had complaints coming to us again and again regarding the non-arrival of *THE SHIELD*, when it had been dispatched from the post-office where it is registered promptly and regularly month after month.

We hope that readers of *THE SHIELD* will not fail to report promptly any failure to receive their copies, and we shall be glad to furnish duplicates so long as the supply lasts.

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WHILE we are on this question of the mailing facilities of our journal, we wish to offer a suggestion. Would it not be far better for each chapter to have a box into which their mail could be put and called for by the proper officer of the chapter each time communications are received? We had a complaint from a chapter that the September issue only reached its destination a week or ten days ago. This trouble might have been obviated by the plan suggested. For many reasons the Corresponding Secretaries are changing, and it is no small matter to keep addresses straight, especially if the information is tardily received, or is imbedded in the midst of a chapter letter.

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Readers of *THE SHIELD*, in and out of the fraternity, will peruse with interest and kindling enthusiasm the ringing protest of our talented predecessor, E. C. Little,

in this issue to the supercilious effort of Mr. Porter in the *Century* magazine on College Fraternities.

Bro. Little's pen has lost none of its incisiveness, and while not occupied in exhortation and criticism for THE SHIELD it evidently has not been allowed to rust.

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WE have never formulated a policy, but feel like saying to our readers that we have solicited the contributions of some of the brightest and brainiest men in the fraternity for "leading" articles during the remainder of this volume, and it behooves the active membership of  $\phi \kappa \psi$  to see that they get the widest circulation possible among the alumni.

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PERIODICALLY our contemporaries in various quarters advocate the formation of chapter libraries, and reference to the Spirit of the Fraternity Press of this issue will suffice to show  $\phi \psi$ s what attention is just now being given to the matter by our rivals.

Every  $\phi \psi$  ought to read and ponder the lengthy extract from that magnificent example of Greek journalism, *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*. We need exhortation badly on the subject of this editorial as well, although we have under our new constitution an officer whose specific duty it is to do much if not quite all that is recommended by our distinguished contemporary.

We know a chapter of  $\phi \kappa \psi$ , in the halcyon days of the graceless past, which did not keep a record of initiates, kept no regular minutes of meetings, and frequently failed to collect initiation and other dues. Such a thing as a file of  $\phi \kappa \psi$  publications alone was undreamed of, and even to this day we seriously question whether a file of THE SHIELD is to be found with this chapter for the volumes since 1882. Can any man become intelligent on fraternity

affairs who does not familiarize himself with the literature of his own organization?

So lax were we once that a fugitive copy of either the *Phi Kappa Psi Journal* or *Phi Kappa Psi Quarterly* is as rare a thing as one would well wish to see, and yet it is scarce a dozen years since the last journal existed.

We have come out into a brighter day in our ways of fraternity living, but we ought to have in every chapter a well-defined scheme for the collection of books, pamphlets, souvenirs of banquets and other  $\phi \psi$  gatherings, somewhat after the manner suggested by the *Scroll*.

We heartily second the suggestion therein made, and feel all the more like emphasizing it when we remember that we have chapters that for years have pursued such a plan and now have collections invaluable to  $\phi \psi$ s.

Let us at once begin to emulate the chapters in our fraternity which have shown care in collecting archives, and if we have not done so we ought to begin at once to subscribe for an extra copy of THE SHIELD to go into the new library. Would it not be well to begin by sending for the May issue of last volume, containing an account of the Washington G. A. C., and perpetuate the custom by leaving a standing order through all the volumes of our journal so long as it shall last? We have of the issue of May, 1888, and since, perhaps enough to supply all the chapters, if this important matter has been neglected.

If you have not already done so, subscribe at once for a copy of THE SHIELD as a chapter.

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We have read in both the religious and secular papers alarming accounts of the recent Yale-Princeton contest of football at the Polo Grounds in New York City. We were not there, and can not deliver any *ex cathedra* opinion as to the truth or falsity of the charges so freely bruited

of excessive drunkenness on the part of the college boys present as spectators, from the respective institutions represented in the athletic contest, nor the equally loud asseverations that these young men were for the most part bummers and gamblers, nor for the brutality exhibited by the players.

But we do think that as a representative journal of the great societies, whose chief end and aim it is to make young college men better and to advance the cause of higher education, it is our duty to call a halt on the romancing of secular newspapers and the inane moralizings of dyspeptic divines, who prophesy our rapid progress toward the "demnition bow-wows," because foot-ball, base-ball and other manly sports occasionally result in spilling some blood and the abrasion of a few square inches of cuticle.

A distinguished clergyman of the largest Protestant denomination in this country, in the leading paper of his church, closes an article on College Athletics and College Morals with the remarkable exhortation :

"I can not resist the conviction that the college, great or small, that with wisdom or firmness will take its stand on the high Christian platform of avowed and persistent opposition to all forms of college athletics, and to all other college practices as well that are strongly demoralizing in their tendencies will ultimately win."

The inference from the article, whose concluding paragraph is quoted from, is that foot-ball, base-ball and boating contests are of the "strongly demoralizing" class. The dear public, with its customary stupidity, drink with one gulp, without a questioning qualm, the sensational accounts which penny-a-liners dish up with high seasoning for our daily papers, and readily believe regarding college boys and their escapades that which they would indignant-

ly repudiate or heartily laugh at if spoken of their political party or leaders.

If one were to credit the solemn prognostications of our reverend critics, the average American college boy lacks only the cloven-hoof and tail to make a creditable Mephisto, or exterior repulsiveness to rival Caliban. Here and there some straight-limbed, clear-eyed servant of God, with a ruddy complexion and sound digestion, shows how he regards the American boy and his tastes, by taking up the cudgels in his defense against the ever-recurring slanders on the habits and tastes of students at our educational institutions.

We could name, if we chose, college after college where unwarranted interference, on the part of the authorities, has so crushed the spirit of the students in their efforts to develop athletic sports, that gymnasias organized and built with student capital, die for the lack of patronage. Lawn-tennis is now becoming tabooed as too boisterous, and who knows but that that ministerial solace, poor obsolete croquet, will next meet the frown of disapproval?

The American boy has lost much of that sturdy endurance which his English cousins, trained in the games and athletic exercises that are so fostered and encouraged abroad, still retains, and the disposition on the part of authorities should be rather to develop athletic enterprises than to thwart plans for their upbuilding.

We presume there is a modicum of truth about the sensational stuff that fills our papers, regarding the brutality of combatants in foot-ball games, and drunkenness and gambling undoubtedly follow in the wake of the great games that attract crowds to the city, where, occasionally, such contests take place. The policy which condemns athletic contests wholesale, because of these disturbances, finds a ready parallel in the savage critic who condemns

all church enterprises, because of the church-fair lottery devices that here and there appear to entrap the unwary. As a Christian man, we should fear to encourage the same spirit of unreason in dealing with much other church work. Because a weak-minded soul breaks down under the strain of religious excitement now and then, good men do not relax their evangelistic efforts, even though in unfortunate instances death sometimes supervenes as the result of such frenzied feeling.

A more rational spirit ought to pervade the minds of college authorities, on the subject of athletic sports, and we can think of no better way to bring this state of things about than to man our faculties and boards of trustees with lusty rushers and fielders.

More brawn, even if it mean less brain, in these bodies of governing officers would result in one generation in turning out stronger, more vigorous and more useful men than we now send forth to grapple with the awful problems of life in American communities.

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We invite discussion of the question that ever recurs, and which will not be suppressed—extension. Shall  $\phi K \Psi$  extend? When? Where? How? There is danger in conservatism; there are perils in precipitancy. In the past we have had paroxysms of the latter complaint, and for some years have inclined strongly toward the former principle.

Is admission into first-class institutions, where the ground is not now fully occupied, wise, unless we can go in at once on an equal footing with older rivals? Is this often possible?

We have made some excellent moves since we have been under the centralized form of government. Are we ready and willing to make more of the same sort? Have we not enough to occupy our attention within our ranks

as we are at present constituted? All these are questions that are constantly coming into the minds of  $\phi \psi$ 's and are such as demand attention and disposition.

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If we mistake not the signs of the times, fraternities everywhere are upon the eve of mighty strides of onward movement. The hostility of faculties, which well-nigh paralyzed development for many years during the seventies, has now quite generally changed to friendliness and active co-operation. This is as it should be.

Here, there and everywhere the building of permanent homes, with all the solidifying and anchoring influences which ownership in valuable property possesses, is meeting with attention, and chapters which ten years ago in their wildest dreams did not dare hope for such a thing as a house of their own, are establishing sinking funds, and seeking investments for their accumulations, until such time as their means will justify building.

The idea of intimate and brotherly companionship is fast driving out the club principle, or the literary society development, and in the time to come, and that at a not very remote period, the great institutions will be fertile soil for the best forms of Greek-letter societies. We do not mean that societies will multiply, there are enough now, but fraternities will scatter their chapters more, and as the country gets older the vague West will be harder to find than at present, and the growth of great educational institutions in every section will withdraw from the great eastern centres much of the patronage that has enabled them to maintain their prestige so long.

$\phi K \psi$  wants to be in the van of any forward movement, and we think the most earnest effort ought to be made from now till April in each chapter to become intelligent on this and other topics of interest, so that when we meet in District Councils we shall be able to accomplish the most good for our dear fraternity.

## Chapter Letters.

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### ALLEGHENY.

We pause upon the threshold of the closing term's examinations to give Pennsylvania Beta a representation in the December SHIELD. We have much to feel proud of in reviewing the history of our chapter during the past college term. Our festive goat has not been altogether idle as some of our envious rivals must admit. We take pleasure in presenting to the fraternity our latest initiate, Bro. Clarence Miller, Meadville, Pennsylvania. Brother Miller comes from Beaver Falls College and enters the junior class. He has already finely established himself in the popularity and friendship of his fellow students, but after a calm survey of the field, joined  $\Phi \text{ K } \Psi$  as the fraternity of his choice. Starting out with ten men we close the term's work with fifteen, and can now "rest on our oars" and quietly await the developments of the future, ever watchful for an opportunity to benefit both chapter and fraternity. It is rumored that  $\text{B } \Theta \text{ II}$  will soon establish a chapter at Allegheny, but knowing, as we do, that there is no material here at present for the support of another fraternity, the rumor certainly can not be well grounded.

The editors of the *Kaldron* are hard at work, and the coming edition of '90 bids fair to outstrip the efforts of '89. We have several copies of last year's *Kaldron* on hand, and would be pleased to exchange with any of our sister chapters who so desire.

The following is the numerical standing of the fraternities here at the close of the term:  $\Phi \text{ T } \Delta$ , 17;  $\Phi \text{ K } \Psi$ , 15;  $\Phi \text{ A } \Theta$ , 14;  $\Delta \text{ T } \Delta$ , 13;  $\Sigma \text{ A } \text{E}$ , 10;  $\text{K A } \Theta$ , 11;  $\text{K K } \Gamma$ , 5.

A local society, consisting of six members, has recently been organized under the name of Kappa Tau Sigma.

Our officers have been elected and installed as follows: Brothers Laffer, G. P.; Bray, P.; Ed. Porter, A. G.; Cattern, B. G.; Silliman, S. G.; Byers, H.

In the Fiske declamation contest of Allegheny Literary Society, which will be held next term, Pennsylvania Beta will be ably represented by Brothers Bray, Porter and Barrett. Bro. C. C. Laffer has been elected Ladder Orator of the senior class.

Our Quintette Club with humorist, now known as the Allegheny College Glee and Guitar Club, gave their initial concert Thanksgiving night at Franklin, Pennsylvania. The boys scored a brilliant success, receiving very flattering press notices and every number on their programme being *encored*. The Club

will leave for Ohio December 13th on their vacation tour, which will include ten or twelve engagements. We close with a Christmas greeting to the fraternity and THE SHIELD.

FRANK A. CATTERN.

Meadville, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1888.

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**BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.**

Since the opening of the present collegiate year, fraternity spirit has been running exceedingly high among the "neutrals." An effort was made to present an application to Δ Υ for a charter, but owing to its prime mover going into another frat., the matter fell through. Headed by a sophomore and freshman, a petition is now in readiness to be presented to Α Τ Ω for the establishment of a chapter at Bucknell. We fear very much that this scheme will also be scattered to the "four winds of the universe," since all the available fraternity material has been gathered in by the already established chapters. In the upper classes but five men remain who are not connected with any inter-collegiate secret society, and these men are all in sympathy with the oldest established frat. at B. U., so the Α Τ Ω petitioner need not expect any material from this source. A request for a charter coming from the two lower classes would hardly meet with any approval. Bucknell could very readily support a new fraternity, but the attitude of two of the frats. here would not be agreeable to the new organization, since the appearance of the latter would mean a permanent suppression and entire frustration of the political scheming and wire-pulling on the part of the former.

The secret society fever became so contagious at Bucknell that it crept beyond the pale of the college campus, and one morning, on awakening, we were surprised to learn that it had become an epidemic at the "Fem Sem" over the way. Β Π Α, Α Θ and Π Φ now flaunt their colors to the breeze, and are recognized as sororities that have come to stay. We accidently learned that the fair Alpha Thets are about petitioning some inter-academic sorority for a charge.

It is with much regret that we announce that Bro. Clayton Bennett will be compelled to lay aside his studies after the holidays, owing to ill health.

Bro. Harry Haslam, who is settling up the estate of his uncle, writes that he will be with us soon.

J. H. Hyslon, Ph. D., a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, has been secured to fill the chair of Metaphysics. Dr. Hyslon will assume his duties next term. G. G. Groff, M. D., LL. D., still continues as acting president of the university.

A merry Christmas and happy New Year to THE SHIELD and all Phi Psis.

W. C. GRETZINGER.

Lewisburg, Dec. 5, 1888.

## DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania Zeta sends Christmas greetings to all her sisters, and best wishes for the New Year. May 1889 be a *New Year* in prosperity for the fraternity, and may it grow in activity and influence, and may brotherly love be supreme in all the chapters!

We had a delightful time at our Thanksgiving banquet, which was held in the lower room of the fraternity hall. The toasts were as follows:

Freshman Class,	Brother EVELAND, '92.
Sophomore " "	" BOYER, '91.
Junior " "	" PEARCE, '90.
Senior " "	" BLACK, '89.
Alumni, - -	" ANDERSON, '88.
General Fraternity,	" MORGAN, '78.

The remarks of Professor Morgan were particularly interesting, especially those in reference to the "East and West."

Brother Wharton, formerly of '89, now of the College of Commerce, Philadelphia, and Brother Illingworth, '91, made short speeches.

We have had quite a number of alumni with us in the last month. Besides the Brothers Vale, Wharton, Anderson and Meloy, before mentioned, Brother Ashley, '88, Bro. Abram Strite, '82, and Bro. Peyton Brown, '82, made short calls. Brother Brown is editor of the *Austin Daily Statesman*, Austin, Texas. This is his first visit to college since his graduation, but none of the old Phi Psi zeal has waned. He was only too glad to subscribe to THE SHIELD, besides adding very materially to our furniture fund, which, by the way, is growing slowly, and any additions would be appreciated, to say the least.

We are trying to refurnish our chapter hall as fast as the money comes in, and have so far added new chairs and a lounge to the parlor, and entirely remodeled the initiation room. We want new curtains and a new carpet before we will be entirely comfortable, and not ashamed to welcome any brother to our home.

Fraternity circles in college are very quiet at present, and all differences which may have arisen during the rushing season are forgotten during the time. Indeed it is a noticeable feature at Dickinson, the good-fellowship that exists between the students of the different fraternities.

The *Dickinsonian* has lately lost a valuable editor in Brother Illingworth, who has resigned his position on the staff. He was a conscientious worker, and his work was always well done. As one of our associates on the staff, we shall miss him greatly.

THE SHIELD, to us, is more interesting than ever, and has our best wishes for a prosperous year.

GEO. V. D. MORRIS.

Carlisle, Penn., December 8, 1888.

## FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Pennsylvania Eta again sends greeting to the sister chapters through THE SHIELD, and takes pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Anson F. Harrold, '91, our latest initiate. Our chapter numbers thirteen at this writing and indications point to overcoming the unlucky thirteen and making it fourteen or fifteen during the year.

Scarcely had the smoke of the great national battle died away ere another campaign is at hand. On the 8th inst., the election for anniversary orators of the Diagnothian and Goethian societies took place. Of the former society Bros. H. H. Apple and A. B. Bauman were elected anniversarian and first orator; the first and third honors of society. It is an open secret that  $\Phi \Psi$  had to contend with the combined forces of  $X \Phi$ ,  $\Delta T \Delta$  and  $\Phi K \Sigma$ . Apple and Bauman being the only seniors in college who have  $\Phi \Psi$  blood, the result of the election plainly shows that  $\Phi \Psi$  is "strong and mighty in battle."

Bro. H. L. Greenawaldt, '90, was elected salutatorian of the Goethian society.

Brother Bauman is historian of the senior class.

During vacation, which will begin on the 18th, most of the boys will be with mother, home and—their girls. Our meetings are all pleasant and we hope beneficial. It is a source of pleasure to have Brothers Bowman, '72; Hager, '87, and Dubbs, '87 with us every meeting.

A. M. SCHAFFNER.

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1888.

## LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

Although Pennsylvania Theta started in this collegiate year somewhat weakened by the loss of Brothers McDowell, Giles, and Cummins, '88, Cochran, '89, and Grier and Flickinger, '91, she still has her head above water with ten active men, and the prospect of several more from '92.

Brother McDowell is reading law at Chambersburg, Pa. His loss is lamented by the whole college, as it will be difficult to find a man to fill his position as pitcher in the base-ball team.

Brother Giles is reading law at Seaford, Delaware.

Brother Cummins is fast reaching distinction on the editorial staff of the *Wilmington News*. "Beef's" position in the foot-ball team was very ably filled this season by Brother Mackey.

Brother Fay has just finished a successful season as manager of the foot-ball team.

We are just on the eve of examinations, and the boys are all hard at work preparing for the pending struggle. As usual, our men will pull through in a way that will be creditable to them.

At a recent meeting of the chapter the following officers were elected: B. G., Frank Bailey; G. P., John W. Hoke; P., J. P. Loose; A. G., D. C. Babbitt; Ph., J. J. Patterson.

JOHN W. HOKE.

Easton, December 8, 1888.

## MADISON UNIVERSITY.

New York Epsilon opened the college year with eleven men upon her roll of active members. The freshman class numbers thirty-five. Of this number we wish to introduce six to the fraternity, who have already become true, loyal  $\Phi \Psi$ s. They are W. A. Billings, F. W. Fletcher, H. G. Gregg, S. L. Howe, F. H. King and H. N. Stoos.

Brothers Coons, Marcy, and Smith, '88, Carey, '90, and Warren, '91, have entered the Theological Seminary. Bro. F. T. Sweet, '91, has entered Rochester.

There were two additions to the faculty this fall. Dr. Eaton,  $\Sigma \Phi$ , the son of a former president and a graduate of Madison, '69, and Annapolis, '74, was detailed by the Navy Department to occupy the chair of Civil Engineering.

Prof. A. N. Cole, '84,  $B \Theta \Pi$ , was elected to fill the chair of Biology, left vacant by the death of Dr. Brooks.

Upon Professor Cole showing the needs of his department, the class of '89 raised \$500 as a class memorial to be used in purchasing apparatus in this department.

Thursday evening, Nov. 15, our king of humorists, Robert J. Burdette, delivered the first lecture of the winter course. It was with no little joy that Epsilon welcomed him to our village. After the lecture he was tendered a reception in the  $\Phi \Psi$  parlors, and along with twenty-five other loyal  $\Phi \Psi$ s he partook of a royal banquet served at the W. C. T. U. parlors.

As toastmaster Brother Burdette kept the boys in a happy mood, and dispelled every trace of melancholy, if indeed any could possibly have existed there.

The following scheme was happily rendered, interspersed with felicitous hits and witty sallies by Brother Burdette.

Poem. "Bob Burdette," - - - A. N. ALLEN.

Toast. Our Fraternity, - - - Response by D. A. MACMURRAY.

Piano Solo. Opus 14, No. 2, - - - *Beethoven.*

A. N. ALLEN.

Toast. The Girls of our Choice, - - - Response by D. F. OSGOOD.

Violin Solo. Wedding March, - - - *Mendelssohn.*

C. F. BRAMAN.

Toast. The coming men of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , - - - Response by W. J. SHOLAR.

Piano Duet. Stradella. (Flotow), - - - *Claude Melnotte.*

A. N. ALLEN and C. N. SQUIRES.

Brother Burdette ended the speech making with one of the grandest we have ever heard. And thus with song and music we stole the night till early morning bade us to desist.

FRANK H. BENNETT.

Hamilton, New York, November 20, 1888.

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.**

Virginia Alpha owes many apologies to THE SHIELD and her sister chapters for remaining silent so long ; but as Christmas is near at hand we unflinchingly cast off our mask, feeling assured that, on being recognized, a welcome, such as none but the Phi Psis can bestow, awaits us. We have labored under considerable disadvantage this year, having only five old men to battle with large numbers in sister frats for "ye festive goats." Remove in a body from any chapter such men as were Brothers Berkley, Ingle, Stires, Peters, Smith and Blackford, and see if a path strewn with roses lies before you. I hardly think so.

At our first meeting this year, Brothers Woods, Davis, Venable, Marshall and your humble servant were present, and after mourning the loss of so many valiant standard bearers of our chapter, we proceeded to discuss what would be the most efficient method for "rushing." We hastily but wisely made our plans, and, although few in number, it would be difficult to find a more determined little band, and that we were "thoroughbreds," witness the following initiates: Brothers Sanders, Va., Snunders, Va., Stephens, Ala., Boyle, N. Y., and Jones, Va. Of these gentlemen the first two are our lawyers, and a future, second only to Solon's, awaits them. The last three are cute little "Academs" worthy of all praise, but I refrain from giving a detailed account of their charms from want of space, and especially to spare them the blushes that would necessarily accompany the embarrassment on reading such an account. Consequently, it is with much pleasure that Virginia Alpha introduces these brothers to  $\Phi$   $\Kappa$   $\Psi$  at large. Brother Wolf, our nestor, returned to the university in November. He carried off the honors in the medical class last year, got his degree, and has been appointed by the faculty Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy. Even under his erudite title of M. D., Bernie is still one of the "boys," and was a few weeks ago made a member of the Eli Bananas, a society of the greatest repute in college. Success to THE SHIELD. We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

SAM. W. HOLLOWAY.

University of Virginia, Va., Dec. 10, 1888.

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**OHIO WESLEYAN.**

To an alumnus returning to the Ohio Wesleyan University at this time, the first thing noticeable would be the radical change of policy that has of late years been manifested toward the fraternity as an institution in the college. Formerly the attitude of the university authorities was antagonistic to the fraternities in every way, at one time making it a part of matriculation for a student to promise not to join a fraternity. But a change has taken place. The university has, as it were, thrown wide open the doors of admission, and stands ready to grant petitions for the establishment of one and all fraternities of the land. The anti-frat. or sore-head has about disappeared, and we are in danger of no more petitions going before the trustees for the abolishment of fraternities.

The latest arrival here is the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, with nine men. The

fraternity is chiefly Southern and not as yet firmly established in the North. We wish it success and prosperity in its career. Then Delta Upsilon is about to appear among us. The men are selected and we look for them to petition for admittance soon. Rumor also has it that Delta Kappa Epsilon is trying to get a chapter established, but prefers to have it composed entirely of men selected from the fraternities here, which is, in the language of Reddy Henderson, a "paradoxical hope." Then we hear how Psi Upsilon will soon be among us, and if we were to walk down street we could tell you on our return of some other fraternity working up a chapter here. Delta Upsilon, which will undoubtedly soon make its appearance, has been up to this time anti-secret, but by their recently revised constitution all new chapters must be secret, and the old ones will assume secrecy as soon as admissible.

Several of Ohio Alpha's members were in Springfield recently, the guests of Ohio Beta. Our boys claim they have found their model chapter of Phi Kappa Psi in Ohio Beta, and are still loud in their praise of its members and their general management of the chapter. From Brother Hiller's good chapter letters we always thought he represented a fine chapter, and now the proof is overwhelming. Hurrah for Ohio Beta.

Our college gymnasium is now a reality. The money necessary for its thorough equipment was subscribed by the students, and we will soon see the handsome structure alive with active students. We will be satisfied now if our gym. will live at least as long as did the effort which gave it birth.

This year, as usual, the seniors petitioned the faculty for the abolishment of chapel orations, but succeeded only in securing a slight change in the system. Instead of having one senior speak each evening, as formerly, we now have on every other Friday afternoon an hour and a half set apart for a special program in which about six seniors participate. This makes chapel orations of more importance, and as a consequence the senior must now devote more time and labor on his oration than before. Although these petitions for the abolishment of chapel orations have been going to the faculty every year, nevertheless each class feels duty bound to repeat the old chestnut.

We are sorry to announce the abandonment of the junior contest program. What might be an excellent feature of the literary programs each year is squelched every year by the useless and careless interferences of the faculty, who put such restrictions upon the class that it is found impossible to select a program. While they, of course, do not do so intentionally, yet the result is the same and directly owing to their own desire to do the most of the selecting.

On Thanksgiving evening Brother McElroy and sister Miss Kathleen entertained in a most enjoyable manner the Phi Psis and their girls. To say we had a good time would be putting it mildly. Brother McElroy's home is Phi Psi all over, and the goodly welcome always extended is thoroughly appreciated.

We were glad to see among us for a few days, Dr. W. M. Semans, now in charge of one of the departments of the Toledo Insane Asylum. Billy is looking well and hearty since living at the State's expense.

We will welcome back to our circle next term two old members, Brothers Ross and Phillips. Brother Ross has been out over a year and will enter the

class of '90, while Brother Phillips, who has been travelling some months abroad, will enter the class of '91.

The oratorical contest, the greatest literary feature of the year, took place last Thursday evening. Ed. H. Hughes, of Delta Tau Delta, won the first place. The decision of the judges gives universal satisfaction. Phi Kappa Psi's orator was not on. Brother Kennedy has his hands full filling engagements in readings elsewhere. We can not close without remarking the satisfactory administration of the college this term. We do not hesitate to say that under the management of Dr. McCabe there has been more faithful work done by the students, and better order and observance of the rules maintained than ever before. Every student is made, as it were, a master of himself, is put on his own honor, and is free from the ever threatening discipline which rules in so many colleges. The present management is certainly a success.

E. B. DILLON.

Delaware, Ohio, December 15, 1888.

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#### WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

Ohio Beta has been pursuing "the even tenor of her way" since our appearance in the November SHIELD, the monotony of the regular routine of college work having been, however, relieved by two very pleasant social events. November first was "Republican Day" at Springfield, and as political enthusiasm reached its climax here on that occasion, there being a State Republican demonstration in the city, Wittenberg students were granted a holiday which will long be remembered by Ohio Beta boys as a most enjoyable one. During the entire afternoon and evening an informal reception was given in the Phi Psi Hall to the many lady friends of the chapter, and to visiting brothers from abroad, whose presence combined with the festivities of the occasion to make the day pass most delightfully. The eleven windows of the Phi Psi quarters, which occupy the entire fourth floor of the Hamlin Block, and command a view of the principal streets, furnishing one of the very best outlooks in the city, were all filled with Phi Psi faces during the parade in the afternoon and the fireworks in the evening.

Among the guests of the chapter, beside a large number of "Phi Psi girls," were Bros. C. E. Imhoff, of Urbana; Ed. March, of Columbus; W. G. Frizell, of Dayton; and Brothers Reed, Brotherton, Westfall, and McElroy, of Ohio Alpha, besides Messrs. J. B. Foraker, Jr., and Webster, of Ohio Wesleyan University, and the father of Bro. J. B. Foraker. We were especially glad to welcome our brothers of Ohio Alpha, and only regret that we can not have that pleasure oftener.

The boys quite outdid themselves in the chapter banquet on Friday evening, November 23, at the Arcade Hotel. With as fine a crowd of young ladies as the city affords, and a *menu* even excelling those of former occasions of the kind, nothing was lacking to make this banquet an unqualified success. The Phi Psi girls expressed themselves as delighted, and to the Ohio Beta boys it was one of the pleasantest occasions of their sojourn at Wittenberg. Social

enjoyment occupied the early portion of the evening. The vocal solos of Miss Edith Gardner (formerly teacher of vocal music at Wittenberg), and the artistic rendering of several piano solos by Miss Irene Spangler, being the prominent features of the entertainment. At eleven o'clock the music of Prof. Rigio's harp was welcomed to the hall of feasting, where the festivities were continued until the "wee small hours." Dainty banners of wide lavender and pink ribbon contained the following menu and program of toasts :

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NEW YORK COUNTS.			
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MOCK TURTLE SOUP.			
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BOILED FILLET OF SALMON, a la Bechmael.			
<i>Parisienne Potatoes.</i>			
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ROAST QUAIL, Stuffed.			
<i>Celery.</i>	<i>Sweet Potato Chips.</i>	<i>Queen Olives.</i>	
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COLD HAM.	CHICKEN SALAD, a la Mayonnaise.	COLD TONGUE.	
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ICE CREAM.		ASSORTED CAKES.	
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ORANGES.	APPLES.	BANANAS.	GRAPES.
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JAVA COFFEE.		CHEESE AND CRACKERS.	
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\* \* *Toasts* \* \*

F. N. BOUCK, *Toastmaster.*

MUSIC.

"Our Fraternity,"..... F. G. GOTWALD.

"Our Alumni,"..... M. B. HARRIS.

MUSIC.

"Ohio Beta,"..... R. H. HILLER.

"Our Rivals,"..... C. L. BAUER.

MUSIC.

"The Ladies,"..... A. C. EHRENFELD.

MUSIC.

Brother Bouck, our worthy G. P., was unusually happy in his remarks as toastmaster. His appropriate and very finished speech was probably the greatest "hit" of the evening. It was particularly gratifying to the chapter to listen also to the familiar voices of some of our recent alumni, including beside Brothers Gotwald and Harris, whose names appear on the programme, Bros. Joe Lyday, of Burlington, Iowa, Frank Geiger, who has recently returned from a summer geological tour in the capacity of Assistant Geologist of Virginia, and Will Manss, now of the Wittenberg Theological Department.

R. H. HILLER.

Springfield, Ohio, Dec. 9, 1888.

## OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since Ohio Delta last communicated with THE SHIELD, the truth of the statement in her last letter, to the effect that fraternity rivalries were dying out has been amply proven. The fierce, uncompromising spirit of a few years ago has been giving way to a more peaceful as well as a more friendly one. Though rivalry still exists to some extent, the fall campaign was marked by no bitter contests.

Men slowly and naturally found their proper environment and the university world moved on undisturbed and unruffled. For us this should be a cause for rejoicing. Many chapter letters, Ohio Delta's among the rest, come to THE SHIELD filled with the tales of conflicts long and keen, ending in triumph and defeat, and mutual hatred until time heals the scar. This, no doubt, is interesting and exciting, and perhaps binds a chapter together, but it is eminently destructive of the spirit of universal brotherhood, which it is our fraternity's boast to promote.

We have not found a great deal of material among the class which entered, and though we have several of the newcomers on the string our initiates have come from old men. We have initiated, so far, three freshmen and Ohio  $\Gamma$  has sent us another.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has initiated one man;  $\Sigma X$ , two;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , four;  $X \Phi$ , one; and  $B \Theta \Pi$ , one.

Since our last letter a new secret society has come into our midst, a sorority this time. After some little suspense, the young ladies appeared wearing the key and dark and light blues of  $K K \Gamma$ . This completes the triumph of the cause of co-education at the Ohio State University, and the young ladies feel justly proud of the establishment of the first sorority chapter here. It will, it is supposed, be speedily followed by another, as, according to the present degenerate system of conducting fraternities, two seem as necessary as two lawyers and for the same reason. Contrary to the expectations of those who believe that woman should be a direct copy of man, the girls do not seem to spend the major portion of their time in endeavoring to "pin" the men, and seem to believe that the place for a society pin is (strange illusion) its owner's breast. Imagine such an anomaly as a " $K K \Gamma$  man."

I can not forbear mentioning something but indirectly connected with the fraternity—the promising growth of our university. The applause was loud and long when early in the year the president announced that, without special arrangements, the chapel would not seat all the students. All departments are flourishing and are being rapidly built up, while a new professorship has been added to our already large list. Altogether everything indicates that some day we will hold the position which the university of a magnificent State like ours ought (pardon me, brothers of Ohio,) to occupy.

HENRY POMEROY HORTON.

Columbus, Ohio, December 13, 1888.

**DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.**

To be in the ascendency at De Pauw University, is no small honor. Meeting as we do representatives of some of the best and oldest fraternities in the United States, we can justly be proud of the fact that we possess enough of the elements of strength to maintain our high position, both relatively and actually. The Greek world is unusually quiet at present. The greater part of the available men have united with some fraternity, and all have settled down to the enjoyment of the active chapter life.

There was a marked difference this year in the conduct of the "campaign" in Greek politics, from what has been the rule heretofore. Instead of the "rushing," which had previously been one of the evils of fraternity conduct, there has been a noticable deliberation and investigation into the merits of the fraternity. This is a quality that we are glad to see, as it reduces to a minimum the harmful effects of the rushing system.

Indiana Alpha has been unusually unfortunate this year on account of sickness. First, Brother Metts was taken sick shortly after being born into  $\Phi \Psi$ , and returned to his home at Ossian, Indiana, where he is now recuperating on a farm. Then, Brother Neff, our former B. G., suffered an attack of typhoid fever, and had to remain out of school; and Bro. Fred. Cleveland succumbed to the "gold" fever and left us to engage in a business venture, near Tecumseh, Alabama; in the latter case, however, the fever is in a mild form and the patient will be able to be with us again next year and will graduate with his class. Brothers Metts and Neff will return after the Christmas holidays. We were partly reconciled to our losses by the presence of Brother Axtell once more in his accustomed place, after an absence of several weeks, during which time, among other things, he devoted part of his energies to the political world.

In society everything is moving quietly. On Thanksgiving Day about twenty-five of the ladies of the college inaugurated something new by receiving callers at the home of Miss Flora Mathias of this city. All of the fraternities received invitations, and all who were in the city availed themselves of the opportunity to call and enjoy for a short time the company of our Greek sisters.

On Friday, December 7th, the "De Pauw Zouave Corps" left for Lafayette, Indiana, where they gave two exhibition drills.  $\Phi \Psi$  has one representative in this company, Bro. Guy Walker, who will next year be the major of the battalion, the highest office in the military school.

With congratulations for past successes and future prospects, we wish all  $\Phi \Psi$ 's a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CHARLES A. HOUTS.

Greencastle, Indiana, December 12, 1888.

**WABASH COLLEGE.**

Once more Indiana Gamma extends a hearty greeting to all sister chapters, and hopes they may all have as much cause for rejoicing as we have. In our last letter we introduced to the fraternity four new members, and we are happy to be able to say that Indiana Gamma is still going on with the good work, and

now takes pleasure in introducing two new names which have been added to our list recently. Bro. A. E. Dale, of Paris, Illinois, was the first to don the habiliments of fraternity life, and right gracefully do they hang on his handsome frame. Shortly afterward we corralled Bro. J. S. McFadden, of Rockville, Indiana, who proved himself an easy equestrian, and who now sports his pin with the blasé air of a tried veteran. Both of these gentlemen we regard as climacteric caps to our list of seven, and Indiana Gamma will now be enabled to rest a little on her oars after a long and hard pull out of a seemingly hopeless condition of numerical lacktitude. Our meaning may perhaps be made clearer upon remarking that at the opening of the year our chapter had only three members, and arrayed against them were four fraternities, each clamoring for new men and in good trim for the fight. We now have nine as active, valiant, and capable men as are to be found in the college, so we think ourselves justified in extending to all sister chapters congratulations upon our success.

Fraternity spirit is perhaps more intense here just now than at any time during the history of our college. Our literary society, class and college journal selections are controlled by combinations exclusively.  $\text{B } \Theta \text{ II}$  and  $\Phi \text{ K } \Psi$  are in a close compact for mutual benefit, and arrayed against us are the  $\Phi \text{ I } \Delta$ ,  $\Phi \text{ A } \Theta$ , and  $\Sigma \text{ X s}$ ; also the barbs, who have a first class organization, and who are, in a very small degree, exclusive. Our combination, however, controls all the independent votes, and consequently we have things about our own way.

We received a very pleasant visit from Brother Knight, of Indiana Alpha, a short time ago, who assures us of a very bright future for his chapter. This reminds us that we are happy at all times to entertain visiting brothers, and hope their visits may become more frequent and of longer duration. A bright career for THE SHIELD, and abundant success for all sister chapters is our constant wish.

JAMES R. HANNA.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 9, 1888.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The term is drawing to a close, and before we return to our respective homes we take this opportunity to wish the SHIELD and our sister chapters "a merry Christmas" and "a happy New Year."

Since our last letter, our number has been increased by H. L. North, of Hudson, a member of the law class of '90, whom we now beg to introduce to the fraternity as a loyal brother of Phi Kappa Psi.

Brother Joe Prior, who has spent the summer abroad, has returned, and is now pursuing his studies in the law school.

Bro. W. S. Dwinell, who has recently been elected District Attorney of Jackson County, spent Thanksgiving with us.

On Wednesday evening, November 28th, we gave our third party of the term. Though small in point of numbers, on account of the absentees speeding away to Thanksgiving turkeys, we made up in enthusiasm what we lacked in numbers.

Last evening, Alpha Pi of Beta Theta Pi gave a reception in their new

chapter-house. A large number of invitations were issued, and it must be said to the credit of our friends, the enemy, that the reception was as pleasant as such entertainments usually are.

We are pleased to notice in the last SHIELD, that Brother Day, who left us about a year ago, has already distinguished himself in his new field. We congratulate Minnesota Beta that our loss has been her gain, and that in this case she has the silver lining of the cloud.

We have a dog. While this may not seem to be of particular interest to our distant brothers, it is of the most intense interest to us. He is an Irish setter of the purest breed, who, overcome by the strong personal attractions of Brother Prescott, attached himself to him on his return after the Thanksgiving vacation. After several days sojourn with us he left, and grief and sorrow came into our hearts. We had a horrible fear that the Chi Psis had gotten hold of him during our absence, and had run him in. But joy! After two nights of this despair he was discovered promenading the streets, tired and sleepy. He received a prodigal son's welcome, and is now installed in the cellar.

Our new house is pleasantly situated on State Street. We have a large and well-shaded lawn, and a long and wide sidewalk; the former we shall enjoy in summer, the latter in winter. Our house is not one of those new-fangled, bird-cage contrivances, but a square solid old mansion. On entering the hall, one is immediately struck by Brother Jackson's artistic arrangement of our athletic paraphernalia—boxing-gloves, tennis rackets, ball-bats, fencing-foils, etc. On the right are our two parlors extending the whole length of the house. On the left is Brothers Jackson and Stevens' room, quite large and very tastefully furnished. All these rooms have hard-wood floors, and can be thrown together, when necessary, for dancing. In the rear of the hall is Brother Gregory's room, small, but elegantly furnished. Upstairs to the right front is the room of Brothers Joe and Will Dockery; this room is chiefly noticeable for its studious appearance.—“Books, books everywhere, and not a drop to drink.” Back of this is the room of Brothers Frank Dockery and Jackman; this room is perhaps the neatest of all, and it is certainly the warmest. Brother Stoddard has a small but very pleasant room back of the hall. Brothers Luling and Richardson live together with peaceful contentment, in a sunny room on the left. Besides these rooms we have two large rooms upstairs, a kitchen and bath-room downstairs, and a spacious cellar underneath. Next term four of our freshmen will take the unoccupied rooms, and the house will be full, with several more clamoring for admission.

Altogether we are very much pleased with our new quarters, and will do our best to please any stray brothers who may wander this way.

“THE TWO JACKS.”

Madison, Wis., December 9, 1888.

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#### STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

On November 11th the fraternity met for the purpose of initiating Frank R. Miller, of Chicago. Frankie only weighs 98 pounds, but with all (moustache) is a nice fellow. After the initiation and reading of address, our attention was

directed exclusively to the eating of a banquet served in our halls. The fraternity then marched in a body to the house of R. H. Allen, where they were entertained till early next morning. Songs and walnuts were the principal amusements of the evening. The monotony was broken once by Ruel Cook "trying to be smart."

On the evening of November 23d we enjoyed, at our halls, an informal party, given in honor of some Davenport young ladies.

All save six of the boys went home on the Thanksgiving vacation. *We* were not sorry at being left behind, though five of us took ten girls down to the halls (Susan tried to take three, but was upset,) and had a candy-pull. Several had boxes from "home," which materially helped in the feast. Cookie has a new pin; Ed and Bert have lost theirs.

DILLON L. ROSS.

Iowa City, Iowa, December 10, 1888.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Examinations, which have been the order of exercises for several days, are now over, and the first term has closed. With it closes our first three months of "housekeeping," and we are gratified to be able to say that the experiment is a success financially and otherwise.

We only regret that lack of time has prevented our giving the "housewarming" which we had hoped to have had before this, but we are now waiting for the Grand Catalogue, so that we can find every  $\Phi \Psi$  in the "twin cities," and have a full attendance, which will probably require larger accommodations than we have.

The annual Thanksgiving reception, given by the junior and senior classes to the faculties and students of our own and neighboring colleges, was held in the main building, Wednesday evening, November 28th. The guests promenade up and down the long halls, decorated and lighted with Chinese lanterns, and when tired were refreshed and rested whilst partaking of a light repast served to the music of the mandolins. By making the students of sister colleges our guests in this way we do much toward promoting intercourse and good feeling, and in preventing that objectionable rivalry which often takes its place.

There are various signs and rumors which lead us to believe that we are going to have the Sigma Chi fraternity here soon. One of their members from Beloit, who has attended here for over a year, has organized about a dozen good men into a society for the purpose of getting a charter, and they have been successful. Although there are five frats here now, we do not regret their coming, for we feel that the more opposition there is the better it will be for all.

At a meeting November 27th we had the presence of Brothers Bartholomew, Murfree, and Fligbee of St. Paul, and Brothers Finney and Eggleston of this city, who expressed themselves as pleased with our chapter and prospects. We entertained them by showing off the strong points of our goat and the weak points of its trembling rider, John W. Graves, '92, who is our second in

the freshman class. As he is a hard student, excels in literary work, and is fond of society, we expect much of him.

In closing, "Merry Christmas" to all  $\Phi \Psi$ s and THE SHIELD.

HENRY P. BAILY.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 1, 1888.

### KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

To all loyal Phi Psis, *greeting!* Although it may be seen, by her absence from the columns of THE SHIELD, that Kansas Alpha does not take much interest in fraternity matters, nothing is farther from her spirit. To express our condition as briefly as possible, I will say that we are "booming immensely."

Kansas State University opened this year under very favorable auspices, with an enrollment of over 500 students. Hon. Geo. R. Peck, of Topeka, delivered the opening address on "Higher Education; its Aims and its Results." It was so highly spoken of, that it has since been published in pamphlet form. Brother Sterling, who spent last year at Johns Hopkins, has resumed his position of assistant in the Greek department. We also have Brother Marvin, dean of the Civil Engineering Department, and Brother Dunlap, assistant in English.

Prof. J. H. Canfield, of whom Kansas State University is especially proud, has been again re-elected Secretary of the National Teachers' Association. Professor Carruth, of the German department, has leave of absence for the year, and is studying at Harvard. The spirit of our university is progressive, with a big P, and it is fast becoming known throughout the Union.

You have heard, in a former letter, of our loss of eight of our tried and true brothers last commencement. But our loss by graduation was not all. At the opening of the fall term many faces were absent which were expected to greet us on our return. Brother Postlethwaite was compelled to remain at his home at Chanute. Brother Taylor, one of our most loyal brothers, was, most unfortunately, kept from returning on account of trouble with his eyes. Brother Davis, our old "stand-by," will not return until after the holidays. Brother Mushrush did not return until a month of school had gone. So that when college opened this year we numbered but seven; but what we lacked in members we made up in spirit.

So is usually the case; a few, even, unitedly striving together, are much more apt to accomplish their object than a greater number would be. Suffice it to say that we were victorious in all our efforts,—took men right away from the other frats,—and now have a chapter of jolly good fellows that would make any  $\Phi \Psi$ 's heart rejoice to see. Allow me, dear *fratres*, to present to you Brothers Edson, Armstrong and Callahan of Topeka, Deverrell and Hadley of Olathe, Wright of Junction City, Knowlton of Newton, Robinson (son of Prof. Robinson of Kansas State University), all of '92, and Roberts of Manhattan, '91.

Only aroused to greater effort by our success in this direction, we began at once the refurnishing of our halls. We now have them elegantly papered and

curtained, which adds much to their home-like appearance. One of the most noticeable decorations that adorn our walls is the base-ball pennant, won by  $\Phi \Psi$  in 1887. We expect to continue our furnishing until the halls of Kansas Alpha shall equal, if not excel, their former elegance,—in the days before our fire. In this connection, we desire to express our thanks to our alumni, who are helping us out so generously.

At our last election Brother Wilmoth was elected G. P.; Brother Brewster, P.; Brother Snow, A. G.; Brother Mushrush, B. G. (to fill vacancy caused by absence of Brother Davis); Brother Armstrong, Ph.; Brother Wright, H., with Brother Edson 1st sub-H., and Brother Callahan 2d sub-H.

In college politics  $\Phi \K \Psi$  holds down her usual share of officers. On the *Courier* you will find Brother Esterley as secretary, Brother Shellabarger as local editor, and Brother Mushrush as business manager. While on the *Review* Brother Wilmoth is business manager.

Although our boys are not "society men," yet they receive their share of favors from the ladies' fraternities. Our strongest friends are, perhaps, to be found among the  $\Pi \text{ B } \Phi$ s, who have an excellent chapter here. The  $\K \K \text{ T}$ s also have a strong chapter. The  $\K \text{ A } \Theta$ s are not very strong in numbers at present, but have always had a fine chapter. Last June the ladies adopted an agreement not to do any rushing or initiating until three months after college opens each year. This has been well kept, and we think would be a good plan for the "braver sex" to adopt.

On the evening of November 27th, we gave our first party of the year. It was a joyous assemblage of fair ladies and gallant Greeks that graced our halls and sped the hours in sparkling conversation and dancing. During the evening refreshments were served in a tasteful manner, after which the "merry dance again went round" to the enchanting strains of the Mandolin Club, until the "wee sma'" hours, when each guest departing expressed the wish that  $\Phi \K \Psi$  might enjoy many more such happy evenings.

We are anxiously awaiting the appearance of the Catalogue, and hope it will soon be issued. We also heartily second the attempt being made to publish a Phi Psi song book.

Kansas Alpha sends her best wishes to THE SHIELD, and a hearty grip to all the brothers.

JNO. A. MUSHRUSH.

Lawrence, Kansas, Dec. 3, 1888.

## Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

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This department of the paper is made up of excerpts from THE SHIELD'S exchanges, and reflects the sentiments of our rivals which are most pointed and characteristic. We refrain from expressing any opinions as to the matters discussed, and scarce deem it worth while to controvert any statement made by our contemporaries. No more is written by the Editor than may suffice for introduction to each quoted passage. This will relieve the doubts of inquirers, some of whom perversely consider this feature an exchange department.—ED. SHIELD.

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We can not refrain from giving the following from *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* entire, so sensible does it seem to us:

The publication of a Fraternity Catalogue is far from being a complete or satisfactory answer to the question. A catalogue is essentially ephemeral in its construction. It is hardly off the press before it is incorrect in some details and incomplete in more. In addition to the minor changes of address, there are deaths and permanent removals, men dropping out of sight or turning out of the beaten track till all traces of them are lost. Unless the biographer keeps a constant hold of his men he finds them slipped from his fingers into oblivion. The preparation of our own Catalogue, now about ready, has strongly enforced this fact. The Catalogue of 1879 was, for many reasons, not as complete in names or as full in biographies as could have been wished, so that when the work of preparing a new one was undertaken, the old furnished no very reliable basis to work upon. The result was that to obtain full and correct biographical sketches of all our members, was a herculean task, involving slow and tedious correspondence and a patient minute working among clues and details that might have taxed the ingenuity of a trained detective. Facts and dates were to be obtained and verified often at second-hand, and old records overhauled and examined. Assuming, then, that such careful and exhaustive research as this gives to a fraternity, a catalogue correct as to names and dates and, at a given date, complete in its biographical sketches, the question becomes important—must all this labor and collation and editing be gone over again about six or eight years hence, when it becomes necessary to issue another catalogue? Of course, the history of the men who have died is an unchanging fact. But the great difficulties in the way of preparing biographies of living men, even after a few years have elapsed, is to be appreciated only by those who have attempted it. This difficulty and the admitted necessity and desirability of keeping the biographies of the fraternity full and complete, demand some plan by which the necessary data may be collected and preserved from year to year; so that at any given time the leading facts in the life of every living member can be quickly and conveniently referred to. Of course, even this can not be done without considerable labor and a thoroughly perfected system. Some such plan as this has been suggested:

Let there be kept, by the proper authority, a series of blank or scrap books, with pages devoted to each of the several chapters. Under the proper caption could be inserted the name of each man who is initiated into the mysteries of the fraternity. A blank

space after each name could serve to contain newspaper items, notices, memoranda, in short, anything relating to the man's history or life. To keep such a record as this correct and up to date, would probably require all the time that one man could give; one man who should be a careful, painstaking worker, with a large acquaintance throughout the fraternity. He should be an officer, appointed for this purpose—a sort of Master of the Rolls—if possible, at a salary.

The record could, of course, be kept complete only by an extensive correspondence and the general co-operation of alumni members of the fraternity. Recent graduates could probably be reached most effectually through their chapters, with which they would likely be in correspondence. Individual application would have to be made in many cases, especially among the older men, among whom, it often happens, that there is an inexplicable coyness, an abnormal diffidence in the matter of telling anything of themselves or their doings.

Fortunately, they are not all so. Some even go to the other extreme, and seem anxious to emblazon it on the archives of the fraternity every time the Squeehawket Howler announces that "Mr. Littlehead Fuss and family are spending the summer at Turtle Pond." Of course there's a golden mean, which the majority attain. Once it became generally known throughout the fraternity that such a system of collecting data was in use, items of interest and importance would find their way to the recorder without much solicitation from him. The labor involved in keeping such a record, while it would undoubtedly be great, would be more than compensated by the comparative ease with which a general catalogue of the fraternity could be issued, almost at a moment's notice, and correct in every detail.

Not the least advantage too, of such a scheme, from our point of view, would be that it would furnish the *Quarterly* with a mine of information from which to formulate "Graduate Personals," which, to the ordinary fraternity reader, are the most interesting matter we can furnish.

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The *Chi Phi Quarterly* has had a rapid and healthy growth, brought out in no small measure, we presume, because of such exhortations as this:

It is the constant endeavor of the management to make the *Quarterly* interesting between the covers, and some of the best writers of the fraternity lend their talent to its pages. A hint to chapter correspondents may not be out of place, however, since the chief interest of the magazine, after all is said, really centers in that department. What fraternity magazines especially need is chapter items and personals, and the older the graduate member about whom a personal item can be procured, the better the item for publication. Chapter correspondents need not fear to deluge us with such. They can all be used. Active members and chapters are more interested in the chapter letter itself. They seek all the items of news relating to their contemporaries, and read with avidity of the various occurrences of college life. For their benefit Zetas should record in full all the fraternity gossip of an acceptable nature in their respective colleges, names of chapter prize men, such donations to the lodge room as can with propriety be described to the public, accounts of banquets, balls, excursions, entertainments and other incidents of social life, in which the chapter or the brothers take active part; athletic meetings, regattas, or other sporting incidents participated in by the chapter or the brothers, especially the records made, and prizes won by the latter, progress of proselyting work in general terms, and the like. In short, anything tending to inform sister chapters as to the standing of each other in college.

We hope every fraternity man who reads these earnest words will "stick a pin here:"

Character is most to be considered in the selection of men, for without a foundation laid in purity of character no permanent congeniality can be had. The scion of a wealthy house may be the veriest blackguard. Political or forsenic honors showered upon the parent, are not rewards of merit to the son. Ecclesiastical preferment of the elder is by no means indicative of true gentility in the younger generation. The prime requisites to be considered in the candidate are not, "Is he rich or poor," or "Is his family aristo-

cratic;" for his wealth or poverty may prove of little concern; and the pretensions of his family may affect his fraternity still less. Is he a gentleman? What is his character? Is he likely to be congenial? Given proper replies to these questions, and when in after years the reason of his membership is sought, but one answer can be made.

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The hearty enthusiasm of the editor of *The Palm* finds immediate echo in our own heart:

Again we are approaching our Biennial Congress, where we hope to meet hundreds of the dear brothers fresh from the fields of battle and other stern realities. As the time approaches, our blood is growing warm with the expectation of meeting many dear brothers whom fate has thus far denied us the opportunity. If it were not that we have such vivid recollections of our Washington, Philadelphia and Atlanta Congresses, we might allow this one to approach without much concern on our part, but as it is we are already excited and nervous with joy and anticipation of being there at first roll call. Sometimes we feel as though we would like to miss a Congress once, just to see how exceedingly miserable we would feel by staying away; but the very thought makes us miserable enough, so we will be at Springfield unless Providence hinders. The above, we believe, is the feeling of every Alpha Tau who has ever been at a Congress, and it is no wonder, when you remember all the "grand" times and experiences that crowd themselves in those few days. The thrills of pleasure which pass over you every moment while with "the boys" are of more lasting value than a year's instruction in the routine of college and business life. Just think of meeting hundreds of brothers each of whose heart is running over with love and good wishes, with confidence and sympathy. Alpha Taus! what shall we do about it? Why go, of course!

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*The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta is sound in philosophy, when in the last issue the following is set forth editorially:

When a chapter has succeeded in making its foundation solid by turning its first energies, and keeping them fixed, in the right direction, there are some things which should demand attention and care, for, though at first they may seem to be luxuries, they are really necessities of prime importance. None is worthy of more labor, care, and even money than the chapter library. It is invaluable to a college society in many ways, and is both a source of pleasure and profit to the members, and an attraction to those without. Do not think that such a thing can be brought into existence by an edict or a free expenditure of money, and do not think that a Greek-letter chapter library must be essentially different from any other. It must be a growth and a slow growth at that, and when once instituted it will grow rich and strong with age. Remember that the small beginnings with honest purpose are the things that tell.

We do not believe half a dozen of our chapters are not able to begin the building up of a library, and give it the care necessary to substantial and continuous growth. Do not depend at all on gifts. They will be sure to come, but let them be pleasant surprises. Devote a portion, no matter how small, of your income, and even if you can only lay aside a few dollars a month, you will not be long in seeing the good results.

Nor, as we said, should this library be at all different from any other, though it would necessarily contain some things that would give it distinction and individuality. It should, of course, contain all books and papers issued by fraternities, or on fraternity subjects, and, so far as possible, a complete file of all fraternity journals. We recognize, however, that such a collection can only be the result of time, and much care and research, though its value will amply repay. Aside from this special feature, the library should be a general one.

Perhaps the most important thing of all, after the move has been made, is the selection of the proper man to expend the money, and take care of the books, etc. Start a library in your chapter, if you can; but, if you do, do not put a man over it for some petty reason which is worthless. Be sure you choose a man who has care, diligence and

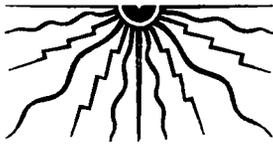
judgment, and be sure that he has the welfare of the enterprise as well as of the chapter at heart. Start a library if you can. You can if you will. And if you start it in the right spirit, and with the determination that it is to be a success, it will be a success; and the older it is the more you will appreciate and enjoy it.

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*The Key* takes up the same cry that finds utterance in other journals, with more eloquence, perhaps, but no less force:

There is a beautiful and significant truth underlying all those old legends in which the touch of a fairy-wand transforms the rags and rubbish of one day into the radiant treasures of the next. Not after our childish idea, perhaps, will that change take place. Outwardly, at least, the rags will remain rags, the rubbish continue rubbish to the end of the chapter. But Time, the magician, works charms far more wonderful than these merely material changes, transforming with its lingering touch many of our most trifling possessions into the dearest treasures of after years.

All this may seem an over-elaboration of the simple advice to preserve the memorabilia of college and fraternity life. It is a small matter, you think, whether you save or destroy the worthless bits of ribbon and pasteboard, when the real persons and plans they represent are close at hand. But college life is not the eternity we would make it; freshmen develop into juniors, and juniors fade into alumnæ with an appalling regularity, and bye and bye will come a time when this handful of yellow letters, these scraps of pasteboard and knots of blue ribbon must do duty for many a warm word or encouraging hand-clasp. Time, of course, can not work for all alike. Sometimes, as in the old fairy tales, the spell is reversed, the treasures of yesterday turned into mere dust and ashes. But if our fraternity life has meant anything to us, if it has brought us any nearer to all that is good and true and beautiful, then are no moments of that life too trifling to be preserved. It is upon such trifles as these that Time works his kindest miracles, transforming them into treasures that will far out-value the material jewels of our childish desire.



## Personals.

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### PENNSYLVANIA *B.*

- '82. Rev. T. H. Taylor is attending Boston University.
- '78. C. A. Miller is practicing law in St. Paul, Minnesota.
- '85. W. M. Everett and wife have removed to Atlanta, Ga.
- '56. Joseph Shippen is practicing law in Meadville, Pennsylvania.
- '60. A. C. Pickard is a prominent attorney in Jamestown, New York.
- Ex-'90. W. B. Cary is engaged in the drug business in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- '84. Prof. C. W. Deane is superintendent of the city schools at McKeesport, Pennsylvania.
- '71. James Eldon is principal of the Pennsylvania State Normal School at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.
- '61. Rev. N. G. Miller is Presiding Elder of the McKeesport District of the Pittsburgh Conference of the M. E. Church.
- '87. C. H. Haskins, who is pursuing a post-graduate course at Johns-Hopkins, has been appointed instructor in ancient history during the present term.
- '78. Chris Miller is now settled in St. Paul. Has a law office of his own and a fine practice as well.
- '86. C. T. Scofield recently became law partner with C. D. Murray, of Dunkirk, N. Y.
- '86 S. B. Smith has recovered somewhat from a protracted nervous prostration. He and Bro. R. C. Bole are frequently to be found at the chapter-house.
- '85. W. C. Beck paid us a flying visit a short time since. He

looked well, and re-kindled our enthusiasm. His address is 806 18th street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

'81. Chas. Everett's law office is Room 14, Carlisle Building, 4th and Walnut streets, Cincinnati, O.

'88. W. W. Ellsworth is successfully teaching in Barkeyville Academy, Barkeyville, Pa.

'70. John W. Cable is County Commissioner of Washington County, Md. He is a very influential citizen and a loyal  $\Phi \Psi$ .

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**PENNSYLVANIA I.**

Dr. G. M. Philips has declined the presidency of Bucknell.

'90. F. J. Purdy, who is out of college on account of ill health, is spending a pleasant visit in Wayne county.

'91. F. F. Pierson is now at Hahneman Medical College, Phila.

H. Haslam, '90, was called home on account of the death of his uncle. He will remain out of school for some time.

W. C. Gretzinger has received the appointment of correspondent to the "College World" of the New York *Mail and Express*.

'85. Sam Bolton is practicing medicine at Frankford, Phila.

'85. Joseph E. Sagebeer recently visited the boys at the college.

'62. T. R. Jones, LL. B., New York, has been elected treasurer of the New York Baptist State Association.

'55. Alfred Hays, of the town, was elected Assemblyman at the recent election.

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**PENNSYLVANIA Z.**

'62. James Henry Loomis, one of Zeta's oldest members, now resides at Reading, Pa.

'66. Jacob Todd, D. D., is pastor of Grace Church, Wilmington, Delaware. Dr. Todd has been prominently mentioned for the presidency of his *alma mater*.

'66. J. E. McKelvy is practicing law in Pittsburg, Pa.

'68. H. J. Beatty is a manufacturer of cement pipes at Harrisburg.

'68. J. L. Norris is one of Washington's most successful patent attorneys.

'69. L. M. Bacon is clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore county, Maryland. His address is Towson, Md.

'69. J. H. Shakspeare is one of Philadelphia's prominent lawyers.

'71. J. L. Shelley is practicing law in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

'72. D. J. Meyers is a successful lawyer of Philadelphia, and a very enthusiastic  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

'72. W. F. Spottswood has recently moved from Philadelphia to Kansas City, where he is now practicing law.

'73. G. E. Wilbur holds the professorship of Mathematics in the Bloomsburg State Normal School of Pennsylvania.

'73. P. A. Hartman is one of the leading physicians of Harrisburg.

'75. D. Y. Dobbins received the degree of D. D. in June from his *alma mater*.

'77. C. J. Conwell was recently appointed to the Professor of Latin in Delaware College.

'82. S. H. Evans, preaching at Lykens, Pa., is one of the most successful workers in the Philadelphia conference.

'82. A. C. Strite is meeting with success in law at Hagerstown, Md.

'84. James M. Green has recently been appointed to the principalship of the Trenton State Normal School, Trenton, N. J.

'85. C. J. Pardoe is the superintendent of an electric plant, Washington, D. C.

'87. Percy M. Hughes, who took his degree from Johns Hopkins in '87, is now an assistant in the Washington High School.

'89. W. F. Holler is reading law in Chambersburg, Pa.

'89. W. W. Wharton is a member of the champion Riverton football team of Philadelphia.

'82. Bro. Peyton Brown, editor of the Austin *Daily Statesman*, paid the chapter a visit lately.

'89. Bro. William Walter Wharton is attending the College of Commerce in Philadelphia.

'68. Bro. E. O. Shakespeare, M. D., lately from Spain, where he was sent to make investigations in regard to Asiatic cholera, has again been honored by being placed on the committee of three appointed to investigate the diseases of swine.

'82. Bro. Abram Strite is practicing law in Hagerstown, Maryland. He was with the chapter on the 1st, 2d and 3d inst.

'79. Bro. Walter A. Powell has lately entered the state of matrimony. Best wishes!

'84. Bro. J. Strite is practicing law in Chambersburg.

'78. Bro. James M. Green, formerly Principal of Long Branch High School, Long Branch, N. J., has been appointed Principal of the New Jersey State Normal and Model Schools, Trenton, N. J.

'83. Bro. W. A. Eckles, member of the Grand Catalogue Committee, is teaching school at Snow Hill, Md.

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**NEW YORK E.**

Bro. Otis A. Dike, '85, has resigned from the pastorate of the Sherbourne Baptist Church, and will re-enter the Theological Seminary.

Bro. L. B. Curtis, '85, pastor of the Baptist Church at Suffield, Conn., was married October 4, '88, at Sidney, N. Y., to Miss Gertrude Rawson.

Bro. E. B. Shallow, '88, is principal of the East Orange High School.

Bro. C. L. Daniels, '90, theology, has accepted the position of pastor of the Baptist Church at Galway, N. Y., and is spoken of as being very successful in his chosen field.

The Rev. F. P. Stoddard, '81, has resigned his pastorate at Carthage and accepted a call to the Baptist Church at Amsterdam.

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**SOUTH CAROLINA A.**

Bro. T. B. Butler, '86, is with us during the session of the Legislature.

We had an unexpected pleasure last week in discovering Bro. B. B. Ford, an alumnus of Virginia Beta. Brother Ford is at the head of one of the leading cotton firms in this city.

It is with great pride that South Carolina Alpha calls the attention of the fraternity to the fact that Bro. James Simons, '57, has again been re-elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of South Carolina.

**OHIO A.**

Philip Phillips sails from England January 2. He will re-enter college immediately.

Fred. Ross, formerly of the class of '89, will return for the winter term and join the class of '90.

T. R. Smith, of Delaware, was recently re-elected Secretary of the Ohio State Grange, which convened at Lima, Ohio.

R. H. Van Deman is studying law with his father in Delaware. He will leave later on and continue his studies in Toledo.

W. P. Winters, who taught last year in the high schools of West Unity, is now engaged in the normal school of Fayette, Ohio.

Rev. Lucien Clark was called some time ago from his pulpit in Pittsburgh to the assistant editorship of the New York *Christian Advocate*.

Major W. J. White, now superintendent of the schools of Dayton, Ohio, was in Delaware recently as one of the judges on the oratorical contest.

Will Brewster, who has been in the ministry in the Cincinnati M. E. Conference for some years, has finally decided upon mission work and sailed for China some weeks ago.

W. M. Friezner has been for the past few years superintendent of the schools of Los Angeles, California. He recently made a trip East in which he stopped at Delaware a short time.

The following card tells the whole story. We congratulate Brother J. N. and his bonny bride:—

MR. JOHN NEWTON GARVER.

MISS ANNA LILY GEIGER.

Married.

Thursday, November Twenty-second, 1888.

At Home after December 15th,  
Springfield, Ohio.

**OHIO B.**

M. L. Smyser, Esq., '70, Wooster, Ohio, late candidate for Congress in this district, was successful as expected, and is herewith heartily congratulated by all Wittenbergers.

Rev. W. E. Hull, '84, has received and accepted a call to Cobleskill, N. Y., a fine field of labor, upon which his friends congratulate him.

OHIO *d.*

Sidney H. Short, of Columbus, was to-day granted a patent for a sectional double line electric railway.—*Evening Dispatch*, Dec. 4. Mr. Short is a member of the class of 1880.—*The Lantern*.

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INDIANA *f.*

The Rev. Will P. McKee preached the annual sermon before the Minnesota Baptist State Convention, October 9th.

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ILLINOIS *A.*

Gerry C. Mars, who presided over the G. A. C. held in Indianapolis in 1886, and who has been pastor of the Woodlawn Park Methodist Church, near Chicago, for several years, has been elected to the Chair of English Literature in the University of Dakota, at Vermilion. The institution is presided over by Dr. Edward Olson, formerly Professor of Greek in the University of Chicago, where he was always a good friend of the Phi Psi boys and girls.

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ILLINOIS *B.* (Inactive.)

'80. The Rev. Wm. R. Scott, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Sterling, Nebraska, spent a month in Chicago with his family during the fall.

'81. Robins S. Mott's law firm is now Rubens & Mott, and L. M. Coy, '86, officiates as its chief clerk.

'81. L. W. Terry is now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Grand Island, Neb.

'81. The Rev. S. B. Randall located in Wisconsin; was preaching in Chicago during the summer.

'82. The Rev. F. L. Anderson preached during the summer for the Second Baptist Church of St. Louis, for which his father, now president of Denison University, preached during the troublous ante-rebellion period. Mr. Anderson has just accepted a call to the pastorate of the Second Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., at a salary of \$3,000 a year.

'82. Mr. F. H. Levering, for many years a prominent lawyer of Indianapolis, has removed to Denver on account of the health of his wife, and is now engaged in practice there.

'85. Prof. D. J. Lingle has resumed his post-graduate scientific studies at Johns Hopkins'.

**WISCONSIN I.**

'82. Walter F. Cooling, of Delphos, Kansas, did excellent work orating during the campaign.

'85. Joseph C. Lansing is now holding a lucrative position with a lumber firm in Minneapolis. "Joe" has our best wishes.

'86. Chas. Emerson is rapidly making his way to the front in journalism. He is now connected with the Milwaukee *Evening Journal* and always has the latch string out for Phi Psis.

'87. George L. Hendrickson is now in Europe perfecting himself in the sciences.

'87. A. H. Van Tassel is editor of the Beloit *Citizen*, and is filling his position to the satisfaction of all.

'87. R. K. Welsh, assistant Principal of Rockfield High-school, is soon to take his diploma and hang out his shingle. Let the courts then beware!

'88. News has just reached us of our Brother Bornsteen's civil service appointment. "Steen's" old friends all wish him success in his new departure.

'88. H. K. White holds a responsible position with the C., B. & Q. R. R. at Rockford, Illinois. Wisconsin *I* always comes out at the top.

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**MISSOURI A. (Inactive.)**

Bro. Sam P. Sparks, of the Missouri State University, is practicing law with great success at Warrensburg, Missouri. At the late election he was elected for a second time to the Missouri State Senate.

In the same city, Bro. O. L. Houts, of the same class with Brother Sparks, is also a successful lawyer, being considered one of the best in the State.

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**IOWA Δ.**

Bro. Z. A. Campbell is to be found at Blockton, Iowa.

Bro. G. C. Murphy is studying medicine at Chicago, Ill.

Bro. Cassius E. Tool will be found in the real estate business at Grand Junction, Mesa County, Col.

Bro. E. E. Evans, who has been roaming over the wild West for a year past, has settled peaceably down at Des Moines, Iowa.

Bro. C. C. Webb has the position of assistant cashier in a bank at Larned, Kansas.

Bro. E. L. Parks, our former president, has the Chair of Systematic Theology in the Gammon School of Theology at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. W. G. Underwood is in the real estate business at Elmwood, Nebraska. He is the proud proprietor of a new baby girl.

Bro. A. C. Miller is attending the B. U. S. T. at Boston.

Bro. I. J. Archer has been visiting with his brethren of Iowa Delta this past week. He is "on the road" for a firm in Chicago, but expects to return to school next year.

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**KANSAS A.**

Brother Spangler, '85, is City Attorney of Lawrence.

Brother Allen, '88, is Principal of the Newton High-school.

Brother Nickel, '87, is in the International Bank at Newton.

Brother Crane, '87, has entered the law department of Kansas State University.

Brother Brown, '88, is in the drug business in Leavenworth.

W. S. Allen and Miss Florence A. Smith, of Concordia, Kansas, will be married on December 27, 1888.

Brother Curdy, '85, is with his father in the dry goods firm of W. W. Curdy, Topeka.

Brother Taylor is in the Citizens National Bank of Leavenworth.

Brother Prescott, '88, is engaged in the real estate business in Topeka. He is also pursuing a post-graduate course.

Brother Stocks, '84, was elected to the State Legislature from Blue Rapids, in the late election.

Brother Gilmore, '86, who graduated from the law department last June, is practicing law in Lawrence, and holds the position of Deputy County Attorney.

Brother E. C. Little, '83, of the firm of Little & Little, lawyers, Ness City, acquired quite a reputation as a stump speaker in the late campaign, and was the recipient of many favorable newspaper notices.

Brother Falkner, of New York Alpha, paid us a short visit in Octo-

ber. To all visiting brothers we would say that the latch string always hangs outside, and a warm welcome will be found within.

The "formerly" university boys are rapidly coming to the front. The last *Nation* contains a full page article on "Irrigation in the United States," by Stuart O. Henry, for which he received a good round price. Mr. Henry was a student of K. S. U. from '77 to '79, and was ranked among the brightest.—*Lawrence Tribune*.

Mr. Henry belonged to the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and was one of its most enthusiastic and influential members. His many friends rejoice at his latest success, which he so fully deserved.—*Courier*.

The Waterville *Telegraph* has the following to say about one of our old K. S. U. boys: "F. A. Stocks, of Blue Rapids, a banker, scholar and gentleman of the first water, has taken his first step in politics, and will make the 48th district a competent and efficient representative. Mr. Stocks' scholarly attainments will prove of vast benefit to him in his new role of representative, and will win for him place and position among his fellow members of the house. His superior in point of talent and ability has not gone from old Marshall, and will not for time to come.

## College and Fraternity Notes.

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Wesleyan feels the need of one or two more fraternities.

The new gymnasium at Trinity has a theater attached to it.

A chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity has been established at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Cornell has tried the plan of having Monday as a holiday instead of Saturday, and pronounces it an improvement.

An article in the November number of the *North American Review* on the "Fast Set at Harvard" is interesting reading.

A disgraceful hazing affair is reported to have taken place at the University of California, in which a member of the sophomore class was the victim.

Amherst has sent out two hundred college professors and presidents, and twenty judges of the Supreme Court. Dartmouth has graduated four hundred and thirty-seven college professors and presidents.

Madison University has decided to abolish the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, for which only three years study were required, and substitute in its place the degree of Bachelor of Science, for which a four years course will be necessary.

The Chicago Press Club now enrolls three Phi Psis among its members, Mr. W. M. Glenn, of *The Inter-Ocean*, having been elected at a recent meeting. The others are T. R. Weddell, also of *The Inter-Ocean*, and F. C. Payne, of the *News*.

Dr. Bradford P. Raymond, of Lawrence University, Wisconsin, has been called to the presidency of Wesleyan University, and it is thought that he will accept. Dr. Raymond has been president of Lawrence University for eight years and is a graduate of that institution.

Following is the cost of the gymnasiums of eleven leading colleges: Harvard, \$110,000; Yale, \$125,006; Princeton, \$38,000; Amherst, \$65,000; Columbia, \$156,000; Williams, \$50,000; Cornell, \$40,000; Lehigh, \$40,000; University of Minnesota, \$34,000; Dartmouth, \$25,000.

The sixth annual convention of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority was held with the Delta Chapter at Boston University, November eight to the tenth inclusive. Representatives from each of the five chapters were present, and every chapter showed evidence of being in a most flourishing condition.

The Dean of Harvard sends circulars to holders of scholarships informing them that in accordance with a vote of the faculty, they are expected to present themselves before the directors of the gymnasium, to be examined as to their physical condition and to receive suggestions as to the care of their health.

At the University of Virginia, applause in class-room is very common and consists in kicking against the benches. Many of the students own dogs and bring them to the lecture-rooms. Foot-ball and tennis are the favorite games at the university. The University of Virginia has no president.—*Madisonensis*.

At the University of Pennsylvania, every class is photographed during its freshman and senior years, and each class has a copy of its picture framed and hung in the gymnasium. Pictures of special classes, foot-ball and base-ball teams, athletes and crews, all properly indexed, are also hung upon the walls.—*Lafayette*.

Some time ago the authorities of this college passed a resolution to the effect that caps and gowns should be worn at Columbia. Forthwith all the papers, collegiate and otherwise, take up the hue and cry, and clothe all Columbia students in mortar-boards. We do loudly proclaim to the college world at large that only freshmen and chumps wear mortar-boards at Columbia.—*Columbia Spectator*.

Governor Foraker, in a letter to Ohio Beta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, expressed his regret at not being able to visit the chapter during his recent stay in the city on Republican Day. The Governor's father viewed the forming of the procession from the Phi Psi hall, and his son, J. B. Foraker, Jr., now a student at the Ohio Wesleyan University, spent the afternoon and evening with the Phi Psi boys.—*Wittenberger*.

The President is not a college man, but Mrs. Cleveland is a college woman, and Dan Lamont is a graduate of Union. Acting Vice-President

Ingalls is a Williams man. Secretary Bayard has a business education. Secretaries Fairchild and Endicott are Harvard men. Secretary Whitney hails from Yale, Dickinson from Michigan University, Vilas from Wisconsin University and Garland from St. Mary's College, Kentucky.—*Burr.*

The Stanford University is intended, as Senator Stanford said in a recent interview, for instruction in every useful art, from making shoes and clothing to painting and sculpture. Every student will have quarters as good as those in Oxford, Cambridge, or Harvard, and good board will be furnished at remarkably low rates. It is expected that individual expenses for a session will reach a minimum of \$150 or \$200. The study of literature and language will not be slighted.

The Phi Psi boys held an informal reception in the chapter hall during the afternoon and evening of Republican Day. Besides the local chapter and several alumni from the city, those present were Misses Agnes Burrows, Florence Cavileer, Mary Cobaugh, Marie Foley, Hattie Hosterman, Minnie Keyser, Zella Kinder, Mame Martin, May Minnick, Grace Prince, Anna Rabbitts, Mary Rabbitts, Maude Richards, Irene Spangler and Sue Wolfe; C. E. Imhoff, of Urbana, Ed. March, of Columbus, W. G. Frizell, of Dayton, and Messrs. Reed, Brotherton, Westfall, McElroy, Foraker and Webster, of Ohio Wesleyan University, and the father of Governor Foraker.—*Wittenberger.*

On Saturday evening, October 27, the Chi charge of the Theta Nu Epsilon Sophomore fraternity was established in Bucknell University, by a delegation from Psi chapter at Dickinson College. The initiatory ceremonies were held in the Cameron House parlors. After the mysteries of Theta Nu had been duly propounded, the visitors and initiates enjoyed a well spread banquet. One of the Carlisle men officiated as symposiarch. W. C. Gretzinger responded to the toast of Theta Nu Epsilon while Joe Wolfe toasted the new charge. The following are the senior members: O. E. Abraham, J. M. Wolfe, O. B. Finn and W. C. Gretzinger. The sophomores will be held *sub rosa* until the end of the present collegiate year.—*University Mirror.*

Sweet as is the calm that follows the storm, so sweet is the rest that follows a day of toil.

The time consumed in traversing the mysterious labyrinths of philosophy and psychology, in delving into the precepts and maxims of mathematics, in unraveling the sacred lines of Homer and Horace, all laid aside

for moments of joy, merriment and gayety. What can be more wholesome, what better adapted for refreshment of the body and soul?

Impressed with this belief, the gentlemen of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity with their ladies hied themselves away to their halls last Tuesday evening to enjoy a few hours of social intercourse.

After a season of dancing, refreshments were served in the most approved style, then dancing was again resumed and continued into the small hours of the morning. The ladies present were Misses Redhead of Des Moines, Phillips of Kentucky, Copeland, Jewett, Wright, Hutchinson, Clark, Dey, Moore, McGee and Jewett.—*University Mirror*, November 3, 1888.



## Miscellany.

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The editor desires to call attention to the fact that owing to the demand at the time of publication, he has on hand but three full volumes of THE SHIELD for Vol. VIII. Of Vol. V he has two full sets, and of Vol. VI the same number. We have, however, a large supply of broken volumes, the separate numbers of which may be of service in completing files. We shall be glad to respond to letters of inquiry on this subject, and shall take pleasure in filling orders for back numbers as far as possible.

We still have some names of brothers whose addresses have become lost. Can any brother supply us with the present address of any of the following? :

Walter H. Britton, Topeka, Kan.  
 G. P. Miller, South Bethlehem, Pa.  
 E. M. Green, Easton, Pa.  
 L. E. Yeumans, 606 W. Van Buren St.,  
 Chicago, Ill.  
 B. F. Holmes, Salinas, California.

J. E. Harris, Springfield, Ohio.  
 Geo. E. Ellis, Crook, Colorado.  
 G. M. Williamson, Northfield, Minn.  
 Herman S. Johnson, Hillsdale, N. Y.  
 Jno. N. James, Yorkville, Ill.

Can any brother furnish us a complete file of the *Phi Kappa Psi Journal* and *Phi Kappa Psi Quarterly*?

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WILLIAM A. HAMMOND.”

“To Prof. Loisetete, 237 Fifth Avenue, N. Y.

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## THE MARCH OF SONG.

The human voice was the first musical instrument, with a well-constructed bellows behind it, and back of the bellows a soul. All history carries the echo of music. Jubal began early as a designer of musical instruments. Before his day, doubtless, many an ingenious amateur picked tones from a string, or made the requisite vibration by concussion of resonant bodies. The myth of Hermes and the tortoise shell but expresses the remote antiquity of music. The most ancient writings are poems, and poetry and music are twin sisters. Song is as natural as speech, though it rise no higher than the drone or the monotone. It begins with the wail of the cradle; it ends with the groan of the death-bed. It is the language no less than the outcry of joy. It expresses all emotion, and itself translates all emotion. It takes form from the intellect, and in its turn quickens the intellect. It is invested with material substance, and it affects all substances that sympathize with it. It arouses to action; it lulls to repose. It fills the air; it reaches heaven. The angels let it fall on the earth; the saints carry it back to the skies.

In all ages religion has voiced itself in song. Egyptian hieroglyphics and Assyrian excavations bear testimony to the ancient use of song. Moses was skilled in all the learning of the Egyptians. Poetic composition and musical execution formed part of that learning. On the banks of the Red Sea, Moses and the Israelites sang their deliverance from Pharaoh, while Miriam and the women chanted the exultant burden, "Sing ye to Jehovah, for He hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea." The din that saluted the ears of Moses and Joshua as they came down from the mount was quickly discovered by the former as the wild untrained song service with which the

people worshiped the visible representation of the God who had given them freedom. The silver trumpets of the tabernacle, and the loud horns whose blast preceded the fall of Jericho's ramparts, point unmistakably to permanent provision for popular music. The song of Deborah and Barak is metrical in its structure, and is evidently intended to be used in connection with musical instruments. Farther on in Jewish history professional musicians appear as lending their services to the royal courts. "Singing men and singing women" enter conspicuously into David's life; and Solomon, besides being a distinguished composer himself, added to the attractions of his household by his patronage of orchestra and chorus choirs.

There probably was no school of music like that presented in the service of the Temple. Doubtless there had been a widespread culture in music before the Temple was ready for its elaborate service of song. When the ark left the house of Obededom, there was already prepared for the occasion a large body of trained Levites, who played on psalteries, harps and cymbals, to the words which David had composed in honor of the solemn transfer. It can scarcely be disputed that the whole tribe of Levi had given themselves to musical culture as a part of their professional duties. Thirty-eight thousand composed the tribe in the reign of David. Of these, four thousand were set apart especially to praise Jehovah with the instruments which David had made. This whole force was divided and sub-divided under the most experienced leaders. Orchestra and choir were distinct from each other. "The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the damsels playing with timbrels." It is evident that the arrangements for the highest forms of song in the Temple were of the most stupendous kind.

To this vast accumulation of appliances for popular song service, the various sects have been accustomed to look for orthodox types for similar services. The Roman Catholic Church embellishes its worship with the highest vocal and instrumental skill that power or money can command. The Lutheran Church of the Fatherland swells the volume of its religious chorals with the thundering tones of the organ or the heaviest instruments of the orchestra. The Anglican Church trains its musical doctors at Oxford or Cambridge, and renders their sacred scores with her best instruments and voices. Other churches indulge themselves in the organ, melodeon, violin, double bass, clarionet, flute, and cornet. Are these various bodies copying after the ancient models, or are they following divine originals which phase themselves differently in different ages?

The same question obtrudes itself with regard to verse. Are there forms, phrases, thoughts, rhythms, antiphonies, experiences, exhortations,

didactics, fixed and determined for us by inviolable law, with an absolute estoppel against any modification of, or separation from, the inspired and complete canon of song? Are we restricted, either positively or inferentially, to a body of religious poetry made for a people still in their tutelage and incapable of appreciating the higher truths of a spiritual system? If, indeed, it was the divine will that out of one generation, and especially one man of that generation, there should be evolved the hymnic material for all subsequent ages, how comes it that daring innovators in other generations should add to the common stock of sacred poems, and do it with such universal acceptance as to secure for their effusions a recognized place in the canonical psalter? As we have not felt ourselves bound to fabricate our instruments after the ancient patterns, or to imitate the unisons of the vocal service, so we have not regarded ourselves as shut up to the uses of the ancient verses, inadequate as they are to cover the grand breadth of new doctrine and advanced thought. No one generation can make all the songs for another. Any generation may produce some songs which no subsequent generation will allow to die. What is exhaustive as a statement of truth to-day, may be obviously deficient to-morrow. Creeds which were intended to formulate the faith of all posterity, have been modified, or superseded by other symbols, which, in their turn, must undergo the inevitable process of reconstruction. Modes of thought and forms of expression change with ever-changing conditions. It is useless to inveigh against this law of change. We must have new modes of locomotion, new styles of architecture, new forms of salutation, new philosophies, new creeds, new songs. Every age will find means to express itself. If the forms of the past age serve the purpose of the present, it will use them—sometimes giving them the preference for the sake of the antique, which always carries its peculiar charm. Where it does not find a way open, it will make one. The old man never can see that the former times were inferior to the present, but the small boy knows they were, for the present is exactly suited to him. No age is content to run in the grooves of its predecessor. There is always a reaching out after better things, even if the reaching is done blindly. The balance of restlessness is in favor of progress. In the last two hundred years, sacred and secular lyrics have been poured upon the world by the ten thousand, most of them to live for a moment, and then to be swept out with the tide. We should probably never know the superior if the inferior did not come with it. Of the writing of songs there is no end—never will be, never should be. No man is obliged to accept anything that is written, except so far as it meets his want or suits his taste. Since the world began, men have talked their thoughts in numbers, and while the world stands

they will pour out their souls in song. If every poet was a Dante or a Milton, we might pray to be delivered from the avalanche. It ought to give us comfort when we behold that broad basal mediocrity which makes it possible to discern a Dante or a Milton. May the master poets always be few; but may every man who thinks in rhythm try his hand at it, and give his lines to the world. Both church and chapter-hall are the better for the men who catch the divine fire of song.

ROBERT LOWRY.

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✧ *A Threnody.* ✧

IN MEMORIAM. JAMES HAVEN KIMBER, Died Sept. 27, 1888.

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*We walked with him one measured round, one plain  
And common round of days, and never thought  
That Fate for him transcendent things had wrought,  
Until there passed, one autumn's dripping wane,  
A Presence by which beckoned him, in vain  
Reluctant, to a place apart, unsought,  
And made him all a key-board whence were brought  
Fantasias and inferno-fugues of pain.*

*No nerve devised to thrill to ecstasy,  
No range of high ambitions to command,  
No hope a-shine with starry winnowings,  
But was compelled to yield its agony;  
Till God's great angel drew his stilling hand  
Across the fierce vibrations of the strings.*

II.

*Did he who lay long years and watched the change  
Of pale reflections on his ceiling, green,  
Rose-bloom and gold and white of pomps unseen,  
Forego a plane of action? No; his range  
Of faculties no prison could estrange  
From due expression; no perplexing screen  
Of pain and impotence could drop between  
His spirit and sequences real and strange.*

*And dynasties of thoughts uprose and fell ;  
Columbuses discovered islands new ;  
Rebellions flamed round life's grim citadel,  
And in his soul raged many a Waterloo.  
But ever his the beaten striver's hell,  
The martyr's flames without the raptured view.*

III.

*In vain on seas of searching we embark  
To map the courses of that law divine  
Which sets the seal-print of a far design  
Upon this young life's tragedy. God's arc  
Is drawn from distances too vast to mark  
The curve through which He bends the rigid line  
To His own thought; in that short length's confine  
We see as tangent struck into the dark.*

*But loss demands its balance, and pain feeds  
The root of rapture. Dammed by distant bar  
The moisture drained from these waste sands must needs  
Sustain a verdure neath some happier star.  
The sick heart faints and flags, the worn foot bleeds—  
But look, my Hope, are those not palms afar?*

ORVILLE E. WATSON.



## The Areopagus.

### WEARING THE PIN.

EDITOR "SHIELD:"—One day not long since, during the sessions of the House of Representatives, I was passing the desk of a member from Pennsylvania, when he stopped me and said: "Is that a Phi Psi pin you are wearing?" "Yes," I replied, "that is a memento of college days and war times." He answered, "Well, my dear sir, I am a Phi Psi myself."

We had served together in three congresses, during two of them on the same committee. After reading the article in the November "Shield" on the Phi Psi pin, I had resurrected mine, and this pleasant greeting was one of the first fruits of that resurrection. It came from Hon. Henry H. Bingham, of Philadelphia, who has served in the House continuously since 1879. I have worn my pin ever since, and think I shall continue to do so. It is an old one, revered by me in the early days of the "Ohio Alpha," cherished through nearly four years of active service in the late war, but since then only occasionally remembered in the activities of western life. The Mason clings to his charm, the Grand Army man to his button, and why should not the Phi Psi, even in the rush of business, cling to his pin? The recollections of college days are usually agreeable, the return of the feeling experienced when the emblem was first worn pleasureable, and the record of the fraternity honorable. A fair measure of its devotees have achieved success. Men of mark in all of the respectable walks of life once wore the "shield." Very few of these but that to-day experience a quickening of the pulse when the old pin is brought to his attention. The grip and word may have been forgotten, but the sight of the black enameled shield, with its stars and emblems, will almost always secure a greeting. In May, 1863, I was standing by the side of the road leading from Chancellorsville, Va., to the United States ford, across the Rappahannock. The brigade commanded by General Barlow, to which I belonged, was expecting orders to move forward into the "thick" of the fight which was then raging a short distance in our front. A captain of cavalry rode up to make some inquiry,

to which I responded. He saw my pin, and although he was carrying an order to a corps commander, there was something more than a soldierly greeting exchanged. His name and chapter are not now remembered by me, but the incident was recalled when reading the article in the "SHIELD." If he is a reader of these lines, he can supplement them with what I have forgotten. Yes, every Phi Psi should wear a pin.

Fraternally,

S. R. PETERS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S. }  
Washington, D. C. Dec. 23, 1888. }

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### A RAMBLE.

A special delivery boy rushed into the office yesterday bearing a message from Editor Van Cleve, in which he stated that he would expect an article from me of from 1200 to 1500 words within 48 hours. A part of that time was spent by me in recovering from the paralysis naturally resulting from such a startling demand. The rest of the time up to the present has been expended in a futile endeavor to select a suitable topic. A large number of sonorous and beautiful headings suggested themselves, but upon investigation I found that I had no ideas to write under them. And so in my extremity it occurred to me that a sort of intellectual *ramble* would be about the thing. This plan presented obvious advantages. A ramble begins nowhere, goes nowhere, and ends nowhere. It attempts nothing, accomplishes nothing, and consequently is not liable to failure. The only one who is supposed to be affected is the rambler himself, and whether as a result he experiences exhilaration or collapse, it is by his own hand.

It is said that Napoleon never crossed a bridge before he got to it. Neither does John Jones or any other man so far as heard from. But life seems a failure to the man who comes to a swift flowing river and finds no bridge upon which to cross. And so, brethren, we should not go up to the District Councils next April and find no bridge to cross. The success of these councils will be measured by the amount of preliminary work done. But we are apt to imitate Micawber's propensity to wait for something to "turn up," hoping that when the time comes something will be obliging enough to do so.

The Archons in good time will issue the programs and state the subjects to be discussed. These discussions should not be confined to those specially appointed, but should be participated in by all. Let the chapters take them up beforehand, so that the delegates will go to the councils loaded and ready to fire on the slightest provocation. We don't want so

many impromptu speeches, so many half-considered, wild-eyed schemes that come at the inspiration (?) of the moment. The affairs of the fraternity are of real importance, and many of the questions demand serious and practical consideration, and yet the valuable time of our councils is often consumed by the delivery of speeches as innocent of previous preparation as the average Monday morning lesson.

Again, the social and fraternal atmosphere of our councils should be warm and invigorating. Let us have no wall flowers. The wall flower is a species of plant not indigenous to Phi Psi soil.

He is a lugubrious individual well adapted to funerals, and calculated to remind a man of his sins and of a judgment to come. When he goes anywhere he expects to be entertained without exertion on his own part. He is simply the passive recipient. You may take him up and fawn upon him and try to get him interested, and then when you put him down again he flattens himself against the wall with greater persistence than ever. Every brother should go to the council with the determination to have a good time himself and help in making others happy. It will be your duty, not so much to look after the more prominent man (he will take care of himself) as to exchange a cordial greeting and friendly word with the less conspicuous brother, and thus warm his heart and prove the reality of our fraternal ties.

The social rule of an introduction is worse than nonsense in a Phi Kappa Psi love feast. I have seen two good brothers eyeing each other as though each considered the other a highwayman or an imposter, simply because they had not been introduced. The shield is an open letter of introduction, which "he who runs may read,"—though I don't mean that all men should take to their heels on sight of the shield.

The District Council has a great advantage over the G. A. C. in not being glutted with business—legislative, executive and judicial. It therefore can partake more of the literary and social elements, and can be made a great power in stimulating the chapters and bringing them into closer fraternal relations. Let the coming councils be made memorable by their size and enthusiasm.

The fraternity of the future will live in chapter houses. It will be a householder in the dual capacity of landlord and tenant. It will sit under its own vine and fig tree, and put its legs under its own table where its peculiar gastronomic tastes will be satisfied. It will toast its feet at its own fireside, and say its prayers at its own bedside. We must get ready for the future with all its demands, and the best time to begin is the present. I am glad to know that this question is being seriously and practically considered by a number of our chapters. The fact is, no

organization can stand still and live. The restless energy of the age demands progressive activity. Our attention in the past has been devoted to the improvement of our scheme of government, but now that this question is substantially settled we instinctively look around for a new field of operation. Some have out their telescopes and are scanning the heavens for a new star to be added to our galaxy of chapters. Others with microscopes are dissecting the bacteria in our present body politic, or trying to diagnose a condition of disease which may or may not exist. All this may be well enough, but I would suggest that there be a united effort in the line of chapter houses. Not that chapters should attempt the impossible, but that they begin the accumulation of a fund for the future erection of chapter houses. We are inclined to be impatient and fail to appreciate the results which a few years of united effort will accomplish. We live in the present, we are concerned with the demands of the present—the future must take care of itself, but a longheaded policy will take in the stretch of years and consider our duty in the light thereof. I am perhaps more enthusiastic on this subject on account of a recent visit to Ann Arbor, where the Alpha boys are most pleasantly and beautifully located in an elegant and commodious chapter house. I can assure all Phi Psis that they will find there warm and loyal hearts, and a presiding genius unexcelled for stately bearing and quiet though contagious humor.

But, Mr. Editor, the rambler is tired—good night.

W. C. WILSON.



## Editorial.

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The request for copies of marked college papers to be sent to THE SHIELD has been met to some extent. In addition to those acknowledged in November we have received *Cornell Era*, *Lantern*, *Wittenberger*, *Dickinsonian*, *Lasell Leaves*, *Campus*, *Mississippi University Magazine*, *Simpsonian*, and *Madisonensis*.

The *Annual* of Pennsylvania Epsilon has also been received. Ind. A.'s annual letter to her alumni came while we were going to press, and we delay to notice its receipt.

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The Editor regrets to announce that just as THE SHIELD was to go to press he was taken sick with remittent fever. This issue of THE SHIELD has been got together with such volunteer assistance as we had at our call, and we ask the indulgence of our readers for any weakness in form or material that may be manifest. We were, fortunately, able to secure several contributed articles, but all other matters, including the important details, have been delegated to other hands. We had reserved the editorials of this issue for a thorough discussion of the work of the coming District Councils, but perhaps the next issue will serve our purpose quite as well.

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We are very sorry that through imperfect proof reading an error crept into Brother Little's article on "Favorite Societies." On page 148 of the December SHIELD occurs

the following: "In their own territory the favorites find Phi Psi, Chi Phi, and Zeta Psi formidable rivals." The writer requests us to say that Chi Psi should be read instead of Phi Psi. He much regrets the proof reader's mistake, and had no disposition to overlook the excellent work of Chi Psi, nor claim for his own fraternity credit due so worthy a rival.

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The Committee on Song Book has organized and begun work. Dr. Lowry will perform the functions of editor; for special supervision of work and correspondence to F. C. Bray has been assigned the first district; to E. M. Van Cleve, the second; the third, to E. A. Daumont, and the fourth, to L. M. Coy. The outline of the work may be briefly stated as follows: It is the function of the several members to gather from the various chapters under their charge material suitable for the work, asking for

1. Any songs now in use in the chapter;
2. Any Ms. songs with tunes indicated;
3. Original songs written for the work;
4. Printed songs, in slips;
5. Copies of song-books in use in chapters;
6. List of songs in college song-books that ought to go into our book.

Returns from the chapters having been made, and material having been obtained by personal solicitation from alumni and others, the editorial work will be in the hands of the chairman. The financial aspects of the situation are to be faced by requests to alumni and others for subscription to a guarantee fund as an evidence of fraternal backing. The committee is energetic and enthusiastic, and work will be pushed to as rapid a conclusion as possible.

## Chapter Letters.

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### ALLEGHENY.

Pennsylvania Beta, peaceful and prosperous, sends her monthly greeting to THE SHIELD, wishing success to every Phi Psi who proudly wears the pink and lavender, the royal emblem of our cherished fraternity. Our chapter has resumed its wonted activity, all the boys returning in high spirits after the festive occasions of a three weeks holiday vacation. Bro. Arthur Barnes, '91, of Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, after an absence of three months, we are glad to say has again returned, also the smiling face of our "muscular" representative from Pittsburgh, Bro. Will Youngson, compelled to be absent the latter part of the term, is again seen among us. Bro. John Porter, '90, will be obliged to discontinue his studies for the present, on account of ill-health; he is, however, frequently seen at the chapter house, and in the meantime will continue to delight the people of Franklin with his "basso profundo" intonations.

The Phi Kappa Psi Quintette Club completed their holiday tour December 30th, after a series of remarkably successful engagements, the boys returning covered with glory and with pockets filled with flattering expressions of rural newspapers. The club was royally entertained at the Hollenden, Cleveland, Ohio, by Bro. Frank Arter, '64, who has lost none of his interest in the fraternity of his youth. Before the departure of the club from Meadville, the boys gave a short musicale at the chapter house to several prominent people of the city and college. Among those present were President Williams, Prof. Montgomery and wife, Prof. Dixon and wife of the Conservatory of Music, and others.

On Tuesday evening, January 15th, the Fiske Annual Declamation Contest of Allegheny Literary Society was held in the college chapel. Pennsylvania Beta was represented by Brothers Bray and Barrett. After a "lengthy deliberation" of about three seconds, the judges rendered a unanimous decision in favor of Brother Bray. Brother Barrett was awarded the second place.

On last Wednesday evening our chapter entertained a company of friends at the chapter house in honor of Miss Grace Barrett, of Titusville, Pennsylvania, who was visiting in the city.

We review with satisfaction the course of our chapter during the past term, after having initiated five of the most promising new men of the year, and expect ere long to "stale" our Billy; not, however, until we have enticed one

more victim into the fold, whom we shall take pleasure in presenting to the brethren in our next letter.

FRANK A. CATTERN.

Meadville, Pennsylvania, January 15, 1889.

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**BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.**

Pennsylvania Gamma has been represented in every number of *THE SHIELD* this year, and yet we ask for another chance. On Thursday, December 13th, our goat had a very pleasant interview with Charlie Koonce, of the freshman class, and it affords me great pleasure to introduce the new brother to the fraternity. After the initiation Charlie invited us all to Showers' Café, where we partook of an oyster supper in honor of the event.

Our school term ended on Dec. 19, so all the boys have left town except Brothers Bennett, Wilkinson and the writer, all of whom are fortunate enough to reside in Lewisburg. We have with us, however, Bros. John G. Owens, of '87, and H. M. Kelly, of '88, both of whom are home for vacation.

Our two new buildings, the Art Annex to the Institute, and the Dormitory at the Academy, will be ready for occupancy at the opening of next term.

Prof. Frank E. Rockwood, Δ K E, has just returned from Europe, and will be ready to resume his work in the Latin department as soon as the term opens.

Since Bro. Geo. M. Phillips has declined, it is probable that Bucknell will have no president this year.

JOE M. WOLFE.

Lewisburg, Pa., December 31, 1888.

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**DICKINSON COLLEGE.**

Late we returned to college, hence our tardiness in writing. All of our chapter have returned to work, except Brother Zimmerman, who is resting in Washington, after a very successful season in evangelical work.

Dickinson has at last retired from the ranks of American colleges without presidents. On Thursday, January 3, 1889, the Board of Trustees of the college met in Philadelphia, and unanimously elected, by ballot, Dr. George E. Reed, President of Dickinson College. Dr. Reed is a native of Maine, an alumnus of Wesleyan University and of the Boston School of Theology. He is an eminent pulpit orator, an acknowledged scholar, a man of superior executive ability and a great lover of the young. He has filled some of the largest pulpits in his section of the country. His present charge is Trinity Church, New Haven, Connecticut, where he holds a very large congregation, many of which are students of Yale University.

College prospects are bright for the future, for all classes have confidence in their new leader, and where confidence reigns strife and discord are usually absent.

We have just sent in our blanks for the annual reports. We think the new style a model for comprehensiveness as well as conciseness.

This will very probably be our last letter to THE SHIELD, for the new B. G. will soon be elected. We have much enjoyed our position, for in it we have been drawn closer to the fraternity at large, and have learned to feel as if we were well acquainted with many whose faces we have never seen but whom, we have learned to love.

GEORGE V. D. MORRIS.

Carlisle, Pennsylvania, January 11, 1889.

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#### CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

It is indeed to be regretted that New York Alpha should send her first letter at this late date, but it can only be accounted for by the fact that the brothers chose one not well suited for a correspondent.

This year thus far has been one of which New York Alpha may be justly proud. We returned with a large number of our old men and very fortunately succeeded in getting our freshmen in the house immediately after initiation, thus completely filling it. Brothers McMahan and Hodder, *in facultate*, took rooms in the house at the beginning of the year, but later Brother Hodder moved next door to make room for more freshmen.

Brother Merritt received a re-appointment to the Fellowship in Physics, and Brother Ryan, '87, was appointed instructor in electrical engineering. Feeling the consequent responsibility of such a position Bro. R. decided that a help-mate would lessen his cares and add immensely to his happiness, so at the beginning of the year he appeared with a pretty, young wife and took rooms near the chapter house.

Brother May, one of our popular juniors, was elected editor on the *Cornellian*, the university annual publication, and Brother Healy assumes to act as one of the committee for the junior ball, which is the social event of the season at Cornell.

Brother Robinson, who represented us on the commencement stage last June, was most unfortunate in losing his father. He intended to continue his work in the Chicago School of Law this year, but his father's sudden death materially changed his plans.

A part of last summer vacation was spent by Brothers Merritt and Hampton in building what might be properly termed an "elegant Phi Psi canoe" of tandem style, with sails fore and aft, and they are anxiously awaiting warm weather to launch her. We can only expect that the spring term will be spent in cruising.

Brother Ludlow has acquired quite a reputation in the minstrel line by appearing as end man and specialist in the Society Minstrels at the Opera House last term. He had hitherto intended to take his father's place in the drug business, but startling inducements are pouring in from the leading minstrel companies, and he is now seriously considering the matter of becoming king of the blackened cork.

Brother Real, whose artistic skill appeared in last year's *Cornellian*, is again sending in sketches for this year's publication.

During the holiday vacation there are only three of us left in the house, and it indeed seems quite deserted. Though during the term it sometimes seems a little noisy while one wishes it quiet, we would now be only too glad to have the house ring with laughter, and the halls reverberate with sound of piano, guitar and mandolin. When college opens we will welcome again the pleasant faces, and wonder how we could live without such close relations as Phi Psi affords. As a world of travel and a life of study broadens one's mind, so does this fraternal spirit and united brotherhood enlarge our ideas and make our souls self-sacrificing.

With best wishes for the success of our sister chapters, and trusting the greatest harmony exists in them all, we will say good-bye.

A. C. BURNETT.

Ithaca, New York, December 31, 1888.

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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

After a somewhat protracted silence, New York Beta again raises her voice through the columns of THE SHIELD. But our silence is not on account of a lack of enthusiasm or of prosperity. Everything within our ranks is prosperous and flourishing. We begin the present term with nineteen active members, and we think it not too much to say that, if the present condition is any criterion of the future, our success is assured.

During the vacation, which has just closed, our boys have been widely separated. Brother Burritt made quite an extended tour in the West, visiting the chapter at Wabash, and the alumni association at Chicago. He reports meeting a great many Phi Psis, but we suspect that a certain fair damsel, living in the Hoosier State, was the center of attraction to him, and received the greater part of his attention. Brother Walrath had a similar attraction, but in an opposite direction, which drew him to Hartford, Connecticut, where he spent his vacation. Brothers Barnard and Statham spent one week traveling with the University Glee Club, these brothers filling the position of first tenor on the club. This holiday trip was one of the most successful the club ever made. At every place they sang they were assured of even larger audiences, should they come again.

We now wish to introduce our initiate, Bro. George Gray, '92, who, although not *new*, was too late to be mentioned in our last letter. Brother Gray is taking the musical course, and comes very convenient to manipulate the new piano, with which we have recently furnished our hall. Our rooms have also been improved by new carpets, etc., and are now as pleasant and inviting as one could wish. Our walls are also graced by a large photograph of Governor Foraker, 18x24, sent through his kindness, which the chapter highly appreciates. We expect soon to have photos of Brothers Lowry and McCabe, and other prominent members of the fraternity.

We can not refrain from mentioning the progress of our new college buildings. The Crouse College is now entirely enclosed, and work on the interior is

rapidly progressing. The contract calls for its completion by June, '89. The library building is also nearly completed, the shelving being now put in.

On his way home, being delayed by an accident, the writer had the opportunity of making a short visit at New York Delta. Although most of the boys had gone home on vacation, those who remained gave him a warm reception, and seemed thoroughly imbued with  $\Phi \Psi$  spirit. To all appearances the chapter at Hobart is in a very thriving condition, and we wish to congratulate our sister chapter on her success.

With this letter, the duties of the present incumbent as SHIELD correspondent cease. Success to THE SHIELD and long live Phi Kappa Psi.

GEORGE K. STATHAM.

Syracuse, New York, January 12, 1889.

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#### HOBART.

After three weeks of sumptuous living we return once more to our old haunts and to work. As the very first thing that stares us in the face is our letter to THE SHIELD, we do not know of anything more appropriate at this season of the year than to give a clear statement of the condition of New York Delta; how she stands with regard to the other fraternities here, in scholarship, college politics, and her relations with all the other men of the college, whether fraternity or non-fraternity men. We do not intend to say that the best and most able students of Hobart are members of New York Delta, but we propose to compare ourselves with the other fraternities here and leave it to our friends to draw their own conclusion.

Our chapter now comprises twelve active members, six of whom are honor men. We have the valedictorian of '89, Brother Pegram. The Kappa Alpha, out of a number of thirteen, has only three honor men. Of the twelve active members of the Sigma Phi, three only are honor men, and the Theta Delta Chi has only six members in all and these are scientific. We surely have no cause to complain, as far as scholarship is concerned, as the above statement will show, if we measure a person's ability by the grade he attains in college, which is the case at Hobart. And, in truth, we can measure and justly too, a man's ability by his standing here, for, although the college is not a large one, the courses are thorough, and it is hardly possible for any one to attain an honor grade without the utmost diligence.

In rushing men we aim to get good scholars, men who have come to college to work, and probably this is the reason that our honor list is larger at the present time than any other fraternity here, while the others, if they take the matter of scholarship into consideration at all, evidently make it a secondary one. In other matters of college life we seem to have as good, if not a better showing than our rivals. For instance, in college politics we have the president of the senior class, Brother Pegram; the president of the sophomore class, Brother Whitwell, and many other offices of not so much importance. We may also state here that Brother Gatley, '90, was unanimously elected by the board of directors, as editor-in-chief of the *Echo of the Seneca*, a position of high honor

and trust, and one to which all juniors look with longing eyes. Brother German, '90, was also elected by his class on the business board of the same.

In our relations with all the other men here we endeavor to treat them all alike, and if we are called to take part in any controversy between different parties, we strive to find out who is right and side with him. As an evidence of this fact, let me relate an incident that occurred last month; it created quite a commotion at the time and will probably be interesting to the readers of *THE SHIELD*.

A party of sophomores and freshmen here undertook to have some fun with two brothers, members of the class of '91, and belonging to no fraternity. These two young men are hard working, inoffensive fellows, and had to put up with some pretty hard treatment at the hands of their persecutors. At one time their door was burst open and their bed soaked with water, at another, their windows were broken, in short, their persecutors played the very d—l with them all last fall. The two brothers, one of whom is quite a delicate fellow, bore this kind of treatment with a sort of Christian fortitude, and never essayed to take their own part until Saturday, December 8, 1888. On this night their persecutors having gone down town and drank a glass or two of milk apiece, came back quite hilarious. Arriving at the college they went straight to the room of these two young men and pounded upon their door. The brothers waited quietly until they had gone away, when one of them seized a club, ran to the head of the stairs and threw it after his persecutors, who were going down. Now the one who threw the club was the stronger of the two, and burning with suppressed rage and indignation, he threw it with all the force he could command, and struck an unsuspecting freshman on the head, inflicting a severe wound. The friends of the wounded man carried him to his room, and after plastering up the cut and making him as comfortable as possible, they took counsel together to see what they should do to the wretches who dared to strike one of their party. After much deliberation it was decided to make a college affair out of the matter. So on Sunday, December 9th, the man who threw the club was placed on trial before a judge and jury of students, on the charge of assault and battery. Four of our men were on the jury, and Brother Pegram undertook the case as lawyer for the defense. We all sided with the accused and so ably did Brother Pegram defend him that the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty. One good thing resulted from this; the young men have not been molested since.

J. T. CROWE.

Geneva, New York, January 10, 1889.

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#### MADISON UNIVERSITY.

New York Epsilon sends New Year greeting to her sisters in the same faith. And she, for her part, has determined to have more letters in *THE SHIELD* during the rest of the session than she had in the term just finished, The fault, if fault it was, is chargeable to one, rather than to many. And, since he has repented by turning that duty over to another, Epsilon will try to have a greeting for the boys each month.

The winter term of 1889 brings us all together again. The gay scenes, the idle days, the homes, the "girls,"—all must be left behind and the broken thread of student life must be caught up and the daily weaving of sober, useful cloth of knowledge and culture must be resumed.

We are sorry to lose from our number Brother Fletcher, '92, who is compelled to remain at his home in Plaintsville, Connecticut. We hope to see him return next session, however.

The boys, for the most part, enjoyed the holidays at home. Potter, the Michigander, went home with Bennett, who lives in the State of "wooden nutmegs." En-route, they took in New York City, and as they sauntered along, hand in hand, like "babes in the woods" (they only weigh 350 pounds together) perhaps the boy from Alpena might have been heard to remark: "Say Ben, I should think they'd use saw-dust for paving; that's the way we do at home, and you don't have so much fuss from wagons." And the still, small voice of "Ben" replied: "No, thank ye, we can't afford to saw up the lumber for the streets of New York when Connecticut needs it for making nutmegs." And there the curtain dropped, or rather Ben would, if perchance some ice or snow had been on the ground, for that's his favorite pastime during the winter.

Brothers Sholar, '89, Divine, '91, and Billings, '92, who compose the Madison University Gospel Band, spent their vacation at Canisteo, New York, conducting gospel meetings. They report a grand time and some ninety converts. They conducted similar meetings in the State during last summer and met with great success and commendation.

Last fall, Mr. Sidney Clarke, of Park River, Dakota, established a prize of \$50 open to members of the senior class. The members to present orations of not more than 1,500 words, six of these orations to be selected by a committee, and the six writers to deliver their orations in March. The best one of these wins the prize.

In view of the self-congratulations which B Θ Π indulged in last year, when Φ Ξ lost two men by the lifting process of the Dekes, it might not be very unkind to chronicle the withdrawal of a popular B Θ Π from the Madison chapter. It isn't always best for one fraternity to boast of more harmony than another, for we can't always tell just when the tide may turn. Fraternity life is quiet just now. Each chapter moves along quietly in its own way. The Φ Γ Δ's are not prospering very well just now. They have only one freshman, one sophomore, one senior and six juniors. We wish them better luck next time.

The December SHIELD was simply immense. Each number of the present volume has been better than the one preceding, it seems to me. Brother Little's article was grandly good, if I may use such an expression. It did seem as if the article in the *Century*, coming as it did at the time for colleges to open, was more of a "spiking" piece than anything else. It would be a comfort and a pleasure to see Brother L.'s reply as widely scattered as was Mr. Porter's.

THE SHIELD and the Δ K E *Quarterly* are to be found in their appointed place in the university library. The Δ Y's do not contribute their's, nor do the Φ Γ Δ's. The former is not "good enough," so I hear. The B Θ Π's claim that their journal is secret now, and consequently can not be open to the public.

Our parlor has been honored and beautified by a picture of our president, Rev. Robert Lowry. This gives us both of the presidents since our chapter was "run in," as we have also a life size picture of Governor Foraker.

This letter has grown too long already, so here's a period.

W. J. SHOLAR.

Hamilton, New York, January 10, 1889.

#### HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE.

The agony of examinations is *partly* over and Gamma's B. G. breathes again. We have been expecting the excitement of the reflex motor organism of our "Hircus" for some time, but so far have not succeeded in pledging any to join us, and this, together with the fact that chapter news is not always as plentiful as mud at Hampden-Sidney, will, we hope, explain our long silence.

A great improvement has been added to the college in the shape of a nicely furnished and well equipped reading room, and the culture of our noble and aspiring intellects is much aided thereby.

We have received a valuable addition in Bro. E. H. Stover, who was compelled to leave college in '84 on account of ill-health. He has since been teaching in Texas and is now attending the Theological Seminary. He is a jolly fellow, plays on the guitar and also poses as an actor in the *private* theatricals, in which he is the admired of all the ladies.

We were glad to see the ruddy countenance of Brother Reynolds, of Norfolk, for a short time on New Year's day, and were sorry his stay was so short.

Phi Psi has lost one of her beautiful and popular sisters. During the holidays Miss Lillian Wollffe was married to Mr. Krug, of Brazil, where they will go soon. Virginia Gamma sincerely wishes them the utmost happiness, and in tendering her congratulations, hopes that the lovely bride may revisit her home in the near future, and that she may meet and clasp again the hand of her sisters in  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

Virginia Gamma has always been awarded the palm by our Greek epicures, but never has she more fully appreciated it than on last Tuesday evening. The fraternity went down in a body to the hospitable residence of Mrs. Baskerville, at Worsham, one mile distant, and the evening and part of the morning was spent in a most delightful manner. After the following

#### MENU.

Oysters, Maryland Style.			
Cold Slaw, aux Oeufs en Mayonnaise.			
Cold Turkey, with Fine Herbs.			
Sally Lunn.	French Biscuits.	Butter.	Tea Rolls.
Wine Jelly.		Gateaux Assortis.	
Fruit Cake.	Jelly Cake.	Chocolate Cake.	
Assorted Nuts.	Raisins.	Caramels.	
Tea.		Coffee.	

had been served and the usual toasts responded to, the Moot Court held a highly enjoyable trial on the case of Thomas Turkey-Gobbler for the willful and de-

liberate murder of one Grass Hopper. Several learned arguments were brought forward by the counsel for defense, but Judge Graham decided that the defendant was guilty, and as summary execution had already been inflicted on him, it was decided to incarcerate his younger brother until the next meeting of the court, when he will pay the penalty of his good condition. With best wishes for the fraternity and SHIELD during this and following years.

W. S. STUART.

Hampden-Sidney, Va., January 11, 1889.

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**DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.**

We can conceive of no more fitting opening to our letter to the  $\Phi \Psi$  world than to introduce another defender of the "Shield"—Julian B. Downey, of Durango, Colorado. Brother Downey is one of the strongest members of the class of '91, and will prove a most valuable acquisition to our ranks.

The second term of our college year commenced January 2d, after the usual Christmas vacation of two weeks. During the holidays about twelve of the  $\Phi \Psi$ 's remained here in town, enjoying themselves as only  $\Phi \Psi$ 's can, holding daily meetings in the fraternity hall, and indulging in occasional oyster suppers and kindred festivities.

On January 3d, 4th and 5th, the annual oratorical performance of the junior class was held in Meharry Hall, accompanied by counter demonstrations by the sophomores. Brothers Walker, Rudy, McDougal and Neff, the  $\Phi \Psi$  members of the junior class, all did themselves and their fraternity honor by the manner in which they acquitted themselves.

The De Pauw Concert Company has been reorganized, and in connection with the De Pauw Zouaves, will make a tour of the State. They will visit Terre Haute, New Albany, Crawfordsville, and Bloomington, and any of our alumni at the above named places will probably find two  $\Phi \Psi$ 's in the Concert Company, and two or three in the Zouaves.

We feel like congratulating THE SHIELD, and more particularly Brother Little, on the ringing article in the December SHIELD on "Favorite Societies." We appreciate more fully the value of such articles, from the fact that, ever since our establishment here, we have met one of "the favorites," and are proud to say that we have not found them so nearly invincible as Mr. Porter would lead us to believe. From the present status of affairs at De Pauw, one would hardly be justified in saying that "all barriers are rapidly disappearing before these societies in their march toward representation at all the important colleges of the country."

CHARLES A. HOUTS.

Greencastle, Indiana, January 10, 1889.

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**WABASH COLLEGE.**

Here we come again with fraternal greetings for all. Since our last letter the college has been all torn up with factional fights, several knock-downs have been experienced, and blood has freely flown to decorate the society halls, and the beautiful green carpet of our college campus. Numerous changes have

taken place, until now  $\Phi K \Psi$  and  $B \Theta \Pi$  stand out against three fraternities and the barbs.

The possible result of the oratorical contest, which takes place next month, and the winner of which represents the college in the State contest, is attracting quite a good deal of attention, and the exhibition promises to be an exciting one. There will be probably six contestants, and all seem to be working hard to win.

The matter of extension has been talked of here to a considerable extent, and it seems to be the general impression that steps will be taken at the next District Council to leave the whole matter in the hands of the Executive Council. This system has a number of good points, but also its disadvantages, and the matter should be thoroughly discussed before any such action is taken.

Last night we had the honor of receiving into our fold another candidate for  $\Phi K \Psi$  attention, and we are now happy to introduce him to the fraternity at large. His name is G. C. Markle, his home is at Winchester, Indiana, and we consider him as a most desirable acquisition. After the initiation a very tempting spread was discussed and a very agreeable evening spent.

Our election of officers for the ensuing year has as yet not been reported, so here goes. There were not quite enough offices to go round, but the defeated candidates are in good humor about the matter so it is well enough as it is. Our G. P. is J. R. Hanna; P., A. P. H. Bloomer; A. G., Fred Dole; B. G., J. S. McFaddin; H., Arba Perry; Ph., W. J. Coleman; Chap., Will Luther. Our organization is complete and everything in nice shape for good work.

We had two very pleasant visits recently, and it gave us genuine pleasure to receive as guests two earnest workers for  $\Phi K \Psi$ . Mr. F. N. Burritt, of New York Beta, Syracuse University, was our first visitor, and we found in him just such a fraternity man as one likes to meet. He seemed well pleased with our college, etc., and we take this opportunity of saying he will always be a welcome visitor whenever he comes this way. Mr. D. T. McDougal, of Indiana Alpha, also gave us a short call, and we extend him a hearty invitation to come again. Success to THE SHIELD and a prosperous career for all sister chapters.

J. S. MCFADDIN.

Crawfordsville, Indiana, January 13, 1889.

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#### NORTHWESTERN.

The drama of college life for '88 has almost ended, the lights are being turned out in the deserted halls, behind the scenes the various actors; some few in royal purple, some in mere gilt and tinsel, others in wigs and burnt cork, are removing the traces of their profession, praising or blaming their respective "hits," and bidding each other good-night as they separate for the evening.

Before stepping out for a two weeks vacation, however, we wish to "inform our patrons" that we shall be found at the old place at the opening of the season of '89, no stronger or better perhaps than in the year past, but surely as strong in "cast of characters" and as able and competent to fill out the closely written pages of our chapter record.

Two new brothers have cast their lot with us since the last letter, T. J. Dixon, '92, of Chicago, and E. W. Ward, of Aurora, Illinois. Honest, loyal fellows, loyal brothers in Phi Kappa Psi.

Our pan-hellenic movement, inaugurated and carried out with so much success last year, was repeated again this season, the three leading fraternities alone participating, however, as the Delta Upsilon aggregation has not been admitted on account of its non-secret proclivities, and Phi Delta Theta voluntarily withdrew from the association not feeling equal to the emergency, probably. About forty-five representatives of Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi assembled in the parlors of the Avenue House, on the evening of November 22d, and filed into the banquet room where a tempting menu was spread to tickle the palate of the hungry club-boarders. Brother Thwing, as grand master of ceremonies, kept the "ball right merrily rolling." Brother Herben responded to our chapter toast, while Brother Grier alluded touchingly to "joint initiation" in an impromptu effort, and the cornet solo by Brother Alabaster, and the general frat. song helped swell the grand chorus until "night's candles were burnt out and jocund day stood tiptoe on the misty mountain top."

The first of our private parties to which the ladies were invited was held in our chapter hall just before the pan-hellenic banquet. An illustrated lecture was the feature of the evening, and towards the close of the term a second impromptu blow-out introduced the ladies to our singing skulls and the "further mysteries of the order."

Owing to the magnificent fall weather athletic sports have been pushed with more than usual vigor. Bro. Al. Henry holds the responsible position of captain of the foot ball team. In the famous game in the city on Thanksgiving Day, Brother Moulding, our best all around athlete, had the misfortune of getting his nose broken. Tom presented anything but a handsome appearance for a few days, but owing to the surgical skill of the 19th century he is now as handsome as ever, and was able to act as referee in our last victory over Lake Forest.

Bro. Ed. Ninde, son of our honored bishop, represented the Theological Institute as speaker at the inter-seminary reunion in Chicago on Dec. 6th, and easily captured the laurels. Brothers Henry and Alabaster represent the chapter upon the editorial board of the *Syllabus*.

We have maintained the custom for the past two years of mailing a circular letter, at least every term, to each alumnus of the chapter, containing a list of all the general fraternity news, and find it has been productive of much real good. Older members are glad to know that their names have not been dropped from the chapter roll, and occasionally they find time to attend one of the meetings and listen to the old order of business so familiar to the enthusiastic brother.

Keep fast, hold on to your alumni, brothers! It means a little care and thoughtfulness on your part, but it will be repaid ten times over by pointers concerning new men, by advice to those attending college, and by the enthusi-

asm awakened within your own chapter by the sight of a loyal, energetic, successful business or professional man wearing the dear old pin on the lapel of his vest and speaking warm words for the good of the order.

C. S. GRAVES.

Evanston, Illinois, December 17, 1888.

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**BELOIT COLLEGE.**

Wisconsin Gamma sends New Year's greetings to her sister chapters and wishes them all a happy and successful year. If the success with which Wisconsin Gamma met last term is to be a criterion for the rest of the year, we can well afford to congratulate ourselves. We began the year with only five active members, but we now number nine and are in good working condition. Our last, but by no means least acquisition is Mr. Edward J. Breitzman, of Fon du Lac, who now makes his bow to the fraternity at large. In Breitzman, Phi Psi not only gets a fine man and one who is sure to make a good and loyal Phi Psi, but she also gains another signal victory over her rivals.

We wound up the term in the proper style with a banquet at the "Hotel Goodwin." After a short business meeting at our rooms, we adjourned in a body to the above named "inn" and proceeded to make way with an elegant "spread." It must have been a very sublime occasion, for not a word was spoken from the time the "short-necked clams" made their appearance until the cigars were passed. After the "feed" came the usual number of toasts and songs, but the feature of the evening was our Phi Psi orchestra, which, by the way, is a very fine one, and would make a success on the road.

Bro. H. A. Lyman, Illinois Alpha, banker at Rockford, Illinois, was with us that evening and helped us with our feast and music. Business cares have not yet affected Brother L. very visibly and a stranger would almost have taken him for one of our number.

DANIEL WAITE.

Beloit, Wisconsin, January 8, 1889.

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**SIMPSON.**

Iowa Delta sends greetings to her sister chapters. There has nothing of great importance happened here lately. We have not seen any badges yet, but it is confidently expected that a brand new chapter of  $\Sigma X$ , will soon make its appearance.

The president announced that Simpson had now the largest attendance in its history.

During vacation our Japanese student, Mr. Santaro Miyando, fell through the new uncompleted Science Hall and received injuries which proved fatal. He was quite well liked by the students, and his death was a cause of sorrow to all.

We understand that our redoubtable Bro. Ike Jim Archer is down with the

measles in Chicago. But we think perhaps Brother A. is only regaining some of the sleep he lost while visiting his inamorata here. Illinois Alpha boys will take notice.

Bro. J. M. Sylvester is not with us this term. He is now a full-fledged "Knight of the Birch and Spelling Book," but will be with us in the spring.

We were represented on the "Butler Declamatory" contest by Brother Stratton and ye scribe. I had the good fortune to stand first among the gentlemen on the contest, but the ladies took every thing. We of the masculine gender could only get a glimpse of the prize, and that as it was presented.

Brothers Bunting and Stratton are expected to represent us on the preliminary to the State oratorical contest.

D. E. STUART.

Indianola, Iowa, January 8, 1889.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

It is the day before Christmas, and we at the university are enjoying a brief rest from study and are eagerly looking forward to the festivities which the morrow will bring. But it is hard to realize that it is December, for rain is falling and the air is as warm and the grass as green as on an April day.

The delightful weather which we have had all this fall has been a great boon to those who have had the "drill," as no suitable quarters could be provided for cold days. The military suits came two weeks ago, were tried on, found to be splendid "misfits," and we immediately left for a tailor shop from which, it is hoped, they will return sufficiently altered to make them presentable. In addition to this, military men are now somewhat stirred up over the selection of officers, which is to take place shortly after vacation. The most ambitious have been studying "tactics" very zealously for some time past, and it is from their number that all appointments will be made.

The fair weather before mentioned has doubtless greatly stimulated the craze for class "photos" which is now upon us. Each class has "sat" in two or three different postures, and the juniors, with pardonable vanity, have resolved that the likeness of each and every member shall appear in the forthcoming "annual."

As was predicted in one of our previous letters, the Sigma Chis came out with a banquet at the West Hotel on the evening of December 7th. Their appearance at school next day was the occasion of a considerable uproar in the "lower hall," for in attempting to "bounce" them the students were interfered with by a young instructor, who, by his indiscreet threats of expulsion, made himself the object of much good-natured raillery, and narrowly escaped receiving that which he had tried to prevent.

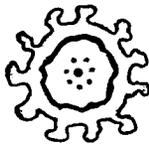
Last Saturday evening occurred the first of a series of five contests to be engaged in by students of the rhetorical classes for the Pillsbury prizes amounting to seventy-five dollars. Of the sixteen contestants, Dickinson, Soares and Triggs were  $\Phi$   $\Psi$ 's; who did so well that the judges awarded Dickinson first place, Soares second, and Triggs close to them.

Monday evening, December 3d, we  $\Phi \Psi$ 's, and several lady friends, met informally at the chapter house, and spent a few pleasant hours in dancing and playing games. It is our desire, as I have said once before, to have a formal gathering of  $\Phi \Psi$ 's and lady friends as soon as possible, but I am sure it could not be more enjoyed than was the little gathering just mentioned.

And now the time has come for closing this letter and resigning the position of B. G. Although the duties have been numerous, inasmuch as we have had all the correspondence incident to getting a new chapter in good running order, yet they have been pleasant and profitable, and they are laid aside with considerable regret. Since our first letter, less than a year ago, the chapter has increased in membership from eight to twenty, and from having no home it has come to occupy one of the most successful chapter houses here. Encouraged by this success and by the activity and enthusiasm displayed by all the members, we feel that the future will see even more gratifying results from Minnesota Beta. That the new year may be full of good things for her, for the fraternity at large, and for THE SHIELD, is the earnest desire of the writer.

HENRY P. BAILY.

Minneapolis, Minnesota, December 24, 1888.



## Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

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This department of the paper is made up of excerpts from THE SHIELD'S exchanges, and reflects the sentiments of our rivals which are most pointed and characteristic. We refrain from expressing any opinions as to the matters discussed, and scarce deem it worth while to controvert any statement made by our contemporaries. No more is written by the Editor than may suffice for introduction to each quoted passage. This will relieve the doubts of inquirers, some of whom perversely consider this feature an exchange department.—ED. SHIELD.

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The December issue of the *Rainbow* has a short review of the article in the September *Century* which called forth the criticism in the last SHIELD. The reviewer says:

The article is disappointing in every other feature, than exhaustive descriptions of chapter-houses and their occupants, and its title should have run something in this way, "Designs of Lodges belonging to various social organizations in certain American colleges."

The author knows nothing about the existence of  $\Delta T \Delta$  for which we can forgive him, being extremely modest, and of such a retiring disposition that we should blush to see our name in print, but can he be excused for knowing nothing of  $\Sigma A E$  the fraternity of most exclusiveness in the South,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  the most charitable of fraternities, and  $\Sigma X$  the fraternity which has the finest constitution among its sisters?—to say nothing of lesser lights between which we will not make invidious comparisons by naming.

The article mentions the fact that there are fraternity journals published, but the author evidently knows little about them. This ignorance should perhaps excite but little comment, as it is well known that the members of the so-called "Eastern" fraternities rather boast of their ignorance of the "Western," and it is by these latter that the fraternity journal has been most successfully published.

$\Delta K E$  is the only one of the Eastern fraternities which has made anything of a success out of its journalistic venture, and the signs of the times point pretty strongly to its downfall.

The Western societies originated the idea of fraternity journalism, and they have carried it to a greater degree of practical perfection than their Eastern compeers. They have become better organized, they are more nearly run on business principles, their conventions are beyond comparison in the matter of the sobriety of those attending. There is greater cordiality among the members of the various chapters, in fact they are more representative of the best features of American college life, but they are not so wealthy as their Eastern colleagues, their chapter houses are few; 'they think themselves fortunate if they have at their command the bare necessities of life,' hence they are scarcely worthy mention in an article on College Fraternities.

In "A Fraternal chat, which might occur in any chapter," a contributor of the *Rainbow*, adopting the colloquial makes several college boys define the ideal fraternity man thus:

NED. Well, my ideal brother must be a man, or the making of one; and when I say *a man*, I do not mean a physical development of bone and muscle in human shape; but I mean one in whom humanity is strongest and truest. One whose honor is unassailable and whose word unimpeachable. If I can find such a man as this, I am willing to make him my brother without further delay.

WILL. And you would make up a most excellent chapter, with your conscientious sure-pennies; too virtuous to render their society attractive, too meek to assert its existence, and too dull to win distinction for it by their efforts.

NED. Interrupt me not, most incredulous of cynics. When I find a man, therefore, who is true to his word, who has a keen perception of the difference between right and wrong, who is strong enough to do the right and leave the wrong undone, who is active enough to influence others, and who dares to do right at the risk of unpopularity, I am satisfied. True, I would be better pleased if he were brilliant in scholarship or society; but these with me are minor considerations.

WILL. Most righteously, most worthily said. And yet in what will this chapter of strictly moral persons benefit the fraternity? How will it accomplish the end for which the fraternity exists? Just imagine a cabinet composed of strictly moral num-skulls! Now hear what I have to say. We are not choosing men for ourselves alone, but for the general honor and welfare of our chapter. A chapter of such men as you have described will go through college in plodding mediocrity, leaving no mark of blackness or brightness behind them. Then they will be lost in the gulf of the honest common-place. As lawyers, farmers, ministers, or what not, they will win no more than a mere local distinction. Will they best serve their order thus? Does our prosperity consist in members, mediocrity, and morality? A fraternity, Ned, is a human institution and must be measured by its success. Then I say that we owe it to our fraternity to insist upon such an intellectual standard as will insure a probability of its members attaining some eminence in life; and of their giving weight and importance to their order in the eyes of the Greek world. Our fraternity is pure gold. Then we should not set less than diamonds or pearls in it.

TOM. What Will says is very true; but look here, Will's ideal book worm is not going to work all these wonders. A man must have a social position in order to have influence. Will's literary genius could shut himself up in his study, lead classes, and win medals all through his course, and yet not win the respect of one class-mate. We want men who can make Delta Tau Delta known *now* to the outside world—who can brush into the thickest of the scramble and win victory by their popularity. A fraternity is a corporation, but a college corporation. Its work must be done and its victories achieved in colleges, not hereafter. We are proud of the honors won by our alumni, but must insist on our actives winning their laurels, too. Not the least among these honors is that popular regard, which is the reward of rightly exercised social powers. If we have no men of this stamp, no good material will be attracted to us.

ARTHUR. Well, Jack, what have you to say for yourself? We haven't heard from you since you championed my apple box.

JACK—*rising*. Well fellows, you know what my hobby is. Now I'll tell you what lends dignity to it in my eyes, and makes me feel that I am doing my fraternity good service. In my baseball playing, I look around me and I see that every college encourages the development of physical manhood in its students. Those old Greeks, whom Prof. Drybones tells us about, believed in physical development, and would have made first rate base ball players if they had known how. It is pretty well settled now that athletics is one of the necessary branches of education. Therefore whatever member of a college fraternity can win distinction in this department, though he may not be a brilliant scholar, or a saint, or a society star, is still adding in his humble way to the strength of the order he loves, by making it a power on the college campus.

ARTHUR. Well said, old boy, and right nobly have you done your part. *Clasps his hand.*

NED. Come now, O wise disciple of Blackstone and Coke, invoke the manes of the learned bench and deliver your judicial decision.

ARTHUR. When old Experience unlocks his treasury, he brings out many precious jewels for untried youth to use. I would that I could do so now from the varied incidents of my long fraternal career. Boys, I have listened with the greatest pleasure to your arguments, and can almost agree with you all. Let me allude briefly to each of your ideas. Ned you are entirely right in saying that we want true, good and honest men in our new material. The temptation is to overlook faults in this direction, provided other qualities are dazzling and attractive. But in yielding to it we become like moths, who fly to the light to be consumed in the flame. When we think of the tie which binds us together under the name of "fraters," brothers, we must see that the foundation for this fraternal intercourse must be laid deep in those better feelings and moral obligations which separate the gentleman from the brute. Before we can call a man "brother," we must be sure that he has in him those elements of truth and honor, which are the foundation stones of character. But again, and in this I think you will agree with me, Ned, this forms only the beginning of what we must look for in our man. We do not want a dullard, nor a recluse, simply because his morals are right. We must insist upon a certain literary standard. The soul, the conscience of the chapter lies in the moral sense of its members; but its mind must also be above the average, for in that lies the road to success. And not only in the natural quickness of his power of application and ambition to excel, must we judge our new man. Laggards are as dead a weight as dullards. We must get men who will make it a point to leave their names in honorable places on the college register. But Tom's argument is of great force here. We ought to pick men who have common sense, as well as uncommon. Your intellectual numskull and learned dolt will not win respect for the chapter by sheer dint of high averages. Our chapter needs a heart as well as a mind and a conscience. And it is its heart, which will endear it to those outside of our pale, whose esteem we most value. Men with sterling social qualities should be zealously sought after. Lastly, we need to be well represented on the campus, and ill will he fare who despises his body in his care for his mind. We want knights, who will wear the purple, gold and white as a token in their helmets, and bring it from the field with its honor unstained.

Now, you say that it is impossible to get all our new men such as this ideal. Yes it is. It would be an exceptional chapter, which is formed entirely of such men. But we can insist on the moral and literary foundation, at least, and then on excellence in some one point. And then we will have an "all around" chapter, even though it is not composed entirely of "all around" men. Such is my judgment.

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Thus writes a contributor to the Sigma Nu *Delta*, anti-Eastern extension :

Sporadic attempts are made by other fraternities to gain a foothold at Yale, but "nearly everything goes down before the two fraternities now existing, and these by long custom and practice are strictly junior class societies, having nothing in common with the Greek chapters of the West and South. For years  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$  a powerful member of the powerful Eastern group, maintained its own as a junior society, but in an ill-advised moment defied custom, attempted to become a regular four-year chapter and—died. This chapter was recently revived with a freshman, sophomore, junior and senior membership of sixty, and the bracing promise by the enthusiastic father of a freshman of \$100,000 with which to build and furnish a chapter house. Even with this strong moral, numerical and financial backing, grave doubts are expressed about its success. To meet the inevitable—that is, that the average eligible man will, when he becomes a junior, ally himself with either  $\Delta \kappa \epsilon$  or  $\Psi \Upsilon$ .  $B \Theta \Pi$  and maybe others, grants its undergraduate members leaving an institution a dispensation carrying with it the privilege of joining another fraternity, provided  $B \Theta \Pi$ 's "dorg" has not a kennel in the college where the student expects to enter. The salutatorian of the class of '81 was a member of  $\Delta \kappa \epsilon$  and  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ .

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The *Arrow* of  $\Pi B \Phi$ , erstwhile the I. C. Sorosis, publishes a report on "Fraternity Extension" read at the late convention. Its assailable positions and the

fact that it must have been provocative of discussion are illustrated in the following:

In what schools shall we establish chapters? To lay down any definite rule in regard to this matter is impossible. We do not want to judge a school by the number of students, else we would confine our chapters to normal schools; should we judge by wealth alone, we would be ever gazing longingly at schools not as yet admitting women. We presume the test is the school curriculum, together with some knowledge of the students among whom the chapter is to be established; but above all, and restricted by no written law, should be the common-sense of the fraternity at large. I feel this statement deeply, because my experience has shown to me that there are very few schools with college curricula in which are not to be found enough noble young women to compose and perpetuate a chapter which would prove an honor to any fraternity with which it might be connected. We need them, they need us; and I do hope the heart of the fraternity is large enough, its views broad enough, to recognize the nobility of a college woman, *whoever she is, wherever she may be*; whether it be at a Harvard annex, a Wellesley, a Vassar, or some unpretentious, unknown denominational school. As soon as  $\Pi B \phi$  adopts wholly the plan of judging the woman for what she is in herself, and not by what her college is, so soon will she be avoiding the rapids on to which many fraternities are seemingly at this time so blindly rushing; and when they in their attempt to be exclusive have become so small as to be unable to influence the college world,  $\Pi B \phi$  will be able at a single command to exert an influence unbounded, because of the many points from which her beneficence flows. Back of any law that now is, or at any future time may be put upon the statute book, should be the common-sense of the fraternity.

## Personals.

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### PENNSYLVANIA B.

'59. Jonathan Rowley is a member of the faculty in the University of Dakota, at Vermillion, Dakota.

'67. Rev. E. D. McCreary is stationed in San Francisco, California.

'69. Rev. W. H. Haskell is presiding elder of the Cleveland district, East Ohio Conference of the M. E. Church.

'56. James P. Hassler, M. D., has moved to Meadville and will practice his profession there.

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### PENNSYLVANIA F.

'83. Rev. W. J. Coulston has resigned at Warren, Pennsylvania, to assume the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Hollidaysburgh.

'87. G. F. Clark is an editor of the "Medical Institute" of Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia.

'87. H. L. Calder gained quite a reputation as a campaign orator during the recent election contest.

'88. We understand that Bro. John B. Rickard, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, has taken unto himself a wife.

'91. Bro. Frank F. Pierson, formerly of '91, is studying medicine at Hahneman Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Bro. S. B. Meeser, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Paterson, is a happy man. His church on Sunday, December 23d, liquidated a debt of twelve thousand dollars.

'71. Bro. George M. Phillips, Ph. D., has declined the presidency of Bucknell, and will remain at West Chester where he is now principal of the State Normal School.

'72. Rev. J. W. Putman, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Philadelphia, is conducting the Cyclorama, "Jerusalem and Crucifixion," in that city with an encouraging and unexpected degree of financial success.

G. P. Miller, South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, was graduated from Lehigh last June. In October he was with an engineer corps in Denver, Colorado, and probably there yet, though his permanent address is at his home, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

'84. Ernest L. Tustin is receiving the congratulations of his friends over his engagement to marry Miss Ella May, daughter of Charles Woodruff, proprietor of the Franklin Printing Ink Works. He is the junior member of the law firm of Johnson & Tustin.

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**PENNSYLVANIA E.**

Bro. J. C. Koller, D. D., '65, is president of West Pennsylvania Lutheran Synod. Rev. George D. Gotwald, '82, is secretary of the Synod of Kansas.

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**PENNSYLVANIA Z.**

'87. W. B. Longsdorff is teaching at Asbury Park, New Jersey.

'86. E. A. Curry takes his M. D. from the University of Pennsylvania at the close of this year.

During the holidays Brothers Eckels, Meloy, Vale, Anderson, and Boyer paid a visit to their alma mater.

'84. E. Conover, who holds the professorship of Latin in Dover Conference Academy, was married to a young lady of Georgetown, Delaware on the 27th of December.

'86. On the 27th of December, at Detroit, J. E. Howell and Mary Brandon were united in the bonds of matrimony. They will make Philadelphia their place of residence. Brother Howell will take his degree in pharmacy in the spring.

'67. Dr. E. O. Shakespeare, of Philadelphia, has been appointed as one of the commission to investigate the subject of swine diseases in the United States and the methods of their treatment and prevention.

'69. G. Wilds Linn, M. D., is Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. Dr. Linn has enjoyed the advantages of the first medical schools of Europe.

'72. Edwin Post, after two years of study in Germany, has returned to his work as Professor of Latin, in DePauw University. In 1884 he received the degree of Ph. D. from his *alma mater*.

'78. Married, in Chicago, Sept. 4, 1888, Miss Pennie Knowles and Mr. Walter A. Powell. Mr. and Mrs. Powell are now at Kansas City.

Prof. J. M. Green, a former student of Dickinson, and an honorary A. M., has just been elected Principal of the New Jersey State Normal School at Trenton.

'58. Rev. E. S. Johnston has resigned at Emmitsburg, Maryland, and accepted a call as pastor at Stoyestown, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. He was pastor at Emmitsburg for twenty-two years. He will be greatly missed in the Maryland Synod, in which he was one of the most active members, serving on some of the most important committees and filling the office of president for one year.

'63. S. D. Schmucker, Esq., paid a short visit to friends in Gettysburg early in November. He seemed to have been benefitted by his summer trip to Europe, or else is thriving physically as well as in purse under the hard work of his large law practice.

'64. John M. Krauth, Esq., at the November election, was re-elected District Attorney of Adams County by a majority of two votes. The party majority overcome by him was about 425. While we congratulate him on his success, we are sorry that, to gain it, he had to defeat another alumnus.

'77. F. Albert Kurtz, Esq., at the recent election in Baltimore, was elected a member of the First Branch of the City Council from the 22d Ward. We congratulate him.

'79. Dr. John Marshall has published an edition of Dr. Wormley's "Lectures on Chemistry to Second Year Men," and also, in connection with Dr. Egbert, a series of analysis of fermented liquors and wines sold in Philadelphia.

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#### PENNSYLVANIA *θ*.

'91. William Greer is in business at Brooklyn.

'85. G. W. W. Porter is a lawyer at Newark, New Jersey.

'85. Dr. John T. Green has opened a medical office in Easton.

'86. W. S. Gilmore is local editor of the Chambersburg Valley *Spirit*.

'86. C. M. Niesley is a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania.

'88. B. N. Giles is a law student in the office of U. S. Senator Gray, at Wilmington, Delaware.

'88. "Bun" McDowell is reading law with Hon. Hastings Gehr, at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

'89. E. R. Cochran, Jr., is a law student in the office of Bradford & Vandegrift, at Wilmington, Delaware.

'91. H. W. Flickinger has left college and is studying medicine with his father at Fannettsburg, Pennsylvania.

'84. Dr. E. W. Evans was recently married in Easton. The chapter were present at the ceremony in a body.

'86. Harvey M. Watts, chief editor of the *Lafayette* when in college, is now assistant news editor of the Philadelphia *Press*.

'88. Last July A. W. Cummins entered upon newspaper work at Wilmington, Delaware, accepting the position of sporting editor of the Daily *News* of that city. At the beginning of November he was promoted to the position of city editor of the *News*, having charge of the city department. The Wilmington newspapers speak in high terms of Brother Cummins' promotion.

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**NEW YORK A.**

Cadwalder Linthicum, A. B., Ph. D., is teaching at Peekskill Military Academy, New York.

Abraham Loeser, '86, is now located as attorney and counselor at the corner of William and Beaver Streets, New York City.

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**NEW YORK B.**

Bro. Eugene Wiseman is now pastor of the M. E. Church at Rock City Falls, New York.

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**NEW YORK J.**

Bro. R. T. Morrison, '86, is advocating an extensive engineering enterprise in South Carolina, of which the Charleston *News and Courier* says: "He wants to have the State put bodies of convicts to work on cutting a series of canals, which will relieve the Santee River of the immense quantities of water that every year flow down to the great damage of the rice plantations, and also drain great tracts of fertile land now rendered useless by excessive dampness. If his plan is carried out the fine timber along the Santee will be brought to market by water, and a good and safe water-

way will be opened from the Santee to Charleston. This could be made a ship canal, giving easy passage from the Santee River to Charleston. It's a big scheme, but then Mr. Morrison is just the man to put it to a successful completion."

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**NEW YORK E.**

'84. Mr. John D. Rumsey was ordained to the ministry at Little Falls, Wisconsin, October 23. Mr. Rumsey has been with the church at Little Falls since last July, and will continue as pastor of that church.

Bro. R. J. Burdette visited Hamilton and was banqueted by the boys.

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**VIRGINIA J. (Extinct.)**

Brother Curran F. Palmer, '81, Bethany College, is teaching Latin and Greek in Bellevue College, Nebraska.

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**SOUTH CAROLINA A.**

"Col. James Simons was born in Charleston, November 30, 1839. His early education was received at private schools in the city, and he entered the South Carolina College in December, 1856. He left the South Carolina College in 1858, and went to the University of Leipzig, where he completed his classical education. In 1860 he left Germany and returned to Charleston, and was admitted to the Bar just at the opening of the war. He volunteered for the war and was elected first lieutenant of the German Volunteers, a company raised by the Germans of Charleston for the Army of Northern Virginia. The company was assigned as Company H to the infantry battalion of Hampton's Legion. The company was afterwards changed into an artillery company, and served in Virginia until near the close of the war, when it was ordered South. At the close of the war Capt. Simons was in command of the company.

"After the war Capt. Simons commenced the practice of law with his father, Gen. James Simons, under the firm name of Simons & Simons, and during the past few years has been practicing his profession as a member of the firm of Simons & Siegling. Capt. Simons was elected by the Democracy to the Legislature in 1878 from Charleston County, and in 1880 he was re-elected and was chairman of the Charleston delegation. In the House of Representatives Capt. Simons has been a member of the judiciary committee and was chairman of the committee on rules. As chairman of such committee he reported the rules under which the House is now governed. He was again returned to the Legislature from this

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## HARVARD JOURNALISM.

The college paper is purely American. Its development is as interesting as its present position is important. Many ventures and failures have marked this development in the leading colleges, but now every college supports one or more papers. The first college paper was issued in 1800 by Dartmouth students. The *Gazette* is remarkable for the numerous contributions by Daniel Webster in 1802-3, who used the pseudonym "Icarus." In 1806, the *Literary Cabinet*, an eight page fortnightly appeared at Yale, but was discontinued in less than a year. Several short-lived papers followed: The *Athenaeum*, the *Palladium*, the *Students' Companion*, the *Gridiron*, and others. In 1836 the oldest college paper living was established, the *Yale Literary Magazine*. It is a monthly of about forty pages, made up of essays on literary and educational topics, paragraphs styled, "Notabilia," and brief notes on Yale affairs headed "Memorabilia Yalensia." At present, besides this literary magazine, Yale has two fortnightly papers, the *Courant* and the *Record*, and a daily paper, the *Yale News*.

In comparing the two colleges, a writer of some note says: "Although Harvard's papers have been less numerous than Yale's, they indicate (considered as a whole) greater literary ability, and have greater influence on college opinion." In going over the various publications of the past, and considering those of to-day, I find many points of excellence, which would lift up college journalism, if followed by the many papers which inflict themselves upon our colleges. I can not treat this phase of Harvard journalism at present, but shall give a brief sketch of the college papers, past and present.

The first paper to appear was the *Harvard Lyceum*, July 14, 1810. It was a twenty-four page octavo pamphlet in a blue cover, with un-cut

edges, issued semi-monthly at \$3.00 a year. The chief editor was Edward Everett, of the class of 1811, who wrote this introduction: "The design of the paper is to comprehend every department of our academical studies, and such additional topics as attract the attention of every scholar. Among these the subject of American literature will receive our particular attention." The seven editors were, Edward Everett, V. L. Frothingham, Samuel Gilman, David Damon, H. H. Fuller, J. H. Farnham, and J. T. Cooper. Only eighteen numbers were published, the bound volume bearing these lines on the title page:

"And he is gone, and we are going all;  
Like flowers we wither, and like leaves we fall."—*Crabbe*.

The reading matter is interesting throughout. Verse in Greek and Latin shows a familiarity with those grand languages, which the average modern undergraduate never experiences. One of the first, as well as one of the best parodies published in this country, came out in the *Harvard Lyceum*. It is headed, "The Ad., A Poem in Ten Books, by J. Lowbard." It runs through ten numbers, abounds in pleasantries, and has both a literary and historic interest. One poem deals with a cotillion, and the description of the fellow who finds that his stockings are coming down is worthy of transcription.

"And while he dances in vivacious glee  
He feels his stockings loosening from his knee;  
The slipping silk in mind-benumbing rounds  
Descends in folds at all his nimble bounds.  
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"Thy partner wonders at the change. No more  
She sees thee bound elastic from the floor;  
No more she sees thine easy, graceful air:—  
Each step is measured with exactest care."

In all its departments the *Harvard Lyceum* showed great possibilities in the untried field of undergraduate journalism. It had little of the personal, which to-day marks the college journal, but the material inserted is not surpassed, and in some ways not equalled by the present college literature.

It was not until sixteen years later that the second venture was made. In February, 1827, the *Harvard Register* appeared, conducted by Cornelius Conway Felton, afterward President of Harvard College. He was assisted by two seniors, and among the contributors and editors were, William M. Rogers, Thomas Bayley Fox, George S. Hillard, Marshall Tufts, Edmund Quincy, C. C. Emerson, C. F. Barnard, R. C. Winthrop, James Freeman Clark, Benjamin R. Curtis and John O. Sargent. Felton was the leading man, and his scholarly productions would easily find a

place in the higher magazines of to-day. On the title page was the quotation from Byron:

“I *won't* philosophize and *will* be read.”

It was published monthly as an octavo pamphlet of thirty-two pages. The *Harvard Register* ran through 1827-28, and then died. This reason is given in the concluding address: “We lament, in common with all scholars, that spirit of literary indifference which has given a death blow to far more ambitious projects than the *Harvard Register*.”

In February, 1830, the brilliant *Collegian* was established by five men from '30 and '31, with John Osborne Sargent as editor-in-chief. I have seen it stated that Oliver Wendell Holmes was one of the editors, but this is a mistake. In a note on the subject Mr. Holmes says: “I had nothing to do with editing the *Collegian*, and never attended an editors' meeting.” The *Collegian* was published monthly for six months, and ceased with the class of 1830. Although Dr. Holmes was not an editor, his poetical contributions, which number nearly thirty, were the very life of the journal. Mr. Holmes graduated in '29, and was studying law at the time he wrote so many charming poems for the *Collegian*. Here were first published, “The Spectre Pig,” “The Dorchester Giant,” and “The Height of the Ridiculous.” I hardly know what to quote, but think the last named poem shows his humor best. The fifth stanza, beginning, “He laughed—your footmen always laugh,” is omitted in his collected works. It is as follows:

He laughed—your footmen always laugh  
When masters make a pun;  
And well he might—I've tried enough,  
And never made but one.

Mr. Holmes also wrote the poetical *finale*, “The Tail-Piece,” in nine stanzas. As this is not published I shall give three of the most taking stanzas, the first, fourth and last.

“Kind world, sweet world, on every earthly shore,  
From Boston's dome to China's porcelain tower,  
We bend our knee in lowly guise once more,  
To ask a blessing on our parting oar.  
Our bud was nursed in winter's tempest roar,  
The dews of spring fell on the opened flower;  
The stem is snapped, and blue-eyed summer sees  
Our lilac leaflets scattered to the breeze.

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“The fire is out,—the incense all has fled,—  
And will thy gentle heart refuse to grieve?  
Forget the horrors of the cap-crowned head  
The fatal symbol on a student's sleeve,

Think that a boy may grow if he is fed,  
 And stroke us softly as we take our leave;  
 Say we were clever, knowing, smart, or wise,  
 But do say something, if you d — n our eyes.

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“Peace with you all! The summer sun will rise  
 Not less resplendent that we are no more,  
 The evening stars will gird the arching skies,  
 The wind will murmur, and the waters roar.  
 One faded ray is lost to mortal eyes,  
 One wave is broken on a silent shore,—  
 One whisper rises from the weeping sprays,  
 Farewell, dear readers!—and be sure to pay.”

Volume I, Number 1, of the *Harvardiana*, appeared in September, 1834, and was published monthly for four years. The *Harvardiana* was started by a freshman society called the “Irving Club,” but for the first year the management was in the hands of the class of 1835. Volumes II and III were edited by members from the class of 1837, and Volume IV by members from the class of 1838. Among the editors from 1838 were Nathan Hale, Jr., Rufus King, and James Russel Lowell. Some of the more prominent editors and contributors were, John Weirs, J. F. Tuckerman, Samuel T. Hildreth, Charles Hayward, David G. Haskins, Jones Verdy, G. W. Minns, Horatio E. Hale, Nathaniel Holmes, and James Richardson. The four volumes of the *Harvardiana* are full of good vigorous prose and real poetry, and show what might have been done in the years following. But with the class of 1838 it died, as some one has said, from lack of appreciation.

For sixteen years Harvard had no publication, although the “Yale Lit” was growing steadily. It was announced in November, 1854, that the *Harvard Magazine* would appear in December. The six founders were, Franklin B. Sanborn, Charles A. Chase, and Phillips Brooks, of '54, and John J. Jacobsen, J. B. Greenough, and Edward T. Fisher, all of whom have attained eminence. Ten years was the age of the *Harvard Magazine*, and its records show contributions of real literary excellence from men who are now leaders in their several chosen professions. This was the last paper to be published in magazine form.

Soon after the discontinuance of the *Harvard Magazine* a new departure was taken in college journalism. On the 23d of January, 1866, the prospectus of the *Collegian* was issued by members of '66 and '67. It was to be “a fortnightly sheet of sixteen pages octavo, devoted to college literature, news and interests.” The first number is dated March 9, 1866, and bears this motto. “Dulce est periculum.” The start was impertinent, as a few lines of the introduction will show: “When that

venerable and dyspeptic institution, the *Harvard Magazine*, sank into a premature grave, few were surprised and fewer disappointed, and yet all felt that there must be sufficient literary talent among the undergraduates, and willingness enough to employ it, to support a sheet of moderate dimensions and of the right character." Its tone was too bold, and after three numbers had been issued, the editors of the *Collegian*, jr., were called before the faculty and their paper was suppressed.

This took place in April, and on May 11, 1866, the *Advocate* came out with this motto: "Veritas nihil veretur," and when the second volume was begun the *Collegian's* motto appeared: "Dulce est periculum." The tone of the *Advocate* was independent, if not defiant, and after giving several reasons, "lumps of wisdom," why the *Collegian* was suppressed, the editors say: "What we do propose, is to publish a paper in spite of the fate of our lamented predecessor, and regardless of the seven lumps of wisdom." Its policy was successful, and in the *Advocate* we find the first modern college paper. The title was changed to the *Harvard Advocate*, with the seventh volume, and this name is still retained. As a result of the not infrequent trouble in the election of editors, a rival was established in the *Magenta*, January 24, 1873. In 1875 the name of the *Magenta* was changed to the *Crimson*, the college color.

On February 10, 1876, the first number of the *Harvard Lampoon* appeared. This was a new venture in college journalism, and its success was at once striking and lasting. It is a humorous illustrated sheet, a college *Punch*, or more aptly, a college *Life*, and as its name implies is more or less satirical. It was enlarged in 1878, with this wide scope: "To reproduce to the life the 'quips and cranks and wanton wiles' of the free-born American citizen as well as those of the typical student, so that wretches who never heard of Harvard will be able to smile at his jests and weep over his pathos." "Lampy's" prophecy was truer than he dreamed for the founders of the *Lampoon* a few years later established *Life*, which has become the best publication of its kind in this country. The first hit was made by the series of drawings by F. G. Atwood (1878) entitled, "Ye Manners and Customs of ye Harvard Studente." This was published in a separate volume later, and has gained a wide reputation. The next series by the same artist was, "Manners and Customs of ye Bostonians." The well known society tragedies by Robert Grant, "The Wall Flowers," and "The Little Tin Gods-on-Wheels," came out in the fourth volume. Among other easily recognized artists and writers are J. T. Coolidge, F. S. Sturgis, J. T. Wheelwright and J. F. Stimson.

The *Lampoon* now issues twenty numbers during the college year, subscription price \$2.50, or fifteen cents a copy. It consists of sixteen



a busy set of men. The usual number of editors is fourteen, in addition to six correspondents and two business managers. The drill and experience is excellent, and many rising journalists have served their apprenticeship on the board of the *Daily Crimson*.

With the death of the *Harvard Magazine* in 1864, the particular aim towards literary excellence was lost sight of; but with the growth of the *Advocate*, *Crimson* and *Lampoon*, the need for a purely literary paper was felt. This want was filled by the appearance, in 1881, of the *Harvard Monthly*, which has since maintained its high standard. The *Monthly* is published in magazine form, and contains about forty full pages. The subscription price is \$2.00 and it has a circulation of nearly 300. No better idea of its make up can be given than by presenting a table of contents. The leading article is always written by a graduate.

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REVIEWS AND BOOK NOTICES.

The *Monthly* has but five editors, and these are always prominent upper classmen or graduates. With the increasing opportunities for the study of English, offered by Harvard's elective system and her wonderful library, there is no reason why such a journal as the *Monthly* should not become equal or even superior to the old and well established *Yale Literary Magazine*.

I have now spoken at some length of three of the existing publications: The *Lampoon*, *Daily Crimson* and *Monthly*. The *Harvard Advocate*, true to its early principles, is independent, and contains a lighter vein of literature, both in prose and verse. Its editorials are vigorous and exceptionally good,—better, I think, than any I ever read in a college paper. Many of the stories are bright and entertaining, and give the amateur novelist a chance to show his genius. The verse is not what it was even a few years ago, but here and there you find a rare exception, which almost makes up for the long stretch of the common-place. The *Advocate* consists of thirty-two columns of reading matter, editorials, stories and other prose, verse, and a record of events. Twenty numbers

are issued yearly at \$2.50, and the circulation is over 500 copies. It has a board of ten editors and three business managers. A bright bit of verse from a recent number will bear reprinting :

#### A PATENT LOCK.

'T was at a regatta ball they met —  
The name of the place I quite forget —  
He, one of Yale's victorious crew,  
She, in a dress of crimson hue,  
Both skilled in Terpischore's art.

At parting he gave her his *boutonnidre*,  
Which she fastened into her dress with  
care.

The pin she used was a golden key,  
And the question he asked was, naturally  
"Is that the key to your heart?"

She smiled, and shook her pretty head :  
"No; that's the key of *his* heart," she said.  
Then glancing up in a saucy way,  
"And it fits no *Yale lock*, let me say,  
Tho' your crew is so smart."

The contributors to these four publications are many, and it is the custom for the freshmen and sophomores to show their metal, for the editorial staffs, for the most part, are chosen from the juniors. Great care is taken in the preparation of each paper, and all present a neat and finished typographical appearance.

The last paper established here was the *Harvard Law Review*. Although first published in 1887, it has become a strong journal, with promises for a bright future. It is a fifty page journal, made up of two leading articles by prominent lawyers, "New Cases," "Reviews" and "Notes." The contributors' list is a large one, containing names from all over this country and Europe. The *Harvard Law Review* is managed by the students of the law school, and is published monthly during the college year at \$3.00 per volume.

Harvard has no annual, as the term is usually applied. The *Index* might be called an annual with the funny business left out. It is very complete, and contains in addition to the regular statistics, a list of all the students, their rank and address.

This sketch has been a hurried one, but it may give the readers of THE SHIELD an idea of the growth of college journalism, and its present form in a leading college. In closing I would call attention to the *Collegian*, a monthly magazine published by the New England College Press Association. Two numbers have been issued, and contain much that is good as well as of interest to every student. Its contributors consist of all students; and from this great body, the best undergraduate work is presented in one volume. From college journalism sprang fraternity publications, and now we have a magazine combining both phases of college life,—the literary and the social.

BURT MCVAY ALLISON.

## The Areopagus.

### EXTENSION.

The problem of extension is commanding the notice not only of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , but judging from articles in many fraternity magazines, the question is one to which fraternities generally are turning with anxious and troubled eye. Why this question should be so troublesome is more than I can comprehend. The problem can be fitly solved by determining what the object of fraternity is, not fraternity generally speaking, but of yours or our fraternity. According as the object is, so should the question be answered.

If it is the policy of  $\Phi K \Psi$  to benefit her members in particular, and not humanity in general, if in addition it is her policy to rank as a fraternity of high order among societies, and not to make the possession of members her principal object; if these are her controlling motives, then in our opinion should  $\Phi K \Psi$  assume the character of a national fraternity, and should combine with this conservative tendencies. By adopting so liberal a policy in regard to extension, is not meant that chapters should be granted to all institutions petitioning, not by any means, but that extension to all quarters of the United States should be favored. We are now termed a Western fraternity, though we can not be called exclusively Western. We have chapters in the North, South, West and East, but not in the far East,—not in New England. It is to this section of the United States that we should now give not only more, but the major part of our attention. Never yet has there come to our notice any good reason for the existing prejudice against New England colleges.

The West, from experience, has proven very fertile soil for fraternities, and we are loth to trust the East. But if we are to be an aggressive, progressive fraternity, we can not expect to forever confine ourselves to one section of the country, but must seek representation at all the leading institutions of the land, which are conducive to the best forms of fraternity life. In New England is to be found an array of first-class institutions, which are represented by good chapters of fraternities. At none do we find the wearers of the pink and lavender. Bowdoin, Williams, Amherst, Brown, Trinity, and Wesleyan can and would support good

chapters of  $\Phi K \Psi$ . The ban, in our opinion, should be kept upon Harvard, Yale, and possibly upon Dartmouth. At these institutions fraternities assume the character either of class societies, drinking clubs, or literary societies.

In addition to excluding these institutions from chapters of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , it seems to us that it would be a good move to debar from chapters institutions located in large cities and institutions totally scientific.

Many fraternities have had experience in institutions of both classes;  $\Phi K \Psi$  has had some experience in those located in large cities, and it has been of such nature as to warrant her never repeating the experiment. Where the dormitory system prevails, the evils are not so apparent.

With institutions totally scientific,  $\Phi K \Psi$  has not had much experience; but drawing our conclusions from the fate of chapters of other fraternities at these institutions, we are not favorably impressed. We are now in excellent condition as a fraternity; let us try to keep so.

History shows us that fraternities profit most from following a conservative policy in establishing chapters. In our own fraternity the good results of this policy, within recent years, may be seen in the excellent standing of the new chapters established, and in the high rank of the colleges they represent.

In founding a chapter a fraternity can not expect to enter an institution on equal footing with rivals already firmly established. A chapter of mediocre character must satisfy them. To the influence of the general fraternity, the zeal of some loyal brothers, and to the good judgment of the few excellent members that may have been secured in starting it, must it be left to bring the new chapter up to that of the best of her rivals.

At present opportunity is offered  $\Phi K \Psi$  to place chapters at many of the best New England colleges. Shall we allow the occasion to gain a footing here to pass by? A better one may never present itself. Let us be up and doing. Let us rivet  $\Phi K \Psi$  in letters of gold upon the frontlet of the age.

WILLIAM D. BOYER.

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#### A FACT.

The subject of instructing the freshman members of the fraternity on general fraternity topics, has frequently been discussed by the members of Pennsylvania Gamma. It is hoped that this matter will be brought before the next District Council, and that some delegate will put the suggestion in a practical shape and make a move towards action in this direction.

It is usually the case, when a new man is initiated into the mysteries

of the fraternity, that he is thrown upon his own resources to learn of its relative strength, the location of the various chapters, their standing, positions of the men, government of the chapter and fraternity at large, and, in short, fraternity news in general. Frequently we have come in contact with men who know scarcely anything of the fraternity outside of the dominion and narrow limits of their own chapter. The writer has in mind a particular chapter of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, the members of which care nothing for the general standing of the organization.

Shall this condition of affairs prevail among the members of Phi Kappa Psi? We know from actual experience that this matter can be easily and simply remedied, without any exertion on the part of the brothers. Let the upper classmen assign to the younger members topics pertaining to the fraternity, giving them a week, more or less, to look up the subject, and then at the following meeting quiz or question him on what he has found in relation to the matter. This discussion could very appropriately take place under general remarks. It would not only be instructive to the new men, but would also be a review and probably information to the older members.

We trust that this matter will be thoroughly discussed by the Syracuse District Council. Let those men who have been thinking of the subject now speak out and take action.

W. C. GRETZINGER.

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### INSTALLATION OF PENNA. KAPPA.

It is my most welcome duty to give to the brothers of Phi Kappa Psi an account of the organization of the Kappa Chapter of Pennsylvania. Although the charter was granted in December of last year, several causes delayed the organization until Saturday, the 28th of January. On that day we met at Donner's on Tenth Street, Philadelphia. The very sight of the hotel convinced us that the Swarthmore boys intended to come into Phi Kappa Psi in earnest, and the hearty grips of Brothers Pyle, Clothier and Cummins were additional signs of their enthusiasm.

It took but a few moments to arrange for the initiation. At the raps of the gavel the following brothers stood up: Clark and Pearson, of Pa. Gamma; Wharton, Zeta; Cummins and Cochran, Theta; Underwood, Iota; Manning, Cal. Alpha, and Clothier, Pyle and Cummins, students at Swarthmore, who were transferred from Iota to Kappa. Immediately after the appointment of officers and reading of the charter the sport began. Six innocents were to take the oaths and obligations of the fraternity. The initiating officers were robed in awe-inspiring costumes and led in the aforesaid innocents in groups of two. It is impossible to give

an accurate description of the workings of the goat; suffice it to say, that the animal was ferocious, and was growing bloodthirsty just as the last initiate became a brother.

It gives me great pleasure to present to the fraternity Brothers E. M. Harvey, Concord, Pa.; R. Lewis, Swarthmore, Pa.; A. Mitchell Palmer, Stroudsburg, Pa.; Wm. C. Sproul, Chester, Pa.; Chas. B. Ketcham, Dover Plains, N. Y., and Grant Dibert, Johnstown, Pa., who, together with Bros. Fred. B. Pyle, London Grove, Pa.; M. L. Clothier, Philadelphia, Pa., and Alexander G. Cummins, Jr., Smyrna, Del., signed the charter and ushered Pennsylvania Kappa into existence.

The election of officers was next gone through with, and resulted as follows: Pyle, G. P.; Cummins, P.; Harvey, A. G.; Sproul, B. G.; Palmer, S. G.; Clothier, Ph.; Ketcham, H.

The part of the programme that now called our attention explains itself. Donner's tables were well spread, and each cover was decorated with a menu card and list of toasts. We ate:

✧ Menu. ✧

Blue Points on Half Shell.

Consomme au Prentanier.

*Celery.*

*Chow-Chow.*

*Olives.*

Boiled Kennebec Salmon, Shrimp Sauce.

POTATO A LA DUCHESS.

Fillet de Bœuf, with Mushrooms.

PARISIENNE POTATOES.

Green Peas.

Quail on Toast.

Water Cress.

Dressed Lettuce.

Fruits.

Ice Cream.

Cakes.

Fromage.

Cafe Demi Tasse.

“The flow of reason and feast of soul” came in their turn:

Welcome Address, - - - Archon, H. L. CALDER.

TOASTS.

The Spirit of Fraternities, -	Bro. CLARK, Gamma.
Standing of Phi Kappa Psi, - - -	Bro. A. W. CUMMINS, Theta.
United We are Held by Fraternal Bonds, -	Bro. UNDERWOOD, Iota.
Phi Kappa Psi and Lady Friends, -	Bro. WHARTON, Zeta.
The All-Needful of Fraternities, -	Bro. COCHRAN, Theta.
Future Kappa, - - - -	Bro. PYLE, Kappa.
Engaged Phi Kappa Psis,	Bro. LEWIS, Kappa.

Phi Kappa Psi and Athletics,	Bro. CLOTHIER, Kappa.
Past, Present and Future,	Bro. A. G. CUMMINS, Jr., Kappa.
The Operations of the Goat,	Bro. KETCHAM, Kappa.

SONG — "Here's to Phi Psi, Drink Her Down."

After the banquet there was a sudden separation. Some of the boys took in the theatre, and others returned to Swarthmore to have a few words with the young ladies, who were holding a reception on that night. But Bros. A. W. Cummins, Clark, Cochran and myself lingered in a sky-parlor and gave the Swarthmore move a full and impartial discussion. We came to the unanimous conclusion that our fraternity has scored a good point. The character of the men helped us to reach this opinion, for we found all of them to be congenial in every sense of the word. The standing of the college also shows the propriety of our action. It is a Friends' institution, and although young, has a good endowment and most brilliant prospects for the future. However, it is better to present facts than to talk at random about our good luck in getting the young men we did to form Pennsylvania Kappa.

It was the following statement that made the hearts of the alumni quartette in the sky-parlor beat with joy and pride, and I will be greatly mistaken if it does not recommend the new chapter to all Phi Psis, active and alumni.

Brother Pyle, '89, is Class President, President of Scientific Society, and Manager of foot-ball team. Cummins, '89, is Editor-in-Chief of *Phoenix*, President Athletic Association, Vice-President Central Inter-Collegiate Association, Swarthmore representative to National Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, honors in 220 yards and 100 yards dash, and 440, and one-half mile run. Clothier, '90, Captain-Colonel foot-ball team, honors in 440, and one-half mile run. Harvey, '89, President of Literary Society, record in one mile walk and medals in running events, Director of Track Athletics. Sproul, '91, Editor *Phoenix*, Vice-President Class, Correspondent *Press*, *Times*, *New York Mail and Express*, *Friend's Intelligencer*, and contributor to *Youths' Companion* and *Harper's Bazar*. Palmer, '91, Class Orator and Ex-Vice-President. Dibert, '91, Class-President and rusher of foot-ball team, Treasurer Athletic Association. Lewis, '91, on foot-ball team, prominent in athletics. Ketcham, '92, Captain class base-ball and foot-ball teams, on college base-ball team.

In closing, Brother Editor, allow me to say that Kappa has come to stay; any Phi Psi can find her at Swarthmore, and, judging from the treatment the installing officers received, her members will be found to be loyal brothers.

HOWARD L. CALDER.

**CINCINNATI PHI PSIS.**

It becomes my pleasant duty to inform the readers of THE SHIELD of the particulars of the  $\Phi K \Psi$  reception tendered by Bro. E. A. Daumont and wife, on the evening of the 31st ult., and of the subsequent developments in relation to fraternity interests in this locality.

Thursday evening was cold and blustering; just such in fact as tempts one to sit down before a cheerful fire and read some entertaining author, while the wind whistles around the corner and comes driving down the chimney. In spite of the weather, however, a goodly number of loyal  $\Phi \Psi$ s appeared at the hospitable home of Brother Daumont, while others, detained by sickness and previous engagements, sent words of cheer and encouragement.

After discussing, in a thoroughly informal way, the fraternity, THE SHIELD, college days, the identity of various  $\Phi \Psi$ s in this locality, etc., etc., the question of a permanent organization was raised and discussed. There was hardly enough diversity of opinion upon this subject to make it exciting, but with hearts aglow with the old  $\Phi \Psi$  zeal, all were unanimous that such an organization be made, and Brothers Guernsey, Bail and McMillan were appointed a committee to report a more definite plan and nominate officers. In due time the committee reported the names of Brothers E. A. Daumont, President; J. M. DeCamp, Vice-President, and C. E. Everett, Secretary, with the suggestion that these officers constitute an executive committee to arrange for future meetings, etc. Thus you see no cumbersome organization is contemplated, but one which shall enable the brothers to meet from time to time and become acquainted with each other, and learn of the general workings of the fraternity-at-large.

After paying due regard to the wants of the "inner man" we returned to our homes, each one glad to have been present at this first  $\Phi \Psi$  reunion, anxious for the next one, and with the highest appreciation of the hospitality and royal welcome of Brother Daumont and his excellent wife.

For the present, unofficial headquarters are at the office of the Secretary, Room 14, Carlisle Building, where all brothers will be welcomed, and where may be found a list of the alumni resident in this vicinity, so far as ascertained. It is very desirable that each brother should aid to make this movement a success. The names, addresses, and any information regarding members in this locality, is especially desired. Let each brother constitute himself a committee of one to stir up the brothers. We hope to have another meeting before long, and then we want a full list of the brothers and hope to have them all out.

The following is a list of the names, addresses, etc., so far as ascertained, of the brothers in this vicinity, and the greater part of whom have already manifested and expressed their hearty co-operation in this movement. The names of several have been learned since our meeting :

Edward S. Aston, Ind. T, Attorney, Allen Building ; Harry E. Bail, Ohio A, with the M. E. Book Concern, 190 W. Fourth street ; Albert Bettinger, Ind. B, Attorney, Esplanade Building ; R. H. Bishop, Va. Δ, Tobacco Broker, 81 W. Second street ; L. C. Black, Ohio A, Attorney, Pike's Building ; George G. Bright, New York A, Justice of the Peace, College Building ; M. L. Buchwalter, Ohio A, New York A, Judge of the Common Pleas Court, Cincinnati ; George W. Burns, Va. Δ, Principal 18th District Schools, Hopple street, Camp Washington ; E. H. Cherrington, Ohio A, Pastor M. E. Church, Hartwell, Ohio ; C. W. Cole, Ohio A, Attorney, Johnston Building ; L. S. Colter, Ohio A, Physician, 448 Broadway ; John M. Criley, Ohio B, Physician, Loveland, Ohio ; E. A. Daumont, Ind. A, with The John Church Co., 74 W. Fourth street ; J. M. De Camp, Ohio A, General Agent of Liverpool, London, and Globe Insurance Co., S. W. corner Third and Main streets ; C. E. Everett, Pa. B, Attorney, Carlisle Building ; W. O. Foley, Va. Δ ; Samuel Goode, Ohio A, Physician, Elmwood Place, Ohio ; Edward Gurney, Ind. T, Attorney, Esplanade Building ; Harry W. Hall, Ohio A, with Hall's Safe and Lock Co., 109 W. Third street ; Frank S. Hastings, Ind. T, Attorney, Wiggins Block ; John S. Highlands, Principal of 17th District Schools, Eastern avenue East of Lewis ; L. G. Hostetler, Ohio T, with Geo. Enger & Co., Gest street and C. H. and D. R. R. ; David I. Jones, Ohio A ; Hugh F. Kemper, Ohio T, Secretary Cincinnati Saddlery Co., 61 W. Pearl street ; Park F. Kemper, Ohio T, Clerk National Lafayette Bank, 20 W. Third street ; Willis M. Kemper, Ohio T, Attorney, College Building ; J. H. Laycock, Ohio A, Teacher, 51 Wilstach street ; Thomas L. Lee, Ohio A, Attorney, Commercial-Gazette Building ; Wade McMillan, Ohio T, Student Miami Medical College, Bigelow avenue, Mt. Auburn, City ; W. H. Manss, Ohio B, Student Wittenberg College, cor. Glenway avenue and Rapid Run Pike, Delhi Township (Price Hill, city) ; Edwin W. Mitchell, Ohio A, Physician, Avondale, Ohio ; Frank D. Morris, Ohio T, with A. S. Wren & Co., 580 W. 6th street, W. L. Mussey, Md. A, Physician, 63 W. Eighth street ; Walter Overton, Va. Δ, Cashier German National Bank, Newport, Ky. ; John W. Peters, Ohio A, Pastor M. E. Church, Lockland, Ohio ; Frank Phillips, Ohio A, Student Cincinnati Law School, 164 W. Ninth street ; Frank A. Roberts, Ohio T, Books, New Richmond, Ohio ; F. W. Roudebush, Ohio A, Attorney, Batavia, Ohio ; Ed M. Semans, Ohio A, Student Miami Medical College ; C. V. Shinkle, Va. Δ, Solicitor, with Mossett & Co., No. 2 Public Landing ; J. W. Simpson, Ohio T, Pastor Walnut Hills Congregational Church, 992 Gilbert avenue ; Prescott Smith, Ohio A, Attorney, Esplanade Building ; John Travis, Ohio A, Student Miami Medical College ; Will Woodside, Ohio T, with The Egan Company, 232-250 W. Front street.

The following brothers who have shown an interest in our organization we also count in our list, although somewhat removed from the immediate locality :

Valorous F. Brown, Kan. A, Ill. A, Pastor of one of the M. E. Churches, Dayton, Ohio ; J. B. Foraker, Ohio A, New York A, Governor of Ohio, Columbus, O ;

Clarence E. Hills, Ind. F, Pastor of Presbyterian Church, Troy, Ohio; C. L. Van Cleve, Ohio A, Editor of THE SHIELD, Troy, Ohio. There are undoubtedly others in this list whose names are not now at hand.

The following brothers have removed from Cincinnati within the last few years, and we give what information we have on the subject:

Robert Zahner, Pa. H, Attorney, Tacoma, W. T.; W. C. Zahring, Ind. A, New York City (?); W. M. Semans, Ohio A, Toledo, Ohio; W. J. Berne, Ohio A, Florida; E. T. Williams, Va. Δ, Missionary to India; C. H. Humphreys, Ohio A, New York City (?); W. S. Small, Ohio A, Chattanooga, Tenn. (?); A. A. Moore, Ohio Δ; C. E. Esterley, Ohio Δ; J. C. Lower, Ohio B, Cleveland; E. T. Brewster, Ohio A, Little Rock, Ark.; W. N. Brewster, Ohio A, India.

Bro. Livingstone Huston, of Va. B, who lived at Wyoming, Ohio, was drowned at Lexington, Virginia. I believe an account of the accident was given in THE SHIELD at the time.

C. E. EVERETT.

CINCINNATI, O., February 11, 1889.

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### SOUTHERN EXTENSION.

One word from an alumnus of Mississippi Alpha on fraternity extension. I may state in the beginning that I am an enthusiastic believer in fraternity extension, wherever the opportunities justify.

In the Southern States there now loom up many inviting fields for the establishment of chapters. There are now but few chapters of Phi Kappa Psi in the South, and these are so far apart that they are "lonesome," so to speak. Proximity of chapters imparts inspiration to fraternity life, and encourages zeal and awakens vigor, which is vitally essential to the strong and healthful growth of a fraternity.

Just pause and think for a moment. How many southern chapters can we boast? Not one in Alabama, a State prolific of educational institutions; not one in Louisiana; none in the great State of Texas, an empire in territorial limits and in wealth and population, and whose educational endowments are munificent and exhaustless. We have no chapters in Tennessee, a State boastful and proud of her great and numerous institutions of learning. None, likewise, in the honored commonwealth of Kentucky, and none in the "Land of Flowers." There are several others in the same category. Mississippi has *one!* South Carolina, one; and thus the list might be extended. This tends to affirm that we have in the past been criminally neglectful.

Truly the fertile fields of the South have never been improved to any considerable extent, by the great fraternity to which we yield a hallowed loyalty. We have in the South young men by the thousand who would add new lustre to the name of any fraternity, however exalted its

aims and aspirations, and however revered its name "in all the earth." I urge this matter upon the attention of our high ones in authority.

We are "lonesome" down here—we want more chapters; more Phi Kappa Psis everywhere. We need more life and enthusiasm outside the halls of the chapters, that we can more securely affix the continued devotion and loyalty of our alumni, whose number is ever augmenting. Surely the solicitude of the fraternity for its members is not suspended forever when they obtain their hard-earned diplomas? If so, it fails ingloriously in the fulfillment of its exalted sphere, and its inculcations are a profanation and a mockery, whose hollowness and falsity are detected, if not before, at least at the end of the four years college career. I am far from charging this as being true, but it shows to what desperate extremities an opposite argument would tend.

There is the great Tulane University of Louisiana in New Orleans; the new and munificently endowed University of Texas at Austin; the University of Alabama; the honored Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn.; the A. and M. College of Mississippi; the Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn., and many other strictly first-class southern institutions. The fields are "ripe unto the harvest," and we should improve our inviting opportunities. Especially should we have a flourishing chapter in New Orleans, the popular southern resort, visited continually by the members of our fraternity from every section of the Union. We now have two or three young Phi Kappa Psis in the medical department of the University there.

I, too, re-echo the sentiment of our worthy brother, Congressman Peters, that every Phi Psi should continue to wear the pin. It is frequently the occasion of many happy surprises, and consequent genuine happiness.

W. F. STEVENS.

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#### SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

In answer to inquirers I will state that no Annual Report will be published until all the chapters have returned their blanks properly filled. I have received no report as yet from Pennsylvania Gamma and Theta, Virginia Alpha and Beta, D. C. Alpha, Indiana Beta, Michigan Alpha, and Kansas Alpha. An incomplete annual is both unservicable and misleading, and I have no time to waste in useless labor.

W. C. WILSON.

## Editorial.

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WELCOME, thrice welcome to Pennsylvania *K!* We trust that the enthusiasm and pluck shown by the organizers of this chapter will be characteristic of the membership throughout all the future of the fraternity which these young men now so worthily represent.

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WE have been gratified to receive a number of the annual letters sent to alumni by the various chapters, and wish to commend them for their sprightliness and force. We are pleased to note that they all remember THE SHIELD, and speak a kindly word in its behalf.

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READERS of THE SHIELD will note with pleasure the establishment of an Alumni Association at Cincinnati. We have some royal Phi Psis there, and strong influence for  $\phi \kappa \psi$  may be exerted there if the future sustains the promise of the present.

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The District Council of the fourth district will be held in Chicago upon the 3d and 4th of April. The banquet, in which the Chicago Alumni Association will join, will occur Thursday evening, April 4th. The banquet for February 28th has accordingly been postponed to that time.

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We have a glow of genuine pride when we survey the good things in Areopagus for February. This department

of THE SHIELD is again securing the proper attention and we hope it will not hereafter need any special invitation from the editor to secure contributions to its pages. Members of the fraternity will be gratified to know that Brother Allison has in preparation a second article on Harvard College, which will shortly appear.

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So far as we have received them, we have been well impressed with the annual letters. They lack that perfunctory tone, which robs any communication of its influence, and are for the most part, newsy, bright and earnest. They all say good words for THE SHIELD, for which we are thankful, and hopeful that good fruits may grow from the blossoming promises contained in the exhortation to alumni to send for sample copies and subscribe.

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To what extent should symbolism go in organizations like  $\phi \kappa \psi$ ? That question has been presented in many different ways at every G. A. C., within recent years and the advocates of pronounced views have universally met with disappointment, if not rebuff, in their efforts to arouse a more universal regard for ceremonials in our order.

We believe that alumni of the fraternity are more favorable to amplification of our ritual than the active membership. This is easily accounted for. Many Phi Psis upon leaving college unite themselves with that most ancient and honored of all secret organizations, Masonry, and in penetrating its mysteries readily come to believe in the educational value of symbols.

We believe that  $\phi \kappa \psi$  ought to develop a spirit of inquiry along this line. Ought we not to embody more fully than we have yet attempted, outward and visible forms of the inward and spiritual graces of the order which we delight to honor?

How easy it is to put off until to-morrow what we might as easily do to-day! Financial obligations, laws of the fraternity, commands from constituted authority, all these things and more are often lightly cast aside till that more convenient season which never comes. We have had an excellent illustration of the value of doing things at once in the ready response to our requests for contributions to this issue. We try to plan our work so that no embarrassment shall arise from failure to give contributors adequate warning of the time when their mss. is expected, and yet we have not gone to press with a single issue wherein our plans were not frustrated.

We have well-nigh despaired at times and felt like letting the issue come out incomplete, but a happy thought has struck us and we have summoned some loyal brother to our aid. It has been so in a number of instances, but no one has deserved better of *THE SHIELD* than Brother Allison, whose article on Harvard journalism was on its way to us within less than forty-eight hours from the receipt of a letter requesting a contribution.

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The coming District Councils ought to be well attended. Their purpose is well defined, their usefulness well demonstrated. We are not informed of the various subjects that are to be under discussion, but we can safely venture an opinion upon several that are likely to receive considerable attention.

First in importance is the question of extension. The history of  $\phi \kappa \psi$  is one of conservatism. We have refused more petitions for charters than we have granted, yet at times we have forgotten our principles and indulged in an indiscriminate scramble for establishment at institutions where we have never been properly represented and where we had far better not have gone. These lapses from a well-understood policy only serve to emphasize the rule.

We believe that we represent the sentiment of the fraternity fairly, when we say that  $\phi K \psi$  ought to look to the East when the question of extension is broached. There are colleges in New England well-established, secure in endowment and patronage, which we could enter upon fair terms—not equal terms—with the long-established chapters of other fraternities there represented.

Wherever these opportunities are clearly presented they should be accepted, and that promptly. We are not inclined to favor the establishment of a chapter of  $\phi K \psi$  in any college situated in a large city, unless there are peculiar circumstances rendering association of students together not only possible but necessary. We enter strong protest against entering colleges where general fraternities are regarded as stepping-stones to local societies of greater renown. We do not believe in any policy looking toward establishment of chapters of  $\phi K \psi$  in colleges where the literary feature predominates, nor yet in those where the convivial principles of human companionship find large development. "Boys will be boys," may be a sound principle in human experience, but "boys may be men," is a far better one for  $\phi K \psi$  to inculcate.

We do not care to engage in particulars, we do not mean to particularize colleges that we may enter, and should look toward, nor yet those from which we should turn with distrust, but we think it sound policy to say that geography has as much to do with founding chapters of  $\phi K \psi$  as the character of the college which we wish to enter.

Unless we intend to push forward into a new territory and occupy it fully, it is not politic to inaugurate chapters widely separated in distance, in fact we believe such practice suicidal. We have made several such mistakes; let us not repeat them. We foster a spirit of provincialism

by such practice, and nothing can be further from the principles of  $\phi \kappa \psi$ .

We can, and ought more fully to occupy the South. We have a few chapters in that section, strong in influence and in the character of the men who have gone from the fold, and to them we must look for future moves in that direction. Enthusiasm, persistent, contagious enthusiasm, will bring us large returns from that section, but we warn the brothers to beware, the memory of ill-fated Georgia Alpha is still fresh in the recollection of the "old boys," and they would deprecate any ill-considered, poorly-planned campaign.

Briefly then,  $\phi \kappa \psi$  can and ought to extend her borders. The character of the chapters recently established augurs well for that of those to come. A dozen more such moves as we have made within a few years past, will bring us well-nigh all the chapters we ought to have, and plant our standard in nearly, if not quite all, the colleges worthy for us to enter. We ought to look well to the question of neighborship in establishing chapters. Let this not be forgotten.

Then, the District Councils will discuss the old question, "How to reach the alumni." Nothing easier to answer. Obey the constitution consistently and intelligently. Let us not look for great harvests in this direction until the seed is well sown.

The Song Book and the long-delayed History will engage attention. Each can be brought to a successful issue within the year, if one enthusiast at each council volunteers to secure the one thing needful for either project from representatives present. Within a very few weeks the Song Book Committee will be calling upon the loyal membership for several hundred dollars for the publication of that desideratum—a good compilation of  $\phi \psi$  songs.

The District Councils can make sure the answer. THE SHIELD stands pledged for a considerable contribution.

It is presumed that the History having slumbered lo these ten years can wait. Not so; we are able to undertake its publication if we would. A few less suppers, a few sacrifices, and a volume of lasting good to our fraternity may see the light of day. Will you have it so?

Alumni Associations will be considered. Chicago and Cincinnati have led the way; who will plan to see them followed by organizations in every city in the land, where  $\phi \kappa \psi$  has thirty to fifty loyal sons? The surest way to bring this about is to secure alumni attendants at the District Councils. It can be done. Will it be done?

The Catalogue will be talked about. It is in good hands and in the fullness of time will come forth a monument to the industry and fidelity of its compilers and a credit to the fraternity.

Will you think of THE SHIELD at your meetings? Is there any interest of the fraternity so important? With the modesty of the profession to which we belong, we think not. Let us exalt our horn at this time; we do not often enjoy this luxury. THE SHIELD has had no thoughts or concern for aught but  $\phi \kappa \psi$ , through good and evil report, and whatever of excellence it contains has found inspiration in a deep faith in the perpetuity and value of our organ. The brothers know how the breath of life is inspired into THE SHIELD, and exhortation is not necessary to secure it fair treatment and adequate support. However, if no special attention is directed to us, it will not be amiss for some loyal brother to make his watchword in addressing new comers to the meeting hall: Do you take THE SHIELD?

## Chapter Letters.

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### ALLEGHENY.

We pause amid the hum of college duties and "cares that infest the day" of the student to perform one of the most gratifying duties allotted to the office of the B. G. Pennsylvania Beta now claims a brief recognition in the February SHIELD, if for no purpose than to introduce our latest initiate, Bro. Will Haskell, '91, of Pleasantville, Pennsylvania. Brother Haskell, by his worthy record in college work and admirable social qualities, has long shown his Phi Psi proclivities, and, after successfully running the gauntlet of an egg-s-traordinary *entrée*, under the immediate supervision of Brother Snyder, has settled gracefully into the role of a veteran frat. man.

We have lately made some effort to improve the parlors of our chapter house, and with the aid of the Phi Psi *girls* of the city, have succeeded fairly well. We hope to improve rapidly, believing there is no better way to promote the stability and interests of the chapter than by increasing the amount of her property.

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking Brother Little for his able vindication of the Western fraternities. His broad and impartial protest as compared with the narrow views set forth in the *Century*, was appreciated, not only by our chapter but also by our rivals, representatives of other large and influential fraternities.

We are now looking forward with interest and anticipation to our next District Council, at which we hope to be represented with a large and enthusiastic delegation.

On last Friday evening, our now-noted quintette club assisted Mr. A. P. Burbank in presenting the fourth entertainment of the people's lecture course, at the Academy of Music, in this city. The boys acquitted themselves in their usual style, every number on the programme being encored.

Among the contributed articles in the February number of the *Collegian*, the new inter-collegiate magazine, is a paper from the pen of Brother Frank C. Bray, '90, on the subject, "How Now! What News?" (King Richard III.), giving a discussion of the American newspaper, past and present.

On last Saturday evening Pennsylvania Beta tendered a reception to a number of our friends, of the college and city, in honor of Miss Mary Bray, of Union City, Pennsylvania.

In the Chautauqua oration contest to be held at the end of the term, Brothers Bray and Youngson will represent our chapter.

Grateful for the harmony which seems to ever be with us and happy in the fruition of fraternal association, we can but wish a like prosperity to every chapter in  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

FRANK A. CATTERN.

Meadville, Pennsylvania, February 11, 1889.

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#### BUCKNELL.

Pennsylvania Gamma again wishes room in THE SHIELD. Brother Bennet and his mother gave the chapter a dinner, at their home on Market Street, January 17th. It was greatly enjoyed by all the brothers present. On the following Monday, Brother Bennet started for Colorado in search of health.

Brothers Dr. Lowry and Gretzinger have been elected as our delegates to Syracuse.

At the recent election of the *Mirror* board, Brother Gretzinger was elected senior editor.

The Finance Committee of Bucknell has unanimously elected Brother Gretzinger business manager of our university.

The chapter elected the following officers at its last meeting: G. P., Gretzinger; P., Walker; A. G., Koonce; Ph., Tustin; H., Dowlin; B. G., Moore; S. G., Love.

Bro. John Hampstone, D. D., of Brooklyn, lectured in Bucknell Hall, on "Darwin" on the 7th inst. to a large and enthusiastic audience. After the lecture the chapter gave him an informal reception in our parlors, at which were present, besides the lecturer and the chapter, Bros. A. A. Leiser, Esq., and Wm. Bartol, professor of mathematics in the university. The men secured by the university for the lecture course are mostly  $\Phi K \Psi$ 's. Brothers Eaches, D. D., and Coulston, D. D., are among those who will lecture.

Eight of our chapter will be at Washington on inauguration day. They would be glad to see any  $\Phi K \Psi$  at the headquarters of Co. "A." 12th Regiment National Guard of Pennsylvania.

CHARLES KOONCE.

Lewisburgh, Pennsylvania, February 7, 1889.

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#### DICKINSON.

It is not without some misgivings that we begin this, our initiatory letter to THE SHIELD; misgivings arising on the one hand from doubts as to whether we shall be as faithful in the discharge of our duties as have been our predecessors in the office of B. G., and on the other hand as to whether or not our letters will be of sufficient interest to repay for the time spent in their perusal. The proof of the first is a matter of individual responsibility, the proof of the second lies still in the womb of the future. But as these matters belong to time unborn we will drop their consideration and deal with the present.

The past few weeks have been busy ones in the annals of Pennsylvania Zeta. Between the subject of fraternity extension and election for officers, her

time has been well occupied. In regard to extension she is inclined to be intensely conservative, if the applicant does not measure up to the standard necessary to obtain a  $\Phi \Psi$  charter.

It was a matter of surprise to learn that  $B \Theta \Pi$  had placed a chapter at State College, but the surprise gradually wore away on learning from a member of that fraternity that it had been done as a personal favor to Governor Beaver, who has a son in that institution.

Numerically our chapter is as strong as any in college, and we hope not far behind in general excellence; moreover, we shall lose but two men this year, a fact which will have a tendency to make us very choice in the selection of new men. Although we have fifteen we are sure that the men are satisfactory, and such as our alumni are not ashamed to own. We miss, of course, the members of '88, especially Brothers Boyer and Meloy, whose safe conservatism has many times saved the chapter from the consequences of hasty action. But although they are not with us, their influence still remains in the valuable precepts they inculcated into us when we were yet novices in fraternity life; in addition to this we often receive letters of sage counsel and advice on matters affecting the welfare of Zeta, who has the honor to count them among the number of her loyal sons. We shall lose this year, by graduation, Brothers Black, who leads his class, and Morris, who is not far behind him in scholastic attainments. Our loss, however, can not be measured by the number who leave us, for we have lost more men before, and yet the breach has not been as wide as it will be when our two seniors go out, for they are thoroughly permeated by loyal fraternity spirit, and in this place their works shall live after them.

Dickinson has received a new impetus by the election of Dr. Reed to the presidency. Reports from all quarters indicate his fitness for the place, and it is more than probable that the college has entered on a new era of success and usefulness which will be of permanent duration.

We had with us not long since Bro. Pey. Brown, of '82, now the successful editor of the *Austin Statesman*. To say that he is still as true as steel is putting it mildly. He is just as loyal a  $\Phi \Psi$  as ever, and brim full of the idea of a chapter house for Pennsylvania Zeta. With characteristic generosity he offered to do all in his power, either in the way of moral support or financial aid, to accomplish the feat of adorning some spot in Carlisle with a  $\Phi \Psi$  property. Bro. A. Strite was with him and enthusiastically seconded him in his views.

The boys are looking forward with a great deal of anxiety to the birth of the new catalogue, and the edition of the new song book, both of which events will be welcomed with intense satisfaction. But we will stop the flow of the filmy fluid and occupy no more than our allotted space in *THE SHIELD*. Wishing you abundant success, we are, yours truly,

R. W. ILLINGWORTH.

Carlisle, Pennsylvania, February 7, 1889.

## FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Yet again is Ma Eta beholden to a new amanuensis to set forth her motherly greetings to THE SHIELD. She archly smiles at the thought of a valentine missive, and fondly imagines her sons heart whole, while she is sure that such is the case with her sister chapters.

The phenomenon of mid-winter rushing has well nigh excelled that of the "reign of the three seasons." The several new men of this term are being vigorously escorted by frat. body guards during their infantile days of college life. By the next SHIELD we hope to appear with augmented ranks on the ground floor of success.

The students of Harbaugh Hall have lately taken to blasting sleep with dynamite crackers and heralding in the morn on the festive tin horn. The dire rumor was abroad that several men had interviewed the faculty for leave of absence, and we feared that our six foot "baby" would be exposed to the unfeeling mercies of a tender world.

Brothers Greenawalt and Schaffner will deliver  $\Phi \Psi$  eloquence at the coming junior oratorical contest.  $\Phi \Psi$  will also be well represented on the Diagnothian sophomore and freshman contests.

Bro. J. C. Bowman, of Hanover, Maryland, opened the lecture course of the college Y. M. C. A. on February 7th. He delivered an eloquent lecture, "Recollections of London," in  $\Phi \Psi$  style, and  $\Phi \Psi$  style is inimitable. We all enjoyed meeting our brother alumnus.

Two nights in succession did the brothers attend special exercises at the Millersville State Normal for sweet charity's—and some other girl's—sake. We all believe in advancing the cause of education.

President Apple ably demonstrated in the *Reformed Church Messenger* that Franklin and Marshall is in a highly prosperous condition. He also shows cause for rejoicing in the fact that the college has wants. This, he argues, shows that the college is alive and advancing. Doubtless, in the near future, several new additions will be made to the faculty.

A college glee club of sixteen members has organized, and also a college orchestra. Vague and innocuous expectations of reciting Greek to the tune of "Wake up, Nicodemus," and Math a la Loga-rhythm, are being nurtured and expanded.

Matters relative to Syracuse are being earnestly discussed, and we hope that Pennsylvania Eta in April will be well represented at our next District Council.

Valentine regards and success to THE SHIELD.

WALTER ALLAN REINOEHL.

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1889.

## CORNELL.

This week has been one of great social activity at Cornell. On February 7th, the glee and banjo clubs gave their first concert of the year, and on Friday, the night following, occurred the junior promenade ball, which was a signal success. In addition to these more public events, many private and fraternity receptions were given. Brother Bissel, '91, on the glee club, and Brother Healy, '90, on the ball committee, represented the Phi Psis.

Since THE SHIELD last heard from New York Alpha several new men have cast their lot with us. Also, we have from Ohio  $\Gamma$ , Brothers Burt and Alfred McNeal, who have proved themselves worthy acquisitions. Of the class of '92, five are now upon our rolls. Samuel B. Dewsnap, of New York, Howard Hill, Scranton, Pennsylvania, Beardsley N. Sperry, Syracuse, New York, Frank Ames, Syracuse, New York, and Robert B. Price, Cleveland, Ohio. Of these Brother Ames is the vice president of his class.

Our house now contains quite a little musical talent. In addition to a mandolin, two guitars, a flute, and a clarinet, nearly all of the boys play the piano more or less, and as a most valuable acquisition, one of our freshman has a whistle that is truly phenomenal.

Brother Beal, '90, the artist of the chapter, is now in the draughting office of Roach's ship yard, putting to practical use his hobby—yacht designing.

Brother Wilcox, having spent the first term of the college year at Ann Arbor, is once more with us.

We are in receipt of a kind invitation for New York Beta to attend a reception and banquet to be given Saturday, the 16th of this month. May it be a success.

E. H. HULBERT.

Ithaca, New York, February 10th, 1889.

## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Phi Psi at Syracuse is witnessing the most prosperous year of its career. We initiated on Friday evening, February 15th, Messrs. Fred. and Ralph Comfort, of the class of '92, and sons of Prof. George H. Comfort, Dean of the College of Fine Arts. Professor Comfort was an Alpha Delt at Wesleyan. This makes twelve that we have initiated since the college year opened, eleven of whom are members of '92. One of our freshmen, George Gray, has been obliged to leave college, having injured his hand, by a fall from a bicycle, to such an extent that he is unable to pursue his musical studies.

We were pleased to have with us Bro. Arthur L. Mowry, of Hobart, who proved himself a favorite with both "boys and girls."

A local freshman society, Beta Delta Beta, initiated fifteen freshmen on the 14th. Four were Phi Psis. It is understood that B  $\Delta$  B is a stepping stone to  $\Theta$  N E which initiates in June.

B  $\Theta$   $\Pi$  is supposed to have established a chapter here, but it has been kept *sub rosa*.

Our chapter held a symposium at the Leland Hotel on Saturday evening,

February 16th. Sixty-five persons were present, among whom were Brothers Gately of Hobart, Sholar and Brennan of Madison, May, Dewsnap and Wilcox of Cornell. Miss Carrie E. Morton, K K Γ, of Hartford, Connecticut, who is now studying in New York City, was also present. The young ladies who were present were the cream of the college. Α Φ, K K Γ and Γ Φ Β were well represented. It was our pleasure to have with us "Bill" Nye and Bro. James Whitcomb Riley. Music was furnished by "The Italians." The tables were elegantly arranged, and the *menu* was elaborate. A lavender and pink satin banner with the fraternity symbols, the gift of a lady friend, was a noticeable decoration. The following toasts were responded to, Bro. P. F. Piper acting as toastmaster:

"The Present Occasion,"	G. K. STATHAM, Syracuse.
"Lavender and Pink,"	H. S. GATLEY, Hobart.
"The East and West,	R. C. WILCOX, Cornell.
"Modern Athens,"	W. J. SHOLAR, Madison.
"The Ladies,"	EDGAR W. NYE.
"Phi Psi in Poetry,"	JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

It is not too much to say that Phi Psi has outdone everything which has heretofore been attempted in the reception line at Syracuse.

Delta Upsilon held a reception at the Leland, February 15th.

Phi Delta Theta banquetted at the Vanderbilt, February 8th.

The Cornell Sophomores gave a banquet at the Globe Hotel, this city, on February 15th.

At the recent election of editors upon our weekly, *The University News*, Bro. F. N. Burritt was elected managing editor; Bro. E. D. Shepard, personal; Bros. F. S. Husted and C. H. Ball, local; Bro. J. L. Barnard, literary; and Bro. C. V. Gray, sub-publisher.

At the election of class officers for commencement, Bro. M. H. Walrath was elected class orator; Bro. P. F. Piper, pipe orator, and Bro. G. A. Wright, member of executive committee.

F. N. BURRITT.

Syracuse, New York, February 16, 1889.

#### MADISON UNIVERSITY.

New York Epsilon is living such a quiet, peaceful life at present that there is absolutely a dearth of something to write. It gives us very great pleasure to vote "aye" for the establishment of chapters in the two colleges that have knocked at our door for admission. Let the good work continue, until Φ K Ψ shall unfurl her banner of lavender and pink upon every renowned citadel of learning from the Atlantic to the Pacific, both North and South.

Your humble scribe, together with Brother Braman, '91, is to attend a banquet given by New York Beta, on the 16th inst. And since Beta never does anything by halves, we contemplate a royal time. At that same date the committee of arrangements for the District Council meets at Syracuse, and that will claim our attendance also. The boys look forward to the meeting of the District Council with much enthusiasm, as quite a number expect to attend and get all the good out of it that is possible.

We have a brother, who, I think, has never been introduced to the brothers at large. So then, let me present Brother Merriam, '92. This brings our number up to eighteen—the same as last season; and if the signs of the times are not very misleading we shall have even a larger number next session.

Brother Fletcher, who was reported last month as having left college, agreeably surprised us by returning in a few days.

It seems that the reference in our last letter to the "withdrawal" of a B Θ Π from the chapter here was an unintentional error. And the trouble arises from the word "withdrawal." The fact is that the gentleman in question was "suspended" from the chapter before he sent in his resignation. I make this correction so as to be just to our B Θ Π friends. The point which I wished to present to the brethren of Φ Ψ and of other fraternities was, that a chapter of any fraternity ought not to be too hasty in congratulating itself upon its internal harmony, as did B Θ Π last year when the Δ Κ Ε's lifted two men from us. The tables may unexpectedly turn, as is apparently the case with B Θ Π; for a suspension of a member certainly does not indicate perfect harmony in a chapter.

Our new B. G., Brother D. F. Osgood, will wield the pen for us in the future, and to him we commend the attention of the fraters.

W. J. SHOLAR.

Hamilton, New York, February 13, 1889.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA UNIVERSITY.

The chief incident which South Carolina Alpha has to report is the foundation of a chapter of Chi Phi at this university. This has been expected ever since the opening of the present session. The chapter begins with eight men, divided as follows: one senior, two juniors, two sophs., and three freshs. This infant will scarcely be a very dangerous rival, for the present at least.

We were all very glad to welcome back Brother Johnson, who has been home for some time, recovering from an attack of typhoid fever. He is now quite well and again wears his customary smile.

At our last meeting Brother McLure was elected B. G., and Brother Parker, S. G.

We received a brief visit from Brother Finley, of Yorkville, South Carolina, a few days ago, and Brother Sims, of Santuc, South Carolina, is now paying us a brief visit.

We are now almost through with our intermediate examinations. All the boys hope to pull through in their customary good style. Brother Parker especially distinguished himself by the way in which he "knocked math."

J. C. McLURE.

Columbia, South Carolina, February 11, 1889.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

The intermediate examinations are again at hand, and again the wayward "freshie," almost given up in despair, is about to conclude that it is useless for him to even try to *graduate*, as he thinks now that it will be a hard matter for him to make even the "pass." As is customary with nearly all college students

a great many of the boys have been "putting off till to-morrow what they should do to-day" in their studies, and as a natural consequence they are doubly busy at "cramming" and striving to make up for lost time, so as to be ready when the great *final* comes. Mid-night oil is now burning freely and quite a calm is over the entire campus. There is no doubt, however, that the storm is just beneath the surface of the greater part of the study body. It is needless to say that great excitement pervades the internal structures of freshies and sophs. lest they should fail to make a respectable mark on examination, and that a similar fermentation is going on within the aspiring breasts of the juniors and seniors, lest from some mysterious and unknown cause they should fail at the appointed time to bear away that *diplomatic* trophy of their four years of college labors, which they now look upon as the one final purpose of life.

The score will soon be over, however, as the examinations close about February 15th, when the boys will all, or the great majority at least, be in good cheer, because of having passed in the different departments successfully.

On February 22d, Hermean Society will celebrate her fortieth anniversary. Mr. J. B. Ross, of Oxford, Mississippi, was elected anniversarian, and will no doubt deliver a splendid oration. His subject is, "American Statesmanship." Mr. Ross is a social, congenial and very high toned gentleman, and though a member of the Δ K E fraternity, is very popular and a universal favorite among the students. The speech will be delivered in the A. M. and a grand ball will be given in the evening in honor of the orator.

Before closing this communication I would like to say to the brothers that if at any time any of you should be traveling through the land of "Cyprus and Myrtle," and could possibly spare the time, we would like the very best in the world to have you stop over awhile with us. Our latch-string always hangs on the outside. You will find mine hanging conspicuously on the outside of the ante-room of Hermæan Hall, which can easily be found by the slightest inquiry. Hoping that Mississippi Alpha may become better acquainted with many a brother, I remain yours fraternally,

W. FRANK ASHLEY.

University of Mississippi, Mississippi, January 27, 1889.

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#### OHIO WESLEYAN.

Since our last letter to THE SHIELD the membership of Ohio Alpha has been increased by the addition of two members. Brother Phillips, of '90, who has been traveling in Europe for the past year, has again entered college much improved in health. Our last initiate is Bro. H. H. McKeehan, of '92, of Hillsboro, Ohio. I take great pleasure in introducing him to the fraternity.

Our gymnasium has been opened at last, and any hour of the day crowds of students can be seen exercising graceful (?) gyrations on the various apparatus. Wednesdays and Fridays are given up to the ladies. The classes are now large and enthusiastic, but not having a regular instructor I fear for the attendance when the novelty has worn off.

In the way of health Ohio Alpha seems to labor under some unpropitious star. Since the term began the entire chapter, with the exception of three mem-

bers, have been sick for a longer or shorter time. Brother McCafferty has just recovered from a three weeks' siege of scarlet fever. Brother Dillon was obliged to go home last Thursday on account of ill-health. He writes, however, that he is recovering and can return in a couple of weeks at the farthest. Brother Kennedy is now sick with an acute attack of sore throat and liable to be confined to his room for a week or so. In spite of all our tribulations, however, this term has been very prosperous with us. We have now six men pledged in the senior preparatory class.

Ohio Alpha made a new departure in fraternity life at the Ohio Wesleyan University by giving a reception to our friends in town, at the fraternity hall, last Friday. There were about forty present and the evening was very pleasantly spent in various ways of amusement. At eleven supper was served, and the company broke up expressing themselves delighted with Ohio Alpha's facilities for entertainment.

We were favored, a couple of weeks ago, by a visit from Bro. Ed. M. Van Cleve, '86. Brother Van Cleve is an enthusiastic member of the song book committee, and if the success of the book depends only upon his efforts and enthusiasm its success is assured. Brother Watson, of Cardington, and Brother Runkle, of Kenton, dropt in last week and spent a few days with us. Ohio Alpha is always glad to see any of her alumni back, and will try to make their visit pleasant.

We were pained to receive notice of the death of Bro. Richard B. Lloyd. He died at his home, at Portsmouth, Ohio, January 18, 1889. While his death was not unlooked for by his friends, it was none the less sad. In him Ohio Alpha feels that she has lost one of her most loyal sons, while those to whom he was personally known feel that they have lost a friend whose genial, cheerful disposition, and whose manly and upright character have won their affection and esteem.

The senior class, after having caused a change to be made in the old custom of chapel orations, has sought for more worlds to conquer. It is now wrestling with the faculty to have a change from the old plan of having the entire class speak commencement day, and wishes to bring a speaker here from abroad instead. The result is not yet known, but it is hoped by the students at least that the class will be successful.

The attendance this term is larger than ever before, and in every way the college is prosperous, except in its search for money. The large increase in attendance almost necessitates more building and a larger chapel. (I throw this last out as a pointer to liberally inclined readers.) The policy of the school is becoming broader and everything seems to point to continued advancement.

W. P. REED.

Delaware, Ohio, February 13, 1889.

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**WITTENBERG COLLEGE.**

Ohio Beta takes great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Bro. Herbert J. Weaver, '91, of Bolivar, Ohio. Brother Weaver is a fine fellow (if he will pardon us for saying so) and the chapter is to be congratulated upon its latest

acquisition. Not long since we were favored with a flying visit from Brother Bennett, of Pennsylvania Gamma, who stopped off at Springfield on his way to Denver. We were glad to meet a representative of that great stronghold of *Phi-Psidom*, the Keystone State, and wish we might have that pleasure often.

Since our last appearance in *THE SHIELD*, we have enjoyed another social treat in the form of a *soiree musicale*, in our chapter hall, on Friday evening, February 8th. After the performance of the following programme, the remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent in dancing and general sociability.

## PROGRAMME.

## PART FIRST.

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| 1. Piano Duet—"Cereus,"   | <i>Scheuermann.</i>                         |
| C. L. BAUER AND A. C. EHRENFELD.  |   |
| 2. Baritone— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a. \text{ "Nahe des Geliebten,"} \\ b. \text{ "The Double Loss,"} \end{array} \right.$ | <i>Lassen.</i><br><i>Meyer and Helmund.</i> |
| W. H. MANSS.  |   |
| 3. Flute Solo—"Scherzo"   | <i>Schubert.</i>                            |
| G. B. HILLER.   |   |
| 4. Soprano Solo—"Answer,"   | <i>Robyn.</i>                               |
| MISS ANNE LINN.   |   |
| 3. Quartette—"Slumber Sweet,"   | <i>Emerson.</i>                             |
| PHI PSI QUARTETTE.  |   |

## PART SECOND.

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| 1. Piano Duet—"Gretchen am Spinnrade,"     | <i>Schubert.</i>   |
| C. L. BAUER AND R. H. HILLER.              |                    |
| 2. Soprano Solo—"A Winding,"               | <i>Bischoff.</i>   |
| MISS MAME MARTIN.                          |                    |
| 3. Piano Solo—"Polonaise," (Op. 26, No. 1) | <i>Chopin.</i>     |
| MISS IRENE SPANGLER.                       |                    |
| 4. Tenor Solo—"Across the Sands,"          | <i>Millard.</i>    |
| R. H. HILLER.                              |                    |
| 5. Duo—"Night and Morn,"                   | <i>Vernon Rey.</i> |
| MISS LINN AND W. H. MANSS.                 |                    |

There were present on the occasion Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Ort, Dr. and Mrs. H. K. Schilling, Dr. Falconer, Rev. F. J. Mitchell, Prof. and Mrs. B. F. Prince, Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Ehrenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hosterman, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Garver, Misses Anne Linn, Grace Prince, Flora Prince, Alice Winwood, Irene Spangler, Maude Richards, Jessie Weiner, Mame Martin, Zella Kinder, May Minick, Kate Mitchell, Ella Geiger, Clara Dunkle, Minnie Keyser, Miss Taylor and Miss Hershey, Messrs. Frank Geiger and Will Manss, and all the active members of the chapter.

The newly organized Wittenberg College Glee Club is the latest sensation at college. The glee club consists of twelve members, beside the leader, of which four are Phi Psis, Bros. R. H. Hiller (first tenor), W. H. Manss and G. B. Hiller (first bass), and A. C. Ehrenfeld (second bass). Bro. C. L. Bauer is leader of the organization. The club proposes to make a short tour during the spring vacation. Wittenberg at last has a college yell and college colors. Cream and cardinal is the combination of colors adopted.

ROB. H. HILLER.

Springfield, Ohio, February 13, 1889.

**WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.**

Hope you will not think that Ohio Gamma has forgotten *THE SHIELD*, though we have not been represented for some time. We lost several members at the close of last term. The McNeal brothers, A. F. and L. B., transferred their allegiance to Cornell; Horace J. Miller remained at home, in Allegheny, to enter his father's law office, while Frank Roberts changed to the Cincinnati Law School. In consequence of these changes we are somewhat reduced in numbers, only eight now answering to the sound of the gavel. We are, however, not lacking in true fraternity spirit, and will soon increase in numbers as soon as any material arrives that is worth looking after. The material for fraternities this year was far below the average, and most of the frats. had to be satisfied with the addition of two or three men apiece.

We received at the first of this term a strong addition in Irvine C. Falconer, of Springfield, who was transferred from Ohio Beta. The Greek world is now looking forward to the Pan-hellenic which will occur on Feb. 20th. At that time the Alpha Tau Omegas, who were established here a few weeks ago, will be received into the Pan-hellenic Council with appropriate ceremonies, or in other words they will be given a regular initiation, out of which the other frats. expect great fun. Alpha Tau Omega starts out with eight men. As they are men that have been picked over the frat. has no special strength. Wooster expects to send a large delegation to the State oratorical contest at Akron. Our representative will be the same as last year, J. S. Nicolls, a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

The Nonagon Glee Club of the university are now preparing for a tour during the spring vacation.

FRANK D. GLOVER.

Wooster, Ohio, February 12, 1889.

**DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.**

On Thursday evening, January 17th, Bill Nye and the "Hoosier Poet," James Whitcomb Riley, gave one of their popular entertainments in Meharry Hall before an audience of eight hundred. Riley is one of our own Indiana Alpha boys, and one whom all Indiana  $\Phi \Psi$ 's especially delight to honor. His recitations of original verse fairly captured the audience, and his coming will be long remembered by those who were so fortunate as to hear him. After the lecture the two humorists were tendered a reception and banquet by the chapter, assisted by our lady friends.

The third annual banquet of the Pan-hellenic Club will be given in the Opera House on the night of February 15th. The Pan-hellenic Club includes the members of all of the eight fraternities represented here— $\Delta \kappa \epsilon$ ,  $B \theta \Pi$ ,  $\Delta \Upsilon$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \theta$ ,  $\Sigma X$ ,  $\Delta T \Delta$ , and  $\Phi K \Psi$ , numbering altogether about one hundred and fifty men.

We have been so fortunate as to add another member to our brotherhood since the last issue of *THE SHIELD*, Howard A. Fitch, of Kansas City, Missouri. Brother Fitch is a member of the class of '91.

Our annual circular letter was sent out early in January, and since then we have received many encouraging replies from the "old boys." Though in many cases far removed in time and distance, we find that the  $\Phi \Psi$ 's of an earlier time still cherish and honor the principles which they realized in  $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ . Bro. Clarence A. Hough, class of '88, answered his letter in person, and remained long enough to take part in our regular fraternity meeting. Brother Hough is acquiring quite a reputation throughout Indiana as a recitationist, having given several entertainments to fashionable audiences in Indianapolis and several of the larger cities of Indiana,

We are anticipating a very pleasant and profitable time at the District Council which meets here next April. Many of our alumni have signified their intention of attending, and nearly all the members of Indiana Beta and Indiana Gamma will be here. Committees have been appointed, and as soon as the arrangements have been completed, we will notify all the chapters of this district as to what will be expected of them.

CHARLES A. HOUTS.

Greencastle, Indiana, February 9, 1889.

#### NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Illinois Alpha is glad to report continued prosperity in every quarter. Our recent election resulted as follows: Brothers Weir, G. P.; Moulding, P.; J. L. Alabaster, A. G.; Maltman, S. G.; Terry, H.; Ward, Ch., and F. A. Alabaster, B. G.

Brother Graves is now editor-in-chief of our college paper, *The Northwestern*.

Brother Dempsey, '91, left us at the close of last term to accept a position in the Quartermaster's Department of the regular army; we hope, however, to see him back with us next year.

Brothers Little, '88, and Evans, ex-'91, have gone into the publishing business by themselves. The new firm is located at 234 La Salle Street, Chicago, and we do hereby heartily recommend it to all those who are contemplating the canvassing business.

In our last letter Brother Moulding was reported as having a broken nose. That was all too true, and it is with great sorrow that we report a second casualty. He was playing base ball on ice—he forgot—he wears a black eye.

The topics for our literary work this term bear directly on fraternity work, both general and special. A paper on some assigned topic is read at each meeting, followed by a general discussion. We find it productive of much good, not only assisting in literary lines, but increasing our knowledge of  $\Phi \Psi$ 's history and prospects, and adding to the interest and loyalty we have always felt for the fraternity of our choice.

February 7th the second entertainment of the senior course occurred. It was given by the Harvard Quartette, assisted by Miss Carrie Hale, as elocutionist, and was highly enjoyed by all.

The total number of students in all departments, as reported by the catalogue, is 1,259, which is sixty more than last year.

F. A. ALABASTER.

Evanston, Illinois, February 12, 1889.

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.**

In our October letter to *THE SHIELD* we introduced to the fraternity five new brothers, and now we wish to complete our list of initiates by introducing to the Phi Psi world Bros. Eber C. Preble, Wallace B. Rogers, Ralph R. Bradley and Will H. Cole. As all the initiates are '92 men, we now have the names of nine freshmen enrolled upon the chapter record.

Friday evening, February 1st, Bro. W. S. Holden, president of the class of '89, gave a social to his classmates at the chapter house. Fully fifty seniors were present and helped pass away a pleasant evening in dancing and card playing. A large delegation of professors were present, among whom were President and Mrs. Angell, Prof. and Mrs. Morris, and Prof. and Mrs. D'Ooge.

A shield of light is now nightly flashed out upon the darkness from the extreme height of the tower upon our house. It is quite unique and pretty, and presents a fine appearance to passers-by in the street below.

Active steps are about to be taken by Michigan Alpha for the purchase of the house we now occupy. At the last meeting, a committee was appointed to write to our alumni in regard to the financial aid we may expect from them in the enterprise. The house has been occupied by the fraternity over six years, and we are justified in saying that it is admirably adapted to its present use, while the location is all that could be desired.

The junior hop, given by the class of '90, occurs next Friday evening at the rink. The junior hop is one of the greatest events in college social life, and '90 expects to eclipse all efforts of former classes in this direction.

Bro. L. V. Buskirk, of Indiana Beta, who has been attending the law department here since the beginning of the collegiate year, has been compelled to return to his home in Bloomington, Indiana, on account of sickness. It is to be hoped that he may speedily regain his health and return to his duties in the near future.

The glee club expects to make an extended tour of western cities during the spring vacation. The faculty has kindly granted them an extra week, and with this increase of time the club will be able to make a more extensive trip than they have done heretofore. Michigan Alpha is ably represented in this organization by Bro. Ross G. Cole, director of the club, and also by Bro. Wallace Rogers.

A departure from the regular routine of business in our meetings has of late been taken, by the introduction of a literary paper edited by three of the brothers. The object of the editors is not to gain fame in the editorial world, but simply to produce merriment, and to liven up the occasions upon which the sheet is read.

GEORGE W. DENNEY.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, February 14, 1889.

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN,**

Wisconsin Alpha is still "traveling the milky way," and from the chapter letters in *THE SHIELD*, and outside reports which come to us from time to time, we judge that "old  $\Phi \Psi$ " is enjoying a most profitable year all around.

Since our last letter to *THE SHIELD* we have increased our number of active

members from twenty-two to twenty-five. Our latest additions being A. J. Lunt, of Appleton, Wisconsin; H. J. Alward and R. S. Sheldon, of Chicago. All from Racine College. Brothers Lunt and Alward were connected with the Racine College base ball nine, and with such an addition to the already existing strength of the Wisconsin University nine, we shall expect Wisconsin University to carry off all the laurels in the base ball contest next spring.

The annual inter-fraternity party, which is the great social event here, and is the occasion of bringing together the active members and alumni of all the fraternities represented in the university—Delta Upsilon and Delta Tau Delta excepted—is to occur March 1st.

The University of Wisconsin Banjo and Guitar Club will leave in about two weeks for a trip through Wisconsin, and later in the season is booked to appear in St. Paul.

We heartily endorse the statement made by Bro. C. S. Graves, of Illinois Alpha, regarding the success attendant upon circular letters written to the alumni. It is a custom which we have long observed, and have found that it works admirably. With best wishes to all.

F. I. COLLINS.

Madison, Wisconsin, February 9, 1889.

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#### STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Iowa Alpha, through her new B. G., sends all brothers greeting. Though we have no new brothers to introduce, our chapter in its activity and perfect serenity bears the surest signs of prosperity.

A few weeks ago we gave our first dancing party of the year, and everything conspired to make it a most enjoyable and successful one. A chief cause is found in the presence of Brothers Averill, Stephens and Mann, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; the first two are members of Michigan Alpha, while Brother Mann was a beloved member of our chapter while attending school here. What pleasure to meet those united to you in brotherly ties, whose sympathies you know to be identical with yours, and who, though heretofore unknown, are recognized as long time friends! What sense of pride does it awaken to be told by men from Michigan's great university, that our halls compare favorably with any they have ever seen! Brothers, we have much enjoyed your presence, and only hope you will be able to repeat your visits.

But as to the dance. For this occasion we secured the services of a mandolin and a guitar band, which was booked here for a public performance the following night. Did they please? Judge from this. The girls declared those strains to be *bewitching*, and insist upon the same music for our next party if it can be procured. We will have it if we can.

Owing to the absence from school of Bro. "Chuck" Schroeder, who can not be with us this year, an election was recently held to fill his vacancy on the editorial staff of the *Vidette-Reporter*, our weekly college paper. Two tickets were in the field, but the victory fell to Bro. C. A. Stutsman by the overwhelming majority of 116 to 41. His opponent was of a somewhat novel character, the ticket bearing the words, "The Devil, Class '89." Of course it was all an

attempt at bluffing on the part of rival frats. who did not see fit to enter one of their own number for certain defeat, and therefore chose one the most worthy of such a doom. But even his Satanic Majesty stood no show against our "Chip."

Brother Bonson was the only Phi Psi who entered the home oratorical contest. The judges select the six best orations, and their authors contest for representation to the State contest. "Bon's" oration ranked seventh. The more's the pity, for had "Bons" had but a chance to *deliver* his oration, nothing short of first place would designate his probable rank.

The adoption of class hats is at present the all-absorbing topic at our school. The seniors, instead of resorting to the conventional "plug," as alone worthy of their dignity, appeared in "Tam O'Shanters," while the sophs. adopted the "mortar-board" as a sign of identification. The members of the two remaining classes differ to such an extent in their ideas of beauty, that, in spite of repeated class meetings, both freshmen and juniors yet remain hatless.

We regret to say that Bro. Ed. Dorr, the most loyal of Phi Psis and the founder of our present chapter, leaves us next month. At that time he graduates in the medical department of our university, and will immediately leave for Vienna, Austria, where he will continue his medical studies. But he shall not depart without being tendered such a banquet the remembrance of which for years to come may summon forth fond visions of his happy fraternity life. But of this in our next.

H. W. TECHENTIN.

Iowa City, Iowa, February 9, 1889.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

It is with some diffidence that we receive from Brother Baily the pen of the B. G. He has wielded it so effectively, and has been so businesslike in his conduct of the correspondence department, that we feel that it will need considerable effort on the part of his successors to maintain the reputation of our chapter in this respect.

Perhaps the first item of interest to our brothers will be the initiation of our twenty-first member, and we feel proud to introduce Bro. Chas. T. Conger, '90. His initiation happened to occur on the night of our election, and imagining that his recollection of the ordeal through which he had passed must be extremely vivid, we concluded that he would make an excellent master of the ceremonies upon similar occasions, and so we elected him to the appropriate office. Our presiding officer until Commencement Day will be our senior, Bro. O. L. Triggs.

We have had occasion, during the last week, to heartily congratulate ourselves upon the policy which we have made it a point to pursue in "rushing" men. We have always felt that it was incumbent upon us to refrain from casting any aspersions upon our rivals. Such conduct is unbecoming in a gentleman, ungenerous in a fellow student, and indeed is unwise, even from a standpoint of policy. Unfortunately all do not look upon the matter in this light, and in the heat of a warm contest over a certain man, not only did the fraternities abuse each other, but they brought serious-accusations against indi-

viduals. Our president took occasion to give us a very seasonable talk on the subject. He said he was thoroughly in sympathy with the societies, and believed they were capable of doing good work, but he urged us to seek success by our own excellence and not by the defects of others.

Since our last letter the military officers have been appointed. The powers that be have very properly given most of the principal posts to individuals who could give their undivided attention to the work, without wasting time on study and other unimportant matters. Under these circumstances of course the  $\Phi \Psi$ 's did not show up very well; however, we were not altogether forgotten, Brothers Triggs and Woodward getting lieutenantcies, and Brothers Dickinson, Purdy, and another squeezing in as fifth sergeants.

THEO. G. SOARES.

Minneapolis, Minnesota, February 4, 1889.

#### UNIVERSITY OF PACIFIC.

California Alpha sends greeting and best wishes for the year of '89 to all her sister chapters. The spring term has opened with promises of success to California Alpha and all institutions connected with the University of Pacific.

Brother Rice has returned and will probably graduate with '90. Brother Rice is the man who rode the goat of flesh and blood. We now number seventeen active members and with quite a number of alumni who drop in occasionally, we manage to have some very enthusiastic meetings. Our goat hasn't been out lately but methinks I can hear him stamping. Phi Kappa Psi reigns supreme at University of Pacific and although we often hear rumors that she will not always do so, so far we have seen no developments to the contrary. Our faculty is pretty well represented in fraternity circles but we manage to gather up all the good material as soon as it appears and so all goes merrily on. In our faculty we have two of  $B \Theta \Pi$ , two of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , one of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and one of  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

To-day is China New Year's; so yesterday our celestial cook and "assistant H." prepared a grand spread for our eating club. The ceremony was begun with the setting off of fire crackers to frighten away the evil spirits, and then the dinner began on the nicest of American and Chinese dainties. Some-time previously Jim had lost by theft his good suit of clothes and we replaced them for him, and so to express his thanks our little cook got up this surprise for us. And enjoy it; the poor little fellow couldn't keep his face straight, yea verily, it is more blessed to give than to receive. A few days before he had been asking if Mrs. ———, (a neighbor) "gottee any sell 'em chickens."

California Alpha is prospering, we have nine men rooming at the chapter house and seventeen at our table. We are always glad to hear of new chapters being established and send our best wishes and congratulations to Pennsylvania Kappa. We wish some of our Eastern sisters could have seen fit to congratulate us on what we hoped for last year—California Beta.

We are now collecting photos from all our alumni—at least from all those who are willing to have "maps of their countenances" seen.

We have noticed that California Alpha's letter is always last in the chapter list and so have determined to follow the saying, "last, but not least" in length at any rate. Our B. G. is your humble writer who signs himself yours fraternally,

EDWIN A. WILCOX.

College Park, Santa Clara County, California, January 30, 1889.

## Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

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This department of the paper is made up of excerpts from THE SHIELD'S exchanges, and reflects the sentiments of our rivals which are most pointed and characteristic. We refrain from expressing any opinions as to the matters discussed, and scarce deem it worth while to controvert any statement made by our contemporaries. No more is written by the Editor than may suffice for introduction to each quoted passage. This will relieve the doubts of inquirers, some of whom perversely consider this feature an exchange department.—ED. SHIELD.

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Phi Delta Theta has had occasion, it seems, to make rather stirring appeals to its membership. Witness this from a recent issue of *The Scroll*:

Do you realize what the situation is? Surely you do not or you would not, by your own direct command, incur obligations and then, after your duly appointed agents have done all the work, magnanimously reward them by cowardly "standing from under" and leaving them to shoulder all the responsibilities. We are speaking very plain—perhaps not as plain as we wish we could—but that is precisely what we wish to do, and what we started out with the intention of doing. Now look at the situation calmly and see if you have any difficulty in seeing your plain duty. By the unanimous voice of your National Convention of 1884, you ordered the publication of what you sadly needed—a book of your own Phi Delta Theta songs, and appointed the men who were to act for you, and be your representatives in the work. These men did their work faithfully and as speedily as the task would permit. If the many testimonials that have been published to you were not idle words, they did their work well. They tried to publish the handsomest and finest book of fraternity songs ever put on the market. Many of your own number have declared in unstinted and unmeasured terms that they succeeded. But here is the case in a nut shell. You gave your order as any business man might. Your order was fulfilled to your entire satisfaction, and at a cost of some hundreds of dollars. The entire work was approved by your National Convention in 1886. It is nearly five years since you assumed this obligation, and yet, by your financial backwardness, a heavy debt still hangs over the heads of *somebody*. Now we have spoken plainly, and we are going to ask a plain question, and *demand*, as we have a right to demand, a *plain answer*. Now, *what do you propose to do?* Do you propose to "stand from under?" Do you propose to repudiate your honestly contracted debt? Do you propose to sneak out, and leave on the shoulders of somebody else obligations which belong to you, and you alone? Do you propose, when men have given you their time, which is money to them, and asked you nothing for it, to compel them, in return, to pay you for the privilege of benefacting you. In short, *do you propose to come up and pay your bill?* There is one way for you to do it, and only one. Each and every chapter must order, and order *immediately*, ONE AND A HALF SONG BOOKS PER CAPITA. That is, each man must pay seventy-five cents. In return he will get one book for himself, and the remaining twenty-five cents will go to provide the chap-

ter with one book for every two members. That will be a fair number for chapter use. Now, here is the plain question again: Will you, each and every one of you, pay seventy-five cents, or will you compel two of your number to pay over ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS each? There can surely be but one answer. Discuss this matter and *decide* it at the *very next* meeting of your chapter. YOUR chapter is meant, and it means YOU personally.

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The *Alpha Phi Quarterly* has a most timely article from the pen of Frances Willard, from which we clip a few characteristic sentences. The title is, "Society and Society Women—a New Definition."

Once the business of well-to-do women was society. What did that mean? That the be-all and end-all was to dress in fashion, dance a minuet with stateliness, preside at a dinner of several hours' duration with mastership, and so on. Now, to be sure, there are large circles of women to whom the *decollete* dress, whirling waltz, progressive euchre party, and a box at the theatre are the world's chief charm. But the spell of this sort of life is broken. The special enclosure known as "Society" grows smaller and less fascinating to the great many-sided world of women. Christianity is emancipating us, and showing us so many other things to do. Women more gifted, cultured and rich than those who give themselves wholly to society, devote themselves nowadays to things they find so much more worthy of them, that "society women" have become a subdivision, quite clearly marked, of the real womanhood that has a broad, free life and outlook on the world.

Indeed, the choicest natures, could their roll be called, have shunned "society" because, though it fed them on the most succulent viands of the real, it was too gross and glaring for the ideal which was above all things else dear to them. But One came in Judea, who, while "His soul was like a star and dwelt apart," had in His breast God's purpose for the new life, shown forth the only true form of "society," viz., the fellowship of doing good. All other forms will fall away, because all others are built upon false principles.

The time is not distant when a young woman "coming out" will not be accompanied by such a description of her personal appearance as a skilled groom might give of "Maud S," and when her debut will be made into philanthropic circles, not into the envious and heartless atmosphere of ballrooms. The time is coming when "receptions" will bring the rich and poor side by side, and no drawing room will be too fine for the honest working man and his family to enter, that they may greet the princely friends who have loved them and sought for them that justice which is the highest form of philanthropic endeavor. The time is coming when the vulgarity of using stimulants, gambling in circles of "progressive euchre, waltzing in the arms of men, disrobing in public that one may be "in style," wearing high heels and camel's humps, describing the wardrobes of ladies, and enumerating the dishes of their table in the public prints, will be counted as the almost unbelievable phenomena and the last fevered gasp of the gilded age now hastening to be gone.

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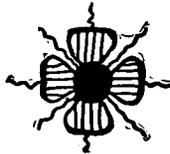
The *Kappa Sigma Quarterly* has adopted in part  $\Phi$  K  $\Psi$ 's plan in the matter of securing adequate support. The suggestion contained in the second clipping is a most excellent one:

Under the new laws and regulations the publication of the *Quarterly* is placed beyond peradventure. The paper will hereafter be sent to each and every active member of the different chapters as a part of consideration for the payment of dues. For instance, if a man be initiated into a chapter any time before the last number of this volume is issued (July 10, 1889), he is entitled to the back numbers of this volume; if after that time and before a corresponding date in 1890, he will receive Volume V. This, regardless of whether he remains in school for the year. To illustrate—for we have found it necessary to be very plain,—if Alpha Chapter initiates a man on the 22d of February, and that man leaves college on the 23d, he is entitled to the October and January numbers at once, and the April and July numbers when issued. It is for the correspondent to report these matters. He is the agent of the *Quarterly*. When the chapter letter is finished, write

out on a separate sheet of paper the names of every member of the chapter, not forgetting the name and address of each one who has gone home during the present scholastic year. Enclose this with your letter, and if you have attended to everything with the same care and earnestness which you have a right to expect of the editor, and he to expect of you, that individual will invoke a deluge of blessings upon you, and send forth a magazine that will fill your heart with exultant ecstasy. And shortly afterwards the millennium will dawn!

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Brother Paul M. Brown, who writes the chapter letter for Epsilon this issue, makes a good suggestion, and one which we wish to urge upon the attention of chapters. Why can not chapters, especially those at a distance, begin at once to accumulate a fund for the purpose of sending a delegate to Baltimore in 1890? It would be a profitable investment for your chapter. It is more essential to the chapter than the order that your delegate be present; but the order needs the presence of the representatives. A chapter with ten active members agrees to levy a tax of 25 cents per capita per month. This yields during a scholastic term of nine months \$22.50. In two years it would be \$45.00, and no one would feel it. It need not then be raised on the eve of the Conclave by an assessment of two, three, or maybe five dollars per capita. On the whole, it would be a good plan for every chapter. The levy could be smaller or greater, as the convenience of the chapter to Baltimore may require.



## Personals.

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### PENNSYLVANIA I.

'84. Ernest L. Tustin has a successful practice in law in Philadelphia. His colleague is E. B. Johnson, one of the most prominent lawyers in the city.

'65. Thomas A. Gill, of the United States Navy, was recently ordered to Cuba.

'69. Thomas MacMahon is in the Pennsylvania railroad service and is located in Northumberland.

'83. A. L. Tustin has a lucrative position as book-keeper for the Bloomsburg Iron Company.

'52. George I. McLeod, M. D., of the Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, while holding a very good position, is making some wonderful and successful cures.

'54. Robert Lowry, D. D., published his accustomed Christmas Service, which was widely received and adopted among churches of various denominations.

'54. Rev. A. J. Furman is holding a series of meetings at York, Pa. In a recent issue of the *National Baptist* he writes a very urgent letter pertaining to his work, which should receive consideration.

'63. Dr. David Spencer, Pastor of Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, Scranton, preached in the Temple Baptist Church, Philadelphia, on Sunday, December 30th, exchanging with Rev. J. W. Putnam, '72.

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### PENNSYLVANIA E.

'56. Daniel R. Miller, Esq., the recently elected Alumni representative in the Board, attended the special meeting, January 22d, and is showing in many ways that the choice was a good one.

'58. Rev. E. S. Johnston is pleased with his change of residence to Stoyestown, Pa., and has made a good beginning in his work there.

'61. Rev. S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary of Home Missions, has been elected President of Midland College. No announcement yet of his acceptance.

'69. E. T. Horn, D. D., is expected to have an article in the April *Lutheran Quarterly* on the "Common Service" in the Lutheran Church.

'67. Rev. W. E. Parson's address to our Seminary Alumni, on "The Heresy of Materialism" has called forth a number of letters, some of them from materialists, who, while not agreeing with him, commend his fairness and thorough study of the subject.

'67. S. P. Sadtler, Ph. D., Professor of Organic and Industrial Chemistry in the University of Pennsylvania, in the *Manufacturer* for December, discusses the question, "Can the United States Produce Sufficient Sugar for Its Own Needs?" His article bristles with facts and figures, evincing painstaking care in its preparation, and showing under what circumstances the question can be answered affirmatively.

'71. We are sure that all the Alumni will heartily approve of the recent election of Dr. G. D. Stahley as Professor of Physical Culture and Hygiene in his *Alma Mater*. We understand it is his purpose to spend some months at Harvard to become acquainted with the system pursued there. He will enter upon his duties here next September.

'86. J. Paul Earnest, who prosecuted his law studies in the Law Department of Columbian University, Washington, D. C., and graduated last summer, is still connected with the U. S. Signal Service. After graduating he undertook to pursue post graduate law studies in connection with his official duties, but finding it detrimental to his health, he has decided to discontinue them for the present.

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#### PENNSYLVANIA Z.

Prof. M. E. Vale, '87, came home for his holidays.

Mr. W. D. Boyer, '88, vissited his friends in Carlisle during the holidays.

On November 14th, Rev. J. K. Raymond, '84, laid the corner stone of his new church in Norwood.

Married, on December 27, 1888, Miss Lingo, of Georgetown, Del., and Elisha Conover, '84, Professor of Latin in the Dover, Del., Conference Academy.

Married, on December 27, 1888, at Detroit, Miss Brandon, formerly of Carlisle, and Samuel E. Howell, '86. Mr. and Mrs. Howell will locate in Philadelphia.

**PENNSYLVANIA H.**

The numerous friends of A. H. Rothermel, of Reading, will be pained to learn that he has serious trouble with his eyes, and is now under medical treatment in Philadelphia.

Rev. S. R. Bridenbach, Norristown, Pa., was made happy by the receipt of valuable presents from his congregation, who took this method of showing their love and esteem.

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**SOUTH CAROLINA A.**

Bros. D. E. Finley and G. T. Sims have been with us for a short time recently.

Bro. J. H. McLure, '87, has started on an extensive trip through Europe, Egypt and Palestine.

Bro. James Simons, '57, had a prominent part in the dedication of the Courtney school building, Charleston, S. C.

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**MISSISSIPPI A.**

'89. W. Pelham Mills is in school; he will graduate this year.

'83. W. Terrell Rush is practicing law at Greenwood, Mississippi. He has made a success of it so far.

'83. W. P. Tackett is clearing the law breakers at Lexington, Miss. He was so successful that his innocent friends elected him to the legislature in '87. He is a royal fellow.

'84. J. L. Buckley noses around for lawsuits in Enterprise, Miss., and has been successful enough to take the responsibility of caring for a better half, upon himself, which he did last fall.

'84 Literary, '88 Law. W. F. Stevens hung out his shingle in the land of his fathers, among the pines and gophers of Perry County, at Augusta, Mississippi. He will be a success, as he has the brains and the energy.

'89. R. E. Halsell was  $\Phi K \Psi$ 's elocutionist, taking all the medals he ever spoke for, three in all. He is now agent of the M. & O. R. R. at Shubuta, Mississippi, a very lucrative and responsible position for one of his age.

'89. J. W. Moseley, Jr., is compounding drugs and washing bottles at Peck's Drug Store, Madison, Miss.

'89. Swinney, C. C., is Exchange Editor of the *University Magazine*. He is a man of fine sense and sound judgment; he will be a success at whatever he undertakes. He will graduate in June.

'89. J. R. Hoover is "holding a clerkship down" in his father's store at Goodman, Miss. He is the same "Old John Hoover."

'90. J. R. Tackett is dissecting corpses in Tulane University, New Orleans, La. He will graduate in April.

'89. Stevens, J. J., is taking a course of Medical Lectures at Tulane University, New Orleans, La. A  $\Phi K \Psi$  badge was never worn by a more sympathetic and genial a fellow than Joe Stevens.

'89. Evans, T. J., is carrying the rod for a surveying party between Meridian, Miss. and Brunswick, Ga. His address is Meridian.

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#### OHIO A.

The following announcement tells the story. We congratulate Brother Stivers and wish him much happiness.

Mrs. J. L. Monnett,  
requests your presence at the marriage of her daughter  
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Frank A. Stivers, of Ripley, Ohio,  
Wednesday evening, February twentieth,  
at seven o'clock, Bucyrus, O., 1889.

Frank A. Stivers.

Ina Johnston.

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#### OHIO B.

Prof. Frank P. Davidson, '75, occupies the chair of Natural Science in San Diego College of Letters, California.

Daniel H. Arthur, M. D., '83, has been promoted to the staff of the Insane Asylum at Middletown, New York.

Prof. C. H. Ehrenfeld, of York, Penn., son of Dr. C. L. Ehrenfeld, was at Springfield during the holidays visiting his parents. He looked well and enjoys his work in the Collegiate Institute at York.

Rev. W. H. Singley, '73, owner of the *Lutheran Evangelist*, has brought it back to Springfield as the place of its publication, and has contracted for its printing by A. D. Hosterman & Co., of the *Republic-Times*. The first number from the new publishing firm makes a handsome appearance.

Rev. D. W. Smith, class of '63, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church at Mansfield, Ohio, has had a very successful ministry, as is shown by the dedication Sunday, December 16th, of the very fine new

edifice erected by his congregation. His church was organized in March 1866. The Mansfield papers give a lengthy account of the congregation and an engraving of their admirable new house of worship.

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### OHIO I.

Rev. B. D. Hahne, '77, Pastor of the Baptist Church of Westerly, R. I., was recently married to an estimable young lady of that city.

Norman Raff, first honor of '80, has also been married lately to a Virginia widow.

J. P. Palmer, '76, is now with the Fuel Gas and Electrical Engineering Co. of Pittsburgh.

A. W. Southward, '82, is with a wholesale dry goods firm of St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. W. H. McFarland, '73, is now pastor of one of the Presbyterian Churches of San Francisco, California.

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### KANSAS A.

Rep. F. A. Stocks, of Blue Rapids, run down from Topeka yesterday, and during the afternoon he talked with a *Globe* reporter about the prospects of the legislature passing the numerous anti-packing house bills. "The committee sent to Kansas City to look into the alleged combine of the packers," said he, "will make its report early in the week, but I do not apprehend that decisive action will be taken until after the conference between legislative committees from Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa, Illinois and Texas. In the House at Topeka there is a strong feeling against the packers among the country members, and they are firm in the belief that the depression in the cattle trade is due to an agreement among themselves to keep prices down. It is hard for them to see how packers can buy beef at \$3.75 and sell it at \$4.50 without making an unreasonable profit. I think the measures will pass."

The conversation turned to the subject of newspapers in general, and *The Globe* in particular, and Mr. Stocks spoke in strong terms of the injury the Associated Press is doing Kansas. He said: "It sends out everything detrimental to the state and suppresses everything that would benefit it. It is a great monopoly, and I am not the only one at Topeka that favors legislation against it in Kansas."—*Kansas City Globe*.

Brother Stocks, '82, is the youngest member of the Kansas Legislature, and bids fair to become a bright light in the legislative halls of his state.—ED. SHIELD.

**WISCONSIN A.**

F. J. Turner, of the class of '84, and instructor in history in the University of Wisconsin, is at present taking a past graduate course in Johns Hopkins University. Brother Turner was recently offered the Chair of History in the Ohio University.

Hugh Price, '78, of Black River Falls, is a member of the Wisconsin State Senate.

**CHICAGO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.**

Guy Brockway, Illinois Beta, '84, is practicing law with A. E. Eddy at 103 Adams street, Chicago.

Rev. F. L. Anderson, Illinois Beta, '80, has accepted a call to the Second Baptist Church of Rochester, New York.

R. S. King, Illinois Beta, '80, is principal incorporator of the R. S. King Publishing Co., doing a publishing business at No. 278 Michigan Avenue Chicago.

C. W. Henson, Illinois Beta, '82, is draughtman with the Chicago Forge and Bolt Co., Chicago, Illinois.

Married—Wednesday, February 6, 1889, at Aurora, Illinois. Fred. Templeton, Illinois Beta, '85, and Miss Hattie Benedict, of Aurora.

Lucius Weinschenk, Illinois Beta, '80, is president of the Chicago Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

James Frake, Illinois Alpha, '76, was elected a trustee of the Washingtonian Home of Chicago, at its recent annual meeting.

Louis Kercher, Illinois Alpha, '78, is practicing law in Chicago, with office at Room 46—163 Randolph street.

Rev. Charles M. Stuart, Illinois Alpha, is Associate Editor of the "Northwestern Christian Advocate" at No. 57 Washington street, Chicago.

Wm. A. Paulsen, Wisconsin Beta, '77, is at present in Europe enjoying a two months recreation.

Festus C. Cole, Michigan Alpha, '78, is employed with the S. A. Maxwell Publishing House at No. 134 Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

Allan C. Durborow, Jr., Indiana Beta '77, is Business Manager of the "Western Electrician" in the Lakeside Building, Chicago.

George D. Baker, Indiana Beta, is employed in the general ticket office at the Wabash Railroad in Chicago.

L. E. Youmans, Wisconsin Alpha, '87, has just finished the second year of his course at the Rush Medical College, of Chicago, and has returned to his home in Wisconsin.

E. Parker, Wisconsin Alpha, '85, is attending the Chicago Medical College.

Dr. Frank Taliaferro, Virginia Beta, had the sad misfortune to lose his wife upon the 13th inst. She died at their home. No. 295 Center Avenue, Chicago.

J. C. Fitch, Indiana Beta, is practicing law with S. F. Crews at No. 88 La Salle street, Chicago.

Rev. E. P. Johnson, Indiana Gamma '70, is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Woodlawn, Illinois.

Alexander Clark, Indiana Gamma '72, is practicing law at No. 97 Clark street, Chicago.

Amos J. Newell, Pennsylvania Beta '76, is with the R. S. King Publishing Co. at No. 278 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

John R. Rodgers, Pennsylvania Alpha '75, is a member of the law-firm of Goldyier & Rodgers, with office at Room 48—163 Randolph street, Chicago.

Wesley T. Knox, Pennsylvania Beta '90, is manager of the Home Safety Deposit Vault Company, with office at No. 205 La Salle street.

Rev. Frank M. Gregg, Pennsylvania Beta '55, is rector of the Memorial Church of the Messiah, and resides at No. 1203 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago.

L. W. Crow, Wisconsin Gamma, '86, entertained several of his friends to a Phi Psi love feast and "jig" party upon the 16th inst., at his rooms at No. 2236 Wabash Avenue, Chicago. Those present were Brothers Youmans and Parker, Wisconsin Alpha; Haven, Wisconsin Gamma; Campbell, Illinois Alpha, and Marsh and Coy, Illinois Beta.

## College and Fraternity Notes.

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Dr. J. Leland Miller, of Sheffield, Massachusetts, has given forty thousand dollars to Williams College, to found a professorship of American history, literature and eloquence. There is no such professorship at present in any college in this country.—*Collegian*.

Of the 1,400 students in Michigan University, President Angell states that the parents of 502 were farmers, 271 merchants, 93 lawyers, 83 physicians, 52 manufacturers or mechanics, 61 clergymen; that 45 per cent. belong to the class who gain their living by manual labor.

Some of our exchanges still insist that "at Cornell a holiday is given on Monday, and that the plan is pronounced a success." We wish now to assert once for all, that the only day at Cornell which is not given to the university work is Sunday. Aside from that we have no holiday.—*Cornell Era*.

Psi Upsilon celebrates the fifty-second anniversary of its founding at the University of the City of New York, by giving a concert and a play at Berkeley Lyceum, February 13.

Vassar College will hereafter always have among its charming pupils one by the name of Huntington, a Kansas man by that name having bequeathed some thousands of dollars to provide a scholarship for the education of one young lady of his name.—*Ex*.

Goldwin Smith in a timely article on "Modern Athleticism" in a recent issue of the *Cornell Era*, says: "Greek athleticism had, like all things really beautiful and noble, a basis of utility. It was the height of military culture in a military age, and an age in which the soldier's great quality was bodily prowess."

"Every college man loves his fraternity; but probably no one ever expressed his love for his brotherhood more forcibly than once did Bishop Harrington, whose words were: 'Next to the Church of God, I love Psi U.'"

In a recent issue of the *Chicago Inter-Ocean*, Bro. T. R. Weddell has a long article on the revival of the Chicago University, from which we

condense the following account. John D. Rockefeller, the wealthy Baptist of Cleveland, Ohio, has proposed to give several hundred thousand dollars toward the re-establishment of the university, designing to make it the great Baptist school of the West. It is generally desired that Prof. W. F. Harper, of Yale, be called to the presidency of the rehabilitated institution, and it is mainly due to his intimate friendship for Mr. Rockefeller that the latter's gift was proffered. It is expected that the collegiate department of the new institution will be located in the building formerly occupied.

The Trustees of Bucknell University have re-established the office of general agent and have appointed W. C. Gretzinger, of the senior class, to fill this responsible position. Mr. Gretzinger has been for four years business manager of the University *Mirror*, and shows a great deal of aptitude for such a position, and even though quite young as yet, it is hoped that the university will prosper under his management. He will have full charge of the business of all the departments and will enter upon the discharge of his duties immediately after commencement. Mr. Gretzinger is from Reading and will fill the place very acceptably.—*Ex.*

From the foundation of our Government to the present, the following table will show the number and per cent. of college graduates:

	Whole No.	Known College Graduates.	Per cent of College Graduates.
Presidents of the U. S.....	17	11	65
Vice Presidents of the U. S.....	20	10	50
Secretaries of State.....	29	19	65
Secretaries of the Treasury.....	33	16	48
Secretaries of War.....	31	19	61
Secretaries of Navy.....	30	14	47
Secretaries of Interior.....	14	7	50
Attorneys-General.....	38	22	53
Postmasters-General.....	30	16	53
Speakers of the House of Representatives.	26	15	60
Associate Judges, U. S. Supreme Court....	41	30	73
Chief Justices, U. S. Supreme Court.....	6	5	83
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	315	184	58

It will be observed that the higher the office, the greater is the per cent. of those who are college graduates.—*Pennsylvanian.*

Mr. Chambers, the managing editor of the New York *World*, who recently made the demand upon Cornell's school in journalism for an article on vaccination of its pupils, says in a letter to the *Era*, defending

himself from the charges of sensationalism: "I never had any help from Cornell University. The only time I ever mentioned the fact that I had graduated from it was to Horace Greeley, and his reply was that he'd 'a damned sight rather I had been graduated from a printer's case.'"

The Phi Kappa Psi SHIELD for December contains an article on "Favorite Societies," suggested by Mr. J. A. Porter's "College Fraternities" in the September *Century*. It is interesting for every fraternity man in college and we predict will be widely quoted. It is written by E. C. Little, formerly editor-in-chief of the SHIELD.—*The Campus*.

The question of college expenses is, with many students and their parents, a serious and often desirous one in their selection of a college and it is generally the class of students who study tables of expense most carefully who best appreciate the advantages of the college course, and derive from it the most good. There are few colleges at which scholarships are not granted to needy and deserving students, but the most deserving usually belong to the class who hesitate to apply for such aid, choosing rather to work their way through and remain independent. With a view to assisting such students to a decision, we have collected—not from the catalogues, but from a much more reliable source, the students themselves—the average annual expense at each of the principal colleges of the East and many others South and West. The figures are on a basis of rigid economy and are supposed to cover the items of tuition, books, board, clothing and such other expenses as are absolutely necessary to maintain a student's respectability in class and college. We give the lowest extreme; the other is of course unlimited.

N. Y. University .....	\$400	Columbia .....	\$550-\$600
Yale .....	650	Cornell .....	300- 350
Dartmouth .....	300	Harvard .....	700
Williams.....	\$450- 500	Union .....	300- 400
Bowdoin .....	350	Hamilton .....	350
Lehigh (tuition fee) .....	250	Amherst .....	400
Vanderbilt .....	350	Brown.....	500
Colby .....	250- 300	Madison.....	300
Boston University .....	375	Western Reserve .....	300
Dickinson.....	300	Rensselaer Polytechnic.....	650
Syracuse .....	350	Swarthmore.....	500
University of South Carolina.....	250	Vassar.....	\$400, music extra.
University of California.....	450	Miami .....	400- 450
Bates .....	300	Rutgers .....	450
Allegheny .....	300	Tufts .....	500
Princeton .....	450- 500	Ohio University.....	200

University of Vermont.....	300	Lafayette .....	475
Roanoke .....	250	University of Tennessee .....	175
Wooster .....	200	Michigan University .....	500
Lake Forest.....	225	University of Pennsylvania .....	450
Pennsylvania College.....	275	College City of New York, Tuition free.	
Mount Union.....	225	Rochester.....	400
Bucknell.....	230	Smith .....	350- 400
Wellesley .....	350	Hobart .....	400

—*New York Mail and Express.*



## Miscellany.

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### RICHARD BENTLY LLOYD.

WHEREAS, Death has again entered the ranks of Ohio Alpha's alumni, this time calling away Bro. R. B. Lloyd; and,

WHEREAS, Brother Lloyd was an honored and beloved member of this chapter, be it,

*Resolved*, By the members of Ohio Alpha, that we feel deeply the loss of one so young and promising, and cherish in the memory of his friendship a fitting type of brotherly love. That in his untimely death the chapter loses a true friend and faithful brother, and the fraternity at large a valuable member;

That we thus formally express to his bereaved friends our heartfelt sympathy and condolence;

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved wife, to THE SHIELD, and be spread on the minutes of the chapter.

E. B. DILLON,  
H. H. MCKEEHAN,  
H. M. SEMANS.

Delaware, Ohio, January 19, 1889.

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The editor desires to call attention to the fact that owing to the demand at the time of publication, he has on hand but three full volumes of THE SHIELD for Vol. VIII. Of Vol. VI he has two full sets. We have, however, a large supply of broken volumes, the separate numbers of which may be of service in completing files. We shall be glad to respond to letters of inquiry on this subject, and shall take pleasure in filling orders for back numbers as far as possible.

We still have some names of brothers whose addresses have become lost. Can any brother supply us with the present address of any of the following?

Walter H. Britton, Topeka, Kan.

B. F. Holmes, Salinas, California.

Y. M. White, Topeka, Kansas.

Geo. E. Ellis, Crook, Colorado.

G. M. Williamson, Northfield, Minn.

Herman S. Johnson, Hillsdale, N. Y.

Jno. N. James, Yorkville, Ill.

Can any brother furnish us a complete file of the *Phi Kappa Psi Journal* and *Phi Kappa Psi Quarterly*?

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## AN OLD BOY'S REVERY.

For some reason, I can not tell why, my mind to-day reverted to one of the classics, which in a former generation were so popular-in college curricula, Cicero's *De Amicitia*, and going to my library shelves I took down the well-worn relic of my youth and read again the charming essay.

Here and there I noted some traces of my boyish enthusiasm in marked passages, and the first one of these set me thinking, thinking over that delightful past that I sometimes believed was dead. Ah, how wicked to use that word! Does not the cherished quotation shame me into silence, "The memory of friendship is immortal"? Having had a taste of the sweets of that earlier and better time, I read on, musing as I read, till all was said and Cicero's dead old *Lælius* was as personal as ever he was in the fond years of the long ago.

We old fellows can not come very closely into a full sympathy with the boys of to-day, as we read of hostile faculties and disorganized chapters, for in that day, before the times were out of joint, we knew no such things. We tried to act as gentlemen, and proudly thought our fraternity as important as our *Alma Mater*. Why one of us in sober earnest welcomed a large addition to the endowment of our college as an augury of success for the institution, because the supposititious increase of students arising from enlarged educational facilities would be brought under the beneficent influence of  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

How the serene calmness of *Lælius*, as he told of the consolation that came from within when he contemplated the loss of his friend, appeals to me now! The fond college friendships with dear  $\Phi \Psi$  brothers, what peace and comfort have they not brought me from amid perplexing bereavements of a busy life!

As I read on and on I marvel how that old pagan Roman could

have known and realized so much of the purest and best in human experience. Little did we boys, who loved and cherished each other as our other selves, know by experience that "friendship is the most valuable of all human possessions," but we know it now.

As we thought then I presume the present generation thinks or believes they think, that few men are worthy of true friendship—fraternity life in its best expression. How shocked we boys were when we first heard of chapters with thirty and forty members, and how cliques and combinations were formed by force of the large membership secured to carry out some scheme of college politics! I hope that this development of the fraternity principle came to an untimely end.

When I think of the sanctified boyish confidence of that earlier time, and remember that universal principle of human nature that renders us incapable of lonely satisfaction in any pursuit, I grow indignant at the imputations, alas too frequently heard, of men who apologize for what they are pleased to term the follies of their youth, and superciliously say: "Phi Kappa Psi? Yes, I guess I did join that once."

The great charm of my chapter associations was from their spontaneity—voluntary choice always governing elections to our band and the acceptance of the elected one. We all wore pins in that day, proudly wore them, and I never have ceased to wear mine. How I have regretted the failure of many other  $\Phi \Psi$ s to do this! We were proud of  $\Phi K \Psi$  and tried bravely to do her honor.

We had then no fraternity magazine. Well do I remember the first feeble journalistic efforts  $\Phi K \Psi$  made. My hopes rose and fell with the varying fortunes of that hazard, and no editor or contributor ever felt more proud of  $\Phi K \Psi$  than I when *THE SHIELD* showed ability to worthily stand alone and fight for the principles of that Christian manhood which we endeavored to maintain.

Self-love and its twin principle, social love—segregativeness—have kept my faith in  $\Phi K \Psi$  unspotted from the world. I have always subscribed for *THE SHIELD*, and I always read it. I do not always read it understandingly, for the boys of this generation are wiser in this day than we in ours; but though no familiar name appear in all its pages, I see reflected the fondest visions of my youth as fresh and as pure as when I first cherished them.

I met a young fellow the other day on a crowded street in a city. He was so like my boyish form and features that I was startled, and I confess to a strange, uncanny feeling when upon closer approach I recognized a Phi Psi pin, not such as I wore, but still with its furbelows I recognized it. I was so delighted to meet him, and was so vehement with

all my eager questionings, that I wonder now whether he thought me drunk. Intoxicated I was with the conflicting sensations which thronged my heart, but from my incoherency I remember some things which he told me, of how the fraternity had increased in numbers—5000 it seemed he said there were,—and how they swept things at his chapter, with much more to the same effect. How like, how very like!

Our chapter used to struggle hard to make ends meet, but I thought as I talked with him how things have changed. Why, said I, here is THE SHIELD, what a grand array of subscribers it must have! Most of the 5000 are living, and surely there are few who do not take the organ of their old fraternity. Well, well how relieved we felt when we got Grand Chapter dues paid, our pins bought, and the annual “feed” planned for. But that was a day of small things, and I rejoice to note the signs of increased prosperity.

Without the flattering stimulus of appreciative listeners, urging me to continued remembrances, I have become as garrulous as old Lælius himself, but I can only plead that upon such a theme I can scarce keep the discreet silence that youth prefers to observe in old age. “There is nothing in the world so beautiful as friendship, and nothing makes its way more directly to the heart.”

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**FROM THE VALLEY.**

As yonder peak in snowy cloud is buried now,  
So misty doubt around my soul doth lie:  
May Thou, who lifeth clouds from mountain's ruggéd brow,  
Bid doubt be gone, and show me faith's blue sky.

—*B. Mc V. Allison.*



## The Areopagus.

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### HOW TO KEEP OUR ALUMNI INTERESTED IN THE FRATERNITY.

The Editor asked for an article from me for *THE SHIELD*. What shall it be? was the question asked, upon receiving the request. Being just out of the society what could a young alumnus say that would be worthy a place in *THE SHIELD*, and of interest to the fraternity, I asked? In my musing I considered how am I interested in the fraternity? How can I be kept loyal and enthusiastic for Phi Psi? The results of my musing I thought might be acceptable, and I send a few suggestions on the old subject: "How to keep the Alumni interested in the 'Fraternity.'"

The position of an alumnus must be realized. He is out of fraternity life. The excitement of "rushing," the active participation in the fraternity meetings, local and general, the social gatherings, the daily meeting of brothers and the cordial grip are now no more. He is in active life, college days have passed; generally he has family cares. If a lawyer, his clients and cases; if a doctor, his patients; if a teacher, his school; if a minister, his church; and so on through all the vocations of life each is actively engaged and has but little time to give to an organization of which he is no longer an active member. This must be realized by the active members, and because of this changed condition of an alumnus the work of keeping the alumni interested must be done largely by the active members.

This can be done by keeping the alumni informed. Keep before each alumnus what his chapter is doing, and what is being done by the fraternity. What is kept ever before him he can not forget. Too often the active members think the alumni do not care for the fraternity. They do care, they are interested, they will be loyal, if the doings of chapter and fraternity, which the alumni do not know of, are kept before them.

This is done to some extent by our "Annual Letters." But these

are only annual. What interest does one take in a friend from whom he hears only once a year? Good as the "Annual Letters" are, something more is needed. We must hear from "home" oftener than once a year. Fortunately we have what but one other fraternity has, a means of hearing from chapter and fraternity once a month, THE SHIELD. THE SHIELD is a mouthpiece by which the chapter tells its alumni what it is doing. With THE SHIELD an alumnus is back with the "boys;" he is in the chapter meeting, he is at the District Council, he sits in the sessions of the Grand Arch Council, he hears the deliberations of the Executive Council, he is once more an active member. I take it for granted that every alumnus takes THE SHIELD, but if all the old do not, I believe the future alumni will, for no alumnus can afford to do without it. But an editor can do little without help. He alone can not interest the alumni. They want to hear from "home," and "home" news can only be furnished by the chapters. Then, boys, let no number of THE SHIELD be issued without a letter. The chapter that has always a letter in THE SHIELD has but few disinterested alumni. I confess I began to lose interest in my chapter when no letter appeared in the present volume until the fourth number. Boys, if you want your alumni to be interested write them a letter every month in THE SHIELD. Not only the letters of THE SHIELD but the Personals are interesting to the alumnus. In the Personals he can learn what his old chapter friends are doing. He can follow them through life. Brothers of the chapters, keep informed of the whereabouts and doings of your alumni and keep up the Personals!

More can be done than through THE SHIELD and Annual Letters. Let there be an occasional personal letter with the warmth of personal interest. An annual circular letter carries too much of an official air. Write occasionally a personal letter, not one asking for money, but one with so much brotherly love and interest that the alumnus feels once more the "grip" and the old fire and enthusiasm for Phi Psi.

Another suggestion. But few of the alumni engage in their life work near their *Alma Mater*. They move far away; often into the territory of another chapter. In such cases let the parent chapter notify the other. Let the other adopt the new-comer. Keep him informed of the time of the meetings, social gatherings, etc., etc. The alumnus thus having two chapters interested in him, can not fail to be in turn interested, and so be kept loyal to Phi Kappa Psi.

These, my brothers, are the thoughts that came to me, an alumnus, when I asked myself the question, "How can I be kept interested in the fraternity?" I believe if these suggestions are carried out, more of our alumni would be interested; they would answer the appeal for aid in

building chapter houses, and in more of our large cities Alumni Associations would be formed.

I can not close this article without expressing praise for the present spirit of the fraternity. The vigorous and enthusiastic spirit which breathes through THE SHIELD from the chapters, brings inspiration to an alumnus, and if this vigor and enthusiasm continue Phi Kappa Psi will gain such an eminence that no alumnus will be disinterested; he will be so proud of her that he will always remain a true and loyal son of Phi Kappa Psi.

JOHN D. RUMSEY.

RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN.

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### OUR FRATRES IN URBE.

We reproduce, for the benefit of the readers of THE SHIELD, the witty response of Bro. J. H. Rabbitts to the toast, "*Fratres in Urbe*," proposed at a delightful reception given by the Ohio Beta Chapter to members of the fraternity resident in Springfield and vicinity. We wish we could reproduce in cold type the inimitable mimicry, and gesticulation which accompanied the delivery and which were the essential concomitants to the complete speech. It was the wittiest off-hand effort we ever heard—a gem in its way. —ED. SHIELD.]

#### MR. CHAIRMAN AND BRETHREN AND FRATRES IN URBE:

Referring not so much to this topic, as to the venerable and hoary-headed language in which it is couched, I apprehend that few, if any, of the alumni members of the fraternity, here present, have listened to the announcement of the sentiment assigned to me, without an instinctive flash of recollection of college days—and college nights; of haunting nightmares of grammars and dictionaries; of perplexing multitudes of moods and tenses, cases and declensions; or, of more pleasing fancies of stimulating exercises in Harper's classical equestrianism.

What alumnus will forget, "while memory holds her seat" in his "distracted globe," the various progressive steps of mental degeneracy that followed the path of his unwilling explorations into the intricacies of this diabolical, linguistic importation from the philological charnel-houses of the dark ages of Gaul?

Who will forget those callow days when his youthful ambition was fed upon the idea that proficiency in the Latin language, that tongue and brain paralyzing relic of barbarian "chin-chin" would, at some future day in the indefinite hence, enable him to "cloy the hungry edge" of his children's appetites, or be redeemable in fame, honor or dollars, at the will of the holder?

Who will forget that "facilis descensus" from urbanity to profanity, and from profanity to insanity, and from insanity to inanity that woos the ambitious steps of the would-be Cicero, as he staggers along in the bogs and quagmires of nominatives, genitives and accusatives, quous que tandem, O Catilinam, jim-jam-dum-dido, hæc meminisse juvabit, negari non potest quin, ad libitum, quantum suffocates—Wrrattzz! And, of course, I am only talking now about Latin. I'm saying noth-

ing about Greek. Shades of Socrates! Spare me from ever crowding my nervous system with reminiscences of two dead languages at the same time!

No, my fraternal fratres, I hear to-night only the Latin voices of the weary Past—*penna, pennae, penna, pennam, penna, penna. Tityre, O Tityre, sub tegmine fagi. Arma, Virumque cano, Trojae qui primus ab oris.* But I beg your pardon for this digression and venture to ask that, for a moment, it may be said of you, as it is written of Dido and her guests as the auditors of Æneas—“*conticuere omnes.*”

For, I address you upon a theme fit for the inspiration of eloquence. Whether considered socially, mentally, morally, physically or financially, we are a noble and notable company. You will notice that I say—we, and I am not backward about the use of that pronoun. For, inasmuch as no specific provision has been made in the programme, for a reciprocation of the taffy that I am expected to give you, I may as well discharge the mutual obligation, by coming in on the ground floor myself. And therefore, I remark that I am accustomed to contemplate with a considerable degree of satisfaction the pinnacle of greatness—the summit of sapiency, so to speak, from which I, myself, look down on human affairs. And I assure you that I am more than delighted to find myself surrounded by pinnacles of greatness, hedged about with summits of sapiency, upon each one of which sits serenely perched a Springfield  $\Phi \Psi$  *frater in urbe.*

That is to say, we are in the soup—I mean, in the sup—ernal atmosphere of private, professional and political *et al*—greatness. We are like the theatrical company of which the show bill says: “Every member is an artist, and every artist a star.” Do you ask for a specification of  $\Phi \Psi$  greatness? Look at each other. Gaze upon these multiplied rows of “massive domes of thought,” and contemplate the cerebral capacity of this megatherian aggregation of talent, representing the universally acknowledged survival of the fittest in various phases of local distinction, entirely too numerous to mention. For brief examples: the student at Wittenberg College tastes a decided smack of  $\Phi \Psi$ -ism in the crystal waters of knowledge as the  $\Phi \Psi$  President and his  $\Phi \Psi$  faculty ladle them out of the Pierian spring.

The enemy of the  $\Phi \Psi$  fraternity, be he Greek or barbarian, may well imagine he sees written on the portals of the Court House, “Abandon all hope, ye who enter here.” For, when he gets inside, the  $\Phi \Psi$  Judge, Prosecutor, and Clerk will soak it to him, if they get a chance.

But the limitations of time forbid a further amplification of this solemn and momentous theme, and I must conclude by saying, generally—and you know when a man speaks generally, everything goes. Speaking generally, the Springfield  $\Phi \Psi$  fratres in urbe number in their ranks some of the most able and brilliant lawyers that ever robbed a client; some of the most eloquent and scholarly divines that ever superintended the taking up of a collection; some of the most skillful physicians that ever enriched the coffers and the coffins of the undertaker; some of the most gifted journalists that ever contested for the honors of Ananias; and many of the shrewdest manipulators in the mercantile trades that ever sanded sugar or collected a bill twice. And therefore, measuring the force and meaning of words, and mindful of the momentous responsibilities of the hour, I employ the only phrase that in all the vast vocabulary of panegyric laudation fully meets the encomiastic requirements of the case, when I declare, that so far as I can discover there are absolutely no flies on any member of the Springfield  $\Phi \Psi$  fratres in urbe!

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND THEIR CIRCULATION.**

Five years ago it was a matter of deep interest to me to know what names were added to the roll of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , and the mention of the annual report in the last SHIELD led me to ask myself why I had not seen a report in five years. The pleasantest day I have spent in the past year I owe to my being a  $\Phi K \Psi$ , but I know little of  $\Phi K \Psi$  as she is. Since my personal acquaintances left college I have had no communication with my chapter, and I have seen no statement of the fraternity's standing. It never occurs to me to read chapter letters excepting those from Pennsylvania Zeta. I think I would take the time, had I an opportunity, to examine the annual report, and many another of more importance to the fraternity would do the same. The question of the advisability of sending this annual report to all the members of the fraternity has been brought up by me in talking with active members but they objected generally on the ground of its private nature. It seems to me that no one would miss the private part if it were omitted. I see no reason for keeping the names of the officers secret.

We devoted considerable thought during our active membership to the problem of maintaining a lively interest in the fraternity among alumni members. Would it not aid materially if this annual report were gotten up for the information of the alumni as well as the active members, and a copy placed in the hands of every member of the fraternity? It should state the relative standing of the chapters among the various fraternities at each college. This would draw out what might seem like conceit, but we ought to have an order worth being conceited about. I want to have a copy of the annual report and it should be the desire of every chapter to send a copy of that report to every alumnus who will be likely to take the least interest in it.

F. STEVENS.

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Every  $\Phi K \Psi$  in New York and Pennsylvania is earnestly requested to be present at the second biennial District Council of the chapters of the First District, to be held at the Leland Hotel, Syracuse, N. Y., April 3, 4, 1889. Reduced railroad and hotel rates will enable you to attend at a slight expense. Rev. Robt. Lowry, President of the E. C., will be the poet of the occasion, and every effort is being made to have the programme complete and entertaining.

Please inform the committee if you intend being present.

P. F. PIPER,  
Chairman Com. Arrangements.

THE SCOOP.

AN EASTER OFFERING IN ONE ACT.

*Mr. John Wellington Gither of the New York Push, throws up the curtain, and finds that the annual March snow storm has come. He speaks :*

Ho, ho ! It snows. Right welcome, too, art thou,  
Fair wandering child from out the North. But ah—  
See how the blasted snow has drifted high !  
'Tis just my cursed luck—my cursed luck !

*Mrs. John Wellington Gither, from an inner room :*

Why, John, what makes your words thus change  
From honey into cursings loud ? And this to-day  
Of all—on Sunday ?

*Mr. John Wellington Gither, adjusting his suspenders :*

My spouse, thine eye, thine ear.  
The wind gives warning of his power to nip  
By howling through the trees, and rattling loud the wooden sash ;  
The soft, white snow betrays her chilling kiss  
By tears which chase each other down the window pane.  
'Tis discontented spring, this is. Thou knowest well  
'Tis labor thus to face the elements enraged :  
The finding, pulling on of heavy boots and strong ;  
The gloving of the hands, the hooding of the head ;  
And last, the will to leave a blazing hearth.

*(The wind blows harder.)*

Without an unremitting task awaits. 'Tis this :  
To keep that silken cloth, those ribs of steel  
From being traitors, turning inside out,  
Is skill—'tis more, 'tis most consummate art.

*Mrs. John Wellington Gither, soothingly :*

Why all this fuss ? The low and elevated cars  
Run near our flat.

*Mr. John Wellington Gither, not soothed :*

Oh, damned be such cars !  
Which only run upon a smooth, clear track,  
And running every day 'till needed most by me !

*Mrs. John Wellington Gither, now appearing :*

'Tis strange to see you thus ; for 'tis your wont  
To most enjoy this day, and make of it—how sweet !  
A postponed honeymoon ; to lay aside all care  
And be my own true lover, affectionate and true.  
Now dear, what makes you carry on and rave thus, say ?

*Mr. John Wellington Gither, frantically waving his four-in-hand tie :*

Sophia, a fool I would not call thee—

*Mrs. John Wellington Gither :*

Best not !

*The Scoop.*

*Mr. John Wellington Gitther, in attitude dramatic:*

This shows thy faint conception of a man like me,  
 Whose high ambition all unfenced would range the world,  
 Ascend the clouds; then like the hungry infant  
 Cry out, *more!* The way to fame is steep; the rounds  
 Of that frail ladder many are. To date but few  
 Of these have felt my number eight. But now,  
 To-day, I compass them, at least, with one  
 Gigantic bound. Sophia! 'twas I who made the scoop!  
 The scoop, Sophia, which makes all other dailies  
 Pale with rage, look sick, and wonder, sighing,  
 Who the author was. Behold him here—yes here—  
 The young Napoleon of the quill! How like a dream—  
 I knew that when inauguration week was o'er  
 Our monster press would yearn for columns rare;  
 And of a hundred on the staff, I, your honest John,  
 Did win the prize. He, he! Ha, ha! my scoop!  
 Likewise, Ho, ho! A moment while I smile, and then  
 I'll tell to you the wherefore of this scoop, scoop! scoop!!  
 Just now methinks I hear the newsboy's cheery cry,  
 My *double leaded* lines; and in return their pockets  
 Bulge with coin. For hearing but a word, all needs must buy.  
 Draw near. Do flies have ears? But why this caution now?  
 The days of darkness, the secret hours are o'er, and now  
 The thousands read what once my breast alone concealed.  
 It was a darling secret, but sweeter now revealed.  
 I did it with my little camera, I did.  
 But hasten on I must. This is the scoop in brief:  
 Our president's wife will wear on Easter—

*Mrs. John Wellington Gitther, embracing him:*

Day a bonnet!  
 Do tell me quick just how 'twas trimmed—

*Mr. John Wellington Gitther, in a smothered voice:*

Oh, let me go!

*Mrs. John Wellington Gitther, still clinging:*

Feathers or flowers? From home or Paris? Say quick?

*Mr. John Wellington Gitther, now free:*

Just now I realize how great a scoop it is—  
 How very great it is. No questions now; be still.  
 The texture, pattern, size, are all explained with *cuts*  
 In our great scoop. My words with your own eyes you'll see  
 Before the benediction frees the restless crowd  
 From yonder church. Napoleon's wanted on the field,  
 For I must pose the observed of all observers.

*(Putting on his wraps.)*

So clad as warrior cap-a-pie I go,  
 Defying the wind and chilling snow;  
 And if I perish, 'twill be with a whoop,  
 A death of pure joy—my scoop! my scoop!

*(Rushes madly into the storm.)*

BURT MCVAY ALLISON,

## Editorial.

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We have received the bright, newsy journal of the University of Minnesota, the *Ariel*, since last acknowledgments were made.

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Brother Lowry, in addition to his many other cares, finds time to do literary and musical work. He has placed upon the market a very attractive Easter Service, which no doubt will have a ready sale, as so many of his former pamphlets of a similar character have had.

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Judging from the programmes suggested, there will be several very fine  $\phi \psi$  gatherings during the first week of April. Our District Councils have become fruitful sources of influence, and we believe that  $\phi K \psi$  is made stronger each year by reason of these gatherings.

The wholesome array of questions presented for discussion leads one to infer that  $\phi K \psi$  is awake to the duties of the hour, and is fully determined to keep abreast of the best sentiment of college life.

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Every brother who has the interest of THE SHIELD at heart is a subscription agent for it, but we must not be held responsible for the dereliction of any of our good friends. Complaints have been made to us several times that parties who had subscribed and paid for their SHIELD did not get the journal promptly. In some instances the

subscriptions spoken of reached us some time after they were secured, others never reached us.

Permit us to suggest to all the loyal brothers who have done so much for THE SHIELD, that whenever they receive a new name for our list that they send it in at once. Those whose interest has been revived by meeting with fellow  $\phi \psi$ s, and who are induced to support the fraternity journal, must not be allowed to lapse from their interest by seeming neglect.

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While we have this matter of the District Councils in mind, it occurs to us to discuss a question that is uppermost in our minds on every occasion when we think of the fraternity's needs. The District Councils properly have no legislative function, but undoubtedly largely shape the work of the G. A. C. We have thought that the highest ideal to be attained in an organization like ours is a well-defined individuality.

We were struck some years ago by hearing it remarked about a certain college fraternity: "Oh, they are just alike, everywhere unreliable, disreputable." Since that time we have had occasion to note the essential justness of the remark about that particular organization, and we have wondered why it was so.

College fraternities are located in institutions widely differing in curricula and the class of men which they attract, yet here we have what seemed to us a fair characterization of an entire society, with widely separated chapters.

In this unenviable way the fraternity in question had attained an ideal homogeneity, such that a member from one chapter meeting one from another, might be reasonably certain to find congenial companionship.

$\phi K \psi$ , as we have known it, possesses in a considerable

degree the spirit of separateness by which members may be differentiated from those of other organizations, and that of a lofty type.

Honor, virtue, sobriety, geniality, companionability and such like attributes we have found our brothers to possess as individuals, but would it not be a proud thing to be so known and recognized among our fellows, that  $\phi \psi$  would be synonymous with high-toned Christian manhood?

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We were approached, some days since, by an alumnus who once was a power in his chapter and in the gatherings of  $\phi \kappa \psi$  with the query: "Why don't you make THE SHIELD more interesting to alumni? We have ten times the membership of alumni that we have of active brothers, and yet the latter are given by far the most attention."

There were many answers to be made to the query, but none that the Editor offered satisfied the questioner. Perhaps, though, he was fain to acknowledge the force of the argument that small as the active membership may be it furnishes the larger number of supporters. To this came the ready reply that THE SHIELD was largely in fault, that our journal did not appeal directly enough to men actively engaged in the struggles of busy life. There is force in the objection and yet we felt its weakness without knowing how to express it, till our dear "old boy" came along with his anonymous reminiscences and while not teaching the lesson, perhaps, himself, gave us the suggestion.

We are inclined to believe that much of the fault, if fault there be where no intentional wrong is contemplated, arises from the alumnus permitting himself to be estranged from the fond memories of his youth. Want of space compelled us to curtail many of the happiest recollections

of the "old boy," but we took pains to run through our *Harper's De Amicitia* and verified another very apt quotation: "Nothing is so difficult to preserve to the end of life, and we ought therefore to cling the more strongly to memory's friendships."

May not a happy solution of THE SHIELD'S vexed problem of how to reach and benefit a larger number of the fraternity, be found somewhere along the line suggested in this latter quotation?

We are more conscious of our short-comings than any contemporary, be he gentle or fierce, but are much in the same category as the organist of the Deadwood church whose life was preserved by the pathetic appeal: "Please do not shoot the organist; she is doing the best she knows how." We are laboring zealously in the cause of  $\phi K \Psi$ , "the best we know how," and welcome helpful criticism, confident that while we may not be able to measure up to the standard of usefulness that our position demands, we may at least be made more serviceable.

It may not be amiss to say that the example of several brothers in various parts of the country is worthy of emulation, and is a further partial solution of the query, how to reach and hold the alumni. These brothers, whenever they see an item in daily papers or magazines which in their judgment  $\phi \psi s$  would like to know, marked copies are sent the Editor, who seldom fails to find the clippings useful.

Let us drop an additional hint. The alumni can help to solve the question in another way. The pages of THE SHIELD are always open for the expression of individual opinion, and the Editor has often personally solicited contributions from brothers whose suggestions would be of great service in the cause of arousing and sustaining in-

terest in our loved order, but his efforts have not always been successful.

Brothers of the earlier time, we are in this  $\phi \psi$  cause the servant of all, and it is yours to command, ours to obey. Make of THE SHIELD what you will, the Editor stands pledged to no policy other than that he uttered when first he began to wield the editorial pen, to reflect the best sentiment of  $\phi \kappa \psi$  as he understood it, and to keep the personal equation, so offensive in many, as near the zero valuation as human nature would permit.



## Chapter Letters.

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### WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Our best wishes to Penn. K. "May she live long and prosper."

A week or two ago Bro. J. F. Fisher, of Allegheny City, was ushered through the mysteries "from outer darkness to the inner light."

The college minstrels are a thing of the past. In this vast aggregation of stupendous attractions and greatest combination of renowned and star artists ever assembled, Phi Psi was well represented among the stars of the stars.

Pa. A, has been doing some deep financering, and a chapter house has even been spoken of in a whisper.

Since Bro. Rowand has brought his boxing-gloves to the hall some of the brothers are becoming quite accomplished pugilistically, while others of us are making wonderful phrenological development.

With our kindest regards to our sister chapters and THE SHIELD.

ERNEST O. KOOSER.

Washington, Pa., March 9, 1889.

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### BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Pennsylvania Gamma, at the very beginning of her budget to THE SHIELD, takes pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large, Bro. J. Frank Mackelduff, of Moore's, Delaware Co., Penn., who became acquainted with the mysteries of Phi Psi on the evening of February 20th; and, in order that Phi Psi interest and curiosity may be kept directed toward Gamma, she will say that she expects her ranks to be strengthened by the addition of another brother, whose name is for the present withheld from introduction. Bro. Mackelduff is pursuing a special course in chemistry, preparatory to entering one of Philadelphia's largest woolen goods establishments. He has already become an ardent and energetic Phi Psi, and has her interests and welfare as much at heart as any of the older brothers.

The D. C. Alpha boys were not the only Phi Psis in Washington at the inauguration of President Harrison. Brothers Abraham, Finn, Walkey, Moore, Tustin, and Love, just one-half of the chapter, went as members of Co. A, 12th Reg't, N. G. P., and marched in the rain on Inauguration Day. Bros. H. L. Calder, Archon, and John F. Dapp, Pa. E, are members of Co. D, 8th Reg't, located in Harrisburg. In addition, it was a great pleasure to grasp with Phi Psi grip the hands of Bros. G. F. Glark, H. V. Johnson, and J. V. Schreyer,

Pa. F; J. B. Anderson and A. D. Melloy, Pa. Z, and "Bunnie" McDowell, Pa. Θ. Despite the marching in the rain, which descended with no small down-pour, the boys all report a good time. One of the events, which will go down upon the records of this Washington trip, was an unexpected march of eight miles from our quarters in the War Building to Benning's, just across Anacostia Creek. It was at this point that we took the cars for home. Although a march over a muddy road it was none the less exhilarating and gave us a touch of genuine soldier life.

The results of our Circular Letter are gratifying in the extreme. An evening was pleasantly whiled away in a recent meeting of the chapter in listening to the numerous responses. Bro. W. C. Grier, '69, now residing in Blunt, Dakota, wrote us two most enthusiastic letters. He directed us to put his name down as a subscriber to *THE SHIELD*.

The customary Washington's Birthday exercises were held in Bucknell Hall, on the afternoon of February 22d. Bro. Will C. Gretzinger was the senior orator on that occasion, and the only representative from ΦΚΨ. His production was warmly applauded. The seniors will give a public exhibition in oratory in Bucknell Hall, March 19th. Five orators have been selected by the class, and of that number, Brothers Gretzinger and Walker will endeavor to keep Phi Psi's standard aloft.

At the present writing, the 3d Annual Conference of the Williamsport District of the Y. M. C. A. is being convened in Milton. Of Bucknell's delegates, Phi Psi has three: Bros. Moore, Gretzinger, and Walker.

We are happy to announce that Bro. Robert Lowry, D. D., has been elected poet for the coming District Council, to be held with the N. Y. B boys, at Syracuse, in April.

CHAS. A. WALKER.

Lewisburg, Pa., March 8, 1889.

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### **PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.**

It is with pleasure that in the midst of the work incident to the approach of the annual term examinations we snatch a brief space of time to chronicle a few of the passing events of Epsilon.

The principal event of interest, we might say, has been the visit our honored brother and charter member, Bro. Daniel R. Miller, paid us in the month of January. Brother Miller is as enthusiastic a Phi Psi as he ever was, and would have consented to act as one of our alumni delegates to the District Council had not business prevented.

As this is the last issue preceding the District Council at Syracuse, we all wish the council an enjoyable time, and hope that the deliberations of that body will be productive of much good to the fraternity, but especially the First District. Bro. Chas. Fager and Brother Witmer are possibly the only active members who will be enabled to attend the District Council.

Brother Fleck is on the eve of depriving us of his presence in our chapter. This beloved brother has been a faithful and successful student, and, to our own and his regret, has become afflicted with a very severe affection of the

eyes, occasioning his temporary absence from college. Brother Fleck has always shown himself to be a faithful Phi Psi, a true brother and honored friend, and his presence will be surely missed by all here, both in our own chapter and by personal friends outside. We sincerely hope that he will be enabled to return next year if not sooner.

While writing of the loss of one brother, the most substantial vision of our two new brothers looms up before us. We take much pleasure in introducing Brother Barshinger and Brother Yeesev, both of York, Penn. Brother Barshinger had formerly spent several terms at Phillips' Academy at Exeter, N. H. Besides this Brother Barshinger bears the additional distinction of being the tallest as well as the handsomest man in the chapter. He is also "great" on foot ball.

Quite a number of the brothers spent a few days in Washington, D. C., witnessing the inauguration ceremonies, and having a good time generally. We were pleased to meet a goodly number of Phi Psis from every section of the country. We hope they all had as enjoyable a time as we did. Epsilon's greeting to all.

E. C. HECHT.

Gettysburg, Penn., March 9, 1889.

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#### DICKINSON.

We have been having a series of evangelistic meeting here in Carlisle, under the leadership of Bro. A. H. Zimmerman, who is an able director of such affairs. They were eminently successful and closed with an addition of 120 members to the various denominational churches.

This necessarily was somewhat of a drawback to other matters, but now business and study have found their usual level, and are progressing smoothly.

Dr. Reed has formally accepted the presidency, and will assume the responsibility about April 15th. Provisions have also been made to establish an electrical engineering course, which in due time will be added to the present curriculum of Dickinson.

Considerable interest is manifested by our members in the coming D. C., meeting at Syracuse. Our delegates will be on hand to see that if their co-operations can assist, nothing having in view the welfare of the fraternity will be left undone.

The boys all vote the last issue of *THE SHIELD* as the acme of this year at least. Wishing you better financial support and moral encouragement, Pa. Zeta sends greeting.

R. W. ILLINGWORTH.

Carlisle, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1889.

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#### SWARTHMORE.

Pennsylvania Kappa makes her bow with the natural modesty of a new chapter as she enters the circle of her sisters after having been so auspiciously introduced by Brother Calder in the last *SHIELD*. Kappa's uncertainty in making her *entree*, as well as the misgivings of her B. G. in assuming the important

function of representing her in the organ of the fraternity, is greatly lessened, if not entirely removed, by the cordial reception which our chapter has been given, and the obliging interest in her welfare which has been shown by the rest of the fraternity. No body of new members could have received a heartier welcome by their brethren than the organizers of Pa. K have been given in the few weeks of their experience, and let it suffice to say that nothing so impresses a new brother with the wisdom of his step and the good results he may expect of it as the cordial greetings of his associates.

Although our chapter was only organized in January,  $\Phi$  K  $\Psi$  is well known in Swarthmore. Over two years ago Brothers Underwood, '87; Ervien, '88; Cumming, Pyle and Webster, '89, and Clothier, '90, joined Iota chapter at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, and the excitement their appearance made when they came out to the college with the mysterious shields upon their breasts is well remembered. Ever since that time the work of organizing a chapter and securing a charter has been quietly going on, and we see its results in our strong Kappa of to-day.

Of course one of our first cares after our organization was to secure suitable quarters. Swarthmore, as a college town, is principally composed of professors' houses and splendid private residences, so we had to go over to the adjoining town of Media, one of the prettiest little places in Pennsylvania, and in plain view from the college. Here we soon secured a nice suite of rooms, small perhaps, but all the more cosy, in one of the best buildings in the borough and directly opposite the marble Court House of Delaware Co. Since then we have been very busy furnishing our parlors and initiation room and getting everything arranged. We are now the proud possessors of a nicely fitted up establishment with all the comforts and abundant weirdness in its place.

It is a pleasant task for us to introduce to the fraternity our new brothers, Frederick Thomas Berdan, '90, of Toledo, Ohio, and James Sutton Coale, '91, of Riverton, New Jersey. Both belong to prominent families and have good college records. Brother Berdan last summer had the good fortune to be one of General Harrison's entertainers during the latter's stay at Middle Bass Island. We initiated the new members in our new rooms on Saturday, March 2, and after the exercises gave them a "grind" at our caterer's, in Media.

The  $\Phi$   $\Psi$  men will no doubt show up well in the spring sports. Several records already belong to the fraternity men and we hope to see the number increased this year. Brother Harvey, who next to Brother Lewis, is the strongest man in the college as shown by the trainer's statistics, has been unfortunate this year. He injured his knee in the foot-ball field last fall and will be unable to enter some of the events he otherwise would have won.

WILLIAM C. SPROUL.

Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1889.

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#### CORNELL.

The time for examination approaches very fast, and he who would bore for these wretched things has but little time for chapter letters. On the 15th of this month our examination week begins, and then follows our short spring

vacation of ten days. During this vacation will occur the trips of the mechanical and electrical engineering students. These trips were inaugurated some years ago, and are now one of the features of the university. The students who desire to go start out with a professor in charge, and visit the various places of interest, returning in time for registration the following spring term. There are several of these parties now about to start, going in different directions. They visit founderies and shops of all sorts, and are everywhere well received. Reduced fares on the railroads and reduced rates at the hotels are everywhere secured. That these trips are of value to the students there is no doubt. They become acquainted with new processes connected directly with their future professions, and better appreciate the relation between the theoretical and the practical.

There is some talk of establishing at Cornell a co-operative store on the plan of the one at Harvard. There is no doubt it would be a success, for the average tradesman regards the student as his natural prey and one whom he can bleed without stint.

A short time ago we had the pleasure of a brief visit from Brothers Perkins and Hamlin of Hobart.

E. H. HULBERT.

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#### SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

New York Beta still continues to prosper, and the evidences of such prosperity are numerous. Bro. P. T. Piper and Bro. M. H. Walrath held the places of honor upon the last senior exhibition programme.

Bro. O. C. Mirteenes represents Phi Psi upon the annual *Onondagan*, and informs us that '90's publication will surpass all previous issues, both in elegance and expense.

This has been a decidedly social year in the history of the university. Hardly an evening passes but what some concert, party or reception takes place. Prof. Geo. A. Parker's series of organ recitals have elicited much praiseworthy mention.

Several new class societies have recently been organized. The seniors have a very exclusive organization called, "The Black Friars;" the juniors a chapter of "Corpse and Coffin," the only other chapter of which is located at Wesleyan University, and has been founded there for forty or fifty years; the sophomores have revived  $\Theta N E$  in all its glory; while the freshmen have a society called  $B \Delta B$ , the principal object of which seems to be to make a prodigal use of paint, which differs from that used by  $\Theta N E$  only in being red, and in being applied to a different subject than  $\Theta N E$ 's emerald-hued composition.

We have recently learned that the resident members of Zeta Psi had \$5,000 in cash and promised to make it \$10,000, for the purpose of erecting a chapter house, provided the Grand Chapter of that fraternity would vote to re-establish the chapter here. The Grand Chapter was, however, not disposed to place another chapter here.

The Crouse Memorial College is nearly completed. It is to have a \$15,000 pipe organ, said to be the finest in the world, with a magnificent chime of bells. These will both be in place by May 1st, and the building will be dedicated during commencement, when "eighty-nine" will have the honor of holding the first commencement in the beautiful structure.

The *University News* is publishing a series of histories of the local fraternity chapters, Δ K E and Δ Υ have already appeared.

We are contemplating a big time at the District Council which will be held here next month. The "Leland," the finest hotel in the city, has been secured, and rates of \$2.50 per day have been made. The hotel has a commodious session-room on the fifth floor, which we shall use for convention purposes. Our chapter banquet was held at the "Leland," and we can assure all the brothers that everything relative to *cuisine* and general accommodation will be first class.

We wish to urge, through the medium of THE SHIELD, all of New York Beta's alumni, as well as all of the alumni in general who live in New York and Pennsylvania, to make it a point to be present on this occasion.

Bro. Robert Lowry, D. D., president of the fraternity, has signified his intention of being present, and we expect other prominent alumni.

FREDERIC N. BURRITT.

Syracuse, New York, March 11, 1889.

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#### HOBART.

The term so far has been very uneventful for New York Delta, and we have been plodding along in the usual ruts of routine work. We all look forward with pleasure to the coming District Council at Syracuse. We expect to have three men there, and possibly six. Although as yet no official intimation has reached us of the subjects to be discussed, we have been revolving in our thoughts topics which are likely to be broached. Our minds are full of the pleasant times which we anticipate, and our hearts already in spirit go forth to those brothers with whom we hope to exchange fraternal greetings.

We have been cheered by visits from some of our alumni, who have dropped in on us in the past month. Pleasant has been the recollection of past times, and sweet to see once more among us beloved faces.

This has been a hard year for the college in the matter of membership. Our small band has dwindled down to fifty-two. And our chapter, like those of the other fraternities represented here, has lost some of its members. We now number but ten members; yet we do not feel disheartened, as our prospects seem rather bright for next year, and our hope is that those of the college are as bright. Financially the college is as sound as ever, and so we have no fear that the college may be forced to close its doors for lack of students. Darker days have been known in the annals of the college, and ever have we been taught to believe that the darkness is deepest before the dawn. "Hope springs eternal in the human breast," says one of the greatest men Greece or the world ever knew, and we fully believe that this maxim is true and are determined to live up to it.

College politics and spirit are at their lowest ebb. The men here are absolutely interested in nothing it would seem. Not even a respectable row can be raised in college meetings. The stirring times of past years seem to have cast a deadening shadow on the heart of the present generation of men here. Better be fighting than apathetic. Squabbles at least betoken interest in college matters and the college world. But we have too many sucking wiseacres in proportion to our numbers. We will hope, however, that with the spring the men will wake from their torpor and endeavor to supplement the record of their college at the last inter-collegiate field day by an equal if not a better showing.

Though we have not been favored by many visits from brothers of other chapters, we hope that some more will drop in on us before commencement. Our Easter vacation does not commence till April 18, and during the vacation the majority of the chapter will remain here and be glad to welcome any passing brother.

HENRY PEGRAM.

Geneva, N. Y., March 8, 1889.

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**MADISON UNIVERSITY.**

It is with no little trepidation that the new SHIELD correspondent takes up the pen dropped from such worthy hands. But we shall always do our best, knowing that THE SHIELD is worthy of it.

There is nothing especially new or interesting in college or fraternity life just now. One thing Madison has done—she has entered the Inter-Collegiate State Base Ball League. Many of the boys have long wished for this event, but the college seemed to lack the necessary spirit. At last the enthusiasm of the few overcame the lethargy of the many. We give ample warning to our sister colleges that we mean to make things lively the next ball season.

The coming spring our new library building is to be commenced. It is to be fire-proof, and if reports are true will be a magnificent structure. The next thing we want is a gymnasium.

On the evening of Feb. 25th the juniors gave the usual entertainment. Although the class had some internal trouble in regard to the programme, it was pronounced a success. Our brother, D. A. MacMurray, delivered the chief oration. His subject was, "The Father of the Constitution." It was acknowledged by all to be the best thing of the evening.

The class of '91 is soon to give a show, consisting of a play of five acts, entitled "Josiah Hayseed's College Course," or "How I got my Key." As your correspondent is a '91 man and therefore modest, he will make no predictions.

Wishing THE SHIELD success and our sister chapters god-speed, we will close.

D. F. OSGOOD.

Hamilton, New York, March 11, 1889.

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.**

We regret exceedingly the seeming indifference displayed by Virginia Alpha in the department of chapter letters; but since our last we have been so completely occupied with examinations and battling for new men that it has left us little time to devote to other matters. However, most of the boys are, for the present, liberated from the pressure of "intermediate" and it will be our endeavor in the future to relate, through the kindness of THE SHIELD, the pleasures of our chapter for the benefit (?) of  $\Phi \Psi$  at large.

We have been remarkably fortunate of late. Bro. Thomas Frawick, of Louisiana, an initiate and former member of Virginia Gamma, has matriculated and is now a member of the law class of the university. Tom and Bernise—with whom you are already acquainted—were "made"—to borrow Masonic language—at Gamma on the same night and they are a pair hard to beat. We would suggest that Gamma be heartily complimented on the good taste and judgment displayed in their selection. A word more about Tom—he is fat, rosy and jolly and would have paralyzed many a Charlottesville beauty, had he not fiendishly removed a downy growth from his upper lip a few days since.

We take pleasure in announcing the initiation of Bro. Jno. C. Blair, of Virginia. John is our dude, dignified, affable and possessed of many high qualities that will reflect credit upon this chapter and the fraternity generally.

Our latest addition, one of which we are especially proud, is Bro. Addison W. Greenway, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Brother Greenway was a much coveted prize in the eyes of all the fraternities here, and it required no little judgment and refined management to bring him safely into our fold. He is above six feet in height, in limbs and trunk beautifully proportioned, thoroughly athletic and handsome in appearance. The medical class claims him among its numbers.

We are to have a club supper on the 22d of this month—an account of which will be presented in our next. Somebody has lately startled us with the report that the faculty is taking measures to have fraternities suppressed in the university, but no credence is given to this rumor which is supposed to have had its origin in a barbarian mind.

SAM. W. HOLLOWAY.

University of Virginia, February 19, 1889.

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**HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE.**

It is with pleasure that Va. Gamma asks notice in the pages of our handsome and enterprising monthly, and appreciates the fact that she is the only chapter in college so fortunate as to have a monthly fraternity journal, and extends a warm greeting to all wearers of the shield. The Greek world at Hampden-Sidney has been rather quiet of late, and some of the fraternities here have been more select than usual. Perhaps it is needless to add that Gamma's policy has ever been conservative. Phi Alpha Chi has played out entirely, none of her men except one alumnus returning. They had a membership last year of active and alumni of some twelve or over.

The number of initiations to date is as follows:  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 2;  $X \Phi$ , 3;  $\Sigma X$ , 0;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 3;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 2;  $K \Sigma$ , 5;  $\Pi K A$ , 2.

Our chapter is well represented in musical talent by Brothers Saunders and Stover particularly, but it is beyond our power to describe or even to affirm positively as to the characteristics of our other bards, but if called upon for our opinion we would award the palm to Bro. "Bingo" Irwin.

Brother Stuart represented the fraternity at the joint celebration of the literary societies on the 22d, and was re-elected as Junior Orator at commencement.

We are pleased to learn that we will be reinforced next year by Brother Wood, of Va. A, and our first honor man of '86, '87, Brother Reynolds, of Norfolk, Va., also another brother of Va. B, whose name we did not learn—all going to the Union Theological Seminary.

Some of our old comrades will graduate there this year—Brothers H. T. Graham, Friend, and Irwin. It will indeed be the only one of our meetings when any regrets can mar its brotherly enjoyment, when we bid our boys good-bye.

Our jovial Ph. has lately been seeing "ghostly visions," which took the very reassuring and tempting form of an oyster "eat." We hope he may receive a prophet's reward, and were recently informed that such would soon be the case. Hoping to give our readers an account thereof in our next, Va. Gamma remains as ever,  $\Phi K \Psi$  "to the backbone."

W. S. STUART.

Hampden-Sidney College, Va., March 10, 1889.

#### OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Since the last issue of THE SHIELD nothing of very general importance has taken place within the ranks of Ohio Alpha. Fortune continues to cast upon us her approving smile, and we are moving along modestly yet with characteristic Phi Psi vigor.

We are fortunate in the accession from Ohio Beta, of Bro. P. N. Jones, who entered the junior class last week, expecting to complete his course in the O. W. U.

Ohio Beta has, in times past, sent us some very substantial men, and in the present instance we are glad to welcome another of the same kind.

Although as a fraternity we have been fortunate, individually it has been somewhat different. As was mentioned in our last letter, in regard to health we seem to be laboring under some unfortunate star. Every member, except Brothers Reed and Westfall, has had a turn at some affliction, and now the list is being resumed and Brothers Semans and McCafferty are confined to their rooms. Brother McCafferty is wrestling with the mumps. He seems to have a "corner" on "kid" diseases, as he but recently recovered from the scarlet fever. The ruthless hand of disease has not even been withheld from the "better half" of the chapter. Miss Whitney has just recovered from a severe attack of quinsy, and Miss Wait is now suffering from the dutch

measles. In passing, I will say that if any of the brothers have cures to suggest we shall be glad to receive them.

After wrestling for a long time with the much agitated question as to the form of our commencement exercises, the faculty at last decided to have the entire class speak; and accordingly on the 21st of June, from early morn till the twilight shades of the evening, will be heard the inspiring eloquence (?) of the graduating class. We have no doubt that this move will be very acceptable (?) to those expecting to visit Delaware commencement.

We have been especially fortunate this term in having a great many entertainments of a very high order. The Harvard Quartette entertainment surpassed all others, however, in pleasing the audience. The senior course of lectures of this year has been one of the most successful in the history of the institution. Dr. McCosh has been here for the past two weeks delivering a course of lectures to the students on "The Dangers of Agnosticism." He regards agnosticism as one of the greatest dangers of the age, and one into which there is a great tendency for young men to fall.

Bro. J. C. Jackson gave a very scholarly and entertaining lecture on Egypt one night last week.

We were delighted at the result of the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest, in that our contestant was successful in carrying off first honors. Mr. Hughes is a fine speaker and we think will ably represent Ohio at the Inter-State contest.

The pan-hellenic banquet, which is usually given the winter term, has been deferred until next term, owing to the great number of entertainments taking place this term.

Our delegation to the District Council are all very enthusiastic for the success of the council, and I will say, that if the interest of Ohio Alpha to that end is a sample of the several interests, the success of the council is assured. Let every chapter send as many men as possible, and let us have a grand old Phi Psi "love feast."

W. C. KENNEDY.

Delaware, Ohio, March 13, 1889.

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#### WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

Ohio Beta has enjoyed some remarkably fine times as a chapter, but it seemed as though the climax were reached on Friday evening, March 1st, the occasion of the chapter's reception to *fratres in urbe*. We doubt whether any other chapter in the fraternity can boast of over fifty alumni members of Phi Kappa Psi in the immediate vicinity of the college where it is located; and to find a more talented body of men, and one more prominent in the community, would be impossible for any other organization in Springfield, even the largest. Among the large number of loyal Phi Psis are to be found such men as Gen. J. Warren Keifer, ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives; Judge C. R. White, of the Court of Common Pleas; Oscar T. Martin, Pres. of the Board of Trade; A. N. Summers, City Solicitor; Chase Stewart, Prosecuting Attorney; J. H. Rabbitts, Clerk of Court; Dr. S. A. Ort, President of Wittenberg

College; Dr. L. A. Gotwald, Prof. of Theology in Wittenberg Theological Seminary; Profs. Prince, Young and Lane, of Wittenberg College; Rev. F. J. Mitchell, Presiding Elder in the M. E. Church; Dr. W. C. Falconer, President of an Ohio Presbytery; W. S. Thomas, one of Springfield's leading capitalists; Attorneys Will Keifer, George Dial, Ad. Rogers, Chase Stewart, A. Kunkle, and Amos Wolfe; Prof. J. S. Weaver, Principal of the North Side School; Dr. J. O. Davy, a prominent physician; A. D. Hosterman, proprietor of the *Republic-Times*, and J. N. Garver, also of the *Republic-Times*. There was a general attendance of resident Phi Psis on the occasion, among whom the chapter was very glad to welcome Bro. Van Cleve of THE SHIELD, and Bro. Carpenter, M. D. of Cleveland. The following program constituted the entertainment of the evening:

PIANO DUET—"Night Blooming Cereus,"	Scheuermann.
BROS. BAUER AND EHRENFELD.	
Address of Welcome,	BRO. EHRENFELD,
"The Phi Psi Fraternity,"	DR. L. A. GOTWALD.
"Early History of Ohio Beta,"	DR. J. O. DAVY (Founder of the Chapter).
PIANO SOLO—"Last Hope,"	Gottschalk.
	C. L. BAUER.
"Ohio Beta of to-day,"	F. N. BOUCE, '89.
"Chapter Houses and how to procure them,"	A. D. HOSTERMAN.
"Qualifications requisite for success."	GEN. J. WARREN KEIFER.
TENOR SOLO—"Across the sands,"	Millard.
	R. H. HILLER.
"Our <i>Fratres in Urbe</i> ,"	J. H. RABBITS.
"Shall we have an Alumni Association?"	DR. W. C. FALCONER.

The doctor's remarks were followed by short speeches from nearly all the alumni present, discussing the advisability of such an organization. Enthusiasm ran so high that before the close of the evening a petition to the E. C. for a charter was signed by all alumni present, and the Springfield Alumni Association ceased to be a possibility to become a grand fact in the history of our noble order. It is seldom that one has an opportunity to listen to so many enthusiastic speeches as those mentioned above. All were extremely delightful to the ears of the active chapter especially, and if the Phi Psi flame were burning low in any breast it got a most thorough stirring up. Bro. Rabbitts, who has an enviable reputation in the city as a witty speaker, in the opinion of all present performed the crowning effort of his life in his response to "Our *Fratres in Urbe*." The most dignified in that large assembly were completely overcome, and outbursts of laughter were heard some minutes after the prolonged applause of the audience had died away. Bro. Van Cleve expressed the opinion that his production "must" appear in THE SHIELD, but it could not but lose very much by being presented in "cold type," which could not possibly give a conception of Bro. Rabbitt's irresistible manner.

It was not until after eleven that an opportunity offered to serve the refreshments furnished by Adams, whose elegant but *strong* coffee gave most of those who indulged in it an opportunity to reflect upon the exquisite pleasures of Ohio Beta's first alumni reception until well on toward "the peep of dawn." The evening's enjoyment closed with some hearty college songs, in which all

joined, and it was after one o'clock that the occasion became but the pleasantest of memories.

The Springfield Alumni Association will undoubtedly be the largest in the fraternity, as it will number besides about sixty in Springfield and vicinity a full score more from our neighboring towns. It has been decided by Ohio Beta and the newly organized Alumni Association to hold, on the evening of June 18th, at the Arcade Hotel, the largest and "swellest" banquet in the history of the Champion City, on which occasion we hope to see, beside the Wittenberg Chapter and Ohio Beta Alumni, representatives of all our Ohio chapters, and many others, including a very goodly number of Phi Psi's fair ones, of whom she is so justly proud.

Wittenberg College is at present under a cloud, owing to the substantiation of the charge of plagiarism against W. F. Becker, '89, who represented Wittenberg at the inter-collegiate oratorical contest at Akron, in February. Mr. Becker's oration on "Moral Government" proved to be almost a *verbatim* plagiarism from an article bearing the same title in the Princeton *Review* of June, '79, by Dr. Cocker, formerly President of Michigan University. The fraud was discovered by a Marietta student about a week ago. Wittenberg thus forfeits representation in the state contest this year, although your humble scribe now has the honor of holding first place in the local contest, and no doubt ought to feel some satisfaction in the fact that one of the judges on thought and composition graded his production above that of the former president of Michigan University, while his general average on thought and composition fell only  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent below it.

Sigma Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta, which, by the way, having been established after all the best material in college was taken, has never been of any credit to so good a fraternity as  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , has been peculiarly afflicted of late in the expulsion in January of Ed. Bruchie for gambling and stealing his roommate's watch, followed so closely by the expulsion of W. F. Becker for plagiarism, and the arrest yesterday of Becker's younger brother, a pledged Phi Gam., for burglary committed in the college on Saturday night. Becker has been expelled from Sigma Chapter, but no announcement of Bruchie's expulsion has appeared. Many have expressed the opinion that it would be a credit to  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  to withdraw Sigma's charter.

Wittenberg has decided to observe a "Field Day" during commencement week. There is a rumor of an Ohio Inter-Collegiate Tennis Association. The Wittenberg Phi Psis, who constitute a large majority of the tennis players here, will heartily favor the new enterprise.

The Wittenberg College Glee Club, under the direction of Bro. Chas. L. Bauer, '89, will make its *debut* on Friday evening next. A great many tickets have been already sold, and a grand success is anticipated. The club will make a tour later.

But we have already claimed too much of the valuable space of THE SHIELD, and so will close with heartiest greetings to all loyal Phi Psis, and three rousing cheers for the Springfield Alumni Association.

ROB. H. HILLER.

Springfield, Ohio, March 11, 1889.

**OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.**

This has been so far a very pleasant and profitable year for our chapter. Ohio Delta has thus far worn a fair share of the college laurels. Bro. Harry Miller has been selected by the faculty to represent his department on commencement day. Bros. Lewis Kiesewetter and George Mock hold the offices of Adjutant and Captain, respectively, in the batallion. Bro. Ralph N. Hubbard will represent the chapter in the publication of the annual *Makio*.

A very interesting program was presented recently at the joint meeting of Alcyone and Browning literary societies. Phi Kappa Psi was to the front in the person of Bro. Robert K. Beach as orator for the evening. His subject, "The Philosophy of the Agnostic," was handled in a way calculated to widen his very great popularity as an orator. "Bob" is at present indulging quite extensively in journalism. He is a born politician, and is already announced as a candidate for nomination for governor sometime in the nineties.

The university suffered a very severe loss in the recent burning of the large building, known as the chemical laboratory. The fire was discovered about 3 o'clock A. M., of the 12th, well under way, and before very efficient aid could reach the spot, the fire had finished its destructive work. The building contained the departments of chemistry, mining and metallurgy, pharmacy, and agricultural chemistry. The department of chemistry was one of the best equipped in the country, containing much valuable apparatus, together with many rare collections, all of which was a total loss, there being no insurance. The legislature has appropriated \$5,000 to meet the exigencies, with a bill appropriating \$75,000 for more extensive rebuilding, pending subsequent action.

There has been considerable excitement in our college circles over the recent action of President Scott in expelling one student, a  $\Sigma X$ , and suspending three others for non-attendance at chapel. The rules of the college require the attendance of students, except under certain conditions. For some time the president has been leaving the matter of attendance largely to the honor of students, which has been taken advantage of, not without observation by the president. The climax was reached the other day, with the disastrous results mentioned. The action of the president is quite generally endorsed.

EDWARD D. HOWARD.

Columbus, Ohio, February 15, 1889.

**CINCINNATI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.**

Just a month ago I wrote giving quite a lengthy account of the Phi Psis of Cincinnati, so I will make this one short. In response to the announcement made by the executive committee, the "boys" gathered in Hayden's Hall on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst. I suppose it may seem strange to some to speak of judges, doctors, ministers, etc., who have been absent from college halls for ten, fifteen, twenty or twenty-five years, as boys; but what count years if only the heart be young? I doubt not many a heart made response to Brother Bettinger when he said that but for the presence of one whom he remembered as only a child when in college, he felt not a day older than when

he left the old halls. Well, the years have passed over the heads of some of our boys, but they have not changed the loyal heart, the quick sympathy, the cordial greeting that always makes college days and associations so sweet to memory. The evening was spent in a thoroughly informal way. About 9:00 o'clock all adjourned to the café, where a substantial lunch was served, interspersed with jokes and stories, the quick repartee or hearty acquiescence, and all went merry as—not a marriage bell, for if the traditional mirth of the marriage bell is surpassed by any one thing it is just such a gathering of fraternal spirits. At each plate, as a souvenir of the occasion, was a buckeye bearing the letters,  $\Phi$   $\K$   $\Psi$ , and suspended by the fraternity colors. For these we were indebted to Mrs. E. A. Daumont, who has done very much to make our meetings pleasant, and who with other ladies graced the occasion by their presence.

After lunch remarks were made by Bros. Judge M. L. Buchwalter, Prof. J. H. Laycock, Prof. G. W. Burns, Dr. E. W. Mitchell, Albert Bettinger, J. M. DeCamp, E. M. Van Cleve, Lawrence Buskirk, E. A. Daumont, and others. I wish I could give an adequate idea of what was said, but neither space nor ability is mine, suffice it to say that it was the utterance of those loyal to the principles of our order, whose souls were kindled with fond recollections, and whose earnest desire is for the good of Phi Kappa Psi.

We were pleased to have with us Bro. Lawrence Buskirk, and hope to meet him often on future occasions. We shall always be glad to meet any of the brothers who may have occasion to be in the city.

The names of Bros. Karl Flickinger, Ohio I, Law School, 164 West Ninth Street; E. M. Van Cleve, Ohio A, South Charleston, Ohio; Province M. Pogue, Penn. A, Law School, 76 West Third Street, are to be added to our list already published.

The name of John S. Highlands, I am informed, should not have been included in the list I sent last month, as he is not a member of our fraternity. Our next meeting will probably be in the early part of June, when you will hear from us again.

CHAS. E. EVERETT.

Cincinnati, March 11, 1889.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The greatest society event of the year has just taken place, namely the junior hop. It is the aim of each class to outdo the efforts of the preceding ones, and in this direction the class of '90 succeeded quite well. The rink was tastily decorated with college, class, and various fraternity colors, making a very pretty dancing hall. Bros. Walley and Ford were our members of the committee.

We had a pleasant little dance Friday night at the chapter house, in honor of Bro. Clarence Miner, who is now at home from a business trip. During his extended trip of over three months, he had an opportunity of visiting many of the western chapters of Phi Psi, and speaks in terms of greatest praise concerning all of them. He is particularly elated over the success of our chapter at Madi-

son, Wis., and thinks they are a fine set of fellows, as comfortably situated in a fraternity home as they could possibly be. During his rambles Bro. Miner also came across Bro. Robert Parks, with whom he spent a few days. Bro. Parks is now employed on the staff of the Minneapolis *Evening Journal*, and is meeting with great success in his journalistic work.

Michigan Alpha thinks she has taken an advance step in the matter of petitions. A committee has been appointed by our G. P. whose sole work is to thoroughly investigate institutions from which we receive petitions for entrance into our fraternity. This will tend to do away with any hasty voting on such matters, and also make all the members of the chapter more intelligent on questions which require the most careful consideration.

The Inter-fraternity Base Ball League held its first meeting of the year yesterday. It is not as yet known how the schedule for the coming year will be arranged, but it is quite doubtful if all of the nine fraternities will enter clubs this year, as a number of the tail-enders in last season's race, are anxious to have the leaders handicapped, and it will be nearly impossible to do this satisfactorily. It is needless to say that we are not one of the fraternities who are clamoring for handicaps, as we have a vivid remembrance of being luxuriantly feasted some time ago at the expense of some one else, as an outcome of last season's games.

Bro. Schriber, of Ohio T, who has been attending the law department here since the beginning of the year, has gone to Cleveland, Ohio, where he is to pursue his study of law in a law office.

Bro. Ralph Bradley has been chosen captain of their base ball nine by the freshman class. He intends to get all the freshies who play ball at work as soon as the weather permits, and then select from this number the strongest class nine that has ever graced a diamond at the U. of M.

Bro. Holden has been chosen by the chapter as a delegate to the District Convention to be held in Chicago, April 3d. He will read a paper on Fraternity Houses. As our spring vacation has been changed to the third week in April, it is doubtful if we can send a very large delegation of active members to this convention.

GEORGE W. DENNEY.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, March 11, 1889.

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#### STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

The chief event of our chapter life this month was the farewell gathering in honor of Bro. Ed. Dorr, already anticipated in our letter for the February SHIELD. The date was the 5th of March, the eve preceding his admittance to the ranks of Esculapius. Though armed with an "M. D.," Ed. will not yet inflict his services upon our people, but will for a year or two confine his practices to the hospital of Vienna.

Under the euphonius name of a Mandolin Party, the occasion will long be remembered as one of supreme delight. The presence of Miss Marie Chambers, of Cedar Rapids, Ia., and of Miss Annette Hull, of Des Moines—daughter

of Lieutenant Governor Hull, and sister of our Bert—added not a little of grace to the entertainment. After some hours of dancing, the music summoned us to the parlors, where supper was served according to the following

## MENU.

	Blue Points on Half Shell.	
	Lemon.	
Pressed Chicken.		Sliced Tongue.
	Fresh Lobster Salad.	
Olives.	Sandwiches.	Pickles.
	Pine Apple Sherbet.	
	'Roons.	
Bananas.	Blood Oranges.	Grapes.
	Cream Puffs.	
Angel's Food.	Orange Cake.	Candy.
	Lemon Cream.	
Coffee.		Chocolate.

It would seem mockery to add that this repast was relished, additionally spiced as it was by a merry flow of wit and accompanied by the dulcet strains of the mandolins.

Another hour of dancing followed, and then Ed. in his becoming way bid a last adieu to those girls whose envied favorite he had so long been, and with not a few of whose hearts he had trifled. Strange indeed if the German maidens, to whom his conquests will for a time be confined, can pronounce that beaming smile, that "killing" moustache, less irresistible than did their American sisters.

We are constantly enhancing the attractiveness of our halls with new pieces of furniture, and other articles of beauty and comfort. A recent improvement is the addition of a room adjoining our apartments; it is now connected with the dancing hall, and is to serve as a ladies' dressing room. The room formerly put to this use was inconveniently situated, but will be admirably suited as a place where the *restaurateur* may ply his art.

The new dressing room will ordinarily be used as a domicile for two of our boys. It is newly decorated, and so elegantly furnished with bed, dresser, and other furniture to match, that we all expressed the desire of living there. Bert Hull and "Sport" Bonson are, however, the lucky tenants for the spring term, but serious conflicts seem impending in the selection of future occupants. As great effects emanate from small causes, it is not unlikely that this will prove a germ for the development of a genuine chapter house scheme.

The exodus of "Medics" and "Dents" leaves university circles unusually quiet. Base ball enthusiasts are already discussing the prospective organization of a team, but the majority of students are busy with postponed essay work, or preparing for the approaching examinations.

Apropos of the topics to be discussed at the District Council at Chicago on the 3d prox. They are all of vital importance to our fraternity, and can not fail to cause an enthusiastic and consequently a profitable meeting. Every chapter, we trust, will be represented. Present indications point to two delegates from Iowa Alpha.

H. W. TECHENTIN.

Iowa City, Iowa, March 11, 1889.

## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Our esteemed B. G. is suffering from an attack of erysipelas, and is patiently serving out the sentence of solitary confinement passed upon him by the family physician. In this dilemma it becomes the privilege of the S. G. to write the chapter letter. With malicious pleasure he takes up the pen to inflict his scrawl upon the sister chapters.

On the evening of Feb. 6th, Kappa Alpha Theta established its Upsilon Chapter at the University. The next morning the young ladies appeared wearing the kite, and were congratulated by the other sororities, according to the established custom. The Delta Gammas tendered them a reception Feb. 13th. There are now three sororities, Delta Gamma, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta, and five fraternities, Chi Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Psi represented here besides a strong local.

Fraternity parties have been quite numerous here of late. The Chi Psis led off by giving their annual reception on Monday evening, Feb. 11th, at Hotel Ardmore. Bro. Conger gave a small valentine party on the 16th. On the 23d the Delta Tau Deltas gave a party at their chapter house. Then came the Phi Psi party on the 25th, at our house. The evening passed off quickly with dancing, card playing and refreshments, and was pronounced a very enjoyable occasion by all present. Representatives from each of the other frats. were present with their ladies. This was taking a step in advance of the precedent in this institution, our object being to break down, as much as possible, the high board fence between the frats., to create a more amicable relation and pave the way for a Pan-hellenic in the spring. March 4th, the Phi Delta Thetas gave a banquet at the West Hotel, in honor of their illustrious member, Pres. Harrison.

Minn. Beta has just passed the first anniversary of its establishment. It was formed with a membership of eight and has increased to twenty-one. It began "keeping house" very soon after its debut into the fraternity, and has attained a position in the University even beyond the dreams of the most sanguine of its founders.

We have just finished the examinations for the winter terms and feel very much relieved. The spring term opens March 12th.

Greetings to Penn. Kappa! Here is our hand.

The last SHIELD was especially replete with good things for all loyal Phi Psis. We were very much pleased with the article on extension by Bro. Boyer. If that voices the sentiment of all chapters, we have a safe foundation to build upon.

M. D. SENDICOR.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 7, 1889.

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**SIMPSON.**

Greetings to sister chapters and Phi Psis everywhere.

One by one our alumni are being hooked up by destiny. Last week we were inexpressibly surprised to learn that Bro. Zeni A. Campbell, ex. '81, had solved the problem, "Is marriage a failure," and had decided to join the vast army of Benedicts. Bro. Ross represented Delta at the ceremonies, and car

ried with him the congratulations and presents of Phi Psis. He reports an elegant time and lots of Phi Psi hospitality.

Bro. G. W. Johnson, '82, dropped in on us like a meteor last week. Bro. J. was with us only a short time, but during that time he created a feeling of awe among the "young 'uns" by his gastronomical powers. He could only stay a couple of days as he had "business" (?) at Clarinda. He has at present a lucrative position as railroad attorney, with headquarters at Pueblo. By the way—Bro. J. passed the best examination ever passed for admission to the state bar of Iowa some four or five years ago.

Brother Lindsay, one of our charter members, was here a few days back. He has been for the past four years one of the state senators of Nebraska.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the Phi Psi world our new brother, Sam. Hestwood. Bro. H. is quite a favorite among his classmates and will make a rattling Phi Psi.

Quite a stir has been raised in sorority circles by the withdrawal of two of the most prominent members of L. F. V. No reasons have as yet been made public.

There has been printed in the *Simpsonian* and the various city papers, articles to the effect that an annual is to be published by the fraternities of Simpson. Now we want it distinctly understood that, whether it be good or bad,  $\Phi \Psi$  is not in the scheme. We only hope that the others will make it a success, but under existing circumstances we doubt the feasibility of the scheme.

Iowa  $\Delta$  is engaged in filling our albums of photographs of alumni.

With congratulations to  $\Phi K \Psi$  we will resign our pen as B. G.

DAVID E. STUART.

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#### KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since Kansas Alpha's last letter much of interest to Kansas State University has transpired. The legislature, while not giving us all that we asked for, appropriated about \$75,000 for the coming year, \$5,000 of which goes for purchasing books for our library. Two new chairs have also been established—Philosophy and Geology. Another act passed by the legislature places the university on a firm basis by providing for an annual tax levy for its support, thus releasing Kansas State University from dependence upon the politicians every two years.

The governor in his appointment of regents honored the Phi Psis by appointing Bro. W. C. Spangler, of Lawrence, and by continuing Bro. C. S. Gleed, of Topeka, on the board. We now have two of the six regents, and four professors—Bros. Marvin, Sterling, J. W. Gleed, and Dunlap. Thus does  $\Phi \Psi$  "go marching on" out here in Kansas.

In the State Oratorical Contest, at which Bro. Mushrush ably presided, Mr. A. W. Brewster, of Washburn College, won first, and Mr. F. E. Reed, B  $\Theta$   $\Pi$ , of Kansas State University, second place. The contest was held at Emporia, the home of Bro. Bert. Burnett, who entertained his  $\Phi \Psi$  friends most royally.

It would seem that the eastern colleges regard Kansas State University as a good training school for their professors. Two years ago Prof. Nichols was

called to Cornell to take charge of the Physics department, and now Prof. Marsh, of our English department, is called to Harvard to take the position of first assistant in the department of Belles Lettres. Prof. Marsh is an excellent instructor, and his departure is a great loss to our university. But our losses seem only to have begun, for only last week Chancellor Lippencott sent his resignation to the board of regents, to take effect at the close of the year. He re-enters the ministry by assuming the pastorate of the First M. E. Church at Topeka. It is not known who his successor will be.

The last *Courier* election resulted as follows: Bro. Mushrush, editor-in-chief; Bro. Shellabarger, local and personal editor; Bro. Roberts one of the associate editors, and Bro. Brewster business manager.

The officers of the chapter, as determined at the last election, are: Bro. Esterly, G. P.; Bro. Shellabarger, P.; Bro. Hadley, A. G.; Bro. Mushrush, B. G.; Bro. Roberts, S. G.; Bro. Edson, Ph.; and Bro. Robinson, H.

An attempt is being made to publish a college annual this year, but at the election last Monday one faction succeeded in "hogging" all the officers, and as a result four of the nine fraternities have withdrawn, and the annual bids fair to fail.

With the approach of spring the base ball fever is beginning to develop. Our boys have their "nine" in training.

One of the hardest fights of the year has just been won by  $\Phi K \Psi$  over  $B \Theta \Pi$ , resulting in the pledging of C. A. Peabody, of Kansas City; another of the many illustrations of the fact that the mystic charms of old  $\Phi K \Psi$  are too much for "Wooglin."

Despite the bitter feeling there has been between the fraternities this year, the Pan-Hellenic last Friday night was a grand success. The full "Mandolin Club" was present, and with some of the boys arrayed in the more pleasing garb of femininity the dance went round with a vengeance. Five fraternities were represented:  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Phi A \Theta$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , and  $\Sigma X$ .

Last Tuesday Bro. A. E. Curdy, of Topeka, visited us on his way to Europe for a two years stroll on the continent. He first goes to Paris, then to Switzerland, down the Rhine, over to Berlin, back through Austria to Italy, up through France again to England, Wales and Ireland. He will occupy his time in studying the French and German languages, and at the same time make it a pleasure trip. The Kansas A boys escorted him to the train on his departure and bade him God-speed.

A letter from Geo. W. Payne, Indiana A, who is now telegraph editor of the Kansas City *Star*, informs us that Bro. James Whitcomb Riley and Bill Nye will be in Kansas City next month. Several of our members will probably go down to see and hear the Hoosier poet.

We were pleased to meet Bro. T. O. Cunningham, formerly of Indiana A, but now engaged in business at Kansas City, as he was looking through our university last Monday. In fact, we are always glad to meet a  $\Phi \Psi$ , and hope none will ever come to Lawrence without making himself known to the boys.

Proud of the present high standard of excellence which THE SHIELD maintains, we wish it abundant success. At the same time Kansas Alpha extends a hearty greeting to all the chapters in the triple bonds of  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

JNO. A. MUSHRUSH.

Lawrence, Kan., March 14, 1889.

## Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

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This department of the paper is made up of excerpts from THE SHIELD'S exchanges, and reflects the sentiments of our rivals which are most pointed and characteristic. We refrain from expressing any opinions as to the matters discussed, and scarce deem it worth while to controvert any statement made by our contemporaries. No more is written by the Editor than may suffice for introduction to each quoted passage. This will relieve the doubts of inquirers, some of whom perversely consider this feature an exchange department.—ED. SHIELD.

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The lack of the one thing needful seems to greatly harass  $\Sigma N$  in her laudable undertaking of publishing a catalogue :

The work for the Fraternity Catalogue is completed and ready for the printer—now comes the question of "ways and means," or how are we to get it printed. For several years has gone up a wail for a catalogue; the desirability of a catalogue was discussed upon every occasion; the *absolute need* of a catalogue was made plain by the numberless letters to the members of the H. C., and at last the work was ordered to be at once begun, and carried forward as rapidly as possible. After two and a one half years we are able to announce that our arduous task is done. In looking backward we fully realize the depth of meaning in the oft-repeated, "fools rush in where angels fear to tread." The quires of paper sent out over this broad land in search of missing brothers; the weary hours spent in explaining just what information was wanted; the often fruitless quest; the returned letters unopened; the frequent sentence, "Bro. B— is at — I think." Oh, these are recollections that still have power to harass our souls. But this is only retrospection; our book of compiling and arranging is done, and we want the money to publish. Now, brothers, it takes money to pay our western printers, and if the money is forthcoming our catalogue will soon be in your hands. A circular letter will be sent to every member of the fraternity, accompanied by a blank order, that we would be glad to see in each case returned with order filled out for one or more copies. Brothers, we feel that this is somewhat of a test of your loyalty to the fraternity. Let us hear from you.

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The fair editors of *The Anchora* find their journalistic venture a burden, seemingly :

We dislike very much to seem fault-finding or disposed to reproach any of the sister chapters for failure to fulfill their duty, but we feel that we must revert once more to the old subject of the literary department of *Anchora*. We must have your help, sister chapters, if we are to continue this part of *Anchora*. We realize perfectly the natural sense of irresponsibility which you feel, and how easy it is to let other duties drive this out of your mind. We know that you are all busy college girls, but so are all the editors of *Anchora*, exceedingly busy ones too, and it is because we are so busy that we can not take

the entire responsibility of filling creditably the ten pages of *Anchora* devoted to literary matter.

We are very grateful to the two chapters who have loyally responded with articles for this issue, and we beg you all to take some immediate measures for furnishing two literary articles apiece during the remainder of the year. We suggest that the presidents of each chapter immediately appoint two young ladies who shall be expected to write and send these articles, one by the 10th of March, the other by the 10th of May. These need not necessarily be written especially for *Anchora*, but may be articles which you have written in your class work.

If this request be complied with, we shall then be able to select articles, and so shall greatly improve this department.



## Personals.

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### PENNSYLVANIA *B.*

'86. F. H. Shaw is making preparations to canvass for the office of County Superintendent, Erie County, Pa.

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### PENNSYLVANIA *F.*

'53. Rev. Spencer Kennard, D. D., has been conducting a remarkably successful revival at Santa Anna, California.

'59. Rev. T. P. Coulston, D. D., will lecture in Bucknell Hall on "The Ethics of Skepticism," at an early date.

'72. Dr. William Leiser, Jr., of Lewisburg, Pa., has been appointed one of the medical inspectors of the State Board of Health.

'71. The lecture delivered by Rev. John Humpstone, D. D., in Bucknell Hall on "Charles Darwin," was interesting and profitable and much enjoyed by all.

'83. Rev. S. B. Meeser, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Paterson, N. J., on Sunday, December 23, 1888, presented the subject of the church debt to his people so forcibly that in an hour and three quarters a sufficient amount was raised to liquidate the indebtedness of \$11,500 and to leave a balance of \$800 in the treasury for the repair of the organ.

A dispatch to the associated press, dated February 19th, states that Thomas McMahan, an old railroad conductor, committed suicide at Northumberland, without any known cause. Thomas S. McMahan was a son of the late Henry L. McMahan, formerly an esteemed citizen of Lewisburg. Thomas has been running on freight trains between Sunbury and Renovo for many years, and was considered a most faithful employe. His parents are dead, but he has four or five brothers and sisters living.—*The Chronicle.*

## PENNSYLVANIA E.

Bro. Chas. Stitely, '91, is attending Business College in Baltimore.

Bro. Smith, '91, is studying law with his father at his home in Westminster, Md.

Bro. Rev. W. H. Gotwald, '66, has decided to remain in Florida instead of returning to Washington. His address is Osala, Marion Co.

Dr. Geo. D. Stahley, '72, who had been practicing medicine in Easton, Northampton Co., Pa., has been elected Professor of Physical Culture and Hygiene, the professorship recently inaugurated and endowed by the Board of Trustees. Success to Bro. Stahley.

Bro. G. D. Stahley has published a very interesting pamphlet on "The Relation of Education to Insanity," which is reprinted from the *Medical Register* of Feb. 23, 1889, and was originally given in the form of an address before Lehigh Valley Medical Association.

We sincerely sympathize with Hon. T. F. Carver, '67, whose eldest son, Albertus, met with instant death, on Feb. 19, by the accidental discharge of a revolver in the hands of another young man. He was in his 19th year and had come home from a college at Topeka, Kan., on a visit. He was a tall, strong, fine-looking young man.

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 PENNSYLVANIA θ.

Bro. H. Fay, '89, has been elected one of the base ball directors.

'90. G. D. McIlvaine and wife are visiting his parents for a few weeks in Chambersburg, Pa.

'91. J. J. Patterson has left college and will study law with his father at Mifflintown, Pa.

'85. C. G. Scott is married and is dealing in real estate in Washington, D. C.

'86. C. M. Niesley spent Sunday, the 10th, among his friends here at college. He is studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Bro. H. A. MacKey, '90, has been elected to the second position on the Board of Editors of *The Lafayette*.

Rev. F. C. Ottman, '83, is acquiring success in the Memorial Presbyterian Church at Newark, N. J., adding rooms to the church edifice and members to the church roll.

Prof. James C. MacKenzie, Ph. D., delivered an address, Thursday evening, March 7th, to the Philadelphia Alumni Association of Lafayette College.

'78. Prof. C. P. G. Scott, since the resignation of his professorship in Columbia College, has been with Scribner's, doing the etymological work on the new Imperial Dictionary.

'86. H. M. Watts, ex-editor-in-chief of *The Lafayette*, has been one of the news editors of the *Philadelphia Press* since last October. He is still moving upward, his salary having been raised lately and his work lightened.

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NEW YORK A.

Franklin Ferris, '73, is now a prominent lawyer in St. Louis, Mo.

Joseph Lapham, '73, is engaged in a wholesale shoe business in Decatur, Ill.

C. N. Bickford, '85, we hear from as pursuing advanced work in physics at the University of Göttingen, Germany.

N. Loeser is at present on the editorial staff of the Buffalo *Express*.

W. W. Norton, '89, has a position as assayer and chemist to the Aurora Smelting Co.

C. S. Gray is cashier in the bank of Quenomo, Kansas.

'69. Hon. John A. Rea, late registrar of the United States land office at Bismark, is prominently mentioned for the place of the commissioner of the general land office. The appointment would meet the wishes of the people of the northwest.

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NEW YORK A.

'91. Bro. F. S. Cowles is reading law in Rome, N. Y.

'81. Bro. J. B. Blanchet is rector of St. James Church, Tioga, Pa.

'89. Bro. W. E. Morrison is meeting with great success in his law practice at Savannah, Ga.

'89. Bro. W. S. Slade is engaged in the real estate business in Buffalo, N. Y.

'91. Bro. A. L. Mowry has left college and will study law in Rochester.

'92. Bro. R. H. Murphy has left college to assist his father in North Carolina.

'91. Bro. W. F. Whitwell has left college on account of ill-health, but expects to return next fall.

'84. Bro. G. M. Irish was ordained to the diaconate last June, and at present has a parish at Norwood, N. Y.

'84. Bro. C. C. Proffitt was ordained to the diaconate last June, and is at present connected with the Clergy-House, 38 Bleeker Street, New York City.

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### VIRGINIA A.

Bro. Walter DeRussett Coles, '88, has been studying law in St. Louis, Mo., this winter. Expects to graduate in June, '89.

Bro. Geo. Tucker Smith, M. D., '88, is to be found at the New York Polyclinic, well up in the van.

Bro. Chas. Echols, '86, now dons a uniform at West Point Academy. From latest reports Bro. Echols stands "3" in his class.

Bro. Samuel Davis Hines, '88, can now be found among the "wire-pullers and election magnates" at Bowling Green, Ky.

Bro. Wm. Nathaniel Berkeley, alias Socrates, Ph. B., '88, is now an adjunct professor at Kenmore High School, Amherst, Va.

Bro. Chas. W. Kent, M. A., '82, and Ph. D., Leipsig, is now Professor of Modern Languages in University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.

Bro. Jno. L. Howard, '86, is now practicing medicine in Louisville, Ky., where he lately graduated. John also heroically eloped with a girl shortly after leaving the University of Virginia.

Bro. Robert C. Berkley, C. E., '86, was last heard of in La Grange, Tenn., employed with some railroad engineering. For a while he was principal of a school out West, in Iowa, I think.

Bro. Chas. M. Blackford, Jr., M. D., University of Virginia, '88, is now at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City. Charlie has lately written and published an article on Physiology which "does him proud."

Bro. Jas. W. S. Peters, M. A., B. L., '88, University of Virginia, is a lawyer and "money-devil" at 810 Nelson Building, Kansas City, Mo. Jimmie was highly complimented on his examination before the State Board of Missouri not long since.

Bro. Jas. A. Ingle, M. A. University, '88, is studying for the ministry at or near Alexandria, Va. He was Archon for District II, until Brother Stires' appointment. The latter is a "divine" professor at the Episcopal High School, Alexandria, Va., this session. Ernest captured the \$50 medal for the best literary article published in the Virginia University magazine last year, '88, besides having the degree of Ph. B. conferred on him.

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**MISSISSIPPI A.**

'86. G. F. Nixon is clerking for his father at Tchula, Miss.

'82. M. L. Allen is merchandising at Sallis, Miss. He is married.

'81. A. B. C. Taylor is farming near Taylors, Miss. He will soon marry, so he says.

'81. W. J. Bowen is practicing law at Cotulla, Texas. He was elected County Solicitor in '87.

'81. John F. Park, as loyal a  $\Phi K \Psi$  as ever lived, is making money practicing law in Dewitt, Arkansas. He is still an "old bach."

'81. W. J. East is practicing law at Senatobia, Miss. He was lately a delegate to the Masonic Convention, in Meridian, Miss.

'82. M. J. Manning is practicing law at Clarendon, Ark. He is said to be one of Arkansas' finest orators. He is married, and has one child.

J. B. Perkins, Jr., 1885, graduated from a Louisville, Medical college. He carried off the medals. He is practicing now with fair success at Choctaw Agency, Miss.

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**OHIO B.**

The Glee Club recently organized at Wittenberg College, has as its director Bro. Chas. L. Bauer, '89. Out of the fourteen members, five are Phi Psis.

O. T. Martin, Esq., class of '68, is president of the Springfield Board of Trade. The position is an honorable one in itself, and doubly honorable to Mr. Martin in the way the office sought him.

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**OHIO A.**

'86. E. J. Converse is reading law at Columbus, Ohio.

'86. W. W. Keifer is a young lawyer in Springfield, Ohio.

'86. J. P. Milligan is teaching at Oberlin College, while attending the Seminary.

'88. J. A. Wilgus is very successfully teaching Latin, history and civil government at his *Alma Mater*.

The many friends of Bro. G. C. Mosher, M. D., of Kansas City, Mo., will be pained to learn that death has again visited his family. This time Brother Mosher is called upon to mourn the loss of his younger brother Norton, who died a few days since of congestion of the brain. Norton was in the early blush of manhood, 27 years of age, and his untimely death will be sincerely mourned by his many friends and business associates in the great city where he has so long made his home.

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#### IOWA A.

A mandolin party was given by the Phi Psis in their halls on Tuesday evening last, which was a farewell gathering in honor of Ed. Dorr, who is soon to depart for Vienna, Austria. Among the young ladies present were Miss Chambers, of Cedar Rapids, and Miss Hull, of Des Moines.—*Vidette Reporter*.

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#### MINNESOTA B.

Bro. Soares, who last June pronounced a fine oration on Gladstone, has recently received a personal letter from the "grand old man" praising his efforts and congratulating him upon his literary style.

In the gesture contest recently held in the university, three of the four honor places were assigned to Phi Psis. Bro. Soares took first, Bro. Triggs second, and Bro. Timberlake fourth.

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#### KANSAS A.

Bro. E. C. Little, of Ness City, has been recently elected Vice-President for Kansas of the National League of Republican Clubs.

Bishop W. X. Ninde, of Topeka, a member of the Phi Kappa Psi, is presiding at the M. E. conference in this city.—*University Courier*.

Hon. Fred. A. Stocks, the Marshall County representative, is one of the university men who has done good work this session. He is from Blue Rapids, and graduated five years ago, and is the youngest member. His work on ways and means, the most important committee, has been of the very best. As chairman of the sub-committee on the university he did first-class work for the state. His report on the Topeka Insane Asylum was declared by Mr. Burton to be the best report of the kind ever laid before a Kansas Legislature. He has been one of the most industrious and useful members. Not always on his feet, such speeches as he has

made have been to the point and were heard. A modest and scholarly young man, Mr. Stocks has made an excellent member, and is a credit to the university and state, and certainly merits the confidence and respect of his constituents.—*State Journal*.

### CHATTANOOGA PHI PSIS.

P. S. Goodman, Pennsylvania Eta, is a coal merchant.

Bruce Chorpening, Ohio Beta, is an attorney-at-law.

T. S. Fritz, Kansas Alpha, is the Professor of Elocution in the Chattanooga University.

C. R. Evans, Wisconsin Alpha, is City Attorney and member of the law firm of Pettibone, Warder & Evans.

The members of  $\Phi K \Psi$  intend soon to organize an alumni club here, and thus renew the good fellowship of  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

Willis M. Everett, Pennsylvania Epsilon, is an attorney-at-law, and member of the law firm of Everett & Haden, Atlanta, Georgia.

E. C. Reeves, Tennessee Alpha, attorney-at-law, and chief clerk of the Supreme Court of this State, with headquarters at Knoxville.

W. S. Small, Ohio Alpha, is an attorney-at-law, associated with Clift & Cantrell in the practice of the law, over Third National Bank.

Rev. A. B. Riker, D. D., Ohio Alpha, is pastor of the First M. E. Church, the largest church of that denomination in the city.

L. G. Walker, Pennsylvania Theta, is city editor of the *Chattanooga Times*, the leading newspaper in the city and one of the most prominent in the South.

All of the above are members of the Pan-Hellenic Association, of this city, which was formed here in the spring of 1888, and has a membership of about 140 Greeks.

Bro. Jos. V. Denny, Michigan Alpha, of Aurora, Illinois, recently paid Chattanooga and the sons of  $\Phi K \Psi$  a visit, and truly rejoiced the brothers to meet him and give him a good, hearty  $\Phi \Psi$  grip. Other Phi Psis whose wanderings shall take them to this future city of the South, if they make known their presence, will be given a royal welcome.

Other Phi Psis located near here are C. H. Harvey, Michigan Alpha, private secretary to C. H. Hudson, General Manager of the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. Co., at Knoxville, Tennessee. E. L. McGowan, Jr., Virginia Beta, attorney-at-law and member of the law firm of McDowell & McGowan, Memphis, Tennessee. C. A. Miller, Tennessee Beta, attorney-at-law at Bolivar, Tennessee, was recently elected Secretary of the State of Tennessee, and installed in that office at Nashville on February 14th.

## College and Fraternity Notes.

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One of the students at Oberlin was treated to a coat of tar, being a faculty spy.—*News.*

Cornell etiquette requires that no lady recognize a gentleman acquaintance on the university grounds.

Receptions are given at Cornell by the professors of the various departments to the students in their courses.

The cost of board at Memorial Hall, Harvard, during the months of December and January was \$3.95 per week.

The sons of Lafayette take most of the prizes in the medical department of the University of Pa.—*The Lafayette.*

University of Pennsylvania will erect a dormitory at a cost of \$125,000, which is to be the largest in the United States.—*Crimson.*

Cornell has the largest freshman class that ever entered an American university. It numbers 414. The whole number in the university is 1,164.—*The Campus.*

*B θ II* recently gave a complimentary banquet at Topeka, to the members of the Kansas legislature, who were enrolled under her banner during their college life.

Juniors are eligible to the Yale Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Society if they attain a standing of 3.15 on a scale of four in scholarship for the first two and a half year's of their course.

The first prize for 1889, of \$250, offered by the American Protective League on "Home production indispensable to a supply of manufactured commodities," etc., was won by C. D. Todd, University of Wooster, Ohio.

Swarthmore College received \$25,000 by the will of millionaire Isaiah V. Williamson, of Philadelphia, this month. The college has received a total of \$185,000 during the past year and has now a credit of about one million dollars.

At the last annual dinner of the Harvard class of '29, the six survivors of the class were present, these being Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes; Rev. Dr. S. F. Smith; Rev. Samuel May; Rev. Dr. Stickney; Rev. A. S. Devens, and Charles Sorrow.

Of the 315 candidates admitted to Harvard in 1888, 13 knew absolutely nothing of Greek, 59 had only a very slight smattering of its rudiments, and 217 were incompetent to offer even the elements of Greek prose composition.—*Era*.

On the question of compulsory church and chapel attendance at Amherst, the college students have voted as follows: In favor of church and chapel compulsory, 152; church and chapel non-compulsory, 112; compulsory chapel and non-compulsory church, 48.

The fair freshman at Bryn Mawr is hazed by being made to walk up an inclined board with a pile of books on her shoulders. When she reaches the top, she is given a lamp, with the injunction to keep it well trimmed and not to be a "foolish virgin."—*University News*.

Ex-President Andrew D. White, of Cornell, desires to see an immense university in the city of Washington. He thinks that an institution at that city could be made one of the foremost universities in the world, and that it would wield a great influence over the character of society and life at the capital.—*Madisonensis*.

Roger S. Baldwin, of the junior class at Yale, son of Prof. Baldwin, was one of the recent initiates of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. The key which he wears is one which has been handed down from father and son in the Baldwin family for over a century. The original owner is said to have been one of the founders of the society at William and Mary, in 1776.—*News*.

. Speaking of the Northville meeting, *The Oberlin Review* says: "The contrast between the boys of the Eastern and those of the Western schools was quite marked. Their college, class and fraternity spirit was more prominent. There seemed to be a freedom and swing about them which we lacked." Coming from the distinctively "anti-fraternity" college, this means something.—*News*.

England had in 1882, 5,500 students in her universities out of a population of 26,000,000, and Germany, with a population of 45,000,000 has 24,000 students. In that same year, with a population of 60,000,000, the United States had 66,437 students in colleges, 4,921 in theological seminaries, 3,079 in law schools and 15,151 in medical schools; total, 89,588.—*Burr*

The College World department of the *Mail and Express* is unequalled in the amount and interest of its general college news. In the February issues the editor had published a complete list of the two hundred and fifty leading American colleges and universities, together with the dates of their founding, the various publications and the present acting presidents with the fraternities of which they are members. The list has been compiled with much labor and care and is valuable for reference. The number of presidents who are connected with the various college fraternities is as follows: Alpha Delta Phi, 11; Psi Upsilon, 10; Beta Theta Pi, 10; Phi Kappa Psi, 9; Alpha Phi, 7; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 7; Phi Delta Theta, 4; Phi Gamma Delta, 4; Delta Tau Delta, 1.—*The Campus*.

Kappa Alpha Theta, the oldest of the ladies' fraternities, established its Upsilon chapter at the university on the evening of February 6th. The initiation and banquet occurred at the home of Miss Rexford, the initiation being performed by Miss Sevilla Cleveland, of the Alpha chapter at DePauw. The next morning the following young ladies appeared wearing the black and gold and the kite shaped pin: Lillie Martin and Kittie Comfort, '90; Emma Kemp, Minnie Rexford, Anna Guthrie, Dora Guthrie, Beulah McHenry, and Gertrude Bell, '91; Helen Tombs, '92. The new chapter was congratulated by the other sororities, according to the established custom. This ceremony occurred in the ladies' parlor, and continued at intervals for about two hours. Just after chapel there issued from the parlor sundry unusual sounds;—

“Shrieks, clamors, murmurs, filled the affrighted air.”

The ladies' military company was divided into squads of six *men* each, which were detailed to capture the new Greeks. Each squad, when it had secured its victim, took her in hand (there being no bouncing blanket obtainable), and elevated her toward the ceiling three consecutive times, to the utter amazement of the visitor from DePauw. How they did soar! It was the true poetry of motion. And the *Gopher's* special artist did not neglect his opportunity.—*Ariel*.

The members of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity assembled in the Throop dining parlors at 10 P. M. last night and adjourned at 2 A. M., after four hours of fun and feed, song and story. The dinner was immaculate, the speeches gorgeous and the singing Bostonian. Hon. J. M. High, of Reno, speaker pro tem.; Hon. Fred. A. Stocks, of Marshall; George T. Nicholson, general passenger and ticket agent of Santa Fe, and other notables were present. Charles S. Gleed presided with entire success from a sanitary and financial standpoint. This fraternity has had

for years a very strong chapter at the State University, and includes among its members, Bishop Ninde, Congressman Peters and many of the best men in Kansas. Their dinner was an exceedingly enjoyable and successful reunion of old college men from all parts of the state. As soon as Speaker High announced that "Portland lights are just in sight," everybody felt perfectly at home, and the good feeling continued till they threw down their arms and dispersed just in time to miss the sunrise. High, Stocks, Nicholson, Gleed, Spangler, Webster, Prescott, Thompson, Curdy, White, Simpson and Leith were present.—*State Journal*, March 2.



## Miscellany.

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The editor desires to call attention to the fact that owing to the demand at the time of publication, he has on hand but three full volumes of THE SHIELD for Vol. VIII. Of Vol. VI he has two full sets. We have, however, a large supply of broken volumes, the separate numbers of which may be of service in completing files. We shall be glad to respond to letters of inquiry on this subject, and shall take pleasure in filling orders for back numbers as far as possible.

We still have some names of brothers whose addresses have become lost. Can any brother supply us with the present address of any of the following?

Walter H. Britton, Topeka, Kan.

Y. M. White, Topeka Kansas.

J. F. Clark, Highstown, Pa.

Guy L. Manning, 831 N. Broad Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

T. J. Holzworth, Manlins, N. Y.

W. F. Wise, Zallorsville, Pa.

Herman S. Johnson, Hillsdale, N. Y.

Jno. N. James, Yorkville, Ill.

Can any brother furnish us a complete file of the *Phi Kappa Psi Journal* and *Phi Kappa Psi Quarterly*?

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## FIRST DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Second Biennial Council of the chapters of the First District was held at the Leland Hotel, Syracuse, New York, April 3d and 4th, 1889. There was a large attendance considering the distance some of the delegations had to come; and a healthy enthusiasm prevailed during the two days of meeting. In short, the council was a success, surpassing the Harrisburg Council in most, if not all, of its appointments. And when I say this, Brother Editor, I am the chief mourner, for it fell to my lot to be chairman of the Committee of Arrangements of the Harrisburg Council. The laurels are, therefore, accorded to Brother Piper, New York Beta, who so ably conducted the management of the council just past.

The council was called to order at 8:00 p. m., April 3d, in the assembly room of the Leland Hotel. After the appointment of temporary officers the credentials of the delegates were examined, and the following chapters found to be represented as designated: Pennsylvania Alpha, not represented; Pa. Beta, F. A. Cattern; Pa. Gamma, Robert Lowry, W. C. Gretzinger; Pa. Epsilon, not represented; Pa. Zeta, G. V. Morris; Pa. Eta, not represented; Pa. Theta, H. G. Dale; Pa. Kappa, W. C. Sproul; New York Alpha, A. B. Bentley, L. B. McNeal, E. A. May, F. L. Ames, B. N. Sperry; N. Y. Beta, M. H. Walrath, F. J. Farrington, G. K. Statham, J. L. Barnard, F. L. Stevens; N. Y. Delta, Henry Pegram, J. H. Perkins, F. E. Hamlin, H. S. Gatley; N. Y. Epsilon, D. B. Williams, A. B. Potter, D. F. Osgood, A. N. Allen, F. H. Bennett. The following visiting brothers attended the sessions: N. Y. Alpha, Prof. F. H. Hodder, Wilcox, Dewsnap, Ludlow and Shanahan; N. Y. Beta, Lonergon, Peckham, Bartholemew, Schnauber, Wright, Burritt, Piper, Mirteenes, Danziger, Husted, Ball, Lewis, Gray, Rice, Fred.

and Ralph Comfort; N. Y. Delta, Slade and McPherson; N. Y. Epsilon, Smith. The permanent officers elected were: W. C. Gretzinger, Pa. Gamma, W. P.; H. M. Walrath, N. Y. Beta, W. A. G.; H. G. Dale, Pa. Theta, W. Ph.; J. H. Perkins, N. Y. Delta, W. H.; Brother Smith, N. Y. Epsilon, W. I. The report of the Archon, founded upon the annual reports received from the chapters, showed that the district is in a good condition, and the chapter reports as read by the delegates were an additional evidence of its prosperity. There seems to be an awakening among the chapters as to the real needs of the fraternity. The subjects of extension and chapter houses were thoroughly discussed, and the prevalent opinion was that we are not so much in need of the former as the latter. Although the radical view, that there should be no extension whatever, received but few supporters.

The order of topics laid down by the Committee of Arrangements was followed to the letter in the discussions. W. C. Gretzinger read a paper on, "How to make the annual circular letter interesting to the alumni?" E. B. Bentley presented a carefully prepared paper on, "Fraternity Extension." F. A. Cattern led in the discussion of, "What policy will make the influence of the chapter felt in the college?" Henry Pegram sustained the interests of THE SHIELD in "Fraternity Journalism," and G. K. Statham took up the last subject, "Who should rush, and how?" All of these questions were shown to be of vital importance to the fraternity, and recommended themselves as worthy of careful consideration by the fraternity at large. Brother Lowry also addressed the council in the matter of a song-book. I take the following extract from the minutes of the W. A. G.: "The council was favored by a soul-stirring speech by Dr. Lowry."

A great amount of business of a routine nature was transacted during the several sessions. Necessary amendments were made to the District Council by-laws, and resolutions commendatory of the services of Brother Van Cleve, editor of SHIELD, unanimously adopted. Bro. E. B. Bentley, New York Alpha, was elected by a complete vote of the chapters to be the undergraduate member of the Executive Council from the First District. Permit me to say that Brother Bentley is imbued with true Phi Psi enthusiasm, and has the full confidence of the district he will represent. He will be an undergraduate during his entire term of office, and will thus be able to communicate the pulse-beats of active college life to his older associates in the council. It was decided to hold the next District Council under the auspices of Pennsylvania Beta, at Meadville, Pa. Judging from the activity and aggressiveness of old Beta, the delegates attending the third council will have a delightful and business-like meet-

ing. There was another very important item, under the head of routine business, namely, a photograph of the council. Vain enough to think ourselves a handsome crowd we were struck off twice, but the negatives showed up in the background the tell-tale word "cafe." A whistle was also adopted,—a genuine whistle,—which can be secured by other chapters by writing to Bro. J. L. Barnard, New York Beta.

THE BANQUET.

At 11:00 P. M. April 4th, the First District proceeded *en masse* to the banqueting hall. An orchestra furnished music for the occasion, and the tables were profusely decorated with beautiful flowers. The Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Phi Sorority presented the council with a basket of rare and sweet-scented roses, for which kind remembrance a special committee was appointed to return the thanks of the Phi Psi boys and to express their high appreciation of the grace of the Alpha Phis. It will not be necessary to print the menu in full; enough will be said when our friends and brothers are informed that everything in connection with the bill of fare was characteristic of the hospitality of the Lelands, from "Little Neck Clams" down through the ten courses to "cafe." But the after-dinner program must be given as carried out:

TOASTMASTER,	-	-	Prof. F. H. HODDER, N. Y. Alpha.
POET,	-	-	ROBERT LOWRY, Pa. Gamma.

TOASTS.

PHI KAPPA PSI,	-	-	F. J. FARRINGTON, Jr., N. Y. Beta.
			"More precious than the golden fleece, More honorable than the star and the garter."
THE LADIES,	-	-	W. C. GRETZINGER, Pa. Gamma.
			"In hours of ease, uncertain, coy, and Hard to please."
"THE SHIELD,"	-	-	G. V. MORRIS, Pa. Zeta.
			"The pen is mightier than the sword."
OUR ALUMNI,	-	-	H. G. DALE, Pa. Theta.
			"Living or dead to thee we drink, Cheers for the living, tears for the dead."
THE BABY CHAPTER,	-	-	W. C. SPROUL, Pa. Kappa.
			"Pleased with a rattle, Tickled with a straw."
THE FIRST DISTRICT,	-	-	H. L. CALDER, Pa. Gamma.
			"I am monarch of all I survey."
THE GREEK WORLD,	-	-	D. F. OSGOOD, N. Y. Epsilon.
			"Of all this multitude those who wear the shield, are 'First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of our countrymen.'"

I have only one closing remark to make: All the delegates from a distance united in praising the New York Beta boys for the treatment

received while in Syracuse, and especial praise was given the Committee of Arrangements for the admirable manner in which everything was conducted. The second meeting of the First District will long live in memory.

HOWARD L. CALDER.

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## SECOND DISTRICT.

The Council of the Second District met in the parlors of the Braddock House, Alexandria, Virginia, and was called to order by the Archon, Ernest M. Stires, who, upon motion, was made W. G. P. of the Council. The following brothers were elected to the various other offices in order: C. R. Watson, of Virginia Beta; Wm. H. Wilson, of District of Columbia Alpha; Ralph Robinson, of Maryland Alpha; J. Bruce Webb, of District of Columbia Alpha.

After the appointment of the various committees and the examination of credentials it was determined to hold two sessions daily, one in the afternoon, the other at night. Upon call the following delegates were found to be present and properly vouched for:

Virginia Alpha — Samuel W. Holloway.

Virginia Beta — Rees Turpin and C. R. Watson.

Maryland Alpha — Ralph Robinson.

South Carolina Alpha — W. A. Barber.

District of Columbia Alpha — J. G. Falck, W. H. Wilson, J. B. Webb, W. S. Armstrong, and A. J. Houghton.

Reports were then read from the various chapters, and showed that the Second District is in a flourishing condition for the first time since the reorganization of the fraternity. At the evening session the ex-Archon of the district, James Ingle, was present and participated in the business of the council.

The election of an undergraduate member of the Executive Council having been made the special order for the evening session, Brother Barber, of South Carolina Alpha, was unanimously chosen for that responsible position. After the election, the council discussed at length the topic, which to the chapters represented, was the most important upon the programme: Southern Extension.

Opinions upon extension were various, but the prevailing sentiment favored the re-establishment of Virginia *E*, and a close inquiry into the prospects for  $\Phi K \Psi$  at Tulane, the universities of Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, and Alabama, and Vanderbilt University.

The best method to pursue in founding chapters next received consideration, and the opinion prevailed that the several institutions named

deserved investigation by correspondence and visitation, in order that  $\Phi K \Psi$  upon entering any of them, might do so as auspiciously as possible.

THE SHIELD was the next matter of interest to be discussed and received a very complete review at the hands of the delegates. A number of criticisms were offered with the desire to better our journal, notably upon the practice of signing chapter letters and publishing the elections of officers. It was desired by a number of delegates that THE SHIELD be made a bi-monthly or quarterly and several other suggestions were made for its betterment, which finally took the form of a series of resolutions directed to the Executive Council. By these the Second District asked :

1. That each month a lengthy discussion of some topic of general fraternity interest be published.
2. That a department pertaining to the doings of  $\Phi K \Psi$  in active college life be introduced.
3. That the frequency of publication be amended so as to make THE SHIELD bi-monthly or quarterly, if by so doing the journal could be improved.

Kind words were spoken of the present management and a disposition to assist the editor in his labors was expressed.

The matter of chapter houses received extended consideration and it was found, upon comparing notes, that South Carolina Alpha has money in bank to purchase a house, Virginia Alpha has a fund in the hands of trustees, while the remaining chapters content themselves for the present with rented halls.

How chapter business should be carried on and what warrants an invitation to become a  $\Phi \Psi$ , received brief but adequate treatment. And the sentiment was quite general that membership of  $\Phi K \Psi$  was not ephemeral or of local significance only, but was for all time and in all places.

Opinions were exchanged on what should constitute an initiatory service, and while many favored a preliminary "histing and horsing around," it was universally agreed that the ceremony proper should be conducted with the utmost degree of decorum and solemnity.

Upon the hearty invitation of South Carolina Alpha, Columbia was chosen as the next place of meeting.

As these matters concluded the regular programme some discussion arose on various topics of general interest. Among other things severe strictures were made upon the loose way some of the chapters have of doing business, an instance being related of the chapters of the Second District receiving notification of the expulsion of a rascally fellow from one of the chapters of the Third District written upon a postal card.

In the evening an adjournment was had to Harvey's, in Washington, where the banquet was held, and at 1 A. M. the council came to a close, being voted by every one a grand success.

The following was the order of exercises at the feast :

MENU.

Blue Points, on Half Shell.  
 Green Turtle, a l'Anglaise.  
 Broiled Potomac Shad, Sauce Thurette.  
 Sliced Tomatoes. Parisienne Potatoes.  
 Spring Lamb, Mint Sauce.  
 New Peas. Mashed Potatoes, a l'Amelie Rives.

ENTREES.

Pate of Little Neck Clams, au Supreme.  
 Filet Mignon, a la Duselle.  
 Jack Snipe. Flagolettes, a la Francaise.

ROAST.

Philadelphia Chicken, stuffed, a la Webb.  
 Lettuce Salad.

DESSERT.

Strawberries.  
 Ice Cream. Cake.  
 Fruit. Cheese, au Falque. Coffee.

TOASTS.

ERNEST M. STIRES, Archon, Symposiarch.

1. To the "E. C."..... WM. A. BARBER, South Carolina Alpha.
2. "Maryland always Comes to the Front," RALPH ROBINSON, Maryland Alpha.
3. "Southern Extension,".....ERNEST M. STIRES, Archon Second District.
4. "To our Lambs,".....S. W. HOLLOWAY, Virginia Alpha.
5. "To our Absent Brothers,".....REES TURPIN, Virginia Beta.
6. What's the matter with D. C. Alpha? She's all right!.....  
 .....W. H. WILSON, District of Columbia Alpha.

[The foregoing account has been compiled hastily from the minutes, and must of necessity poorly represent the meeting, which Brother Stires assures us was a glorious success. Unexpected delay in receiving the minutes prevented the Archon from writing the account himself, and we have done, amidst the press of our other duties, the best we could with no further data than bare minutes to make a readable account of this auspicious occasion.—ED. SHIELD.]

**THIRD DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

On Tuesday morning, April 2d, the delegation of Indiana Gamma arrived, evidently intending to make up for their absence from the last council by enjoying all of this one. They were followed in the evening by those from Ohio Alpha and Gamma, and during the night every train brought more Phi Psis, until by Wednesday morning the hotels were full of them.

At 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the council was called to order by the raps of the gavel given by the Archon, F. G. Gotwald. Having appointed temporary officers the roll of chapters was called: Ohio Alpha responded with four delegates; Ohio Beta, four; Ohio Gamma, one; Ohio Delta, two; Indiana Alpha, four; Indiana Beta, five, and Indiana Gamma, four. The election of permanent officers, which followed in the usual manner, resulted as follows: W. P., W. M. McCafferty, Ohio Alpha; W. A. G., H. F. Miller, Ohio Delta; W. H., W. E. Jenkins, Indiana Beta; W. Ph., C. L. Bauer, Ohio Beta.

The by-laws adopted by the last council were read and approved; also, the minutes of that convention. The W. G. P. then appointed the following committees: On Extension—F. O. Hester, Indiana Alpha; J. R. Hanna, Indiana Gamma; Philip Phillips, Ohio Alpha. On Auditing—F. H. McElroy, Ohio Alpha; J. R. Mutz, Indiana Beta; C. L. Bauer, Ohio Beta.

Reports were heard from the two Past Archons, L. Van Buskirk and J. E. Beeson, on the condition of the district and its progress. The Archon, Bro. Fred. Gotwald, then gave a report of the active chapters in the district, giving statistics, gathered from the annual reports, of the size, standing, growth, and material improvement of each, besides some interesting figures on the wealth and condition of the district as a unit.

The reports of the chapters were next called for and were very satisfactory, especially that of Indiana Gamma, which has advanced so wonderfully in the past year and is now in a fair way to reach her former high standard. An interesting feature of the reports was a local estimate of rival fraternities and their prominent characteristics.

Bro. C. C. Spencer, Indiana Alpha, was elected press reporter.

An informal reception was held in the hall from 8 to 12 P. M., and the visiting brothers proved their identity by many grips and mystic signs.

On Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock, the council was called to order in the usual manner. Bro. F. T. Rudy, Indiana Alpha, gave a talk on "The District Council: Its Functions and Objects," which was followed by some discussion. Brother Van Cleve gave the history of the adoption of the District Council and its success. A paper, which should have

been heard by every member of a Greek letter fraternity, was read by Philip Phillips, Ohio Alpha, on "Proper Comparative Estimate of Ourselves and Our Rivals." We understand it will soon appear in THE SHIELD.

Brother Hosterman, Ohio Beta, told what the relation of the chapter and fraternity should be to an alumnus, and of their great value to him while out of college. A discussion followed, led on the affirmative by Bro. J. H. Bartram, Ohio I'; negative by Bro. J. R. Hanna, Indiana I': "Should Our Present Methods of Granting Charters be Abolished?" It is evident that a change is desired, but to what new system no decision was made. Two in particular were offered, one of which was proposed by Brother Van Cleve and will appear in the memorial; another, which favored a vote of the active membership, gained quite a following.

It was here voted to adjourn for dinner, and meet at the east college building at 1 P. M., that our pictures might be taken, then to meet again in the hall for business at 2 o'clock. At the appointed time the brothers were all on hand anxious for work. It was voted that a committee be appointed to draft a memorial which was to show the sense of the Third District Council upon the various pending questions of fraternity policy, and to present it to the fraternity through THE SHIELD, especially directing the coming G. A. C. to its consideration. The following committee was appointed: Philip Phillips, R. H. Hiller, and F. T. Rudy.

A humorous paper in the shape of a series of "don'ts" was read by W. W. Spangler, Indiana Beta, on "The Best Method of Enlisting the Interest and Co-operation of Our Alumni," which was appreciated by the boys as coming from "one of them." Bro. E. A. Daumont, Cincinnati Alumni Association, gave some very practical advice along this line and in regard to chapter work and policy.

"Some Novel Ideas for Making Chapter Meetings Interesting" was then read by H. F. Miller, Ohio Delta. His main point was the combination of social and literary exercises, with which we are all acquainted.

A discussion followed—"Does Phi Kappa Psi want Chapter Houses?" Affirmative, W. M. McCafferty; negative, Wm. Jenkins. "What Plan would give us Chapter Houses most Extensively?" was read by R. H. Hiller, Ohio Beta, and advised all chapters to join "building associations" with this object in view.

An invitation from Professor Mansfield was then read, requesting the members to attend a reception to be given for them at the ladies' hall that evening, which was immediately accepted by each for himself and the council generally. This reception was a delightful affair, and from 8 till 11 the boys had a charming time with the agreeable hostess and her win-

some girls. The boys from a distance vote co-education a success if such privileges are to be enjoyed by all. At eleven o'clock over a half hundred Phi Psis had gathered in the hall of the Commercial Hotel, which was decorated with our colors. In a short time all were at work led by our Archon, Bro. Fred. Gotwald. All having enjoyed to their fullest capacity the elegant banquet served, the following toasts were heard:

PHI KAPPA PSI PRINCIPLES,	-	F. O. HESTER, Indiana A.
THE INITIATE,	-	H. F. MILLER, Ohio Δ.
"THE SHIELD,"	-	C. L. VAN CLEVE, Ohio A.
COED—ITS SEQUEL,	-	A. D. HOSTERMAN, Ohio B.
PHI PSIS IN PUBLIC LIFE,	-	F. H. MCELROY, Ohio A.
NON PHI PSIS,	-	W. E. JENKINS, Indiana B.
THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF 1951,	-	R. EASTMAN, Indiana Γ.

It may not be invidious to say that the last toast was a most fanciful and clever production, and reflected credit upon the originality of its author. These toasts were interspersed with songs and instrumental music furnished by the Montanni Brothers, of Indianapolis. Early in the morning an adjournment was declared, that the ladies of the hall might enjoy some of the music.

On Friday morning at ten o'clock the business was resumed. The report of the Committee on Extension was read. It was a good review of the field. Two schools were found to be worthy of our immediate consideration and a great deal of valuable information was given,—Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tennessee, and Rose Polytechnic Institute of Terre Haute, Indiana. It was voted by the council that these schools be recommended to the fraternity at large, and that earnest and immediate action be taken towards securing charters for them.

Bro. Philip Phillips, of Ohio Alpha, was elected a member of the Executive Council.

The next District Council will be held with Ohio Beta at Springfield, Ohio.

A vote of thanks was extended to the preceptress of the ladies' hall and to the ladies assisting in the reception. Adjourned until the G. A. C. at Chicago, April, 1890.

The visiting  $\Phi \Psi$ s had nerve enough to challenge Indiana Alpha to a game of base-ball and were promptly taken up. Thursday afternoon game was called in the park and a contest followed, interesting chiefly to the umpire, Bro. C. L. Van Cleve, who received more base hits than any brother in either team. Score—Indiana Alpha, 8; All Phi Psis, 2.

Come and see us. Indiana Alpha will be glad to meet the "ALL Phi Psis" at the league grounds in Chicago one year from date, and test their running qualities.

GUY M. WALKER.

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#### FOURTH DISTRICT.

The second biennial council of the Fourth District of Phi Kappa Psi convened at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, April 3d, at eight o'clock. Delegates were present from all chapters except Kansas Alpha and California Alpha.

The Archon of the district, George A. Bass, who has recently gone into business in Detroit, was unable to be present. The council was called to order and the following delegates presented credentials:

Michigan Alpha—F. S. Loomis, F. C. Cole, W. S. Holden, Joseph Halstead.

Wisconsin Alpha—F. I. Collins, L. Flower, John Stevens.

Wisconsin Gamma—F. H. Blodgett, B. B. Treat, Daniel Waite, W. C. Shipnes, L. W. Crow.

Iowa Alpha—H. W. Techentin.

Iowa Delta—J. E. Bunting, I. J. Archer.

Minnesota Beta—M. D. Purdy, H. D. Dickenson.

Illinois Alpha—Charles P. Abbey, George Dixon, W. E. Humphrey, W. H. Tuttle.

The officers of the council were elected as follows: Joseph Halstead, Michigan Alpha, President; F. S. Loomis, Michigan Alpha, Vice-president; M. D. Purdy, Minnesota Beta, Recording Secretary; F. I. Collins, Wisconsin Alpha, Corresponding Secretary.

The Archon's report showed that the chapters of the district were without exception in fine condition. Since the last council Minnesota Beta had been established at Minnesota State University, a chapter, too, of which the fraternity may feel proud. At the invitation of this chapter it was voted to hold the next District Council at Minneapolis in April, 1891.

Fred I. Collins, Wisconsin Alpha, was elected undergraduate member of the Executive Council.

After the usual preliminary business the following papers were read and discussed:

First. "Chapter Records, Library, History, Chapter Finances and Chapter Houses," W. S. Holden of Michigan Alpha. The paper was an excellent one, and presented a practical scheme by which every chapter can establish a chapter house. We will not attempt a synopsis of the article, but hope that the Editor of *THE SHIELD* may see fit to

print the paper entire. It is worthy of careful consideration. This paper was very generally discussed, and a committee of three was appointed to draw up the most feasible plan to establish a chapter house fund, and report the same to the Grand Arch Council, which convenes at Chicago in April of next year.

The second paper was read by Charles P. Abbey, of Illinois Beta. Subject, "Our Government: do we need further Centralization? Our Method of Granting Chapters and Dealing with Petitions." This paper, or a synopsis of it, will appear in *THE SHIELD*, for nothing we could say of it here would do it justice. Besides, the topic itself is one of great interest to all fraternity men.

The third paper was read by Fred I. Collins, Wisconsin Alpha. Subject, "The Character and Rank of Phi Psi among Eastern and Western Fraternities; is ours a National Fraternity?" The writer held that Phi Kappa Psi was essentially a national fraternity, and that its rank was determined by the character of the institutions in which chapters were located, and by the character of the men in the chapters. The thirty-five chapters of the fraternity were all in first-class institutions, and in every institution the men in the chapters were leaders. This he demonstrated by illustration from the records of the school.

Kansas Alpha being unrepresented, Secretary W. C. Wilson was called upon to discuss the paper which had been assigned to this chapter. The topic of this paper was, "Extension: in what direction, East, South, West, or in each direction? In what Colleges; should we show any preference to a Denominational School as compared with a State Institution?" Secretary Wilson in his remarks did not confine himself to this topic, but gave a general review of the work of the fraternity, and commented at some length on the papers that had already been read, saying that they presented schemes and plans which the Executive Council had long desired to see realized. He thought the Executive Council should be given more power with reference to establishing chapters, and showed the urgent necessity of some definite policy of establishing chapters. He thought the fraternity should look up the petitioners, and not the petitioners look up the fraternity, a point which was well brought out in Brother Abbey's paper. Of the chapters established during his administration the best ones were those which had been looked up beforehand by the Archons of the district in which they were located. He thought that each district ought to have an accredited list of schools in which the fraternity would be willing to place a chapter, provided the petitioners from such school should be up to the usual standing of Phi Psis.

After Secretary Wilson's remarks, a petition from recent petitioners

to the general fraternity was brought before the convention for consideration. Secretary Wilson made a strong speech in favor of granting the petition, and members of the council acquainted with the college strongly sanctioned his remarks.

A resolution was passed recommending to the general fraternity the granting of the petition, which has several times been before the various chapters.

Telegrams were exchanged during the afternoon with the three other District Councils in session, and miscellaneous discussion on various matters of general interest to the fraternity concluded the session.

In the evening the Chicago Alumni Association united with the District Council in a joint banquet. Chas. E. Piper, of Illinois Alpha, presided, and W. S. Holden, of Michigan Alpha, delivered the address of welcome, in which he reviewed the work of the council, and spoke at some length on the inspiration of such an occasion. R. S. Mott, Illinois Beta, then spoke on the "Western Phi Psi," for whom he claimed all the virtues and talents by which members of the fraternity must be characterized, together with the courage, determination, and push which is distinctively western.

George B. Baker, Indiana Alpha, spoke on "Phi Psi Recollections." He had found that his life since leaving college had been but a repetition of his school life, and that the struggles that he had met in life had been sterner and more severe than any which he had found in Latin and mathematics. He concluded with the remark that among all the recollections dear to him were those that were associated around his college fraternity.

L. W. Crow, Wisconsin Gamma, spoke on "Favorite Societies," and the Rev. F. M. Gregg, of Pennsylvania Beta, closed the regular programme with amusing reminiscences of "Phi Psi in the Pulpit." The formal toasts were interspersed with fraternity songs, and the following gentlemen responded to informal toasts:

George Van Buskirk, Indiana Beta; Dr. Archibald Church and B. D. Carter of Wisconsin Alpha; J. E. Bunting, Iowa Delta; and H. B. Dickinson, Minnesota Beta.

After the banquet the members of the Chicago Alumni Association elected the following officers to serve during the coming year: President, Robins S. Mott, Illinois Beta; Secretary, L. M. Coy, Illinois Beta; Treasurer, Perkins B. Bass, Illinois Alpha; F. H. Foster, Wisconsin Alpha, and F. C. Cole, Michigan Alpha, members of the Executive Committee with the officers.

CHAS. H. BOOTH.

## The Areopagus.

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### JOHN HIGH.

Ohio Alpha's History says: "Johnson N. High, initiated January 28, 1861. Brother High's address when last heard from was Defiance, Ohio." Merely this and nothing more! One of the first initiates of Ohio Alpha seems to have drifted out into the mighty ocean and gone down in its mighty waves. In a sketch published in *THE SHIELD*, and afterwards published in the history, Congressman Peters refers briefly to High as one of those who initiated him, "an Adams in form and style, but by no means a ladies man, making fair recitations upon as little actual study as any man in college, considered a little fast by sedate ones, but a favorite with all." Such is the tradition, and the boy of '61 has faded away from even the history of his chapter. But the revolving wheels have done their duty and the old boy is found. If you could have attended the  $\Phi \Psi$  banquet at the Hotel Troup during the last session of the Kansas Legislature, you would have met the lost  $\Phi \Psi$  with pleasure and heard his history with wonder. High went to Idaho after the war, and in the remote mountains he passed a life of adventure as an Indian trader, ranchman and hunter. He did a large business with the mountain Indians, and accumulated a fortune, often at the peril of his life. He was three times a member of the Territorial Legislature—this, too, at great peril several times. The Idaho Legislature is no Sunday-school. He is now living in Reno County, near Hutchinson, Kan., engaged in managing his extensive horse ranch, where his Cleveland bays are the best horses in Kansas. His people elected him a member of the Kansas Legislature last fall, and he was made pro tem. Speaker of the House, of which he was one of the leading members. He was especially noted for his fight on the dressed beef combine. John High is a man of good judgment, of very pleasing address, a good speaker and much thought of. He is also one of the biggest hearted men on earth, and one of the most genial gentlemen in  $\Phi K \Psi$ . He is as good a Phi Psi as ever and I'm glad to be able to bring him back by the fire. E. C. LITTLE.

**THE GRAND CATALOGUE.**

A year ago I looked forward to the district conventions and earnestly hoped that the new catalogue would be completed and ready for distribution by the time of these conventions, and I can assure the brothers that no one is more disappointed than myself. The delay is due to no one cause, and to describe the various events that have caused delay would perhaps only disclose my own mistakes and wound the feelings of some good brothers, who have been the victims of procrastination, although I know some of the delays can not be attributed either to my mistakes or the procrastination of any brother. We are beginning to see daylight, however, and now have the following chapters set up: Pennsylvania Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Zeta, Eta, Theta, Iota; New York Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon; Virginia Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon; District of Columbia Alpha, Mississippi Alpha and Beta, and South Carolina Alpha. In the reorganization of Maryland Alpha, Phi Kappa Psi has secured Ralph Robinson, a brother who is doing all in his power to perfect the record of that chapter. As this reorganization has been quite recent, the compilation of this chapter's record is necessarily delayed, but nearly all of it is in type. The Ohio chapters will be in type before this issue of *THE SHIELD* reaches its readers, and will make, with the chapters already completed, about 400 pages.

The brothers of Michigan Alpha, with characteristic enterprise, have written me, asking whether I would insert in the catalogue a cut of their chapter house and grounds, provided that they furnish a cut of the photo-engraving process. I desire to say to all chapters having chapter houses, that I shall be pleased to accept a cut from any of them, provided it is of such artistic elegance as to make it suitable for insertion in the catalogue. I prefer what is known as the half-tone process. A cut of this kind can be made for about \$18 or \$20 in artistic style by the Crosscup & West Engraving Co., of Philadelphia, Pa.; the Moss Engraving Co., 535 Pearl Street, New York; the New York Photo-Engraving Co., 67 Park Place, or the Electro Light Engraving Co., 157 Williams Street, New York.

The committee has not felt that the catalogue should be made unnecessarily expensive, and for this reason has not expected to have any illustrations, but if they are furnished by the chapter, we shall certainly be glad to have them. There is a tendency in some fraternities to make their catalogues very expensive. The new catalogue of Psi Upsilon sells for \$5.00.

Allow me once more to remind the chapters whose records are in type to send me changes of addresses, deaths, and new initiations.

GEORGE SMART.

## CÆSAR'S COMMENTARIES.

## I.

Ages ago, they say, before the mix  
Of elements betrayed its plan, the great,  
Calm Cæsar, hateless, pitiless, like Fate,  
Brought here his legions as a plow to fix  
A deeper furrow by the banks of Styx,  
And, turning under rich blood hot with hate,  
Lovers' torn hearts and warriors' brawny weight,  
With that brave life of Vercingetorix,  
Made yellower fields where peaceful peasants stop  
To pray, hearing the Angelus this eve,  
And thou and I need dread no harsher power  
Beside the willowy Rhone, than that slow drop  
Of yonder sickle-moon, as, loth to leave,  
It reaps the minutes of this perfect hour.

## II.

And is it true? Doth Life so live on Death?  
Can Love so feed on Hate? A wan, wild ghost,  
Flitting, love-hungry, down some weary coast  
Of space where all but hunger perisheth,  
And white hands flutter up to Ashtoreth  
In vain, ariseth at thy musing boast  
Of richer verdure o'er the mouldering host  
Of once-warm men and women, shuddering breath  
And famished eyes demanding what there were  
In us to make it meet our love should bud  
And bloom on her love-loss whom massacre  
O'erwhelmed in one fell, all-embracing flood,  
And of her Gallic lover ravished her.  
No, kiss me not! thy lips are stained with blood!

## III.

Dear heart, take courage. I should rather think  
That thou art that wan maiden sore-bestead,  
And I her love, and both have long been dead,  
And this is heaven. By what drowsy brink  
Of blessed Lethe we have stopped to drink  
On our far way, I know not; but no dread  
May follow up the track our feet have fled,  
For Love the one thing is which can not sink  
To nothingness when earth has swallowed deep  
All form and sense beneath its smothering sands;  
But flows like streams long locked in cavern-sleep,  
Which sparkle forth anew in distant lands,  
To circulate again through pulsing Junes,  
Weaving rainbows, and halos round white moons.

## Editorial.

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WE acknowledge the receipt of *The Swarthmore Phoenix*, *The Codex*, Pennsylvania B's circular letter, and a scholarly pamphlet entitled, "The Life of the Law," by Bro. Overton Howard, of Richmond, Virginia. Brother Howard was a member of our Virginia E chapter.

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WE hope the brothers will not forget to send THE SHIELD a copy of their college annuals before the close of the school year. We hope to secure a full representation this year—one from every chapter located at colleges publishing them.

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THE Secretary of the Executive Council desires the attention of every person in the fraternity to the following notice :

*All communications to the Secretary of the Executive Council should be addressed to W. C. Wilson, care of S. S. Ford, 236 Superior Street, Cleveland, Ohio.*

Brother Wilson has been called West on a business trip and has secured assistance in the clerical work of his office, so that matters of routine may not be delayed by his distance from home. The change in the form of his address will sufficiently designate correspondence of the sort which has been delegated to other hands for the present.

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THE SHIELD is glad to be able to present to its readers an account of the recent District Councils. The wisdom

of the provision for these meetings made by the new constitution has been again most forcibly demonstrated, and we are delighted with the spirit of the fraternity in the hearty way in which these meetings have been supported.

Many topics were discussed in the several councils, but those which engrossed the most attention were the methods and purposes of extension and chapter-house building. We anticipate the action of the coming G. A. C. at Chicago in formulating some well-defined policy of extension, and believe that the District Councils with their free discussions will be largely the cause of whatever progress  $\phi K \psi$  makes along this line.

We favor extension; we favor it in several directions if geographical considerations are to come into play, and we favor a definite policy in regard to this most important of all questions in fraternity life.

Without going into the merits of the question, as to whether  $\phi K \psi$  is a truly national fraternity or whether it is desirable that it become such, we do venture to say that there are at least twelve institutions of high rank which we ought to enter within the coming two years. We believe  $\phi K \psi$  has to-day more of the elements of characteristic American manhood in its membership than any of her rivals, though she may fall behind them in age, wealth and numbers. We need in self-protection a few chapters in the East, not at the largest institutions, where true fraternity spirit is but a shadow and local pride the illuminating sun, but there are several smaller colleges in which there is still room for us, and unless we seek entrance at once we shall probably be forever debarred. Our rivals are outstripping us in this field, and we can not afford to sit idly by while excellent opportunities to extend our influence are wasted.

The institutions of the South are coming into high

recognition as educational factors, and the southern boys who in *ante bellum* days came to northern colleges are now receiving in large part their education at home, where the rapidly increasing wealth of the people is finding a way of exhibiting itself in the strong schools, which are now to be found in nearly every southern state.

We have an enthusiasm for this southern extension, which is the outgrowth of the knowledge that nowhere in this broad land can there be found brighter minds and warmer hearts than among the youth of that section which so long has suffered from the devastating blight of war. There is a lion in the way of extension in this direction which we have often heard, and to this effect: There is a strong prejudice among the distinctively southern fraternities against all those Greek-letter societies which are strongest in the North, and we can not enter colleges where these organizations are strongly intrenched, on terms of equality, even when the numbers warrant. We believe this argument has no foundation, in fact, and if we needed any proof to offer as an estoppel to it, we might point to the rapid establishment of chapters of *A T Ω* and *Σ A E* in institutions north of Mason and Dixon's line.

We had once twelve chapters in the South where now we have seven. Some of the defunct chapters ought to be re-established; new ones in good institutions ought to be founded, and the interests of *Φ K Ψ* strongly fostered in that new-old territory where schools of learning are renewing their strength, and where new centers of culture are springing up on every hand.

Here and there throughout the country there is a favorable opening which we have not availed ourselves of, and which we would do well to consider. The Third District needs strengthening as well as the Second, and there

are a few colleges within this territory that  $\phi K \psi$  would do well to enter.

A radical policy of extension is strenuously opposed in some quarters, because of a fear that a fraternity with more chapters than we now have would become unwieldy, hard to control and lacking in homogeneity. We believe that this fear is groundless, and further believe that the strengthening of our lines within the boundaries and a reasonable extension of them will bring about the very strength which we now so much desire.

Think of Mississippi *A*, California *A*, Kansas *A*, so far from neighbors; would  $\phi K \psi$  not be largely helped by filling up the gaps between the first of these three and its nearest fellow on the north? Ought California *A* not to have some nearer companionship than Kansas *A* affords it? And are there not worthy colleges near this far-off chapter that we might safely enter? Were it not for the fact that many members of California *A* and Kansas *A* go to other and more eastern colleges for their professional education, they could learn little of  $\phi K \psi$  except what their experience in a single chapter would afford. Those who have had an active fraternity experience out of college know how meager this is.

A fraternity to be most influential ought to have its chapters as compact as possible, and while the present undeveloped condition of our great West and Northwest may make this impossible in the immediate future, that college society which most nearly acts upon the principle of keeping pace with the growth of the country in its new educational advancement, will merit most fully the title which some of our rivals appear to covet—"The National Fraternity."

We do not favor a large chapter-roll unless first-class institutions multiply so rapidly that we can not ignore

them, but we do heartily believe that we have been sleeping away in conservative inertia several excellent opportunities for increasing our usefulness and strengthening ourselves, which we recognized when too late to be made use of.

A clearly-defined policy of extension, intelligently and systematically carried out, would, in two years, make  $\phi K \psi$  impregnable in all the first institutions in this land ; institutions that are educating the statesmen and scholars of the next generation for careers of usefulness and honor.

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WE refrain from formulating any policy of extension because we do not conceive it to be within our province, but clearly a matter for the general fraternity to determine through its legally constituted representatives. However, we do wish to help the fraternity to a satisfactory solution of some questions which will be broached in Chicago next spring, and with that end in view invite a hearty discussion of the question through the pages of the *Areopagus*.

Sometimes we feel hampered by our editorial position in speaking upon matters of great moment to  $\phi K \psi$ , believing that while our position requires that we help to shape opinion, nevertheless, it is our first duty to reflect the sentiment of the organization we represent with as little personal bias as possible. This state of mind often makes the advocacy of a question, in which we are intensely interested, impossible ; for who would most control other's opinions and actions must become an ardent pleader for a cause which may at the first have few adherents.

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How shall we build chapter-houses? Oh, how momentous the question and how various the answers! We

can not undertake to name all the feasible plans, but merely throw out a suggestion or two. Which do you deem most desirable, brothers, a swell banquet with all its evanescent charms, or \$100 or \$200 annually set apart by the chapter as a sinking fund to build a home with? Which will give you more standing in the eyes of coming students, a comfortable, commodious home, or the recital to alien ears of by-gone glories which your precious shekels have bought? We believe in banquets, fine annuals, expensive stationery, and all the accessories of a fine showing before our fellows, but we believe in some other things more. Chapter-homes is one of them.

We do not see why it is not more desirable to expend money in common for common benefit than to disburse it as individuals in board, room-rent, etc. We certainly understand, from our own experience, that alumni help those who help themselves, and those chapters whose members make a handsome subscription, upon going out of college, to be paid in convenient future annual installments, will find the older boys ready and anxious to help on in a good cause.

Phi Kappa Psi has not done a man much good who is not willing to contribute from his future earnings \$50 to \$500 to make succeeding generations of college boys happier and more comfortable. The Editor is no prophet, but he has watched the progress of sentiment among college boys for a dozen years with a pretty close eye, and he ventures the assertion that the fraternity man of the near future will live at college as well as at his father's home in his own habitation. Why should not  $\phi \kappa \psi$  be among the leaders in this forward movement?

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BRO. DILLON L. ROSS writes us from Council Bluffs to this effect :

“Some time last summer I found a plumber wearing a Phi Psi pin. Upon inquiry I found that he had found it in Omaha, Neb. I bought it of him for \$2.50. It is an old-fashioned pin set with pearls and garnets, and has on the back the initials R. O. E. I saw in a SHIELD some time ago a letter from Iowa Delta, I think, written by one, R. O. Evans. I thought I had his address, but my letters to him have been returned as uncalled for. Can you help me in finding out whom the pin belongs to?”

The letter in THE SHIELD appeared in the November issue and was dated from Chicago. Can any brother assist in the search for Brother Evans?

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PENNSYLVANIA H sends notice that H. L. Greenawald has been honorably dismissed from that chapter, and brothers are cautioned not to converse hereafter with him upon fraternity topics.

## Chapter Letters.

### ALLEGHENY.

Our last letter was sent too late for publication in the March SHIELD, a fact which we greatly deplore, as we did not expect to see a single issue of this year without a representative communication from Allegheny. We shall attempt to atone for the loss by a more prompt attention to duty in the future. Another District Council has come and gone, leaving behind many pleasant recollections as well as much new food for thought to the chapters represented. To many of us who were present at such an assembly for the first time it was an occasion long to be remembered, and few could have witnessed that enthusiastic gathering of loyal spirits without going back to his chapter with an increased pride in the First District and in the fraternity.

Since our last communication we have issued our second annual letter. We are glad to report a gradual progress in the expressed loyalty of our alumni since the institution of this commendable feature. The results are decidedly encouraging, and many kind words of praise and loyalty are coming in from the old members.

In the annual oration contest of Allegheny Literary Society, which was held last term, the first prize was awarded to Bro. C. L. Miller, '90, while Brothers Bray and Youngson acquitted themselves creditably and with honor to our chapter.

On the evening of March 28th, Pennsylvania Beta tendered a reception and *musicale* to our alumni of the city. The evening was spent in a happy and profitable manner. Among the alumni present were Ex-Judge Pearson Church, '56; Hon. Joseph J. Shippen, '63; J. W. Smith, Esq., '60; A. L. Bates, Esq., '80, and other prominent residents of Meadville. The chapter recently enjoyed a pleasant call from Bro. O. B. Short, of Illinois Alpha, who was stopping in the city a few days on business.

We are sorry to announce the serious illness of Bro. Lee Eighthmy, who now lies at the chapter house prostrated with a severe attack of pneumonia. We think he is improving, though slowly, and hope in our next letter to report his complete recovery.

Brothers Haskell and Snyder will not be with us this term, being occupied with business duties at their homes. Both will return next fall. Bro. John Porter is again with us in college.

The following is the numerical standing of the various fraternities represented at Allegheny: K K Γ, 18; K A Θ, 12; Σ A E, 14; Φ Γ Δ, 17; Φ K Ψ, 17; Δ T Δ, 18; Φ Δ Θ, 19.

At the recent election of the chapter the following officers were chosen: Bro. J. R. Anderson, G. P.; Arthur Barnes, A. G.; Will Youngson, S. G.; Clarence Miller, H.

Since our last letter our quintette club scored a proud success in a short tour through Ohio.

The *Kaldron* Board, under the supervision of Bro. Harry Barret, has recently placed all material in the press, and it is expected that May 10th will see presented to the college world the finest annual ever issued at Allegheny.

We have recently added to our chapter-house improvements by an elegant parlor suite and other furnishings, and with the improvements which are soon to be made upon our house we will be able to royally entertain any visiting Φ Ψ at 674 Highland Avenue.

FRANK A. CATTERN.

Meadville, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1889.

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#### BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

The spring term of the university has been in session just one week, having opened on April 4. Were any one to call Gamma's roll, every one of her fifteen members would respond to their names. Among the last to arrive was Bro. W. C. Gretzinger, who came directly from Syracuse on Friday night, and appeared on the campus on Saturday morning. Brother Gretzinger can talk of nothing else but the District Council, and at the next meeting of the chapter we shall expect not only a rich treat, but good news when he presents his official report. Brother Gretzinger speaks of the royal hospitality of the New York Beta boys in the most flattering terms, and certainly our thanks are due New York Beta for taking such good care of our diminutive but none the less energetic Phi Psi. We are highly gratified that the election to the E. C. fell to New York Alpha. Pennsylvania Gamma was unanimous in declaring that the election to the E. C. rightly belonged to a representative of a New York chapter. We heartily congratulate New York Beta upon the perfectness of arrangements in entertaining the delegates, and our acknowledgements, not merely as a chapter, but as a district and as a fraternity, are due, through New York Beta, to the ladies of Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Sorority, for their assistance rendered in so tastefully adorning our banquet table. Pennsylvania Gamma also feels highly honored that her G. P. should have been elected W. P. of the district.

Most of Gamma's sons took advantage of the week's recess between the winter and spring terms, and spent the week either under their own home-roofs or under that of their brothers. Brothers Love, Moore and Haslam were the only ones who remained in Lewisburg during the interim. Brother Wolfe accompanied the writer to his home in the Quaker City, where they were in frequent company with Brothers Abraham and Gretzinger. At the University of Pennsylvania they were greeted by Bros. E. E. Keiser, of '86, and W. M.

Woodward, of '88, both of whom are pursuing a course in medicine in that institution. Brother Keiser graduates this year from the Medical Department, and will begin practicing near his home at West Milton, Pennsylvania, where there is every inducement to build up a lucrative business. It was also a pleasure, while waiting in Harrisburg, to greet our Archon, Bro. H. L. Calder.

One of the most interesting and ever-to-be-remembered trips taken by the four mentioned above, was the one to Swarthmore, where Pennsylvania Kappa has lately been established. The Kappa boys were not long in discovering our whereabouts and welcomed us in a most cordial manner, and made us feel at home. After showing us through their buildings, they conducted us to Media, two or three miles distant, where they have their chapter hall. We have every reason to believe that the visit made to Swarthmore was beneficial to both  $\Gamma$  and  $\mathbf{K}$ . Pennsylvania  $\mathbf{K}$  is united heart and soul in all lines of fraternity work. They are a fine set of fellows and need every encouragement from the other chapters. Every member of the chapter at Swarthmore wears a Phi Psi pin and thereby excels some of the older chapters in that particular.

As a chapter we are still moving tranquilly. Our "sub-rosa" member is not quite ready for introduction, but we hope he will be before the collegiate year closes. We are unanimous in declaring the March number of *THE SHIELD* to be one of the best issues that has ever graced our table.

CHARLES A. WALKER.

Lewisburgh, Pennsylvania, April 10, 1889.

#### FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Owing to the negligence of *THE SHIELD* correspondent Pennsylvania Eta failed to present a letter for publication last month. Perhaps one reason for this negligence lies in the fact that when all is well at home, there is not so much cause for letting the outside world know our condition. The college is making more than usual efforts to bring athletics to the front. On the 10th of May a game of base ball will be played in this city—Bucknell vs. Franklin and Marshall, at which time we hope to see at least a few  $\phi$   $\Psi$ s.

Several weeks ago we had the pleasure of entertaining Brother Morris, from Dickinson.

Brother Koplín, '86, of the college and in the graduating class of the seminary, will be a representative of the class to deliver a thesis at Commencement.

College will close a week earlier than the time specified in the catalogue, owing to the election on the prohibitory amendment on the State Constitution, thus giving the students a chance to express their opinions *pro or con*.

Unavoidable circumstances prevented us from having a delegate at the District Council; but hope that in a measure we may learn through the columns of *THE SHIELD* what business was transacted.

We have no new men to introduce, but before college closes we will have at least one more protected by the shield. Success to our monthly and every  $\phi$   $\Psi$ .

A. M. SCHAFFNER.

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, April 20, 1889.

**SWARTHMORE.**

Even though there were no other reasons, Pennsylvania Kappa should be heard from this month to introduce our latest acquisition, Bro. Louis P. Clark, '91, of Ridley Park, Pa., to the fraternity at large. He was initiated in our new quarters at Media, on the evening of the 1st inst., and all hands indulged in the conventional oyster supper after the ceremonies. We had had Brother Clark in view for some time, and we think the chapter scored a good point in getting him.

However great our gain, we have had a counterbalancing loss in the departure from college of Bro. Grant Dibert, '91, our best athlete and one of our most enthusiastic members. He left to accept a lucrative position with a large Pittsburgh establishment, and our sadness at parting with him was mingled with joy at his good fortune. Brother Dibert was an ex-president of his class, was treasurer of the college Athletic Association, and held several athletic records. He was popular in the college, and a large delegation of barbarians followed the little squad of Greeks who escorted him to the station on the evening of his departure.

Among our visitors during the month were Brothers Gretzinger, Wolfe, Abraham and Walker, of Pennsylvania Gamma, and Brothers Illingworth and Wharton of Zeta chapter. We are glad to welcome any itinerant brethren who happen near Philadelphia.

Your scribe had the pleasure of attending the Syracuse District Council last week, as the representative of the "baby chapter." In this case the District Council served its primary function of promoting acquaintance and inspiring enthusiasm, as the delegate returned, after a pleasant trip, stronger than ever in his devotion to our beloved  $\Phi K \Psi$ , and well pleased with the men of other colleges whom he met as brothers.

WILLIAM C. SPROUL.

Swarthmore College, April 12, 1889.

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**MADISON.**

Our spring vacation is over, and all the brothers are back again. A number of the boys spent the week in town. Those who live near here went home. Brothers Sholar, Devine and Billings spent the time in successful evangelistic work.

This term is a short one, only ten weeks, then we shall separate for a few months of rest and pleasure. Study is somewhat at a discount now. These bright days of sunshine, together with the sports of base ball, tennis, etc., which they bring with them, make life indoors almost unendurable.

We must say a few words in regard to the District Council at Syracuse. Our delegates were Brothers Bennett, Williams, Potter, Allen and Osgood. The Council was a success in every particular. Great praise is due New York Beta for her labor to make this gathering a pleasant and profitable one. Especially is credit due to Brother Piper. The sessions were interesting throughout. The papers presented were entertaining and instructive, and the banquet,

with which the Council closed, was eaten with appropriate gusto. No small amount of the enthusiasm was owing to the presence of our honored president, Robert Lowry, D. D. Professor Hodder was also present and presided at the banquet. The meeting gave each chapter a better opinion of her sister chapters, aroused enthusiasm, and sent each brother home with the resolve to carry the banner of Phi Kappa Psi forward.

We are all proud of our young but lusty baby, Pennsylvania Kappa; it seems to be a child of great promise. May the ice of old age never enter her bones!

D. F. OSGOOD.

Hamilton, New York, April 13, 1889.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

We made an attempt to have a hearing in *THE SHIELD* of last month (February), but were unsuccessful from our own negligence. There has been a decided "spurt" in Virginia Alpha's fraternity matters since the coming of 1889, and it is highly pleasing to us all to read in *THE SHIELD* of like enthusiasm in our sister chapters. We are sincerely in earnest as regards extension in the East, and especially in the South. It would be impossible to improve upon the articles lately presented to the  $\Phi \Psi$  world through our official organ; they were clear, succinct and full of that healthy sentiment which is certain of success, provided we work in harmony and with determination. The Second District has had a struggle to keep all its chapters actively represented, and now that we are all on a firm basis we are determined to prepare ourselves for all future contingencies. We attribute our weakness to the almost insurmountable distances between our chapters, and we ask the co-operation of every man in  $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$  to assist us in overcoming this difficulty. Again we all want chapter houses, not palaces, not buildings of magnificent, imposing architecture, but simply comfortable little homes that will always afford us privacy, pleasure and privilege, comforts so often denied students in their more serious and thoughtful moments. With Virginia Alpha, a chapter house is now a necessity, for the obvious reason that nearly every Greek letter fraternity in our university is bending its whole energy to securing structures of this sort, and several have already met with such success that it makes our chances of being among the first (and we disdain to recognize a leader) in this movement a matter of distressing doubt and speculation. There is no lack of energy, determination and enthusiasm among our active members, but we have as yet no encouragement from the outside, and we appeal to you all for advice and suggestions as to what is the best method to adopt in order to our end. These are questions which will be discussed at the District Council on the 3d of next April, and it is to be hoped that delegates will come prepared for comprehensive treatment of them.

Our club supper, which was celebrated on the 22d of February, proved a most successful and enjoyable occasion. The alumni were handsomely represented in Brothers Thornton, Woods and Nelson, who gave us excellent and inspiring toasts. Of course the usual "germ of misapprehension" had taken possession of all our toast-masters, and none were prepared or even expecting

such a thing; but after the difficulty of swallowing such excuses was over, one would have marveled at the orators "from whose tongues fell words sweeter than honey." We regret to say that Brothers Westenbaker and Rawlins were prevented from being with us owing to indisposition.

We are about to suffer a loss in our chapter that will cast a shadow of despondency over the brothers for no little time to come. Bro. Bernard Wolff, who came to us three years ago from Virginia Gamma, leaves in the early part of April for Richmond, Virginia, where he remains for a short time, and then proceeds to South America, his future stamping ground. His connection with Virginia Alpha has been an honor and a pleasure, and we all wish him a prosperity that is alone attainable by honesty and sincere devotion to his chosen profession. We will always refer to "Bernie" with pride, and rejoice that he has been one of us.

SAMUEL WARREN HOLLOWAY.

University of Virginia, Virginia, March 20, 1889.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

South Carolina Alpha's delegate to the District Council at Alexandria, last week, represented our interests so well as to procure us the honor of entertaining the Second District in 1891. The high honor of Brother Barber's election to the Executive Council is also a source of no small satisfaction to us, coupled as it is with the promise that southern extension is now to be pushed in earnest, and the missing links in our southern chain supplied. When the roll is called at Columbia two years hence, we trust to meet a goodly host of delegates from every State, from Maryland to Texas.

Last week our goat decided to perform again for the benefit of the chapter, and succeeded so well that his two victims have just recovered sufficiently to be introduced. They are Bros. C. D. Weeks, of Clarendon, South Carolina, and A. W. Love, of Chester, South Carolina. Our prospects for next year grow brighter every day, and we can promise some surprises to the Greek world when the fall campaign opens.

We have just laid out a tennis court on which our athletic propensities are displayed every afternoon. The agility of Brother Johnson, especially, in this direction is becoming something marvellous. The craze for tennis has become so general that a pan-hellenic tournament may be among the possibilities some of these days.

The base ball fiend is also out in full force, and the national game promises to reach perfection before long down here. Brothers Lowndes, Parker, Shand and Dudley represent  $\Phi \Psi$  on the diamond. The graceful way in which Francis takes in those flies strikes us as peculiarly worthy of notice.

The university will migrate "*en masse*" to Charleston about the 20th inst., on its annual excursion, and will endeavor to paint the "City by the Sea" as red as possible. We promise ourselves a good time and an unlimited quantity of sea breeze.

We have received our chapter catalogue proofs and given them a final

correction. It is a heavy work ended, but one which we hope will secure in lasting form the record of which we are so proud.

Some horrid, naughty students cut the bell-rope the other night and threw it down the well, and also nailed up several recitation room doors, and arranged the chapel chairs in a very symmetrical row on the campus—just to see if the council would perform. But verily they stirred not, neither have they spoken aught.

The university has become a source of terror to the negroes in town and it is a brave darkey that will approach the campus after night-fall. Their especial cause of alarm at present is the report that has gotten out among them that the veterinary department, instead of being devoted to its legitimate "horsological" end of dissecting equines, is no more nor less than a convenient scheme to "cut up and bile niggers."

The senior class has elected Brother Barber, orator, and Brother Grimké, prophet, for the class-day of '89, which promises to be the most *recherché* event the university has ever produced. Of six officers elected for the event we hold two, the K A's one, the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's one, and the other two are non-frats. Brother Donaldson was appointed on the committee on arrangements for the same occasion.

J. C. McLURE.

Columbia, South Carolina, April 9, 1889.

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#### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The winter term has closed with the usual number of unfortunate students, indicating the intention of the several departments to maintain a high standard of scholarship.

The many friends of the university will be pleased to learn that the Ohio solons have liberally donated funds for the rebuilding of the chemical laboratory, and also to establish and equip a department in electrical engineering. The increasing interest in the work of the college batallion and athletic association is suggestive that among the additions to the university, in the near future, will be a complete gymnasium, combined with a commodious drill hall, which is indicative of the high rank among American colleges O. S. U., will eventually take.

After the custom of our college, February 22d was celebrated as "University Day." The occasion was all that pleasant weather, a fine program, and an enthusiastic audience could have made it. The program consisted of an oration by a representative from each college class, your correspondent from the freshmen class, and an address by Sen. D. M. Massie of the Board of Trustees, with good music interspersed. After the exercises a banquet was tendered the members of the legislature by the faculty, after which several toasts were responded to by the distinguished guests present. The affair closed with the oxidizing of the blunt ends of the nicotine, which had previously been distributed, and by the general determination of all to be present next year.

The prudent, unostentatious zeal of our boys was abundantly demonstrated in the Nye and Riley entertainment on the evening of March 12th, which cul-

minated in a grand success for the three parties interested, viz: The Ohio  $\Delta$  chapter of  $\Phi$   $K$   $\Psi$ , intent on a financial profit, for Messrs. Nye and Riley, anxious to give a good entertainment, and for the population of central Ohio, determined to hear it. Everything went as smoothly as could be desired, from the sale of the first seat to the announcement of "standing room only." We had hoped to have Governor Foraker introduce the gentlemen, but he was called out of the city. A prominent feature of the evening, and one observed by all our friends, was the presenting to Mr. Riley of a beautiful floral design, tied with lavender and pink ribbons. Mr. Nye appeared first before the audience, and afterward alternating with Mr. Riley. Each selection was in turn greeted with a round of applause. But neither (long sound of "i," please,) Nye's poor dog with its tail like a sausage, nor Riley's "Dot Baby of Mine," could make anything but a houseful out of the audience, nor the gross receipts anything but \$750 of good money, rolled up and deposited safely in Brother Kiesewetter's "west" pocket.

EDWARD D. HOWARD.

Columbus, Ohio, March 29, 1889.

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#### DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

If anyone had any doubts as to the wisdom of holding District Councils, the doubts would certainly have vanished if he could have been with us on the 3d, 4th and 5th of April. We then had with us about thirty-five as loyal Phi Psi as can be found anywhere—every chapter in the District being represented. It was an event that Indiana Alpha will long remember, and from which we derived lasting benefits. We feel more thoroughly imbued with the Phi Psi spirit; we are proud of the representatives who graced the occasion, and the bonds of union between ourselves and our sister chapters are immeasurably strengthened by our acquaintance with the individual members.

The business sessions of the council were held in our fraternity hall, and here also the boys congregated between sessions to sing and talk and have a good time generally. Business sessions were held during the forenoon and afternoon of each day, and the evenings were given up to social enjoyments. On Wednesday evening an informal reception was held in the hall, and on Thursday evening the Preceptress of Ladies' Hall, Professor Mansfield, assisted by "our girls," tendered us a reception in the parlors of Ladies' Hall. But there is one event that must not be forgotten. It is the game of base-ball on Thursday afternoon between the visiting brothers and the members of Indiana Alpha. Our worthy Archon, Brother Gotwald and Brother Philips, of Ohio A, formed the "battery" for the visitors, while Dougan and Houts played that position for Indiana A; Bro. C. L. Van Cleve, of SHIELD fame, holding the responsible position of umpire. The game resulted in a victory for Indiana A, the score being 8 to 2. But our defeated brothers need not feel disheartened at the result of the game, as Indiana A furnished five out of the nine men in the university team last year.

But there are other events aside from the District Council that we must speak about. Since our last letter to the SHIELD we have initiated two men,

and we now take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large Brother Dougan, of Bellville, Indiana, of the class of '92, and Bro. Harry Austin, of New Albany, Indiana, of the same class.

Bro. Howard Fitch had to leave us at the close of last term and returned to his home at Kansas City, Missouri, where he will have charge of the construction of a street railway.

The De Pauw Zouave and Concert Company spent the spring vacation in giving entertainments in some of the principal towns of the state. There were three Phi Psis in the company, who made it a special point to hunt up the Phi Psis along the route. They succeeded in finding seventeen, many of them members of our own chapter.

Our oratorical contest was held March 18th, and resulted in J. H. Wilkerson being chosen to represent De Pauw University at the State contest. Mr. Wilkerson is a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Since our last letter we have enjoyed visits from Brother Daumont, President of the Cincinnati Alumni Association, Brothers Beeson, Doug. Smith, Kirkman, Haymond and Beard. We trust they will soon visit us again. We wish that every one of the old boys could be with us at least once a year. It would do us all good.

CHARLES A. HOUTS.

Greencastle, Indiana, April 11, 1889.

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#### INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since the last issue of *THE SHIELD* no striking events have occurred to disturb us in our usual routine of work; as usual we maintain the even tenor of our way. Yet I believe that every chapter should be represented in each issue of *THE SHIELD*, for it is probable that, in a month's time, something should transpire in the life of each chapter which will be of interest to the Phi Psi world. The value of chapter letters was talked of at an informal meeting of the council, and it was the general opinion that only by its letters can the standing of a chapter be ascertained.

Since our trip to Greencastle, to attend the District Council, the chapter has enjoyed more enthusiastic meetings than formerly; the singing of Phi Psi songs, the perusal and discussion of other chapter letters which now have a new interest, these and many other causes, the direct results of the convention, tend to make our meetings more lively. The brothers who were at Greencastle never weary of singing the praises of  $\Phi \Psi$ , the royal hospitality of the Indiana Alpha boys, the fine set of fellows, the literary ability and musical talent displayed, the kind of men Phi Psi is turning out, and the brilliant future awaiting the fraternity.

All athletic sports are booming at Indiana University. An athletic association has been formed with about fifty members. The association will have charge of affairs on field day of commencement. The base ball, tennis and bicycle clubs are all subordinate to it. The base ball players of college are divided into four clubs of twelve men each, nine active players and a reserve force of three. Schedule games are played every Friday and Saturday afternoons, and at the

close of the college year the club which has won the highest number of games will be declared champions.  $\Phi \Psi$  has the following positions in the clubs: one captain, one catcher, three first basemen, one second and one third.

There are two tennis clubs. One is a private affair and in it we have one man, Brother Jones, the frat. poet and a member of that immortal class of '91. The other club consists of two professors and ten students, and in it we have three players and the office of treasurer. A bicycle club of ten wheels will soon be organized, and in this  $\Phi \Psi$  will be represented by three men.

We have decided to buy a piano, and a committee is now negotiating with the leading piano dealer in town, and before long we hope to have a piano accompaniment for that touching little melody—

“Oh, I went to the animal fair,  
The birds and the beasts were there,  
The elephant sneezed and fell on his knees,  
And that was the end of the mon-  
key-mon key-mon key-mon,” etc.

May THE SHIELD enjoy continued prosperity, and Phi Psis everywhere their Easter boxes.

FRED. W. TRUSCOTT.

Bloomington, Indiana, April 15, 1889.

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### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Wisconsin Alpha still presents a bold front to the Greeks of Wisconsin, and, from her position well toward the summit among her rivals, she modestly invites comparison.

The college annual was issued this morning. It is a well prepared work, bound in cloth, and contains 234 pages. The total number of students is 703, of whom 166 are members of fraternities. Phi Psi having twenty-four representatives.

The annual inter-fraternity ball was given on the evening of March 1st, at Library Hall of the university. It was both a pretty party and enjoyable. A program of twenty numbers was danced by sixty-five couples to the entrancing strains of Thiele's Orchestra of Milwaukee.

The University Banjo and Guitar Club, of which Bro. Geo. C. Main is director and manager, is becoming an organization of note throughout the State. A series of six entertainments was given in the larger cities of the State during February, the club everywhere meeting with deserved success, financial and otherwise. Those who have listened to productions of a similar organization from Yale say that the “imported” article is likewise the inferior.

The university has long been in need of a gymnasium, and a bill for the appropriation of \$85,000 to that purpose is now before the legislature with prospects of receiving fair treatment.

Bro. R. M. Richmond, of the class of '87 and law '89, has begun to practice his profession in Omaha, Nebraska. On the evening of February 16th, we gave a banquet in his honor in the parlors of our chapter house, and let us here say

that his letters since justify us in stating that he is making a very promising "kick-off" into the legal world. Our banquet consisted of a spread of thirty covers, and the delicacies of the season, such as put Madison's most popular caterer at his wit's end to secure, weighed down the board. As we sat down, Brother Carter, who is quite an expert in amateur photography, took a flash light picture of the scene. Brother Brandenburg filled the roll of toast-master. In a pleasant speech, he told us some odds and ends of Phi Psi life in the past. With his two hundred pounds of bone and muscle, backing up his dignity, "Brandy" impressed upon his younger brothers the growth in standing of the fraternity, and especially the good fellowship that Phi Psi associations engender. After a half dozen toasts had been proposed and responded to, all repaired to the lounging room, where amidst chat, laughter and the strains of music sounding through the clouds from the fragrant weed, we prolonged our good cheer until long after midnight, then wishing a sleepy good-night we realized that pleasure is nowhere to be found such as exists within the circle of old Phi Psi.

W. F. DOCKERY.

Madison, Wisconsin, April 10, 1889.

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#### BELOIT COLLEGE.

Were any special inspiration needed by Wisconsin Gamma for a letter to THE SHIELD she has it for this one. There are three things in respect to which we think we can congratulate ourselves, and not ourselves only, but also the fraternity at large.

The first is in our just having initiated two more of the finest men of the freshman class: Eugene P. Ellenson, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and A. P. Smith, of Rockford, Illinois; men who will make loyal Phi Psis to the backbone. And not only does their initiation mark a valuable addition to our fraternity, but it also signifies a decided victory over our rivals. The initiation took place on the last Wednesday night of the winter term. After their introduction into the mysteries of Phi Kappa Psi, we adjourned to the caterer's, and there enjoyed (to make use of the old "chestnut") a "feast of reason and flow of soul," preceded, however, by a more material feast, without which the former would have been rather insipid. An especial feature of the evening was the toasts responded to by two of our '87 men, Bros. R. K. Welsh and J. M. Sheean. There were also toasts by some of the active members. On the whole it was one of those events which seem to be a peculiarity of Phi Psi, marked by the prevalence on all sides of good feeling, cheerfulness, and jollity, while under all this there was still the soberer senses of loyalty, duty, and responsibility, as was made evident by the words of those who spoke. And how much better it is to have it so, than to regard such occasions as merely openings for boisterous jollification and nothing more; for it is by such events in our fraternity life, if entered into in the right spirit, that our ties of friendship and brotherhood are more closely cemented, and we are led to see a deeper and broader meaning in the word "fraternity" than we usually assign to it. It is through the blending of our overflowing and fun-loving natures, on such

occasions as this, with the feelings of loyalty and sense of relationship in a wide and common bond of brotherhood that the greatest benefit from our fraternity life will come.

The second thing for which we congratulate ourselves is the fact that our late member of the Executive Council, J. M. Sheean, '87, in his examination at Chicago for admission to the bar, practically took first rank, his marks differing only by a very small fraction from those of the man that stood highest, and besides the latter was a graduate of the Chicago law school, (as was also one of the examiners,) and had had three years preparation, while Brother Sheean only had studied two years. In this connection we will also mention the success of two more of our alumni brothers, both '88 men—Henry K. White and H. E. Bornsteen. The former has now a fine position in the R. G. Dun & Co. Mercantile Agency, and is located at Sioux City, Iowa, and deeply in love with his work. Brother Bornsteen, who has had an appointment for the past year at Washington, in the Adjutant General's office, War Department, lately received an advance of salary of \$200, making it now \$1,200. News from some other of our alumni will be found in the "Personals."

In the third place we feel a little proud over the circumstance that Wisconsin Gamma was the only chapter that had a full delegation at the late District Council. Such, we are told by those who have just returned, was the fact.

Our chapter here is in better condition at present than it has been for two years. We have ten active members, two resident alumni, and another alumnus who lives so near as to get up at least every other week.

The junior class of this college has just published the first college "annual" ever issued from Beloit; it is called the *Codex*, and we do not feel that we are at all egotistic when we say that of the three fraternity cuts in the *Codex*, the Phi Psi's is by far the neatest and prettiest; and right here we wish to heartily thank those of our alumni who so generously helped us in purchasing this cut. If any of the alumni, or others, have not a copy of the *Codex*, and wish one, they can obtain a copy for seventy-five cents from the class of '90, Beloit College. Address drawer "C."

We have lately been cogitating the question of a chapter house; not the building of one as yet, but the hiring of some suitable house, and having the members room and perhaps board there. We have come to no definite conclusions so far, but intend to try to work up the scheme for next fall.

We wish more of our alumni would send us news of themselves, or of any of the brothers they may know something about; also any item of fraternity interest, so that in this way we may communicate oftener with them through the columns of THE SHIELD; and, by the way, are there not some of the alumni, at present not subscribers to THE SHIELD, who will send us their names to become such, that we may turn them over to Brother Van Cleve? Wisconsin Gamma has not yet contributed her share of the levy of new subscribers, so we need your help, brothers.

SAM M. SMITH.

Beloit, Wisconsin, April 9, 1889.

## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The last event of the month is what we must speak of first. We have just received a telegram from Chicago: "Next District Council will be held at Minneapolis, hurrah." We echo, "Hurrah," and we already in advance extend a cordial invitation to all  $\Phi \Psi$ 's to pay a visit in 1891 to our beautiful city, our excellent college, and our flourishing chapter.

In connection with this comes our next item of news. On March 8th, the  $K \Lambda \Theta$  sorority gave a reception in honor of Miss Mabel Thatcher, of Northwestern University. Several  $\Phi \Psi$ 's had the pleasure of attending, and discovering that Miss Thatcher wore the shield as well as the kite, arranged a little formal reception for her at our chapter house. The evening was spent very agreeably and we heard a noble account of the chapter at Northwestern. Miss Thatcher is living near Chicago, and has written inviting Brothers Dickinson and Purdy, our delegates to the District Council, to attend a reception which she will give in honor of Minnesota Beta. We wish them a very enjoyable visit and only regret that all the rest of us can not go down.

We have had this month our inter-literary society debate, in which Brother Baily led the winning side. Another preliminary oratorical contest resulted in giving the first three places to  $\Phi \Psi$ 's. Bros. O. L. Triggs, Baily and Soares, respectively.

In the election of the Board of Editors for our college paper, *The Ariel*, we were singularly fortunate. The result was two girls, two barbs., and two  $\Phi \Psi$ 's—Brothers Baily and Soares. While we record these little political victories that our brothers may see that we are getting our share of the plums, we feel that the end of the term of office, rather than its beginning, is the time for self congratulation, if at all. And therefore it is with no little pride that we claim for Bros. O. L. Triggs and Conger, who retire from the board, a share in the credit of having raised *The Ariel* to the position it enjoys among college journals. Amid all the rivalry for posts of honor, we aim to recognize the fact that to succeed in electing a brother to a position he can not fill, is a defeat and not a victory.

But to return, we have to mention last, though by no means least, the pleasure of a visit from Bros. J. P. Lansing and Frank R. Hubachek, of Beloit, who are practicing law in Minneapolis. We want to see a number of the resident  $\Phi \Psi$ 's at our chapter house. Please take notice, all whom it may concern, we are to be found at 628 Fifteenth Avenue, S. E.

We have appointed a committee to undertake the task of forming an alumni association here, and fully expect to see a strong one before commencement. We only await the return of our delegates from the council to prosecute this work with vigor.

THEODORE G. SOARES.

Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 5, 1889.

**UNIVERSITY OF PACIFIC.**

It was with great interest that California Alpha perused the pages of the February SHIELD. That number came just in time, as four of the fraters were just leaving as delegates to the annual convention of the college Y. M. C. A.'s of California. The convention met at Berkeley, where the State University is, and the meetings were a success in the full sense of the word. We had the pleasure of finding out Brother Raymond, one of the faculty, and we were greatly pleased with him; in fact we are proud of our representative in the faculty of the State University. We also met Brother Harry A. Yeazell, of Ohio Delta, and had the opportunity of getting very fraternally acquainted with him. If Ohio Delta contains many such fine fratres she is a chapter of whom  $\Phi$   $\Kappa$   $\Psi$  may well be proud. Another fact that pleased us in THE SHIELD, in addition to its opportuneness of arrival, was the fact that it contained the account of the establishing of Pennsylvania Kappa, and that Brother Manning, of our chapter, was present on the occasion. California Alpha is so far away from all other chapters of Phi Kappa Psi, that she hears hardly anything of the proceedings of Eastern chapters unless the information is sent in THE SHIELD or officially.

We were also glad to see the account of the Cincinnati Alumni Association, and we look forward to the time when we can have such associations in San Francisco and in Los Angeles, as there are quite a number of good Phi Psis in each of these western cities.

And now we beg leave to introduce to the fraternity at large, Bro. J. B. Tregloan, '92, who became a frater on March 23d, and did so quite manfully, too, and who is now waiting quite impatiently for the "next man." Brother Tregloan makes our fifth man from '92, and this number will probably be increased to seven next term. After the initiation we had a little spread to which all did justice. We had with us on that occasion Brother Newell, of Pennsylvania Alpha, and Brothers Gibbs, of Ohio Delta, and Walk, of Virginia Delta, were desirous of being sharers of our board, but were detained by previous engagements.

We have recently received letters from two Eastern chapters inquiring about our chapter house. We will say that to all such inquiries we will give gladly any information in our power.

Our field day comes off April 5th, and it appears as if it were going to be the most enthusiastic one that we have ever had. Brother Rich, our best all-round athlete, has entered for more events than any other man in college, I think, and will probably win many of them, too.

California Alpha's letter is getting too lengthy I fear, and so we close with our best wishes to THE SHIELD and all true Phi Psis.

EDWIN A. WILCOX.

College Park, California, March 31, 1889.

## Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

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This department of the paper is made up of excerpts from THE SHIELD'S exchanges, and reflects the sentiments of our rivals which are most pointed and characteristic. We refrain from expressing any opinions as to the matters discussed, and scarce deem it worth while to controvert any statement made by our contemporaries. No more is written by the Editor than may suffice for introduction to each quoted passage. This will relieve the doubts of inquirers, some of whom perversely consider this feature an exchange department.—ED. SHIELD.

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*Phi Gamma Delta* has again come to the light of day. From the initial number we quote the following :

After a silence of eight months on the part of *The Quarterly*, the editors again place it before you for perusal and criticism, for we invite both, knowing that *you* will be benefitted and repaid by the former, while *The Quarterly* promises to be improved by the latter.

In this, the first issue under the new management, the editors would have been glad to have introduced some new features. Owing, however, to the labor and time incident to the removal of officers, the friction resulting from undertaking a new work and other natural causes, the marks of haste are probably evident in all departments.

We feel that we have a clear conception of what *The Quarterly* ought to be, but to do what we know is often more difficult than to know what to do. Still we have undertaken the work bravely and confidently, having especially in view the following :

*First*—Promptness. Experience has shown that nothing is so disastrous to the success of a publication as repeated failures to appear at a stated time. *The Quarterly* has suffered more in the past from this one cause than from any other.

*Second*—The editors intend to make *The Quarterly* a strictly fraternity magazine, devoted first and foremost to promote the highest interests of Phi Gamma Delta, to cement the chapters into a more perfect union and to foster and keep alive the enthusiasm of the graduate, severed from his chapter and his *alma mater*. We will also endeavor to advance in every way possible the growing sentiment of Pan-Hellenism, as well as all matters of general college interest.

*Third*—To bring into befitting prominence every department of the journal, we think the literary department should be the repository of the best thoughts of every chapter. This department is yours. Make it a forum for the free discussion of all matters of general fraternity interest.

*Fourth*—The department allotted to the corresponding editor and historian should maintain the reputation which it has always had, of possessing genuine literary merit, free from boasting, sensible and healthy.

*The Scroll* with a good deal of sharpness, but not unjustly, remarks in a recent issue thus :

The Phis of Alabama are endeavoring to set *The Index* on its feet again. This shows commendable fraternity push and enthusiasm, but we are doubtful as to the advisability of the move. *The Scroll* is the organ of the entire fraternity, and endeavors to satisfy all its wants as a newspaper and medium of communication. If it does not succeed, that is the best evidence that it needs more support, other than financial, than it gets. The editor can not write the whole book every month, and a book simply of chapter letters does not fill the bill. But beyond chapter letters the contributions from chapters to each volume of *The Scroll* are practically *nil*. Every chapter ought to feel its duty to give *The Scroll* every year something besides its letters, (and even those in many cases might be made far more interesting) which would be of interest to all others and perhaps outside of our own circle. An *Index* in Alabama may be all right ; but suppose there is a *Comet* in Mississippi, an *Asteroid* in Georgia, a *Star* in Tennessee, a *Dial* in South Carolina, with the other states all provided for on the same plan. Or suppose we have only one to each province. There are *seven* parasites sucking the life blood of the central organ. On the whole we can not approve the plan of local fraternity journalism. *The Scroll* is too poor and needs too much assistance both literary and financial. Why not throw your literary energy and money where it is needed right now? When *The Scroll's* cup of perfection is full, then let it overflow to the benefit of *The Index*. That day will never come. Why not make one organ a success rather than two a failure? And, by the way, we wonder if all the Alabama chapters always pay their *Scroll* tax promptly in advance, and how many of their alumni are subscribers to *The Scroll*.

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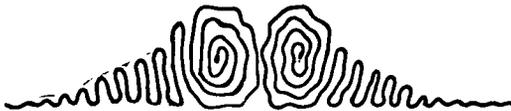
*The Key* has most excellent taste in many matters wherein THE SHIELD has endeavored to be exemplary, as the following from the most recent number indicates :

In looking over the files of our exchanges the other day, we were struck with the changing fashion of the covers that looked down from the shelves in divers shapes and colors. At first it seemed quite a jumble, something to amuse the fancy and call up old times, but gradually a sort of simple philosophy seemed to unfold itself, for so prone is the modern mind to speculate that even the covers of a Greek magazine can not pass unchallenged. The general law seemed to be, the earlier the date, the more symbolic the cover. In those days towers and sphinxes, temples and dragons held sway. Wooglin sported himself on the *Beta Theta Pi Quarterly*, and *The Scroll* was a much bepictured mystery. To be sure, we have to-day remnants of these early devices ; ladies and fierce helmeted knights do still appear. But even these appear as if they had been long asleep and had awakened in a disenchanting country.

Symbolism has betaken itself to a milder form, less fearful cuts, and often to the fraternity colors alone. What does it mean? It is often supposed, even now, that the college fraternity is but a diluted form of Masonry, and that the chapter is a pseudo lodge. Early days of fraternity life would almost uphold this idea. Ostentatious secrecy, fearful penalties, and a general display of caste feeling were at one time but too prevalent. It was at this time that the college secret society was in bad repute and suffered a general persecution. It was at this time, too,—a real crisis,—that the fundamental truth and enduring principles of these organizations asserted themselves and saved to lasting fame and honor a peculiar institution. In fact, the tendency of the college fraternity seems to be less and less Masonic. Symbolism is bound to last, but to become more and more the property of the members alone, and perhaps then to be further spiritualized. Secrecy is bound to rely more and more upon the natural honor and integrity of the individual than on oath or penalty. In fine, the life of these orders is founded not on the artificial restraints of command or external strength of any kind, but is rather centered in a true Americanism. The basis of a fraternity is a loyalty that shall not stop with its own order, but shall extend its enthusiasm to the "universal brotherhood"—a particular affinity for the few, only that *all* may reap the benefit of this close companionship.

*The Rainbow* thus speaks of some changes that  $\Delta T \Delta$  has been undergoing of late to this effect :

The frequent amendment of the governmental ground-work of any institution is injurious. The curse of the modern day is too much legislation rather than too little. Occasionally, however, the limitations of institutions become too narrow ; the implements for the accomplishment of their objects grow antiquated, and renovation is necessary. In such cases the more promptly and carefully the needed reformation takes place the better. Delta Tau Delta has amended its constitution in some important respects. It has not been hastily or prematurely done. Nearly three years have been spent in presenting the methods and particulars to the body at large, and in a thorough discussion of them pro and con. Now it is completed and ready for use. To those interested, the proposed changes are already known. The only points of interest to the Greek world are: The change in the colors of the fraternity, and the period of holding conventions. To the old colors, Purple and Gold, White has been added. The general convention of the fraternity will, after this year, be held biennially. The growth of the fraternity has rendered their convening oftener too expensive ; the power of local legislation vested in conferences of the various divisions, which meet annually, has rendered their frequency unnecessary.



## Personals.

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### PENNSYLVANIA *B.*

'60. J. W. Philips, of St. Louis, is on the Supreme Bench of Missouri.

'68. Rev. B. F. Bezell is pastor of the Oakland M. E. Church, of Pittsburg, Pa.

'56. O. S. Long, of Charleston, W. Va., is Clerk of the Supreme Court of West Virginia.

'59. S. B. Brock, of Macon, Mo., is editor of the *Macon Republican*.

'60. Col. W. W. Arnett is following the legal profession in Wheeling, W. Va.

'62. Dr. W. H. McKelvy, M. D., of Pittsburgh, Pa., is President of the Central Board of Education of that city.

'61. Dr. I. N. Taylor, M. D., of Edenboro, Pa., was in the city attending the February term of court.

'56. Hon. Pearson Church, ex-President Judge of Crawford County, Pa., is practicing law in Meadville, Pa.

'62. J. R. Mills, D. D., is Presiding Elder of the Barnesville District, East Ohio Conference of the M. E. Church.

'63. Rev. A. C. Johnson is Presiding Elder of the Blairsville District, Pittsburg Conference of the M. E. Church.

J. J. McDowell, an iron merchant of St. Louis, one of the charter members of Pennsylvania Beta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, died suddenly at his desk, April 6.

'71. James F. Wilson, Esq., of Warren, Ohio, is enjoying a good practice in his profession. He wrote the chapter a very enthusiastic answer to the annual letter.

'84. Prof. C. W. Dean has resigned the superintendency of the schools at McKeesport, Pa., to accept a similar position in Sioux City, Iowa.

'78. Dr. A. W. Kahle, who has just completed a post graduate course in medicine in New York City, paid the chapter a short visit recently. He is located at Lima, O.

'55. Dr. John Neff, M. D., who after the charter members was the first regular initiate of this chapter, is now one of the prominent physicians of Baltimore, Md.

'80. A. L. Bates, of Meadville, Pa., was one of the four delegates from Pennsylvania to the recent National Convention of Republican Clubs, held at Baltimore, Md., and was elected one of the vice-presidents of that organization.

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**PENNSYLVANIA I.**

'87. H. L. Calder has been appointed Deputy Prothonotary of the Middle District of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

'69. Andrew A. Liser has purchased the beautiful home opposite the Institute, now occupied by Rev. J. T. Judd, of this place.

'85. Rev. Joseph E. Sagebeer, who is pastor's assistant of the first Baptist Church, of Philadelphia, and doing efficient work there, visited Lewisburg lately.

'87. Rev. Henry Madtes has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, to accept a call from the First Church, of New Castle, Pa.

'87. Prof. John G. Owens, of South Jersey Institute, paid Lewisburg a visit in order to say "good-bye" to his brother, Prof. William G. Owens, who sailed for Europe on March 26th.

'62. Thomas R. Jones, LL. B., of New York City, who is doing such valuable work for the American Baptist Publication Society, visited Washington during the inauguration.

Prof. W. G. Owens recently set sail for Berlin, where he will spend some time in study. He also intends to visit various chemical laboratories in Europe, and the Paris Exposition, before his return in September.

'54. Rev. Robert Lowry, D. D., has issued his Easter service for 1889. Like those of former years, it is very neat and appropriate, and merits a wide circulation. Dr. Lowry was also alumni delegate and poet at the recent District Council of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

W. C. Gretzinger, '89, as representative of Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter, read a paper before the District Council of Phi Kappa Psi, held with New York Beta Chapter, Syracuse, N. Y., April 3d and 4th. He also lately visited Swarthmore, Haverford, and Bryn Mawr in the interests of Bucknell.

**PENNSYLVANIA E.**

'57. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., will deliver the Baccalaureate at our next Commencement.

'82. Rev. G. D. Gotwald has shown his usual tact in taking hold of things in Kansas City, and is succeeding in his work there.

'83. Rev. C. D. Hoover, we learn, has united with the Presbyterian Church but is none the less interested in *Alma Mater* and hears with genuine delight of her constant prosperity.

'86. It is now D. C. R. Miller, M. D., as Mr. Miller was graduated April 3d, at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He is now at Mason and Dixon, Pennsylvania.

'67. Pleased to see Prof. Hart Gilbert on his recent visit to Gettysburg. He is still teaching in the State Normal School at Shippensburg, and with his usual efficiency and success.

'80. Rev. C. A. Eyler is much encouraged in his pastoral work. He is glad to hear that college is still pushing ahead, and asks God's blessing for a still wider sphere of usefulness.

'82. Rev. H. L. Jacobs has been unanimously elected by the Faculty of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., to a fellowship in that institution. The subject of the thesis, upon which his election was based, was "The Intellectual Preparation for Christianity." Good.

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**PENNSYLVANIA Z.**

'88. A. D. Meloy paid a visit to his *alma mater* recently.

'88: A. L. Dryden visited college and town for a few days last month.

'88. Thomas B. Anderson visited his friends in town in February.

'87. Prof. W. B. Longsdorf, of Asbury Park, N. J., was in town for a few days.

'88. A. L. Dryden sold out his business in Grand Rapids, Mich., realizing a handsome profit. He is now at Crisfield, Md.

'66. Dr. Jacob Todd has an article on "Christian Science," in the *Peninsula Methodist* of February 9th.

'81, Rev. Vaughan S. Collins has an article on "The New Statistics," in the *Peninsula Methodist* of February 9th.

'80. Marion D. Larned, Ph. D., was recently elected associate professor of the German language and literature, in Johns Hopkins University.

'60. Jacob V. Gotwalts is a prominent resident lawyer of Norristown, Pa. His recent visit to the college was appreciated by his many friends.

'86. S. E. Howell took his degree from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, on March 19th. He received honorable mention for a prize offered for original pharmaceutical work.

'71. Mrs. S. Jennie, wife of H. W. Crouse, '71, died at her residence in Harlem, on March 8th. Brother Crouse's old friends extend their hearty sympathies to him in his sad bereavement.

'73. As Treasurer of the Northern Pacific Railroad, Conway Wing Hillman is well known to the fraternity. He is as loyal to  $\Phi K \Psi$  as in the days of yore.

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**VIRGINIA A.**

George Faweett, '78, of Virginia Alpha, has been winning golden opinions as an actor. He created an important part in "Paul Kauvar," and his work in "A Legal Wreck" has been highly commended. In all this his love for Phi Psi remains unabated, and his memories of the old days at the university are full of interest. In May he is to star in "The Lyons Mail," at Baltimore, his old home, and rehearsals are already in progress. The boys at Baltimore will doubtless give him a hearty fraternal reception.

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**VIRGINIA I.**

Bro. P. S. Murkland, '86, is in business with Witt & Watkins, Lynchburg, Va.

Bro. Page Irvine, who has been in Farmville for some time studying law, has gone to New Mexico on account of ill-health.

Bro. E. H. Porter, '88, had to fly from the yellow fever and went to St. Louis, but returned after a short time to his home at Vicksburg, Miss., where he is reading law.

Bro. Col. J. P. Fitzgerald, '56, a prominent lawyer of Farmville, treasurer of the college and seminary is a genial old  $\Phi \Psi$ , and is loved and respected by all who know him. He is always glad to meet a brother.

Bro. P. S. Wood, '88, has given up a good position as teacher of German, &c., in Lexington, Ky., and gone to his home at Corsicana, Texas, where he is studying law and will probably be with Va. *A* next year.

Bro. H. E. Houston, '73, who is renowned for his missionary work in China, was on the "hill" a short time and delivered some excellent lectures and sermons. He is Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, but his great heart although so full of sympathy for the heathen still remembers  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

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#### INDIANA *A.*

Bion Jolly is a civil engineer at Hardinsburg, Ky.

R. J. Smith, '81, is a lawyer at Terrè Haute, Ind.

A. L. Doss, '83, is in the lumber business at Owensville, Indiana.

Richard S. Tennant, '67, is a very prosperous lawyer of Terre Haute, Indiana.

S. B. Ayres, '69, has become wealthy as a fruit grower at Tulare, California.

H. W. Bowers, '77, is superintendent of the public schools of Portland, Indiana.

E. M. Campbell, '78, is a prominent young politician at Springfield, Ohio.

John Poucher, D. D., '67, is professor of Hebrew and Exegetical Theology in DePauw University.

Prof. Ed. S. Hopkins, '73, is at present engaged in farming near Jacksonville, Ky. His leisure moments are spent in writing for some of our prominent newspapers.

A. J. Pruitt, '82, is a member of the Dakota Legislature and of the Constitutional Committee of Dakota. He now resides at Gettysburg, Dakota.

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#### INDIANA *B.*

W. T. Blair, '75, has been recently elected Auditor of Monroe County.

W. E. Golden, '88, is the author of a new drama in five acts, entitled, "Lucille," or "The Broken Heart."

E. C. Fitch, '85, of Fairfield, Ills., has been elected to the office of Superintendent of County Schools.

M. N. Owen, through sophomore, '90, is studying law with Owen & Crews, Chicago, Ills.

B. S. Lowe, '74, is the present prosecuting attorney for Orange, Lawrence and Monroe counties.

N. U. Hill, '73, has been promoted from vice-president to president of the First National Bank of Bloomington, Ind.

G. D. Baker, special student in '88, is Assistant Ticket Agent in the Clark Street Depot of the Wabash Railway, Chicago, Ills.

W. H. Talbot, '72, is the editor of the *Orleans Examiner* at Orleans, Ind. He is one of the leading lawyers and politicians in that city.

Ed. McCurdy, through sophomore, '76, and a graduate of Wisconsin University, is now in Salt Lake City. His sight is failing and he is in poor health generally.

C. L. Goodwin, '85, is editor of the *Evening Express* at Los Angeles, Cal. He will probably spend the coming summer in Europe with the Indiana University Outing Party, which is this year conducted by Bro. W. W. Spangler, '80.

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ILLINOIS B.

Dorrance Dibell, '65, Circuit Judge at Joliet, fell and fractured his arm a few weeks ago.

Wendall Topping, '86, has gone West with his wife to go into business.

The Rev. L. W. Terry, '80, of Edgar, Neb., is president of the Alumni Association of the Morgan Park Theological Seminary.

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CHICAGO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Frank H. Foster, Wisconsin Alpha, '81, is at the head of Marshall, Field & Co.'s cloak department.

Samuel B. Raymond, Illinois Alpha, '64, was nominated for City Treasurer by the Republicans in March.

Carl Bushnell, Illinois Beta, '85, is superintending the construction of the new government barracks at Galveston, Texas, for which his father has the contract.

Robins S. Mott, Illinois Beta, '80, acted as toastmaster at the Washington's birthday banquet of the Carleton Club at the Richelieu. L. M. Coy, Illinois Beta, '83, was recently elected to membership in the club.

George L. Conley, Illinois Beta, '85, has been elected secretary of Rhetorical Society at the Morgan Park Theological Seminary, and is preaching at the Fernwood Baptist Church.

Alexander Clarke, Indiana Gamma, '72, is secretary of the North Shore Improvement Association, which is to build the great Sheridan road along the lake shore to Fort Sheridan at Highwood.

George B. Warne, Iowa Alpha, '67, has recently been appointed cashier of S. A. Kean & Co.'s bank. George B. Baker, Indiana Alpha, '83, is in the bond department of the bank, and Wesley M. Knox, Pennsylvania Beta, '70, is manager of the Home Safety Deposit Vaults under its corporation.

Illinois Beta's list of grandsons has recently been swelled by two accessions. Edgar A. Buzzell, Illinois Beta, '84, is the proud father of a boy born Jan. 8th, which already knows all the hailing signs, particularly that of distress. Allen A. Griffith, Illinois Beta, '81, is just as proud of the girl that came in February.

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#### WISCONSIN *Γ*.

'86. Bro. L. W. Crow is still in the coal business with W. L. Scott & Co., Chicago. He was one of our two alumni delegates to the late District Council.

'84. We received a card some weeks ago which reads as follows: "Frank R. Hubachek, Lawyer, Room 1, No. 55 S. Fourth St., Minneapolis, Minn." He is doing finely we are told by one who is in the same place.

'85. Bro. J. P. Lansing has severed his connection with the lumber firm for whom he traveled and is now in a business of his own. His card reads: "J. P. Lansing, Real Estate, Rental Agent, Insurance, Room 1, 55 S. Fourth St., Minneapolis, Minn."

'87. Bro. R. K. Welsh will very soon take his examination for admission to the bar. He is still teaching in the Rockford High School, and is so popular as a teacher that the school board has offered him a large advance in salary to induce him to stay with them next year. But "Rob" wants to get settled in the business he intends to make his life work.

'87. Bro. W. S. Haven has been a student the past year at the Chicago Medical College. The course has now closed for this year, and we do not know what Brother Haven intends to do this summer. We have not seen him at Beloit since his graduation, and hope he will turn up here soon.

'92. Bro. A. P. Smith, one of the "babes," has been compelled to return to his home in Rockford by an attack of the mumps. We refrain from "giving him away" by telling where he caught them. He will probably be back in a few days.

Brothers Shipnes and Blodgett, '89, and Brothers Waite and Treat, '91, were delegates to the District Council at Chicago, the 3d and 4th inst. The reports they bring back are very interesting. Brother Shipnes, we are sorry to say, returned feeling unwell, and now is down with a severe attack of pneumonia. He hopes that he will recover soon.

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**IOWA A.**

Mr. G. W. Johnson, '82, spent several days in the city recently combining business with pleasure. He is practicing law in Pueblo, Colorado.

Fred. O. Hinkson and I. J. Archer dropped in upon their Phi Psi brethren on the 14th.

Mr. Zeno Campbell, a former student, was married March the 6th to Miss Anna Morrell, of Lenox, Iowa. Rev. Bishop, of Bedford, officiated in an inspiring manner. Zeno is now engaged in the lumber business at Blocktown.

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**MINNESOTA B.**

Bro. J. E. Erf, founder of the chapter, is studying law in Cleveland, Ohio. We hope to see him back in the autumn.

Bro. W. R. Triggs, of the College of Law, is in the law office of Bro. E. M. Wilson of this city.

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**CALIFORNIA A.**

Bro. L. T. Turner has opened a law-office in Seattle, W. T.

Bro. H. E. Cox, '82, is still teaching in Santa Cruz.

Bro. H. W. Wilcox, '87, has contracted to print the *Naranjado*.

Bro. D. L. Dennett, '86, is now practicing law in Los Angeles.

Bro. S. C. Evans is now in the chapter house.

Edward Lippitt, '82, is teaching music in Petaluma.

Bro. Fred. C. Ross, '87, is now doing business in San Jose.

Henry M. Ayer, '87, is on a stock ranch in Paradise Valley, Nev.

A number of the brothers have met Brother Yeazell, of O. S. U., and feel that he is a worthy brother.

Bros. P. S. Driver, '88, and C. E. Mering, '87, both studying law in Sacramento, report that they will be at the symposium.

Bro. S. G. Tompkins, '86, is teaching both day and night school and practicing law. Not married yet.

J. Roy Welch, '87, is now practicing law in San Jose. He is doing well and was out to see some of the brothers a short time ago.

## College and Fraternity Notes.

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The annual income of Oxford University is \$6,000,000.

Amherst gives annually \$19,000 in prizes, and the income of \$180,000 in scholarships.

The catalogue of the University of Pennsylvania has enrolled 169 instructors and 1,222 students.

President Carter, of Williams College, has received a gift of \$20,000 to found a library fund in honor of James Ruthven Adriance, of the class of '78, who died a year after graduation.

At the Minnesota State Oratorical contest, of which Bro. O. L. Triggs is president, the first and second honors were taken by Brothers Dickinson and Soares.

The following endowments have been made recently: Lafayette College, \$10,000; Bowdoin, \$15,000; Williams, \$20,000; Rochester, \$25,000; Syracuse University, \$30,000; Wesleyan, \$50,000; Amherst, \$106,000; Oberlin, \$157,000; Sydney, \$500,000; Yale, \$1,000,000; Princeton, \$1,200,000.—*University Press.*

A very meritorious scheme is on foot at Yale to establish a library for the loan of college text books to students not able to purchase them. Its effectiveness will depend on the rich and prosperous students, who will be asked to make not only contributions of books, but also clothing, furniture, and whatever else may be needed by the students.—*Ex.*

The leading co-educational institutions in the United States are Cornell, Oberlin, Swarthmore, and the Universities of Wisconsin, Syracuse, and Minnesota. It is a fact worth considering that these are among the most prosperous institutions in the country. The methods prevailing at these institutions are entirely different from those of the "annex" system of Harvard and Columbia.—*Ex.*

Chattanooga University, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Grant Memorial University, at Athens, Tennessee, have become consolidated, under the name of the latter. The College of Liberal Arts and the Law and Medical schools will remain at Chattanooga, while the Schools of Theology and Technology will be located at Athens. The combined wealth of the two institutions will amount to over \$300,000, and their students will number 450.—*Ex.*

At Swarthmore the faculty has adopted new athletic rules which will raise the standard of athletics considerably. Hereafter no one can enter either the college sports or games away from the college, who shall not have attained a good standard and have been recommended by the director of physical culture. The Athletic Association will hereafter award bronze medals to all persons other than winners and seconds, who get respectively gold and silver, who shall attain the college standard in any event.—*Mail and Express.*

The Nye and Riley entertainment given at the Metropolitan Opera House, Tuesday evening, under the auspices of Ohio Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, was a highly successful affair, the house being packed. Mr. Riley is a member of the fraternity, and it was hoped that Governor Foraker, also a Phi Psi, would be able to introduce the lecturers, but he was unfortunately called out of the city.—*The Lantern.*

The following notice which appeared in *The Kansas City Star* of March 16th, shows that the Phi Psi boys in that city have not lost their interest in the fraternity: "All members of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity living in Kansas City, Missouri, Kansas City, Kansas, and in neighboring Missouri and Kansas cities and towns are requested to send their addresses to Geo. M. Payne, Indiana Alpha, care of *Star*. Correspondence is desired on a matter of considerable interest."

#### PHI KAPPA PSI'S COLLEGE PRESIDENTS.

*University of Georgia*—Rev. William Ellison Boggs, D. D., South Carolina Alpha, '59.

*University of South Carolina*—John McLaren McBryde, Ph. D., LL. D., South Carolina Alpha, '61.

*University of Virginia*—William M. Thornton, A. B., Virginia Gamma, '61.

*Pennsylvania College*—Rev. H. W. McKnight, D. D., Pennsylvania Epsilon, '65.

*Wittenberg College*—Rev. Samuel A. Ort, D. D., Ohio Beta, '63.

*Baldwin University, (Ohio)*—Joseph E. Stubbs, A. M., Ohio Alpha, '73.

*Macalister College, (Minn.)*—Rev. Thomas A. McCurdy, D. D., Pennsylvania Alpha, '65.

*Muhlenberg College, (Pennsylvania)*—Rev. Theodore L. Seip, D. D., Pennsylvania Epsilon, '64.

*Parsons College, (Ia.)*—Rev. Thomas D. Ewing, D. D., Pennsylvania Delta, '60.

Until quite recently class spirit here has given way to fraternity distinctions. The local organization formed here last year, under the name of the Caelicolæ, has been absorbed by the regular fraternities,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Sigma X$  and  $\Phi K \Psi$ , by far the largest share and certainly the ablest men falling a prey to Delta's wiles. Pan-Hellenism, by the action of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , has thus far proven impracticable at Bucknell. The lines are drawn very sharply between  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  and  $\Sigma X$  on the one hand and  $\Phi K \Psi$  on the other, each with a considerable "barb" following. An attempt was made by  $\Phi K \Psi$  to enter a chapter of  $\theta N E$ , but without success, a charter having been denied them, for the reason that  $\theta N E$  being a Pan-Hellenic organization,  $\Phi K \Psi$  tried to confine it to their own membership and that of  $\Sigma X$ , to the exclusion of their more formidable rivals of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ .  $\Sigma X$  indignantly rejected the proposal and invited  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  to a joint banquet at a neighboring town. The banquet, it is needless to say, was an enthusiastic affair and served to cement the two fraternities in even closer alliance. For more than a year our combination has held the ascendancy in college politics; giving us almost entire control of the college paper, athletic association, etc.—*Bucknell Correspondent Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly.*

A dastardly attempt was made by the Betas to prevent us from initiating Mr. Stevenson. About an hour before the time for the initiation, one of their number decoyed him to a secluded place near the O. F. College where two masked men seized him. After walking with them a short distance he resisted, at the same time calling for help. At the approach of some parties, the masked men, who had increased their number to five or six, ran off, but not before they were recognized. They proved to be Betas. When we were apprised of the affair, we at once started to the rescue. Brothers Bonner and Chidlaw chased and caught two Betas, one of whom confessed that they intended to chloroform Mr. Stevenson and take him away in a carriage. The initiation went on all the same, and Brother Stevenson was soon wearing the sword and shield. We suppose that the Betas were trying to court the good will of the intended Alpha Delta Phi's by revenging our having captured two of the men who had been expected to go in with the Alphas. We do not desire to say anything wrong about our rivals, the Betas, but when they attempt anything like the above on Ohio Alpha of Phi Delta Theta, they must expect to hear from us. This was our first experience of the kind, and as we have hitherto been friendly to the Betas, it was a surprise to us. The trouble has blown over, and we have the laugh on them.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll for April.*

One of the pleasantest parts of college life is a friendly social gathering. The evening of April 4th will never be forgotten by some of the sons and daughters of University of Pacific.

About two weeks ago the petitioners for a chapter of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority received the cheering news that they might become sisters in the fraternal bonds. As soon as it was known they were invited to organize in Phi Kappa Psi Chapter Hall, which invitation they thankfully accepted. Miss Ollie Harrison and Miss Helen Widney, of Omega Chapter, of the University of Southern California, were the delegates to perform the initiatory work. They arranged the hall and at a little past seven, six candidates, Misses Mabel Urmey, Eva Hunkius, Lizzie Gober, May Johnston, Nettie Whitehurst and Susie Kingsbury came with their faces shining and hearts overflowing with joy to receive the obligation. The scene closed, but the doors again opened about half-past nine. The Phi Psis were admitted, and certainly there could not be a more cordial feeling manifested than was shown in the hour that followed. There was not an exception to the state of happiness. Six felt that it was one of the great events of their life, while the others heartily sympathized with them. Ere the enjoyment had ceased the announcement that a banquet was waiting caused all to pass into the dining hall where at least another hour went by without the thought of time. At the repast appropriate toasts were given by Mr. Will A. Beasley, Mr. H. C. Richardson, Miss Gober, Miss Harrison and Prof. J. N. Martin, in response to the toast-master, Mr. C. E. Winning. The company then adjourned to the hall and, after singing parting songs and bidding farewells, returned to their respective homes, never to forget Thursday evening, April 4, 1889.

The next morning, Friday, being Field Day, the ladies surprised the uninitiated by appearing with their chapter pins and colors, the latter being black and gold. Both of these unknown and mysterious emblems were the subject of much discussion during the entire day. The pins are lovely, and the colors are so different from any yet worn in our institution, that their beauty is made all the more noticeable.

Long may Kappa Alpha Theta live in the University of Pacific, and long may the banner of the Sorority at large wave over its fraternal home, where dwell all those principles which make the noblest women of our land.—*Pacific Pharos.*

## Miscellany.

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### JOSEPH J. McDOWELL.

It has been the dispensation of Providence to again enter the fold of Phi Kappa Psi and remove from us one of our oldest and most honored alumni, Brother Joseph J. McDowell, who died April 6, 1889, at St. Louis, Missouri.

Brother McDowell was one of the charter members of Pennsylvania Beta, and it is with exceeding sorrow that we record the loss of one who has proved so true a friend and faithful a brother.

Reviewing the records of the early days of our chapter, we learn that he was known as a persevering and zealous worker for the welfare of our fraternity in Allegheny College, and was furthermore respected and honored among his college companions for his upright principles and manly strength of character.

As a testimonial of our deep regret at the loss of one whose memory is sacredly cherished by us, whose sincerity always won for him the esteem and friendship of those with whom he associated, and whose earnest zeal has been spent in elevating the standing of Phi Kappa Psi, we, the members of Pennsylvania A Chapter, desire to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and friends of our departed brother.

W. W. YOUNGSON,  
C. L. MILLER,  
F. A. CATTERN,

*Committee.*

Meadville, Pa., April 12, 1889.

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Inquiries have recently been made concerning the following back numbers. THE SHIELD's files are not able to supply the desired numbers. Can any one assist these brothers in completing their files?

No. 2 of Vol. I.                      Nos. 1, 2 and 4 of Vol. IV.  
Nos. 6 and 7 of Vol. III.      No. 2 of Vol. VI.

The Editor desires to call attention to the fact that owing to the demand at the time of publication, he has on hand but three full volumes of THE SHIELD for Vol. VIII. Of Vol. VI. he has two full sets. We have, however, a large supply of broken volumes, the separate numbers of which may be of service in completing files. We shall be glad to respond to letters of inquiry on this subject, and shall take pleasure in filling orders for back numbers as far as possible.

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## FRATERNITY RIVALRY.

A paper read before the Third District Council held at Greencastle, Ind., April, '89.

Some time ago, my attention was drawn to the remarks of a learned Englishman concerning one of the popular fallacies tucked deep down in the Yankee bosom. Without giving his words, their import was this: that throughout the length and breadth of our country the conviction was universal that in no respect and in no wise could the constitution of our country be improved; that that wonderful document, to the American mind, was verily the summit of legal evolution—the capping-point of that great pyramid of constitutional enactments that had been growing with every revolution and adding to its size with every political upheaval since the beginning of days. The moral that our British friend drew from this extreme of national pride in our national law would be easily guessed at, namely: that this so great light might serve only to blind us to serious defects.

Let me fit the moral to another story. In 1776 the first Greek letter fraternity was established. Time forbids my tracing the history of that idea embodied in the organization of *Φ Β Κ* at Williams and Mary. Like a cloud of locusts, as our barbarian friends, the enemy, would have it—like the genial sunshine, let us rather say, that idea has permeated the whole structure of college society in the United States; so that in dealing with it to-day it is no candle to be blown out with the first breath of opposition, and no scanty flame to be brightened and intensified by a few litres of oxygenical common-sense.

A potent reality in college life, we must deal with it as it is, a great power capable of being put to best or worst use; and that it is great and that it is of benefit rather than injury to those colleges and those students

among whom it is strongest, are no reasons why we should justify ourselves in blindly overlooking its defects, nor why, with equal lack of insight, we should laud its virtues beyond their worth. That was sound psychology, applicable to fraternal as to the nobler religious life, which Paul enunciated when he said, "For when we are weak then are we strong;" better far we should discover weaknesses that we may repair them.

No inconsiderable liability, to my mind, lies right along the line of fraternity rivalry. I do not purpose to discuss this question in any pseudo-pessimistic vein, but for a few moments bear with me while I look over the armor of the modern Greek and see if I can find in helmet, or shield, or sword, or breastplate a broken link, a misplaced rivet, a concealed flaw. The first contest in which the Athens and Sparta, Macedon and Thebes of these latter days join battle is synchronous with the opening of the year's work. If at times, during the progress of the term, fraternity rivalry shows itself in numberless fumaroles, small perhaps, but smelling to the very heavens with sulphuric ill-will and jealousy, it is during the rushing season that these smoking mounds seem to unite into a veritable young volcano, and united send up clouds of ill-savored incense such as might tickle the nostrils of a demon or craze all Olympus. Unquestionably it is when we fraternity men are in the heat of rushing that a proper comparative estimate of ourselves and our rivals becomes to us a crippled thing, poor, discouraged, sensitive plant, hugging itself with its drooping leaves and waiting for some time of more congenial refreshing ere it dare appear the admirable thing that it is. This is not the place to air any views as to what should be the standard of fraternity membership; nor to add my little brushload of glue wherewith to stick a few extra feathers on that angelic all-round man whose figure so completely and rightly fills the eye of the connoisseur in such matters. But this is the place to note some of the evils attendant upon a rushing contest, for in no little measure do these influence the comparative opinions we form of ourselves and of our rivals. Prominent among such evils is one which for want of a more elegant and an equally expressive term is generally characterized as "mud-flogging." It is a well-known psychological fact that continued statement, even of a false proposition, may induce a permanent fallacious belief,—that is, the mind even against contrary evidence can bolster up and nurse and nurture its own prejudices; true in affairs of every day life, this is equally true of those who would form judgments of the relative worth or worthlessness of different organizations. Some years ago in one of our Ohio colleges a certain fraternity, not without reason, gained the name of being the "dude" fraternity of the school; and from that day to this, though the character of their membership has largely changed and twenty-

two inch trousers are not on equal terms with brains as a standard of admission, in the honest opinion of many thoughtless persons, they are still known and characterized as the dudes. What lesson do I draw from this? That the innuendos, the aspersions, the unwarranted statements of any and every kind that are sown broadcast into the unsophisticated mind of the incoming freshman during the time he is "rushed" by the fraternities, may take root, may linger there, may become prejudices that will lead him throughout his course to form narrow judgments, unkindly critical opinions, and thus his judgments, his opinions, his views narrowed, the man will become as his thoughts and be the embodiment of a baneful selfishness. Because it is an echo of what is now very generally expressed throughout the world of Greek journalism; and because I believe it challenges the approval of every true gentleman—and the true gentleman, though he be barbarian in name, is after all the only true Greek,—I quote this from a recent chapter letter of one of the youngest and most promising of our chapters—Minnesota Beta. Their correspondent, Brother Soares, says: "We have had occasion heartily to congratulate ourselves upon the policy we have made it a point to pursue in rushing men. We have always felt that it was incumbent upon us to refrain from casting any aspersions upon our rivals. Such conduct is unbecoming in a gentleman, ungenerous in a fellow student, and indeed is unwise, even from a standpoint of policy." I will not light any rhetorical fire-crackers of my own wherewith to intensify such dynamically expressed truth. Doubtless, however, the majority of those who listen to this paper, prompted by experience, will say that it is impossible to refrain from occasionally speaking ill of rival chapters; that showing the new collegian dangers to be avoided in his choice of a fraternity is quite as necessary as the holding up of prospective advantages. Against such honest criticism, though it should be avoided as much as possible, I have no words; but I would that every chapter of Phi Kappa Psi might cease any and all mud-flinging; it should be beneath any wearer of the pink and lavender so to lower himself as to circulate damaging statements likely, in nine cases out of ten, to prove untrue, concerning the affairs of a rival organization.

One more aspect of the "rushing" contest seems to me to bear directly on this question of the comparative estimate of fraternity strength. The fraternity successful in securing a man much sought after, is liable to be the boasting fraternity, and in proportionate degree the unsuccessful chapter becomes disappointed and soured. Without dilating on the un wisdom of "rushing" a man simply because some body else is "rushing" him, or of winding the horn long and loud over a recruit who has not proved his strength; let me scatter a few crumbs of a better than Job's

comfort to the fraternity which loses a man and is said, in common parlance, to be "unfortunate." We, as fraternity brothers, should not always look on that as ill-luck which takes a man away from our prospective membership; too often we overestimate or underestimate our strength according as we have gained or lost in the "rushing" season. When a chapter correspondent writes that his chapter, to use the current phrase, "got left" on a man, but adds with a strong appearance of self-congratulation that they were afterwards glad of it, while the remark at first seems to savor strongly of sour grapes, there is in it an undercurrent of sound philosophy, not the less strong because unnoted by writer or reader. I take it that the secret of a successful chapter life lies in congeniality, and in the great majority of cases a fraternity loses a man because that man thinks that he sees in another body of students more congenial associates. Under such circumstances the unsuccessful chapter in the "rushing" contest should find more cause for self-congratulation than for self-commiseration, and should esteem it indicative of no weakness that they do not find in their meetings one whose presence there might serve as a damper on all proper enthusiasm.

But false estimates of fraternity strength are not only formed at the opening of the term; I believe that they are at the root of nearly all the year's factional struggles and strifes. College honors are of doubtful advantage, so much so that many of our best institutions have abolished them altogether. But without discussing their good points or bad, this much is true, that a fraternity which measures its strength alone by them is in imminent danger of degenerating into a mere literary society. We can see instances of such degradation of the fraternity idea, I doubt not, in many of the colleges whose representatives are here to-day. But not so much in the strife for strictly college honors does fraternity rivalry show the cloven foot, as in the strife for what I may designate, student honor. Here are no distinguished judges nor impartial professors, but the body politic of young collegians chooses whom it will for its places of preferment, and in the vast majority of instances such choice is only arrived at as the result of an infinite amount of intrigue and scheming. Here again fraternity rivalry sheds its garb of pan-hellenic love, lest the broad folds of that garment should stay somewhat its wearer's strength of arm and muscle, for both sinew and finger nails will be sorely needed in the coming fight.

It is a fact, which needs no demonstration to those before me, that there are fraternities whose very existence seems to be for the sake of monopolizing these student honors; who delight not so much in telling of the congenialty and friendship and mutual helpfulness that characterizes their intercourse, as of the oratorical contestants, the college journalists,

the class officers and the prize athletes whom they number among their membership. Such a standard of fraternity strength, a standard which takes into account nothing save prize-winning and honor-getting, is an utterly false one, and many are the enemies it makes for the fraternity system as a system, and many are the fraternities that cease to be fraternities because of its adoption.

If then numbers, prizes won, honors gained, members snatched from other organizations, are not proper criteria whereon to base comparative estimates of fraternity strength where shall we look for a safe standard? Almost involuntarily some one will say, by its morals a fraternity ought to be measured. Without for a moment casting any reflections on the superb dignity of a Christian manhood, still to the best of my belief here is no standard of fraternity strength. True, of fraternities as of societies, of nations, of races, those nearest approach perfection which most assimilate to themselves the principles of a lofty code of morals; and Christianity is the incarnation of the highest morality. But no one would call a fraternity of moral and Christian dullards a strong one! Nor does the society standard hold good; the standard which one fully satisfies if he be but a genial companion, a good talker, a thorough embryo "man of the world." Mind must be noticed, and mind, morals and manners do not always adorn the same man. Where then shall we look for a gauge whereby to tell whether a chapter be strong or weak? An ideal might be found in a sort of composite organization whereof the members were all moral, all intellectual, all social; but it is with fraternities as with men, an all-round proficiency indicates mediocrity in most things and excellence in none; all-round excellence can only be attained at the sacrifice of greater special excellence. Once before in this paper I said that congeniality is the secret of a successful chapter life; as such, I believe it to be the proper gauge of fraternity strength. By congeniality I do not mean conviviality. I mean that mysterious something that enables one frater to go to another in perfect confidence and tell of joys or sorrows, sure always of a kindly sympathy, that fellowship of spirit that makes one being seem to say to another, "I am thy brother indeed."

Among the objects of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, expressed in her constitution, none is more commendable than that which would make the chapter life, in some sense, supply the place of the home life, lost to so many collegians. That would cause the fratres of a chapter to have confidence in each other, and would throw around them all the atmosphere of a helpful, congenial friendship. Without congeniality a fraternity of honor men is weak, with it a fraternity is always strong.

In conclusion let me say just a few words regarding a comparative

estimate of fraternities at large. While it is of course well enough to take pride in the achievements of your own sister chapters and of your own alumni brethren, that chapter is after all a weak one which is compelled to plead the strength of its general fraternity as an argument in a "rushing" contest. As for myself, I would rather join a local society whose members might be congenial to me, than connect myself with a weaker chapter even of the strongest general fraternity in the land. While it does one's heart good to find a friendly Phi Psi to grip his hand, still much of the benefit one will get from his fraternity will be gained during his course at his *alma mater*, and within the walls of his own chapter hall. Chance meetings and alumni reunions after graduation no doubt might well be numbered among the pleasant things of life, but their pleasure, it seems to me, will be relatively great in proportion as they bring to mind memories of the old boys and of the old associations of chapter hall and dormitory. So it is that I do not think comparative estimates of general fraternity strength have any considerable place among the inducements offered during a "rushing" season.

The time that has been allotted me is far too short to do justice to the subject of which I have written. What I have said may be at variance with the opinions of some present. I shall be satisfied if this paper shall serve to stir up mutual discussions and thereby lead to clearer judgments, for a clear judgment of what constitutes the true strength of a social organization like a college fraternity, can not fail to make fraternities more and more nearly approach their ideal development. That ideal development exists for me in the fraternity whose members are held together by congeniality of mind, of heart, of soul.

PHILIP PHILIPS, JR.

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### POEM.

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Read before the D. C. of the First District, Syracuse, N. Y., April 4, 1889.

"Mæ- | ce- | nas ata- | vis | edite | regi- | bus,"—

So we scanned the first line of Horace, scanned it with no little fuss.

Glibe were the words as they fell from our tongue, strident our manner and tone,

For those were the days when we knew what was what, and were able to paddle alone.

Constructions were twisty, *outré* were the forms, and often the meanings were dim;

But we tackled the thing with a good strong grip, and shook out the sense with a vim.

We parsed and construed, derived and declined, dug out the deep roots anon,

We mastered the crasis, got rid of the m's, and then in our triumph passed on:

"O | et | præsi- (um) | et | Tulce de- | cus me- | um,

Sunt | quos | curricu- | lo | pulver (em) O- | lympi- | cum."

Jolly good fun did we deem it all when we got full hold of the swing,

And we played with the Dactyls and other nice things as if they were made to sing.

And we sang them, too, with a right good will, with a rhythm we'll never forget;

And we sang them so well, and we sung them so long, that we keep on singing them yet.

The swoop and the swing of those rhythmical lines with the college boy abide,  
For they find a place with the lines of life and run with them side by side.

Ah hail, Mæcenas! whose blood was the blood that came from a race of kings,  
Whose word was a shield to the poet's name, whose wealth was the poet's wings.  
We studied him up, discovered his ways, took stock in him then and there,  
For we found him a man of open hand, and a practical millionaire.  
We made his acquaintance with rare delight and honored him as was meet,  
For we take to the man who invites his friends and gives them plenty to eat.  
We were sorry to part with him, sorry indeed; and it must be said that still  
We are ready to banquet any time with the man who pays the bill.  
But we wonder if all the hungry crowd that gathered around that board  
Were equally men of sterling worth, and all with their host in accord;  
Whether there was not some sleek scamp, who smiled and chatted and chinned,  
And after the feast put his thumb to his nose as he walked down the road and grinned.  
Just so we wonder if all the dear boys whom Alma Mater feeds  
Will turn out genuine garden plants, or some of them only weeds,—  
Whether some fair but spiritless youth, when his classmates face the chasm,  
Will not soften and shrink into gelatine—a spoonful of protoplasm.  
Let us call up a boy, an exceptional type, in the dear old classic halls,  
Who sat at the savory feast with us, and played 'round the college walls;  
Who joined in the general swim with us, with a sharp eye for number one,  
And was ready to run with the biggest and best when the day's hard work was done.  
Young Timothy Tite we will call him for short,—a fellow of graceful pose,  
Who knew as much as any young cub of his kidney and caliber knows.  
He could sing, he could dance, he could pick at a string, he could finger the ivory keys,  
He could tell a good joke, he could spin a long yarn, at an angle of ninety degrees.  
He was suave in his manner, and prim in his dress, and dainty in touch and tone,  
And he just came short of being a dude by the streak of a thin backbone.  
He was up in lawn tennis, with racket and rig, and quite a success in croquet,  
But as far as the national game is concerned, our hero was hardly *au fait*.  
He was good at a muff, and first rate at a foul, and could make first base with a bang,  
But the only home run he ever made was when the dinner bell rang.  
He quarreled with nobody—didn't know how,—and nobody quarreled with him;  
There wasn't enough of him, so to speak, to pay for a fight with Tim.  
If any one asked what he meant to do by and by in the world's wild rout,  
Our Tim didn't know, and his class didn't know; it was something no fellow found out.  
And it didn't much matter; the world went along with its whir and its whiz and its brawl,  
And our Tim counted one in the census of life, like the rest of us—that was all.

Four years he played student, went through with a squeeze, took all the diseases  
quite pat,

The rash of the Freshman, the Sophomore fever, the Junior big head, the high hat.  
He picked up his problems by sheer dint of suction, a little point here and there;  
No classmate could bluff him, or snub him, or snuff him, or turn a deaf ear to his prayer.  
He wormed out the secret, the why and the wherefore, the process, till all was explained;  
For Tim, like a fellow who has no umbrella, knew enough to go in when it rained.  
His cuffs did the rest—they were ample, capacious, dead white, smooth and clean, and  
his own,—

But why should I poison your innocent minds by telling you how it was done?  
In the realms of the Classics our Tim kept a stable, a useful assortment of nags,  
Which he rode with a skill that would never allow him to dash out his brains on the  
crag.

He sat firm in the saddle, held deftly the reins, and guided the steed so well  
That some of us wished we could learn the trick; but there wasn't a man who could tell.  
Did the prof's see aught of the little game that was played right under their eyes?  
It is hard to tell; but this may be said, and no one need start with surprise:  
Let x stand for all the hidden things that the student would not disclose,  
Then x X 20 will faintly express what the professor knows.

Our Tim read the odes, and read them right well, with gentle, mellifluous voice,  
 With polished translations selected with care, all culled from the book of his choice.  
 "Nunc est Bibendum," and "Quo me, Bacchi," rolled out with luxurious sound;  
 'O Venus Regiua," a "Lydia Dic," that struck you clear down to the ground;  
 And "Cum tu, Lydia," that lyric erotic, till the hearts of the hearers stood still;  
 And, best of all, "Vixi Puellis" he read, till the whole class caught up the thrill.  
 For Tim liked the girls—as what student does not?—and the girls, well, the girls  
 liked Tim,  
 And which liked the other most, who knows? I leave it to them and to him.  
 There were drives and walks, and flirtings and talks, and sweet little notes now and  
 then;  
 There were trystes and seances, and signals and glances, and pledges forever, anon.  
 And so it went on till one night in the dark a stray little mischievous star  
 Peeped over the edge of a ragged cloud, while the side door stood ajar;  
 And behold, there were kisses, and sighs, and sobs, and a tempest of sobs and tears,  
 And a torrent of vows, and a deluge of bliss, and a rainbow that spanned the years;  
 For the climax of life had come that night, and a woman's quivering soul  
 Had felt the touch of the heavens on the earth, and found love's rapturous goal.  
 And that mean little Stella dodged under a cloud, and flew up the sky like a bird,  
 And gossiped and chatted, and told all the stars the things she had seen and heard.  
 And when, the next night, the astronomy class went out to inspect the sky,  
 They saw the stars winking and blinking and sniggling, and having high fun on  
 the sly;  
 And they wondered and stared, with their wide mouths open, till Stella's big sister  
 grew bold,  
 And telephoned down to the boys on the campus the story that Stella had told.  
 And then they all knew it, the seniors and juniors, and they passed it on to the sophs,  
 And the sophs to the freshies, and they to the preps, with gusto and giggling and scoffs;  
 Every boy told his girl, and the girl told her friend, and it spread over college and town,  
 Till all the trained gossips, in blankets of blab, kept tossing it up and down.  
 But the sages agreed that if Tim would but stick, he had certainly made a ten strike,  
 For the only escape from a grasshopper life was to fasten him down with a spike;  
 But they shook their wise heads when they thought of the girl, so sweet, so naïve, and  
 confessed  
 That they had a slight twitching of doubt, as it were, but they hoped, yes, they hoped  
 for the best.

Commencement day came, that day of all days, that beautiful spring day of life,  
 That day when the student looks out on the world, and enters its struggle and strife—  
 That day when he sails with an eager hope to that distant and unknown shore,  
 Or hauls up his battered boat on the beach, to ply the rough waves no more:  
 To the one the beginning of life has come, to the other the dismal end;  
 The one has a store of wealth to invest, the other has nothing to spend.  
 Our Tim made his bow, rattled off a good speech, received his rolled sheep skin with  
 grace,  
 Got his share of applause, rather more than his share, interlarded with yell and grimace.  
 He had run the routine, he had thumbed all the books, he had kept up a standing all  
 through,  
 He had joined in the games, had a hand in the tricks, he had paid all his bills when due;  
 But of gumption and grip, of purpose and plan, of the high aim of life there was none,—  
 He had answered at roll-call, recited, or flunked; what more could you ask?—he was  
 done.  
 So he went to his room, packed his trunk, sold his duds, emerged from the terrible strain,  
 Went out in the night, and with flippant "good-bye," he was off on the midnight train.  
 He had filled the eye like a crimson leaf that burns with its autumn fire;  
 He passed from view like a shriveled leaf that falls and is lost in the mire.

Shift the scene—leap the years—chase him up—hunt him down—where now is this Tim  
 of ours?

On what choice spot in this busy world does our fellow concentrate his powers?  
 Does he moil or toil in the furrows of life? Does he sweat on the harvest field?  
 Does he still eat the lotus, and drink of the Lethe, and dream with his blood congealed?  
 Is he working for souls? is he delving for brains? is he making and burnishing men?  
 Is he drinking the draught of a sensual life, lust-drunk, and yet drinking again?  
 He may be a saint or sot—who knows?—a man or a beast?—who can tell?  
 But the trend of his feet was fixed when he passed from the sound of the college bell.  
 Does he think of the days, the halcyon days, that never come twice to youth,  
 With their sweet traditions, their deathless beyonds, their stores of immortal truth?  
 Does he think of the dear little cliques and cabals that filled college life with zest?  
 Of the quoits, and the clubs, and the parallel bars, of the diamond, the lawn—and the rest?  
 Does he think of the nothings he dropped in soft ears that drank in his ravishing tones  
 Till the earth seemed to vanish from boy and from maid, and they sat on aërial thrones?  
 Does he think of the lips that he kissed through the years? of the girdles he made with  
 his arm?  
 Of the cheeks that he flushed, of the eyes that he fired, as the captives fell under his  
 charms?  
 Does he think of his Lydia, trusting and true, who gave her small heart away,  
 Went down with the sunset, and never again saw the light of a gladsome day?  
 Who can tell what he thinks?—no one knows, no one cares; no message the postman  
 brings;  
 Whether living or dead, he is dead, doubly dead, the deadeast of all dead things.  
 The filth that the dirt-cart gathers up is into Gehenna hurled,  
 And we leave him to rot on the compost heap to add to the stench of the world.

And now for the moral—what! is there a moral? Yes, this is a sermon, you know,  
 And what is a sermon without a finale—a mighty, vociferous blow—  
 A grand peroration—a clincher—a squelcher—a kindling of coals to a flame—  
 A spring of the trap that enmeshes the victim—a shooting that brings down the game?  
 O yes, there's a moral—a sort of addendum—a last shot that no one must miss—  
 A sky-scraping whacker that empties the bases; it runs along somewhat like this:  
 Phi Psi might have saved him, developed the man in him, cleaned off the slough and  
 the slag,  
 Put grit in his fibre, and strength in his sinew, and stripped him of bluster and brag;  
 Phi Psi would have shielded him, warmed him, encouraged him, made his life healthy  
 and true,  
 Entwined him with fellowships rare and sweet, more precious than ever he knew;  
 Phi Psi would have quickened his brain and his heart, and filled him with sympathies  
 pure,  
 Inspired him the loftiest deeds to achieve, the holiest ends to secure.  
 But he turned from his own sure hope with disdain, conceited and stupidly proud;  
 He was caught in the swirl, foredoomed from the start, for he followed the other crowd;  
 He missed his one chance, and it never came back; he risked his one life and he lost;  
 He is out in the flotsam of human wrecks; he blundered, and paid the cost.

There are many inscrutable problems in life, but it's easy for us to know why  
 The best thing a student can do for himself is to train with the Phi Kappa Psi.

ROBERT LOWRY.

## The Areopagus.

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### Annual Reports and their Circulation.

Five years ago it was a matter of deep interest to me to know what names were added to the roll of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , and the mention of the annual report in the last SHIELD led me to ask myself why I have not seen a report in five years. The pleasantest day I have spent in the past year I owe to my being a  $\Phi K \Psi$ , but I know little of  $\Phi K \Psi$  as she is. Since my personal acquaintances left college I have had no communication with my chapter, and I have seen no statement of the fraternity standing. It never occurs to me to read chapter letters excepting those from Pennsylvania Zeta. I think I would take the time, had I an opportunity, to examine the annual report, and many another of more importance to the fraternity would do the same. The question of the advisability of sending this annual report to all the members of the fraternity has been brought up by me in talking with active members, but they objected generally on the ground of its private nature. It seems to me that no one would miss the private part if it were omitted. I see no reason for keeping the names of the officers secret.

We devoted considerable thought during our active membership to the problem of maintaining a lively interest in the fraternity among alumni members. Would it not aid materially if this annual report were gotten up for the information of the alumni as well as for the active members, and a copy placed in the hands of every member of the fraternity? It should state the relative standing of the chapters among the various fraternities at each college. This would draw out what might seem like conceit, but we ought to have an order worth being conceited about. I want to have a copy of the annual report, and it should be the desire of every chapter to send a copy of that report to every alumnus who will take the least interest in it.

T. STEVENS.

**SPRINGFIELD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.**

There was a good attendance of the alumni members of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity assembled in the fraternity's club rooms Tuesday evening, to organize the Springfield Phi Psi Alumni Association.

Mr. W. S. Thomas was made temporary S. G. P., and Mr. Fred G. Gotwald S. A. G. Mr. J. Harry Rabbitts, of the Committee on Membership, appointed at the previous meeting, reported that a list of fifty-nine applicants for a charter had been secured, composed of the following, who become charter members:

Rev. W. C. Falconer, Gen. J. Warren Keifer, Rev. Frank Mitchell, Dr. S. A. Ort, Dr. J. O. Davy, Prof. B. F. Prince, Prof. L. A. Gotwald, Prof. George H. Young, A. D. Hosterman, James H. Rabbitts, Charles E. Winters, George S. Dial, Judge Charles R. White, Oscar T. Martin, Amos Wolfe, E. M. Campbell, Addison Rodgers, Wm. H. Keifer, John N. Garver, H. N. Seigenthaler, Prof. A. F. Linn, A. H. Kunkle, Will H. Manss, M. B. Harris, Fred G. Gotwald, Chas. A. Geiger, A. N. Summers, W. S. Thomas, H. M. Geiger, Frank W. Geiger, Chase Stewart, W. H. Dunnell, S. E. Baker, John S. Weaver, Edwin L. Arthur, S. P. Behrends, P. M. Cartmell, Robert J. Miller, E. M. Ellsworth, G. P. Raup, all of Springfield, Ohio; also Prof. C. L. Van Cleve, A. F. Broomhall and Rev. C. E. Hills, Troy, Ohio; F. B. Drees, Xenia, Ohio; W. H. Weaver, Miamisburg, Ohio; Rev. E. E. Baker, Prof. W. J. White, W. J. Frizell, A. A. Winters, Rev. V. F. Brown, C. W. Dustin, Harry W. Fither, all of Dayton, Ohio, and Rev. W. H. Singley, E. J. Howenstein, Will A. West, John E. West, H. Whitworth, J. C. Wonders, Al. A. Moore, all of Bellefontaine, Ohio.

John N. Garver, of the Committee on Rules and By-Laws, reported that a charter had been granted the association, and together with several other matters the report was adopted.

The election of permanent officers was held and resulted as follows;

S. G. P.—Judge Charles R. White.

S. P.—A. D. Hosterman.

S. A. G.—Fred G. Gotwald.

There are to be three meetings each year—Fall, Spring and commencement week. A committee consisting of Charles E. Winters, Prof. Alvin Linn, Fred Gotwald, Will Keifer and J. N. Garver, was appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Ohio Beta Chapter to arrange for the annual reunion and banquet to be held during commencement week, and which it is expected will be made a pleasant and notable event.

The date of last night's meeting being the anniversary of the founding of the Ohio Beta Chapter, the alumni members invited the active chapter, consisting of the following members, C. L. Bauer, F. N. Bouck, A. C. Ehrenfeld, R. H. Hiller, G. B. Hiller, H. S. Lawrence, Horace Keifer, Francis Sieberling, Allen Sieberling, E. S. Luckenbach and Herbert

Weaver, to be present, and following the business meeting the alumni members "set up" a tasteful lunch to the local members, in commemoration of the founding of the chapter, and as a return favor for the banquet tendered by the active boys a short time ago.—*Republic-Times*.

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#### TEXAS ALPHA.

A Phi Psi of almost eleven years standing, my interest in several articles in the February number of *THE SHIELD* must be my excuse (if indeed any excuse is needed for a Phi Psi to address his brethren through the fraternity organ on a matter he deems of vital importance to the body politic of the order) for asking a first indulgence at the hands of *THE SHIELD*. Your excellently edited and newsy journal is doing splendid work for the fraternity at large, and I congratulate you and the fraternity upon the dawning hope of a more glorious day than Phi Psi has ever known—a day whose sun will not reach the zenith until we have the most united, homogeneous, while also the most extensive fraternity in the nation; for all these three characteristics I consider entirely compatible. The articles which have given birth to this communication are those that treated of "Fraternity Extension." This is a subject that should claim the earnest attention of every loyal Phi Psi. As individual members of an order so aptly typified by the symbolical shield, we might for the most part, perhaps, consent to live in the memories of the fraternal days of college life and its reunions, but as an organization decay would surely be attendant upon inaction, as retrogression is the twin sister of indifference. Our fraternity must be abreast with the age, must keep in the fore front of the educational advance that is being made across this broad continent, and in its sweep knows no north nor south, no east nor west. Brother Boyer says: "We are now termed a western fraternity, though we can not be called exclusively western." I would distinctively disclaim the propriety of this designation; yet, if it is admitted what would it prove? Simply this, that in the years which have passed the founders of our glorious order have always recognized the necessity of pushing the fraternity to the front. The trend of advancement through the last twenty-five years in emigration, civilization and education has been westward. The war blighted the fair land of the south, and the east had its full complement of population and educational centers. The attack by the fraternity upon the west was well directed, and a signal victory has been achieved. But is the fraternity satisfied with its present size and scope of influence? I think not. By the war much ground was lost to Phi Psi in the south. The fraternity was there planted in most fertile soil, and why should not that ground be regained? But understand me please; I am not one of

those who believe excellence consists alone in numbers. Throughout my college course I fought for quality not men. Nor would I for the love I bear the fraternity see Phi Psi enter an unworthy institution. But what I do contend for is, we can plant our banners anew in the south with infinite advantage to the whole fraternity, as a non-sectional organization, as an order subsisting on the warm breath of a triune fellowship. Pardon an enthusiasm that may seem unusual when confronted in cold type, and when coming as an expression from one who has for four years lived a fraternity exile in Texas, and has here never seen the glitter of the protecting shield. But I came in touch with the fraternity world, with the old order of things during my visit last November to my Alma Mater, Pennsylvania Zeta. The embers of my fraternity zeal had not burned so low that this one breath fresh from the tropical fervor of college life was not sufficient to fan them into their quondam glow.

Brother Stephens, of Mississippi, has probed the point to the quick. "In the Southern States there now loom up many inviting fields for the establishment of chapters." Those that are here are indeed, as he says, "lonesome." His review of the paucity of chapters in the south, when such a veritable Garden of Eden is to be occupied, is not creditable to the fraternity. But he mentions one institution, "the new and munificently endowed University of Texas at Austin" that really points the object of this article when boiled down to present hope of a direct and practical result. Austin has been my home for four years. I am thoroughly acquainted with this university, its faculty, its resources, its students. An endowment of 3,000,000 acres of land, worth at this time, though not on the market, at least \$2 an acre, a present income of \$50,000 a year, that in the last two years has, by the legislature, been supplemented by gifts amounting to \$150,000; an income in a few years of at least \$150,000, a faculty of over a dozen professors, a roster of nearly 300 students, while the university is but six years old—this is the field for Phi Psi to possess. I invite the fraternity to its conquest, and can pledge them a chapter here of which they can always be proud. THE SHIELD can not do a wiser thing than advocate the establishment of Texas Alpha—there is no work I would approach with so much satisfaction and earnest of success as its founding. The Lone Star of Texas will shine with a brighter effulgence for me when supplemented with the rays from the twin stars of Phi Psi's power. Let this star of Texas, that, as the years roll by, will grow in magnitude and influence, be placed this year in the constellation that stands guard over and marks the progress of our glorious order. Why should not Phi Psi have as many jewels on her banner as on that which proudly floats over our nation? The prize is guaranteed, if the effort is only authorized.

PEYTON BROWN.

The subjoined letter we print verbatim, though it was not intended for publication. We do this without consulting Brother J., because we admire the fresh, vital spirit of the communication and most heartily wish that letters intended for our columns could always have the same spontaneity. We print this private letter for another reason. We believe it will do good because it will add renewed emphasis to the frequent exhortations of the editor for well selected and frequent personals, by showing how gladly, yes, even greedily, old college boys wish to hear of their whilom companions. We beg the pardon of readers of THE SHIELD for admitting such complimentary personal references as the letter contains. We could scarcely cut them out without destroying the coherency of what is otherwise a very interesting communication. Brother J. and other brothers will find that our jewelers, who are such faithful advertisers in THE SHIELD, are prepared to furnish the very article for which he inquires.—ED. SHIELD.

ST. LOUIS, May 6, 1889.

*My Dear Van Cleve:*—If you don't remember me I do you!

Several copies of THE SHIELD have been forwarded to me from my home, Wilmot, Ohio, and I have just waked up to the probability that my name is on your list as one who is expected to *pay for the good victuals*—rather than as an invited guest to inspect your good work. In short, I suppose you expect me to pay for a year's subscription, although I have not received all the numbers. For fear you would be unduly surprised to have me volunteer the money—I will await your bill.

I was on the point of sending you my regrets, along with a notice to take my name off the list, as a subscriber, but this morning the last number came in and captivated me. As becomes an alumnus I first look up the old alumni, and thanks to your columns, I have discovered, uncovered or unearthed quite a number. I think I will have to take THE SHIELD awhile just for your alumni column, that is if you keep it up! The journal as a whole, is flourishing like *the green bay tree*, that is as far as its editorial work goes, and I hope financially as well. It reflects great credit on yourself and is a splendid mirror reflecting the vigorous condition and stalwart growth of the fraternity. What a noble order she is, isn't she?

I know that editors do not always have a superabundance of material "on brain" for those interesting pages, the editorial, and I will suggest one, although it is old, but it has reached its second childhood and it may be good to revive it: "How to interest the alumni in the fraternity," has been, is, and probably always will be a question of perplexing interest to the "active" members. I am not proposing "to settle the question forever," as was the youth debating woman's suffrage, but I would offer one suggestion that I feel quite sure would interest the alumni in themselves quite largely, and it is the matter of wearing badges. Why don't we have an alumnus badge that would be distinctively conspicuous and yet modest? Why can not the fraternity offer a prize to the jeweler submitting the best alumnus pin? I believe if a *good* one was made, it would be worn extensively, and the good work accomplished would be incalculable. There is not a good, loyal son of Φ Ψ who

does not like to know a worthy brother, and still we meet them every day in all the relations of life, without probably being aware of the subtle bond that only needs to be shown and known to be a source of great pleasure and profit.

Last winter I sat several weeks at the same table with a man who was an ardent  $\Phi \Psi$ , but I never found it out until I saw a memorial resolution from a Pennsylvania chapter on his death, which occurred suddenly in April.

I sat under a minister's preaching for five months before I found out that Rev. S. J. Niccolls was a good and most worthy member of "the best fraternity," the Phi Psi.

I lived next door to the law school several months before I found, through THE SHIELD, that some modern Phi Kaps were cultivating Blackstone there; and in divers places, in all the walks of life, I am constantly finding "something new" that was old under the sun. Phi Psis are everywhere and get the best of everything.

If all these people had worn badges, or if I had not been so foolish as "to sell my badge to a girl," I might have enjoyed some pleasant acquaintances without having to call on THE SHIELD for an introduction. I have had barely time to suggest something to you. I wish it could be put into practice.

I have been neglecting the printers with this letter which has grown longer than I had intended.

Yours truly,

U. S. G. JOHNSTON.

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Subjoined are the extracts from the report of a Special Committee appointed by the Third District Council to memorialize the Grand Arch Council:

The Third District Council, after a discussion of the subject of fraternity extension at this critical period, desire to submit the following propositions to the fraternity at large, and particularly to the consideration of the next Grand Arch Council to convene in Chicago, April, 1890.

I. That it is not only desirable but necessary for Phi Kappa Psi to become a high-class national fraternity. By this is meant an organization which shall be represented in every college in the country possessing a high and liberal curriculum, and having sufficient endowment and means to secure suitable facilities and instruction in that curriculum. If Phi Kappa Psi does not become such a fraternity, a few years will find her competing on unequal terms with fraternities that are national in character.

II. The present method of granting charters hinders the progress of national extension for the following reasons: Distance, and the impossibility of obtaining full and complete knowledge of the proposed location, prevent the farther removed chapters from obtaining any just idea as to the eligibility or ineligibility of either the institution named for entrance or the men of the petitioning body; and as a necessary consequence of our present system, mistakes must be made both in the matter of refusing deserving petitions, and by great division of responsibility in granting charters to petitioners in institutions undeserving our entrance.

That this is so, is attested by past experience. Charters have been refused or granted only after desperate and harrassing struggle on the part of the friends of

the measure, where they should have been granted at once, and mistakes, too, have been made in granting certain charters. It is true that, as a fraternity, we are in good condition as regards the number and location of our chapters; but experience shows this to be a consequence of the inherent vitality of Phi Psi principles, rather than the result of our present method of granting charters, iron-bound as it is.

In addition, our present policy is evidently engendering a spirit of sectionalism and jealousy within the fraternity—a deplorable effect certainly due to a mischievous cause.

III. In view of these facts, we believe our constitution should be amended in this regard; and herewith propose the following:

That a charter shall be granted if it receives the assent of all the chapters of the district within which it is located, and is not negated by more than two of the chapters of the other districts.

PHILIP PHILLIPS, JR., Ohio A,

R. H. HILLER, Ohio B,

F. T. RUDY, Indiana A,

*Committee.*



## Editorial.

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We acknowledge the receipt of *The Syllabus*.

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The question of Southern Extension seems likely to receive a thorough airing from the various communications which have appeared in our pages. Are there not interested brothers in the East who will give us light upon the situation in the smaller New England colleges?

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With only one issue of THE SHIELD yet to appear to complete Volume IX, we feel constrained to exhort the brothers whose duty it is to furnish letters and personals to renewed diligence in the search for items interesting to alumni, many of whom are adventuring for the first during these spring months among the supporters of our journal.

In order that time may be given to get THE SHIELD to its destination before the close of the college year, no letter or list of personals can be published which reaches us later than June 10th. Please bear this in mind.

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We welcome into our ranks the Springfield, Ohio, Alumni Association of  $\phi \kappa \psi$ . We doubt not that it is the largest association in the fraternity. May these efficient aids to  $\phi \psi$  development multiply, is our hearty wish. One of our leading rivals has nineteen such associations scattered throughout the land.

Are there not  $\phi \psi$ s enough in Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Columbus, Minne-

apolis, and Kansas City to secure us a lively, enthusiastic body of alumni helpers for future aggressive work?

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A number of our contemporaries this year have sent forth a pitiful wail that fraternity journalism has gone to the "demnition bow-wows," and all because the matters discussed in the pages of the organs of the various societies are old.

What a pleasure it is to a tyro at the fraternity journalism business to sneer at the "threshing of old straw," the "same old hackneyed subjects, Extension, Pan-Hellenism, College Honors, etc." Invariably the tone of the editors change after they have had a turn at fishing out new subjects and discussing them, but the wheel turns, the place of publication is changed, and a new editor begins slashing away at the lack of freshness in his contemporaries, until he finds himself, seasoned by a few month's experience, falling into the ways of his brethren of the quill.

By the way, do the readers of *THE SHIELD* know that, of all the journals published by the various fraternities, we can count only four upon which the same men have worked for a period of even three years consecutively? The rule is, annual changes; the exception, experienced editors.

Are there any new subjects for discussion for fraternities and fraternity journals than those whose frequent appearance arouses the wrath of searchers for novelty? Phi Kappa Psi desires to keep abreast of the times, and, if any new phase of fraternity life presents itself to any reader of our pages, we bid him welcome to an expression of it in the *Areopagus*.

The same purposes prevail now as ever in our organization, and we presume this is true with our rivals, and old discussions by new men are of necessity the whole of

fraternity expression. And ought it not to be so? So long as American colleges exist, so long will the social feature—fraternity life—be a characteristic of our seats of learning, and we might as well try to make ourselves over again, as to change the tone of discussion in conventions, or to reconstruct fraternity journalism.

The Alumni, and how to reach them, Extension, Chapter Houses, Standards for Admission to Membership, Ideal Chapter Meetings, etc., have been and will continue to be the subjects which engage our attention and engross our interest.

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We wish to explain, in answer to inquiries, that personals published in *THE SHIELD* are always concerning  $\phi \psi$ s, although the prefix, "Brother," may not be used before each name.

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We have received a beautifully executed register of the alumni of  $\phi \kappa \psi$ , resident in Cincinnati and territory adjacent. The work bears evidence of the fine Italian hand of the Secretary of the Cincinnati Alumni Association, and is a great credit to his skill and industry. The separate sheets are tied with dainty silk threads of pink and lavender.

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We have received notice from Pa.  $\kappa$  that Horace Baker Forman, Jr., has been expelled for disloyalty and for breaking his oath. Phi Psis are cautioned against conversing with him on fraternity topics.

## Chapter Letters.

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### BUCKNELL.

Pennsylvania Gamma rejoices in continued prosperity. Recently we had the pleasure of entertaining Bro. O. B. Short of Illinois Beta. It delights us to give the "grip" to our western brethren, and all Phi Psis coming to Lewisburg are assured of a hearty welcome.

It gives me pleasure to present to the fraternity at large, Robert J. Holmes, of Pittston, Pennsylvania, who was initiated on the evening of April 20th, under the new regime. The ceremony was a most imposing one, and we are all delighted with the change in the ritual. Brother Holmes is a royal fellow and will make a worthy Phi Psi.

The Dramatic Association of Bucknell recently played *La Mascotte* before a large audience in Music Hall. Brother Holmes, with marked ability, assumed the chief role, ably supported by Brothers Shuster and Walker.

Our chapter was well represented at the Centennial Celebration in New York. Brothers Wolfe, Walker, Tustin and Moore attended it and all report a good time.

Quite a number of our brothers are actively engaged in "stumping" the county in the interest of the prohibitory amendment soon to be voted upon in Pennsylvania. Brothers Walker, Love and Tustin are winning enviable reputations as temperance orators.

At a recent meeting of Euepia Literary Society, Brother Finn was elected a debater to represent the society in the public contest at commencement.

There is a movement on foot to establish a  $\Phi \Psi$  quartette, consisting of Brothers Shuster, Holmes, Haslam and Walker.

Our symposium will be held on the evening of June 25th, at the Baker House. We hope to have with us a large number of our alumni, and we extend a hearty invitation to all Phi Psis to meet with us on that occasion.

A. LINCOLN MOORE.

Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1889.

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### CORNELL.

Cornell is now in the midst of base ball excitement. Inter-fraternity games, inter-class games, besides those of our regular nine, serving to keep the interest from flagging.

The crew is practicing faithfully and from all appearances Cornell will be

well represented on the water this summer. The tennis association has several new courts laid out, so this form of athletics need not be neglected. Our own tennis court, which was as fine as any in town, we were obliged to give up as a house was to be erected thereon. However, we have a new court which is nearly as good and needs but time to make it in splendid condition.

Next year Brother Hodder leaves us, having accepted a professorship at Columbus, Ohio, in the Ohio State College. His departure will be a great loss to New York Alpha, for Brother Hodder had always the interests of the fraternity at heart, and by his counsels and presence greatly aided us in every way. May he be as successful and popular at Columbus as he is at Cornell.

Brother Bliss, '85, wrote us not long ago (from Lansing, Michigan,) for the address of our fraternity jeweler, saying that he desired to purchase a pin. Would that others of our alumni had the same spirit.

We are in receipt of a most fraternal letter from Brother Robinson, '88. He has been quite ill but is now in better health, and is traveling for pleasure and business throughout the West.

E. H. HILLBERT.

Ithaca, New York, May 10, 1889.

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#### SYRACUSE.

The April SHIELD, with its complete account of the First District Council, was read with especial interest by the members of this chapter. The opportunity that the council afforded of greeting so many Phi Psis was one we still remember with pleasure.

Our chapter loses five members by graduation this year, but we look forward quite confidently to the opening of another year and hope to make up this loss in numbers. Two men to enter with the class of '93, have already been pledged, and we have no fear of being able to secure our share of next year's initiates.

New York Beta has begun to think seriously of entering a chapter house next year, but nothing definite has been decided upon. There seems to be a scarcity of suitable houses at present. The chapter stands unanimously in favor of taking a decided step in the matter.

The junior class in mechanics at Madison University, visited the city and the students at our university on Friday. We had the pleasure of meeting Brothers Mac Murray, Squires and Lyons of the Madison chapter. They reported New York Epsilon as progressing in a most harmonious manner.

The *Onondagon*, the junior class annual, is soon to make its appearance. Considerable delay was caused by inferior plates which could not be used. The annual is to excel that of last year quite materially, and we hope to exchange with our sister chapters.

The Field Day Sports which were to have been held yesterday, have been postponed until next Tuesday on account of rain. There seems to be the usual number of entries. Brother Wright acts as starter. Considerable interest is being taken in athletics here at present; base ball of course comes first in

popularity. The athletic association, which has a large membership among the students of the university, recently elected officers, and Brother Statham was chosen president.

Crouse College, which is to give to Syracuse the honor of having the finest college building in the country, is now nearly completed, and will be finished in time for the graduation exercises of '89. It is with a feeling of pride that the building and arrangements are exhibited to visiting Phi Psis.

A photograph of the First District Council was taken at the recent session, has been framed and placed on the walls of our chapter room. President Lowry and other less prominent brothers are clearly delineated, and the picture is quite a photographic success.

The athletic association gave a pleasing entertainment in the university chapel, May 2d. Our chapter was represented by Brothers Wright, Barnard and Chester; the first two of whom gave declamations. The program concluded with Howell's farce, "The Sleeping Car," in which Brother Chester took a prominent part.

CHARLES H. BALL.

Syracuse, New York, May 11, 1889.

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#### MADISON.

Madison is booming just now. Our ball team has returned from its first trip with a clean record. Rochester University fell a victim to the tune of 25 to 9, and Syracuse died under the weight of 9 to 2. As we are the baby team in the league we feel rather proud of our success. We are daring to hope that we shall win the pennant.

New York Epsilon has also good news. Brother Potter has won a place on the editorial staff of the *Madisonensis*. This position is secured by competition and this year the contest was hotter than ever before. Brother MacMurray has been on the staff for the past year, so this victory gives us two men out of the whole number, five.

On the evening of April 25th we held our second annual banquet celebrating the beginning of our existence as a chapter. After a fine supper we listened to the following

#### PROGRAMME.

Toast Master,	-	-	-	-	W. J. SHOLAR.
Vocal Trio,	-	-	-	-	"Hear the Sweet Chorus,"
				Brothers KING, POTTER, ALLEN.	
Poem,	-	-	-	-	"The Goats."
				Brother ALLEN.	
"The Girls We Love,"	-	-	-	-	Brother FLETCHER.
Piano Duet,	-	-	-	Brothers	ALLEN AND SQUIRES.
"The Barbarians,"	-	-	-	-	Brother LYONS.
"The Greeks,"	-	-	-	-	Brother WILLIAMS.
Vocal Solo,	-	-	-	-	Brother KING.
"The Mission of Phi Kappa Psi,"	-	-	-	-	Brother SMITH.
Violin Solo,	-	-	-	-	Brother BRAMAN.

I believe there is nothing that draws the brothers closer together than these yearly gatherings.

A few weeks ago a chapter of B Δ B was established here. It is a freshman society and has but few chapters.

Before our next chapter letter our commencement will take place, and we shall have lost Brothers Sholar, Bennett, and Williams. We expect to see Sholar back again next year, but Williams and Bennett will probably try their fortunes in the cold, cold world. We wish them success in proportion to their dimensions.

D. F. OSGOOD.

Hamilton, New York, May 13, 1889.

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#### HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE.

Although, owing to circumstances which were imperative, Gamma was not represented at our Council, she was there in spirit, and after reading the report we feel that her sentiments were fully echoed by all the chapters of the Second District.

The Union Theological Seminary closed its session on the 3d. Bro. J. H. Rawlings delivered an eloquent and forcible address to the graduating class, in which were Bros. W. S. Friend, J. R. Graham and L. W. Irwin. The former and latter left soon after to go to their respective charges. Brothers Saunders, H. F. Graham, and Stover have also gone to their charges. And we miss them all very much, they will return next year to the seminary. Bros. J. P. Fitzgerald, Carr, Moore and Wharton attended, each accompanied by his charming wife.

J. R. Graham will go as a missionary to China next fall, but promises to come and bid us good bye before he leaves.

It is not an idle boast to praise as worthy of imitation by all fraternities the high standard of gentlemanly conduct and Christian love that our brothers "of the cloth" have carried with them throughout their careers, whether as social, jolly fellows in college, or as laborers in the great vineyard, and assuredly Phi Psi will be protected and cherished by all lovers of true manhood as long as the high standard she has to-day is the watchword of her sons.

Bro. T. S. Fritz, of Kansas Alpha, gave us a series of lectures on elocution, at this place, during last month, and gave universal satisfaction. He is a devoted brother and "full of" *Southern Extension*.

Brother Reynolds, of Norfolk, who had been on a visit to his girl, paid us a short visit on his return. "Josh" is still wearing the pin and rushing the "calico."

A contract for 400,000 bricks is now being filled, and a handsome memorial hall will soon add to the other attractions of Hampden-Sidney College. It will contain the society halls, a handsome chapel, lecture rooms, etc. The Powhatan & Farmersville R. R. is being built and will reach this place next year. Hampden-Sidney is on a boom and expects to do great things ere long; as usual Φ Κ Ψ will come in for a share of the loaves and fishes.

As the college course has been somewhat extended in several branches,

and spring epidemics are in full swing, athletics are rather neglected just now. We are well represented though, having the first and second basemen, and left fielder on the college first nine; and pitcher, second baseman and left fielder on the U. T. S. nine. Brother McIlwaine is the vociferous pitcher on the second nine and is going to make a professional of himself.

For fear Brother Van Cleve will think that I am going to monopolize this number, Gamma says adieu for the present, by saying to all her sisters, let us carry out fully and successfully the plans decided on by our District Councils, and promises to be heard from "early and late" next year. With best wishes for the fraternity.

W. S. STUART.

Hampden-Sidney College, Virginia, May 8, 1889.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

On Monday, the 29th of April, the students went to Charleston on their annual excursion. The  $\Phi K \Psi$  delegation consisted of Brothers Grimké, Lowndes, Johnson, Parker, Dudley, Love, and R. S. Cathcart. The boys had a fine time and painted the town exceedingly red. Many of them attended a game of ball between the Charleston and Memphis clubs, while others amused themselves by visiting the points of interest around the city.

A few days ago an interesting game of ball was played between the seniors and professors, which was won by the seniors by a score of 23 to 15. Dr. J. W. Flinn, the chaplain of the university, distinguished himself by knocking a two-bagger, and then retired on his laurels.

Bro. J. A. Weeks has left college to engage in business in Virginia. We are sorry to lose him but wish him much luck in his new home.

Last month we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Joseph Gregg, of Chicago. He seemed full of enthusiasm for the fraternity and related to us many amusing incidents of his college career.

Brother Grimké officiated as marshal at the last celebration of the Willard Literary Society of the Columbia Female College. He "spread himself" in his customary style and quite won the fair creatures' hearts by his graceful pose.

J. C. McLURE.

Columbia, South Carolina, May 10, 1889.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

Ohio Gamma desires to introduce to the fraternity at large, Mr. Charles L. McIlwaine, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, who was initiated into the mysteries of Phi Kappa Psi on April 27th. In securing Mr. McIlwaine we beat the Phi Delta Theta's who made strenuous efforts to get him.

During the spring vacation, the University Glee Club, assisted by Mrs. Jas. B. Minier and Miss Annie E. Hunt, made a very successful concert tour. Concerts were given at twelve different places, mostly in Northwestern Ohio. The reception along the entire route was most gratifying, and the press notices were quite strong in their commendation. After their return a concert was given in

Wooster to an immense audience, when the club received a regular ovation. One of the pleasant features was that they came out considerably ahead financially. Phi Kappa Psi is represented in the club by Frank D. Glover, '91.

The warm weather has revived the athletic sports. The ball team which won the college championship of this region of Ohio, is now ready to battle again for the honor. The first game will be played on Field Day, which occurs Friday, May 17. The game will be either with Delaware or Oberlin. Lawn tennis seems to be the prevailing craze. Every fraternity in college has a tennis court, and there is also one "barb." court. Five of the courts are in the grove on Beaver street, and when they are all going, as they usually are, affairs around in that region look quite festive.

Commencement this year will occur one day later than usual, and the Irving and Athenian society contests will occur earlier than usual. One of the new features will be the Preparatory Department Commencement; a diploma from this department will be equivalent to one from a city high school.

John H. Bartram, '91, represented Ohio Gamma at the District Council and read a paper, "Should our present methods of granting charters be abolished." Brother Bartram reports a good time and speaks highly of Indiana Alpha.

Bro. D. O. Weeks, '91, did not return this term. It is doubtful whether he will return again to Wooster to resume his studies, and he will probably go into business at his home, Marion, Ohio.

FRANK D. GLOVER.

Wooster, Ohio, May 10, 1889.

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#### DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

The contests of the oratorical association in which De Pauw has always taken so prominent a part, are now a thing of the past. First came the State contest at Indianapolis on the 11th of April. There are five colleges in the State which send representatives to this contest, and each representative was accompanied by an enthusiastic crowd of college men. The De Pauw delegation, about 300 strong, chartered a special train. In the last five State contests, only once has De Pauw failed to take first place. This year was no exception, Mr. Wilkerson easily defeating his opponents. Then came the inter-state contest at Grinnell, Iowa, on May 2d, and we are still in doubt as to who is the successful contestant. At first it was thought that the Ohio representative had secured first place, but the corrected count awards the prize to Indiana. The case has been referred to the proper committee for settlement, but as yet no decision has been rendered.

Special preparations are being made for Military Commencement, which takes place on the 24th of May. On that occasion the Governor and staff, and many prominent Indianapolis people are expected to be present.

A great deal of interest has been taken this term in athletic matters. The college grounds are covered with individual and fraternity tennis courts, and the base ball club has been hard at work, playing nearly every week with some one of the neighboring college clubs.  $\Phi$   $\K$   $\Psi$  had four men on the team in the last game.

Since our last letter we have had the good fortune of pledging Charles E. Crawford, of Milton, Indiana, a member of the present senior preparatory class. Brother Crawford is a strong student and quite a musician, being connected with the principal musical organizations of the school.

One of the most enjoyable events of the term was the Musicale given in our fraternity hall on the evening of May 10th. On that occasion we had with us three of our  $\Phi \Psi$  members of the faculty, Profs. Weaver and Neff and Dr. Post; also Prof. Mansfield of the College of Liberal Arts; Prof. Howe, Madame Mattei, Miss Alden, Miss Marquis, and Miss Druley, of the Music School, and Miss Fisher of the Art School. Hanna, Markle, Coleman and McCullough, of Indiana Gamma, also graced the occasion by their presence. The following program was carried out:

PROGRAMME.

Selection.....	Guitar and Mandolin Club. CRAWFORD, WRIGHT, PORTER, RUDY AND HOUTS.
Piano Solo.....	Miserere from <i>Il Trovatore</i> . MISS L. EVA ALDEN.
Baritone Solo.....	Story of Life. . E. ROBB ZARING.
Recitation .....	Selection. MISS EDITH SMITH.
Violin Solo.....	Souvenir de Haydn. MISS ROSA MARQUIS.
Recitation.....	Selection from Riley. MERLE N. A. WALKER.
Selection.....	Guitar and Mandolin Club.

After the exercises of the evening were finished, refreshments were served, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to social enjoyment.

CHARLES A. HOUTS.

Greencastle, Indiana, May 12, 1889,

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INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Again the duty devolves upon me of sending the greetings of Indiana Beta to the fraternity at large. Almost by the time this letter is published our college will be closed for the year. The relations of the students to one another and toward the faculty have been very friendly, but I am afraid as much can not be said for the faculty, judging by the resignations which have been handed in. The chairs of History, German, Social Science, Zoology, are as yet unfilled for next year. It is right that some of these professors should go, but some have been removed purely on personal grounds, or on account of political differences. It is a noticeable fact that all the professors who go out this year are Democrats, and, although we are fully aware that it is a great crime to be a Democrat, yet this fact should have no influence on the trustees of a *State* university, for, as a matter of fact, we have no better instructors in our college than these four. If justice were done, however, resignations would be requested

from several other professors, especially the professor in charge of the Department of ———, who is a fraud in his line and a disgrace to the university. Dr. Dabney, our one  $\Phi \Psi$  in the faculty, has been called to take charge of the Department of Political History in the University of Virginia—a much better position than the one he had here.

The Indiana University sixth odd year Outing Party will leave here on commencement day, June 12th, and sail from New York for Glasgow, Saturday, June 15th, on the steamship *Circassia*, returning from Queenstown by steamer *City of Rome*, September 5th, after a tour of seventy-five days over the continent and through the U. K. of H. M. Q. V. (which is interpreted by Brother Spangler as the United Kingdom of Her Majesty Queen Victoria). The trip will cover Scotland (Lakes and Land of Scott); English Lake District; Belgium (Antwerp, Brussels, and Field of Waterloo); Germany (The Rhine and Thuringia, Berlin, and Dresden); Austria (The Danube, and Vienna); Italy (Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples, Pisa, Genoa, Turin, Milan, and Italian Lakes); Switzerland (St. Gotthead, William Tell Region, Bernese Oberland, Rhone Valley, Mt. Blanc, and Geneva); Spain (Barcelona, Madrid, Seville, Malaga, Alhambra, Toledo, and Burgos); France (Cette, Nîmes, Bianitz, Bordeaux, Tours, Orleans, Paris, and the Exposition); England (London, Windsor, Shakespeare Region, and Liverpool); Ireland (Dublin, Cork, Blarney, Killarney, and Queenstown). The party this year will be conducted by Brother Spangler, class of '83. Brother Spangler has had charge of five outing parties, and all made successful trips. The cost will be about \$400 from New York. Phi Psis everywhere are cordially invited to go. The "Phi Psi Phling," a dance peculiar to Indiana Beta, led by Brother Spangler himself, will be performed on Heidelberg Tun, if a sufficient number of  $\Phi \Psi$ s are present.

A new fraternity recently appeared in college, known as the Kappa Phi Omicron Kappa. It is restricted to a membership of eight, confined exclusively to the junior class. The badge adopted has the shape of a human skull, made of gold, with black enamel trimmings, and is of very unique appearance. The society is perpetuated by the selection of seven members of the sophomore class at the end of the college year.  $\Phi \Psi$  has two members, not over two being selected from any one fraternity. This is the second class fraternity organized here; a senior fraternity, T E II, was organized last year. The latter is known, from the shape of the badge, as the "Jawbone."

Last Saturday night we enjoyed a junior treat. We have only two juniors, but they gave us a spread which would have done credit to a larger class. The repast consisted of strawberry, lemon, vanilla, and chocolate cream, lemon and orange ice, assorted cake, and all kinds of tropical fruit. A very pleasant affair, the more so because it was a complete surprise. We are now waiting for somebody else to surprise us.

The Betas have challenged the Phi Psis to a game of ball to be played next week. In our next letter we hope to be able to report a score of 25 to 11 in favor of  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

FRED. W. TRUSCOTT.

Bloomington, Indiana, May 15, 1889.

**WABASH COLLEGE.**

Many moons have coursed their silvery way through the sky since last we graced the pages of *THE SHIELD* with Indiana Gamma's achievements, but it has been through no lack of the proper spirit. We have been constantly on the alert watching the dial of fortune, and our sleepless vigil has resulted in the plucking of three men from the seething cauldron of incipency to caper nimbly for Phi Kappa Psi. It gives us great pleasure to introduce to the fraternity Bros. H. W. Crouse, of Ossian, Indiana, '91; Warren Goldsberry, Annapolis, Indiana, '92, and E. McCullough, New Albany, Indiana, '93; all of whom we consider as most desirable acquisitions who have acquired the true spirit which governs every well regulated brother. The two latter named gentlemen were initiated under the forms contained in the new ritual, and the ceremony was a very happy and impressive one. We now have twelve active members, an enrollment which exceeds any number the chapter has had for several years. Immediately after the initiation a very inviting spread was discussed in the hall and the following toasts responded to: The Phi Kappa Psi Spirit, by Bro. T. S. McFaddin; The Model Phi Psi, by Bro. A. P. H. Bloomar, and Some Advice to the Initiate, a very happy conception of the duties of, and the conduct which should govern every member of Phi Kappa Psi, by Bro. G. C. Markle. The occasion was one of much profit to all, and the time of parting only came long after the hour when "the dead yawn and give up their graves."

We have recently been making some improvements in the hall, and while it is not a large one, in fact there are no large halls in the town, it is at least as comfortable as we could desire. Among the acquisitions is a piano, which affords the accompanying music to stirring fraternity songs, which are a feature of every meeting. Another part of our regular meetings, which we regard as a very profitable one, is a method we have had in operation since November last. Once a week two papers on fraternity topics are assigned to the members to be read before the chapter, and we have found this to be a means of keeping our new men well up on questions with which they should be conversant.

On the 4th, the De Pauw University team played the first of its scheduled games with our college team, and the score resulted seven to four in favor of Wabash. Phi Psi had representatives in the former nine, and if all had done their part as well as they did we must have suffered a defeat. We were very happy to meet our visiting brethren, and hope to have the pleasure of seeing our friends from abroad more frequently.

A local photographer, the best in the State by the way, recently had the honor of reflecting the images of the members of Indiana Gamma upon paper. If any chapter has the politeness to say an exchange would be desirable, we should be delighted to "trade pictures." Indiana Gamma sends greetings and best wishes for *THE SHIELD*.

J. R. HANNA.

Crawfordsville, Indiana, May 5, 1889.

## NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Commencement exercises of the Theological Department were held last Thursday, at which we were ably represented by Brother Schell, our Kirk-prize man of '86, and Brother Ninde. In the evening we had a social gathering in their honor at the hall, where we were pleased to meet other alumni, among whom were our newly acquired friends, Bro. George Baker, Indiana Alpha, and Bro. George Baker, Indiana Beta. Brother Schell resumes his charge at South Bend, Indiana, while Brother Ninde leaves shortly for study and travel in Europe and Palestine.

Invitations are out to the wedding of Bro. Rush McNair, '85, Kalamazoo, Michigan. We wish him abundant happiness and prosperity.

At the Adelpic Oratorical Contest held recently, Brother Graves took a prize. The Hinman Essay Contest occurs this week, Friday. We are represented by Brothers Herben and Springer, and expect to send a favorable report of their efforts in our next.

There is a feature connected with Northwestern University that may not be so familiar to other colleges. It is a tug-of-war team, and one in which we as a college, are justly proud, for they recently defeated the Union Athletic Club of Chicago, who at that time were holding the championship of the Northwest. In base ball we also hold our own, and stand a fair chance for first place in the college league. All the inter-fraternity games have been played excepting  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  vs.  $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ , which game decides the championship among the fraternities and awards "the supper" to the winners at the expense of the remaining teams.

In our last two letters it was our painful duty to inform the fraternity of Bro. Tom Moulding's casualties. Again it is ours to robe this fair sheet in the dusky symbol of mourning. He was catching a fly; the right fielder was catching the same insect; neither saw either, and the result was a tremendous base hit for Tom. He was borne off the field in an express cart, and for a time his condition was serious. However he is now able to be up and about, and we expect to see him back soon in his accustomed place.

*The Syllabus* is out after some delay and we would be pleased to exchange with any of our sister chapters.

In reading an article in the January SHIELD on fraternity pins, a most pleasant experience of last summer was called to mind. Two of us were in Kansas City, Missouri, and by allowing our pins to remain on the lapel of the vest were many times brought to a halt and given the familiar grip, sometimes by alumnus, occasionally by undergraduates, from all over the land. It did us a world of good in passing along the streets to suddenly feel ourselves confronted, a pair of bright eyes making sure of the letters on the shield, and then to feel the warm grip of a loyal Phi Psi, brought in from the busy world and welcomed as friend and brother, with no need of further introduction. Kansas City abounds in fraternity men. One can seldom pass along the main thoroughfares without noticing fraternity pins of high or low degree.

It is a most excellent plan to stick to the pin (or vice versa) in vacation as

well as school time, for we are sure to meet those whom we are glad to welcome as brothers, thereby broadening our knowledge and interest in the fraternity, as well as those who, though not brothers, nevertheless represent fraternities to which they appear just as enthusiastic and loyal.

F. A. ALABASTER.

Evanston, Illinois, May 13, 1889.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The Glee Club have returned from their annual spring trip, and have appeared for the first time this year before an Ann Arbor audience. The cities of Chicago, Dubuque, Madison, Milwaukee, Battle Creek, and Grand Rapids were visited by the club, and large audiences greeted them in every city, with the exception of Dubuque. We have two brothers who are members of the club, Bro. Ross Cole, leader, and Bro. Wallace Rogers, second tenor. These two brothers report an excellent time on the trip, and a warm reception from the Wisconsin Alpha boys, during their short stay in Madison.

Our spring field-day, under the auspices of the Base Ball Association, occurs the 25th of this month. Unusual spirit is shown this spring by the number, who may daily be seen on the fair grounds, training for the various events. The contests have been declared open to all amateurs, and we will doubtless have a number of visitors from neighboring colleges and Detroit with us on the occasion to participate in the games.

The inter-fraternity and class ball leagues are both at work. The former league comprises nine clubs, one from each fraternity represented on the Palladium, and the race this year promises to be even more exciting than last season's.  $\Phi$   $\Kappa$   $\Psi$  has won four games thus far and lost none, and we have the strongest hopes of being in the lead at the close of the season. In the class league '90 will doubtless run off with the the prize, but '89 is a sure tail-ender.

*The Palladium*, the annual publication of the secret societies is expected next Tuesday. The Board of Editors have worked hard and faithfully, and as a result of their efforts we hope to see the finest annual yet issued at the U. of M.

The U. of M. can justly compliment itself upon the selection of Professor Dewey, of the University of Minnesota, to fill the chair of Ethics, recently made vacant by the death of Professor Morris. Professor Dewey is a fine professor, and comes to the U. of M. with the best recommendation from the institution that he has severed his connection with.

The freshman banquet took place last Friday evening, and barring a few disturbances from sophomores, passed off quietly.

The entire Legislature of the State of Michigan visited the university last week, previous to making its appropriations for the coming year.

GEORGE W. DENNEY.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 14, 1889.

## STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Fraternity matters are just now at a positive lull. But, notwithstanding the conviction that he has nothing new to say, your scribe can not allow Iowa Alpha to remain silent in the *MAY SHIELD*.

The centennial of Washington's inauguration was celebrated here by appropriate exercises in the Opera House. To Bro. Jas. W. Bollinger fell the distinction of delivering an address on behalf of the law class, and truly did he thereby honor himself and his fraternity. With chapter correspondents, praise is perhaps not often "conspicuous by its absence," but it is only voicing the universal opinion when we say that "Jim"—better than any other speaker—held the attention of the audience,—that his was decidedly *the* address of the day.

Our university has not escaped the lawn tennis craze. Not only the "frats," but the literary societies also, have each their court on the campus, making ten in all. That of the Phi Psis is of the most conspicuous, and is in constant use. A tournament between representatives of the various courts will be held during the commencement festivities. Our "man," to all appearances, will stand no mean chance for the championship.

The "Varsity Nine" is this year making quite a record, so far not having lost a single game. Here, too, we are well represented by Brothers R. Bonson and Cook.

Iowa A this year loses four of her best men by graduation:—Bros. Bollinger, Meek, W. H. Stutsman and Frank Park. To these, we feel, is largely due the present success of our chapter, and the loss seems indeed irreparable. But we are already certain of one freshman, and, with intense enthusiasm and telling arguments, we fear no rivals in the "race for men" next fall.

H. W. TECHENTIN.

Iowa City, Iowa, May 14, 1889.

## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

We wish to invite the attention of *THE SHIELD* and its readers to a short list of honors which the  $\Phi \Psi$ 's have taken during the month of April. On the 9th was held in Minneapolis the State Oratorical Contest. The university was represented by Bros. H. D. Dickinson and T. G. Soares, who took first and second honors respectively. Bro. O. L. Triggs presided at the contest, and it looked as though the  $\Phi \Psi$ 's had rather the best of it on the whole. Brother Dickinson will represent Minnesota as orator in the inter-state contest, and Brother Soares will be the delegate.

The annual election of five juniors to the Pi Beta Nu, honorary society, has just taken place; and, as a result Brother Baily will be entitled to wear hereafter the golden key.

After an elaborate system of preliminary contests, the eight contestants for the Pillsbury Oratorical Prize have been selected. We are represented by Brothers Triggs and Soares.

For the second time the University Fellowship Association has met and proceeded to the election of two fellows for the year 1889-90. We feel proud that Brother Triggs was one of the successful applicants, it is a just reward for his faithful work and thorough scholarship. But perhaps exceeding this feeling is the satisfaction that we shall have him with us for at least another year. Brother Triggs will pursue studies in English literature.

Our university has just been the recipient of a magnificent gift. Requiring extensive improvements in all departments we asked the State for an appropriation of \$250,000. They were only able to give us half that amount. At this crisis ex-Governor John S. Pillsbury, of Minneapolis, came forward and made the magnificent donation of \$150,000. This is, we believe, the largest gift ever made to a State institution. It is an example which might well be followed by our great capitalists.

Minnesota Beta desires to say "Amen" to the proposals of extension which came from all the District Councils. Let us maintain the hold we have upon the North, let us rebuild our broken walls in the rising South, let us push our forces toward the East, and brothers, let us by no means neglect the great and growing West.

THEODORE G. SOARES.

Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 1, 1889.

## Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

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This department of the paper is made up of excerpts from THE SHIELD'S exchanges, and reflects the sentiments of our rivals which are most pointed and characteristic. We refrain from expressing any opinions as to the matters discussed, and scarce deem it worth while to controvert any statement made by our contemporaries. No more is written by the Editor than may suffice for introduction to each quoted passage. This will relieve the doubts of inquirers, some of whom perversely consider this feature an exchange department.—ED. SHIELD.

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*The Alpha Tau Omega Palm* has changed hands again, and coming now from New York, with Mr. Daniels as editor, has these interesting editorial notes in the latest issue:

Experience is the great teacher, and dead chapters forcibly emphasize valued lessons for future guidance. Great care is, and has been taken, in establishing new chapters, notwithstanding Delta Upsilon's suggestion to the contrary.

Since December, 1886, six Northern and five Southern charters have been granted or renewed. Members of these chapters should be active in reinforcing their ranks, selecting their associates with great care. Accept only first-class *men*.

The Grand Officers are compelled to rely largely on the active enthusiastic co-operation of chapter editors', correspondents', and Extension Committees' information and the assistance of loyal alumni, in the difficult work of instituting new chapters. Those who possess influence and acquaintanceship, available in this important work should be *quick* to correspond with the Worthy Grand Chief.

Of course the chapters in the different States will discuss this question and adopt suitable measures to plant our standard at proper points in their territory, wherever necessary, working conjointly with other neighboring chapters and alumni and the Grand Officers. It will frequently result that a single chapter can found another, alone and unaided, and reap all the glory.

Most of our chapters are vigorous. We have some anxiety about the Atlanta chapter, and have asked Bro. W. A. Hapgood to lend it his firm and steadying hand. We do not hear much from our Ann Arbor chapter, but have great confidence in the sturdy character of its charter members. Georgia Beta Nu's colors wave triumphantly. We congratulate them. Their first letter has the true ring, and they will conquer and overcome all difficulties.

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*The Delta Gamma Anchora* has these timely editorial words in the April issue:

Loyalty to the college and loyalty to the fraternity have apparently become very much confounded now-a-days. But if each student would look at the matter by the light of his reason instead of by a certain prejudice which, however exalted may be the principles from which it springs, is yet a prejudice, and as such should be uprooted. The acknowledged object of every student in entering college is to cultivate, in the best and most complete way, his intellectual faculties, to widen his power of observation, to

broaden his mind, and free himself or herself from every taint of bigotry or narrow-mindedness. Yet scarcely has the student commenced his collegiate work before he joins a fraternity, and in his youthful enthusiasm for the principles set forth in the constitution of his particular society, he starts out upon a career of partizanship, and devotion to a narrow set of principles to the utter exclusion of the wider set which govern the college. This soon degrades into partizanship and the fraternity becomes a political faction, hedged about with such strong party lines that one absolutely can not break through them. The moment the fraternity enters the political arena, it has forfeited its right to the name of fraternity. When we hear of the disgraceful scheming and wire-pulling of college elections, and see to what small means reputable Greeks will stoop to obtain their ends, we can not but feel that the element opposed to fraternities in our colleges has good ground for its opposition. It is manifest that to reach the ideal we must keep our fraternity and college interests separate; just as long as these two conflict there is something wrong which ought to be remedied. Our fraternity life is not the sum total of our existence as students. Our college has the first claim upon us, and its claims ought not to be disregarded. The fraternity has for its members a congenial set of young men or women, who, finding that they have a community of interest, have joined themselves together—not to see how strong a power they may become in the politics of their college, nor how many members they may snatch from the eager grasp of other similar organizations—but to build up good fellowship, sympathy and interest among their own members, and to help one another along somewhat toward a beautiful manhood or womanhood.

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*The Chi Phi Quarterly* has become quite sprightly during the past year, as witness the following:

When Zetas fail to send their correspondence, some member of the chapter omitted from that issue of the *Quarterly* fails not to write "ye editor" inquiring the cause thereof. When the *Quarterly* is late in its issue some irate brother writes "ye editor" in another strain and threatens to withdraw his subscription. Clearly, therefore, the *Quarterly* must issue without the chapter letter and incur the displeasure of the chapter member, or, delay its issue and risk impending bankruptcy from withdrawal of the "irate brother's" subscription. Thus, the management, gored by the ox in the front, and kicked by the mule in the rear, is in a position pleasanter to describe than to occupy. The burden of decision weighs heavy on the editorial shoulder, and the editorial head is aware of the strain, so the announcement here goes forth that, if chapter correspondence is not received in time, the *Quarterly* will issue nevertheless, that it may fulfill its mission, and comfort the soul of the "irate brother."

Since the *Quarterly* was entrusted to the present management, constant effort has been making to render it a magazine worthy of the cause in which it is enlisted and of the fraternity whose published exponent it is. To that end its pages have been restricted to the discussion of subjects germane to fraternities and fraternity life, and to the chronicling, so far as possible, of every happening in the life of the fraternity, or that may be of general interest in the careers of the brothers. It has been sought to sustain existing enthusiasm to the fullest extent and to revive any interest that may have seemed to wane on the part of individuals. How far these efforts have succeeded is shown in the surprising increase of the circulation during the past year largely among older graduates, some of whom had never seen the magazine, and in the hundreds of enthusiastic and encouraging letters on file at this office. In furtherance of this general plan especial attention has been given to Chi Phi reunions wherever occurring, for proper accounts of which space has never been denied. Those at Columbus, (Ohio) and at Omaha, are conspicuous examples, and the *Quarterly* is at a loss to understand why the managers of the Pittsburgh reunion should have deemed it more worthy of their neglect than their attention.

## Personals.

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### NEW YORK A.

The department of History and Political Science loses a valuable assistant by the resignation of Mr. Hodder to accept a chair of a similar nature in the Ohio State University. During Mr. Hodder's occupancy of his present position he has conducted his courses in a manner highly satisfactory to the students. It will be regretted by many that he has seen fit to sever his connection with Cornell; and yet all will unite in congratulating the authorities of the university at Columbus for their wise choice, and in wishing our popular instructor success in his new field of labor.—  
*Cornell Sun.*

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### NEW YORK B.

'87. Bro. F. J. Holzworth has left Manlius, New York, and is now filling the pulpit of the German Evangelical Church in this city.

'88. Bro. F. J. Schnauber is at present in Brooklyn, where he has an important position as an assistant engineer of the Union Elevated Railroad.

'89. Bro. George B. Out was married April 25th to Miss Cora A. Harrington, a graduate of the university, class of '88. Mr. and Mrs. Out will reside in this city and receive the congratulations of their many college friends.

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### PENNSYLVANIA B.

The many friends of Brother Wilson will be pained to learn that his father died at his home in Wellington, Ohio, February 17th, at the advanced age of seventy-nine. The following touching lines from a private letter to the writer from Brother Wilson will not be inappropriate to quote in this connection: "Father was an active and I may say prominent member of the Erie Annual Conference of the M. E. Church for about forty-five years. He was a strong and often eloquent preacher, unyielding

in his stand for principle, and yet as gentle as a child. I shall always look upon his life as a type of honor and purity. He was ill but five days, suffering from heart failure and paralysis. He was a good man and has gone to his rest."

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**VIRGINIA A.**

'73. J. P. Blair is a prosperous lawyer in New Orleans.

'67. Joseph Bryan has recently been elected President of the Georgia Pacific Railway Co.

'70. C. H. Cocke is President of a large female institute in Columbus, Mississippi.

'75. Richard Cheatam is health officer of the city of Nashville, Tennessee.

'76. Collins Denny has been elected Chaplain of the University of Virginia, from October, 1889.

'82. R. H. Dabney has been elected Professor of History at the University of Virginia. Mr. D. has recently written a history of the French Revolution which has attracted considerable attention.

'84. L. D. Aylett is Treasurer of the Georgia Pacific Railway, at Birmingham, Alabama.

'77. S. B. Woods is Mayor of the city of Charlottesville, Virginia.

'77. T. W. Harrison is a prominent lawyer and member of the Virginia Legislature from Winchester, Virginia.

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**VIRGINIA B.**

'70. Donald Allen is Superintendent of the Louisville & Nashville R. R. Co., at Evansville, Indiana.

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**VIRGINIA E. (Inactive.)**

'73. D. S. Gordon is a "drummer" for a Baltimore house.

'73. Frank Noland is farming in Hanover County, Virginia.

'77. John Cooke is practicing law in Gainesville, Alabama.

'76. R. B. Smithey is Professor of Mathematics at Randolph Macon College, Macon, Virginia.

'77. L. D. Carroll has a lucrative position with one of the Furnaces at Birmingham, Alabama.

'74. Overton Howard is the author of a treatise called, "The Life of the Law," which has called forth the highest laudation on all sides.

**SOUTH CAROLINA A.**

Bro. Francis Parker, '91, has been elected Secretary of the Clariosophic Literary Society.

Brothers Marshall and Sloan have been elected judges for the next public debate of the Clariosophic Literary Society.

From the handsomely engraved invitation to the commencement exercises of the Memphis Hospital Medical College, we are pleased to note that Bro. T. S. Martin, '86, is the valedictorian of his class.

From a recent letter of Bro. Hutson Lee, we quote the following sad intelligence: "It becomes my painful duty to inform you of the death, on Sunday, April 28th, of Richard Irvine Manning, who was a member of South Carolina Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, class of '58. After a long and severe illness, Brother Manning passed away on Sunday last, at his home in Fort Motte, South Carolina. He was an esteemed citizen in his community and beloved by all who knew him, both in his college and his after-life.

'60. The funeral services of Mr. Richard I. Manning, son of ex-Governor John L. Manning, will be held at Trinity Church to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Major Richard I. Manning, the news of whose death reached here late last night, was the eldest child of Governor John L. Manning, and fifty-one years old. At the beginning of the war he enlisted in the Manning Guards and he served on General Joseph E. Johnston's staff with the rank of major. After the war he lived in Baltimore until five years ago, when he moved to True Blue plantation, Orangeburg County. He was in every way a true man, brave and chivalrous, but gentle in the extreme. Hundreds of warm friends and admirers mourn his death.—*News and Courier.*

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**OHIO A.**

The Chillicothe *News* says of Brother Dunlap, of Ohio Alpha: "A signal compliment has been paid to an ex-Chillicothean, Mr. Charles G. Dunlap, now Professor of the English Language and Literature at the University of Kansas. The Chaucer Society of Cambridge, Massachusetts, is engaged in preparing a Chaucer Concordance, a work which will be for the 'Father of English Poetry' what Mrs. Cowden Clarke's superb Shakespeare Concordance was for the King of English Poets. The work, when completed, will contain a full glossary, and will be very valuable to students of early English. The stupendous labor of arranging and preparing it has been divided among eminent scholars in English literature,

and that Professor Dunlap should be deservedly so rated is indeed a high honor. He is one of the number who will prepare the book for publication. He is now at work on 'Consolations of Philosophy,' and will soon dip into the 'Canterbury Tales.'"

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OHIO B.

The fraternity will rejoice to read of the good fortune of Bro. W. E. Hull, who a few years past was associated with the present editor on THE SHIELD. The following card tells the tale :

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Weimer  
request your presence at the marriage of their daughter,  
Weenona, to  
Rev. William E. Hull,  
Tuesday afternoon, May 7th, at 5:30 o'clock,  
Springfield, Ohio, 1889.

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OHIO A.

Bro. Hudson Hartmann, formerly of Cuba, is now in New York.

Brother Zaumseil is in the engineering business at Kansas City.

Brother Gray is teller in a bank at Quenemo, Kansas.

Bro. Mort. Browne is now located at Washington, Pennsylvania.

Bro. Guy Comly has been in the city this winter, acting as assistant for the Columbus correspondent of the *Commercial Gazette*.

Bro. Will Peters is flourishing at Riverside, California. His wife's health is much improved.

Bro. Harry Yeazell is attending college at Berkeley, California. The boys of Ohio Delta miss him.

Brother Weybrecht has resigned from the mail service and returned to Alliance.

Several of our alumni are smiling papas now. Bro. George Dun is the father of a handsome boy worthy of his name, Thurman. Bro. Newt. Gilbert is also a dad, and says his boy makes as much noise as a Democratic politician. Brother Selby is the latest happy father.

Brother Galbraith, editor of the Columbus *Press*, is wearing his pin after its temporary absence. His house was entered by thieves, and the pin, with other articles, taken. The rascals were captured at Cleveland, and the pin was found concealed in the lining of the coat of one of them. This is positive evidence of guilt and will no doubt be the principal evidence against the men.

**OHIO I.**

C. H. Childs is with Chapin & Gore, of Kansas City, Missouri.

J. T. Nelson, '90, is in the lumber business at Black Rock, Arkansas.

L. S. Higley, '91, is in business with Terry & Scott's Real Estate Company of St. Louis.

U. S. G. Johnston, '87, is the assistant editor of *The Mid-Continent*, St. Louis.

Charles F. M. Niles, Register of the land office at Garden City, Kansas, has been requested to forward his resignation to Washington. The charge preferred against Mr. Niles is that some Republican wants his office.—*Kansas City Star*.

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**MICHIGAN A.**

Bro. F. G. Plain, '88, is engaged in the foundry business at Buda, Illinois.

Bro. C. G. Campbell, '88, is studying medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in New York City.

Bro. F. T. Wright, '86, is professor of the high school at Jackson, Michigan.

Bro. F. B. Leland, '84, is practicing law at Flint, Michigan, and doing nicely.

Bro. R. G. Cole, '88, is an instructor in the Ann Arbor, Michigan, high school.

Pro. H. G. Ohlds, '83, is engaged in the practice of medicine at Clinton, Iowa.

Bro. S. C. Parks, '85, is engaged in the banking business at Lander, Wyoming.

Bro. R. E. Park, '86, is on the staff of the Minneapolis Evening *Journal*.

Bro. Joseph Halstead, '87, is mechanical engineer for the Globe Iron Works of Chicago.

Bro. G. F. James, '86, is principal of the Decatur, Illinois, high school.

## College and Fraternity Notes.

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In the United States the Episcopalians have twelve colleges, the Methodists fifty-two, the Baptists forty-six, the Presbyterians forty-one, the Congregationalists twenty-six.—*Ex.*

Ground was broken for the new library at the Madison University, April 9. J. B. Colgate has volunteered to pay for the building, the cost of which will be \$100,000. The library will have shelf room for 250,000 volumes.

A bill is before the Legislature of Wisconsin to give to the State University one per cent. of the corporation tax, or about \$10,000 yearly, for the use of the engineering department. The regents propose to establish a chair in railroad and one in electrical engineering should the bill pass.

The *Gazette* Publishing Co., of Columbus, Ohio, which is getting out the new catalogue of Phi Kappa Psi, is becoming a favorite house with college men. The Beta Theta Pi fraternity will have its new catalogue published by this house, and the *Makio*, of the Ohio State University, will be published there this year as frequently as in the past. Mr. Spahr, the manager, is a Chi Psi.

Notwithstanding the criticism upon the Cornell School of Journalism, it is announced that a like school is being formed at the University of Pennsylvania. One entire year of the college course is to be given up to technical work, such as routine work in the newspaper office, assignments and reportorial duties, together with editorial writing. An *attache* of a well-known Philadelphia newspaper will do the technical instructing.

The Fellowship Association of the university has selected K. C. Babcock and O. L. Triggs,  $\Phi K \Psi$ , from the senior class, to receive the fellowships for the coming year. Each receives \$250, which is intended to defray his expenses during a year's study along some special line at his alma mater. Mr. Triggs will pursue the study of modern literature, while Mr. Babcock will follow history. During this year the association has supported but one fellow, Mr. U. S. Grant, class of '88, who has made a specialty of biology.—*The Ariel.*

## Miscellany.

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### EDWIN STANLEY SMITH.

WHEREAS, Death has removed from the ranks of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity Bro. Edwin S. Smith, of Lebanon, Ohio, who died at Madison, Georgia, March 30, 1889, and,

WHEREAS, Brother Smith was an honored alumnus of Ohio Gamma Chapter ;

*Resolved*, That we, the active members of Ohio Gamma, thus formally express our feelings of sorrow over the loss of our honored alumnus.

*Resolved*, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his relatives suffering so keenly his loss.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE SHIELD for publication, and be spread upon the minutes of the chapter.

L. G. MCGAW,

J. C. FALCONER,

C. M. VOORHEES,

*Committee.*

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Inquiries have recently been made concerning the following back numbers. THE SHIELD's files are not able to supply the desired numbers. Can any one assist these brothers in completing their files ?

No. 2 of Vol. I.

Nos. 1, 2 and 4 of Vol. IV.

Nos. 6 and 7 of Vol. III. No. 2 of Vol. VI.

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The Editor desires to call attention to the fact that owing to the demand at the time of publication, he has on hand but three full volumes of THE SHIELD for Vol. VIII. Of Vol. VI. he has two full sets. We have, however, a large supply of broken volumes, the separate numbers of which may be of service in completing files. We shall be glad to respond to letters of inquiry on this subject, and shall take pleasure in filling orders for back numbers as far as possible.

We still have some names of brothers whose addresses have become lost. Can any brother supply us with the present address of any of the following :

Walter H. Britton, Topeka, Kan.

Robt. C. Gotwald, Nebraska City, Neb.

W. F. Wise, Zallorsville, Pa.

J. Y. Dobbins, Trenton, N. J.

Herman S. Johnson, Hillsdale, N. Y.

J. L. Barnard, Westford, N. Y.

Jno. N. James, Yorkville, Ill.

Can any brother furnish us a complete file of the *Phi Kappa Psi Journal* and *Phi Kappa Psi Quarterly*.

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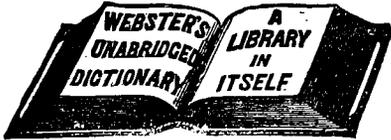
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## WHAT POLICY WILL MAKE THE INFLUENCE OF THE CHAPTER FELT IN ITS COLLEGE?

A paper read at First District Council of Phi Kappa Psi, Syracuse, New York, 1889.

The American college boy is distinctly *sui generis*. He has national as well as individual traits. He is as diversified in the personal phases of his character as there are variations in individuals. No two boys are alike. One is modest and retiring, another bold and aggressive; one is confiding and slow to act, another impetuous and independent. The common characteristic, he is an American college boy, with American privileges and possibilities which are endless. There is a certain self reliance, an adaptability to circumstances, and a readiness to seize a proffered advantage which is prevalent. Out of this variety of "material" presented in the college circle, are selected those who are to constitute the active membership of the fraternity.

What policy will make the influence of the chapter felt in its college? First, we say the initiation of honest, upright, intelligent men. The symmetrical proportions of the fraternal fabric require a stable groundwork in order to endure. The unballasted ship may survive a smooth sea but look out for squalls. The initiate with force of character and energy of purpose is a destined center of influence and power for his chapter. We hear much these days of substantiality and solidity as applied to character. However uncouth and uncultivated "Sincie Sawbuck" may be, however much he may lack in that dash of manner which will dazzle the eye and mislead the judgment, if he possesses the moral foundation on which to build, the determined aim, the fixed purpose, the sturdy strength of will, that is the man through whom the refined fellowship and fraternal association of  $\Phi K \Psi$  will reveal its mission. The spirit of our principles are brought to

bear. The untamed barbarian is touched, moulded and transformed into the refined and cultured Greek. The boy sees in himself a change immediate and manifest. He appreciates his improvement and looks about for fields in which to exert his new acquirements. He becomes a man of influence for himself and for his chapter. He it is who will astonish, then attract and win for himself the approval of his fellows.

Two thousand years ago one of the greatest of Greeks said: "Men, and not walls and ships in which are no men, constitute a state." We say men and not a boasted history, a well-stored treasury, or richly furnished halls in which are no men, constitute a fraternity. Men wield the influence of the chapter. Strong men mean strong fraternity influence. The man who adapts himself to harmonize with brothers, who is willing to sacrifice, the man who imbibes the inspiration which rises from our confidential companionship, like the vapors from a quiet sea, who has felt the spirit as we call it which lies imbedded in our forms and ritual, which issues forth unseen from hidden paths of fellowship to shape the destinies of the recipient, the man who in a word has caught the "genius" of  $\Phi K \Psi$  is he who will make the influence of the chapter felt in its college.

The dignity of a chapter which has been the boast of distinguished (?) predecessors may be abased by brothers careless and indifferent to the responsibilities committed to them. One initiate wrongly chosen may work untold injury. Says Brother Van Cleve: "We know of three chapters of our own fraternity that have been ruined, perhaps we might add others that were nearly wrecked by the admission of one uncongenial man who was unfitted by nature and inclination for the association with which he was thrown in joining  $\Phi K \Psi$ ." Congenial spirits enlist admiration, and the man on the outside longs for admission within the mystic circle where all is harmony.

We have in mind a fraternity which at one time stood easily in the front rank at a well known college. Her alumni influential and loyal, her past record above reproach and brilliant in achievement, with sumptuously furnished apartments and every convenience of wealth and position, the power of that chapter has dwindled to nothing because of its indiscriminate policy in the selection of initiates. When a chapter chooses her men she determines largely her influence in the college. "Their character shall be the criterion of hers."

Second. We would advocate an active, aggressive policy in every honorable college enterprise. The discussion of this point admits of as many phases of treatment as there are institutions represented here to-day. Probably no two colleges are exactly alike in the character of the desirable fields presented for fraternity activity. No absolute rules can be laid

down. Different conditions necessitate different lines of policy. Of course we all desire our brothers to acquire themselves creditably in their class-room work. No chapter can hope to attain influence, or even its merited respect from instructors, when its members will not exert honest effort in this the acknowledged paramount feature of the college. The student's determination to study is avowed in the fact of his presence at the institution. To shirk this duty is not only to injure himself but to compromise his chapter in the eyes of the faculty and good students.

But there are other departments claimed to be fully as important in developing the original traits of the man. The work involved in the literary societies, college organizations, committees, college papers, contests, annuals, etc., presents a wide field for the exercise of ingenuity and tact. The character of the clay passes unaltered from the shaping touch of the mold. But what a transformation in symmetry and power of utility! Almost unconscious of the change which is taking place in himself as well as of the influence which he is wielding over others, the young initiate moves among his fellows encountering the obstacles which are to prove the practical tests of his worth and prepare him for his lines of later life. Here can the influence of the chapter be felt effectively. The youthful cheek is warmed with a ruddy glow from contact with spirited opposition. Competition is rife. Merit is recognized and rewarded. Habits of intense application, of readiness of resource, and courtesy for opposition are in demand. Tact is at a premium. The boy farther merges into the man as he is called upon to shut his teeth together and show his metal. The occasion may be an eventful test of mental capacity. Intense interest is concentrated. The encouraging words of confidence from brothers, the gentle pressure of the hand, the sympathetic group gathered about to comfort in defeat or to rejoice in victory, all serve to intensify the affection and endear to the aspirant his cherished fraternity. The chapter here fulfills a high function. Young ambition is fired to a greater zeal. He would oppose with Spartan fortitude his rival representatives, conscious that the reputation of his chapter rests upon him. "As he honors himself he honors her." There is a fascination for the ambitious collegian about this phase of school life which is undoubtedly heightened to a keener relish because of its resemblance to real experience in the outside world.

Politicians tell us it is highly necessary to get on *the inside of things*. The chapter whose policy is active, firm and aggressive, as well as upright and honorable in this peculiar field of "inside affairs," will make its presence and power felt in the college.

Thirdly, the influence and reputation of alumni may be employed to enhance the influence of the chapter.

Benevolent well-to-do men pause amid the hum of professional and business duties to gather about the board of fraternal feast and fellowship, and to lend advice and council to their chapter. The alumnus appreciates his debt to the fraternity in its beneficent influence over his early life and he is grateful. He manifests his gratitude by granting his reputation to enhance that of his fraternity. The effect is seen in the increased esteem with which the chapter of age and distinguished alumni is viewed by the student body. The college authorities commend and welcome these scenes, knowing that the preserved interest and loyalty of an alumnus for his chapter means loyalty to his alma mater.

Let the chapter which would elicit the approval of the "powers that be" bring back to his former retreats the influential alumnus, whose memory is kept fresh by frequent contact with active fraters, and who shall bestow renewed interest and encouragement upon his college. Thus will the chapter not alone revive the ties which unite the alumnus and undergraduate in the inseparable bonds of our fraternity, but will evoke the commendation of the faculty, the respect of her rivals, and the admiration of the outside students.

Fourthly, we would commend a generous, upright attitude toward rival organizations, and toward our fellow students as individuals. Politics, they say, is a necessary evil. We will not attempt to question the validity of this statement as applied to college life. Where a chapter is jostled about by jealous factions struggling for preferment, it is often expedient to pursue an extreme policy even at the expense of the friendship of rivals. One is impressed, on reading the current accounts of the quarrels and disagreements recorded in many fraternity journals, with the apparent loss of all sense of fair play, and the utter disregard for the rights of one another which seem to characterize the inter-fraternity relations. If the broad principle of fair play were more observed there would be less sacrifice of self-respect, less of the unpleasant friction between rival chapters, and fewer charges of partisan narrowness made by the enemies of the Greek system. Nothing is more necessary to the unimpeded activity of the chapter in the college than the respect and friendship of rivals. Undoubtedly there are times when there is just cause for offense, though seldom if ever is open contention with a rival profitable in the end. Respect for opposing opinion, charity even in enmity and courtesy for those who differ, are the manifestations of a lofty spirit and a far-seeing policy.

The man on the outside is peculiarly situated. Did you ever think how he might view this fraternity idea? Here are ten or a score of the most promising collegians bound together in the enjoyments of fraternal

association. Are they so much superior to me? Why am I slighted and deprived of these pleasures and advantages? Why am I ostracized from this beneficent companionship? He looks upon himself with distrust and is troubled. Is it surprising that many isolate themselves, and wrapped in the gloomy meditation of their fancied wrongs become soured against their fellows? Others are afflicted with a burden of self-distrust and self-censure which years will not remove. Their fellow-students have stamped upon them the seal of rejection. To such every son of  $\Phi K \Psi$  owes a duty. Our fraternity teaches the mission of man to his brother, "a world-wide philanthropy which we fondly dream may yet unite all in one universal brotherhood."

For the loss of the disconsolate barbarian we can compensate in many ways. The free friendly greeting, the generous encouraging words spoken in disappointment, of satisfaction and appreciation in success; in short, the impartial candor which can look beyond the narrow confines of its chapter and contemplate merit in others, is the application of that "disinterested benevolence" which is the pride of  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

The "barbarian" element in every college is an important factor. The influence of the chapter is to be felt by it largely by means of personal contact with individuals. An attitude free, candid and broad will secure their respect and confidence, and the chapter's reward will be proportionate.

The influence of the chapter in its college may be felt in a social sense. Here the chapter-house proves its value. The house, as the foundation of the outside social world when brought within the college circle, proves to be the nucleus about which cluster the many happy relations of student society.  $\Phi K \Psi$  could not attain a more profitable improvement than the establishment of every chapter in a permanent fraternity house. Stability and endurance is insured as well as that social prestige indispensable to the influential activity of the chapter in its college.

I would point four principles as paramount in enhancing the influence of the chapter in its college: First, the careful selection of upright, intelligent men, men who are susceptible to a moving principle, who can catch the spirit breathed forth from a vital brotherhood. Second, an active aggressive policy in every field of student enterprise. Third, the use of alumni influence and prestige. Fourth, a broad charitable attitude toward our rivals as organizations and our fellow students as individuals.

I do not claim for these points anything of newness. They are familiar to us all. They have come to me as the proud legacy of a chapter which has withstood the frown of popular prejudice in early life, and

stemmed the tide of partisan strife for more than a third of a century of continuous prosperity. The influence of the chapter means the influence of the fraternity. I believe these principles are inherent with our beloved order. Our predecessors have rallied about them as their standard of progress. As they are utilized in practical application to the chapter life, will the fraternity advance with time until the "fond dream" may become a living reality, as "nation's kindreds and tongues" are touched by the beneficent influence of the triune  $\Phi \ K \ \Psi$ .

FRANK A. CATTERN.

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**FRATERNITY.**

Long past, old Phi Psi, in the sylvan state  
 Thy life began—thy course conceived by those  
 Whose fondest hopes would scarcely presuppose  
 How kind to thee would be the care of fate.  
 Thy growth towards loftiest heights has been so great,  
 That rivals who thy progress would oppose,  
 Have found a battlement that brings all foes  
 In friendly conquest from their high estate.  
 Though tyranny is stranger in thy court,  
 Thrice bound is he who takes thy earnest vows;  
 And they are precious wreaths thou dost exhort  
 Thy followers to place upon their brows,  
 And thus be Phi Psis—men of good report.  
 Aye, if youth knew, they all would here consort.

U. S. G. JOHNSTON.

# The Areopagus.

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## THE GRAND CATALOGUE.

A last word about the catalogue. The book will be hurried to completion this summer, and I wish to once more and finally remind brothers to send in changes or corrections up to August 1st. Till then is the time to have changes made, or forever after hold your peace. The chapters who have not yet received proofs will greatly oblige me by sending me the names and addresses of the active and alumni members to whom they desire the proofs sent. I desire to send proofs to one active and one alumnus member of each chapter. Some of the chapters will have initiations this month. I trust *all* of the new brothers will be promptly reported to me. Remember the importance of prompt revision of the proofs.

GEORGE SMART.

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## THE PERSONAL DEPARTMENT.

It has always been a pet notion with me that "The Personals" should be made one of the important departments of THE SHIELD. Since Brother Johnston's letter, printed in the last issue of THE SHIELD, this idea has been impressed upon me most forcibly.

It seems to me, to see a carefully edited personal column is one of the best inducements held out to alumni in order to get them to subscribe for their fraternity magazine.

The editor of THE SHIELD has been doing good work on the personal column, but he should be better supported in this work by the different chapters. Naturally most of the work of this nature belongs to the active members. Divided up as it would be, it would be very little trouble, scarcely an inconvenience for some one of each chapter to hand in at the beginning of each month a dozen or more interesting personals. The number of personals would of course depend largely on the age of the chapter. As it is now, the editor of THE SHIELD must to a great extent depend for his personals upon the different college journals. This should not be so. By the plan of each chapter sending personals to THE SHIELD

every month, the alumni would not only be kept better booked on one another, but it would also tend to keep the chapter better informed as to the whereabouts of their alumni. Will you not, my younger brothers, give this the attention it deserves, and thus strive to keep up the interest of the alumni in the welfare of dear old  $\Phi K \Psi$ ? Bring to mind the fact that you will be an alumnus some day and may need these little helps to keep your zeal unflagging.

WILLIAM D. BOYER.

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### “ARE THE LIGHTS ALL OUT?”

“Boys, are the lights all out?” What Phi Psi has not heard the familiar call, after chapter meeting, when the boys were filing out the chapter hall? Don’t you remember the old chapter meeting nights? Studies hurried over in the afternoon, a quick supper, out through the swinging gate, a whistle call to a brother Phi Psi as you pass his boarding place, on down the board walks of the old college town, facing the gathering twilight’s gloaming as it hangs on the golden threads of the yet setting sun. On down the old town streets overlapped by thick hanging branches, beneath which some had passed before you, others are passing now, and on a same errand. Now a stop at the post-office. Had been there at noon perhaps, but now go in again with that undefinable expectation of getting something from somewhere. Then up to the corner, and a look across the square to see if the boys had lighted up yet. Chapter meeting is over. Out into the narrow passage way, down the dim stairway, go the boys. Some thoughtful brother pauses and above the tramp on the stairway, through the darkness of the night, rings out the call, “Boys, are the lights all out?” Some cheery voice answers back as the key clicks in the latch, “Yes, every thing is all right.”

Well, we all knew that the lights were out, but to burn brighter next meeting night. With those of us who are initiates of '58, '61, '62, '64, '73, some between and some later than these years, the days between chapter meetings have lengthened to years between us and the old time summons. The squares between boarding house, post-office, and chapter hall have stretched out to miles between us and the old places. It is the unsought, unplanned, and unexpected that has happened, while life’s swift stream carried and placed us where we had not thought or known. But the lights have not gone out to stay out. The old boys of the '50’s, '60’s, and '70’s, are being found out. The chapter letters, quarterly circulars, SHIELD personals, and District Council enthusiasm, are getting good, big response. Never through the borders of Phi Psi has the old

response sounded more cheery than now—"Yes, every thing is all right."

Brother alumnus, what are you doing for your chapter? Have they any token from you in the old hall? Have you been sending in any filling for the lamps to keep the lights going? Get out some of your chapter souvenirs! If you haven't any old ones, begin now to arrange for some new ones. Get in the line of close connection with your chapter, and see how the dust will whirl off of you, leaving the Phi Psi of your heart and recollection as bright as the new badge in its red cotton bed, when you called at the express office to see it and wondered how you would manage to squeeze out the C. O. D. If you haven't a will to grind out big things, you have a mite to start out beginnings. Begin with a letter to the new boys, and see how they will hunt up the records. Answer everything from the chapter boys. Tell about your beginning, and your now. At your office desk or store counter have a drawer for Phi Psi matters. You can soon get the run of Phi Psis in your vicinity. At your home there may be convenient room for a Phi Psi passer by. A Phi Psi isn't any more an angel than any other male biped, but Phi Psis are royal enough guests for any home. Does your chapter hall need a mirror, stand, new Bible, big album, picture, books for a library, or hanging or mantel ornament? Find out something and send on something. If you haven't a girl or wife of your own, get some other fellow's girl or wife to help you out. Perhaps you can spare one dollar a month, or five dollars a quarter! Well just send on what you can quietly and regularly as dues. Wear your old Phi Psi pin, or send for a new one. But have one where it will be seen. You will find lots of nice acquaintances. Give your wife or girl one. They may be surprised to find out what good company you keep that they had not known about before. Send for *THE SHIELD* with instructions that it is to be stopped only on one notice—your obituary notice. *THE SHIELD* will answer your letters and be writing new ones for you and to you all the time. It will grace your centre table along with any American monthly. Order extra copies occasionally and send them around to special friends. *THE SHIELD* will hunt up all the old places and persons and bring them to your office desk or sitting room table. Keep in with the nearest Alumni Association. Answer them even if you can't attend. Get with the old chapter once a year, at some special meeting. Get to the councils when near you. Urge chapter houses and push our fraternity's extension. In those old days it was going down stairs in the hall! Now it is going up the steps in life. Let your Phi Psi light gleam brightly through the windows of your every day. Some

brother may be looking across a weary way, looking, wishing, for the boys "to light up."

How that old call and its familiar response comes to us through the years. Coming on up against the to-day where we stand, in intonation sweet as midnight chimes from some vine covered cathedral belfry, sounding over the narrow house of the dead and across the hearthstone of the living. How life has been crowded into the span between that old call on the night long ago and our response to-day. How scattered the group listening then to that voice in the hallway, as we listen now to the echoes. The voice that called out from the stairway, and the voice that answered back from the doorway, may be hushed from your way in life! But the lights of old Phi Psi are still about the altar. Where we stand now apart from the old ways, the quiet twilight is again woven upon the golden rods of the same setting sun. While we pause at the threshold of our to-day, watching on the sheen of the gloaming, the reflections of scenes of the other days, there comes the glad old time call. From New York's Alpha to the Alpha of California, and from sunny South Carolina's Alpha to sturdy Wisconsin Alpha, it comes—"Are the lights all out?" And through the palms of the South, over the pines of the North, across the rivers of the East, and through the mountain-girt valleys of the West, in sweetest cadence the old answer touches the hearts of our brethren everywhere, "Yes, every thing is all right in Phi Psi to-night!"

E. A. DAUMONT.

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### CINCINNATI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

It is my pleasant duty to bear to THE SHIELD, and through it to the fraternity at large, glad tidings from the Cincinnati Alumni.

Phi Psi in and about Cincinnati is thoroughly revived and aroused. It needed but the magic touch of personal contact to re-awaken the latent devotion to Phi Psi which lay dormant in the breast of each brother.

Ministers, doctors, lawyers, judges, merchants, who have been lost in the busy pursuits of life, some for many, many years, have found time enough to devote an occasional evening to the perpetuation of pleasant memories that cluster around the college life of every one of them.

Let me say to the boys in college, if your associations in your college chapter are pleasant and profitable, if you are forming and have formed attachments and friendships for one another and the fraternity as an institution among men, these will all be infinitely enhanced, after you have exchanged the ideal life of a college student for the real life of a man in the world. The distance of years, the varied experiences which must be to you all, lend a richer hue and a riper flavor to them all.

The Cincinnati Alumni is upon the threshold of the good things that are to come. There are great things in store for us.

On the evening of June 6th, at the Hotel Emery, we met only for the third time, and already do we see the great pleasure and profit that will accrue to us, as well as to the active chapters. There were of our number, boys of '58, '62, '63, '73, '74, '80 and '89. From this you will see that we are all of us still boys when meeting on fraternity grounds.

A banquet, replete with the good things of the season, was served in the elegant style peculiar to the host, but this, while thoroughly appreciated by all present, was not a tithe of the programme of the evening.

President E. A. Daumont, whose fraternal spirit has been neither "lost, strayed nor stolen," but which with advancing years has increased in ardor and enthusiasm, at the proper time and in a manner which is his and his only, called in their turn upon the following brethren, who responded to the several toasts assigned them :

Rev. J. W. Simpson, Walnut Hills Congregational Church, "Phi Psi in Public Life."

E. M. Van Cleve, South Charleston, Ohio, "Some Work of the Fraternity through its Committees."

Edward Gurney, "Some Reminiscences."

W. H. Manss, "Springfield, Ohio, Alumni Association."

Other speakers were R. H. Bishop, one of the oldest resident Phi Psis, also George Bright, Prescott Smith, Rev. E. H. Cherrington, Hartwell, Ohio, and C. E. Everett, Secretary of Cincinnati Alumni Association. J. M. De Camp, Vice-President, and E. A. Daumont, President of the Cincinnati Association gave the closing addresses. Rev. E. H. Cherrington led in the invocation at the beginning of the banquet, and Rev. J. W. Simpson at the close with benediction.

Neither time nor space will permit even of the fewest extracts from the responses made to the several toasts, but suffice it to say that they gave new testimony of the nobility and grandeur of the principles that lay at the foundation of the order, and of the truthfulness and permanency of the ties that must bind its votaries together. None present will ever forget the eloquent and touching remarks of President Daumont, given in description of his emotions upon a visit to the fraternity hall of his chapter after an absence of many years.

Letters and telegrams were received from a number, among whom were Judge C. H. White, President of Springfield Association; F. G. Gotwald, Archon Third District; George Smart, Columbus, Ohio; C. R. Evans, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Judge M. L. Buchwalter, and others.

Secretary Everett presented a number of interesting communications and matters that were warmly received and promptly acted upon.

THE SHIELD with its appreciated editor, Van Cleve, received attention and tribute, likewise the work of the Song Book Committee and its object.

Among those present were L. G. Hostetter, J. M. De Camp, E. S. Aston, R. H. Bishop, Park Kemper, George Bright, J. W. Simpson, E. H. Cherrington, Edward Gurney, W. H. Manss, E. M. Van Cleve, Prescott Smith and all of the Executive Committee. A large number of the brethren were away from the city this week.

The Cincinnati Association is acquainting itself with the workings of the fraternity, urging support of THE SHIELD, and through individual members reaching out to sustain closer relation and co-operation with the chapters. All to push Phi Psi to the front.

Next banquets will be given in the first week in September, and in December, the latter especially to be on a large scale, for which arrangements are already suggesting and shaping themselves.

ALBERT BETTINGER.

June 7, 1889.

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#### THE LETTERMAN FUND.

Ohio Delta desires to make grateful acknowledgement to those chapters that so promptly and heartily responded to the call for contributions to the Letterman fund. We feel sure that we shall all be many times repaid by the thoughts of what great comfort our action has been to a most worthy lady. Not to have rendered the assistance would have been a lasting monument of dishonor. The total subscription is now \$114.50, divided as follows: Ohio Delta, \$25; Ohio Alpha, \$5; Indiana Beta, \$6.50; Pennsylvania-Eta, \$2; Pennsylvania Zeta, \$2; Illinois Alpha, \$3; Ohio Gamma, \$2; Minnesota Beta, \$2; New York Delta, \$6; Chicago Alumni Association, \$35; Iowa Alpha, \$2.50; New York Alpha, \$11.25; Pennsylvania Epsilon, \$2.25; an unknown brother of New York Delta, \$10.

GEORGE SMART,  
E. J. CONVERSE, } *Committee.*  
H. F. MILLER, }

Columbus, June 9, 1889.

[In addition to above we are unofficially informed that the Cincinnati Alumni Association gives about \$15.—ED.]

## Editorial.

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We issue this month 1200 copies, and have included a few extras in each package for use among the alumni, who return to their alma mater at commencement time. May we not hope that these copies will all be distributed? We have purposely made the number of extras small, so that their distribution may in no wise prove a burden.

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We note, in a recent issue of an exchange, the statement that there are five members of  $\phi K \psi$  at Randolph Macon College. Why do these brothers not reorganize Va. *E*? If the statement of the same authority is true, there are two hundred students in attendance upon the college and only thirty-seven of them are Greeks. Some of the brightest young men in the South to-day are graduates of this college and members of  $\phi K \psi$ .

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The boys of our "baby" chapter will be amused at this clipping from the letter of the Swarthmore College correspondent to the *K  $\Sigma$  Quarterly*:

We are laboring under a great disadvantage this year; the reason is this: Phi Kappa Psi has had a chapter here for a great many years, and consequently have a majority of the older students.

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This has been a good year for  $\phi K \psi$ . As we glance over the year's work we feel that there has been a decided gain made, not in numbers perhaps, but in our hold on men and affairs. We do not despise honors secured by

ϕ ψ's in the arena of athletic contest, in college politics, or in forensic combat, but we think any review of the year's work from these standpoints, one or all, would lead to improper estimates. We refrain from such a task then, and turn to the more engaging question: Are we a better, a stronger fraternity to-day than we were a twelvemonth ago?

We believe that that question can be answered honestly in the affirmative, and we shall briefly endeavor to show how. First in importance is the fact that we have made a fair beginning in getting our grip on the alumni. Two strong alumni associations have been formed during the year, and the pioneer association at Chicago has expanded in influence and numbers. In the next place we have added a new chapter to our roll, made up of the choicest material in a young and thriving institution.

At least two chapters which had almost died have been revived, and several others which for various reasons have struggled against adverse fate for some years, have gained in numbers and influence.

The District Councils this year were remarkably successful, and have served better than ever to arouse the aggressive spirit that comes alone from the elbow-touch of personal meeting. The new government is commending itself more and more to the fraternity and the new ritual has served to impress the membership that we are keeping abreast of the times.

Several chapters have shown decided progress in their comprehension of fraternity duties by establishing libraries and occupying chapter houses, and all have made marked improvement in the style and manner of their annual letter to the alumni.

An earnest and intelligent discussion has been going on relative to proposed constitutional amendments, and in

no way has the marked contrast been shown between the happy-go-lucky days of the past and the earnest present than in this fact.

THE SHIELD has maintained its hold on the affections of the fraternity during the year, we doubt not, from the tone of the kind messages spoken to us in public and private. We think that our journal has kept fully up to the standard in quality of chapter letters, and has certainly had a better support in this regard than in the past, both as to the promptness with which correspondents have done their duty and in the diversity of representation from the chapters. In one department there has been a practical revolution, and that result has been accomplished without great effort. It is now no unusual thing to have more contributions offered for Areopagus than we can print, and it is not infrequent that matter must lie over.

In the department of Personals, also, there has been a decided advance, but this, we regret to say, has not been because of greater zeal on the part of the active membership, but rather because a few faithful alumni, out of the depths of their own experience, have seen a practical solution of that vexed question: How shall former active members be interested? We wish in this public way to thank the worthy brothers in Easton, Chicago, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Birmingham, Boston and elsewhere for their kind assistance, and offer them a hearty welcome to continued exertion in our behalf.

We regret that during this year, as in the past, we have not altogether pleased our brothers of the fraternity press, some of whom, emulous of that much discussed worthy who promenaded the streets of the Holy City thanking the Lord that there was a saving remnant left to shed sweetness and light upon mankind, have belabored us for not doing the very things which we in our innocence

thought we had always been doing, and have repeated the thread-bare complaint that THE SHIELD being published for  $\phi K \psi$  has little in it to interest members of other frats. Again there are our friends who are paralyzed at the thought that THE SHIELD can withstand the force of criticism from its own constituency, and blandly inquire why the editorial pen is not run through passages that so reflect upon the editorial management. Is not the scripture applicable: "Faithful are the wounds of a friend?"

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It is not perhaps in place in a review of the year's work of  $\phi K \psi$  to note occurrences transpiring in the journalistic world, but we wish to note a few facts relative to the progress and decadence of the journals of our rivals.

Many of them have become pitifully weak, staggering beneath a weight of perfunctory chapter letters, and so far as reflecting the sentiment of their fraternity is concerned the editorial department is practically worthless. What with boasts of the increased subscription list, wails at the delinquencies of correspondents, and occasional contributions, and piteous appeals for cash, there is little that one can quote to put before the readers of his own journal of what our rivals are about.

Again we have some contemporaries, quarterlies we presume we ought to have grace enough to call them, which seem to be drawn and quartered with a regularity which gives the lie to their boasted supremacy and lordly pretense of high quality. We recall at least six so-called quarterlies which reached our table but once during the year, and we hardly know whether they are sleeping the sleep of the just or whether they are reserving their mighty energies to burst upon us in all the glory of a semi-annual *quarterly* issue, with 100 or 150 pages of "dead" matter.

Two of our contemporaries have, during the year,

shrunk from the public gaze, and although THE SHIELD has not been compelled to do wholly without the pleasure of perusing their contents, we too greatly respect their reserve to lay any part of their contents before our readers.

There are many curious things in this composite American life of ours, but fraternity journalism will contest worthily for the supremacy in queerness.

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That very excellent journal, the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, in a recent issue calls attention editorially to the renaissance of Greek-letter societies, and in commenting upon the large membership, 75,000, of these organizations, ventures to predict that the immediate future will see some radical changes in the character of the progress of fraternities everywhere.

THE SHIELD has not been blessed with prophetic vision, but we feel very much as our contemporary does, and those of our readers who have read this department of the paper carefully will recall many utterances in the past wherein we have urged  $\Phi K \Psi$  to a correct reading of the signs of the times.

$A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Psi \Upsilon$ ,  $K \Lambda$  and  $\Sigma \Phi$ , the ultra-conservative, have actually gone into the business of establishing chapters, and if each of them would use a little wholesome discipline with their moribund chapters, hope might be entertained that they would in time become fraternities in fact as they now are in name. It is but a fair presumption that these old and wealthy societies are awaking at last to the fact that they can no longer live in the past, and relying upon the great names which have so long graced their rolls, piously fold their arms and thank the Lord that they are not as their poor publican Western fraternities.

Verily the world moves, and Eastern fraternities as well as Eastern colleges are becoming to understand that some one lives and moves beside themselves. We have long believed that Greek-letter societies are but in the infancy of their growth and influence, and if proof were needed of the marvellous awakening, instances abound in the fraternity journals with their handsome typography, alumni associations, state associations, district meetings, chapter houses, and club houses, and the almost universal revision of the governmental forms of the many organizations.

We are not inclined to think that the predicted changes will come in the decrease of fraternities or in the great increase, rather inclining to the opinion that college men recognize the fact that we have now enough societies to fully occupy the territory, and that those who have thus far demonstrated their right to live should be allowed peaceful sway.

The changes are coming and going fast in the character of fraternity influence. Chapter houses, city club houses, alumni associations, fraternity journals are all simply means to the great end of insuring a solidity to the organizations in which these instruments find readiest use.

By virtue of its vitality and present influence  $\phi$   $\kappa$   $\psi$  ought at once to join the ranks of the foremost in this onward impulse towards power. We ought to build without delay chapter houses in a dozen institutions. We have that many chapters which could accomplish that desired end, if they had the courage and determined zeal. We ought to enter about twelve first class institutions which we can name, within two years, and we ought to formulate a policy of visitation to chapters, by which means some general officer of the fraternity could become

informed as to the exact standing and prospects of each. Fraternities in the coming years are to be more clearly differentiated than in the past, and the query of the brightest and best young men upon going to college will not be, "Shall I join a fraternity?" but, "Which fraternity shall I join?"

May it be  $\phi \kappa \psi$ 's lot to be one of the "which."

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The fraternity is cautioned by the authorities of Indiana  $\Gamma$  from holding further communication with J. Rufus Eastman on fraternity topics, he having been legally tried and expelled for failure to meet his financial obligations to his chapter.

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We acknowledge the receipt of many handsomely engraved invitations to attend society anniversaries and commencement exercises, but up to date we have received very few annuals.

We acknowledge the receipt of *The Makio* and *The Cornellian*.

## Chapter Letters.

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### ALLEGHENY.

Before commencing this our last letter for the year, Pennsylvania Beta desires to renew her allegiance and loyalty to THE SHIELD with a clear sense of pride in the superior bearing as well as high standard of literary excellence which has characterized the pages of our noble paper during this college year. Since our previous letter much of interest and importance has occurred in the fraternity circles at Allegheny, in all of which Pennsylvania Beta has taken a leading part.

The Thompson Essay Prize of Allegheny Literary Society was awarded to Bro. Will Youngson, '91, by the unanimous decision of the judges. All three of the prizes given by Allegheny Society this year have fallen into the hands of  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

We take pleasure in presenting to the fraternity at large Bro. J. Fred. Cattern of the class of '93, who is now the proud wearer of the shield.

The College Battalion has gone into camp for a period of ten days at Lake Canneaut. The June vacation has been granted to the seniors, most of whom are preparing for commencement, which occurs June 27. The exercises of commencement day of this year will vary from those which usually occur, as the faculty have chosen ten orators, who will represent the senior class.

We lose this year by graduation Brothers Laffer, Silliman and Cattern. Brother Silliman departs to-day for Chicago, where he will engage in his chosen profession as a civil engineer.

The long-expected annual of '90, *The Kaldron*, has at last appeared, and in beauty of design and general literary make-up meets the most sanguine expectations of all, being a lasting monument to the editorial ability of Bro. H. M. Barrett and his assistants. Bros. Bray and Jno. Porter also did excellent work on *The Kaldron*.

The editorial board for *The Kaldron* of '91, to be issued next year, has been elected. Brothers Barnes and Ed. Porter will represent Penn. Beta.

In the annual election of editors of the *Campus* for the following year, Bro. Frank C. Bray, '90, was chosen Editor-in-Chief; Bro. C. L. Miller, '90, Local Editor; and Bro. W. W. Youngson, '91, Literary Editor.

The greatest fraternity event of the college year was the organization of the Pan-Hellenic Association, which took place this term. A permanent organization was effected, Brother Cattern being chosen president and toast-

master for this year. The exercises were held on the evening of May 10, and consisted of a grand parade of all the fraternities in the order of their establishment, headed by the Northwestern Band. An elaborate banquet was then served, at which Brothers Anderson and Barrett distinguished themselves by the superior character of their responses to toasts. The banquet was followed by a Greek serenade, which "took up" and "shook up" the college and city to the satisfaction (?) of everybody. The entire affair was such a stupendous success that the Pan-Hellenic will undoubtedly become a permanent annual affair at Allegheny.

On Decoration Day our Quintette Club filled a successful concert engagement at Saegertown, the popular summer resort.

The fraternity event this year, second to the Pan-Hellenic, was the formal reception tendered by Penn. Beta, on the evening of June 4, to all the fraternities at Allegheny, to the faculties and their wives, to the alumni, and to the *élite* of the city of Meadville. The spacious lawns and towers of our beautiful chapter home shone with the brilliancy of many lights, while the commodious parlors, library and reception rooms were tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens in honor of the occasion. About two hundred guests were present. Refreshments were served throughout the evening, and the famous Northwestern Band dispensed their choicest selections. This was acknowledged to be the first and hence the greatest event of the kind ever given at Allegheny, and forms a fitting climax to the record of one of the most successful year's work in the history of Pennsylvania Beta.

With congratulations to THE SHIELD and greeting to the chapters of  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

FRANK A. CATTERN.

Meadville, Penn., June 8, 1889.

### DICKINSON.

Since our last letter to THE SHIELD, which by some mischance never was inserted, many changes have taken place around Old Dickinson.

Our new president, Dr. Reed, has shown himself to be an energetic and just official, and all departments of the college have received the impress of his energy; and this is only the beginning of reform in Dickinson's history, for he is a man of personal magnetism, a maker of friends, and what is better still, a conciliator of enemies; having this happy faculty he will and already has harmonized the contending factions, and blended into sweet unity diverse interests, which hithertofore have been like dead weights, retarding the prosperity and advance of our honored alma mater.

So much concerning the college. As to Zeta we may say that she lives, and as the commencement season rolls round she begins to feel the thrill of life unity that has characterized our frat this year, and so having more time to devote to our work, as a result of not having to heal unkind differences among ourselves, we have not been far behind in college honors. We have in our frat the editor-in-chief of the *Dickinsonian* and one of the associate editors. It

also fell to the frat's lot to have as a member the taker of the sophomore prize for oratory, the contest for which was hotly fought by four of our boys.

Arrangements for the 30th Symposium are about completed. We have word from many of the alumni favorably, and we expect to have a big time. Black, '89, leads his class, and will deliver the valedictory. Enclosed is an invitation, and hoping that you will be with us on that occasion, we are

R. W. ILLINGWORTH.

Carlisle, Pa., June 8, 1889.

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#### FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

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 Penn. Eta it has been, on the whole, successful, and though it be far from us to exalt it to the rank of ideal of excellence, still it is with a feeling of satisfaction that we survey its accomplishments.

The opening of the fall term found eleven brothers in the chapter, one having been initiated at the previous commencement. To this number was soon added two more. We do not believe in the ill luck which tradition has attached to the number thirteen, but the fact remains that in the spring one of our members was compelled to sever his connection with the fraternity or be deprived of a college education.

Of college honors Penn. Eta has fully had her share. On the *Student and Oriflamme* she has had her able representatives. In the literary societies and class she has held many positions of honor, and has had athletics completely in her own hands. So many brothers were on the ball nine in a game that it was called the Phi Psi nine.

But these are not the criteria on which we base the estimate of our fraternity strength. We do not exist as a chapter in order to monopolize student honors. These are simply by the way, and things with which Phi Psis amuse themselves. The standard by which we measure ourselves and in which we take delight is in our congeniality and friendship. In our internal workings has been shown the greatest success of the year. Harmony has ever prevailed with us. We are all brothers, not figuratively speaking, but literally, and good fellowship has always been the result of the warm heart and ready hand. The loss of one has been in a measure felt by all, and when fortune favored one brother all have considered themselves favored.

A great deal of pleasure has been added to our chapter meetings by the presence of three or four of our alumni brothers, who, from their interest in fraternity affairs, would seem to be still undergraduates.

Commencement week is now upon us. Tests have come and gone, and soon comes the leave taking. We lose but one man, Brother Koplín, who graduated in the seminary last May, and is now at work in his charge at Stansburg, Pa. He has been connected with the chapter so long that we can hardly realize that he has left us. Bros. H. H. Apple and A. B. Bauman, who

graduate on the 13th of June, will return in the fall and enter the seminary, so we have exceedingly bright prospects for the coming year.

The following is a tabulated list of the fraternities in their order of establishment :

	Seminary.	'89.	'90.	'91.	'92.	Total.
Φ K Σ.....	0.....	0.....	0.....	5.....	2.....	7
X Φ.....	4.....	5.....	3.....	3.....	0.....	15
Φ K Ψ.....	2.....	2.....	2.....	4.....	2.....	12
Δ T Δ.....	3.....	2.....	2.....	2.....	3.....	12

This list, however, represents quantity and not quality. After a few years of almost inactivity the Sigmas have again come up to their old place, second to Φ K Ψ, while the Deltas and Kiffies grovel in dust, contending for the tail end. We rejoice in this change, as the Sigmas have ever proven themselves honorable and friendly rivals.

In closing we can express no better wish to our Phi Psi brothers in general than that they may always be as prosperous and as supremely happy in their fraternity life as the present writing finds Penn. Eta.

We wish all brothers a pleasant vacation.

The brothers have been more than ever pleased with THE SHIELD during the past year, and wish it the greatest success in the future.

HARRY H. APPLE.

Lancaster, Penn., June 8, 1889.

LAFAYETTE.

Since being initiated and made a member of the Φ K Ψ Fraternity, I have taken great interest in reading THE SHIELD as it comes out, and always wanted to see letters from Theta as regularly as from other chapters, but as we have some brothers who are far more adapted to write chapter letters than I, I felt as if a mistake has been made in calling me to perform this otherwise pleasant duty.

Brother Fay, '89, was chairman of the class day committee, and is at present spending his senior vacation on the campus.

Brother Machev, '90, is playing left field on the 'varsity team, and indeed very good ball. His batting record is the best, and his fielding 100 per cent. He is also the best coacher on the team.

Brother Loose, '90, is the best amateur photographer in college, and takes very fine groups of nearly all visiting teams while on the field. He is also a fine bicycle rider.

Brother McKeen, '90, made all the best wood cuts in '90's *Melange*. To him much credit is due for it.

Brother Hoke, '90, is in the field at present as foot ball manager for next year. We earnestly wish him success.

Brothers Bailey and McKeen, '90, were both on the committee of the Junior Hop, and deserve much praise for it.

Brother Babbitt, '91, was manager of the lacrosse team, and is chairman

of the calculus play committee, which play will take place here commencement week.

Brother Boyer, '91, has one of the principal vocal parts assigned to him. As he is the best musician in college his part will be done well.

Brother Dale, '91, had a toast at the Council of the First District, held at Syracuse, N. Y., in April, and acquitted himself nobly.

F. A. GODCHARLES.

Easton, Pa., June 6, 1889.

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#### SWARTHMORE.

Pennsylvania Kappa is prospering and in her prosperity and growth is maintaining the high standard with which she started. Since my last letter two new faces, and pleasant ones, have been added to our circle, and with a full count we now have thirteen active members and one ex-member. It is my pleasant duty to introduce to the fraternity, Edward B. Temple, '91, of Ward, Delaware County, Pa., and Robert S. McConnell, '90, of Philadelphia, as the new brothers of Kappa. Brother Temple is a rising athlete and wears several handsome medals on his broad chest, the results of his prowess on many fields; he is also vice-president of his class and auditor of the Athletic Association. Brother McConnell is vice-president of the Eunomian Literary Society, but is most distinguished as a thorough student and a splendid fellow. We are proud of our new men and feel confident that they will honor the brotherhood.

But our pleasure, even at securing such valuable acquisitions, could have been no greater than that of attending the reception of one of our own active brethren—yes, Bro. Ralph Lewis has gone and got married. The event took place about six weeks ago, and his bride was Alice T. Battin, Swarthmore, '87, of Albany, New York. After the wedding our fortunate brother took a tour through New York and met a number of Phi Psi men at Syracuse and Ithaca, where the representative of Kappa had a very enjoyable time, I might have said representatives, for if Mrs. Lewis hadn't have been made for a Phi Psi's wife rather than an eligible member, we should have had her in the chapter long before this. On Wednesday evening, the 14th, ult., in company with about 150 of the *elite* of Delaware County, we attended a reception given Mr. and Mrs. Lewis by the former's parents at their beautiful home on the Crum Hills, and to say that we had a good time does not express it. Phi Psi led in the dance and, some say, at the feast, but we made a good impression and received one, and departed with Mrs. Lewis' promise to tender a reception to the next Kappa man who weds.

On the 11th, ult., on the occasion of the spring sports, we were honored by a visit from our Archon, Bro. Howard L. Calder. In consequence of the excitement of the day we did not get to visit with him as profitably as we otherwise would have done, but we allowed him the pleasure of seeing four first-place medals succumbing to Phi Psi mettle, and he appreciated it. On the occasion Brother Cummins, '89, won the 440 yards dash; Brother Harvey, '89, took the event putting the shot, and Brother Temple, '91, won the pole vault and anchored for the winning tug-of-war team.

We now have a Phi Psi man among the instructors, although it will probably be only for this year. Bro. Wyatt W. Randall, of Johns Hopkins University, has been assisting Dr. Day with the work in Chemistry, and he has been a pleasant companion for us. During his stay he has won many friends for the fraternity.

One of the pleasantest events of the college year was the trip to Brother Clothier's elegant home at Wynnewood, one of the most beautiful suburbs of Philadelphia, on the evening of June 7th. The journey was made in a large coach, and the ten mile drive increased our pleasure upon being received by Brother Clothier's sisters with a number of other charming young ladies invited especially for the occasion, and sharpened our appetites for the supper prepared for us. A pleasant feature which preceded the games and dances of the evening was the cutting of the large cake, frosted with the name of the chapter. Each member cut out a piece while Mrs. Clothier and our friends looked on interestedly. We soon found the cause of the interest when Brother Temple exposed a handsome pin. After a long evening of pleasure the return trip was made, and many a rural sleeper was aroused by the songs of Brother Clothier's merry guests.

As to our minor doings: Brothers Cummins, Pyle and Harvey, our senior members, are just closing honorable college careers. Brother Berdan took an extended tour through the South this spring. Your Scribe won one of the Magill prizes for sophomore and freshman oratory last month, and was re-elected exchange editor of *The Phoenix*. Brother Clothier, as foot-ball captain, is becoming much interested in the prospects for the team. Brother Ketcham has been busy commanding the freshmen at base ball. Brother Palmer, with your correspondent will represent the Eunomian Literary Society in a public debate next week. Brother Coale is preparing to "quitate" at the end of his sophomore year. Brothers McConnell, Clark and Temple are convincing the college that Phi Psi men are the best to be seen.

Brother Dibert, who is now a well-to-do Pittsburgh business man, lost several relatives and considerable property in the Johnstown horror, but as far as we know is himself in his full health. He has the sympathy of all the brethren.

Kappa Sigma, a Southern fraternity which includes Jefferson Davis and John Tyler, Jr., among its best known members, has established its Pi chapter here. It includes among its members a sophomore, three freshmen, and three sub-freshmen.

As to our prospects for next year—ours are the prospects of the college, and the entries for next year's class are the largest in Swarthmore's history. We will begin the year with eight active members and every reason for bright hopes.

Perhaps my letter is too long, if so, excuse me, but I will tell you Kappa's activity can not be delineated in any meagre "stick-full" of notes.

WILLIAM C. SPROUL.

Swarthmore College, Pa., June 10, 1889.

## CORNELL.

This spring term has not been a long one, and it would be hard to realize that we have reached the end of it, were it not for the inevitable exams that are now upon us. This commencement, coming June 21, brings with it some changes. In addition to losing Brother Hodder from the chapter, Brother Burnett graduates from the Law School, and Brother Ludlow from the School of Pharmacy. We will miss them all very much, and it will be hard indeed to fill their places among us. But if unfortunate in losing three good men, the chapter has been very fortunate in other ways. Many are the honors that have been heaped upon the chapter since last we wrote you. Brother McMahon, instructor in mathematics, has been invited to join the London Mathematical Society, the membership of which is quite limited. It ranks first among the purely mathematical societies, and membership in it is no small honor. Brother Ryan, instructor in physics, has been advanced to assistant professor, and Brother Merritt, fellow in physics, takes his place as instructor. Brothers May and Elwyn Bentley have been elevated to the editorial board of the *Cornell Sun*, our college daily, and Frank Bentley has received a similar honor, being on the *Era*, the Cornell weekly. Elwyn Bentley was also the orator from '91 at the algebra cremation. Brother Healy has been chosen as one of the ten from which the eight regular crew and two substitutes will be chosen.

Our tennis court is in fine condition, and taking advantage of the fact we have held a tournament among the members of the chapter.

The *Cornellian*, our college annual, is expected to be out in a short time. Brother May, '90, is one of the editors thereof.

The university has just finished a fine building for the use of the civil engineers and architects, and has already under way the plans for a large chemical building, distinct from the physical building.

ED. H. HULBERT.

Ithaca, N. Y., June 7, 1889.

## SYRACUSE.

The commencement season at Syracuse this year will be the most important and interesting one in the history of the university. The dedication of the new Crouse College occurs on the 22nd, and the Von Ranke library building is to be dedicated on the 24th. Commencement day occurs on the 24th. Five of our members—Brothers Burritt, Farrington, Piper, Walrath, and Wright—will graduate, leaving us a total of fourteen active members. We deeply regret the departure of our senior brethren and will find it most difficult to accustom ourselves to their absence.

At a recent election the following were chosen to represent Phi Psi upon the *University News*: Editorial writer, Brother Danziger; local editors, Brothers Barnard and Stevens; personal editor, Brother Lewis; college exchange editor, Brother Ball; associate publishers, Brothers Sherwin and Chester.

Tennis is quite the popular diversion at the university just now, and our four tennis courts are in almost constant use on pleasant afternoons. Our chapter takes the lead in number of courts.

The Θ N E Fraternity held its initiation on May 29th, and Corpse and Coffin, the junior society, initiated this week. Brothers Barnard and Husted were elected to membership in the latter organization.

Class day exercises occur on the 24th. Our chapter has two representatives in the exercises of the day, Brother Walrath acting as orator and Brother Piper as piper-orator.

The chime of bells recently purchased for the Crouse College by Hon. John Crouse has been placed in position and is quite satisfactory. The chime is probably the best in the state, excluding New York City.

Our chapter is actively at work making arrangements for an elaborate alumni banquet to be held during commencement week. It is hoped that a good number of former members of New York Beta will be present at the occasion. The farewell address to our graduating brothers will be made by Brother Statham.

Next fall the university opens under most favorable auspices. The Crouse College and Von Ranke Library will both be ready for occupancy, and will greatly increase the advantages afforded here. There will be an addition to the faculty—Professor Haanel, of Toronto, taking the Department of Physics, for which he is specially adapted. The faculty are receiving many letters from students intending to enter with '93, and that class will probably be even larger than that of this year.

Brother Burlingame, who has been teaching this year at Manlins, N. Y., expects to be in college next year. We will be happy to number him a member of our chapter again.

CHARLES H. BALL.

Syracuse, New York, June 7, 1889.

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#### HOBART COLLEGE.

Your humble servant is informed that a letter to THE SHIELD should be immediately forthcoming from New York Delta. Since his term of office as chapter correspondent has but just begun, he is taken at a disadvantage; but will try to write something that will be an apology for a chapter letter. In this respect students in small colleges are seriously hampered; there is no great mass of college news always available for correspondence. Of course commencement forms now the principal topic of interest to college students. The senior vacation began at Hobart on the 7th, and Commencement Day is the 27th. According to an ancient custom, the freshmen were liberally sprinkled with salt as they came out of chapel on the first morning of the senior vacation. On that morning the juniors occupy the seats left vacant by the seniors, and the lower classes each take the seats of the class above them. The salt is intended to convince the freshmen that, although they sit in the seats of the sophomores they are still freshmen.

We lost this year by graduation only one brother; but that loss will be great, nevertheless. Brother Pegram has been a true, loyal brother, and has always done everything in his power to benefit our chapter. May good luck

go with him. He will graduate with the highest honors of his class, and will be valedictorian. His election to the Phi Beta Kappa is certain.

Brother Perkins has mailed to our alumni the "Annual Report." It shows that the chapter has much to be proud of in the record for the year, and that our prospects for next year are excellent. He makes an urgent appeal for subscriptions to *THE SHIELD*, showing by means of some of Brother Van Cleve's calculations how much our splendid official organ needs the support of our alumni Phi Psis.

Since our last letter appeared in *THE SHIELD*, Brother Pegram has been appointed chairman of the Commencement Ball Committee, and Brother German has been elected captain of the college base ball club; also Phi Psi associate editor on the *Hobart Herald* to succeed Brother Pegram. Hobart men are doing very little in the way of athletics this year. Our nine has only played two games so far this season: one with Cornell, which was won by a score of 2 to 0, and the other with a local club which was defeated 5 to 3. We are content with the credit that the ex-pitcher on the college nine — Dwyer of the Chicago team — is winning for us.

At the annual spring field-day of the State Athletic Association, held at Albany with Union College, but few Hobart men were entered, and only one first prize came to us.

May all the brothers enjoy the summer vacation, and return to their work refreshed to win new laurels for the fraternity.

JOHN C. KIRTLAND, JR.

Geneva, N. Y., June 9, 1889.

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#### MADISON.

As this is the last letter for the year it may not be amiss to review the work of the chapter. We can emphatically say that we have been prosperous. We have sustained both the number and quality of our membership, have added many things which add to the beauty of our hall, and have had no troubles or dissensions of any kind.

Our prospects for the coming year are bright. We have three men already pledged and more in view.

I can not refrain from again speaking of our success at base ball. We have won the pennant now without a doubt. Out of the seven games which we have played in the championship series we have only lost one. We have one more game to play, but whether we win or lose we have the championship. Brothers Potter and Osgood represent us on the ball team.

Our commencement is close at hand now. The evening of June 20th or the morning of the 21st will see this town deserted. Most of the brothers have some work on hand for the vacation. Brothers Sholar, '89, and Divine, '91, who are members of the Madison University Gospel Band, will engage in evangelistic work during the summer. Brother Billings, '92, will spend the vacation at Northfield, where he will be pleased to meet his Phi Psi brothers. Brother Potter, '91, will go home to hunt for a new girl. Brother Bennett, '89, will

spend the summer at home, hoeing the turnips and painting the fence. Brother Allen will rusticate in Brookfield. Brother Williams will spend the summer at home, as his father has heard how he carried sail at the seaside last summer.

Our new library building is progressing finely. We expect it will be ready for use at commencement, 1890. The tower on the Theological Seminary is nearly completed. It ought to have been done long ago.

With this letter we must say good-bye to all our brothers and to THE SHIELD for this year.

Hamilton, N. Y., June 8, 1889.

D. F. OSGOOD.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

The days of examinations are at hand, and all the brothers of THE SHIELD have hied them away to their respective haunts to "cram" for the finals; notably among them is our funny efficient B. G., Brother Holloway, who, finding the two avocations, that of a student and your correspondent, too much for his present limited time, has cast the honor of the latter on your writer.

Our chapter has been quite aggressive this year, both in the selection of men for their high social standing, as well as for their acquisitive powers in the class room. Without a single exception, both individually and "in solido," with due deference to our other colleagues in the Greek world, we stand without a superior.

Base ball has for this season been the mania among our college athletics, and it is in that that we stand without a peer. Bro. Addison Greenway has developed into what might be called "the star pitcher of the South." He has pitched ten games without a defeat, or the fear of it, against the strongest baseball teams of our southern colleges, and sometimes against a professional. We are justly proud of him. Nor is this all, we are further represented on the "diamond field" by the efficient scorer, Brother Stevens, while the management of the whole is in part performed by our B. G., Brother Holloway. The closest contested game we have played was with Johns Hopkins, the score being 6 to 4 in our favor. If we had been defeated in this engagement, our grief would have been partially palliated by the fact that it was done by Brother Deshailles, of the Maryland A, who, without a doubt, is the best pitcher—except Brother Greenway—that has ever stood in our diamond.

We are all pleased with THE SHIELD, and peruse its contents with much satisfaction, knowing that under the present management it is the best managed (probably it wants finances) periodical in the Greek world; and we will, as a chapter, pledge our support and help to keep it continuing as it is—issuing monthly. It is the only band that binds us to our distant brothers; the only link through which can flow the mutual intercourse and love, and why not make it as continuous as possible and continue publishing it every month instead, as some suggest, of making it issuable once in three months. We should not grow lukewarm, cold and callous about this as it were our first love, but even, if at additional outlay of money, though it be the double of the present subscription, continue it as a monthly.

We will sustain both a temporary and perpetual loss in the withdrawal of our two loyal brothers—Brother Sanders, who graduates in law this session, and of Brother Blair, who leaves us temporarily. The former will locate immediately in Knoxville, Tennessee, to practice his profession; the latter is one of celebrity, apart from being “the handsome boy,” as the “calico” call him, he is the son of the expectant Solicitor-General of the United States, having served in that capacity for a number of years in this state. We will experience a very great loss also in Brother Sanders, who graduates this session at the head of his class in law. He spent the palmiest days of his life in the “Lone Star State” hunting deer, buffalo, &c., and has become so devoted to its “wild, wierd wildernesses” that he intends to adopt it as his future home. He will practice law in Dallas.

I guess you think this letter has developed into a chapter biography, but there is one I would make special mention of, who, so accustomed to ivy-clustered walks has, by a certain process of Metempsychosis, transmitted himself from the chrysalis of a boy student into a sage hermit,—our G. P., Brother Davis. He walked away last year with his M. A., and again this year another sheep will have to be flayed for his M. D. When we begin to think of our losses, almost unbidden tears seem to start, and, like Niobe or Rachael of old, we weep and mourn for them and refuse to be comforted.

Well, we have been conversing about our chapter-house which is to be built. Some are doubtful, some are hopeful; it is a great undertaking, and being infected, like most southern colleges, with a great deal of poverty, it is an undertaking hard to be accomplished. But, as is always the case, a work of love is pleasant, and we will make every sacrifice we can, after fully organized, to arouse the old love which, alas, too often becomes latent in the breasts of our alumni, and by this means we are sure to have subscriptions sufficient to meet our wants.

On a recent base-ball tour to Lexington the writer, accompanied by three others of the Virginia A, was most royally entertained by all the members of Virginia B. Never has he seen a more thoroughly organized chapter or one where brotherly love reigned so supreme. It should be a model.

And now, lest I become too verbose, I must close, wishing all the blessings and content that one finds in a summer vacation at home.

T. L. TRAWICK.

University of Virginia, Va., June 6, 1889.

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#### JOHNS HOPKINS.

Maryland Alpha is conscious of a lengthy arrearage to THE SHIELD in the way of contribution to the letter box. Indeed, there seems to be an impression abroad in the land that Maryland Alpha, to use vulgarism, is “in the soup.” The truth is that this chapter was for some time on the ragged edge, but she is happy to salute her sister chapters once more, and to say that with renewed vigor and bright prospects for the future, she hopes to hold her own and continue to be what she has the reputation of having been, the first fraternity at the Johns Hopkins University.

Having made her apologies, Maryland Alpha hastens to acquaint her sisters with her members. Two or three, perhaps, among them will prove familiar names, but many of them are new brethren to be welcomed into the fold.

Bros. Haskins, Turner, Gordon, DASHILLE, W. W. Randall and Lazear need no introduction, but allow me the pleasure of presenting Bros. Geo. Carey, '91, Nelson P. Carey, '91, Barwick P. Lanier, '90, J. F. Mitchell, '91, and C. R. McKay, '91, all of whom will readily testify that they were introduced to the "goat" in the most approved style.

The organization of this chapter has been progressing since the early winter, and I think it may be said that it is now about effected.

We are greatly indebted to the timely and generous aid of our alumni, and indeed it has been mainly through their co-operation that we pulled through our stormy times so successfully.

Our prospects for next year are very bright. We have a most excellent nucleus to start with, and with other things favoring, it is not too much to predict that Maryland Alpha has her brightest days yet to chronicle.

RALPH ROBINSON.

Baltimore, Md., June 4, 1889.

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#### OHIO WESLEYAN.

Ohio A is not dead, but her correspondent has been sleeping. This accounts for her not being represented in the last two numbers of THE SHIELD. She has had plenty of news and her correspondent must suffer the condemnation. He can but plead the old story of *too late!*

As we begin to pen this letter, and as we become conscious of the fact that this is the last it shall be our pleasure to write, at least as an active member, a feeling of sadness forces itself upon us, and in this lament we are joined by Brothers McCafferty and Reed. We three being the ones who are to graduate this year. Our commencement is to take place the twenty-seventh, one week later than usual, owing to our prolonged spring vacation made imperative by the scarlet fever.

Although our career as active members of  $\Phi K \Psi$  is ended, we are happy in the thought that by means of the alumni associations which are taking such firm root and growing with such vigor throughout the country, we shall be enabled effectually to keep aglow that flame of sacred love and fraternal spirit, which has been kindled toward the fraternity which has been the source of so much pleasure and profit.

It is our pleasure to introduce to the brothers in general, Bro. John Myers, a nephew of Brother McCafferty, and with modesty yet with perfect candor we say, that the sterling and manly qualities so prominent in the uncle are reflected with all his increased lustre in the nephew.

An intense desire to play base ball suddenly developed in the chapter a short time since, and we became possessed with the idea that we could easily "do up" any team that dared face us. We challenged several fraternities, but

whether frightened by our audacity or our supposed proficiency in the game, they refused to accept the challenge. Finally, however, we met the enemy in Delta Tau Delta and got most woefully "snowed under." We do not tell the score. We take consolation in the fact that we had no one to hold McCafferty's powerful pitching, but since we now have our famous catcher "Duch" Lemans with us again, we are anxious to once more enter the lists.

Ohio A is certainly fortunate in having so many devoted and hospitable resident members. The interest and kindness shown to the fraternity by Bro. Frank McElroy and his sister, Miss Kathleen, in keeping their home open for the convenience and entertainment of Phi Psis, will ever be a source of fond recollection to all of us. Saturday evening, June 1st, we had another evidence of this same generosity and devotion in a delightful party given to the Phi Psis and their guests by Bros. "Duch" and Harry Lemans and their sister Miss Mary. It would savor of extravagance for me to give a description of the perfect and very pleasing manner in which we were entertained. Brothers Hiller and Gotwald had a part in producing and sharing the pleasures of this, one of the most pleasing evenings it has been the good fortune of Ohio A to enjoy. The Phi Psi seniors were recently very pleasingly entertained by Brother Westphal and sister.

One pleasing feature connected with our resident members is that every one of them is blessed with one or more very charming sisters, and any credit due Ohio A in any line, is owing in part, at least, to the happy influence of this important part of the fraternity.

This term we have been without the pleasant association and wise counsel of Brother Dillon, who is now assistant postmaster at London, Ohio. He does not intend to re-enter college, but instead will go to a medical school at Cincinnati next year.

In addition to being one of the contestants in the local oratorical contest for next year, Brother Phillips will be editor-in-chief of the *Practical Student*, a weekly paper of the university. It is his plan to increase the size of the already popular paper, and to add to its attractiveness in every particular.

Brother Frizell, '87, spent a few days with us a short time ago. He came to share in the pleasures of the annual Phi Psi picnic, which was a great success in every particular. Brother Frizell deserves great credit in taking first honors in the examination for admittance to the bar, in a class of sixty-five. Ohio A extends congratulations.

To all who have patiently read this "long drawn out" letter we will say adieu.

W. C. KENNEDY.

Delaware, O., June 10, 1889.

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#### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Friday the 7th, was looked forward to with much anticipation, by our students, as the day on which the appearance of the annual *Makio* had been promised. The editors had promised that it would be the best volume ever published, and the students had looked anxiously forward, hopeful of seeing their names in real print.

At one o'clock P. M. the issue was placed on sale, and in two hours everybody had a *Makio*. The rush to get one was general. Seniors crushed their silk hats, and many small preps were trodden upon in the general panic. Even some members of the faculty who had carried a dignity, as unnatural as it was persistent, ever since their advent here, volunteered a smile in anticipation of the jokes on their fellow professors.

The *Makio*, as had been prophesied, was a great improvement over those of the last year or two. The fine steel engraving of the outgoing class will probably be better appreciated after the lapse of time. The liberal employment of a good artist, in bringing in many familiar places and walks about the buildings and campus, is a commendable feature. The jokes, of course, were about everybody, some good, some otherwise, and some neutral. The manufacture of the book makes it safe to assert, that, at least, the cover will wear, and that is more than can be said of all college annuals.

We would take pleasure in telling of the annual prize drill, in which great interest usually centres, but Bro. Capt. G. H. Mock warned us not to mention anything concerning his taking last place in the contest. Knowing him as we do, it seems policy to respect his opinion in the matter.

In looking over the work of our chapter for the past year, we feel that we are open for congratulations. The number of initiates has been smaller than usual, but not in a way to lessen our strength, while outlook for next year is very good. Brothers Blach and Grimsley, the incoming, will take the places of Brothers Horton and Miller, the outgoing seniors.

We have made some great improvements in the appearance of our hall, as well as some arrangements calculated to freeze the blood of our initiates next year. We take pleasure in the prospect of having Bro. J. Porter Milligan, of class '86, with us, as pastor of Northwood Church, and also Bro. F. H. Hodder, of New York Alpha, as Professor of History and Political Economy at Ohio State University.

The boys here all unite with me in the "good bye till we come again."

EDWARD D. HOWARD.

Columbus, Ohio, June 8, 1889.

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#### DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

As the time of parting draws near, we naturally take a survey of the past to see what has been accomplished during the year. The opening of the first term found eighteen of the "old set" in their accustomed places, ready for the work before them. Within a month three more had been added to our number,—Brothers Wright, Roehl and Metts. However, our number decreased to eighteen again, Brothers Cleveland, Metts and Beard being compelled to leave school for the remainder of the year, but all promise to be with us again next fall. Then came the winter months of hard work, and in this, the greatest end of college life, we feel stronger than for several years. But with our increased zeal in studentship, we have not neglected the social part of our being, and fraternity enthusiasm runs as high as ever.

During the second term, four more—Brothers Downey, Fitch, Austin and Dougan—donned the “shield” of our order, and we completed the work last night with the initiation of Brother Crawford. In scholarship, in general culture, and particularly in the selection of our associates, we feel that the past year has been eminently successful. Our prospects for next year are good. If all the boys get back that expect to, we will open the campaign with twenty members, and with such boys as they are, we need have no serious fears for the future.

Our university continues to win honors in oratory. This time it is the State Prohibition Oratorical Prize. This prize is offered to the different schools of the state, the representatives being required to speak on Prohibition questions. Our representative was Bro. John Miller of our senior class, who took first prize at the contest. The contest was a very interesting one, and by those competent to judge was pronounced stronger than the contest of the State Oratorical Association.

In the primary, to select three representatives from the freshman class to contest for the C. G. Cloud Prizes in Declamation during commencement week, Brother Hodell secured first place, and we have no doubt but that he will do himself credit on the final contest. Brothers Merle and Guy Walker will also attempt to gain honors on this occasion.

With God-speed to all Phi Psis we close this, our last letter of the year. We wish you all a prosperous summer, and that all may return next fall with renewed vigor.

CHAS. A. HOUTS.

Greencastle, Ind., June 8, 1889.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

For the last time in this college year we send our fraternal greetings to THE SHIELD. The chapter is now in a flourishing condition, and its prospects for next year are very bright. We start in next September with ten loyal men, and expect to sweep everything before us in the spiking season just as we always do.

Commencement week is now on hand with all the usual festivities. The graduating class this year is the largest that has ever gone through the university—containing 41 members. One of the most interesting addresses of the week was that delivered by Rev. John L. Pitner, of the class of '69. Brother Pitner was one of the founders of Indiana Beta, and is still a very enthusiastic Phi Psi. His address was, “In Honor of Deceased Alumni,” and was a masterpiece. He had an audience of 900 people, and he held it spellbound for an hour and twenty minutes.

Brother Beeson, through freshman this year, will teach next year in the city schools at his home in Columbia City. Brother Beeson is only eighteen years old, but he has already taught two schools of eight months each, and now is honored by the offer of the grammar school in a town of 6,000.

Brother Van Buskirk, '88, begins next fall his eighth year as an active Phi Psi,—three years in preparatory and four years in the university. He intends

to take a two-years' course in the Law Department, and during that time he will take an active part in the fraternity. Very few brothers can boast of having been an active member for nine years.

Bro. C. L. Hooper, '87, is attracting considerable attention as a literary man. He is an author of recognized ability, and is a regular contributor to several journals of art and literature. In a few weeks his first novel will be out; it is entitled, "The Cloverdale Skeleton."

I copy the following complimentary notice of Bro. Wilson J. McCormick, '86, from a recent number of the *La Grange Register*. Speaking of the centennial celebration exercises in that city the *Register* says: "But the address which captured the audience and won the admiration of all, was the last on the list, and was delivered by W. J. McCormick, a young man who is studying law in the office of J. C. Terrall. Although commencing his address when the audience had become greatly worried by the rendering of a long programme, his words of burning eloquence went direct to the patriotic sentiment of the audience and held it in the closest attention to the end. He spoke with fluency and ease, in a full, rich and cultivated voice, and which was given a powerful effect by his almost faultless address, electrifying the audience and winning its unbounded admiration. He stepped to the footlights that evening a young man, unknown in La Grange to forensic fame, but left them covered with the orator's most coveted crown."

Our lady friends were entertained on the 6th at the hall, by an informal social given in honor of Miss Louie Morris, a loyal Phi Psi supporter. The evening was pleasantly spent in conversation, card-playing, etc., and at eleven o'clock a light refreshment of strawberries, ices and cake was served. The favors were large white roses tied with the fraternity colors.

Until next September, *auf baldiges wiedersehen*.

FRED W. TRUSCOTT.

Bloomington, Ind., June 9, 1889.

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#### WABASH COLLEGE.

Since our last letter to THE SHIELD, the painful necessity of expelling one of our members, Bro. Joseph Rilus Eastman, has been undergone by our chapter.

Brother Eastman had been a member of this chapter almost two years, and in that time had not even paid his initiation fees, and refused to pay them. In addition he was very uncongenial, and opposed the chapter in every possible way.

We now have eleven men,—one senior, one junior, four sophomores, and five freshmen. All are thoroughly imbued with Phi Psi principles, and *all* are congenial and determined that Indiana Gamma shall henceforth meet with only success.

Now, at the closing of the college year, we are on friendly terms with all the Greek-letter societies in college. Next year promises to be one in which none of the fraternities will be at war with each other. There have been so

many factional fights this year, and the evil results are so apparent to all that it will serve as an example for many years.

Bro. Jas. R. Hanna graduates this year. We are happy to state, however, that he will remain in this city and so be with us next fall, to help us, as he has often done in the past, with his wise counsels and willing hand.

Our hall has been much improved this year, and next year we hope to entirely refurnish it and to increase its size. Now it compares *very* favorably with our rival's here, next fall it must surpass them all.

The question of extension has been much discussed here, and our chapter is unanimously in favor of the resolutions on that subject offered at the Third District Council. We think there are many worthy colleges in the South and West where chapters of  $\Phi$   $\Kappa$   $\Psi$  should be established, chapters, if established, that would reflect honor upon the Fraternity. This is a time of progress, and the old conservative ideas must give way and be followed by plans suiting the times. Merit should be considered as well as locality.

Bro. Frank E. Groniger, of Indiana Beta, called on us yesterday. Our only regret is that he could not remain longer with us. Brother Hoskins, of Brazil, and Brother Burns, of Terre Haute, who left college last June, have been with us the past week. We are always glad to have any  $\Phi$   $\Psi$ s from sister chapters with us as well as our own alumni members.

The college team has played two games with De Pauw since the issue of the last SHIELD, winning the first, 5 to 3, and losing the second, 4 to 2. Have also played one game with the Terre Haute Polytechnic, score was 12 to 0 in our favor. Our team has reason to be proud, having lost only one game during the season.

The Junior Annual is now out and is very neat in its appearance and in its arrangement. Brother Markle represented us on Board of Editors, so, to be sure, we were treated fairly. Although this should be but a small item in judging a fraternity's strength, yet from the positions we hold in our various classes, in the Athletic Associations, class rooms, etc., we can not help feeling that we are taking our share in all college honors. When college honors can be added to congeniality then can a fraternity well feel proud of them. But without congeniality these honors would be mere empty trifles and causes of contention.

College closes the 14th. Commencement is on the 19th, and most of the students will not remain until commencement.

Our boys will all return early next fall, in order to be in time for the "rushing," and we feel confident that we will be able to do our work well.

Now in a prosperous condition, free from all debts, with eleven enthusiastic men it will surely be our own fault if success does not attend our efforts, and smile kindly upon us.

With a hearty farewell to all sister chapters, for the year of '88 and '89, and many wishes for success during the ensuing year, congratulations to THE SHIELD and its editor for the past year, I close.

J. S. MCFADDIN.

Crawfordsville, Ind., June 8, 1889.

## NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The end is drawing near. The seniors have already "gone up higher," and the remnant are whittling their pencils for the struggle. We lose by graduation five worthy brothers, and though we feel it will indeed be a loss to the chapter, we are partly consoled by the fact that two pledglings are already "in waiting," and our prospects for the future very encouraging.

Brothers Dixon, Graves, Herben, and Weir are on for the Kirk Oratorical Contest. Brother Herben recently captured two prizes, the Hinman Essay and Political Economy. Next year we will be represented on the Declamation Contest by Brother J. L. Alabaster, and on the Hinman Essay Contest by Bro. W. E. Humphrey.

Base ball continues to be at white heat. Yesterday our nine won a game from the Lake Forests, and as we are now tied with Madison for the championship, the two nines will play at Milwaukee this Saturday. It may be of interest to know that the junior class has a red-headed nine, which came out one day and overwhelmed a nine selected from the other members of the class. Our fraternity nine was defeated by  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , nine to six, but we have second place and do not despair.

Rumors of a new fraternity are abroad. "Is it  $\Delta K E$ ?"

Our Annual Symposium occurs this week, Friday, at the Avenue House. We expect to have an unusually interesting time. Our programme for the occasion will be as follows:

## DICTA.

Symposiarch .....GEORGE H. HORSWELL.  
"Conticescamus omnes intenti ora teneamus."

Nostra Fraternitas.....CHARLES H. BOOTH.  
"Clarum et venerabile nomen."

Collegium.....CHARLES P. ABBEY.  
"Valeat quantum valere potest."

Puellae.....J. LEWIS ALABASTER.  
"Illae poesis terra, sicut stellae poesis coeli."

Barbari.....ALFRED H. HENRY.  
"Omnibus invidias Barbarus; nemo tibi."

Caper Noster.....FRANK LITTLE.  
"Ipse caper cornu ferit, careto."

## DICTA IMPROMPTA.

"Haec olim meminisse juvabit."

We will now bid an affectionate farewell to all the brothers, wishing them abundant rest and recreation during the vacation, and trusting that with the return of school we may be enabled to continue our work with renewed zeal and devotion for  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

F. A. ALABASTER.

Evanston, Ill., June 11, 1889.

## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

We open our letter by heartily congratulating all Phi Psis upon the close of another year. Especially do we congratulate those brothers who have successfully completed the four years' course and taken their degrees. They are no longer active members, but may they never forget that in college and out of college we are joined "till death do us part." Alumni brothers, never forget the grip! Nothing is so distressing to an undergraduate as to approach an old  $\Phi \Psi$  and find that he can not give the grip.

But to relate the events of the month. We have had a glorious time of it. We began with Brother Graves' reception. His uncle, Judge Hooker, invited the whole chapter and a corresponding number of young ladies to his house. He has a charming place, and the occasion was greatly enjoyed and will be long remembered by us all. Brother Graves was voted a right royal host.

During the month we have had testimony from Brother Erf that he does not forget us. He has just taken the pains to write a complete history of the founding of our chapter, the details of which were known only to himself. We feel very grateful. The greatest interest always attaches to the infancy of such an institution as ours, and we are glad to be able to hand down to posterity a full account of that period.

We have been favored with visitors also. Brother Eitel, one of our charter members, who is out of college, called on us at commencement. Brother Rev. Rumsey, pastor of the River Falls (Wis.) Baptist Church, spent an afternoon with us, and Brother Smith, who is teaching in the Shattuck Military Academy, did the same.

Then came commencement. On Saturday, June 1st, Company Q, consisting of ladies, gave an exhibition drill. We believe we are the only college that can boast an Amazon contingent. On Monday came the field sports, and in the evening the great event in which we always like to distinguish ourselves—the Home Oratorical Contest. We succeeded nobly, the two honor places fell to  $\Phi \Psi$ s, and for the third time our boys will represent the college in the State contest. The first place was gained by Brother Timberlake, who spoke on "The First American;" the second place was Brother Baily's with the subject, "Beecher and Liberty." There was also a prize oratorical contest this week, which will in future be consolidated with the home contest. Again we took the two first honors. Brother Soares speaking on "John Bright" took the first place and \$35; Bro. O. L. Triggs on "The Times" took second place and \$25. We are beginning to be regarded as something of an oratorical fraternity, having in the last two years taken ten honor places out of a possible twelve.

And we have been well represented in the regular commencement exercises. We only graduate one man, the first alumnus of Minn. Beta—Bro. O. L. Triggs, but he is a host in himself. On the occasion of the presentation of the '89 memorial—a fund of \$540 to provide an annual prize in history—Brother Triggs gave a fine oration on "The Mission of the Scholar," and on Commencement Day it was generally conceded that he excelled all others in his oration

on "The Problem of Education." We feel a just pride in our first graduate, and are greatly pleased that he will study with us next year as a fellow.

Thanks to the generous gift of \$150,000, which we mentioned in our last letter as having been presented to the university, great improvements will be made before we return in the autumn. Our main building will be renovated, Science Hall will be completed, the College of Law will obtain a building, the chemical building will be commenced, another for heating the entire system of buildings will be erected, and some improvements will be made in the agricultural department. In addition considerable scientific apparatus will be bought, and some new professors will be added to the faculty. To crown all, we shall have a thousand students, and the  $\Phi$   $\Psi$ s will be back in force. Until then adieu.

THEO. G. SOARES.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 7, 1889.

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#### KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Kansas Alpha is in high spirits over the selection of Bro. Frank W. Blackmar for the new chair of History and Sociology recently created by the Board of Regents. This chair is the result of a division of Professor Jas. H. Canfield's department at his own request, he retaining the chair of History and Civics. Prof. Canfield has brought his department up to a high state of efficiency, and Prof. Blackmar enters upon his work under very favorable circumstances.

The commencement exercises promise to be exceptionally brilliant this year. The master's oration will be delivered by Bro. F. A. Stocks, who has just completed a post-graduate course of study. The present senior class has abolished the class day exercises, one of the distinguishing features of our university.

The political excitement which has raged so violently for the past year in Kansas State University has subsided, and the "white-winged dove of peace now hovers o'er us."

The K. S. U. nine played a match game with the Baker University nine last Saturday in which we were completely victorious. Brother Easterley plays short stop and Brother Shellabarger holds down left field. The inter-fraternity base ball league did not play a series of games this year owing to the lateness of the season.

In tennis we are represented by Brothers Shellabarger and Armstrong, who have a good show for second place, and whom in time we expect to gain first place. At present a great deal of interest is manifested in the field day exercises to be given June 1.

Many social events have happened since our last letter, the most notable of which was the reception and ball given by the ladies of Pi Beta Psi, at which eighteen of the forty-two fraternity men present were Phi Psis.

We expect to issue our circular letter to our alumni within the next week.

Brother Billings, of Marion, Kan., is printing it, and it will be first class in every respect.

In our June letter we expect to give a short but complete account of the year's work.

JNO. A. MUSHRUSH.

Lawrence, Kansas, May 16, 1889.

The year which has just closed has been one of the most prosperous that Kansas State University has ever enjoyed, and Kansas Alpha has had a generous share in the prosperity of her alma mater. Several new professors have been chosen to fill new chairs, notably Professor Blackmar, of California Alpha, who has been elected to fill the chair of History and Sociology. An assistant has also been added to the French and German departments. Bro. C. G. Dunlap, formerly assistant in English, is now associate professor in that department, with a good prospect of becoming dean of the same. These two, with Professor Marvin, dean of the Civil Engineering Department, Professor Sterling in the Greek Department, and Professor J. Willis Gleed in the Law Department, make us a good representation in the faculty.

Professor Dunlap has been highly honored by being selected as one of the best English scholars in the land to assist in compiling the new Chaucer Concordance. Brother Dunlap is a thorough and conscientious scholar, and is a good loyal  $\Phi \Psi$ . Of the six members of the Board of Regents we have Bro. C. S. Gleed and Bro. W. C. Spangler, who is now vice chancellor, owing to Dr. Lippencott's resignation.

After next year the preparatory department will be entirely abolished, thus increasing the efficiency of our university. The enrollment for the past year was 505, the graduates in all departments numbering fifty.

The commencement exercises were unusually brilliant this year, a large number of the alumni being present. Bro. F. A. Stocks delivered the master's oration, which was published in full in the Lawrence *Daily Journal*, and has received favorable mention throughout the state.

In the Field Day sports Professor Sterling was marshal of the day, and Brother Hodley chairman of the Field Day Committee. Brother Hodley won the egg race and Brother Snow the mile walk in 7 minutes and 21 seconds.

The K. S. U. "nine" still wears its laurels unsullied by defeat. For two years it has held the championship among the Kansas colleges. Brothers Esterley and Shellabarger are members.

In the Class Day exercises  $\Phi K \Psi$  furnished two of the rushers, Brothers Brewster and Mushrush, and four of the marshals, Brother Sterling for the alumni, Brother Esterley for the juniors, Brother Snow for the sophomores, and Brother Hodley for the freshmen.

We did not graduate any men this year, owing to the fact that our juniors of last year were unable to return. Next year, however, we will have three collegiates and three laws who will graduate.

Kansas Alpha has always been recognized as a powerful factor in university politics, and has always had a large influence in the college publications.

Brother Mushrush as editor-in-chief, Brother Shellabarger as local editor, and Brother Hodley as business manager, have made the *University Courier* the best college weekly published. The commencement edition of this paper consisted of nine pages of five columns each devoted entirely to university matters. Brother Esterley is also editor on the *Review*.

The annual circular letter from this chapter, sent out the first of the month, is full and complete in every respect. Besides giving the general chapter history for the year, it gives the name, address and occupation of each of our alumni. It was kindly printed by Brother Billings of the *Cottonwood Valley Times*, and is a credit to our S. G., Brother Roberts.

Rumor has it that Brother W. S. Jenks, '87, has taken unto himself a wife. This makes three marriages among our alumni within the year. The first was the marriage of Bro. W. S. Allen to Miss Smith, of Concordia, and the second the marriage of Bro. J. V. Humphrey to Miss Oliver, of Lawrence. Thus does Kansas Alpha grow.

Our symposium this year on commencement night was visited by quite a number of the alumni, among whom were Brother Spangler and wife, Dr. C. E. Esterley and wife, Hon. F. A. Stocks, of Blue Rapids; E. C. Little, of Ness City; F. D. Hutchings and E. C. Messervey, of Kansas City, and J. W. Gleed of Topeka. It is needless to say that the symposium was a success, and that it very fittingly closed the social festivities of the week. The music was by the Addie Jewell Orchestra of Topeka, which furnished music for the commencement exercises. The hall was tastefully decorated with flowers and the colors, while in one end was a beautiful shield with "Kansas Alpha, Φ Κ Ψ," inscribed upon it. A sumptuous banquet was served at the Delmonico. As to our standing in social matters, we ask all Phi Psis to visit us and judge for themselves.

As we do not lose any men this year we expect to have an especially strong chapter at the beginning of next year. With best wishes for the continued prosperity of the fraternity and success of THE SHIELD we close.

JNO. A. MUSHRUSH.

Lawrence, Kan., June 8, 1889.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC.

Since our last letter to THE SHIELD many things have occurred in and around old U. P. During the last two months a chapter of K A Θ has been established here, field day has come and gone, a half dozen or more receptions, banquets, etc., have taken place, the thirty-first commencement and its attending festivities have been celebrated, and our eight annual symposium is a pleasing thing to remember of the past.

The night after writing our last letter the new sorority "started up" in our hall. The fraters retired to a lecture near at hand, leaving a committee in the dining room and kitchen to prepare for the feast soon to follow. It is needless to say that the banquet was enjoyed, and that we made the "Thetas" all good

Phi Psis. The next day being field day, the "kites" and the colors black and gold caused not a little sensation.

On field day Phi Psi exerted herself and won rounds of merited applause. Brother Rich won five first prizes and one second prize. Brothers Blake and Tregloan won each a second medal, and our one man on the relay team of '90 surprised himself and all his friends.

After field day came numerous receptions, etc., at all of which  $\Phi$   $\Kappa$   $\Psi$  came in for a good share. During commencement week we were especially abundant. We had four alumni brothers on the programme for alumna day; we were represented at the Archanian Society anniversary by orators Ross and Wilcox and president's address by Brother Evans. The next evening Brothers von Glahn and Blake orated for the Rhizomians.

California Alpha was sorry that she could not have a delegate at the Fourth District Council, but the distance, which bothers us at all times and in many ways, prevented. We hoped to have Brother Needham, our stand by delegate, at the convention, but his duties at Ann Arbor excluded his attending. We hope that we shall be present at the G. A. C. next spring, but traveling expenses for so long a distance are heavy, and Cal. Alpha is carrying a load under which she is bearing up manfully and punctually. We are counting on being at Chicago next spring however. Again we are glad to hear of another alumni association being established. Some of our brothers in San Francisco have mentioned about having one there, and we are giving them all the encouragement in our power. There must be a couple of score of good Phi Psis in the city of the Golden Gate. We would deem it a favor if any of the chapters who have a son or sons in California if they would inform our B. G. of their residence and address. Our chapter house is now closed, and all of the fraters are away, some making filthy lucre for next term's needs, and some traveling for health and pleasure.

Our college paper next year will be under the control of Brothers Blake and Wilcox. Hoping that we have not taken too much space we close, wishing a prosperous and enjoyable vacation to all true Phi Psis.

EDWIN A. WILCOX.

San Jose, Cal., June 4, 1889.

## Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

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This department of the paper is made up of excerpts from THE SHIELD'S exchanges, and reflects the sentiments of our rivals which are most pointed and characteristic. We refrain from expressing any opinions as to the matters discussed, and scarce deem it worth while to controvert any statement made by our contemporaries. No more is written by the Editor than may suffice for introduction to each quoted passage. This will relieve the doubts of inquirers, some of whom perversely consider this feature an exchange department.—ED. SHIELD.

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The child-like simplicity which congratulates itself upon the achievements of honorary members, is forcibly illustrated in a recent *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* :

If there is one distinction more than another in which Phi Gamma Delta can boast pre-eminence, it is that she is a literary fraternity. By this is not meant that the nature of her meetings are of a literary cast, but that her sons have attained prominence in the field of scholarship and literature, rather than in politics. We are never weary of enumerating the names of Lew Wallace, Edward Eggleston, Maurice Thompson, John Clark Ridpath, General Sheridan and a host of lesser lights, to the prospective candidate ; but why may we not utilize their talents in other ways, as at our annual convention. It is the custom of many societies to hold an open session during their convention, with a programme, consisting of an oration, poem and other literary exercises from alumni of note. Phi Gamma Delta has occasionally held such open sessions, and we believe it is a custom which should be revived.

It is needless to enumerate all our reasons for this, as they must be apparent to all, not the least of which however is, that it would tend to increase the representation at conventions. Chapters seldom met in such gatherings would make an extra effort to be present, while many graduates would be drawn to the convention by the exercises alone.

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Several most pertinent suggestions from *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* are appended, and recommended to the careful consideration of Phi Psi :

It is one of the greatest privileges and duties of every recent chapter of Delta Upsilon to see that the story of its founding and progress is carefully written and preserved. In order to do this, something more is necessary than a mere arranging of letters and papers in their chronological order and binding them together with paper fasteners. Steps should be taken to insure beyond doubt that these records shall be kept for all time. Let us presuppose that the correspondence, accounts of meetings, etc., have been properly arranged by the man of all men best suited for the work, and made a unity by pithy running comments. The problem now is to preserve this story. A simple and inexpensive way is to have the whole copied in manifold on a typewriter. If more than two copies are made, at least one should be deposited with the Executive Council, another with the permanent chapter Secretary, Trustee or a prominent alumnus, while the rest would naturally come under the care of the chapter Secretary. When this is done the chances are few that the records will ever be lost. In making up these historical accounts, however, care must be taken not to make them full of suggestions rather than facts. Everything known that has a bearing on the subject should be put down in black and white. Every charter member of the chapter ought to be called upon to give his version of how the chapter was started, for it is in vain to hope that any one man can recall all the valuable details. The neglect of just such simple matters in the case of

some older chapters has borne its legitimate fruits in making the history of the chapters incomplete and inexact, and the younger chapters should take warning in season.

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One is compelled to wonder as he reads each convention *Annual* whether many of the delegates know, when they pass this and that motion, what the action of previous conventions has been on these subjects. Yet these votes have the same binding force upon the fraternity as have the provisions of the Constitution. The number, also, that recent conventions have passed is something astonishing; and there is a growing necessity for a gathering of them into a compact form, where they can be easily comprehended in all their bearings. It would be a wise move on the part of the Executive Council if they should make up yearly an official digest of the Fraternity laws not embodied in the Constitution, and present a copy to each chapter with the special purpose of furnishing information to the prospective delegates. This would pave the way for more intelligent action at each future convention, and prevent many unfortunate, because ignorant, mistakes being made every year.

A correspondent comments as follows in the  $\Delta \Psi$  *Quarterly* on the much-mooted question of inter-chapter correspondence:

In many ways it is unfortunate that the clause of the Constitution providing for regular inter-chapter correspondence, has fallen into such complete desuetude. Yet the resulting disadvantages need not be great; may, indeed, find compensation in other things if there results a greater care in and attention to the Chapter Correspondence of the *Quarterly*.

The great danger of chapter life is the constant tendency to minify and forget the true importance of the Fraternity as a whole, and to ignore the strength and significance of the relation between chapter and Fraternity. A great many men know the Fraternity only through their chapter, and one tends, more or less, to become a shadow behind the actuality of the other. Occasionally we meet men whose interest in members outside their chapter is scarcely greater than it would have been had the connection been only a political one. This evil, it is true, is not very marked, but its importance lies in the fact that the tendencies which produce it are constant ones.

And so we recognize the great value of all that binds the man immediately to his Fraternity. The value of the conventions is in this closer feeling which it produces and strengthens, and the *Quarterly* itself works mainly to that end. So, also, the inter-fraternity correspondence, if conducted with real interest and regularly maintained, might have performed as valuable a service in this direction as either of these other things. But the inter-chapter correspondence possessed great disadvantages, and seems to have been, or, at least, to be, quite out of the question. In a circular letter the very essence of the system is lost; yet a circular letter it must be, else imagine the strain upon the ingenuity of the Corresponding Secretary. Type-written or "copy-pad" letters are equally detestable, yet twenty or twenty-five written letters would simply produce Scrivener's paralysis or writer's cramp. So time has revealed that clause of our Constitution quite as completely as any parliamentary body could do it.

Taking this system at its best, the Chapter Correspondence of the *Quarterly* may be made to quite take its place. If the letters are not too personal, are "scrappy" and conversational, yet neither too "scrappy" nor too conversational, with something of the college, but more of the chapter, they may and will furnish a large part of the interest the average man has for this *Quarterly*. General fraternity questions might well be discussed in these letters; we would thereby gain a knowledge of the attitude of the chapters upon them, and an increased feeling for each other as we saw more clearly the unity of interest and desire which possesses us all.

The charming naivete of the following will readily appear to the bustling membership of  $\Phi K \Psi$  which changes her Corresponding Secretaries so frequently as to make the Editor jump to keep track of them as they come and go;

There are several things which *Anchora* has not succeeded in doing this year. One conspicuously lamentable failure was the attempt to obtain for publication a complete list of corresponding secretaries. To put it mildly, this seems a trifle ridiculous; it may be that if so much precious knowledge were entrusted to us we should abuse our power; it may be that if we were once able to send *Anchora* forth bearing to the astonished world a complete, correct and unimpeachable directory, it may be that we should be so "puffed up with majestic pride" as to bring down upon our undeserving heads the odium of all our esteemed contemporaries. We can not tell what the result would be, but we feel the strongest desire to try the experiment, and if there is no good and sufficient reason why we should not know them, might we ask the chapters to send us these names and addresses before the June issue of 1890?

## Personals.

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### PENNSYLVANIA B.

'75. James George, Esq., of Bradford, Pa., recently paid the chapter a brief visit.

'62. Judge A. C. Hickman is following the legal profession in St. Paul, Minnesota.

'67. M. B. Chadwick is also following the legal profession in Owatonna, Minnesota.

'81. W. J. Armstrong, M. D., is enjoying a good practice at Kane, McKean County, Pa.

'81. A. J. Newell is with the R. S. King Publishing Co., at No. 278 Michigan Ave., Chicago.

'61. James D. Chadwick, of Franklin, Pa., is one of the prominent lawyers of that city and is also a U. S. Commissioner.

'83. George O. Calder, Esq., of Omaha, Nebraska, recently visited this city on a very important mission. He was married a few days since to Miss Anna Mahoney, a very estimable young lady of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Calder will make Omaha their future residence.

'59. Rev. R. S. Borland, pastor of the M. E. Church at Sharon, Pa., attended the first banquet of the Home Alumni Association of Allegheny College, held in this city April 25th. While in the city he paid the chapter a short visit.

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### PENNSYLVANIA F.

'65. Chaplain Thomas A. Gill, of U. S. N., has just returned from a five month's cruise among the West Indies in U. S. S. Constellation.

'66. Hon. Charles S. Wolfe suffered a heavy loss in the death of his mother, Mrs. Katherine Lawshe Wolfe, April 19th. In Mrs. Wolfe the university loses a staunch friend and one who, in its earlier days, was its earnest and active supporter.

'54. Dr. Robert Lowry has just issued a new song book entitled, "Bright Array." As the Rev. Doctor advances in years, his songs seem

to grow sweeter and more inspiring. This, his latest collection, will prove a valuable collection for Sabbath school or chapel.

'63. Dr. O. P. Eaches, of Hightstown, N. J., has been holding a revival which resulted in the conversion of many, and has added materially to the size of his membership. Dr. Eaches is a man of unusual ability, and his work both as a pastor and in connection with Peddie Institute, of which he is the Treasurer, has met with marked success.

'71. The Rev. John Humpstone, D. D., pastor of Emanuel Baptist Church, has been elected President of Bucknell University, Pennsylvania. He has been in Brooklyn six years. Before that he was pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Albany, which he raised from feebleness to force and left in a new edifice of great beauty, free from debt. In Brooklyn his work has been excellent in its spirits and results, and the pulpit, pastoral and personal impression of the man has been fine and fragrant. The *Eagle* does not know whether he will accept this new and responsible summons, but from the soundness of his culture, the strength of his administrative abilities and the benignancy of his character, his special qualifications for the supervision of the training of ingenuous youth are to be most positively inferred.—*Brooklyn Daily Eagle*.

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#### PENNSYLVANIA E.

'58. Rev. E. S. Johnston dedicated a new Lutheran church in Stoyestown, Pa., on May 12th.

'88. Howard P. Sadtler, who is attending the Law Department of Maryland University, spent a few days in Gettysburg during the latter part of April.

'83. G. D. Gotwald informs us that R. C. Gotwald is at Norfolk, Nebraska. Brother G. has been invited to deliver the address before the Literary Societies at Carthage College this year.

'90. R. W. Short has an excellent article in the *Philadelphia Press*, of April 14th, on the fishing streams and the fishermen of Cumberland Valley. He also speaks of some distinguished disciples of Walton who have been drawn by favorable reports of its piscatorial attractions.

'67. Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph. D., writes as follows: "I am very glad to see from the *Monthly* the great advances Pennsylvania College is making. I had a very pleasant talk with President McKnight over the plans now on hand, when he was down at our Philadelphia Alumni meeting. He seemed to infuse new life and enthusiasm in all the older alumni

who heard him at that time. If I can arrange it, I shall try to get to Gettysburg this summer as I am desirous of seeing the new buildings on the campus."

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PENNSYLVANIA Z.

'89. W. F. Holler paid the college a visit recently.

'88. Prof. A. D. Meloy is in Carlisle enjoying his vacation.

'88. W. D. Boyer paid a visit to his alma mater recently.

'86. J. E. Howell is now engaged in the Jefferson Medical Dispensary, Philadelphia.

'87. Prof. W. B. Longsdorff will shortly take a course in Anglo-Saxon at some German university.

'87. Prof. T. E. Vale has decided to study law. He will read under his father, J. G. Vale, Carlisle, Pa.

'88. T. B. Anderson has gone to Indianapolis for the summer, where he will read medicine under his uncle.

'88. Prof. G. R. Sterling has been appointed mail clerk between Crisfield, Maryland, and Philadelphia.

'89. W. W. Wharton will graduate in a few weeks from the National College of Commerce, Philadelphia.

'82. Rev. J. H. Evans is having great success with his charge at Lykens, Pa. In the latter part of April he dedicated a fine new church.

'82. The article in the last issue of THE SHIELD entitled, "Texas Alpha," by Peyton Brown, editor of the Austin *Statesman*, has the true  $\Phi K \Psi$  ring.

'86. E. A. Curry took his M. D. from the University of Pennsylvania in April, and is now connected with the Wilkesbarre Hospital, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

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Bro. James McKee has done some excellent work of '90's *Melange*.

Bro. E. P. Swift, '86, now at the University of Pennsylvania, paid Lafayette a flying visit recently.

Bro. Edgar M. Green, '83, was recently elected Corresponding Secretary of the Medical Society of Northampton County.

'78. Samuel W. Powel, formerly with Pratt & Whitney, Hartford, Conn., is now connected with the Niles Tool Co., Hamilton, Ohio.

'85. Dr. John T. Green, who has spent the last six months in Arizona, on June 1st began his professional duties at the Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia.

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#### NEW YORK B.

'89. Brother Wright has received an important position with the King Iron Bridge Co., of Cleveland, Ohio.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson, a graduate of Bethany College, Virginia, class of '77, has been called to the pastorate of the Church of Christ, in this city. He succeeds Brother Gault, class of '61, of the same college.

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#### NEW YORK A.

Rev. J. D. Kennedy, '81, after six years of successful work at Philmont, New York, where he erected a handsome brick church, has been called to Terantum, Pa., a most promising field. Brother K. is a brilliant pulpit orator, and stands high among the young clergy of his church.

At a large fair, recently held at Mansfield, Pa., the center of attraction and excitement was a beautiful piano lamp of polished brass, to be awarded to the most popular clergyman in town. Bro. J. B. Blanchet, '82, came off victorious with a plurality of nearly 1,200 votes, though five candidates were in the field. Brother Blanchet, though a member of several secret organizations is never forgetful of his *first love*. He takes THE SHIELD, wears his badge, and takes a lively interest in Phi Kappa Psi, especially in the Empire State where he was chiefly instrumental in its revision in 1881.

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#### NEW YORK E.

Brother Coons, '88, will preach during the summer.

Brother Smith, '88, will spend the vacation at his home in Oswego, New York.

Brother Carey, '90, has accepted a call to preach at North Troy, Vermont.

Brother Daniels, '89, is having good success at his pastorate at Galway, New York.

Brother Shallow, who has taught at East Orange, New Jersey, the past year, will spend the summer at Sea Bright, New Jersey.

**MARYLAND A.**

W. W. Randall left us some time ago to assume an instructorship in Swarthmore College.

W. Starr Gephart, who is a member of the Baltimore Bar, is spending the summer in Germany.

Alpha Delta Phi has lately established a chapter at this university. President Gilman is an alumnus of this fraternity.

D. M. Murray, who recently took an extensive trip to South America, has resumed his practice of the law in this city.

P. J. Dashiell will spend next winter at Lehigh University where he will teach Chemistry to the youth of that institution.

Charles Frick and Allen McLane have recently announced their intention of foreswearing the glorious state of bachelorhood.

C. H. Haskins has, in addition to his regular work as a graduate student, held an instructorship the past year in the department of History and Politics.

D. H. Gordon, who graduated on the 31st ult., from the Maryland Law School, won the \$100.00 prize for the best thesis of those submitted by the graduates.

C. W. Blackmar, who last year held a fellowship in History and Political Science, and who received his Doctor degree in June, has lately been elected Professor of History and Social Science in the University of Kansas.

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**OHIO A.**

James T. Moore, '74, formerly a lawyer of Toledo, Ohio, has made Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, his home.

Rev. F. G. Mitchell, '67, Presiding Elder Springfield District, Cincinnati Conference, is Chaplain of the same body.

Rev. Dr. S. A. Keen, '68, of Roberts Park M. E. Church, Indianapolis Indiana, will have charge of the Acton camp meeting this year.

W. Stahle, '67, was elected Senior Vice Commander of the G. A. R. of the Department of Ohio, at the late meeting held at Dayton.

Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D., '68, has written a paper on the "Evils of Card Playing," which is soon to be printed for general circulation.

President J. A. Stubbs, '73, President of Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio, who has been in California for his health, has returned to his duties much improved in health.

Burt M. Allison, formerly of '88, graduates at Harvard College this year. Quite a number of Burt's productions have appeared in the *Harvard Lampoon*.

J. A. Jackson, formerly of '89, graduates at the University of West Virginia this month. He has been elected principal of a seminary in Wheeling and enters upon his duties next fall.

Rev. M. S. Albright, '70, of the First M. E. Church, Mansfield, O., has been spending a few days in Delaware, taking a short vacation from his pastoral work on account of enfeebled health.

Prof. E. T. Nelson, '66, has been honored with an invitation to deliver the evening address before the Ohio State Teachers' Association at the next session, held in Toledo, July 2d.

H. M. Benton, '81, has retired from the firm of Noxon & Benton, attorneys-at-law, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has opened an office by himself in the same city.

Rev. W. G. Ward, '72, formerly a minister in North Ohio M. E. Conference, is now Professor of History and Political Economy in Baldwin University. His wife, Mary Alden Ward, is the author of the popular monograph on Dante.

Ed. M. Semans, '86, and J. A. Travis, formerly of '88, have returned to their homes in Delaware, Ohio, and Covington, Ohio, from their studies at the Miami Medical College, Cincinnati. They both will complete their work there next year.

E. B. Dillon, '90, left college at the end of last winter's term to accept the position of assistant in the London, Ohio, post-office. He expects either to return to Delaware next year, or to enter the medical schools of Cincinnati.

John G. Woolley, '71, left the practice of law about one year ago to enter temperance work. He is now at Minneapolis and has been for several months past working under the auspices of the various temperance organizations in and about the city.

W. G. Frizell, '87, stood first in a body of sixty-six who were examined at Columbus for admittance to the bar in Ohio, on the 4th and 5th of this month. He has entered a law firm at his home in Dayton, Ohio, and his prospects are very bright indeed.

George A. Harrop, also a former member of '89, who left Delaware University in '85, and has been the able editor of one of Bucyrus' journals, and has since become interested in the manufacturing boom of Indiana, was married to Miss Minnie Cole, '87, Ohio Wesleyan University, at her home in Peru, Illinois. Their home will be in Portland, Ind.

**OHIO J.**

Arthur Hartwell, '88, is now with the Westinghouse Electric Light Co., Pittsburgh.

We are pleased to know that Brother Hodder, of New York and Michigan Alphas, will be with us next year, having been elected acting Professor of History and Political Sciences at the Ohio State University.

Rev. J. Porter Milligan, after a remarkably successful course at Oberlin Theological Seminary, has accepted a call to the North Congregational Church, Columbus. He is our first preacher, and we are proud of him.

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**CINCINNATI PHI PSIS.**

Daniel I. Jones, minister, has removed to Zanesville, Ohio.

Hugh F. Kemper is at present in Olympia, Washington Territory.

C. V. Shinkle's business address is changed. His residence address is Greenup St., Covington, Ky.

Cincinnati Phi Psis are looking up and sending for Phi Psi pins, and will wear them.

Will Thomas has just been heard of as another Cincinnati Phi Psi, residence and chapter not yet ascertained.

Province M. Pogue has graduated in law studies here and after vacation will attend a law school in the East.

A number are already away for the summer, among them Karl Flickinger, E. M. Seamans and John Travis.

Park Kemper is not now connected with former business. His residence address is No. 122 Park Ave., Walnut Hills.

The Cincinnati Association has one less on its register, E. Stanley Smith, deceased. How soon come the vacant places along life's way.

Cincinnati dailies are giving the Cincinnati Association extended notice, sending reporters regularly to its gatherings, notably the *Commercial Gazette* and *Times-Star*.

A Kansas Alpha man, connected with the O. & M. R. R. and located in Cincinnati's territory, is being sought for to gather in our fold. Cincinnati men want to find out where he is and who he is.

A large group picture of the Third District Council, taken April 4th, mounted and elegantly framed was displayed in a window of one of the largest Fourth street art establishments, attracting the attention and interest of college men and Greeks in this vicinity.

Two young ladies, popular in Indiana Phi Psi circles, are to spend the summer in Cincinnati. It is a fact that two Indiana Phi Psis are arranging to be here during vacation. The "coincidences" will be shown up at the September banquet.

The officers of the Cincinnati Association will be glad to have any Phi Psi summer travelers coming this way, to call. They will be taken around and introduced to Cincinnati Phi Psis. The next banquet, first week in September, will be made interesting for visiting brothers who may be in this vicinity at that time.

At the banquet Emery Hotel, June 6th, Albert Bettinger responded to the call for, "Some Thoughts from a Phi Psi Alumnus." The thoughts expressed and allusions made were with telling effect, arousing the real good old time Phi Psi in all. Brother Bettinger has but recently moved into a handsome office suite in the Smith Building, Walnut street, an imposing edifice just completed.

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#### INDIANA A.

H. Clay Darnall, '73, is now located at Muncie, Indiana, engaged in business.

Ed. S. Hopkins, '73, will deliver a poem at the banquet of the alumni of De Pauw University.

Rev. Will T. Neff, '81, Ironton, Missouri, has been compelled to resign the ministry on account of ill-health.

F. D. Newhouse, '80, recently returned from India, is pastor of the Second M. E. Church at Goshen, Indiana.

Albert B. Yohn, '69, was recently elected Secretary of the Board of Trustees of De Pauw University.

Clarence A. Hough, '88, has just closed a successful tour in the West, giving readings and recitations.

John F. Lawrence, formerly of '89, took the degree of LL. B. this year at Illinois Wesleyan Law School, and will practice at Danville, Illinois.

Bros. Will and Clarence Hough, '86 and '88 respectively, were recently elected members of the Western Association of Writers, which convenes at Warsaw, Indiana, July 9th to 13th.

Hon. Wm. H. Calkins, Tacoma, Washington Territory, formerly of Indianapolis, was recently appointed by President Harrison to the position of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Washington Territory.

Hon. James E. Watson, of Winchester, Indiana, delivered the memorial address at Muncie, Indiana.—*Indianapolis News.*

Brother Watson was formerly a member of the class of '86, and is at present Prosecuting Attorney of Randolph County.

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**ILLINOIS A.**

Bro. Geo. A. Bass, Ph. B., '88, has engaged in business at Detroit, Michigan.

Bro. W. H. Lacy, A. B., B. D., '79, is engaged in missionary work at Foo Chow, China.

Bro. Prof. Charles Horswell, A. B. '84, B. D. '86, will teach schools in Hebrew this summer.

Bro. Winfield S. Hall, B. S. '87, M. D. '88, has been elected to a professorship in Haverford College.

Bro. Rev. W. H. Crawford, A. B., B. D., '84, has been elected to a professorship in Gammon College of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia.

Bro. Ed. S. Ninde has just received his degree of B. D. from Northwestern, and will assist his father, Rev. Bishop Ninde, during the summer.

Bro. Gerhart C. Mars, A. B. '85, B. D. '87, professor of English Literature and History at Dakota University, recently paid Chicago Phi Psis a visit.

Bro. Charles E. Piper, '80, who assists in running the Republican machine at Chicago, recently went down to Washington to borrow Ben's ear for a few minutes.

Bro. Rush McNair, A. B. '85, M. D. '87, and Miss Nellie Everard were married at Kalamazoo, May 15th. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Rev. E. A. Schell, assisted by Assistant Rector Frazier and Rev. Levi Master, of First M. E. Church, Kalamazoo. Bro. Dr. W. St. Edwards, Indiana Beta and Michigan Alpha, signed the certificate of marriage as a witness. Dr. and Mrs. McNair left immediately after the ceremony for a vacation of two weeks in Cincinnati and West Virginia, and will be at home to all Phi Psis after June 3d, at 205 E. South Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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**CHICAGO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.**

Louis Karcher, Illinois Alpha, is practicing law in Chicago.

William A. Paulsen, Wisconsin Beta, is a banker in Chicago.

George Bass, Illinois Alpha, '84, is in business in Detroit, Michigan.

Guy Brockway, Illinois Beta, '84, is making a pleasure trip through the State of New York.

Perkins B. Bass, Illinois Alpha, '85, is reading law with a well known firm in Chicago.

C. H. Booth, Illinois Alpha, '84, is reading law with a good firm in Chicago.

Joseph Halsted, Michigan Alpha, '83, is making a pleasure trip of a few months in Europe.

Archibald Church, M. D., Wisconsin Alpha, is practicing medicine at 3300 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago.

Clarence E. Durborow, Indiana Beta, is with A. F. Seeberger & Co., Chicago, in the hardware business.

'82. S. A. Perrine, Illinois Beta, is now the pastor of the Baptist Church at Marshalltown, Iowa.

Craig D. Thomas, Illinois Beta, '82, is preaching at Erie, Pennsylvania, during his summer vacation.

K. P. Chumersero, Wisconsin Alpha, '86, is practicing law with the firm of Flower, Remy & Holstein in Chicago.

Joseph Gregg, South Carolina Alpha, '67, is doing a commission business at 411 Royal Insurance Building, Chicago.

George L. Conley, Illinois Beta, '84, is preaching during his summer vacation, in one of the suburban towns of Chicago.

James G. Elsdon, Illinois Beta, '82, is spending two months with his wife at Twin Lakes, Wis., in a summer cottage which he owns there.

Conrad B. Durborow, Indiana Beta, is with a Board of Trade commission firm with office at 713 Rialto Building, Chicago.

Will M. Glenn, Illinois Gamma, has won much credit for himself for his clever detective work on the Cronin murder for *The Inter-Ocean*.

'83. O. B. Short, Illinois Beta, has returned from a trip through the East in the interest of the R. S. King Publishing Co., in the course of which he had the pleasure of visiting several chapters.

Thomas R. Weddell, Illinois Beta, '83, is making much progress as a journalist. He is at present representing the *Chicago Inter-Ocean* and several Philadelphia papers in the famous Dr. Cronin mystery.

'81. R. S. King, Illinois Beta, President of the R. S. King Publishing Company, is rejoicing over the success attained by his new "Child's Pictorial History of the United States," just published.

'83. Lincoln M. Coy, Secretary of the Chicago Alumni Association, is hard at work collecting material for the new song book, he being the western member of the committee.

WISCONSIN *Γ*.

Two months ago Bro. Jas. M. Sheean, '87, Beloit, took his examinations for admission to the bar of Illinois, in company with thirty-eight others. The markings put him second in the list, No. 1 being a "Greek" who had had three year's preparation to Brother S.'s two.

Word just came to me that Bro. R. K. Welsh, of the same class, had just gone through the same ordeal—one of twenty-eight victims. This time Wisconsin Gamma stood at the *top* of the heap.

The especial honor in these cases is that Welsh has been a teacher in the Rockford (Ill.) High School throughout his two years of preparation, while Sheean has done the clerical work for one of the most prominent law firms of Northwestern, Illinois—his father and uncle. The new letter heads read D. & T. J. and J. M. Sheean, attorneys-at-law, Galena, Ill. Welsh will probably go to Sioux City to practice.—*Letter of Bro. H. K. White.*

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MINNESOTA *B*.

Brother Davidson returns to Austin.

Brother Woodward goes home to Richfield.

Brother Lum will rusticate for a time in Dakota.

Brother Soares goes to Milwaukee and will travel in the East.

Bro. O. L. Triggs goes to his home at Taopi to recuperate.

Brother Baily will spend most of the summer near Minneapolis.

Brother Purdy returned to his home in Whitehall, Illinois, for the summer.

Brother Lommen will also rusticate at his home in Southern Minnesota.

Bro. Rev. W. P. McKee, of Indiana Gamma, is visiting friends in Illinois.

Brother Conger left on commencement day to spend the summer in New York City.

We occasionally receive visits from Brothers Finner and Eggleston, formerly of Minnesota Alpha.

Brother Stewart, Minnesota Alpha, now in San Francisco, is doing very nicely in the lumber business.

Brother Sikes will remain in Minneapolis for a time and then visit his home in North Dakota.

Brother Dickinson will occupy himself with attending to the clients of Messrs. Daly & Dickinson.

Brothers Snedikor, Timberlake, W. R. Triggs, Jorgens, Day, Bushnell, Graves, Phillips, Baily and Lum stay in the city or at the lakes.

Quite a number of the brothers will be at the chapter house all summer, and will be there at home to the brothers.

Brother Mortland, connected with the *Minneapolis Tribune*, occasionally meets some of the brothers. He was formerly a member of a Missouri chapter, now defunct.

Phi Kappa Psi has achieved great honor in the university this year. A recent issue of the *Ariel* prints in full the memorial oration delivered at the class day exercises by Bro. O. L. Triggs, '89; it prints also in full the oration of Bro. B. H. Timberlake, which was awarded the first place in the home contest, and that of Bro. H. P. Baily which was awarded the second place in the same contest. Extracts are given from speeches made in contesting for the Pillsbury prize, in which Brother Triggs took second place and Brother Soares first place.

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#### KANSAS A.

Will Spencer is now at Walla Walla, W. T.

Esterley will study natural history in Lawrence.

Denton Dunn, '87, is at Los Vegas for his health.

Hon. J. W. Gleed spent commencement week with "the boys."

Prof. Dunlap will spend the summer studying at Johns Hopkins.

W. A. Snow will work on the *Lawrence Journal* this summer.

J. A. Prescott, '88, of Topeka, made us a visit the first of the week.

Ed. Brown, '83, of Kansas City, is spending the summer in Europe.

Hadley and Brewster will spend the summer in Estes Park, Colorado.

Mushrush, Shellabarger, Armstrong and Edson will summer in Topeka.

E. C. Messervey, '82, of Kansas City, attended the commencement exercises.

W. T. Little is making a success of the Guthrie *Getup*, at Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Will Spencer, '88, is a civil engineer at Walla Walla, Washington Territory.

Brothers Stocks, Gilmore and Britton were on for toasts at the alumni banquet.

Herb. Hodley delivered an address at the Ottawa High School Reunion, May 17th.

Hon. F. A. Stocks, '84, delivered the *master's oration* entitled, "Constitutional Evolution."

Bennett, of Emporia, Caldwell, of Concordia, and Brown, of Leavenworth, came in to attend the symposium.

Solon T. Williams, '80, official stenographer Inter-State Commerce Commission, Washington, D. C., spent commencement week in Lawrence.

H. S. Hadley, on the annual programme of the Athenæum Literary Society, made a most creditable appearance.

R. W. E. Twitchell, Solicitor-General for New Mexico, stopped off a few days in Lawrence recently. Twitchell is making his mark in the West.

W. W. Davis has gone to Alaska in charge of a party to run the eastern boundary line of that country. We had hoped to see him back next year but it was a vain hope. However he has our best wishes in the triple bonds for his success.

Married—On Thursday, April 25th, at the home of the bride's parents at Lawrence, Kan., Miss Jean Oliver and Mr. J. V. Humphrey, of the class of '85. Our best wishes go with "Vance" and his bride.

We notice in a San Francisco paper that our W. W. Davis is making himself felt on the "Single Tax" question, speaking to quite a large audience on that subject recently. Davis is now attending a law school in San Francisco. We expect to see him back in K. S. U. next year.—*University Courier*.

Again K. S. U. is at the front. We have just received No. 1, Vol. 1, of the Guthrie *Getup*, edited by our own Will Little, editor and proprietor of the Hutchinson *Republican*. The *Getup* published on April 29th is the first paper published in Oklahoma, and is a good illustration of the "getup" of the average K. S. U. man. It is unnecessary to add that the *Getup* has the best wishes of the *Courier*.—*University Courier*.

The following from the Los Vegas *Optic* will be joyful news to the many friends of Mr. Twitchell in K. S. U. "Judge Whitman has inaugurated his judicial career by letting out Mr. Crist, Governor Ross' solicitor general, and confirming the title of Mr. Ralph Twitchell to that snug berth. The *Optic* does not know Mr. Crist, but it knows that Judge Whitman is an honest and capable judge and that Ralph Twitchell is one of the oldest young lawyers in the Southwest." Mr. Twitchell will undoubtedly fill the position of Solicitor General of New Mexico, with credit not only to himself but to his *alma mater*.—*University Courier*.

**CALIFORNIA A.**

Brother Rich, '92, and several other freshmen have gone to Yosemite for a season.

Brother Evans, '89, goes to Alaska this summer. Last year he spent his vacation in the Sandwich Isles.

Bro. J. Stow Ballard, '86, is practicing medicine in San Francisco. His address is 205 Powell St.

Brother Winning, '89, says that he intends "taking a post graduate course under the tutelage of his mother at home."

Brothers Richardson, '89, and Kennedy, '89, intend entering the theological department of Boston University next fall.

Bro. S. G. Tomkins, '86, has established a law office in the Rucker Block, San Jose. Tomkins is a hard worker and will doubtless succeed.

Bro. Charles Mering, '87, looked quite at home on the campus on May 23d. He is studying law at California's Capital.

The following notice speaks well for '88 :

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bronaugh,  
on Decoration Day, May 30, 1889, a son.

Bro. Cecil Mark, '88, the eccentric pedagogue from Cupertino, was quite conspicuous during commencement exercises. Brother Cecil always has a good time.

Phil Driver, '88, of Sacramento, because of commencement attractions or something else was with us last week. Studying law in a prominent lawyer's office in Sacramento occupies him now.

Fred Hall, '84, who has been rolling pills in a San Francisco drug store for the past three years, was down during commencement week. Brother Hall read an excellent original poem at the alumnae exercises.

Bro. E. P. Dennett, '82, was one of the examining committee which is appointed by the Annual Conference to inspect our inner school life. He expressed himself well pleased with the progress of his alma mater.

As the classes leave old U. P., the Phi Psi boys leave their photos framed on our chapter house walls. This year Brothers Kennedy, Evans, Winning and Richardson have left theirs in a beautiful frame richly carved and finished in silk velvet.

The following clipping from the Baltimore (Md.) *Sun*, concerning a U. P. boy of '81, will be of interest to many: "F. W. Blackmar, who will take his Ph. D. degree at Johns Hopkins University in June, has just

been appointed to the chair of History and Sociology in the Kansas State University, Lawrence, Kansas. Mr. Blackmar is a native of California and received his baccalaureate degree at the University of the Pacific, and was afterwards a professor in that institution. He has followed graduate courses in history, political economy and literature at the Johns Hopkins University for the past three years. His doctor's thesis is connected with the early Spanish settlements in California. He has also prepared a valuable paper on state aid to education, which has just been accepted and will shortly be published by the Bureau of Education in Washington." Kansas Alpha will gain in Brother Blackmar a genial friend and a great acquisition to herself. What is California Alpha's loss is her gain.

Tuesday the board of regents after the consideration of all the applicants elected Prof. Frank W. Blackmar, who is now taking an advanced course at Johns Hopkins, to fill the associate chair in the history department. Prof. Blackmar is a graduate of the University of the Pacific, a Republican, a Prohibitionist, a Phi Psi. The following letter to the regents bears Prof. Blackmar good recommendations, and the *Courier* bids him welcome.

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"The best man I can suggest for your purpose is Mr. F. W. Blackmar, our senior fellow in History and Politics. He was for some years professor in a California college before coming here and has just received an offer of \$1500 to go to Mills College in that state. He used to receive \$2000, but deliberately threw up a good place in mathematics for the sake of studying history. He is a man of fine character and ability with lots of hard sense and good tact, withall a good speaker and writer. I have employed him upon the most important of all the government monographs, the Relation of Federal and State Aid to Higher Education, a work covering the financial history of education in thirty-eight states. His report has just been accepted in Washington and will do Blackmar great honor. In fact he can get almost anything he wants after that report is published. You will be lucky if you catch him early and you will have to give him all the law allows. I shall recommend Blackmar to the vacancy arising at Bryn Mawr, where Woodrow Wilson used to be, if I am asked to nominate. Blackmar is married, has had experience as a co-educator, and has served as an assistant here, as well as a popular lecturer to workingmen. I have just answered three applications for professors, but have given you the best man.

Yours truly,  
H. B. ADAMS.

—*University Courier.*

## College and Fraternity Notes.

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Psi Upsilon held its annual convention this year with its Upsilon Chapter at Rochester, N. Y., May 17th and 18th.

$\Delta \Delta \Phi$  has entered Johns Hopkins, and rumors are afloat that  $\theta \Delta X$  and  $\Delta T \Delta$  will soon follow.  $\Delta Y$  is supposed to be "making eyes" in this direction, too.

The curriculums of the two Argentine Universities, which are under the patronage of the government, rank with those of Yale and Harvard. *Orient.*

In the belief that small colleges do the best work, the Amherst trustees have recommended that the number of students be limited to 300.—*Mail and Express.*

Bryn Mawr graduates its first class this year. This institution is doing graduate work in certain lines equal to that now being done at Johns Hopkins.—*University News.*

Sigma Nu has entered Tulane University, Cornell College, Iowa, North Carolina University and Yale. The order has finished the twentieth year of its existence, and is in a prosperous condition.

The authorities of Wellesley College have finally granted the young ladies permission to enjoy the privileges of Greek-letter societies. Alpha Zeta and Phi Sigma have been established and are flourishing.

Connecticut, taking into account the size of its population, furnishes more college students than any other state. One out of every five hundred and forty-nine persons are sent to college from this state.

The college classes and some of the literary societies at Swarthmore voted to do without their customary banquets this year, and instead turned the entire contents of their treasuries over to the Johnstown sufferers. The amount raised in the college was \$350.

The "Antigone," of Sophocles, was presented in the original Greek with antique costumes by the young ladies of Swarthmore College a few weeks ago. The play was beautifully executed, and has attracted a great deal of attention as being the first strictly Grecian rendition by American college girls.

Of the 250 college presidents in America, eight each are graduates of Yale, Ohio Wesleyan and Oberlin, while Harvard, Union, Princeton, Amherst, Washington and Jefferson come next with six each. Michigan and De Pauw furnish each four, while forty-three were educated at the colleges over which they preside.—*Mail and Express.*

By the loss of its Harvard chapter the list of active chapters of Theta Delta Chi is reduced to seventeen and the roll of inactive chapters increased to fourteen. This is a much better showing than the Fraternity made five years ago, when the active chapters numbered but thirteen, to fifteen inactive.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

The Upsilon Kappa, a local society at the University of Pennsylvania, announces that "after three years' hard, quiet work" they "have been granted a chapter of Psi Upsilon by that fraternity," and that "a chapter-house will be erected at once, probably on a portion of the land lately purchased by the University."—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

The new system of discipline which has been under preparation and discussion for some time at Harvard University, has at last been completed and put into practice. Hereafter the freshman class will be divided into sections, each one of which will be put under the charge and advice of a member of the faculty. The student's work will be supervised, information given him when asked or needed, a record kept of his absences from recitations, and the quantity and quality of his elective studies arranged and simplified. The only recommendation rejected by the overseers was the early morning roll call, for which the faculty was unanimous.—*Philadelphia Press.*

Delta Tau Delta invaded New England on May 9th, and reversed the old saying of "killing two birds with one stone" by bringing to life two chapters at one birth. The "babies'" homes are in Boston University and Tufts College. Mr. President Trautwein, of the Northern Division of Delta Tau Delta, initiated eleven men into the Boston chapter and seven into the Tufts chapter. The latter chapter has a strong theological cast—four of the seven members belonging to the Divinity School. Delta Tau Delta, we believe, enjoys the distinction of being the first fraternity to give birth to twins.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

A peculiar and amusing entertainment recently took place at Syracuse University—a "talk-down" contest. One representative, noted for his verbosity, was chosen from each of the various college societies. The conditions were that when a speaker should, for lack of breath, words, or for any other reason, cease, for ten seconds, to talk, he or she should be

out of the contest, and the speaker who should continue talking longest should receive the prize. The only unsatisfactory feature of the contest arose from the fact that none of the talkers became weary enough to necessitate a vacation of ten seconds. The prize was awarded by lot.—*Madisonensis.*

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## Miscellany.

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Inquiries have recently been made concerning the following back numbers. THE SHIELD'S files are not able to supply the desired numbers. Can any one assist these brothers in completing their files?

No. 2 of Vol. I.                      Nos. 1, 2 and 4 of Vol. IV.  
Nos. 6 and 7 of Vol. III.      No. 2 of Vol. VI.

The Editor desires to call attention to the fact that owing to the demand at the time of publication, he has on hand but three full volumes of THE SHIELD for Vol. VIII. Of Vol. VI he has two full sets. We have, however, a large supply of broken volumes, the separate numbers of which may be of service in completing files. We shall be glad to respond to letters of inquiry on this subject, and shall take pleasure in filling orders for back numbers as far as possible.

We still have some names of brothers whose addresses have become lost. Can any brother supply us with the present address of any of the following:

Walter H. Britton, Topeka, Kan.	J. Y. Dobbins, Trenton, N. J.
W. F. Wise, Zallorsville, Pa.	J. L. Barnard, Westford, N. Y.
Herman S. Johnson, Hillsdale, N. Y.	J. C. McLure, Columbia, S. C.
Jno. N. James, Yorkville, Ill.	H. S. T. Harris, Marathon, Texas.
Robt. C. Gotwald, Nebraska City, Neb.	I. J. Archer, Chicago, Ill.

Can any brother furnish us a complete file of the *Phi Kappa Psi Journal* and *Phi Kappa Psi Quarterly*?

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