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### FRATERNITY'S BANQUETING HOUR.

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Once more at the call of Fraternity's voice, 'Neath the light of her all-seeing EYE, We come in the glow of the LAMP and the STARS To the altar of PHI KAPPA PSI.

We come in the light of a festival hour,
Which shines like a glow in the West
When the burdens have rolled from the back of the day
And he sinks to his coveted rest.

We come in the blaze of a glory achieved On many a well-trodden field; For more are the stars on Fraternity's roll Than those on Fraternity's shield!

We come with an ecstasy swelling our hearts, Which proudly in unison beat; And riding the waves of the jubilant time, We row to the melody sweet.

Though barren and frozen the hills of the north, And hard the bleak face of the sky, Yet where is the winter so cold as to chill The heart of a Phi Kappa Psi?

The stream of the valley is silent to-night:

No longer its unfettered voice
Sings low to the lilies that bloom on its banks,
Or makes the sweet meadows rejoice.

But deep in the vale of our jubilant hearts
The stream of our ecstasy flows,
And high o'er the hills and snow-covered heights
The son of our happiness glows.

The slumbering snow on the hills of the north Leaps down at the kiss of the sun, And flies to the rivulet's tender embrace, And two are forever made one.

So shall every feeling of haughty reserve, That shelters itself in repose, Be wakened to life and to love and to joy Where the light of Fraternity glows.

Orion may ride like a full-mailed knight, And charge with his sword-blade on high, But not less dauntless to glory shall go Each chivalrous PHI KAPPA PSI.

The Pleiades' influence, tender and sweet,
But makes them a sisterhood fair;
Yet not the less tender the bond which to-night
Shall bind us in sympathy rare.

Unsevered forever, Fraternity's bond.
This faithful and mystical tie;
And long may it fasten the cords of our hearts
To the Order of Phi Kappa Psi.

But sage meditations on sisterhoods fair, And moral reflections on ties, Are quick to recall University days Where soon the loved memory flies.

Once more we are back to the haloyon days,.

And feel their sweet magical spell;
Once more we awake in the flush of the morn
To the sound of the old College bell.

Once more in our miserable Freshman career Our valor is put to the test: We "arma virumque" through half of the night, And fight College heroes the rest!

Once more, in the swaggering Sophomore days, We "lord it" o'er Freshman and "Prep.;" Assume Junior airs, viewing Seniors with scorn, And mock the proud Faculty's step.

Once more we are Juniors, but only in name, For none but the loftiest mind Could compass the regions of infinite space Where the "higher loci" are confined.

Once more from summit of Senior renown, How fair is the scene to our eyes! The "otium cum dignitate" has come, And with it the coveted prize.

And then our promotion we anxiously wait

From Bachelors, love of the arts,
To the honorable, ancient, and time honored chair,
Professor of feminine hearts!

Alas! for the heart-broken Bachelor tribe, But possibly 'tis not a LASS; For hard-hearted women will "order them up," Or quietly tell them to "pass!"

What solace shall they in their wretchedness find? What ear for their eloquent sigh? No sigh shall receive their poor desolate hearts Save only the PHI KAPPA PSI.

Then here let them join in the banquet and song,
Their cares and their sorrows forgot;
Who knows but the Benedicts gladly would loose
The tight matrimonial knot!

Perchance some Aeneas is with us to-night Who left his Creusa behind, Persuading her how it was wifely and right Their "little Iulus" to mind.

These little Iuli replenish the earth
In a way to drive Benedicts mad;
While Bachelors smile to themselves as they think
That to "multiply" meaneth to add!

They add, it may be, to disorder and care, Causing many a fatherly sigh; Hereafter they'll add to this Order, we trust, Raising many a PHI KAPPA PSI.

To-night in the joy of this festival time
No care shall find welcome or room;
No sorrowful spectre shall sit at the feast,
And cover our hearts with its gloom.

No dead and forgotten and long-buried hope Shall crawl from its desolate grave, And taunt us with skeleton treasures we thought Were sunk in oblivion's wave.

No Damocles' sword at this banquet shall hang, And swing from its delicate thread; No uplifted eye have occasion to quail; No heart have occasion to dread But full of exultant rejoicing the heart,
And shining with rapture the eye,
And beaming with gladness each face that surrounds
This banquet of Phi Kappa Psi.

Let the light of the love in this banqueting hall Outrival the glow of the wine; And long may the glow in the banqueting heart Continue in beauty to shine.

Oh, sweet be the music that falls on the ear Wherever our melodies ring, And long may the songs of Fraternity dear This hour to our memory bring!

Long, long may the joys of this festival night In every loved memory dwell; Long, long may it be our unfeigned delight Its pleasures and glories to tell!

#### EDITORIAL.

In this, the initial number of a publication, whose existence, they hope, will terminate only with that of the Fraternity, the editors feel that some remarks are necessary. They believe that any statement of the desirability of such a journal would be entirely supererogatory, and for the present, limit themselves to a few words as to the reasons which have led to their undertaking it, and a few suggestions, as to the nature of the communications to be sent by the different Chapters.

For more than two years the different Chapters have been without any recognized means of obtaining regular periodical information of the status of other Chapters, and of the successes gained by graduate members of the Fraternity, other than those afforded by our annual catalogues of the active members of each Chapter and have also been deprived of intercommunication except by letter, or in the case of individual members, by personal visits, which, between our brothers in the East, West and South, are of necessity, very rare; the distances between the different sections rendering sectionalism more likely than that unity which is essential to our truest welfare.

When, therefore, last spring, the G. C., for reasons, which were sufficient, though much to be regretted, decided that it was inexpedient for them to undertake the publication of a Journal, a number of graduates of different Chapters, resident in Philadelphia, began considering the feasibility of starting a Fraternity Magazine, and received so much encouragement from old graduates, and from the two or three Chapters, to whom they mentioned the subject, that they have decided to undertake the publication.

The editors feel it due to themselves, as well as desirable for the success of the Magazine, to state that their only wish in the matter is to be able, at the meeting of the G. A. C. in February, to hand over the publication of the Magazine to the G. C., where it properly belongs, with a sufficient subscription list to guarantee its future life.

They hope to have a monthly letter or at least some items of news, both of our own Fraternity and of any others which may be located at its college, from each Chapter, and they ask each Chapter to appoint a member or a committee, whose duty it shall be to prepare a history of his or their Chapter for publication in "The Shield." They wish a list sent them of all members, initiated into any Chapter during the previous month, by

the 15th of each month; and would like a statement of the successes of the members of the different Fraternities at the last Commencement, not only of the graduating class but any prizes or other distinctions among the under-class-men.

They would further say, that it is their intention to devote the columns of The Shield, purely to Fraternity matters, and that they feel that it will be more interesting, and, *ipso facto* more successful, than if made up even in small part, by compositions of a merely literary character.

They will be very glad to receive at any time, letters from graduates or active members advocating matters thought desirable by their writers.

They wish, in conclusion, to express their heart-felt thanks for the words of comfort and cheer that they have received from many of their brethren, and to reiterate their intention of making "The Shield" a true Fraternity organ, and of conducting it (to use the words of Abraham Lincoln, who while not a brother, was full of our Fraternity's true spirit) "with malice towards none, with charity towards all."

May we all carry out the motto of Pa. Iota, "phulissein kartoi psistein," do your duty, and (consequently, as well as) yet, have a full measure of enjoyment.

The Editors regret very much that they have been restricted in the Personalia to a few chapters in their immediate neighborhood. It could not, however, be otherwise, as only the chapters represented in that column responded to the call for miscellaneous news. See to it, brothers, that all items of interest in the various chapters are sent us for publication.

We have received a communication from Ohio "B," which needs a reply in this column. In the first place we would refer our brothers of that chapter to the fourth paragraph of the main editorial; in the second place we would say that although not the "organ" of the G. C., The Shield has received a practical endorsement in the shape of the subscriptions of every member of that body: and in the 3rd place, that the editors are unwilling to allow that anybody, even be he a member of Ohio "B," is more imbued with the true fraternity spirit, or more alive to the true interests of the fraternity than they are. In conclusion, we would say, that we hope most sincerely to receive letters from the Ohio "B" for our next and subsequent numbers, which may be published in part, at least.

We print in this No. of "THE SHIELD" the poem, read at "I"s Symposium last December by our Rev. Bro. Henry S. Lobingier of Va. "B," feeling sure that those who heard it at that time, or have read it since will be glad to read it once more, and that those that did not will be glad of an opportunity to do so.

THE Delta Gamma Fraternity (Ladies) of Oxford, Miss., established a Chapter recently at Franklin, Ind. This is a southern organization and this is its first endeavor to gain footing in the North.

## Conrespondence.

#### D. C. ALPHA.

Sept. 29th, 1879.

Dear Bros:—We hailed with joy the receipt of your letter announcing the probable publication of a Phi Psi monthly called "The Shield," as we recognize it as the something or rather the one thing necessary to keep up that friendly and brotherly feeling which pervades the breast and fills the heart of every Phi Psi.

The D. C. Alpha wishes all the Chapters to unite in making the G. A. C. of 1880, a success in every respect, and they can rest assured that the Alpha will make every effort to make it the grandest in the history of the Fraternity.

We want the G. C., to impose upon us any duties they may wish in making arrangements for them, and will deem it a privilege to serve them.

Phi Psi's unite the study of the classics etc., with a love for the fair sex, and we always make it a point to have our yearly reunions, at which we unite the literary with the social, and spend a most delightful evening, well attended by the ladies. We intend in honor to the G. A. C., to make our reception this year, the grandest occurence of the season, and we therefore hope that every Chapter will send its full complement of delegates to honor us and our loved Phi Psi upon this occasion. That we will meet with encouragement from The Shield, we have not the slightest doubt.

This city so full of the beautiful and historic, will be ablaze with the excitement of politics and fashion, and will amply repay any delegate to attend the next G. A. C.

Congress will be in session, and all the Courts open and those desiring can improve the mind, "not by attending Congress" but our Courts.

We have now in Congress some Phi Psi's, and the most prominent among them Genl. Bingham of your city, who has never forgotten his first love, and always delights in doing her honor. We hope to have them all with us at the G. A. C. reception, as also the President and Cabinet, one of these Secretary Schurz, being a Phi Psi.

Our hearts are ablaze with enthusiasm for old Phi Psi, and "as each one offers his spark of Phi Psi enthusiasm and devotion upon our common altar of fraternal love, they plend together and blaze up with redolent incense into one grand Phi Psi sun."

We will endeavor to give you a more interesting letter for the next Shield.

Fraternally yours,

D. C. Alpha.

## LA FAYETTE COLLEGE.

EASTON, Oct. 7th, 1879.

Dear Bros:—It is with the liveliest hope that the paper may be successful in its work of constructing a more solid

fabric of the far separated components of that spirit, which stirs within every member of this Fraternity that the Penn'a. Theta sends its greetings to "The Shield."

We have long felt the need of that something which shall more discover to each chapter the conditions of the others. As travellers on mountain heights, often for mutual safety, connect each other with a rope, so let us bind ourselves, not with a rope of sand, but with one whose every knot shall be a Gordian which no Alexandrine arm will ever cut asunder. And if by any means this more thorough knowledge of ourselves will be gained in this practical precipitate age, the medium will be a newspaper. There is therefore due to those brothers who have founded this organ, from every member of our body, not only the deepest gratitude but also the most zealous co-operation of the mind as well as of that small book or bag which holds money. And why not this co-operation? Why not seek to perpetuate the peculiar privileges which we are enjoying? Mistake not, though, that we would make a defense for secret societies, whether they be college fraternities or the various kindred forms which have in days past and do now hold the reins of men. We believe the some of the mightiest darts, with which Satan arms himself to attack the Kingdom of Light, are secret societies. Are we Americans free? Not yet. The obvious, objective form of slavery has been abolished; but still within us, and wherever boasted civilization has strutted, there lurks a dissembling, subjective slavery, rivaling in baseness that which the negro once suffered. For can it be denied that the vast secret societies, known and unknown, form tight fetters of belief and conscience? In how many men that unerring voice within the soul, that remnant which tells us of our protoplast's once god-like being is completely hushed by the din of conflicting error imparted by these institutions!

But a few words on the milder, found in places of learning. These are as numerous as the permutations which can be formed of the Greek alphabet, and as widely differ in their character as the natures of children; for as has been well said, each individual college has a genius loci of its own. Of these we would not make a broad defense; not seldom they are pernicious in their influences. Each chapter has in it a comparatively small number of persons, and among these a single individual of an immoral disposition may spread pollution. Thus the Evil Spirits are multiplied. The last scene of all is a man hardly past his first score of years, with a mind undeveloped and the series of evils following prolonged inactivity or worse still, with his character ruined, a blot on human society. But far be it from us to speak so of all fraternities, especially of the Phi Kappa Psi. We are confident that it holds a high rank, of which we are justly proud.

The college intercourse is operative on mind and morals, and that the assembling ourselves together, presents the most pleasant and refining associations, every brother will confess. We would place our meetings among those influences of college life which, says Noah Porter, "are not always adequately estimated even by those who have enjoyed the exhiliration and have been stimulated by the force of this highly oxygenated atmosphere. Those who have not experienced them find it dif-

ficult to estimate them at their real value and often listen with Bro. Rothrock '79, whose college cognomen was "Rodie," has incredulous questionings to the representations of their great importance, or look with silent wonder upon the excitement which they occasion in the young collegian as he begins to feel the stimulus of this peculiar life, and in the gray headed student wherever he greets an old classmate." No brother then should think lightly of the advantages which are within his grasp, in after life he will perceive that they educated him, not his books. For the saying is true, you send your child to the schoolmaster, but 'tis the school-boys who educate him.

Before closing we would briefly notice Theta's course this year. On the morning of Sept. 4th, the unoffending Freshmen appeared on the Campus. As the Assyrian with cohorts gleaming in purple and gold, came down on the chosen people, so we immediately sent out our chosen men to seize such of the ranks of '83 as we thought could be dressed in the garb of a Phi Psi. While in the field we had many a fierce conflict with the various marauding parties, come in search of booty. We will mention at this time but one memorable hand-to-hand fight. We were rushing upon the indefensive phalanx of Freshmen when we noticed one dressed in a beautiful green. whose fine accoutrements foretold he would be of value to us. Forthwith we advanced and surrounded him. The first prospect of success was dawning when a violent attack was made upon our rear. We turned to resist and found our combatant to be proud and wily, whose helmet bore the escutcheon Delta Kappa Epsilon. But hardly had we closed with him when our flank was slightly harrassed by a bold yeoman in woolen doublet on whose front was interwoven the strange device Phi Delta Theta. Of course for a time the result of the battle was uncertain. The furious clash of contending arms and wild blaze of musketry plainly indicated the violence and earnestness of the strife. Finally by dint of superior armor and unfailing use of our arms we routed the enemy and triumphantly bore away the green man. Such struggles are not uncommon, and on fair ground it is ours to be the victor.

Let our fraternity be a powerful instrument, under the Almighty in moulding the character of men. C. B. S.

#### FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

LANCASTER, PA. Sept. 29th, 1879.

To all the members of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, Pa. Eta sends greeting.

We bail with delight the New Era which is about to dawn upon us. Many and various were the manifestations of delight in Eta's Hall when her sons heard the announcement of the publication of The Shield. The want of a fraternity journal has been deeply felt in our midst, where all are interested in the welfare of everyone bound to them by the golden cord of Phi Psi love. We have felt that, acquaintance, brotherly feeling, mutual assistance and the culmination of all these, general culture, can in no way be so successfully promoted as through such a journal as we fondly hope to realize in The SHIELD.

The general status of affairs in our chapter is good. We

returned and entered the Theological Seminary and frequently lends his cheering presence to our gatherings. Bros. Appel and Musser of '78 are connected with the Seminary and are prompt in their attendance upon our meetings and by their ardent speeches show that the old fire still heats up their "buzzums."

Our meetings are characterized by expressions of the warmest fraternal feeling, and the expressive sentence, "I am glad to be here to-night," which constituted the sum total of all of a younger brother's maiden effort at speech making in our midst. has involuntarily been adopted as conveying the general sentiments of each one of our chapter.

As yet we have not initiated any new men. Not because we couldn't get them, but because they were not the right kind of material. Owing to the poor qualities of the new members of the institution, old mother Eta has stood upon her dignity and proudly refused to conceive, hence there's been no birth to us.

We, the present members of the Eta, rather pride ourselves on the past good reputation of our chapter and are extremely jealous lest by an imprudence on our part in the choice of new men that reputation may take the wings of the morning, or some other bird, and vanish from our sight. "Quality and not Quantity" has ever been our motto.

To constitute a pleasant chapter, we consider from twelve to fifteen men sufficient for all practical purposes. We therefore feel quite independent, being up to our mark.

Of all the new men who have entered our institution this fall, but three have become fraternity men; and they all have became wearers of the "Royal Purple" the adopted color of a fraternity, whose color constitutes its only claim to royalty. Their chief characteristic is to be able to swallow all they can pick up. But occasionally, like the bird with the one straight intestine, they swallow more than they can contain, and some are dropped behind. Upon the three they have gulped down this fall, Eta may well look with disdain and say "well, what's gone from me? What have I lost in you?"

The oft-repeated remark of non-fraternity men that if they joined any fraternity here it should be the Phi Psi, is sufficient evidence of the high estimation in which we are held by impartial judges; and so long as our boys receive the respect, which their merits command, from faculty, collegians and citizens we covet not the honor which the reputation of a large chapter might bring upon us, but are content to shine in our humble sphere on the roll of Phi Kappa Psi. H. C. E.

#### PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

GETTYSBURG, Oct., 6th, 1879.

DEAR BROS: -To all Epsilon sends greeting. Not being the regularly appointed correspondent, I will only "sub" for the present number of The Shield.

Our chapter has reason to rejoice and be glad over the success we have met with. Thus far we have initiated six new members and the prospects for more are very favorable. Five of our newly made brethren are Freshies, the sixth a primarnumber thirteen of the best fellows in the institution. Besides, ian in Preparatory School. We are in toto twenty two men.

The honormen are numerous. We confidently expect to see one of our boys walk away with Freshmen prize, and another with the Junior Latin prize next June.

At the opening of college three of our old boys brought with them their little brothers, whom we at once introduced to the mysteries of Phi Kappa.

Three of our Seniors are off on a mineralogical trip, visiting Johnstown, Pittsburg, &c.

Last month we were agreeably surprised by a visit from some of the Zeta boys. They all proved to be true, noble fraters. Glad to see them again.

As I have "to git" I'll close this hastily written letter, promising something "more drawn out" next time. Give old Epsilon credit for twenty Shields and there's the

GRIP, C. A. E.

#### UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Oct. 7th, 1879.

It is only fitting that Iota, Pennsylvania's youngest chapter, should be heard from in this, the initiative number. And by the way, what a good idea it is! It is what Phi Kappa Psi has wanted for a long time, and the endeavors of the editors should be seconded by every chapter in the land: and I venture to add that Iota will not be backward in this regard, for if we may judge of the future by the fruits of the past, all fraternity interests will be valiantly defended by our chapter. Iota is doing well. It was feared that the exit of '79, which class gave us many good fellows, would leave a painful gap in our side, but we have already drawn upon the new Freshman class, as well as on '82, and the Medicals, and have also several names under consideration. Our chairman of the committee on membership is a good worker and is daily seen button-holing innocent freshmen in the assembly room. He is helped in his laudable endeavors by the other two gentlemen of the committee. As it is somewhat early yet, it is almost impossible to compare our present status with that of the other fraternities. The Phi Kaps, if I mistake not took in two or three men during vacation. This is a good enough plan when the candidate is well known, but might, in some cases, lead to very unhappy results. Two of our new members have joined us through the persuasive efforts of Bro. Roberts, who is now head master at the Cathedral school, Garden City. We all feel sorry he is so far off, but trust that he may persuade some more to join the University and Phi Psi. Our chapter is now two years old. We began on 7th St., in the offices of our good friends, Bros. Gross and Myers. We then took the 3rd story rooms over Pennock's and the Milliner's. As far as outside looks go, (and to tell the truth, they go a good way) this location was rather more desirable than the present. "But," urged Bro. Colket, "you will find the rooms at the N. E. Corner of Broad and Chestnut Sts. much more convenient, pleasant, better situated, and possessing many advantages we do not enjoy here." So we took these rooms, and never repented our movement. And let us say here to visiting brothers that they will always find comfortable quarters and a warm welcome awaiting them

if they favor us with a visit. There is one thing which needs attention, however, and which has not unfrequently called forth sarcastic remarks from our friends and that is the glorious state of dirtiness which the front steps are wont to enjoy. They surely belong to the army of the great unwashed. And now, let me go over some familiar names, names which have become dear to Iota's sons, and which remain to us a precious heritage. The muster roll of '78 is being called. Listen! Elwell! Here! Billy's always here. We see his genial face on almost every Tuesday night, and a truer Phi Psi or a better fellow never lived. Don't ask me what his business is, please. Nobody is supposed to know this,—it is a great secret. Helme! Another good fellow who has'nt forgotten us. Helmey has returned from Europe greatly benefitted by his trip and looking extremely well. He is engaged in special post graduate studies, out at college. Harkness! Harkness! who's he? oh! yes, he's the fellow that used to go by the name of Johns. People got to know him too well by that name, so he changed it, a wise move on his part. "Cousty" is with Seller's and is doing finely. we understand. McCollin! He's a lawyer, well, almost a lawyer, and yet this prospective dignity does not hinder him from dropping in occasionally, with his chum, our new Bro. Rodman. Breed! Mac Kubbin! McDowell! prospective ministers, all these, and they have our best wishes for the future. Rowland "Mother" still wipes the bottles for Prof. Sadtler, and looks after Phi Psi interests. McCarter! A large reward will be offered to any one bringing information concerning Bro. McCarter's whereabouts. He has not been seen for a long time. One name will not be called. His picture is with us. and that, with his memory, is all that is left. Howard Huston, brave friend, loyal brother, peace to thee! peace to thee! we have not room here for '79. She will be represented in our next letter. Freeland has become instructor in Mechanics, and has added one more name to the already brilliant cluster of Phi Psis, on our University rolls. Next month we hope to send to THE SHIELD, a fresh batch of gossip.

CLARKSVILLE, MECKLENBURG Co., VA., Oct. 2nd, 1879.

DEAR Bros:—Your letter to the Va. Gamma in my name was forwarded to me and has just been received.

I finished my college course last June, and am now not directly connected with any chapter.

Your letter will be at once sent to our chapter at Hampden Sidney, and I will do all in my power to have this effort; which you are about to make, encouraged by the members of the Gamma.

My special purpose for writing this evening is to congratulate you upon this step you have proposed to take.

Since our Quarterly had to be abandoned, we of the South have felt more and more forcibly the need of some general organ of communication between the several chapters of the fraternity. Being so far removed from the majority of our chapters, and we of Virginia being at present so sadly hampered by our pecuniary trouble, have never felt it in our power to encourage any proposition which would require any special money tax upon the chapters.

We need just some such private enterprise as our Brothers at the North now propose to start and I do most certainly hope that you may be well supported by our Southern chapters, now that the way of communication has opened just as we should wish it.

I have heard nothing of interest in regard to the Va. chapters this year, though you may always feel assured that, though separated by space, the chapters throughout this State are to be found among the most loyal brethren.

The interests of the fraternity are always nearest my heart, and my best wishes shall ever be with any enterprise that will tend to further the influences of our dear Mother.

With the wish that your efforts may prove a perfect success, as I feel sure they will,

I remain in bonds of Phi Kappa Psi.

ALFRED T. GRAHAM

#### INDIANA ALPHA--ASBURY UNIVERSITY

GREENCASTLE INDIANA, Oct. 6th, 1879.

DEAR Bros:—Your favor received, we feel the need of a good fraternity paper, and sincerely hope the Shield will be a success, our chapter will give it a hearty support.

In the annual report of the fraternity for '77 and '78, our chapter was not represented, this was not caused by any negligence on the part of the chapter but by a misunderstanding between our B. G. and the publishers of the report. The assessment was collected and the report completed but owing to the fact that the "Annual Report" was received before our statement was mailed, we thought it would not be expedient to send it forward.

Our prospects for this year are very flattering, the chapter being stronger, in every particular, than it ever was before. We have thirty men in college, twenty nine of whom wear the *Badge*, have but one prep.

Hope to receive "The Shield" soon.

Yours Fraternally,
D. H. PATRICK, Indiana Alpha,
Greencastle, Box 100,

Indiana.

THE Kappa Alpha Theta (Ladies) held their convention at Bloomington, Ind., during the month of May.

A list and account of the fraternities in the United States, has been published in Detroit, Mich., by A. N. Jacobs, Psi Upsilon, under the title of "The Greek Letter Societies."

Phi Gamma Delta's Phi Chapter, is situated in two different schools in Baltimore, law and medical, which have no connection with each other.

On the 21st of Oct. the Beta Theta Pi swallowed the entire Alpha Sigma Chi fraternity. This performance of "swallowing" anything and everything, appears to be one of Beta Theta's characteristics.

#### FRATERNITY SONG.

BY WALTER C. RODMAN, PENN'A, I. '77.

Ι

When Beauty's bright radiance dazzles our eyes In Life's rosy morning, we vow
Tho' dragons uncounted may, gainst us arise,
We'll ne'er be less loving than now;
Yet the lips that we loved at the dawn of the day,
At its noon may forget to be kind;
And Beauty's young blossoms may wither away,
And leave only ashes behind.

II

But ah! there's a sentiment nobler by far Than Beauty can ever inspire; It's ray is as pure as the pale Polar Star, And it burns with Promethean fire, 'Tis brotherly friendship, oh blest be the tie That makes us fraternally one; May it firmly unite us as long as the sky Shall blush to the smile of the sun.

II.

To the vow we so willingly, eagerly made
We'll ever be fervently true;
Then up with each glass, ere the bright nectar fade,
In brotherly clusters that grew,
Be friendship undying forever our boast,
And echo on echo reply
To the shout that we raise with the soul-stirring toast—
"Long life to the Phi Kappa Psi!"

### IOTA'S "FEED."

On the eve of Oct. 7th the brothers of this chapter celebrated "fair Iota's" second birthday with a "grind." The preliminary work was the initiation of Bro. D. King Gotwald, and this feat accomplished, the motion to adjourn to the Brunswick House was in order. Everybody was there, the terrible prof. of dynamical engineering, the professor of "blowing" and "fossils," the elucidator of X, and last, but not least, the Freshmen, who for the first time, sported the royal old SHIELD. It was a jolly crowd! Silence only prevailed during the period of assault upon fried oysters and all the other good things that might be purchased for 50 cts. Thirst was quenched by sips of coffee. Billy Elwell rendered "The Bold Candidate" in good style! The Sophomore, who captains the University Rifle Team, gave an exhibit of his vocal ability, singing in rythmic verse his adventures among the "Mollies" and his experience as an aid in suppressing the late strikers in the coal regions. Old Davy Meyers, Pa. Zeta, tickled the boys with "Handy Andy." The only quiet men who didn't enjoy themselves, were "Bosko" Marshall, and his second cousin, Brighty. Not a soul remembers of any noise coming from their corner.

The college songs sung by the brothers who are members of the Univ. Glee Club, were excellent. Indeed the musical talent of the University may be found among the Iotas.

Any brother strolling around these parts about this season of the year, can always hear of a "grind" to which every Phi Psi is heartily welcome.

Dr. S. B. Wylie Mitchell, founder of Phi Kappa Sigma, died recently in Phila. Pa.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

HENRY HOWARD HOUSTON JR.

[DIED AT ROME, ITALY, MAY 13th, 1879.]

Death has called away a dearly loved brother. It is fitting that in a journal of the fraternity of which he was a member,—a zealous, ever active member—some record of his faithfulness and loyalty should be published; and it is the little comfort left the living to be able to go over in memory, familiar fields in his footsteps. Bro. Houston became a member of Phi Kappa Psi in his senior year, being one of the first to join the *Pa Iota* chapter.

From the very outset of his career in that chapter to its saddened close he manifested that interest and concern in its welfare that is at once a mark of honesty of purpose and of strong affection. It is not an easy matter to fulfill satisfactorily all the duties of a society, and the verdict "well done" might be worthily rendered in the case of any who accomplished all these duties, even though distinguished by no extraordinary efforts. But Howard did more. He was never satisfied with his work, and was continually striving to surpass his former efforts; his goal being the good and the advancement of his fraternity. His committee work stands without a blemish. The chapter, recognizing the fact that his judgment was always sound, and his counsel valuable, appointed him chairman of the Committee of arrangements. which important position he held for many months. He not only made it a point to look into the character and moral standing of every candidate, but was also himself instrumental in bringing many names before our notice. He was bitterly opposed to all against whom could be brought any charge of immoral or ungentlemanly conduct; for, highly moral and a thorough gentleman himself, his lofty spirit scorned those of baser and less pure mould. It was a common saying of his. "I wish to see no one a member of this fraternity whom I cannot consider fit society, and whom I would not like to introduce into my own family."

And then, who ever missed his face on our meeting nights? Neither rain nor storm kept him away. He was never too tired to come, other engagements did not interfere, for he never made any for Tuesday night. He refused many invitations which promised, perhaps, more brilliant pleasures, because his first thought was his duty. Many thought him too particular in regard to such matters. Perhaps, so. And yet this was the natural offshoot of a deep seated affection, the exaggeration of true love. One case in particular presents itself to my memory. He had occasion at one time to be in Cincinnatti, and, though there was no special reason for hurrying home, he refused a party invitation, because its acceptance would have prevented his presence at the next meeting of his chapter. Tuesday night was sacred.

Not long before his departure, Howard and myself spent the night together at his home. He took me apart, before retiring, and spoke earnestly and lovingly about the fraternity; what he hoped; what he feared. We sat together long into the night, and our communion was sweet. Earnest soul! oh,

little did I think that was to be our *last* meeting! I was sad at the thought of the approaching departure, but my heart was not filled, as it is now, with the sadness of death.

Howard Houston was brave, handsome, good. There was a royalty in his nature, and yet he was gentle and affectionate. He was a Christian in the truest sense, for he did not allow his Christianity to conflict with hs manhood He honored the noble and scorned the base. He was loved, and is deeply deplored.

The writer of this sketch knew Howard Houston all his life. He was his companion in infancy, grew up with him in boyhood, was his comrade in youth, and together with him, stood upon the verge of manhood. He has spoken out of the abundance of his heart, a heart welling over with the strongest love, the love of brother for brother, the love of David for Jonathan, a love surpassing the love of woman.

Bro. Houston was born in Philadelphia, on Oct 5th, 1858. The family is of Scotch descent—settling first in this country in the fertile county of Lancaster, where many of that name still reside.

Howard's home was in Germantown, where he attended school, and where he spent the few, but bright and happy years of his life. He was a wonderfully brilliant boy and from the first devoted himself to those pursuits in which he took especial interest. These were the mathematical branches and chemistry. I will remember his little laboratory in the cellar, and how he loved to work there. A good part of his money was spent in purchasing articles, necessary to carry on his work. Mr. Barker's school gave him the preparatory education for college, and he entered the Towne Scientific School of the University in 1874. From the first he manifested a strong interest in her institutions, and was an honored member of several. The Scientific Society lost a firm supporter when Bro. Houston graduated. Athletics also received much attention from him, and through his instrumentality, many became members of the Association. He was thoroughly opposed to what is now politely termed College Nihilism, and was a faithful friend of college customs. But it was his senior year which fully showed his real worth. He occupied the position of chairman of the executive committee of his class, and this in Senior year is, as every college man knows. by no means an easy office. And it is the universal verdict of '78 that the duties of that office were honorably fulfilled by Bro. Houston.

#### PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

Bro. C. H. Colket '79 Pa. I, left on the 25th of Sept. for San Francisco, from which place he will proceed on a tour around the world. He hopes to see Bro. Tosui Imadate, Pa. I, who by this time, no doubt, thinks of getting ready for university duties in Japan. Bro. C. will be absent one year.

Bro. A. C. Wentz '79 Pa. E, is attending the lectures of the Med. Dept. of Univ. of Pa.

 $_{\mbox{\footnotesize{Bro}}.}$  Geo. W. Cross, '77 Pa. E, was admitted to the York bar recently.

W. E. Helme '78, Pa. I, arrived in New York, Sept. 5, after an absence of more than a year, during which time he visited the English Isles, Germany, Greece, the Holy Land, Norway, Sweden, France &c. Billy is at present studying gas analysis under Dr. S. P. Sadtler '67, Pa. E, at the University.

Dr. John K. Marshall, Pa. I, just returned from Germany He spent about five months at the University of Goettingen. During the spring six Phi Kappa Psis were matriculated at the same place. Dr. Jack brought with him an immense Ulmer dog—weighing 170 lbs.

The six Phi Psis at the University of Goettingen during the summer term were C. H. Graff, M. D. Pa. E, J K Marshall, M. D., Pa. I, Bro. Manning, Pa. Z. G. P. Miller, Pa. E, Bro. Seligman, N. Y. Gamma and Bro Weeks, Wis. A.

Prof. F. W. Clarke, Univ. of Cincinnati, Prof. A. E. Dolbear (of Telephon and Phonograph fame) of Tufts College, and Prof. Geo. B. Merriman of Rutgers College, are loyal sons of Phi Psi.

- J. B. Foraker, formerly of Ohio A and founder of several chapters, was last spring elected Judge of Supreme Court of Cincinnati, O.
- F. G. Mitchell an honored alumnus of Ohio Alpha, is pastor of M. E. Church in Ripley, O.

LUCIEN Clarke, an enthusiastic brother in Phi Psi, is located at Xenia, O.

- J. T. Short, O. W. U '69, is Prof. of Eng. Lit., in Ohio State University, Columbus, O.
- C. H. Short formerly of Ohio Alpha, is adjunct professor of Physics in the same institution.

JOE Stubbs of Ohio Alpha, formerly publisher of Phi Kappa Psi Quarterly, is editor and proprietor of the "Ashland Times."

HARRY Whitworth, O. W. U. '77 is principal of the High School, Bellefontaine, O.

- W. D. Grey, O. W. U  $^{\prime}77$  is studying theology at Boston University.
- F. A. Gould O. W. U. '77 is preaching in Northern Ohio.

  PRESCOTT Smith, son of Consul General of U. S. for Canada

  J. Q. Smith, is studying law in Montreal. He is an alumnus
  of O. Alpha '78.
- L. A. Black, O. W. U '71 is practising law in Cin. O., as partner of Judge Foraker.

HARRY Hall of Hall's Safe and Lock Works, Cin. O., is trying farming at Glendale, O., near Cin.

F. K. Patterson, formerly of O. W. U., is at home in Cin. O., recruiting his health.

GEO. GAUL. O. W. U. '79 is pastor of the M. E. Church at Washington, Lancaster Co. Pa.

C. F. Cozier, O. W. U. '79 is traveling through Ohio, Indiana and Ills. in the interest of an Albany, N. Y., manufacturing house.

- H. P. Waddell of Ohio Alpha is studying law in Cin., Ohio.
- A. B. Riker '79 O. W. U, is preaching in Ohio Conference of M. E. Church.
- C. H. Pents formerly of Ohio A, is in business with his father in Chillicothe, O.
- E. F. Mitchell, O. W. U '76 is Supt. Public Schools in Mt. Gilead, O.

RICHARD Montgomery, Pa. I '79 is at the Princeton Theol. School.

WM. Breed and Henry Mackubbin, Pa. I '78, spent the past year at Princeton Theol. School, but will not return this fall. They wish to recruit their health.

WM. G. Davis, M. D. Pa. I '79 is studying medicine in London. He will spend the winter in Vienna.

C. P. Van Cleve, O. W. U. '79 is Prin. of Public Instruction in Spring Valley, Green Co., Ohio.

PROF. S. P. Sadtler '67 Pa. E, delivered the introductory, address at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Oct. 1st. Bro. S. holds the chair of Assistant Professor in the University and Prof. of Chemistry in College of Pharmacy. He is an A. B. and A. M. from Penn'a. College, Sc. B. from Harvard University and Ph. D. from the University of Goettingen, Prussia.

J. Peter Hecht '77 Pa. E may be found at Jeff. Med. College, Pete graduates in the spring.

Dr. John Crumbaugh, Pa. E is married and located at Lancaster, Pa. Stop and see him boys, he drives an excellent nag.

GEO. Claybaugh Pa. E, '78 is in business in Philadelphia.

OSCAR C. S. Carter, Pa. I, may be found at present in Norristown, Pa. Always ready to welcome Phi Psis.

Jim Smith, '79, Iota's "fair brunette" has slid off to Silver Lake, Col.

N. A. Stockton, Pa. I, '79 is engaged as assistant on Penn'a Geol. Survey.

THE Ormicron chapter of D. K. E. has recently erected a Hall at Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Crescent of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity credits us with a chapter at Ohio State College. Wrong this time, neighbor. We are not so hasty.

The Phi Kappa Sigma at Franklin and Marshall College, Pa., is about played out. Following the example of a sister chapter at Dickinson which passed in its "chips" not long ago.

Rob't. J. Burdette—"Hawkeye Man" and a loyal Phi Psi will lecture in Philadelphia on the eve of Nov. 10th. The Iotas are preparing for his coming. Bob always sports a pin.

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#### HISTORY OF ILL. ALPHA.

EDS. SHIELD:-In accordance with the desire expressed in the first number of The Shield the Ill. Alpha has appointed me to give you a short sketch or history of our chapter.

This chapter was first established in 1862, being the first Greek fraternity in the school. It had an excellent history up to about 1868 when it began to decline, and in 1870 the charter was given up. By the gentlemanly deportment and high scholarship of its numbers it won the highest respect and esteem of both the faculty and students. It numbers among its alumni some of the best graduates of this institution; many of whom have risen to places of distinction and honor and several are respected instructors of our own university.

After the chapter was given up in 1870, for several years an opportunity was given for the chapters of other fraternities which has been established here, to rise. Only one, however, the Beta Theta Pi, rose to prominence. The other two, the Sigma Chi and the Phi Kappa Sigma, although they number some good men in their ranks, yet through their taking in so many men who are noted for nothing but their rowdyism, have never won the respect of the better class of students.

Early in the spring of 1878, Bro. V. F. Brown a zealous Phi Psi and formerly a member of Kans. Alpha, together with Bro. R. L. Root took active steps toward re-establishing the Ill. Alpha at this place. Through the kind aid of Kans. Alpha and Wis. Alpha a charter was granted. Early on the morning of the 25th of May, the following persons assembled among "the Gods" of Heck Hall(Idols of the museum) and were duly initiated into all the wonderful secrets and terrible mysteries of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity; viz. C. L. Root '77, Lons Karc' er '78, J. A. Fisher '80, W H. Jordan '81 and C. E. Piper '82. "The boys" were all enthusiastic over the matter. We resolved to make Ill. Alpha a success, and in spite of slurs, in spite of sneers, in spite of all opposition we have accomplished our aim. In spite of predictions of an early wreck, our noble ship, with all her canvas to the breeze,

each lofty billow and proudly passing each haughty craft, and today she is still "booming."

During the first year we took in 6 initiates all of the highest quality as regards scholarship and gentlemanly conduct. They came up to Phi Psi's requirements, being of good moral character, of excellent intellectual and social abilities and well recognized by the fair sex.

On the 2nd of May 1879 we held our first Annual Symposium in the parlors of the best hotel in this place. This was a great help to success, especially since none of the other fraternities had never had anything of the kind. It was a grand affair and greatly raised us in the estimation of the public. One of our most respected professors met with us and added influence to the occasion.

We are now thoroughly established. We have a good hall, well furnished, cozy and comfortable and one of which we are proud. Our number has increased from 6 to 19, and we now have 15 active members. Our meetings are chiefly literary, our principle aim being a thorough study of history. Our first President was our noble founder V. F. Brown whose excellent administration was followed by that of W. H. Jordan, who was in turn succeeded by C. E. Piper the present incumbent

During our short history we have "fought a good fight." We have acted the part of gentlemen and of honorable opponents and today we stand at the head, fearing none, respected W. H. J. by all.

#### IOTA.

DEAR BROS:-The chapter can scarcely be said to have a history as yet, but there are nevertheless events which may well be recorded, because to the later sons of Iota these items undoubtedly will be of some interest. Many chapters complain that they are quite ignorant of their history—their founders and predecessors having left them but meagre records of their doings. To escape future censure and in a manner rectify the error as regards this chapter, the writer has hurriedly penned the following lines relative to Iota's birth and early days.

When, in the fall of seventysix, I assumed a position in the university it was with the distinct remembrance that as early as seventythree a charter had been granted to certain persons to found a chapter here. Later reports announced that their praiseworthy efforts had been in vain. The exact causes of their non-success were never known. Being aware of all this it was with some hesitancy that another attempt at establishing Phi Psi at this institution was undertaken. The daily-sight of Delta Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma and Zeta Psi sailed out into the deep and rugged sea, grandly mounting pins were, however, incentives to renewed efforts for our honored fraternity. One hindrance to making direct proposals to students was the position I occupied. It was only after some time that the difficulty was removed and it happened thusly: In conversation with a Junior Scientific, whom I longed to see enrolled under the banner of Phi Kappa Psi, I incidentally ascertained that an intimate friend of his was at that time an active member of our Pa. Epsilon. The problem grew clearer: so at the close of a week of arduous labor I started for Gettysburg (location of Epsilon) and upon my arrival there at once sought out our mutual friend and urged him to visit our institution at once. This however could not be done, but a week or so later the "mutual friend" with an accompanying brother appeared on our campus armed with the necessary documents. The prey was immediately taken into hands, but after a long and earnest siege we retired sadly disappointed. No hope! The one we felt almost positive was ours had refused-not however, because of objections to Phi Psi, but a dying parent had won from him a promise never to connect himself with a college secret society. Would that fond parents might know the pure teachings of Phi Kappa Psi!

It did seem as if we were not to secure a foothold in the university. Yet, a close watch was retained upon the men coming under my immediate supervision, and after the lapse of almost one year my intentions in regard to founding Iota were made known to Bro. John Marshall, then a student in the Med, Department of the university. Bro. M. promised immediate assistance, and in the course of a few weeks commenced an investigation in the same room with certain gentleman to whom I'd introduced him and whom I thought eligible to Phi Psi. One man in particular attracted our attention and upon him, after discovering him not averse to such matters, we opened a Phi Psi broadside.

In a few hours Harry Grattan McCarter made our hearts glad by promising to join us and do all in his power to "plant" our fraternity in the university. A post graduate now engaged our attention, and after some hard work we drew him into the "gang." Little did we at that moment think that Horace S. Stephens, who was second in joining Phi Psi would be the second brother of Iota to answer Death's rap at our door!

The ball was kept rolling and in another week Jack Elliot of '79 and Billy Elwell of '78 were pledged. The fifth was Bro. Wm. Jones (medic.) We now looked about us for a constitution, and accordingly turned to the G. C. at Deleware, O. From some misunderstanding and delay we remained some time in tiresome suspense. This could not be endured; something must be done! The pledged ones were anxious to become brothers in word and deed. They argued that delay might lose us good men, so we wrote at once to the brothers of Pa. Epsilon to assist us in our dilemma. They cheerfully responded to our call by sending two of their men with the proper articles, and on the eve of Oct. 7th, 1877, the following were formally initiated into Phi Kappa Psi: Harry Grattan McCarter '78, John Stuart Elliott '79, William P. Elwell '78, Horace S. Stephens, Sc. B. '76 and Wm. Jones '78. Our meeting was held in the law office of Bros. Vogel & Myers,

Brothers from our various Penn'a chapters filled the other offices. A number of chapters of other states were represented. Only Phi Psis can imagine our feelings on this occasion. After the initiatory exercises were concluded, the young brothers were addressed by the older members, various points in fraternity matters were given them and especially were they enjoined to make this the third attempt at founding Iota a success. And this they have done; they have gone even beyond the highest expectations of the founders-we, having never thought that more than four or five were necessary for a beginning.

On the morning of our boys' first appearance at college wearing the shield they surprised all. No one suspected that matters of this nature had been brewing. The other fraternities in particular were amazed. They knew not how to receive us. Rumor announced that Delta Psi held an indignation meeting-object, to suppress the bold invaders. Wise heads, however, counseled discretion. Our boys were such as any fraternity would have been proud to count among its members. In proof of this statement might be quoted the remarks of members of Delta Psi and Zeta Psi to two or three of our brothers—"why if we'd known you cared to join a fraternity we'd have been glad to have you." Too late. Another star had appeared upon the horizon of the fraternity world of the university—one destined to rise higher and even eclipse its rivals. The first week of our existence at the university was one full of excitement. Our boys went to work at once and on the evening of the second meeting they received their constitution, elected their officers pro tem and initiated men pledged during the week. We assembled at our first meeting place. Graduate brothers were numerous. Every one was elated by our success. Five more names were added to the roll. The major part of these were from the class of '7,8-indeed before we released this class we had secured ten of its members. Some may query whether that number of good men could be found in a Senior class where three fraternities existed. Whether they could have been discovered anywhere else or not I'll not venture to assert, but it suffices to say they were here, we took them and were, are and always will be proud of them.

Almost every week we made new initiates. We, of course. had quiet little "spreads," at which the boys were introduced to Phi Psi songs and listened to Phi Psi speeches, crammed with love for our honored fraternity. The inimitable duets of Bros. Marshall and Brown will never be forgotten. Later aspirants to vocal glory have never been able to approach them.

Matters progressed nicely. We at once took a high stand among the Greeks of college. As Iota grew it became evident we must seek some suitable hall for our meetings. Our lawyer brothers would have gladly given us possession of their office, but the boys desired their own rooms, so after a great deal of talk they concluded to take the third floor of Pennock's Building (1514 Chestnut St.) There they had two nice airy rooms in a delightful locality. Furniture was next in order. Many times did I see the boys endeavoring to sit comfortably with two men to a chair. Anything for Phi Psi was the prevailing spirit. A few weeks saw plenty of furniture on hand. Wall South 7th Street. Bro. "Bottle" Gross '74 of Pa. Zeta presided. decorations arrived. Books and magazines were collected

and very soon the Phi Psi rooms presented an inviting, cheerful appearance. This was manifest from the manner in which they were frequented.

The first symposium given by Iota occurred on Dec. 23rd, 1878. The rooms not being sufficiently large some of the graduate brothers secured the Penn Club House for the occasion. This was a grand gathering of young and long graduated Phi Psis. It was a grand festival and one that will live long in the memories of those who were present. May Iota's future attempts in this direction be equally brilliant.

Our first appearance in public was on '78's Class Day. Bros. Rowland, Mackubbin and Breed were among the orators. Subsequent to this occurred Ivy Day, when the old Shield was beautifully decorated with flowers.

During this year the chapter received into membership, Otis H. Kendall, Assistant Prof. of Math.; Geo. A. Koenig, Prof of Applied Chemistry and Wm. D. Marks, Prof, of Dynam. Engineering. All members of the University faculty. The last brother graduated at Yale where he had belonged to Sigma Delta Chi, from which organization he resigned to connect himself with Phi Kappa Psi.

At the commencement of '78 we graduated ten men. In the classical department we received first, second and third honors, and had four speakers. Of the honors of later classes others no doubt will speak.

Since the birth of Iota she has had 57 members. One, Bro. Marshall, was transferred from Pa. Epsilon. But one brother had been expelled and one honorably dismissed.

In the Glee Club of the University are quite a number of our boys. Among the editors of the University Magazine we have always had representatives. In Philo Iota's sons are among the most prominent and in the Franklin Society Phi Psis have been the leading men. The Dramatic Association of the University is almost solely composed of Iotas. Of the five editors of the Univ. Record of '78 four were Phi Psis—the fifth a barbarian. In '79 we were represented on the same committee. In the "Songs of the University of Penna." may be found numerous contributions from Phi Psis.

Athletics is our weak point. We have had but two athletes—Oscar Carter and Jack Elliott, captain of the Univ. Foot Ball Team.

Such are a few items of Iota's past. Her future is bright and that she may be a great success and powerful means of promoting good among the sons of the University is the earnest wish of her

FOUNDERS.

## BRO. ROBT. J. BURDETTE.

DEAR SHIELD:— We wish that more of our brothers could have been with us on the evening of November 10th, somewhat on our own account, but more particularly on their own, for we believe that there never was a merrier crowd of Phi Psis (or any other size excuse the fun, but the influence of R. J. B. is still upon us, and we could not help it) ever gathered together than filled the two Balcony Proscenium Boxes at the Academy last Monday evening, to share with the big

audience in Bro Burdette's fun, and share with him, in a small degree, the glory of one of the biggest lecture audiences of the Star-Course.

It is needless to say that the lecture was brimful of humor and pathos and was fully appreciated by all its hearers. All who have heard him, feel satisfied of the first, and we feel sure of the second also.

And then, when the lecture (all to soon) came to an end, about thirty of us, Prof., Instructor, Senior, Junior, Sophomore and Freshman, with an unfortunately small sprinkling of graduate members of other chapters, descended to the Green Room, took forcible possession of "Bob" and marched him up to the "Hotel Brunswick," where we were soon seated around the festive board, laden with oysters, salads and other good things, not to say anything of coffee and water for those who preferred the latter.

Bro. Elwell, Pa. I., '78, was put in the chair with "Bob" on his left hand and the others distributed themselves around the table without reference to "age, sex or previous condition of servitude" (lest some of our brothers should imagine that Iota had been trying to introduce the fair sex into the Mystic Bonds, we hasten to state that the only member of the other sex present was our beloved "Mother" Rowland of '78.)

After the cloth had been removed, (which we mean to say, after the dishes which had encumbered the cloth had been emptied almost as thoroughly as if Mr. and Mrs. John Spratt (of Mother Goose memory) had been present,) the Magister Epularun, arose and with a few remarks introduced the guest of the evening, who, with his customary modesty, (those who know "Bob" will appreciate the force of the Italics) assured us that he wasn't worth half the fuss that was made over him, but that we might have one consoling thought, which was that these affairs never faded out of his memory, getting smaller and smaller as time and distance increased, but rather that they grew and flourished "like the Green Bay Tree" That by the time he reached Lancaster, the table would be five feet longer and there would be about fifteen more at the spread; when he got to Delaware the additions would amount to about 20 feet, and about 50 people; at Green Castle that would be doubled and there would be about 8 or 10 courses; and when Burlington was reached, the table would occupy the dining room of the biggest Hotel in the place, the Mayor of the city would preside and we would sit at the table from 10 until 4 A. M. eating steadily. All of which was very pleasant to hear.

Then came a period of anecdote, in which several members distinguished themselves, occasionally interrupted by a toast, that to Pa. Iota being answered by Bro. Marshall, who seemed to feel deeply (as we all did) the absence of his familiar, "Bosko," the biggest, dog in Phila. (34 inches high, 6 feet 9 inches from tip to tip and weighing 170 lbs.) and nephew or something to Bismark's big dog, who bit Count Andrassy a short time ago. Bro. E. L. Evans, ably assisted in the matter of jesture by Bro. Dave Myers of Pa. Zeta, responded to the toast to that Chapter, and Bro. E. O. Shakespear. Pa. Zeta, made a few remarks eulogistic of the Medical profession. Then came some songs by individuals, Bro. Halverstadt, Pa. Iota, doing full justice to the Christening of a very fine pair of

Irish Twins, and Bro. Myers giving us "Handy Andy," then Bro. Elwell gave us one or two fraternity songs, in the choruses of which all joined most heartily, and the members of the University Glee Club, of which there are 7 in our Chapter, with some others rendered 2 or 3 college songs.—

But by this time it was nearly 1 o'clock, and all those who had recitations for the next day, together with some others took a sad farewell, hoping for a renewal of the festivities at no very far distant time.

And so ended one of the most successful "Grinds," which have ever been initiated by Iota, our only regret being that more of our brothers were not with us. However will give due notice of the next one and hope for better luck in that direction

S. L. D.

SPRING VALLEY, O., Nov. 15th, 1879.

ED. SHIELD,

DEAR BROS:—Was delightful at last to receive No. 1. of the SHIELD. You already know my sentiments in regard to the publication of a frat. organ, and I need only add that I shall do all that I can individually to insure its success. Since the columns of the paper are to be devoted *strictly* to fraternity matters, I should like to invite discussion concerning a few topics of fraternity polity which had occurred to me as preeminently important and concerning which I have some very definite opinions, whether just or not I shall not arrogate to myself the right to say.

Is it good policy, to say nothing of the morality, to deny the apparent excellence of other fraternities and see the excellences of none but our own?

Is it absolutely necessary to have twenty or more members in a chapter where there is strong opposition; in order to wield weighty influence in the literary societies?

.Can a fraternity do good work, when chapters numbering sixteen men own but *one* pin between them and that one of the cheapest? We have at least one such chapter.

Ought the fraternity organ to have any circulation outside of Phi Psi circles? that is ought it to have an exchange list? No other fraternity paper of good standing does, of which I have any knowledge. Even the Phi Gamma Delta refused to exchange with the Crescent. The general fraternity news can be picked up in other ways than by sacrificing the necessary exclusiveism of a paper of the character of a fraternity organ, to the demand for news.

Can we not have a live, wide awake journal without throwing dirt at our contemporaries? Say what we may about the fraternity, the Beta Theta Pi is a live energetic sheet, well edited and equally well supported, some corners of that fraternity are filled with men who have brains and of excellent quality too.

It did me a great deal of good to see that communication from D. C. Alpha, for not having heard from there for some time, misgivings regarding the G. A. C. harrassed me. Communications like that have the ring to them that kindle enthusiasm of the right sort.

Through you let me thank the writer of the memoir ot Bro. | ternities will confer a favor upon Eds. b. Houston. Would that there were ten thousand Henry Howard | them any errors or points of interest &c.

Houstons in our ranks. Thank God! none of us need despair while such manhood as his exists to guide and inspirit us. Bro. Lobingier's clever poem is well worth reading. I hope that the readers of the Shield will get well acquainted with him. Count on me for moral, mental and pecuniary support, for although those who know me might deny me even a competency in the two former, the latter is king, and I have some to spare in our cause, yours fraternally,

C. L. V. C.

November 28th, 1879.

DEAR Bros:-Several ideas have occurred to me which I concluded to bring before the fraternity, providing space could be given. First, what do we understand by the term honorary members? Are persons who pass through the same initiation as the college undergraduate to be considered honorary members? If for instance Rob't J. Burdette has been duly initiated into Phi Kappa Psi according to usual custom, is he, simply because he never attended college, to be received as an honorary member of our fraternity? If not, and if he is a regular Phi Psi (as he is at heart) why do those in authority not see that he is published as such. Certain papers and Baird's History of College Fraternities made him honorary. And by the way. I think we should never elect men to membership in our own fraternity who are not willing to go this the regular initiatory exercises. If they are not willing to become Phi Psis in word and deed let us not take them. Give our boys a few more years and we can show as fine and honored a list of alumni as any Greek Letter Society. We were only born in 1852, remember. Our oldest boys are just about in their prime of life. They are doing nobly. Their honored frat. is most certainly proud of them.

Secondly.—It is not possible for us to reorganize in the South. Knocking about the world I've stumbled over quite a number of Phi Psis from extinct southern chapters; they are desirous of having the old Shield again among them and wonder why steps to that end have not been taken. Let any southern brother who reads this notify The Shield of an opportunity to step into a good southern institution, and I can assure him he'll find hosts of ready assistants prepared to regain lost ground.

Thirdly.—Could we not organize more Alumni chapters? We certainly are not willing to give up old Phi Psi upon graduation—we all want to cling to her forever, and to promote the cause we certainly could not do better than begin and organize graduate chapters. Wherever two or more old Phi Kappa Psis are, there let a chapter be; let it do all within reason to promote our fraternity's interests.

Such, brothers, are few cruel thoughts hastily expressed, but I hope some one will be encouraged to give his views upon the same points, give the subject a good "airing."

Yours in Phi Kappa Psi

FRATER

All brothers who have seen Baird's History of College Fratèrnities will confer a favor upon Eds. by communicating to them any errors or points of interest &c.

## EDITORIAL.

Some of our brothers have written to the editors in regard to the revival of our defunct southern chapters; they are desirous of re-organizing the same. Frater has done as we would advise them to do, viz-communicate your views to the fraternity at large through the columns of THE SHIELD. For that we have endeavored to establish this journal. Its columns, we hope, will be filled with frat. news; and letters from all who have anything to present to the widely separated brothers. We heartily endorse any steps taken to extend the noble cause. We were once well known in the South and should by all means strive to re-organize in that section.

A word in regard to communications. Let them be sent us before the 15th of each month. Some may perhaps wonder why their letters have not appeared in this number, we can only reply that we began printing about the middle of Nov. and of course gave the earliest rec'd communications the preference. Our western brothers would delight us immensely. if they'd send us letters of news of any sort. We can assure them that THE SHIELD doesn't favor localism, and our eastern chapters, too, are exceedingly anxious to hear from the west. Let the example of Ills. Alpha and our Ohio brothers be followed by an abundance of frat. news from the west.

Those who have inquired about Baird's History of Am. Coll. Fraternities will find a review of the same in the next number of Shield. The brother appointed to this duty has not owing to urgent Univ. labors, been able to attend to this in time for this issue. The book ought to be in the hands of every Greek Letter Society man.

Please send all money in shape of postal order to Prof. Otis H. Kendall, West Phil'a. 3826 Locust St.

The copies for various chapters will always be sent to secretaries of the same.

## Coppspanding.

#### PENN'A. THETA.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, EASTON, PA. Nov. 19th 1879.

DEAR Bros:—I have thought that you would be glad of a short communication from the G. C. for "The Shield;" So here it is. The G. C. held its stated Fall meeting Nov. 15th, and transacted much important business; an outline of which is appended. A petition was received from Simpson Centenary College, Indianola, Iowa, for a charter, and was favorably recommended to the chapters.

The G. C. wishes "THE SHIELD" success, and, in its circular letter to the chapters, heartily recommends it to the "pen and

A. C. and our present jewelers have been notified of the fact, of the sub-chapters, but it is to be presumed that the dignity

and, we suppose, will be ready with their lowest prices. Hard times call for reduction in everything, and we hope that the badges will soon be presented at "bottom prices."

The officers for the next year were elected, and will assume the duties of their positions as soon as the next college term

The reports for the Grand Catalogue are coming in rapidly, and we hope to put the matter into the printer's hands at the opening of the year.

Lack of time must be the excuse for the brevity of this letter.

The G. C. will give, from time to time, what information and help it may to "THE SHIELD." Yours in Phi Psi.

J. G. R. Jr.

#### OHIO GAMMA.

UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, Nov. 25th, 1879.

DEAR BROS:-The first copy of the SHIELD gladdened our hearts at our last regular meeting. We consider it first class in every particular, and you may rely upon Ohio Gamma to contribute towards its support.

Literally and figuratively speaking Phi Psiism is "booming" in our chapter, more so, probably, than ever before. The brothers have long felt the need of more intimate and social intercourse, and to this end have rented a large and beautiful room.

No expense has been spared to make our room elegant and attractive, all, in fact, that a fraternity hall should be. Formerly we met in a room common to all the fraternities here, but Phi Psi aspiring to higher and nobler aims, resolved to possess a room for its individual self.

Among a few of the attractions in our room may be mentioned a fine piano and billiard table.

All the musical talent of the University is among the Phi Psis, one of the brothers (Ed. S. Raff, Canton O,) having just composed a waltz and dedicated it to the fraternity.

This reminds me that on Nov. 18th, we opened our room with a reception such as we alone are capable of giving. The ladies were there of course, for without them we can do nothing. They expressed themselves as complimented by such an invitation, while we felt that it was honor to us.

We are confident of the first and second honors this year: also of the Junior contest.

We number sixteen this year, could have all we want and more too, but we feel our superiority and intend to maintain the same by limiting our number to few but select.

In closing this our first leter to the Shield, Ohio Gamma would send greeting to all, with her best wishes for its success.

Yours in the bond

D. C. LIST.

#### PENN'A. THETA.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, EASTON, PA. Nov. 19th, 1879.

DEAR Bros: -As the Grand Chapter, it is especially incum-The question of badges was talked of at some length. J. F. | bent upon us to be represented each month in The Shield-Newman of New York will send samples and terms to the G. not that our communications are more interesting than those we are supposed to bear, renders us open to criticism if we neglect our duty. Were this not so, it is a question of doubt whether, upon such a hasty notice as we received this noon, our brains would become sufficiently prolific to add anything of interest to the month's record of Phi Kappa Psi's doings. However, it is as a sub-chapter we would speak.

Our time since you heard from us last has not been idly employed, for we have added four new members to the long list of Phi Psis. In numbers we do not claim to have done so well as we might have done, but we can only echo the well chosen motto of the Pa Eta, "quality not quantity." This number, however, in a measure, helps us to forget the loss sustained by the graduation of our members of '79, though not the men themselves. Of these, we hear that Boyer is engaged in the tobacco business with his father in Pottsville; Eyster, studying law in Chambersburg; MacKall, ditto, at Elkton, Md., Rowland in the Lumber business at Port Deposit, Md.; Simpson, enjoying a well paid and honorable position as Prof. of Ancient Languages in a Seminary at Peeks-Kill N. Y.; Steans studying at Princeton Theological Seminary; lastly, Steel, farming in Maryland.

The only two "honors" in '79 were taken by Simpson and Steans; three of the remaining four obtained speech grades; Brother Rowland left College at the end of the first term, Junior year. Is this not a grand result for Phi Psi? Our '80 boys bid fair to carry away the palm next June.

So progresses the interest of the Theta; she at least is not backward in showing the world how possible it is for the fraternity men to stand high in both intellect and morals. Socially we believe we are not at fault. If any of the brothers should honor us with a visit, we would be pleased to take them on Saturday night to a comfortable hall and present them to sixteen loyal Phi Psis; and we guarantee they would not have come to look in vain either for joviality or enjoyment.

But we trust we have not taken too much space in personal remarks.

It is natural for us to take pride in our alumni, and yet in doing so, it is not our intention to detract from present interests. We look for grand things from the Shield: may it prosper and eventually become another link to the chain that shall bind in close and enduring brotherhood the members of good old Phi Kappa Psi!

W. W. W.

#### IOTA.

IOTA HALLS, Nov. 17th.

To The Shield, and to all brothers:—Iota, once more, sends greeting! This privilege of communication with the various chapters, through the medium of a common organ, is one which she is not the last to appreciate, and her debt to the founders of our paper is indeed great. May she fully realize their devotion, and lend a helping hand to the good cause! To say that The Shield has met with the approval of all would be a cold and heartless way of stating the case. Rather let us say that it delighted every loyal Phi Psi, and that our Fraternity paper meets a want long felt in all our hearts. But, to our letter. Since our last, our good friend

and brother, Burdette has made his appearance again on the Academy stage, and again, the balcony proscenium boxes were filled by Iota men, for the express purpose of applauding all jokes and puns, whether bad or good, and of lending him the needful inspiration of their presence. His lecture.well, suffice it to say that it went home to every heart. After the lecture, we seized upon Bro. "R. J. Bob," and tearing him away from the vulgus ignoble, bore him triumphantly to the chapter rooms, and remaining there until the cibi lectissimi mensae, \* (this is for our classical brethren, only: for those who grovel in science, we append the Anthon translation at the bottom of this page) were fully prepared, and at ten o'clock, we adjourned to The Brunswick, and spent two hours-and-a-half in listening to the brilliant scintillations of wit from the guest of the evening, who was ably flanked by Bros. Myers, and Elwell. The evening slipped away smoothly, and soon nothing remained but empty dishes; bottles, whose glory had departed; an atmosphere redolent of tobacco smoke. and pleasant memories of the occasion. Come soon again!

A considerable portion of our last letter was devoted to our brothers of '78. The last Senior class now claims our attention. We had eight members from '79. Of these, Bro. Brown is now ardently engrossed in the intricacies of the Law. He can tell you of all the criminal cases (especially those of a certain kind) that ever have been, are, or even will be, brought into court. His arguments with Billy Elwell are as entertaining as ever; the chief beauty of the discussion being that neither one is ever able to convince the other. Carter is at Norristown, and we predict a successful future for him, for his labors, while at college, are surely not to be without fruit. And Charlie Colket? Where would Iota be if it were not for this warm-hearted brother; We do not propose to enlarge upon his active work, and his good-fellowship, here, for both are well-known to all. He is now engaged on that indefinite something, called by the vulgar, a "tour around theworld," and is at present probably, with "Imy" in Japan. How about starting a chapter there, fellow Phi Psis? How would "Japan Alpha," "China Iota" sound? Freeland is, as we stated in our last, Instructor in Mechanics, at the University. Montgomery is at Princeton, where he has an abundance of Phi Psi fellowship, for besides our own Iota men there, there are several graduate members at the Seminary; and this must make it exceedingly pleasant for him. "Monty" always took the warmest possible interest in his fraternity, and was ever an honored member of the same. Bro. Smith is out in Colorado, and Allen Stockton has devoted all his spare time since graduation to bicycles. He rides bicycles, he buys bicycles, he sells bicycles, he talks bicycles. In addition to these, Davis and Mifflin, also, left us, last year, both graduating with distinction, from the Medical Department, This concludes the list; and Iota says, "We are proud of them." 82 will take their place as the next "Phi Psi class," for although '80, and '81 have contributed some few to her rolls, still, of all the classes, '82 is, at present, most largely represented, and several gentlemen of that class are now under consideration, who, if they join us, will swell the already

<sup>\*</sup> Grind.

large list. '83 bids well, also, and if we can judge from those already in the fold, will not be backward in regard to this matter.

The all absorbing topic of conversation now is,—the symposium. Our last year's feast is still fresh in the minds of all, and its brilliancy fortells the success of this. The date has been fixed, Dec 19th; and the place, *The Broadway*. By the time of the next issue of THE SHIELD, it will have become a thing of the past. And yet these *past* events are never wholly past; for the memory loves to wander back, and to recall those scenes which Love, Friendship and Fraternal kinship have marked for their own.

#### FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

LANCASTER, PA., Nov. 17th, 1879.

Dear Brother Editors:—The first number of the Shield, which we have all so long and anxiously awaited, has reached us and has, we believe, given universal satisfaction among the boys. We all enjoy the society of the brothers connected with our individual chapters, and to feel that we can at stated times hear of the good and welfare of our brothers who are separated by space, but nevertheless, bound to us by the same cords of fraternal affection, is a satisfaction which has long been wanting in our beloved order. As in the family we await with eager expectancy the regular letters from the absent ones, so we can now await the monthly communications from our brothers of the North, East, South and West, and thus establish an acquaintance with all connected with the Mystic three.

In our first communication we stated that we had initiated no one this year; but we did not mention that we had our skirmishing force at work upon a poor innocent Freshie and that he could not hold out much longer. Such, however, was really the case. And, we shortly afterward captured him, and Edward Everett Porterfield is his name, or, Ev. for short, but the boys in their affectionate manner "hardly Ev.—" call him anything but Portie.

Portie, like all wise men, said he could not consistently join any Frat. except Phi Kappa Psi; and then acting in accordance with the promptings of his own good sense he allowed himself to be "took in."

The Eta boys feeling themselves some-what cramped for room in their old hall on Duke street, wisely rented the forth floor room of the newly-finished building of H. Z. Rhodes & Bro. Jewelers, on West King street, near Centre Square, which by the way, is the finest business house in the city. We took possession of our new hall on Nov. 1st, where any Phi Psi who may chance to come our way will find a warm welcome from the boys and see a handsome and comfortably furnished room.

The jolly and royal Phi Psi, Robt. J. Burdette,—Burlington Hawkeye Man, lectured in Fulton Opera House on Nov. 11th; on "The Pilgrimage of the Funny Man." He was entertained during his stay in the city by our brother, Maj. Ad. Reinoehl, one of the founders of our chapter. After the lecture the Eta boys escorted Bob to the parlors of Copland's restaurant and treated him to oysters and his favorite "irrigation," while he in return, not content with causing our sides to ache with

his witty lecture, tested our coat buttons still further by putting forth a continuous stream of wit, funny stories and personal experiences. Bob promises to meet all the boys at Washington in Feb. "or burst a trace." Bro. Joe Bowman who has been absent from the city and on the sick list for several months has again returned, Joe used to vanquish the rivals of the Phi Psi, but the fever vanquished him for a time.

We hope the next number of the Shield may contain more communications from our Western chapters. The Eta boys are anxious to learn the condition of every chapter in the fraternity, judging from the zeal with which they devoured the contents of the first number.

H. C. E.

#### INITIATES.

(SINCE SEPT.)

#### PENN'A EPSILON.

Preps. { John W. Wingard, Kelly Station, Pa. Herman F. Kroh, Baltimore, Md.

Allen Brown '83, Gettysburg, Pa.; Will Brown '83, Gettysburg, Pa.; Will Duncan '83, Gettysburg, Pa.; Geo. B. Mc. Metzgar '83, Williamsport, Pa.; Allen J. Smith, '83, York, Pa.

#### PENN'A IOTA.

Milo D. Baldy '83 Honesdale, Pa.; Jos. Stubb Jr., '83, Phila., Pa.; Wm. H. Garrison '83, Camden, N. J.; Henry Todd '82 Pittsburg; S. Decatur Smith Jr. '82, Phila. Pa.; D. King Gotwald '82, York, Pa.

#### PENN'A THETA.

Philip Zieber '81, Reading, Pa.; W. L. McMillen '83, East Greenville, Ohio; Rufus W. Miller '83, Easton, Pa.: Wm. J. Shaw '83, Clearfield, Pa.

PENN'A ETA.

E. E. Porterfield '83, Va.

#### PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

During the month of October, Virginia Delta initiated the following gentlemen as Brothers in the Order: B. O. Alyesworth, of Eureka College Ill. Chas. Teter, of Oberlin College, Ohio. And W. H. Grove, of Columbia College Ky. All these gentlemen attend Bethany College this year.

Rev. E. T. Williams, '75 Va. Delta is now pastor of the Christian church in Brooklyn, N. Y. Bro. Williams has been spending the past summer in Europe recruiting his health.

REV. Henry S. Lobengier, '72 Va. Delta, who has been erroneously classed among the sons of Va. Beta in the last number of "The Shield," delivered an address before the Neotiophian Literary Society of Bethany Coll. on the occasion of its fortieth Anniversary. It was considered by those who heard it one of the finest efforts.

B. C. Hagerman. Va Delta, '76, is now Adj. Prof. of Ancient Languages in Bethany College.

REV G. L. Wharton, Va. Delta, is now pastor of the Christian church in Buffalo N. Y.

Geo. E. Walk, Va. Delta '77, was married in Kansas City on the 12th of Nov. He has the best wishes of Va. Delta for a long life of joy and prosperity.

Chas. D. Painter, '79 Va. Delta is studying medicine at his home in Ravenna Ohio. Bro. Painter, while at College was a true and loyal Phi Psi, and was regarded as a gentleman of rare talent and genius. We wish him the richest success in his profession.

O. A. Lyon, '79 Va. Delta, is now studying medicine in Cleveland, Ohio.

R. W. Stevenson '79, Va. Delta, is now very successfully preaching in his native town in P. E. I.

THE Delta Tau Delta after a lapse of four years has again broken out at Ohio Wesleyan University, although compelled to recruit from the ranks of preparatory students what she lacks in quality, she makes up in quantity and enthusiasm. The Phi Delta Theta has also reappeared at the same institution after an interval of two years. According to Ohio ideas that makes too many fraternities to the square inch. There are now in attendance at the University a little more than 500 students, fully four hundred of whom are male, and of that number probably one hundred are worth the while of first class fraternities. The fraternities represented are in order of power Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta, Chi Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Delta Tau Delta. Out of the whole number in attendance there are perhaps seventy-five fraternity men, and the quality of material to work on is fully up to that of the average college of the size. Ohio may be tinged with exclusiveism, but Phi Psi profits by it, for perhaps the fraternity has no three chapters of equal excellence in colleges drawing from the same resources; each of the three chapters being about fifty miles from one of the others. The Beta Theta Pi has but four men at present, but she has the prestige of ten years of prosperity to support her and is of more moment than some of her stronger rivals.

The Ohio Alpha on the eve of Nov. 1st, banquetted R. J. Burdette in handsome style and in their newly refitted and frescoed hall, they were assisted by "Hawkeye" in initiating two men, one of whom is also of the journalistic ranks, W. E. Wright, local editor of the Crawford Co. Forum, a large and influential weekly of Northern Ohio. Several visitors from the neighboring chapters participated in the jollification. "Bob" is the prime of good fellows.

W. A. Robinson '68 O. W. U. is pastor of the Central M. E. church Springfield O.

S. A. Keen '68 O. W. U. is preaching in Columbus, Ohio at law in Phila. Pa. third Avenue M. E. Church.

W. D. Cherrington '71 O. W. U. is stationed at the M. E. Church Washington C. H. O. His brother Charlie '75 is studying law at the same place.

J. C. Jackson '74, O. W. U. is pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Deleware.

PHI UPSILON has seventeen sub chapters, retired members about 3,814; active members 388, making 4,202 in all. The same fraternity has the following Alumni Associations: Washington, Philadelphia, Chicago, Portland, Me., Ithaca, N. Y. The fraternity organ is called the "Diamond." In a late number of the same the suggestion of wearing a Psi U cap—naval cap of garnet silk with broad gold band—was made. The idea is copied from the German corps students.

BETA THETA PI talks of having its constitution printed. The monthly publication of this fraternity is known as the "Beta Theta Pi" and is issued at Springfield, O.

The following is clipped from Cincinnati Enquirer:

Beta Theta Pi Convention, which has been in session in this city since Tuesday, closed last night with a banquet at the Grand Hotel. The Society has been organized under the laws of the state and established its headquarters in this city. The Ritual was adopted. Following is the Board of Directors: Hon. J. M. Herron, Pres.; Dr. T. A. Reamy, W. F. Body, Rev. Dr. Morris, R. R. Young J. I. Covington, W. C. Ransom, O. R. Brouse. The banquet was an elegant affair. About 250 Betas and their friends were present. It was given by the Epsilon Alumni chapter to the Beta Theta Pi.

THE chapter of Delta Psi at Columbia College, New York City, has finished its chapter house, which is said to be a very neat frat. structure.

PHI GAMMA DELTA has thirty chapters, the last having been founded at Marietta, O. The monthly journal is a twelve page, double columned publication, printed at Delaware, O.

C. H. Brown, M. D., Pa. Eta is resident physician in the Insane Depot of Blockley Hospital, Phila., Pa.

Снаs. Baum, M. D., '74, Pa. Epsilon is at Pennsylvania Hospital, Phila., Pa.

HARRY W, Harter '74, Pa. E was recently elected District Attorney of Stark Co., O.

CHAS. Kerlinger '75, Pa. E is in the ministry.

REMIGIUS Rentz '76, Pa. E is at present attending the Theol. Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa.

Joshua Miner '78, Pa. Theta, is a second year man in Med. Depot of U of P.

M. D. Gaver '78, Pa. E is attending the Theol. Sem. at Gettysburg, Pa.

Bro. Horace Lind, Pa. Zeta, died recently in Phila. Can any brother give us a biography of Horace?

Bros. Vogel, Myers, Joe Gross, Pa. Zeta, are all practising law in Phila. Pa.

Rudolph Shick, Pa. E, has a lucrative law practice. May be found  $129\frac{1}{2}$  South 4th street.

REV. John Y. Dobbins, Pa. Zeta has taken a charge in Covington, Ky.

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#### ANNIVERSARY POEM.

Written for and delivered at the symposium of the Eta chapter of the fraternity,—Lancaster, Pa., June 19th, 1879.

BY G. WILLIAMSON JOHNSON.
BY REQUEST.

Love, condescending from ethereal climes, Penned with his wing these unassuming rhymes Bade me the numbers here to dedicate To all who worship Phi Psi unadulterate, Together with their charming wives and loves, Whom, tho' not here, the God as much approves. Thinking I could not be with you to-night, His wing, involuntarily in flight, Assumed the epistolary form of speech, Heedless of egotism, allowing each To take to heart what pleased him, and reject All such as did not merit his respect. Although in person I before you stand, The verses as originally planned, Shall humbly be rehearsed at your command. In thought the inclinations of my soul I follow, and through flowery fields I stroll With choicest sweetness fragrant. I behold The glory of you orb of lustrous gold Diffusing smiles on good and bad the same, The scented grove, the prattling brook, and mill, The shepherds song from yonder sunny hill, The busy hive with brimming nectar laden, The lowing herds, beneath the cooling shade, on You velvet mat of green; the mystic speech Of angel voices in the leafy beach: All join in care-oblivious songs of praise To Him who is the Author of our days!

Meet is it then for us once more to crown
The festal board with mirth and song, and drown
The unhappy thoughts our miseries entail
Upon our manhood is this "tearful vale";
To spend a pleasant hour in social joys
And plant the seeds not even death destroys;
To sing those songs which memory holds so dear,
And orown the moderate god that lends the cheer!
To listen to the tales of conquests won
By daring ones since first their course begun
Down life's tempestuous sea, which all must sail
Ere age hath robbed our healthy prime and hale;
To drink the wholesome sweets of love fraternal,
And hope for all the bliss of life eternal.

Withdrawn from worldly cares, that harass life, And make our upward course a toilsome strife, Let us our minds of selfishness divest, And turn our thoughts to themes of interest To all Phi Psi's. A confraternity Of noblemen, with faces fair to see,

And hearts as large as human breasts can claim. A potent factor, though obscure to fame, Let us not falter, but act well our part, Exalt the mind and cultivate the heart. E'en though the uncouth scoff and mock with laughter Richer the harvest in the great Hereafter! May ne'er the flame Phi Psi this night renews It's warmth and radiance thro' distance lose; May she your course with flowers of glory line, Unfading wreaths of love each heart entwine; May her past standard be her future gauge, Her true intendments be your lasting heritage. May she your hearts with holiness enthuse, Your souls with Wisdom's lofty zeal infuse Wisdom at once vain men humiliates And to a plane of honor elevates: Her lamp refulgent, on Phi Kappa's shield Emblazoned, warns us ne'er to folly yield. Thrice happy ye who in her walks delight! Her guidance ever points your course aright, Thrice wretched they who, born to base pursuits, Riches prefer to wisdoms gracious fruits! Who dissipate in company with fools, Gods is conceit, in fact innuman Ghouls! Wisdom is wealth, a boon of priceless worth, Folly a demon of inglorious birth; Wisdom is life, an ointment to the soul, Folly is death, o'er which hell holds control. Choose ye, Phi Psi's, serve her ye love the best, To travail one, the other leads to rest. May this reunion heart to heart unite, And be to all a source of pure delight; Let not its memory in after years Provoke your hearts to penitence and tears. This to insure, let each resolve to spurn Too free indulgence of the Bacchic urn. Let not excess nor foul debauchery On this event your ruling passion be; But let your merriment, without alloy, Be tempered with the sweets that never cloy-May moderation be your aim in life, And each be fondled by a virtuous wife; May pleasures chaste your nuptial bed adorn, And manhood be of bestial passion shorn-May happy families your board surround, And plenteous peace within your walls abound, May heaven's choicest gifts on each descend. The vice's vengeful frown may heaven forefend, Let Charity thro' life your actions sway, Whilst joy and peace keep gleesome holiday; Ne'er may the blasting curse of malice find, A welcome seat within your conscious mind, Be love that binds your hearts to home the spell, And around your hearts may sweet contentment dwell, May bounteous Nature her soft perfumes shed Along the pathway which you all must tread; May her sweet songsters cheer your saddened hours, And life's rough course be strewn with unctuous flowers, May Virtue's splendors be your constant guest, And bliss supernal be your lasting rest? Though culture, breeding, pride, make us forget And scorn the vulgar cries that greet us, yet Let us not deem ourselves so highly raised. As to be by deserved greatness dazed; This done, we prostitute Phi Kappa's aim, Suffer a loss which wealth can ne'er reclaim. The proper cultivation of the Phi Begets in man a deep humility; Discovers to his view his littleness, Excites more love for man, for ego, less: Ne'er lets his feet from paths of duty stray,

Disguising life, makes it a gala day; Works in his breast a grief for others woes, Whilst at their joy his heart with fervor glows. What boon oft times a pauper's grovelling form Wrecked on the shoals of life by envy's storm! What will not Envy do? Her evil eye Scans with a chuckle o'er adversity; Indulges base aspersions when she sees Our manhood lead us on e'er beds of ease, Rejoicing in our poverty, she spies With grace our sunken cheeks and hollow eyes, To-day she meets you with her blandest smile, To-morrow agonizes to defile A blameless character, a spotless name, Prays loud and oft without a sense of shame. The clatter of her gadding feet resounds Thro, every street within the village bounds, Her foul mouthed compeers, ready to receive The scandal monger, hear and fain believe The horrid tidings, coming as they do From one so pure of heart, of faith so true! Darkvisaged fiend unused to solitude, Seeks Hate and Jealousy, a hell born brood. In concert these combine but strive in vain To bring reproach upon fair Virtue's train-Works for herself on earth a cankered heart, Wherein Hell deeper thrusts the venomed dart, And hurls her howling to his deep abyss A glorious boon for all she did amiss! A slight digression, but a glaring truth, Which I observed oft in my fitful youth, And which e'en now, in life's maturer years, Invades my happiness with boding fears. A bastard sentiment has current grown, (But entertained by ignorance alone,) That cultured manhood indolence implies, Wherefore its presence all antagonize. Go where you will, seek whatsoever shore, Merit the vulgar populace ignore. A brainless jade to frothy speech inclined Is more admired than one of modest mind, Work may succeed: An arduous task it is To stem the tide of local prejudice. An awkard youth fresh from the village school, With scarce sufficient wit to be a fool, Finds greater favor in the vulgar eye, Than cultured worth of firm solidity. Elate with arrogance, his crest he rears, Bombastic eloquence into the ears Of his approving auditors he pours, Whilst poor stupidity, and vacancy adores! Such, varnished o'er at blushing truth's expense, Is daily every one's experience. If then the untutored powers of earth incline To Wisdom's hate, and with her foes combine To starve deserving merit, should not we, Who breathe a nobler air, more zealous be To guard with trembling fear the Kappa's needs! That when at last this carnal form recedes To its prime state, like a winged seed, the Psi Will upward mount to thrones beyond the sky, To crown the banquet of Eternity. Phi Kappa Psi, alas! how feebly seem My numbers to accord with such a theme! Phi Kappa Psi, behold an inhuman race, For lucre struggling, wherewith to replace Th' ennobling qualities the cultured mind Bestows with jealous care upon mankind. Again, the thoughts of men review, and see A blatant nation's infidelity; Unequal are her laws, but doubly sure; The wealthy wealthier grow, poorer the poor, The vows of friendship e'en are insincere, To-day your neighbors praise, to-morrow Humanity is banished from man's breast The rich are coveted, the poor opprest. Virtue's a crime, and acts of charity, Among the high, the rarest rarity. Our pious prayers idolatry men deem, Honor a sham, and love but Fancy's gleam.

All the result of too much liberty Of thought and action in our youth, when we By christian discipline should be restrained, Without which, think not heaven can be attained! Brothers, reflect, the sad truth ponder well; An impious creed is luring us to hell!

What certain remedy can be applied, This godless offspring to redeem from pride And selfishness, whence all our evils rise, Should be the one sole search of all Phi Psi's. A very little world we are, tis true, But great in power, though in number few: By exemplary lives a name we rear, For innocence and virtue to revere; By pious acts of charity appease The wrath of Justice and his mercy please. Yea, more; though greeted here with traitor kiss, In heaven an eternity of bliss Will crown the conqueror, and God's immortals Will welcome him within the golden portals.

## LETTERMAN AND MOORE.

BY WM. P. ELWELL, '78' Pa. I. Air: Son of a Gambolier.

Ι

You've oft been told my brother you'll certainly agree The reasons for the founding of our fraternity. But in my song I'll tell you, what you never knew before, Of the founding of the Phi Psi by Letterman and Moore.

CHORUS:-So listen, listen, listen, so listen unto me So listen, listen so listen unto\_me And in my song I'll tell you, what you never knew before
Of the founding of the Phi Psi by Letterman and Moore.

TT

Now these two worthy gentlemen whose names you've just been told Were editions of Damon and Pythias of old, With mutual admiration each other they'd adore And the Phi Psi was thus founded by Letterman and Moore. CHORUS :-

III

In college they were classmates and this rule will never fail That either both of them were head or both of them were tail, And when one once felt sleepy the other sure would snore They were each other's shadows were Letterman and Moore. CHORUS :-

T37

Now like showdy cronies they didn't wish it known The one was coaching t'other and t'other was coaching one, So they said the realms of mystery together we'll explore Which gave rise to our secrets by Letterman and Moore. CHORUS :-

Now what to call their union of friendship, heart and hand They hunted all the dictionaries published in the land, They unearthed all the old books to be found in every store— But not a worthy name was found by Letterman and Moore.

VI

At last when things grew desperate an idea swiftly ran
Through the thick but knowing head of Dr. Letterman,
Said he I'm a physician and now their rage is o'er
We'll be Pi Psians together: said Letterman and Moore.
Chaptis:—

At last they grew quite tired of their own company
And thought that they'd take other men in their fraternity
So to their secret compact they opened wide the door
And indirectly we got in through Letterman and Moore.
CHORUS:—

VIII

Their names became their watchwords and thus they both would cry Never Let-a-man escape the clutches of Phi Psi.

And Moore would speek out boldly the Phi Psi's must have more Men of rank and standing—said Letterman and Moore.

CHORUS:—

IX

Now I hope you keep in secret what I've told you here,
I may have been mistaken and so I am I fear,
But still your utmost secrecy I earnestly implore
And hope you'll never "give it away" to Letterman and Moore.

CHORUS —

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# Connespondence.

#### D. C. ALPHA

Nov. 27th, 1879.

To the Fraternity the D. C. Alpha, sends greeting:-The initiatory number of the SHIELD has been received and is universally pronounced a decided success by the members of the Alpha. To deal in useless platitudes as to the necessity of such a journal and the great good it can accomplish in the cause of the Fraternity would be superfluous. We will say, however, that the brothers who have undertaken the heavy responsibilities of publishing this journal, in spite of the previous failures of two like undertakings, deserve credit for their courage, and disinterested efforts for the weal of the Fraternity, and the Alpha intends to show its hearty appreciation by something more substantial than encomiums, in the shape of active support. Hence, she wishes to be the foremost in the sending of communications of anything of interest to the Fraternity that may happen amongst us or elsewhere; and although its endeavors to make the coming convention the most brilliant and memorable one in the annals of the Fraternity will somewhat draw upon our purses (or bank accounts, which, alas! are strongly in the minority) yet we hope that sufficient will be left at the bottom to enable us to do our duty also in the way of subscriptions.

The D. C. Alpha never was in a more flourishing condition than at present, both as regards interest and numbers. New names are rapidly adding to our roll. Two additions were made at our last meeting, and three more are expected at our next. Victorious we possess the field. The enemy whatever may have been his device and however valiantly he may have fought has fled in overwhelming confusion.

"With hideous ruin and combustion;" while we at our leisure select the fairest and choicest of the spoils.

The circumstances attending the existence of the Alpha render it a marvel that it stands in its present flattering condition. What those circumstances are and how they have militated against the continuance of our chapter will be made the subject of a subsequent letter. Suffice it to say at present that no miracle preserves and has preserved us-only persisted efforts, those of one especially merit particular mention and deserve the unbounded gratitude and unmeasured praise not only of his own chapter but of the whole Fraternity. I refer, and he will pardon me for thus using his name) to Robert J. Murray. It can be said without fear of dispute that to him and to him alone the D. C. Alpha owes its existence to-day and the Fraternity one of its most vigorous chapters. Let, then, his name be graven on the mind and heart of every true hearted Phi Psi. Like Sisyphus he has rolled away at his stone even when fate seemed to mock him; but unlike him he has finally planted it firmly on the top of the hill where it is to be hoped it will stay forever to serve as an everlasting monument to one of Phi Psi's most loyal devotees. But, more anon. Fraternally yours,

J. C. S. R.

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## INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

BLOOMINGTON. Nov. 25th, 1879.

DEAR BROS:—Ind. B. hails the "SHIELD" as the morning star of a brighter era. Not that our reign has not been supreme heretofore, but even this has grown monotonous and we pitch over goal still higher.

The "SHIELD" is certainly the bond which shall bind the brothers of the United States as intimately as does the "Mystic bond of Phi Psi" those of each individual chapter. We think it the duty of each chapter to write an article of some length for every number of the "SHIELD." Each chapter is capable of filling one or more of its columns with the history, fiction and glories of its past career that would be interesting to every "loyal Phi Psi."

Support the Shield and let it be the grand grip of the Fraternity at large and lead the four thousand veterans on to the goal of Phi Psi's "Great Expectations."

As for Ind. B., like Alexander, she is weeping because she has no more fraternities to conquer; and as a consequence she is hated by every other fraternity in college (except the ladies') Honors are becoming monotonous to us. Since our foundation here (1869) there have absolutely been no honors awarded without Phi Psi being a greedy partaker thereof Last commencement out of four honors two were given to Phi Psi; the year before out of two one was for Phi Psi. In the class of '76 the Scientific, Classic first and second, and Oratorical honors were all swept away by the Phi Psi storm. Out of the five oratorical contests three of them were taken by Phi Psi; of the remaining two, one was taken by a Phi Psi's sister and the other by a Phi Gam. Our prospects for honors this year are almost certain.

We have initiated nine men this year and now have twentyone badged members. This outstrips in quantity every other fraternity in college saying nothing about quality. The Phi Gam, though far in our rear, are the leaders of our petty rivals.

Prof. Houghton, of the Preparatory department and a resident member of this chapter, has lately published an Historical Chart which has gained quite a celebrity throughout the West and bids fair to win for him fame and fortune. Phi Psi has chapters at three of the best institutions in this state and all are the wonder, brains and objects of envy of their respective colleges.

With good wishes to the "SHIELD," Ind. B. extends the grip to Phi Kappa Psi.

J. L. P.

#### MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., Dec. 1st, 1879.

DEAR Bros:—Situated as we are at a distance from our sister chapters and deprived in a measure of personal intercourse with them, we can but hail with delight our new fraternity bond.

Just a few words in regard to ourselves. Our hearts never were lighter or our skies brighter than now. We have experienced some reverses and had many hard struggles but we have emerged from them all like gold tried by fire, purer and brighter than before. We have fifteen members, not a large chapter, but enough to secure to each one the full benefits of Phi Psi

fellowship. Besides, without the prestige of age, we feel more than ever the responsibility resting upon us of selecting only such men as shall build up the fraternity here, and make the wearing of the "Shield" synonomous with scholarship, integrity, and ability. And we have good reason to feel proud of our success thus far. Out of the nine fraternities represented here, we have the reputation among non-society men of being one of the two fraternities (the "voracious" Moss-backers excepted) free from the "bummer" element and making scholarship of prime importance.

At present we have secured but one man from '83, since '83 does not seem particularly prolific in good material. However, a few months of college life sometimes discover many a hidden jewel and for such we are ever on the lookout.

We have with us this year Bros. Lord and Hillis of Ind. Alpha, both earnest and active men, fresh from fraternity work at Ashbury.

A word as to the whereabouts of some of our graduate members. Bro. Wm. Yost, B. A. the founder of our chapter, is practicing his profession at Pittsburg, Pa.

Bro. Wm. A. Johnston, B. A. and J. E. Richards, B. A., both practicing law at San Jose, Cal.

Bro. "Mc" (J. W. McRinley B. S. '79) reading law at his home, Newcastle, Pa.

Bro. "Barney" Wilson Ph. C: '79, who refused the offer of a fine position in the Univ. labratory here, is in the drug business in Detroit.

Again with brilliant prospects for the future, Mich. Alpha sends greeting to her sister chapters.

In Phi Kappa Psi.

F. C. C.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec 8th, 1879.

DEAR EDITORS:

#### OHIO BETA.

OHIO BETA BOOMING!

Many of our brothers in the East and West, no doubt, have thought it strange that not any account of Ohio Beta, has as yet appeared in the columns of the Shield. We have not held back because we are dead, or because we have had nothing of general interest to report, but because our chapter has for sometime been engaged in preparing a "boom of booms—the Burdette boom." On the evening of Thursday, Dec. 4th, the Excelsior Literary society of our College brought Mr Burdette. the "Hawkeye Man," and a loyal Phi Psi, to Springfield to deliver his popular lecture on the "Rise and Fall of the Mustache." The leading spirts in this prosperous society are Phi Psis, and of course did their best in securing for our brother a large and intelligent audience. In this they succeeded admirably, as the opera house was crowded, realizing a handsome sum for the society. It was so managed by the committee of arrangements that Maj. White, superintendent of our Public Schools, introduced the speaker. Maj. White is a Phi Psi of "high water" mark. "But on with the dance."

As soon as our Phi Psi boys could take their ladies home,

for we all sat together and were with the finest ladies of the "Champion City," all hastened to the elegant parlors of the Lagouda House, and met the distinguished guest. There had already gathered many of our invited friends. Several professors of the college, representatives of the bar, the ministry, and a full representation from the city press, greeted the active Phi Psi's. In all we numbered thirty-eight.

The invitations issued for this occasion were fine as all those who received them can attest. We are presumptuous enough to think them PAR EXCELLENCE.

Bro. John Baltzly of '79, delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the chapter. The response of Bro. Burdette was witty and well chosen. Bro. Bob, at times spoke very feelingly, and if ever there was a man thankful for being a Phi Psi, Robert J. Burdette is one. Mr. C. M. Nichols, editor of the Daily Republic of this city, an old and influential journalist, spoke on behalf of the Press. The address was in excellent taste, and the gentleman, though not a Phi Psi, has a warm place in his heart for the fraternity. This concluding the literary programme, our president Bro. F. D. Altman, announced room your no esto out sarning si se 'Ariot notify indicated before our hungry eyes, the delicacies of the season. Col. Jones, the proprietor had spared no pains in preparing the best of suppers, and all were gratified beyond expectation.

Rev. W. A. Robinson, pastor of one of our large Methodist congregations, asked the blessing after which everyone "fell to," and satisfied the cravings of the inner man. Mirth and laughter were heard up and down the long hall, and everyone was happy. After eating to satiety, the chairman announced the first toast of the evening, "Hobbies," to which Prof. B. F. Prince, professor of Greek and its literature, of the College, responded. Hon. Wm. White, Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio, was to have responded to the toast, "Are Secret Societies, Secret?" but owing to his unexpected departure from the city, it was omitted.

"The Rise and Fall of the Mustache," was assigned Mr. O. T. Martin, Esq. of the Springfield bar.

The last toast of the evening was "Booms" and Mr. Gus C. Mathews, editor of the Daily Times responded.

Bro. Burdette was again called upon to respond to the toast, "The Man that Never Laughs." Our brother closed by telling his inimitable hog story, that all who have heard, will recall with laughter. The midnight hour was fast departing, when our guests bid us adieu. Our boys, however, remained and were long entertained by those stories, that Bro. Burdette tells so well. "Altogether the Phi Psi boys covered themselves with glory" the Daily Republic says. Phi Psi spirit is at flood tide here, and our broadsides have just been opened upon the enemy. Ohio Beta is the one, sole object of admiration and distinction by the students of Wittenburg College. We have the influence of students, alumni and last we think greatest the Press. We have three daily papers here, and all are at our disposal. You may expect a glorious report from the Beta at G. A. C. in February. The patriotic desire of Ohio Beta is that "long may the banner of Phi Kappa Psi wave to the breeze," and undauntless to glory we'll go.

A. D. H. '81.

#### PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

MEADVILLE, Nov. 27th, 1879.

DEAR BROS:-The Beta chapter has, for several years, recognized the necessity of a good paper in connection with our Fraternity, and therefore the advent of the SHIELD was the occasion of much satisfaction among its members. Let the whole Fraternity unite to make this the best Fraternity paper in the country.

The Beta chapter-inspiring theme has weathered the blasts of twenty-five years with a glory undimmed, and a name untarnished; and still she remains the oldest and best chapter at Allegheny. Away back in the year '55 it entered the wise heads of a few students that it would be advantageous to establish a chapter of some Fraternity here. So these wise heads met one night and began to ruminate deeply and question each other in regard to the different college Fraternities. Not until the clock was striking the midnight hour did they separate. One retired to his virtuous couch and dreamed. And lo! behold, a demon, fierce and warlike, was about to strike him to the heart, but just as the blow was descending a shield, studded with pearls, was interposed and the danger averted. It was the shield of Phi Psi. Lo the wise heads got together again, and decided that "Providence pinted in that direction," applied for a charter, and thus established the Beta chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. But the Faculty did not manifest as angelic a disposition as might have been wished. They imagined that Fraternities held close communion with the dévil. Visions of dark and hidden deeds haunted their sleep; the Greek alphabet seemed invested with terrible mysteries. The Phi Psi's were immediately proscribed, but no one could discover who they were. No badges were worn; the meetings were held in barns, cellars, or obscure houses. The boys were hunted both by Faculty and police; some were suspicioned and tracked for the purposes of surprising them while holding a meeting, and many a long tramp did some loyal Phi Psi lead his pursuers while his Brothers were enjoying themselves hugely in some well equipped —barn perhaps. So thanks to Providence and wit, they eluded all search; until gradually the stern attitude of the Faculty relented, and the Phi Psi's had a period of undisturbed repose. Then the Phi Gamma Deltas swooped down upon us, followed by the hosts of the Delta Tau Deltas, and lastly appeared the Phi Delta Thetas as yet too infantile to exhibit any remarkable traits. But in the midst of them all pre-eminent "waves the banner of Phi Psi."

The Beta at present is in a very flourishing condition. Our rooms are centrally located, and are fitted up with every convenience for fraternity usages. They are three in number, the main hall being 32 by 70 feet in size, beautifully frescoed and furnished. Our chapter numbers twenty-one members, and comprises some of the best and most prominent men in college. We can only mention a few of our "characters" leaving the rest for a future letter. There with his feet gracefully reclining on the top of the stove sits "The Oracle," who, with his eye fixed on the horizon like Capt. Bunsby, forecasts and reflects, and under the delphic fumes of his eigar distributes wisdom indiscriminately. Opposite with his hands thrust in his 

pockets, and his chin resting on his bosom cogitates our metaphysical theologian, but he is aroused from his meditations by the Websterian Benjamin who is expounding on the fundamental and eternal principles which underlie and constitute the basis of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity," etc. The emaciated (?) form of our "Poet" appears on the scene; he modestly announces a new fraternity song, the "mystic circle" is immediately formed and we make the old hall ring with music. And I tell you Brother, there's nothing that will so stir up a man's enthusiasm for his Fraternity as a good hearty Fraternity song.

But this letter is already lengthy. From the various communications published in the THE SHIELD it is evident that Phi Psi-ism is alive and active everywhere. Let us determine that wherever Phi Kappa Psi is represented she may prove the champion of truth and right; thus will she subserve her true interest and win a merited reward.

#### ETA.

The following brief sketch of the founding, and subsequent progress of the Pa. Eta, during her infancy was prepared for the "Phi Kappa Psi Monthly" by one of its charter members, thinking it might be of interest to our Phi Psi brethren, especially to the sons of Eta, we give it for publication in the SHIELD.

The incipiency of the Chapter dates back to Nov. 20th 1858. On that day, H. H. W. Hibshman of the Sophomore class, first proposed to his chum and classmate, A. C. Reinoehl to start a new secret society.

The two joined hands and organized the Phi Beta Tau Fraternity. It proved a success and flourished as a local college secret society. In the summer of 1859, Mr. Hibshman, while on a vacation tour, met at Chambersburg, Pa. Robt. A. Clark, a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, who proposed to establish a chapter of his Fraternity at Franklin and Marshall College. Mr. Hibshman promised to take the matter into consideration, and to consult with his bosom friend-Mr. Reinoehl. The proposition was made to Mr R. who saw that it was a good step and heartily favored it. It was therefore resolved to abandon immediately the Phi Beta Tau and be constituted a Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi.

On the second day of April, 1860, Robt. A. Clark arrived at Lancaster, as ambassador from the Grand Chapter, (then located at Jefferson College, Washington, Pa), and organized the Pennsylvania Eta by initiating H. H. W. Hibshman, A. C. Reinoehl, W. C. Cremer, Irenaeus Shalter, Jacob O. Knipe, and D. L. Swartz. Great was the excitement in college circles when the Phi Kappa Psi Shield appeared in place of the Phi Beta Tau Badge.

From its organization onward the Chapter has been successfully kept up although during the war it was reduced to one member, Bro. S. S. Appel being the lone star of the active college membership.

The first anniversary of the Chapter, in 1861, was celebrated with much eclat; The founder of the fraternity—Dr. Letterman—as an honored guest, and three hale and good members of the Pa. Zeta being present. It was an occasion that is re-

membered with pride by the "old boys" and to which they often refer with hilarity when they happen to meet around the hearthstone of the Eta.

So much for the founding of our little chapter; but her history does not end here. No, she has a record of which she is justly proud. In the ups and downs of fraternity life at F. and M. College she has ever held a moderate and honorable course and has thus commanded the respect, if not the just deference she merits. She has not done this, however, without molestation. During a period of four or five years the aged and reverend President of the college, actuated by blind bigotry, waged a war of extermination against college fraternities. His proclamations of ostracism, sounding like the thundering edicts, of the Vatican, spread consternation throughout Fraternity's ranks, but in the end proved but slightly more effectual. True, two men who had worn the golden Shield, and had been infused with Phi Psi love and enthusiasm, unwilling to sever the sacred bond on account of narrow-minded prejudice and fanatic zeal, were expelled from college. But this unjust action tended only to increase the zeal of the boys in that cause which bigotry sought to suppress. The golden Shield disappeared from the public eye, the chapter meetings were held in profound secrecy, but the fires of fraternal love glowed brightly on the altar of Phi Psi; and when Dr. Appel, our now highly-honored President-took the chair "Old Eta" was "a booming," and our boys at once stepped into the first ranks among fraternity men, with banners unfurled and a plentiful supply of Phi Psi badges resting on bosoms bounding high with enthusiasm at the bright prospects for their beloved order. Never had Eta been in a more flourishing condition. And the want of a hall of her own was now felt more keenly than ever. During her infancy and the period of hostilities she had led a sort of Gypsy life, roving from one place to another, and when the "old boys" occasionally mingle with the "young 'uns" they love to recount tales of her wanderings, and many a ludicrous account do they give of "soap-fat alley" as they dubbed one of their places of meeting where they were able to escape detection. Some of their tales of mishaps and adventure would be worthy of a corner in a comic almanac. Pardon this degression.

Eta now gave over her wandering life and settled in comfortable quarters, and now boasts of the finest fraternity hall in Lancaster.

Since the organization of the chapter over one hundred members have been enrolled in the cause of Phi Psi, and of this number none have been expelled, none suspended, and but two honorably dismissed. Of this clear record we are very proud, and hence are extremely careful in our selection of men, lest we might through our own carelessness be obliged to record an expulsion.

Our boys have ever been able to wield swords with other fraternity men in class room and society, as is shown by the num-, ber of honors taken by them at anniversaries and commencements. Of that little band of pioneers who organized the Eta, all have risen to that eminence for which their talents and capacities were designed.

Dr. J. O. Knipe, is living in the midst of a lucrative practice,

town, Pa. Among the prominent lawyers of Lancaster stands Hon. A. C. Reinoehl, better known to friends and brothers as the "Major."

He has served in various positions in the army and state, having shown himself a brave and sagacious officer during the rebellion, and having served with honor to himself, a three years term in the Legislature of Pa., and acted deputy Secretary of State under Gov. Geary. He is also the acknowledged "wit" of the Lancaster bar, Bros. Hibshman, Cremer, and Swartz are prominent in the ministerial profession, and are revered alike for their talents, learning and piety wherever known. One,-Bro Shalter, has retired from the profession of law, and assumed the garb of the private citizen in the good old county of Berks.

In addition to these many others of Eta's boys have taken positions of eminence in Church and State in the various learned professions, on'change and at the bar, and one and all have never forgotten their first love-Phi Kappa Psi. May the world ever remember them as they have remembered her.

For a number of years the re-unions of the Eta were "few and far between," owing to the Fraternity Crusade. But last commencement witnessed the initiation of what we hope to be a long succession of annual symposiums. The first was truly a feast of wit, humor and substantials, may each succeeding one be better and merrier:

It will be remembered that Eta furnished the Orator for the Grand Arch Council in 1871, Bro. Reinoehl being the representative. In all the worry and press of business he is always ready to devote some of his time to the interests of old Phi Psi. But what wonder is that? Since from the "Major"down to the youngest initiate of Eta, including the writer of this hastily prepared sketch, all are earnestly devoted to the cause of our glorious brotherhood. H. C. E.

#### MARYLAND ALPHA.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, BALTIMORE, Dec. 12th, 1879. DEAR BROS:-Now that Md. Alpha can call itself a "chapter," we want to support the "SHELD," and shall begin by giving you a short account of ourselves. We have met many difficulties in establishing our chapter, but think we are now on a firm foundation. Our chief obstacle has been to see enough of the men to enable us to judge of their qualifications to become Phi Kappa Psi's. Johns Hopkins University is situated in the heart of the city, and the students rarely meet except at recitations or in the laboratories. Then we have a well established rival-Beta Theta Pi. It is also reported that Chi Phi is looking for men. We have not been discouraged, however, and now me number six, all devoted to Phi Psi's interests. We have our eye on some more fellows, and hope to give the next Shield notice of several acquisitions. Three of our number will not return next year, so it is especially important to get in some more good men without delay. Of course, we have as yet no such permanent organization as to enable us to have our own room. We hold our meetings at the homes of different brothers. In our work several old Phi Psi boys have helped us greatly by universally loved and respected by the inhabitants of Norris their counsel and presence at our meetings. We are especially

indebted to Bro. Bert Kurtz of Pa. E, who is our right hand man. We regret the loss of Bro. Collins Denny of Va. A. who has left the city, having given up Law and entered the Ministry. We are rapidly getting self-reliant however, and we hope soon to have Md. Alpha one of the most prosperous chapters of our Fraternity. We shall report soon again in regard to our progress. In the bonds of Phi Kappa Psi.

Md. A.

## PENN'A. ZETA.

CARLISLE, Dec. 13th, 1879.

DEAR BROS: Two numbers of our welcome fraternity organ have been received, from which it would seem that most of the chapters have given formal acknowledgement of their hearty approval and implicit confidence in our new and appropriately nominated "SHIELD." That we be not counted disloyal or lacking in appreciation, it is necessary that some tidings should reach the "SHIELD,"—

"From the Ancient College, Built in an ancient Town Ruled by ye ancient Faculty, Most ancient in renown,— The College in the inland Far from ye ancient Sea, About the middle of the State Of Pennsylvaniee."

Though we are ancient in so many commendable particulars, we are not ancient in keeping the spirit of Phi Kappa Psi apace with the advancement of the age. Being tenaciously conservative of the grand principles of our mystic order, and knowing that secrecy is accompanied by enchantment, we are innovationists, in that we most heartily espouse any improvement that has for its end the enlarging of fraternal capacities, and the development of an invulnerable character of brotherhood. Our chapter is in excellent condition. Sociability, and congeniality, the striking features of our fraternity, are preeminently our characteristics. As those who have been more intimately associated with this chapter know, our motto is to select men who most happily combine mental ability and moral firmness with social capacity. In proportion to the attainment of this end, does any chapter thrive.

We number sixteen good jolly fellows, favorably representing the three above characteristics. Our boys are anticipating a grand time at the Penn'a Iota Symposium on the 19th of Dec. Now we have not written much from the fact that "Causation" presses us too hard. The watchword now is, "Cram Bros. Cram with care, Cram for the test of the Professaire." After we have survived the cramming, both for Christmas examinations and of Christmas Turkey, we hope to send you something from other Bros. of our chapter. We are in bonds of Phi Kappa Psi most heartily. "Learned."

#### PENN'A. ALPHA.

Washington, Pa., Dec. 13th, 1879.

DEAR BROS:—Now when old Phi Psi really has a first class "SHIELD," "Wash. and Jeff.," will not be backward in saying her say.

Pa. Alpha is now in her glory. We are not "ninety and nine," but we are nine—and a right royal nine at that. Though not very ferocious as to members, all our brothers may rest assured that our chapter will do its part in promoting the honor of the Phi Kappa Psi. Several of our boys belonged to '79, and of course, we had to be content with losing them. We miss them this year, and our only consolation is that Washington is an attractive place to them, and that we somehow think Phi Kappa Psi has not a little to do with the attraction At any rate, we see their faces occasionally; and then how we do talk of the good times we've had in our fraternity hall!

Indeed, we nine under the banner of Phi Kappa Psi are a very happy set of fellows. Were it not for the large number of brother graduates who have held to the town of their Alma Mater, we might be tempted to feel lonely sometimes; but as it is the resident Phi Psis at Little Washington add much to our pleasure and comfort. It does our hearts good, as we look over our Grand Catalogue to find there enrolled the names of many of the leading lawyers and business men, located right in Alpha's midst. And these are not merely brothers of the past, they still honor their old Phi Psi; and you may be sure we youngsters enjoy the attention they give

We have a Hall nicely furnished; and that, by the way, is a thing which none of our seven contemporaries boasts of True, we haven't a fine piano, and billiard table, after the manner of our Wooster brothers, but one of the boys sports a fiddle, and he is our musical talent. As for the billiard table—well no matter. We are happy anyhow; and this proposition we shall be glad to demonstrate to any of the Phi Psi boys, always so welcome among us, if they will but show us the light of their countenances.

We are proud of our "SHIELD." It seems to have already begun its work. It has certainly been the means of stirring up our fraternity spirit; and we imagine from the tone of some communications, that we are not the only chapter reaping its benefits so soon. "Fraternity's Banqueting Hour," made us love Phi Kappa Psi more than ever, and the accounts of the jolly times the boys have been having with Bro. Burdette made us feel good. It was pleasant to learn through the "SHIELD" that the *Indiana Alpha*, which we had about given up for gone, was thirty strong, with twenty nine badges and a prep.

The letter from "C. L. V. C." in the last number, contains several excellent suggestions and hints, to all of which we heartily say Amen.

A communication from "Frater" has introduced matters well worthy of consideration. In a future letter we may endeavor to do our share in the ventilating of the question in regard to the re-establishing of our Southern Chapters. However, we may as well confess our ignorance of the former condition of the Phi Kappa Psi in the South; and we Western Pennsylvanians are high-toned enough to imagine that we are not greener than many others. So then, to come to the point at once, will not some good old brother, who knows all about it, enlighten us heathen a little? "The Phi Psi boys of the South," would be a first class theme for comment in the "Shield"—it would be of interest to the whole fraternity; and might be the means of arousing the brothers to renewed exertion in reorganizing our Southern Chapters.

We hope something definite will be done in this directon ere long

Pa. Alpha is resting upon her oars, and only awaits fraternity's call, to pull for victory.

Such are the sentiments of a loyal set of boys, represented by their Cor. Sec.

## ILLINOIS ALPHA.

EVANSTON, Dec 19th, 1879.

DEAR Bros:-We were surprised at not seeing any communications from our sister western chapters in the last issue of THE SHIELD. Why was it? Can it be that the western chapters have no interest in an enterprise of this kind? Can they not see the benefit arising from a paper circulated among all the chapters? Do they not see that to have a paper of this kind is absolutely necessary in order to keep up true fraternity feeling? What interest, or real brotherly feeling can we have with chapters separated from us by hundreds of miles, if we hold no communications with them, so that we may know what they are doing, and how they are getting along? Ill. Alpha is greatly interested in The Shield. We feel better acquainted with the other chapters, already I mean of course those with whom we have come in contact through the columns of our paper. Let us hear from our neighbors, we want to know how they are prospering.

Our boys have been reaping a harvest this fall: We sowed our seed last year, and like the bread cast upon the waters, it has returned to us after many days. We contested with the Beta Theta Psi last year over several men and neither party succeeded, but this year we began with renewed energy and have won the victory. The Betas are a society that we are proud to contest with. As the result of our victory this year we have taken in seven new members, all of good metal, and representing every class in college. Numbers, however is not our aim. We have quality or nothing and the school recognizes this fact. We are sorry to lose one of our best men, but Bro. Temple has been forced to give up his studies on account of his health. He has struggled hard for an education, working his own way for several years and at the same time ranking among the very best scholars of the institution. After making such a noble effort, and succeeding so well, it is a great misfortune to be obliged to give up all thoughts of ever being able to finish his course.

Two of our boys, Bros. Pryor and Andrews are out of school for a short time. They expect to return before the end of the year.

W. H. J.

#### INDIANA BETA.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., Dec. 2nd, 1879.

DEAR Bros:—We received ten copies of The Shield. Have disposed of them all. We are very much pleased with our publication and intend to do all within our power for its furtherance. Send us an even dozen next time.

Our chapter has elected a brother as regular correspondent to the Shield thereby insuring a communication for every issue of the same.

We are in good working condition, having twenty-one men wearing the Shield. And when I say men I don't think of them, as they appear physically but intellectually. Indiana Beta is up and doing; making other fraternities come to her terms, and taking every good man that comes into our institution for good honest work; for this is the only type of men for whom we have any degree of brotherly love.

We have thus far in this college year taken in nine good men. Indeed we have the head-work of the entire Freshman class, which numbers over fifty and of these about one fifth are ours. No other fraternity looking at them from the point of college work is pressing us and our object is to "hold our holts." With best wishes for the progress of The Shield I am most sincerely

Your brother in Phi Kappa Psi

WILL T. BLAIR.

Bro. Rob't J. Murray writes us that D. C. Alpha is making arrangements for hotel accommodations and railroad fare for all who desire to attend the approaching meeting of G. A. C. Due announcement will be given when matters are perfected. Let there be a good representation not only of under graduates but of our alumni. A most cordial invitation to be present has been extended to all.

#### PHI PSIS AT CHAUTAUQUA.

We clip the following from the "Chautauqua Assembly Herald" of Aug. 19th, 1879:

One of the pleasant phases of Chautauqua life is the greetings of friends and the opportunities for making new ones which it affords. Especially is this enjoyable among members of fraternal societies. The members of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, which is largely represented here, deeply recognizing this fact, held an enthusiastic meeting at the Hall on Saturday forenoon for the purpose of organization. The meeting was evidently the initial movement for its annual reunion of large numbers of the Sodality at Chautauqua. W. W. Hale, (Lafayette College '75) of Franklin, Pa., was elected chairman, and on motion E. M. Wood, (Allegheny College '79), was elected Secretary. E. M. Wood, W. C. Wilson, of Erie, Pa., and Mr. Dale, were appointed a committee to arrange for a general and systematic reunion here next year, during the Assembly. The hearty discussion indicated that there will be, without doubt, a social and literary gathering of the Fraternity at this place next August. All members of the Brotherhood are cordially invited to be present at the time indicated by future announcements.

HARRY BRIGHT '82 and Baird Halberstadt '82 of Pa. Iota' left college at close of last term. Bro. Bright expects to go to Boston and go into the coal business. Bro. Halberstadt sailed for England upon Jan. 1st. All communications for latter should be addressed as follows: Care Messrs. McCullock & Co., 41 Lombard St., London, E. C. (Care of Dr. Halberstadt).

THE Bros. Duncan of Pa. Epsilon, gave us a call during the holidays. Enjoyed themselves heartily at the sym.

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#### SYMPOSIUM POEM.

Read at the Symposium of the Pennsylvania Iota Chapter of the "PHI KAPPA PSI" Fraternity—December 19th, 1879.

1

A word there is in our cold English tongue, That first from Italy's warm bosom sprung; Through rugged centuries to us descending, It murmurs with a music never-ending. 'Tis named "Fraternity." Oh what a blaze Of glancing lights that magic words displays! What brilliant mirrors, in whose bright reflection Glitter the flashing jets of recollection! Tis yet untold what potent spell may hide Within the one word "Brother"—yet a tide Comes welling hotly from the heart to claim The sympathy of one who bears that name; And as the pulsing wave of coming day Bursts on the shore of night, and lights the gray Of chilly twilight into splendid morn; So bursts the wave of Kinship, newly born Within the heart, in friendly smiles, that meet A glowing answer in the face they greet.

Not ours that gravesome brotherhood of blood That drowned poor France beneath its crimson flood; Not ours a proud Knight Errantry that asks Its devotees a multitude of tasks:
We seek but pleasure! Nothing we demand Save honest heart, and warmly clasping hand.
We ask no more than that a kindling eye Shall answer ever to the name Phi Psi!
Be that dear name our talisman to-night;
To utter it let voice with voice unite.
With heart on fire, Iota hears the call,
And shouts a ringing "Welcome!" to you all!

II

Skeptics there are, who croak eternally, That all Earth's ills are due to such as we; And since, for sooth we will not tell our name, For nameless evils we are held to blame. But 'tis not strange; there's no truth you could offer-However plain,—that would not rouse some scoffer. Now there's our Charlie, whose terrific beard Needs but be seen, to be at once revered-No argument, wise witty or profound, Could e'er convince him that the world was round. The more he read, the more he seemed to doubt it-So now he's posted off, to see about it! Methinks I see him now, with fearless eye Watching the waves roll, several mountains high; Prancing in seven league boots o'er terra-firma-A glimpse at China—then a glance at Burmah— An hour with our Professor in JapanA day or two to finish Hindoostan. Though dusky beauty calls, he must decline "Good-bye! can't stop-I'm off for Palestine!" Jerusalem he votes a wretched bore: They make him clamber to an upper floor Charge him four prices, with a wily smile, and Ask him "how things are at Coney Island?" To these delights a quick farewell he bids, And tries a picnic at the pyramids. To follow further on his hasty track We won't attempt, but wish him safely back. No doubt some day, his explorations o'er He'll gladly land upon his native shore (That's a convenient phrase-'twere too pedantic To mention the Pacific or Atlantic--) And meeting for the first some busy friend, On him will all his spent up joy expend; Ask half a hundred questions, all in one-Expecting no reply and getting none— Exclaim—"Old boy, you're thin—you need a rest— Why don't you take a trip to East or West?" And then his friend, in haste to get away, Will answer-"Oh, I'm well enough-but say, You're looking bad yourself! Now why don't you Try a vacation for a week or two?" (Of that idea, we don't pretend creation-"The bearing of it's in the application!")

III 'Twere well, perhaps, to pause a moment here, And think upon the lessons of the year. It first has taught us, that though distance lends A glamour to the picture that descends From by-gone ages, which must ever cast A false magnificence upon the past; Still there are among us here to-night, Whose noonday splendor puts to shame the light Of other days, and scorns to ask assistance From the vague flattery of time and distance. 'Tis said that wise Minerva, long ago, In days when gods and mortals here below Met socially, possessed a lordly owl, A most unbending, grave and reverent fowl, At whose keen glance, deceit looked blushing down And felt the torture of Minerva's frown. Those days are past; but even in times like these, When man himself seems growing by degrees Smaller, and "beautifully less," we still may trace Traits of the gods in our declining race. There's Jack, for instance; give him but a sword, A shield, a helmet, and a painted board That bears the word "Minerva"—who shall say That Gods and Goddesses have had their day? True, there's no owl; -but, bless you, in his place Behold a canine of gigantic race! He's wise as any owl; and for his glance 'Gainst such an eye, deceit finds little chance. 'Tis rumored that a tall young friend of ours, In playful terror of this monster's powers, With agile grace once hastened to deposit Himself for greater safety in a closet; But fair Minerva, with delighted smile, Seeking the passing moment to beguile With Godlike sport, a quick suggestion made, Which very cleverly the brute obeyed; And when our friend attempted to emerge, Two keen eyes kept him trembling on the verge.

Two sounding titles has this gentle creature, And answers to them with expressive feature; To none but these will he attention deign—The one is "Auf!" the other—"Setz dich schoen!" They say there was an effort, last November, To make the noble beast an active member;

It failed, we're told—though he was nothing loath—He could not grasp the nature of an oath.

 $\mathbf{IV}$ 

But we've another God our ranks among; "Tis he who charmed all nature when he sung—Our Orpheus; when music we demand, he Delights our ravished ears with "Handy Andy." Nor need we yet say "Finis"—for behold Our festive Bacchus, from whose lips have rolled A thousand songs; 'tis he whose tuneful roar Shouts out the praise of Letterman and Moore "Tis he who like another Bard of Iliad Conducts us through the maze of "Balm o'Gilead." All praise to these immortals! Fate forbid Their sun should e'er by jealous clouds be hid; May happy fortune all their ventures bless, Their shadows never grow an atom less!

Though sad, 'tis true; there is no day so bright, That gives not way at last to swarthy night; No song so jubilant, that may not blend With softer, sadder ecnoes at the end. Another lesson has the flitting year That asks, instead of smiles, a hallowing tear; It but reiterates the solemn truth, That Death may vanquish even valiant Youth. While Merry Laughter flirts his gaudy wings-While Mirth a roundelay of pleasure sings-Pause for a moment; cast your sobered giance Across the sobbing Ocean's cold expanse; And give one thought to him whom nought could waken, To homeward wend the way your glance has taken. One thought! Nay, when there falls away a ring From friendship's chain, fond Memory will bring A thousand golden rivets, that will bind In closer clasp the circlets left behind!

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Before we let the final curtain fall, One other scene will we to mind recall. 'Tis of a banquet, where, with song and jest, We gather round our member from the West. Though brightly beam the lamps, they cannot rob Of laughing light the eyes of "R. J. Bob." 'Tis now that Orpheus the board regales With ancient songs and sweet pathetic tales; 'Tis now our Bacchus eloquently speaks Of Madam Barbara, and of the freaks Of pensive mules. Our modest Fresh begins The plaintive ditty of "McSorlin's Twins;" While all the others dolefully combine, To sadly chorus every other line. Then does our guest with breezy eloquence A host of hardy anecdotes commence; In whose rude features and uncouth attire There lurk such hints of brimstone and blue fire, That conscience stricken youths, in pallid fright Fly trembling forth, and vanish in the night.

But that gay feast, though brilliantly it shone, Down the dim isle of memory has gone; And beauties yet more glittering endow

The grander banquet spread before us now. But let not mirth, and revelry and light,

Make us forget what brought us here to-night;

Nor merry jest, from laughing lips let fall,

Down the dear thought that we are brothers all.

When youth and gayety shall be no more,

Thy name, Fraternity, we'll still adore,

Departed brothers fondly call to mind,

And dying, sigh for brothers left behind.

But gloomy reverie shall not employ
The moments that belong to careless joy;
Away with pensiveness! let every throat
Give jubilantly forth one joyous note—
"Phi Kappa Psi!" Repeat the sturdy cheer
Till all the world the loud huzza shall hear—
The startled echoes round the globe shall fly,
And homeward hasting, shout, "Phi Kappa Psi!"

VII

Now turn we tenderly our latest leaf; And the reaper hugs his ripened sheaf,

And binds it firmly with a wisp of straw; So with reluctant hand we gently draw Our sickle through the straws that yet remain Of thoughts unspoken; press the fallen grain In sheaves together where so late it stood, And bind it with the cord of brotherhood!

W. C. R. PA. IOTA.

# Converpondence.

#### <u>VIRGINIA DELTA.</u>

BY VIRGINIUUS.

EDS SHIELD:—It has fallen my pleasant duty to record in the columns of "THE SHIELD," the history of one of the chapters of our beloved Fraternity, which ranks among the first of those now known to the "Greek World."

On the 16th of March 1859, a charter was granted by the G. C. (then at Wash. and Jeff. College, Pa,) to found the third chapter within the bounds of "The Old Dominion," namely Virginia Delta. Messrs. D. F. Patterson, J. W. Hopper, and W. S. Hawkins were duly authorized to establish a chapter at Bethany College, which should afterwards be known as Va. Delta. The three gentlemen who founded Va. Delta wore the title of "The Immortals," nor was the appellation an injust one, as the chapter was destined to become one of the most useful to the Fraternity in promoting her welfare, and her sons in gaining for themselves glory and honor, have reflected great credit upon the Chapter and the Fraternity at large.

The first regular meeting was held on the night of the 26th of March, in the rooms of Matt. Turney, who had been previously initiated as a loyal Phi Psi. The all-important question was then discussed, whether or not the Chapter should show visible signs of its existence, it being the first established in the College, and at a time when the Faculty were bitterly opposed to Secret Societies. It was decided, that a bold front should be assumed, and as the Chapter then consisted of the best men, both morally and intellectually, in College, it was thought that the Faculty would be influenced in their behalf and permit their existence as a Fraternity.

It was not long, however, before it became evident that great opposition would be realized not only from the Faculty, but also from students, jealous of the success of Phi Psis in College, especially in the Literary Societies.

The following year a decisive decree was issued by the Faculty against what was then called, "A secret organization of students, banded together in direct violation of the laws of the College." If the purpose of this decree could be gained the fate of Virginia Delta was forever sealed. But a committee having been appointed, and having waited on the Faculty, the following was the result of the interview. "The Secret Society, known as the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, should be allowed to exist only to the end of the present session ('59 & '60,) provided no other Secret Society should, at the end of that time, be found to exist in the College.

How the seemingly inevitable fate of Virginia Delta was averted will be found in our next.

#### INDIANA ALPHA.

INDIANA ASBURY UNIVERSITY, GREENCASTLE, IND.

Dec. 13th, 1879.

EDS. SHIELD—DEAR BROS:—The second number of the SHIELD, we were sorry to see, was without any communication at all from our chapters in the "Hoosier State." Lest you should think we have lost our interest in and love for old Phi Psi, I hasten, in behalf of Indiana Alpha, to give you a few items concerning what we have done in the past year, our present condition and our prospects for the future.

Our chapter this year is in a most flattering condition, having probably a larger membership than ever before. We have five Seniors, five Juniors, ten Sophomores, six Freshmen and three "preps," making in all twenty nine worshipers at the shrine of our noble and beloved order. When it is taken into consideration that we have not sacrificed quality for quantity, who can doubt that—in Asbury University the banner of Phi Kappa Psi floats high above every rival.

Last year Brother Peterson was the successful contestant for the Cloud prize in Latin composition and one of our men will take it this year. Brother Neff of the Junior class is the orator of the University. He successfully contested for the Dornall prize in oratory last year and will undoubtedly represent Asbury in our next State contest. Two out of four editors on the staff of the "Asbury Monthly" are Phi Psis.

Our prospects for the future never were better than now. In fact I may say they never were as good. Those noble men who preceded us and are now out in the world doing honor to the fraternity, planted the banner of that fraternity which we love to honor far above the "lesser lights" in the constellation of fraternities and we intend that it shall ever maintain its exalted position.

Before closing I desire to correct an error in Baird's History of College Fraternities. He says the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity is in a flourishing condition except the chapters in Indiana. I have shown you already the standing of Indiana Alpha and can say for Indiana Beta and Gamma that they each hold as high positions in their respective colleges as we do in ours. Out of five inter-State contests in oratory Phi Psis have represented this State three times.

Wishing the SHIELD the greatest possible success, I am.

Fraternally Yours
D. H. PATRICK,

by proxy.

#### PENN'A. THETA.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, EASTON, Pa., Dec. 16th, 1879.

When one is in the midst of examinations, with the ghosts of departed studies at his back, the spectres of impending examinations in front, and cold and clammy conditions dropping the death dew from above, he does not feel irresistably impelled to write a letter even to the Shield. But relentless fate embodied in our G. P. commands and I obey although I know that before this reaches you I will be a "dem'ed horrid moist body," floored by the Latin Professor.

The G. C. has had a good deal of business before it this term. Four petitions for the establishment of new chapters have been made, some letters have been received which will probably eventuate into petitions and the badge has been under discussion. The petition from Indianola, Ia. was vetoed by one of the chapters for reasons sufficient to itself. The other petitions will be sent out as soon as prepared or will be brought up before the G. A. C.

We have good news to tell about the badges. Complaints have been made and with justice that the quality of our present badges does not correspond to the price we pay for them. The matter has been brought to the attention of the present contractors and they will soon enter a bid which will offer a reduction of at least 25 degrees. Another firm will send in a bid next month which will offer even better terms and better workmanship. The work upon the Grand Catalogue is making commendable progress; it contains reports from nearly all the active chapters. It will contain 3200 names—an increase of nearly 100 per cent in the last decade. Phi Kappa Psi is growing stronger daily and the G. C. is jubilant.

As a sub chapter Theta was never stronger, never more united. We put in our best strokes to secure quality in our new men and let quantity take care of itself. Although we are only sixteen, every one can be depended upon to act as a Phi Psi should. I wish the whole Fraternity had been at our last meeting—that is as many as could get into our rooms, for we had a thoroughly jolly time. After a G. C. meeting, which was like a council of the gods, we unbent ourselves and for two hours made the very walls re-echo our jests and jollity.

We all take the Shield and read each number with avidity. The Fraternity needs an organ and such we hope the Shield may become.

E. L. S.

## SECOND ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE PA. IOTA CHAPTER.

On the evening of Dec. 19th, about nine o'clock, the habitual loungers about Broad and Chestnut Sts., were awakened from their customary lethargy by a stream of handsome looking men of all ages and complexions that flowed in a wonderfully straight course from the N. E. Corner of Broad and Chestnut to the N. W. Corner, of the same streets. Assembled in the 3rd story of the comfortable 'Broadway.' Bro. Kendall, the Symposiarch of the evening, welcomed the guests in a neat and short address, and, at the same time, stated the reason of our meeting together. Bro. Elwell, in his happy off-hand way then introduced the members of Iota. Soon after which we adjourned to the second story, and at once began the 'business' of the evening. Two long tables extended along the length of the room. At the head of the first sat Bro. Kendall, and at the foot, Bro. Dr. Smith, Pa. Epsilon '74. Bro. Helone, Pa. Iota '78, chairman of the Symposium committee, presided at the other table, and at the foot of this was seated Bro. Dr. Marshall. Iota men were scattered here and there among the guests, and the utmost cordiality existed throughout. Among the guests were Dr. G. Wilds Linn, Pa.

Zeta '69, C. E. Merritt, Ohio Alpha, '68, Col. Harrison Pa. Gamma, '61, Dr. A. T. Livingston, Pa. Beta, and John A. Siner, Pa. Gamma. '66. As nearly as can be judged, about eighty were present, probably more. Bro. Rodman's poem was received with enthusiasm, and the sentiment of course, agreeing with the thoughts of those present. The same may be said of the Symposium song, the music for which was written by Bro. McCollin, Pa. Iota, '78, and on which great pains had been taken by the 'choir.' If we can judge by the satisfaction expressed, then labor was not thrown away. Judge Herman, finding at the last moment that it was impossible to be present, his place on the program was taken by Bro. Merritt. The toast Phi Kappa Psi met with a warm response in his hands. Bro. Scott, Pa. Theta, answered for the Grand Chapter, Bro. Dr. Smith for "THE SHIELD," and Bro. Lobingier (in place of Col. Chamberlain who was not present) for "Absent Brothers." Other toasts were drunk, in the course of the evening, and many impromptu 'affairs' were gone through with, among which may be mentioned Bros. Brown's and Marshall's inimitable duets and Elwell's immortal productions. Everybody appeared to be satisfied, and nothing was omitted by the committee that tended to make things pleasant. We can hardly understand the position of the undergraduate Zeta men, some of whom dropped in the early part of the evening, but who pleaded the excuse of 'going home,' and who thus failed to display that true fraternal spirit which should exist between all who wear the same pin. If they are treated in the same way by us, they need manifest no surprise. With this exception, all went off pleasantly, and many delightful memories will cluster about the thought of Pa. I's second Symposium.

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### AMERICAN COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

A book with the above title has recently been published by Wm. Raimond Baird, a member of one of the College Fraternities, as he acknowledges in his preface, and as can be seen from his intimate knowledge of the society system generally.

On first glance through the book we were inclined to regard it unfavorably as being hastily and superficially prepared, but after a careful reading we find that much time and careful labor has evidently been given, to prepare the date and information concerning the eighty odd Fraternities described. That the author has arranged the sections of his work in a logical and well chosen order, and that although the reader's expectations aroused by the title page may not be fully realized yet we unhesitatingly pronounce it a book that will interest and entertain every fraternity man from the oldest Phi Beta Kappa to the latest pledged freshman, a book that will also assist the well established societies in their work, and be of special interest to undergraduates.

The work opens with a chapter on the origin progress manners, customs &c., of the Greek Letter Fraternities, then the author treats of each Fraternity in alphabetical order, giving their origin, their various chapters, when and where each was founded, noted individuals who are members, honorary members, a description of their badges and colors, and also gives an account of the object and aims of many of the most noted

orders which of course is mainly supposition in regard to all except the order to which the author belongs. The local and defunct organizations to some extent are also noticed, and then comes a directory of chapters; that is the American colleges are taken up in alphabetical order and the different Fraternities represented by a chapter, and other Greek letter organizations having a habitat there, are given.

The work also contains a neat full page engraving showing the badges of the Chaptered Societies, and a statistical summary of all the living Fraternities, showing where and when each was founded, the number of living and defunct chapters, membership, chapter houses &c. This summary represents the total number of societies living to be sixty-four, live chapters 487; Dead 293; Chapter houses 35; membership 65,256.

The author closes with a concise and convincing argument in favor of the secret Fraternities as they at present exist in the Colleges.

While there is much in the book to commend it to all society men, there are somethings omitted which in our opinion would have greatly added to its interest and value. In this connection we would refer to the space given to the comparatively, insignificant Fraternities, located in third and fourth rate colleges, especially as many of these societies and colleges are at present defunct. Local organizations, of some colleges receive a generous share of space and attention while others are not mentioned at all.

Perhaps the book would not have been so complete without some mention of these organizations and those in or formerly in the schools and colleges referred to, but it would certainly have been an acceptable improvement if they had been given less space and a more complete list, with many important details, of better known and at present prosperous fraternities given instead. It has been our experience that local societies are looked upon with disfavor by college men except of course by their own members, and often by them, after a few years experience. That societies of this character with a membership of one or two hundred, should receive almost equal space with several well known Fraternities, with chapters in all the prominent Colleges and a membership of from three to five thousand, scattered through the various States of the Union, is something that seems to us to call for unfavorable criticism.

Another feature which appears objectionable is an occasional disparaging remark or observation, evidently put in through carelessness, concerning a Fraternity of which he may be treating. Noticeable in this particular is the credence the author has given to the rumor, that it was formerly customary with Delta Kappa Epsilon, to sell charters on application, at \$50.00 each. If we were a D. K. E. we would look upon this as an uncalled for service and an unfair remark to say the least.

There are other remarks of equally objectionable character concerning other societies, but we will not particularize. The omission of the names of many prominent men who are members of some orders is also another fault that could be found with good grace by us Phi Kappa Psi's, who are especially effected in this respect.

But all things considered Mr. Baird has as we have intimated performed a valuable service for the Fraternities generally.

His work will be appreciated by the readers for whom it is intended, and while it supplies a want long felt by the Fraternities, it will also make their character and aims better and more favorably known to the public, and it is to be hoped will assist in some degree to allay the factious opposition which now exists in some of our prominent colleges in regard to them.

Another brother who saw the above writes:

DEAR SHIELD:—There are one or two matters in Baird's book, which should be criticised in addition to those mentioned in the above notice. The first is one which stands very prominently at the front of the book. Our Badge is very poor, both as to shape and coloring, and apparently was copied from a poor drawing, and not from the original or a good engraving. The second consists of two statements in the account of our fraternity, which are inaccurate; our chapter at the Johns Hopkins University being not a graduate but a live active one, and our Indiana chapters, especially the Alpha being in fine condition, and having 30 members.

T. O. E.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12th, 1880.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE SHIELD.

DEAR Bros:—There is a matter of great importance, which is now receiving the consideration of a number of our graduate members, and which is thought of very favorably, and that is the foundation by the next G. A. C. of a new order of Chapters, to be composed of graduate brothers, chartered and in other respects, having an existence, analogous to that of our active Under-graduate chapters, and not like the graduate chapters previously in existence, which had only occasional and irregular meetings and which consequently were able to be of very little use to the sub-chapters or to the fraternity at large.

Quite lately a number of graduate members, residing here, agreed that it would be a good thing to have such an organization here, and proposed applying for the necessary authority, merely as to this one instance, but in the course of their conferences, they have come to the conclusion that it will be better to have some general legislation on the subject, so that other graduate chapters of the same kind may be formed by the consent of the G. and subordinate chapters, as is at present done in the matter of active chapters.

We feel that it will be better to prepare the various chapters for the subject in hand and I have therefore written to you in the hope that this letter and some editorial comment on it may appear in the next number of the SHIELD.

Yours in the bonds of Phi Kappa Psi,

S. D. L.

#### ODE.

AIR.—AMERICA.

Come brothers one and all To Eta's festal hall.
To old Phi Psi.
Sweet votive offerings bring, And as we gaily sing Loud let the chorus ring Of dear Phi Psi.

With thankful hearts and free, This song we sing of thee, Phi Kappa Psi. Sent down from One above, Thou dost in solace prove Blest tie of manly love, Phi Kappa Psi!

When troubles o'er us roll, When sorrows sting the soul, And grief comes nigh, In friendship's sacred name, In love's undying fame, Thy timely aid we claim, Phi Kappa Psi!

When shadows dim the tide, Thou art our faithful guide, O'er darksome way; So tender, kind and true, And pure as even's dew, Thou bringest to our view Fair light of day.

Thou spurnest from the mind All thoughts and words unkind, O fair Phi Psi! A culture true is thine, For thee we gladly twine Our gift of chaplets fine—For thee, Phi Psi!

Dear brothers ere we part,
Each heart shall beat to heart
In old Phi Psi;
Each one shall find a friend,
Each loyal to the end
Shall joy and honor lend
To queen Phi Psi.

The stream of life adown,
There floats for us a crown
From dear Phi Psi.
The present, future, past,
Their sunshine o'er us cast—
These golden three at last,
Phi Kappa Psi!

W. E. HOY, PA. ETA.

#### EDITORIAL.

In our January issue we had little to remark editorially. Our correspondents covered the space nobly and thus it should be always. The Shield is intended to be a vehicle of monthly news among Phi Psis. Before long we expect to publish articles from several of our older brothers, who have written us that we needed such a publication as this years ago. The Shield is a chronicler of events as interesting to them as to those of us who are yet more intimately connected with college and university.

We fail to comprehend why several of our chapters are so dilatory in making themselves heard. Surely they will not plead lack of time and such excuses as that. Any sacrifice in the cause of Phi Psi will be doubly rewarded in the future.

Would we to-day occupy our recognized high position in the Fraternity world had our older brothers quietly sat down and waited for something "to turn up?" Decidedly not. They labored long and earnestly. The result we all know. We don't intend however, to sermonize, but would recommend the following to every Phi Psi for thoughtful consideration:

"Once more at the call of Fraternity's voice 'Neath the light of her all-seeing EYE, We come in the glow of the lamp and the STARS To the altar of Phi Kappa PSI,"

and write.

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The perusal of the communication from Maryland Alpha, published in our last issue, caused many a Phi Psi, no doubt, to shout for joy. We, at least, felt like doing something big. We were wishing that Bro. Bert Kurtz might be within reaching distance. We wanted to tackle him and let him know he hadn't been forgotten. But seriously, our Bro. has fulfilled the promise he made years ago. This established a chapter at Johns Hopkins University and judging from our correspondence our brothers of Md. Alpha have imbibed some of Bert's old "war-horse spirit" and will place the old Shield in her conserved position in the University. A city chapter it is true has some obstacles in its course, but let the brothers meet frequently at least once a week—and they'll rapidly discover a means of overcoming what little drawbacks they at present fear. We predict a glorious future for Md. Alpha.

The Editors of The Shield desire to call the particular attention of our Brothers, both active and graduate, to the communication of Bro. S. D. L., which they will find in another column. The subject is one in which they, as graduate members, feel a great personal interest, in that it will enable them to do more actively for the advancement of the fame and prosperity of our beloved fraternity, than they could otherwise accomplish, and also will give them, in common with others who live away from the place in which their own chapter is situated "a local habitation and a name."

In the course of a few days a petition will be forwarded to the G. C., for them to present to the G. A. C., having for its object the proposed organization, and we hope that all the chapters will instruct their delegates to vote in favor of granting it.

THE Grand Chapter of Zeta Psi Fraternity, with a good representation from subordinate lodges, assembled at 10 A. M. Jan. 9 in Parlor C, Continental Hotel. The proceedings of the fraternity were entirely secret. At this, the twenty-third annual session, E. Coppee Mitchell, of the University of Pennsylvania, presided. The society dates back to 1846. Local organizations exist in New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, Indianapolis, San Francisco and Easton.

It is rumored that the chapter of Delta Psi at the University of Pennsylvania is about to purchase a portion of the building lately occupied by the Reform Club, and convert the same into a chapter house. The chapter is about twenty-five years old, and includes some prominent Philadelphians among its graduate members.

J. Clay Tustin '79 Pa. Epsilon is in the drug business in Philadelphia.

Ben. K. Miller '77 Pa. Epsilon will soon be admitted to the Milwaukee bar and then expects to sail for Gottingen, Prussia.

THETA Delta Chi held its 33rd Convention with the Lambda chapter, Boston Univ.

THE Psi U's have discontinued the publication of The Dia-

THE STAR of Theta Delta Chi is out of print.

Delta Tau Delta has entered Troy Polytechnic school with five men.

PHI Delta Theta has "run in" a chapter at Burlington, Vt. Delta Kappa Epsilon held its 33rd Convention with the Dartmouth Chapter.

Alpha Tau Omega purposes publishing a paper this year.

WHENEVER more copies of the SHIELD than subscribed for, are sent to our various chapters we would ask the brothers to see that the extras are sent to graduate members.

VIRGINIA Alpha has promised an early communication, where are the others? Wake up boys!

Some person has informed us that Pa. E. purposes celebrating her 25th anniversary in grand style next June. Epsilon, why so silent.

#### PERSONALAI ET CAETERA.

Bros. C. S. Musser and J. P. Brubaker of Pa. Eta, are at Jefferson Med. College, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE following relates to Ohio Gamma: Bro. C. M. Sherman, nephew of Sec. U. S., is attending Ann Arbor this year. Bro. W. M. Greene '79 paid us a visit, Bro. C. F. M. Niles was elected Editor in Chief of the University "Index." The waltz composed by Bro. Ed. Raff and dedicated to the fraternity is now ready for sale, and may be had by addressing the publishers, G. M. Furniss, Ravenna, Ohio, Dr. J. A. Gann '67 Ohio Alpha, is among our most active resident members.

Bro. V. F. Brown formerly of Kansas Alpha, afterward founder of Ills. Alpha is pastor of the M. E. Church at Loveland, O.

Bro. A. M. Shillito '79 Penn'a. Beta is studying law at Postville, Iowa.

Bro. E. M. Wood '79 Pa. Beta is principal of schools at Courtland, O.

Bro. G. H. Huffman Penn'a. Beta '76 is at Boston Univ.

Bro. C. A. Miller '78 Pa. Beta is soon to be admitted to the Crawford Co. bar.

Bro. W. M. Beyer Pa. Beta is digging into Blackstone at Hollidaysburg, Pa. Billy always studied hard.

Bro. E. Y. Fullerton '81 Pa. Beta has become proprietor of a cigar manufactory at Meadville. It always pays to give him a call.

Bro. D. B. Heiner '79 Pa. Beta is in his brother's law office at Kittanning, Pa.

Hon. Pearson Church '56 Pa. Beta is presiding judge of Crawford Co. Penn'a. He always sits at the head of the table at Beta's symposiums.

Bro. O. W. Reese '78 Pa. Beta is teaching at Corry, Pa.

HERBERT H. JACKSON, '75, Pa. Theta, is now farming in Edna, Minn.

Abnold G. Plumer, '75 Pa. Theta, is engaged in the banking business in Philadelphia.

EDWIN J. FARBER, '77 Pa. Theta, is a lawyer in Baltimore, Md.

SAMUEL W. POWEL, '78 Pa. Theta, is Professor of Practical Mechanics at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

JAMES C. MACKENZIE, '78 Pa. Theta, is Principal of "Wilkes-Barre Academy," Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

GEO. W. PHILIPS, '78 Pa. Theta, is at the head of "Pleasant Mount Academy," Pleasant Mount, Pa.

JAMES J. GRANT, '78, Pa. Theta, is studying law in Cincinnati, Ohio.

HARRY E. LUTZ, '79 a member of Ohio Beta, is now at Stuttgart, Germany, where he is studying the German and its Literature.

BURDETTE, has named the Ohio Alpha, "the noisest chapter of the fraternity."

HOWARD BILLMAN '77, an earnest Phi Psi from Ohio Beta is a senior Theologian at Yale.

JOHN L. PITNER, Ind. B., is dispensing the Word to sinners in New Albany.

LESTER L. NORTON, Ind. B., is making a stir in the legal fraternity at Indianapolis.

NAT. Ward Fitzgerald, Ind. B., is practicing law at Washington, D. C. He says: "Fortune has smiled."

BEN Milliken '74 Pa. B., is resident physician at the University Hospital. West Phil. Pa.

JIM Bergstresser, Pa. Theta, is at present editor of the *Insurance World*, Pittsburg, Pa, is doing well.

Bob Burdette lectured at Pottsville on the night of Jan. 1st. The resident Phi Psis, seven in number, gave him a "grind."

THE Zeta Psis deny the rumor that they have entered Columbia college.

Univ. of Miss. has the following fraternities: Delta Kappa Epsilon. Beta Theta Pi, Chi Psi, Delta Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta and Rainbow.

SIGMA Alpha Epsilon held its last convention at Nashville, Tenn., Dec., 23, 1879.

Alpha Tau Omego has a chapter at Johns Hopkins Univ.

Md.

REV. S. B. Barnitz '62 Pa. E is president of the National S. S. Convention.

HART Gilbert Ésq., '67 Pa. E. has been traveling through the West recently.

Dr. J. McPherson Scott, '71 Pa. E was elected a member of Maryland Legislature from Washington Co., Nov. 4th, 1879.

Hon. F. E. Beltzhoover, '62 Pa. E. addressed the Alumni of Penn'a. College, York, Pa. during the month of last October. Address was highly complimented by the press at large.

Bros. Bright and Halberstadt '82 Pa. I desire a correction in our publication regarding them. Bro. Bright intends going to Providence R. I. and not to Boston. Bro. Halberstadt's foreign address is as follows: Band Halberstadt, Care of Messrs Munroe & Co., No. 7 Rue Scribe, Paris, France.

JOHN AD. METZLER, a royal Phi Psi of Ind. B., is "professor" in Dallas Oregon. He is also trying the realities of Blackstone in his leisure hours. He has a warm corner for Phi Psi.

Hon. Inman H. Fowler, Ind. B., is strongly talked of for Lieutenant Governor of Indiana by the Democrats. He is now Senator from 8th district.

F. Albert Kurtz Esq. '77 Penna. Epsilon, upon graduating at the Univ. of Md (Law Department) and being admitted to the Balto. Bar, June 2, 1879, has since assumed control of his father's business; all correspondents will please address their communications in care of P. O. Box 236 instead of 43 Lexington St.

Va. Delta this year consists of twelve as fine boys, both "morally and intellectually speaking" as there are in college. She graduates three this year, Bros. Fox, Fowler and Alyesworth. The honors of the College for the past six years have been carried off by Phi Psis. Our sister Fraternities are the Delta Tau Delta and the Beta Theta Pi. The former society has a very good chapter this year.

THE Cornell *Era*, Dec. 5th, publishes the following relative to the Chi Phi fraternity:

WASHINGTON, D. C. Nov. 25, 1879.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE CORNELL ERA:

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GENTLEMEN: A copy of the *Era* of Nov. 14th has been forwarded to me by the Xi Chapter of Chi Phi and my attention called to the communication therein from Mr. Samuel H. Wilcox concerning the founding of Chi Phi in 1824, which contains extracts from a letter from Dr. John Maclean of Princeton.

In my, official capacity as historian of the Chi Phi Fraternity, I investigated this matter some time ago, and searched carefully and justly for the truth of a tradition which I had always doubted. From the information that came into my possession, I concluded, that not only was "the good doctor" not the founder of Chi Phi but that he never had any connection with it whatever. But as I was not able to say who was the originator of the fraternity, I did not consider myself justified in publishing to the world my own conclusions, and thus demolishing a tradition of twenty-five years for which I could substitute neither truth nor theory.

In the October issue of 1878 of the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, is an article entitled "Did John Maclean found Chi Phi in 1824?" I embodied my own belief and the various theories which might arise under the conditions therein stated. And in that paper I distinctly avowed it as my own opinion that John

Maclean was not our founder, and further that he denied it. This fact some what dims the lustre of Mr. Wilcox's "mare's nest," and he has only made public what has very recently come into my possession, but which I have known for several years, and more than twelve months since announced to my fraternity in the article above mentioned.

In regard to the second extract from Dr. Maclean's letter, I beg to ask Mr. Wilcox what Dr. Maclean's opinion is worth, in opposition to the positive evidence of three gentlemen, two of them reputable Christian ministers and the third an officer of the U.S. Army, who states that they saw and held in their hands in 1854 a book containing the constitution &c. of the Chi Phi fraternitý, bearing the date of 1824? that book and all the early papers of the fraternity were destroyed by fire in 1858, and thus our claim to 1824 vests upon the testimony of these gentlemen who this day manifest the greatest interest in the fraternity, and whose testimony I defy Mr. Wilcox to impeach. Their names are: the Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, Franklin-Marshall College, class of '56, now Professor of History and Archaleology in that institution; the Rev. Gustavus W. Mayer of San Francisco, California; and Chas. S. DeGraid, U. S. A., graduates of Princeton, class of '57.

In September last, I had a personal interview with Dr. Maclean, during which he reiterated the contents of Mr. Wilcox's letter; but when I acquainted him with certain facts in the early history of Chi Phi, he acknowledged that he had never heard of them before, and that under the circumstances. Chi Phi might have lived in 1824, and he not be cognizant of its existance. My affidavit to this effect is now in possession of the Xi chapter.

Trusting you will give this communication a place in your columns, I am,

Yours respectfully,

EUSTACE B. ROGERS, U. S. NAVY, Grand Historian of Chi Phi.

THE Annual Convention and Triennial Convocation of the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity was held on Tuesday, Dec. 30th, in Philadelphia. In the morning and afternoon private business of importance was transacted by the Grand Chapter in Parlor C, of the Continental Hotel, and in the evening a large number of members of the Fraternity, including delegates, from a distance, assembled at the Rooms of the Penn Club to listen to an eloquent oration by Mr. W. U. Hensel, of Zeta Chapter.

A poem by Mr. J. A. Whipple, of Upsilon Chapter, was read in his absence by M. R. B. Claxton, after which the annual supper was held, and at a late hour the Convocation adjourned.

### DELEGATES TO G.A.C. FOR FEBRUARY.

PENN'A. BETA. Arthur D. Bates and W. C. Wilson.

- " ZETA. J. H. Caldwell, and E. H. Linville
- " ETA. C. J. Musser, H. Clay Eschbach and Fred W. Biesecker.

OHIO GAMMA. W. M. Green, W. J. Mullins and C. F. M. Niles. Alternates. W. S. P. Cochran, C. W. Boyd, and G. W. Fleek.

IND. BETA. Wm. T. Blair, Wm. Adams, and P. H. Baskirk. Alternates, J. P. Can, Samuel Kidd and H. H. Harris. IND. GAMMA. Samuel M. Sayler, Herbert Hess and Harry C. Martin.

MICH ALPHA. Frank B. Leleand.

D. C. ALPHA. R. J. Murray, J. C. S. Richardson and F. O. McCleary. Alternates. P. H. Seymour, L. Beatty

#### INITIATES.

D. C. ALPHA,

November, 1879.

Philip G. Wales '81, Washington, D. C.

Edwin C. Stott, '81,

December, 1879.

Chas. W. Richardson '82, Washington, D. C.

Mason W. Richardson '83,

Fred D. McKenney '83.

OHIO BETA.

O. C. Stouder '81. Historian of his class.

A. H. Kunkle '82. Historian of his class.

Will Brewster '83. President of his class.

PA. ETA.

G. C. Stahl '83.

#### OHIO GAMMA;

(Since Sept.)

J. C. Martin '83, Pittsburg, Pa., J. E. Harris '82, Springfield, Ohio.

PENN'A. IOTA.

- H. C. Thompson '83, Beverly, N. J.
- R. H. Pile '83, Philadelphia, Pa.
- T. G. Hunter '82,

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MEADVILLE, PA., Jan. 13th 1880.

EDS. OF SHIELD:

DEAR Bros:—The enclosed essay was read before our chapter, and it was requested by note that it should be sent to the "Shield" for publication. If you have space and consider it of sufficient interest and merit we hope you will publish it.

The Beta is strong and active and we are rejoiced to recognize the fact in the communications sent the Shield that Phi Psi-ism is everywhere supported by energetic and enthusiastic men.

Fraternally Yours,

WILL C. WILSON.

#### TRUE BROTHERHOOD.

Extracts from an essay read before Penn'a. Beta.

True action depends upon correct knowledge and right rea-

To act in haste and in ignorance is to repent at leisure. When we take upon ourselves sacred vows, every cloud of uncertainty, every mist of doubt should be removed, that we may see and possess a clear idea of the obligations to be assumed. \*

We plead for clearness. Then those who come to us will know, before the mystic veil is raised, the object of a fraternity. Thus they will be enabled to act with intelligence. How often we allow the magic charm of a name to silence mind and heart.

Fraternity! What a tandem crowd of perplexing thoughts it calls up. We think about it; look upon its votaries; watch the glitter of their badges: see how popular it is: what a distinguished and superior air its members assume, as if raised far above the common, ordinary student, until the conclusion is formed that there is no happiness or content without its smile. A desire is created to be among the favored ones.

Poor fools, they give not a thought to the object of these bands of brothers, nor of their ability to live by the noble principles which they promulgate. Many who have thus blindly joined these societies are disappointed, and so signally fail to reap the benefits they bestow. Let us know what we are desirous of doing, and why. To join a fraternity is not alone sufficient. To attend the session does not fulfill the whole law.

Strip the fraternity of the charm we throw around the name, and what have we? A band with the motto "United we stand." While there comes whispered to us the sacred vows we breathed as we assumed the obligations, which are to be kept as sacred as the promise of man and woman, who say they will cherish, love and honor until death them do part. \* \*

Is it best to impress upon the mind of a probable candidate that our fraternity is a *mysterious something*, not to be talked about except in whispers? To throw around it an air of great secrecy.

May we not leave impressions which will be injurious to the person when he becomes acquainted with the noble yet ordinary object of fraternities? Should we not show their design? Certainly it is not to rent a large hall and there formally meet each week; to go through the formula, attend to a few necessary matters, then call it a fraternity and go home, satisfied that a fraternity is a good thing.

Away, with such ideas! let the room be full of light and warmth. Let the heart feel the glow as it crosses the portal. Let warm welcomes tremble on the lips; confidence in the grasp of the hand. Good nature and love beam upon every face. Eyes speak eloquently of peace and harmony. So each may rejoice as he comes, depart with regret, and look forward with impatience until we meet again, let us not impress the world so much with a mysterious something as with a wonderful friendship. Show, rather the beauty and strength of ardent friendship. Paint with lips which breathe forth the fragrance of hearts which realize the worth of that word, such pictures of holy, devoted and strong attachment, such delight of communion, such unselfishness and zeal for one another, that desire shall be aroused to become one of the band of brothers. Let our actions speak our vows appreciated. Friendship our theme. Its golden chain bind us heart to heart until, more joyous than stringed harp, each shall bear part in the enchanting music. Let it be the light-winged messenger that breathes hope into the weary brain and faintheart. The hand which the parched lips of a sick brother shall kiss and bless.

Let Friendship fill our college days with a warmth and cheer that even old age, hoary and feeble will bless the sweet memory of the happy days of dear old Phi Kappa Psi.

M. F. C.

#### A FRATERNITY HISTORY.

WOOSTER, OHIO, Jan. 24th, 1880.

DEAR Bro's:—For a long time the necessity for a history of our fraternity has been felt, that the brothers might become better acquainted with the organization of which they are members; but the great labor of such a task or a fear that it could not be accomplished, has prevented a full and complete history from being published.

Knowing that it would be for the good of the fraternity, and having a deep interest in her welfare, we have been encouraged to believe that such a history can and should be published. Therefore, it is the intention of the undersigned to make the attempt.

We have the endorsement of the G. C. and the hearty approval of our own chapter and individual members.

But to secure a history that will be a credit to the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity we need and ask the hearty co-operation of each chapter and member.

We would ask, therefore, that each chapter appoint a member to act as historian, and that they send us, as soon as possible, a full and complete account of their chapter since its organization.

The general outline of the history will be, (so far as circumstances may permit,) as follows:

- 1. A sketch of the life of the founders of the fraternity.
- 2. An account of its foundation and circumstances connected therewith.
- 3. Of each chapter, containing: a. When founded, and circumstances connected therewith. b. Charter members. c. Early struggles. d. Enterprises carried out by chapters. e. College or other honors taken by members. f. Record of deaths.
  - 4. Of the G. C's. Where located.
- 5. Of the G. A. Cs., where held, delegates from each chapter, and proceedings of the same.

The brothers can see what work is before the historians, and it is needless to urge that each chapter or member will be prompt to send us anything that may be of interest.

We will be obliged if you will send us the address of any former or present members to whom we could write for information.

D. C. List.

J. F. KINKADE.

Later the brothers communicated the following:

As regards the proposed "History of the Fraternity," we wish to say that we have met with much encouragement so far, and we feel that we will have no difficulty if the chapters all respond as we hope.

There will doubtless many difficulties arise which can not be foreseen at present, but none which can not be overcome if all take an interest in that which concerns every one of us. The attempt has never been made before to compile our history as a Fraternity, and there is therefore a rich field to be gone over. It is almost a generation since the foundation of the first chapter and from that beginning we have attained our present importance among the Greek Letter Societies. The story of the foundation and the steady growth must be one of interest and value to every Phi Kappa Psi. The story of each chapter, a young Fraternity in itself, must be desirable not only to the particular members but to all the others.

Our Fraternity has been of great importance in the college life of more than 3000 students.

It has added much to the happiness and benefit of that time of life when so many influences are at work moulding characters which shall be permanent.

In order that the Fraternity may be thoroughly known to tion of S. C. A. for some time.

those who receive its advantages, and that it may be properly understood as an organization having affected the individual lives of so many, a full account of it should be given.

We would be happy to receive from any chapter or member anything which would add to the completeness of the work, any newspaper articles or documents of any kind, or anything connected with the Fraternity which could be temporarily spared by the owners and which we might use.

YORK, PA., Jan. 30th, 1880.

EDS. SHIELD:—In reading "Frater's" communication a few months ago the suggestion in regard to revival of Phi Psi's defunct Southern Chapters I was induced from mere curiosity to examine our entire list of dead chapters, and while doing so I appended a few remarks after each which perhaps may be new to some of the boys, and I therefore submit the following:

N. Y. Alpha (Cornell Univ. 1869-'77.) Went over to Psi U. mainly through the efforts of Pres. White. Some of the deserters express willingness to return to their "first love." Bro. Powell, professor in the institution advises us to wait before reorganizing. Not proper material. Bro. P— has an idea or two, let him alone and he'll "fix" us.

N. Y. Beta (Syracuse Univ.) Not established. Who took out the charter?

N.Y. Gamma (Columbia Coll. 1872-75.) Present chances for resurrection rather slim. The past is not far enough away.

Mississippi Alpha (Univ. of Miss. 1857-61.) Six or seven fraternities exist here. There's material, but of a rather inferior order. Some of the fraternities have men away down in the class of '86.

Mississippi Beta (Miss. Coll. 1860-'61.) Antifraternity laws would possibly prevent reorganization.

Tenn. Alpha (La Grange Coll. 1859-60.) No chance, institution is dead.

Tenn. Beta, (Cumberland Univ. 1860-79.) Succumbed after a life of 19 years. Antifraternity laws exist just at present, but the prospects are that they'll be revoked shortly, then look out! Several other fraternities have already fixed their gaze on Cumberland. Some of our Indiana boys are graduates of that institution, let them at once take active measures for the revival of Tenn., B.

Tenn. Gamma (Nashville Univ. 1871-75.) The institution no longer exists.

Kentucky Alpha (Univ. of Ky., 1865-66.) Said to have rigid laws against Greek Letter Societies.

Ills. Beta (Chicago Univ. 1865-69.) We are all aware of her prospects.

Iowa Alpha. The brother who supported this chapter so long can't be heard from.

Iowa Gamma, (Cornell Coll. 1858-72.)

Wis. Beta (Racine Coll. 1876-78.) Suppressed by anti-frat. laws. Several fraternities exist there sub rosa.

South Carolina Alpha (Univ of S. C. 1857-73) Death of the institution killed this chapter. Report announces that the college will probably open in the fall. The colored element will undoubtedly be rather abundant and prevent reorganization of S. C. A. for some time

This I think is a complete list and one that promises little in the way of reorganization. It is true there are many more institutions in the South, such as Davidson Coll., Univ. of Ala., Ala. Agricul. Coll., Howard Coll., Mercer Univ., Emory Coll., East Tenn. Univ., Ga. Univ., Wofford Coll. (S. C.), Vanderbilt Univ. &c. &c., some of these are anti fraternity institutions but they as well as the rest are occupied by Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta &c., &c.

Wouldn't it be well for us to look to the East and the West? Yours fraternally

SENEX.

#### FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

THE ETA SENDS GREETINGS TO ALL: Vacation over, "the boys" have returned from their homes and entered upon the winter term with a renewed determination to make the most of its joys, pleasures and golden opportunities. With their usual promptness they were all present at the opening to listen to the words of wisdom and piety which fell from the lips of the learned doctor as he lengthened out the opening address. Their minds mirrored in their faces, it was evident that the thoughts of some were far away, perhaps at home again where kind friends are always kindest. Others seemed to be dwelling, now upon a past with its trials and triumphs, and now upon a future rich with promised conquests. Still others, a happy few, were with apparent content, feeding upon their own minds heedless of a passing hour or the speaker's solemn admonitions.

Such was the picture presented to the view of the writer as with a glance he took in the audience on the morning of the opening of college. Saturday evening following the boys of the Eta held their first meeting in the New Year. The scene here was in strong contrast with the former. All was life and activity. All hearts beat as one and to all minds there was but a single thought: the success and welfare of the order. Such in short, is the character of our weekly meetings.

Just before the close of the old year another youth upon whom for some time the fraternity had been fixing her searching eye proved himself true to the test and worthy to be allowed to enter the portals that admit the neophyte to the arcanum arcanorum. He had been asked time and again to connect himself with other orders here but had made up his mind that there was but one invitation, should he ever receive it, that he would accept. Having known Mr. G. C. Stahl for quite a while prior to his initiation, and that too under peculiar circumstances, it now gives us great pleasure to commend him to the love of all good Phi Psis.

Our chapter editor gave, in the last issue, a sketch of the founding and subsequent progress of the Eta. Time and space allowed nothing beyond the statement of principal facts. The twenty year's history of any chapter of such an organization as ours can not however be compressed within the limits of a column or two. This is true indeed of the mere external to say nothing of that internal history the data of which are never found traced on the records. The life of every individual member in the past would furnish to the historian mater- Pennsylvania Theta sends its monthly greeting to The Shield. 

ial sufficient for pages, and that which pervades the whole chapter would fill volumes. Of that life however no history need now be written, it is neither necessary nor possible. It is not necessary because that same life which permeated those who enjoyed the inestimable blessings of our order before us pulsates now in the breasts of each and every one of us. What that life is we know more by experience than by knowledge or observation. We live it and enjoy it, that we know. We know too that it is no deception. To give a history of that life is impossible because it is peculiar, unique, and defies definition or description. Paint for me the virgin's noblest blush, or the fire that flashes from the eye of the inspired seer; describe and tell what and whence is the beauty of the opening flower, the flavor of the luscious fruit aroma of scented plants, and then ask what is the charm and pleasure springing from the life into which we are introduced when we become Phi Psis. Only he can tell who lives that life, but none can de-

Let none make the charge that this is but the effusion of the fancy. Enthusiasm for the most part argues for appreciation. Were we less enthusiastic or did we hold the fraternity and fraternity life in less esteem than this may imply, we would lay ourselves open to the counter charge of lack of genuineness of Phi Psi character.

If there is not something truely characteristic lie about fraternity life then it is of nothing worth. If there is nothing in fraternity life which runs a strong line of distinction between itself and all other organizations, elevating it far above all manner of "clubs." literary societies, or any other association of whatever character you will, then the question of its further maintenance is one of little or no importance. Is the fraternity merely an association of separate clubs or literary societies? Let each chapter after examining its own character make answer for itself. Each chapter can answer what has been its chief aim in the past and what it is now.

The aim we ever have before us rules the bent and mold of our character. Our wish has always been that our friends should regard our organization as of a social character, and its object the cultivation of true manhood. Taken in its broadest sense, and as here used, the word, "social," is all comprehensive. When we meet together as social beings, we come leaving no part of ourselves behind. We come with Phi Kappa Psi as our watchword-not one but three, and these three equal. What that implies every one knows who has made a study of our constitution. Holding to it, mere literary pursuits can not be our object, nor conviviality only; but these must be supplemented by something else.

Fearing that the Eta occupied in the last assue more than her alloted space, we close that we may not be guilty of the same offence two successive times. Let this account for our briefness on a topic so interesting. We extend our love to KAPPA. the fraternity at large.

#### PENN'A, THETA.

Easton, Pa., Jan. 31th, 1880.

With hearts loyal to the best interests of Phi Kappa Psi, the

The campaign against the unsophisticated has at length come to a glorious close, as it always must when we fight under the banner of Phi Kappa Psi, and peace has been declared; not a peace given over to indolence and sloth, but one devoted to a well earned rest from labor, and an active preparation for the annually recurring conflict. Our victories for the present College year have been related by preceding correspondents, and need not be further dwelt upon. 'Tis enough to say that Phi Psi at Lafayette still holds the field against all comers.

Last Saturday night took place one of the pleasantest social gatherings Theta has had this year. After the regular meeting at our rooms, we all adjourned to Able's dining parlors, and partook of an oyster supper, provided by the kindness of Bro. W. N. Wilbur. If you could have been there to see the unity or spirit, the mutual regard for each other, and the common love for Phi Psi which pervaded us all, you would have thought that we were brothers indeed. 'Tis upon incidents such as this that we will afterwards look back as the pleasant recollections of our College course; for here are begun and matured the friendships which last as long as life itself.

Theta expects to send a delegation worthy of itself to Washington on the 18th, and hopes the G. A. C. will be the most successful that has yet been held.

Our best wishes are for the success of THE SHIELD.

L. R. D.

### KANSAS ALPHA.

LAWRENCE, KAN., Jan. 27th, 1880.

DEAR BROTHERS:

Have received two issues of the Shield. Our boys are well pleased.

I will try to send you something worth publishing for the next issue. Kansas Alpha is prospering—we carried off the honors of the class last year and lots of "good ones" left. Will try to work up a good sub. list for you among the boys.

Yours Fraternally,

E. C. LITTLE.

#### WISCONSIN ALPHA.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 2nd, 1880.

DEAR Bros:—We hope that our failure to put in an appearance in any of the earlier numbers of "The Shield" will not be construed as indicating any lack of interest in the fraternity at large.

We have been perhaps too much absorbed in our own affairs to give that thought to general fraternity matters which they deserve; but we hope that the following short sketch of our past and present will demonstrate that we have been fully mindful of the interests of Phi Kappa Psi.

We were organized in June 1875, at that time we had as opponents only the Beta Theta Pi against them we had no difficulty in making headway and we have constantly gained ground while they have been going down grade.

Soon however the Anti Secret Society of the University came

to the front. To use an old but appropriate figure "it went up like a rocket and came down like a stick."

The next advent was the organization of a chapter of Chi Psi here. This chapter was established about a year ago and on the principle that "a new broom sweeps clean" have been very active in the endeavor to obtain members.

In this length of time and under these circumstances we have accomplished the following results. Our apartments consist of two halls, each about twenty-five feet square, with large folding doors between them. These rooms are nicely carpeted, are furnished with a parlor set, arm chairs, marble top tables and writing desk, while the walls are adorned with engravings and various emblems of the Society. Deeming it eminently proper that we should retain our superiority, we have just purchased, and partially paid for a fine piano, and in connection therewith have organized an orchestra which consists of eight pieces viz.—violin, clarionet, piccolo, flute, two guitars and "bull-fiddle."

It has been our custom to give one or two social hops during each College term. These we intend to continue with this modification—that we shall furnish our own music.

We number at present twenty-four; of these three are resident alumni, 6 of the Sen. Class; 3 of '81; 3 of '82; 6 of '83 and 3 not in any regular course.

We regret that the distance will prevent any of our number from attending the G. A. C., but our best wishes for the abundant success of the gathering is not wanting.

In regard to the oft mooted question of a Song Book, we would report that it will be possible to issue it if the Chapters will take hold of the matter and aid us by their contributions, but not otherwise. We relinquish all claims however to the task and will agree to surender to any Chapter of the fraternity all right, title and interest to whatever we have that will aid them in going on with the work.

We would, also suggest that a legal directory be published in the "Shield." Many of our boys and we suppose many of the other members of the fraternity are practicing law, and it certainly would be advantageous and in many cases remunerative to those in that profession. With the best wishes for the "Shield" and for Phi Kappa Psi.

We are fraternally yours,

Wis. A.

#### PENN'A. EPSILON.

GETTYSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 3rd, 1880.

DEAR BROTHERS:

Epsilon has long been silent, and the query has been "why this silence" yet rest assured brother editors that she is thoroughly alive. We think the Shield is a grand institution, and we welcome its monthly arrival with the warmest feeling of pleasure, it always brings good news and words of cheer from our sister chapters.

I scarcely know what to tell you about ourselves. In the first place; on every Saturday evening our hall is filled with jolly, warm hearted Phi Psis. We think we have a very beautiful

and comfortable chapter hall, and when it is filled with loyal Phi Psis, to us it is one of the most delightful places in the world. As a rule, whenever we have a meeting every brother is in his place, no one likes to be away. Sometimes outsiders who know nothing whatever of the attractiveness of a good fraternity meeting, ask us how we spend our time, and whether our meetings are not very dull, could those persons be in our hall during a single meeting, we know that they would ask no more such questions. It seems that wherever there is a group of Phi Psis who are true to our noble order, there you may also be sure to see good feeling manifested. Outsiders can not understand it, but brothers you all know that a grasp of the hand of a true, warm hearted brother awakens thoughts and emotions that can not be expressed in words.

Epsilon has already entered upon her twenty-fifth year, and since her existence, many noble and loyal brothers have gone forth from her halls. In our next letter we propose telling you something about some of these men.

Next June we expect to have a grand reunion of the sons of Epsilon, and we shall do our best to make it a success.

Our prayer is for the further success of our dear order.

Yours Fraternally,

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#### OHIO BETA.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Feb. 2nd, 1880.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

DEAR BROS.-Ohio Beta sends greeting, and wishes, through the Shield, to send it to all her sister chapters.

Some time ago we received a letter from the grand secretary asking the cause of Ohio Beta's silence, and the reason that we catalogue but ten men this year. Since the reception of that letter we have been able to dispel any fearful forbodings on the part of the G. C., and today claim to be one of the most prosperous communities of Phi Psis in the U.S.

If our brothers of the G. C. had taken the pains to look at last year's catalogue, they would have found seven men, out of an enrollment of sixteen, classed under '79. At our last Commencement Phi Psis covered themselves with glory, for seven of the leading spirits in the class of '79 were our brothers. They have gone. No longer do we have the benefits of their counsel as active members. But we did not despair. Although few in number we were brave and courageous. We entered the College halls, we picked our men and today we number twelve, all as honest and true as is our grand old fraternity.

At the opening of the present collegiate year but nine men responded to the call of our president. Bold for the work our men went forth, filled with the spirit of Phi Psi, and before many weeks had rolled around three new brothers were counted among us. To-day we are twelve,—three Seniors, four Juniors, three Sophomores, and two Freshmen. By the time another letter is sent, we expect to enroll three more Sophomores among our members, thus giving us fifteen men.

Our College Annual will soon appear. Two out of a corps of three editors are Phi Psis. In our annual, one of the finest Phi Psi reports possible will be found. Springfield has more peculiar restlessness as he goes to and fro, muttering, sotto

Phi Psis than any other city of its size in the world. Besides our active members, the Annual will contain a list of thirty resident Phi Psis. These brothers are among the most distinguished in this county, and many of them distinguished throughout the state. Among them we enroll a Member of Congress, who will attend the G. A. C., at Washington; a Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio; several Professors; prominent lawyers; educators, &c., &c.

These men all exercise a fostering care over our chapter. For Ohio Beta we predict a glorious future. As the classes of '80, '81 and '82 leave the halls of College and mix with the busy throng of life, the greatest honors that Wittenberg can bestow will go with them.

No, Ohio Beta is not dead; nor is she sleeping. We believe in the Shield, and shall do all that we can for its support We wait for it eagerly, and are informed of the Phi Psi world.

Anxious for the advancement of our great brotherhood, and desirous of a still more prosperous future, Ohio Beta subscribes herself through her secretary, A. D. Hosterman, '81.

#### IOTA.

IOTA HALLS, Feb. 7th, 1880.

DEAR Bros:-Iota is flourishing; "well that's nothing new." I hear some one say, and happy we are to acknowledge that it is indeed nothing new. For, to say the least, Iota has a way of flourishing and her joyous and radiant young face can not but make glad the heart of every loyal Phi Psi. Nothing of a very appalling nature has happened among us since our last letter to the "Shield," nor is it probable that anything of such a nature will happen in a Chapter of such well conducted and moral young men as we are. We all pursue the even tenor of our way unprovoked by the storms of College life, unwrecked even by that very hurricane the Mid-Winter Examinations which, alas, too often breaks unexpectedly on the unwary wretch who has floated merrily with the tide during the term, and catching him up in its whirlwind, strands him, dismembered and bleeding, on the desert sand of a condition. Two of our boys have left us, Harry Bright to warm (with coal) and make light hearted for genuine Yankees, Halberstadt of Irish Twin celebrity to see the lions of the old world and be lionized. Some say that he has gone abroad with a vague purpose of further studying up the nature, habits and general peculiarities of Irish Twins, perhaps some day to deplore a too intimate acquaintance with squills and sleepless nights. In the words of the immortal somebody,—we forget his name just now-we say "Don't." As to Harry Bright we can not but deplore his loss, for a more active and warmer hearted brother we have never had. We received a gushing letter from him the other day in which he neither spared our faults nor our opinions, evidently believing it better to shatter the rod into a thousand pieces over one back than to spoil us by its too niggardly application. We will follow your advice, Harry, and especially take the utmost care of Bonnell's face, that not one straggling hair trespass upon its bare-faced virginity.

The G. A. C. is upon us and we can see in Doug. Brown's a

voice, various fragments of the great speech with which he is preparing to electrify the assembled Bros. at Washington. There is a wierd light in his eye and a semi-sardonic, semicomplaisant smile hovering about the corners of his mouth and flitting in serpentine career through the delicate fibres of that embriotic mustache of his. All this argues great things, for Doug. talks so seldom, that when he does all Nature stands agast and his dog invariably runs away. Bro. Mc-Collin will accompany Doug. mainly to take care of him and as a fellow member of the Bar (to be) debar him from a too intimate acquaintance with the Washington Bars. But now my attention is diverted from this barbarous theme to the contemplation of one of our Bros. alas! too little understood. Brothers, we have a jewel in our midst! A rare and precious jewel! Behold him as he sits wrapt in thought-and in tobacco smoke, his classic brow shadowed with lofty thoughts—and a slouch hat, his hand convulsively clutching, clutching-but I forbear. Too often lost in mighty and obstruse theological speculation he even forgoes the pleasures of poker and retiring behind his philosophic spectacles forgets that he is a Freshman and a Jerseyman.

Gross is now travelling agent for a "Grand Moral Dime Show," which fact prevents his regular attendance. The First Grand Performance of the Season is soon to take place in West Phila. There will be Ned McCollin in his inimitable and world renowned impersonation of Nebuchadnezzer supported by Schelling as Premier Danseuse! &c. &c. See hand bills! As to the rest of the boys they are all as happy as can be expected "considerin," that Tommy still uses cribs, Bonnell still talks about Metaphysic, Todd about the girls and Brown about anything, especially his dog; that Pile still keeps on smoking vile pipes and Ganison telling stale jokes; that Tompson still ogles the girls and Stubb and Baldy prominade Chestnut St. for like dire purposes. In conclusion let me whisper one thing in your ear-Subscribe for the SHIELD if you have not already, for it becomes every loyal Phi Psi to show his Fraternity feeling by supporting this meritorious effort. I live in the hope of hearing a hearty Amen. NEMO. ALIAS NOBODY.

#### PHI PSIS ABROAD.

DEAR Bros: - The perusal of the personal "Herbert H. Jackson '75 Pa Theta is now farming in Min." In last number of Shield recalled many pleasant times that I'd had with "Jack" as his friends dubbed him. Perhaps it may be necessary to add that we were of different chapters, he of the Pa. Theta and I of Epsilon and that our companionship dated only from the spring of '75. when I for the first time met him at Gottingen Prussia. I'd been at the University for one year, when one noon upon my return from lectures I found Bro. Jackson in my room on Burg Strasse awaiting my coming. As I entered the "den" he arose and asked whether I was Bro. Upon replying in the affirmative we embraced in Phi Psi style! He handed me an introductory letter from Bro. Farber of his chapter and we at once proceeded to a discussion of frat. matters. I now clearly observed what I at first sight suspected-"Jack" was blind or almost so! He afterwards said he could see the indistinct outlines of buildaway prizes and second honor at Lafayette! His intellect was truly not the least clouded!

After locating Jack in the same house and in the room adjoining mine, I proceeded to introduce him to the boys. None of these were Phi Psis; all Alpha Delts, "Dekes" or Zeta Psis. We being the sole representatives of Phi Kappa of course held frequent conversations in regard to her welfare and at Jack's suggestion we founded the Gottingen chapter of Phi Psi. We held meetings almost every night! The exercises began by Jack's giving mysterious knocks on the door between our rooms about 12 A. M. which were answered by Herein! Thereupon the boy would enter, cross the room to a sofa upon which he'd throw himself, draw forth an immense pipe, and a still greater tobacco pouch. Silence reigned supreme during this performance. I now swung my chair about and resting my arms on the back of same, proceeded to read minutes of last meeting. "Last night-Sam Martin, General Grant"-That was sufficient! "oh yes, Sam Martin, began Jack," the laziest, best hearted man in Easton! Well, I tell you—you ought see that fellow. And this way we'd kill time, talking about the boys and then when day began to dawn I'd remark "Jack, big day's work before me." and we started singing "Let's have a song" &c., &c.

The exercises varied, one night in particular do I remember and will notice here as it may be of interest. "Jack" never failed to inform me at every meeting what an "inveterate smoker" Sam Martin was and continually declared his intention of sending Sam a Meerschaum pipe or cigarette smoker. But how to circumvent the custom house was the query. We called a great many special meetings, but finally "Jack" hit a plan. He bounced in my room about six one evening with "special meeting." We began and after emptying several Flaschen, Bro. Jack drew from his coat pocket a little antiquated looking book, which proved to be a Horace. He at once instructed me how he desired that book to be used: "Cut out the printed portion, that will leave a nice little hole for Sam's pipe and the edge will never give us away." Jack said he didn't want to do the cutting himself as he was a particular friend of the author · and I should do it and having forgotten all I ever knew about

"Maecenas, atavis edite regibus" &c

I dug out the hole. In it we placed the pipe, stuffed cotton about it, closed the book and I admit when wrapped for mailing it would have mislead the most careful observer. So we exultantly posted off to the office and mailed Sam's pipe. A letter accompanied it. It was amusing to see how Jack chuckled over his getting ahead of the Custom house officers and you can judge of his chagrin, when about six weeks subsequent a letter from Sam Martin arrived, announced that *Horace* didn't pass safely thro' the hands of Uncle Sam's police. But in a post-script Bro. Martin remarked he got it anyway and "Jack" added with grin expressive of great satisfaction—"Wont Sam hug that pipe."

Bro. Farber of his chapter and we at once proceeded to a discussion of frat. matters. I now clearly observed what I at first sight suspected—"Jack" was blind or almost so! He afterwards said he could see the indistinct outlines of buildings on clear days. This then was the "Jack" who carried I might write many more items in regard to our meetings but your space is precious and it was only because I felt compelled to say something after reading that personal that I've consumed what paper I have. I remained in Gottingen much longer than Jack and never knew where he was until I received my

SHIELD. I'll venture there have been very few American students in Gottingen who left there leaving the splendid record of Bro. Jackson. That you all may meet him is the earnest wish of

#### EDITORIAL.

Many thanks to Bro. Raff of Ohio Gamma for copies of his music. We've not seen them yet, since an Iota musician cribbed them and only said he'd write us a notice of same. We would however advise every Phi Psi to procure copies. Get the girls to play them for you. We do!

We've been worried quite a little by the tardy appearance of matter to fill up this issue. See to it, boys, that each chapter regularly sends in a monthly communication. And don't forget the personals and *sich*. College papers, *Olios*. *Palladiums* and publications of that description would please us.

We have the pleasure of announcing to all Phi Psi the joyful news of the birth of Illinois Beta! So. The new brothers at the University of Chicago are:

W. H. Alsip, '80, F. L. Anderson, '81, (President's Son,) W. F. Barber, '82, R. S. Matt, '81, S. Randall, '81, W. R. Scott, L. Ferry, '81 and L. Weinschenk, '83.

Accept our "paw" boys and let our old hearts soon be made glad by a long, long communication for the Shield.

CAN any brother inform us what has become of Bro. Dudley's proposed Phi Kappa Psi song book? Some of our musical brethern have been writing us in regard to same. They have musical sisters who are anxious to become better acquainted with our music &c. This, too, suggests another point, viz; in regard to our waltzes &c. There has been a great demand for the same very recently. We would be thankful to any of our musical authors if they'd favor us with copies of their productions. We want to keep the boys informed on such points.

When we read the communications on "A Fraternity History," we said to several brothers we approve of the idea. We adhere to that sentiment and the longer we consider the subject the more fully convinced are we that our Gamma brothers are on the right track. Are the rest of us going to remain idle while this little affair is going on? Hope not. We intend to write the boys at once and give them what little information we can. Any scrap concerning Phi Psi will be welcomed by the authors of the proposed work. It wouldn't be a bad idea for each man to sit down, write out the events, in his career as a Greek and remit the same to Wooster. Look thro' the Archives, too, boys, and spare no pains to make this record of Phi Kappa Psi one full of interest, &c.

THE New York party who purposes entering a bid at G. A. C. for the manufacture of our pins, dropped in upon us recently an exhibited specimens of his Phi Psi work. All our delegates should examine the same carefully and thoughtfully consider the bargain he will present. Although there are points open to criticism, we, after a careful scrutiny of work which he is doing regularly for other fraternities, concluded

that our pins as made by him with slight corrections would be decided improvements upon our present form. The material is the best and the prices such as would naturally cause a pause before purchasing elsewhere. New designs, too, of Phi Psi scarf pins could be had. A lovely locket was placed before us. We desired it, but then you know editorially pockets are always lean, so we had to make the best of it and wait "till our ship comes in."

#### PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

HARRY Huber '75 Pa. E. is a father.

BB of Trinity has gone over to Psi U.

SIGMA Chi at Purdue Univ. has gone under.

Wm. Rathvon '74 Pa. Eta is in Sterling, Kansas.

L. L. Davis '81 Kansas Alpha is in Sacramento, Cal. Dana Lawrence '81 Ks. A. is in an Atchinson bank.

H. H. Jenkins '79 Ks. A. is studying law in Kansas City.

WILL Hapgood '77 Ks. A. is on the K. P. Engineering Corps.

Dr. D. L. Tressler '60 Pa. E. is President of Carthage College Illinois.

Rev. J. P. Moore '73 Pa. Eta is located at Millersville, Lancaster Co., Pa.

S. O. Henry '81 Kansas Alpha is Teller in the First National Bank, Abilene, Ks.

T. C. Scaton '81 Ks. Alpha is book keeper in his father's foundry, Atchison, Ks.

Rev. H. C. Swentzel '72 Pa. Eta has charge of Episcopal church, Chambersburg, Pa.

 ${\tt John}$  Adams Fell, Pa. Theta '75, has a large practice as an M. D. in Buckingham, Pa.

WM. W. Pursell, M. D. Pa. Theta, '75, is physicing the denizens of White House, N. J.

m John~R. Williams, Pa. Theta, '74, who is practising law in St. Louis, Mo., visited his old haunts at Christmas.

PRESTON L. Melton of S. C. Alpha has recently been admitted to the bar and has control of the law firm of Melton and Clark.

CHAS. S. Gleed '79, Ks. A. is in the K. P. General Land Office, Kansas City, Charlie is one of the Assoc. Ed's of the K. C. Journal.

REV. Geo. Rosenmiller, Pa. Eta was married Dec. 3rd, 1879 in Christ's Church, Towanda, Pa. to Miss Helen Mercur, niece of Judge Mercur.

ROBERT S. Johnson, Pa. Theta, '78, is engaged in mercantile business in Greenville, Pa. Bob paid the boys a visit during the Christmas holidays.

Dickinson College with six men. One of their Western chapters resigned en masse recently.

REV. Pres. T. R. Dimm '57 of Pa. E. has concluded to leave Lutherville Fem. Sem., and intends establishing a similar institution at Kimberton. Chester Co., Pa.

Dr. George D. Stahley's Pa. E. '71, labors in State Lunatic Hospital at Harrisburg received a hearty approval in the last report of Dr. Curwen, the Superintendent.

BEN. K Miller Jr. Pa. E. '77 has just been admitted to the Milwaukee bar. He sails for Gottingen March 1st. All letters for him should be addressed to 102 Wisconsin St. Mil.

LIEUT. Wm M Black of '74 Pa. Eta graduated as first honorman in class of '77 at West Point. Shortly after graduation he married Miss Derby of Brooklyn, and at present is located at Willitt's Point L. I.

WILL T. Fee, Pa. Theta, '76 a flourshing young lawyer in Lanchaster, Pa., followed the example of the other boys, and came to Easton to spend Christmas with "her". Will's moustache is the envy of the Freshmen.

"OLE" Davy Meyers, Pa. Zeta was married on the 5th of Feb. Many thanks for "invite" and only too sorry we couldn't be there. The Iota boys wonder whether this little event will keep "Handy Andy" away from their future "grinds."

REV. D. M. Gilbert '57 Pa. E recently published a paper on "The Synod of Virginia: Its History and Work." This is work performed in the interests of the Lutheran church, and these capable of judging declare it a first class production.

THERE'S a young Phi Psi in Providence, R. I., who writes us that three evenings of each week he spends among the Brown Univ. boys. He calls it "prospecting"; and just at present the prospects are not very favorable, but we are confident our brother will acomplish something eventually. We are acquainted with his record here at the University of Pa. He is the man who "scooped" in Freshmen for Iota. When you see or hear of a petition for R. I. Alpha be assured that the best men of Brown are at the bottom of it and "Brightly" will instruct them in the way they're to go.

#### FROM PUCK.

, Jan. 21st.

ANSWERS TO THE ANXIOUS.

CHI PHI:-Your case is a sad one. We do not entirely understand what your agony is all about. Somebody seems to be wronging you-but it is difficult for an outsider to understand exactly how. The only advice we can give you is to forgive him. You ought to forgive all your enemies. If the fellow is smaller than you are, lick him and forgive him; if he is bigger, simply forgive him, omitting the first past of the operation. For the information of parents intending to send their sons to Muhlemberg College we publish your letter, with the mild suggestion that if old Muhlenberg is alive and around he

THE Phi Delta Thetas (according to rumor) have entered ought to take hold of the first class in spelling-take hold of it by whatever comes handy-and wake the "prominent chapter of Chi Phi" up a bit.

MUHLENBEG COLLEGE, Dec. 18th, 1879.

To Puck:-Gentlemen-Though a scholar at College I did find many spare hours to peruse your interesting sheet between lessons, and lately have perceived many able criticisms from it. Being a fraternity man I send you my opinions on a book by Mr. W. Raymond Baird on College fraternities for you to use. He seems to have composed the book for the glorification of his own fraternity which no one has ever heard of. Within it he does not give us, Chi Phis fair show, though he, wants us to pay for his volume, neither does he give us at Muhlenberg a fair show. We are a prominent chapter of the Chi Phi, and, think every composer, should be just to all alike. We started in 24 before he was and had better be careful what he says or we will expugn him. He will tremble and shiver when his eye see's this we want him to do it.

CHI PHI, ALLENTOWN PA.

P. S. Can we prohibit, the sale of his organ on account of lible.

[We were, as we have no doubt the Editor of Puck, was, taken in by the first of the letters given below, but when the second one appeared, we felt sure that some outsider was playing on Puck's ignorance of the nature of College Fraternities, as we can't believe that any member of the Chi Phi Fraternity would make such a fool of himself as to write such a letter. We have given the matter a place in The Shield as a warning to our brothers that the public newspapers are not a good medium through which to ventilate Fraternity matters.]

#### FROM PUCK.

Feb. 11th.

"BER-LUD WANTED."

PHILA. PA. Jan. 24th, 1880.

EDITOR OF PUCK:—I have been authorized by my fraternity to write to you concerning an article on "Chi Phi" which appeared in the last number of your vile paper.

I would desire extremely to know exactly what you meant by that article. You insert for perusal by your readers what purports to be a reprint, verbatim, of a communication from a member of our Muhlenburg chapter. No such letter was ever written, as I well know; you too are cognizant of this circumstance.

Do you know that you have openly and publicly insulted a fraternity that numbers among her members Colonel Dr. Lan-

Know then that if in your next issue you do not apologize and explain that you will be publicly castigated on the highway. Or if with cowardly effrontery you hide, covered with your Shakesperean appellation, that your disgrace will be heralded throughout the land in the Chi Phi quarterly.

> "Сні Рні" (Alumnus) Per order of "Chi Phi" Fraternity.

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#### VIRGINIA DELTA.

BETHANY COLLEGE, Jan. 7th, 1880.

In our last we attempted briefly to lay before the Fraternity the first years of the history of our Chapter. We ended by promising to explain how the seeming death blow to our little band was averted. The Faculty were decisive in their demands, that the so-called "Secret Band" should cease with the end of the session. But the condition granted furnished a means of escape. During the same year in which the decree went forth bearing destruction to the young sons of old Phi Kappa Psi, a new rival appeared on the scene of action in the shape of Beta Theta Pi, which soon saw that there was no chance of coping with the "Old Reliable" by any fair means whatsoever, so to remedy this existing want they formed what was then known as "The Opposition," and this intended ally and youthful son of the haughty "Beta Theta Pi" afterwards developed into what is now known as the "Delta Tau Delta" Fraternity. So the introduction of the "Beta Theta Pi" and the birth of the "Delta Tau Delta" proved a means of salvation to the Virginia Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi. For a long time party spirit ran high between the different Fraternities; by degrees, however, the "Delta Tau Delta," like a wayward child, began to stray farther and farther away from its too anxious and troublesome mother, and long before it had reached anything like a proper age, it asserted its independence and sailed under its own flag, and we are happy to say, that much of that old antagonistic feeling which once existed between the members of the "Delta Tau Delta" and those of the "Phi Kappa Psi," has to a great extent died away, and we now meet each other as Brothers of sister Fraternities, striving for the high and noble end for which all Greek-letter Societies have been founded, and which we hope some day may be realized in its fullest meaning.

Such is the brief history of the founding and the beginning of the "Phi Kappa Psi" Fraternity in Bethany College. It has ever since sustained the honor and dignity that

rightly belongs to her, and has graced the honored roll of old Phi Psi with the names of many sons who are yet true and loyal subjects of our Queen, the "Psyche" of to-day. Many have been the trials and sufferings that have been endured by the sons of Virginia Delta. Situated as our College is, on almost the border line of the two great sections of our country, the North and South, it may readily be imagined the party feeling that invaded the college when the great civil war threatened to sever the heart-strings of the nation; yet it is a beautiful fact, and one worthy to be admired, that never did one bitter feeling, one envious thought invade the sacred walls of the Fraternity. And to-day, on almost our twentieth anniversary, we stand united in action, united in heart. And the earnest prayer of Virginia Delta is, that the overruling providence may shield and protect old Phi Psi, and that the star of her glory may grow brighter and brighter as it approaches its zenith, and that the glorious future that now lies open before her, may bear golden sheaves of victories won over all that is base and ignoble, and bestow the laurel-wreaths of immortal fame and glory on all her loyal sons that strive for the higher, nobler aims of all that is true, beautiful and lovely in man.

Fraternally.

FRED LOOS.

#### INDIANA GAMMA.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., Feb. 11th. 1880.

DEAR SHIELD:—Allow Indiana Gamma to extend a few encouraging words to the best organ the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity has ever had. We are truly proud of the SHIELD, and as a good paper is essential to the well-being of any and every order, we will unite with the others in giving it our hearty support.

The work recently published on the subject of college fraternities, says in regard to the Phi Kappa Psi, that all its Chapters are in excellent condition, except those in Indiana. This is a vile slander. Phi Psiism is in a good condition in Indiana, but we are extremely modest and are reluctant to flourish our good qualities before the public.

From information received I should judge the Alpha and Beta branches of our Fraternity in this State to be thriving, but of Indiana Gamma I know whereof I speak. We have thirteen loyal Phi Psis, and you can judge of our quality from the fact that we have the presidents of both our literary societies, a delegate to the State Oratorical Association, and two of the five editors of our college paper. Of eight prizes given, in 1879, in college, the members of Indiana Gamma took four, or one-half. We also took the first honors for oratory at the State contest at Indianapolis last year, and represented this State in the inter-State con-

test at Iowa City. We have a handsome hall, and are progressing finely.

We claim Mr. Burdette, the "Hawkeye man," as a progeny of Indiana Gamma, and of him we are justly proud, and are glad to hear through the Shield, that he is still a loyal Phi Psi.

We will not send a delegate to Washington, but the G. A. C. has our best wishes.

Wishing you abundant success, I remain

Yours in Φ. K. Ψ.,

W. B. A.

#### UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS, Feb., 1880.

To all Brother Phi Psis Kansas Alpha sends Greeting:-Away off here, separated from our brothers by so many miles, we must let them hear from us through that medium which wields such an influence upon humanity—the press. The press universal has a noble purpose, and its ends should be pure and lofty. Surely the press that binds closer in a union of sympathy, brothers who may never meet in the flesh, reaches one of the noblest ends of journalism. As mind is far above matter, so the association of mind with mind is above the mingling of flesh and blood; but neither is good alone; all must be balanced. When we meet our brothers and hold communion with them, a deep pleasure arises; there is nothing like it. It is a pleasure not purely sensual, and we come away refreshed and aided. The rooms echo with the laughter and fun of jolly fellows-ever to be remembered as the happiest hours of college life.

Although long silent to our outside brothers, we have not been sleeping. Our boys have been working, working hard; and the result is we have a Chapter composed of members. each one of whom is an honor to Kansas Alpha and Phi Kappa Psi. We will not sing of all the honors gained by our members; but the gods have smiled on us, and we have received many laurels. Perhaps it would be but right to say, that our G. P., who has just gone out of office, and who will so soon leave us, cleared the entire Junior class in calculus, and took the highest standing ever made in that study at this university. We are sorry to lose him, and our best wishes for prosperity will go out with him. Two of our ment! Long may the golden arrow fly in the land; may founder of our Chapter, and James Willis Gleed, who took the first honors in the class of '79. We have lost two menbers since Christmas, but two of our old boys have returned in their places. "Toddy" went home to Atchison, Kansas, to join in the pursuit of lucre; and beside the brothers who lament his departure there are many sisters who have donned sable garments in his honor. And a few weeks ago Bro. Smith, our dear "George," took his last Ed. and packed his valise. Too much hard study did not agree with the tall Boston youth's health, hence he will be out one year to regain his strength, and will graduate with '83. He was the sweet singer of the university, and his voice will be missed in the chapel and in the parlors of our fair maidens. The initiates since September are these, in the order

of initiation—Frank A. Todd, '82, Atchison, Kansas; Frank L. Webster, '83, Lawrence; W. T. Spangler, '83, Osage Mission; Fred A. Stocks, Blue Rapids; John E. McCurdy, '82, Lawrence; Wilson Sterling, '83, Abilene. These are worthy additions to the Fraternity.

The only young ladies' secret society in the university is the Kappa Chapter of I. C. Sorosis; between these and the Phi Psis there has existed a coolness for several years, resulting from some misunderstanding in the earlier days of both Chapters. Hence the Betas have received the honors from these ladies as a body. But the fair ones have waved the olive branch, and on the eve of St. Valentine's day we were invited to an I. C. reception at the parlor of one of their number. Music and valentines, refreshments and men are members of the Faculty, Frank O. Marvin, the young ladies—shades of Beta Theta Pi, witness our enjoyit pierce many shields of valiant Phi Psis, and let Cupid watch over his victims, and Venus smile on her children.

PHIL-HELLENE.

#### PENN'A ALPHA.

Washington and Jefferson College,

WASHINGTON, PA., Feb. 16th, 1880.

EDITORS OF SHIELD:

Dear Bros.—At your request I have looked over some of the archives of our Chapter, when at Canonsburg, with a view to finding something of interest to the readers of the Shield. All our old relics were put into the care of a good Brother, now in Texas, several years ago, and so we have them carefully preserved. In the absence of our Texas Brother Jim B. McElroy, his good mother carefully guards the old trunk and its contents, for she thinks there never was a set of fellows like the Phi Psi boys. But to go on with my story. I found many things that interested me greatly, I am sure, and that would doubtless be of interest to many of the boys, but I have only time tonight to mention one matter.

You asked for the Latin petition for a Chapter from the University of Virginia. In a very ancient looking package of letters I came across the identical article. I transcribe it below exactly as it is in the original:

"Ad Pennsylvaniam Alpha,  $\Phi K \Psi$  Fraternitatis ad Collegiam Jeffersoniensem, salutem in Domino.. Nos Universitatis Virginiae, subscripti discipult, ad hanc Academiam, capitem vestri, honorificentissimae Fraternitatis, officiosissime fundare supplicamus.

(SIGNED),

C. P. T. Moore, Student of Law.

H. H. Clark, " Medicine.

C. C. J. Aston, " " " " E. S. Fugate, " " "

W. A. McCorkle, Medical Student.

J. M. Hauger, Student of Law.

J. Bumgardner, Academic Student.

Such is the petition whch was received by our Chapter then the G. C., Nov. 21st, 1853. The request was granted Dec. 2d, '53.

I have also discovered, and now have in my possession a collection of very interesting numbers of the Mystic Friend, of the years '53, '54, '55 and '56. The Mystic Friend, you may know, is a Penn'a Alpha paper, which was in days of yore, and is yet, prepared by a regularly appointed Brother, to be read before the Chapter at each regular meeting. In other words, it is a Shield on a smaller scale. Of course these papers are only preserved in manuscript form, but I find so many good, common-sense articles in them, that I would be tempted to copy one of them for the SHIELD, were it not that I suppose it is rather late to send in communications for the next number, and I am scarcely previous enough to begin now to write for any other than the next number. However, I hope this may reach you in time for you to make any extracts you may desire for the next issue.

Pardon me for not answering your letter sooner. It was necessary for me to wait till I heard from my Texas Brother before making the investigation of the old Phi Psi Archive Trunk.

Yours of Pa. Alpha,

C. C. HAYS.

#### OHIO ALPHA.

DELAWARE, Feb. 16, 1880.

EDITORS SHIELD:

Since the explosion of our "Financial idea," the great "Ohio Idea" seems to be to have a very large finger in every pie, not only political, but every other as well. A very palpable manifestation of this spirit has been exhibited in the columns of the Shield from time to time where Ohio has been as conspicuously represented, as is the wont of this self-asserting State in every other field. Slight echoes from this, the "noisiest Chapter in the Fraternity," have now and then rippled through your columns, just enough to let you know that Ohio Alpha "is not dead," nor even "sleepeth." The solemn constraint which she has donned since "Bob" gave her away so sadly, may perhaps account for the unusual silence she has manifested thus far. The fact is, we have been "fighting the good fight," and now that the tug of war is over, and we are safely ensconced in our winter quarters (not a Valley Forge, most emphatically), it is the first time that we have been permitted the leisure to look about us. Our opposition here in the University keeps Fraternity interest constantly at the highest strain. We are blessed with eight Fraternities here, which stand in order of strength: Phi Kappa Psi, with 14 men; Phi Gamma Delta, with 13; Chi Phi, with 10; Delta Tau Delta, with 9; Phi Delta Theta with 9; Beta Theta Pi, with 7; Sigma Chi, with 6, and last, although in truth, perhaps I should say first, Delta Chi Alpha, with 13 ladies. Strongest numerically we are also recognized to be strongest in every other particular, so much so, indeed, that in rushing some of our "b'hoys," the other Fraternities at times combine against us, preferring rather to lose the man and sacrifice their particular interest, than to see us predominate. Yet notwithstanding we have knocked the persimmons very successfully, having successfully conducted four, the length of our short overland trip via Goat, to fraternal felicity.

The condition of the "Frat" is very flattering indeed. Of college honors we have more than our share. With four editors on the college *Transcript*, and four first-class positions on the *Spring Publics*, we feel for once that "virtue hath its reward." In our classes we have four men in '80, five in '81, two in '82, and three in '83. While our hall, just newly refitted, our social and college standing, and the ladies wearing the Phi Kappa badge at the "Fem," objects of particular self-congratulation to some of us, are all worthy objects for just pride; yet above and beyond are we gratified at the true fraternal love and congeniality which animates us all, and which is the only one, after all, worthy of the "crown and the purple."

We all take the SHIELD, and read it with pleasure. We tender our heartiest encouragement to you, and sincerely hope that this good enterprise, so auspiciously started, will meet with its deserved success.

C. H. B.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb 18th 1880.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

Dear Bros:-It has been my intention for some time to presume to write to you, but not knowing whether "alumni" (that isn't bad, by the way) were given a place in your most highly appreciated paper, I delayed the matter until this moment. The SHIELD for March has just been received and read twice over, a fact which has a tendency to mollify my injured spirit somewhat, inasmuch as my heart is at Washington, D. C. (Daddy of his Country) today. But I can't be there. No! it is one of the incomprehensible and deplorable effects of leaving college, when a man severs his connection with all the associations incidental to college life. This is indeed a hard life. Without Phi Psi and the many good fellows who made Iota's halls attractive, to the detriment of recitations, life is indeed a horrid grind. As I sit in my sequestered sanctum and think of Bosco's eccentricities at Symposium, and many other incidents pleasing to recollect, and when I pick up our Shield and hear Brown's loquacity expatiated upon, I wish myself in Phila. on some Tuesday night to hear the immortal Elwell sing the praises of the mule, and Garrison recount to the mob in the corner of the Camden Fire Company's proposed engine.

But such things cannot be. If I cannot enjoy the influence of Phi Psis, I am determined to extend it as far as practicable. I am still doing what I can, but with no success. Beta Theta Pi has taken hold of the society, I mentioned to you in a letter some time since. They are welcome to them, for they are not of our choosing. I am indeed pained beyond measure to hear of the ill conduct of the boys. Is it true that Pile still smokes that Pipe and wears that pin? Is it not a mere rumor that the graceful Schelling compromises his dignity so far as to indulge in terpsichorean frivolities? But they will see the error of their ways, and some time they will look back with an intense pleasure and enthusiasm to their active connection with Phi Psi. Send me the Shield and all the documents of interest, and believe me.

Ever your Brother in  $\Phi$  K  $\Psi$ ,

R. I. ALPHA.

#### PENN'A ETA.

Franklin and Marshall College,

LANCASTER, PA.

To all the brothers of our holy order Eta sendeth her words of good cheer and fraternal greeting:—

"When Nature her great master-piece designed, And framed her last, best work, the human mind, Her eye, entent on all the mazy plan, She formed of various parts, the various man."

Of all that innumerable company of "various man," which good dame Nature has fashioned, out of "various parts," since the foundation of the world, she has completed no more perfect job (not even excepting the result of the pilfering of the "rib" from Adam—in itself a most sagacious and beneficient transaction) than when she called into being that true ideal of manhood, the true, generous and noble Phi Psi "man."

When we look into the world about us, we see many such imperfect moulds of humanity that the good dame must certainly blush to own relationship with them, even as bastard children. But on him who holds fast to and carries out in daily life the fundamental principles of Phi Kappa Psi, her true, disinterested benevolence, charity and love, she ever bestows her kindliest looks and most gracious smiles, and marks all such as the jewels which are to enrich her regal crown.

The delegates and associates—there were only seven of us who attended that Grand Arch Council of Gods at Washington, returned well pleased, not only with G. A. C. and D. C. Alpha, but thanks to that prince of royal brothers, Bob Murray, even with Washington itself. We shall not soon forget the kindness and attention of Brother Bob; nor shall we forget those other good Brothers, Hay, McClery, "Hinkle" Seymour, Edwards, Beatty and others of the "gang."

We are glad that the G. C. is to pass into the possession of such a noble Chapter of loyal hearts as the D. C. Alpha. We feel that in her hands the affairs of Phi Psi will be managed no less prosperously than our good sister Theta who has conducted them so long.

Nothing of monent has transpired in the Eta since our last communication. The boys express themselves pleased with everything done by our late G. A. C.; but how could it be otherwise, while we all retain the same love and zeal for the cause of Phi Psi which has characterized the Eta in the past.

We fear no rival here at F. and M., but gaily flaunt our glorious banner to the breeze, and step boldly forward incased in full Phi Psi panoply, with the bright sunlight of prosperity kissing the burnished golden shields upon our breasts.

May the peace, harmony and prosperity which has for so many years gladdened the hearts of those connected with the Eta ever be the lot of all within the realms of Phi Psidom.

Fraternally, H. C. E. DEAR EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

Spring Valley, Ohio, March 3d, 1880.

If you could have seen how meekly I paid the extra postage on the package of the Shield which I received today, remorse would pray upon your vitals immediately. I had thought with a melancholy sigh that another of earth's fair ones had departed, and I was preparing to use my cambric when my sadness was turned into rejoicing by the opening of the package. Since a long time ago (last November, I think) I had not seen a copy of the Shield, and I seemed forced to conclude that dissolution had seized another victim. Number 2 is still missing, and the copy of Number 5 is so badly printed that I must ask to have them added to my file. In the light of my experience as one of the chief mourners of the demise of the Phi Psi Quarterly, and as a manager of the business affairs of a college paper, allow me to suggest that there is only one way to get a good subscription list—and that is to publish the paper on time, at whatever cost and send it to your subscribers. The receipt of such a package of condensed inspiration so nearly unseated my intellect, that I babbled to my Greek class some incoherent stuff about the accent of the interrogative participle ti as distinguished from the enclitic ti, smiled blandly at them when they asked me to translate, and when at last awakened to a sense of my misery, flunked as I had often done in the days gone by. Be careful! my blood will be on your head if you defer sending me the paper until there is such an accumulationof food that my capacity to assimilate it overburdened, and I am thrown into rank idiocy by exurberant joy.

Concerning the Shield, allow me to say, knowing in how high esteem you will hold my words, I approve of it! But, seriously, I am surprised that we as a fraternity lived so long without it. A fraternity which consists of a score or more of isolated Chapters with no other tie to bind them together than stated communications from the G. C., is a farce, and is in violent danger of collapsing from spotted fever. (Pardon the pun! I give my sacred honor, it is original!) While Corresponding Secretary of my Chapter, I tried to stir up the chapters round about us by writing to them personal communication in lieu of other means of keeping myself and the chapter informed, but met with very scanty success. Whether the fault was my own or that of others, I am not competent to say, but if enthusiasm is contageous it seems to me that some of the good brothers ought to at least have had the premonitory symptons of an attack. Then a fraternity organ can hardly be an assured success until it has permanent headquarters and a salaried editor. Don't laugh at this latter, for it is possible. Say that he is a professional man with a warm and enthusiastic love for his fraternity, and has a little extra time which he can devote to her interests, then he ought to be paid for it. There are warm-hearted Phi Psis enough in this country to run the circulation of the paper up near a thousand, and that number of cash subscriptions would insure a paper beautiful typographically and valuable in its contents, and afford some compensation to the editor. Let me add a few words in regard to the fraternity history.

For myself I can say that I know very little about my fraternity, and even about my Chapter. I know the fault is not my own, for I have gone to the length of making a nuisance of myself sometimes in my eager desire to know something about the boasted union which unites us. No doubt many are like me and take no pleasure in their ignorance. For their sakes, let me suggest to the members of each Chapter, that they elect a Chapter Historian, whose business it shall be to write up the affairs of his Chapter with reference to the points suggested by our brothers of Ohio Gamma, and we shall soon have a permanent repository of knowledge to which we may go for information. I know Bros. List and Kinkade, and can say, in the light of knowledge, that the work which they have to do will be done faithfully, intelligently and carefully. I hope, also that all the Chapters will support the two valuable features which I see in the copies of the SHIELD secured today, the person and initiate columns.

Surely there is money enough in the pocketbooks of old Phi Psis to make the SHIELD the finest paper of the kind in the country, and I for one will be found ready to do my share and even more than my share to see it a permanent success. I hope the brother who signs himself '74 will favor us with some more of his foreign experience. He writes readably, and that means so much! Who are the mysterious plurality "Editors of the Shield?" Whoever you may be, inscribe me upon the list of your friends; and when the "devil" comes to you and says "copy," drop me a line, and whatever may be the theme I shall endeavor to say something to occupy the space. Then when you get good communications, you can put the utility matter in a pigeon-hole, to await the dread day when there is a blank page or so to fill up, and then, with an "insert" on the margin, send it away to the voracious compositor. Who is the publisher of Bro. Ráff's music, and what is its price? Don't forget to send the numbers of the paper for which I asked, for I wish to keep them on file and eventually have them bound.

Yours encouragingly, C. L. V. C., Ohio "A," '79.

WASHINGTON, PA., March 4th, 1880.

Editors of Shield:

Dear Bros.—You lately suggested that I send you any old letters of interest that I could find among our Archives. I recently found one written by Bro. Dr. Letterman while attending medical lectures in Philadelphia. It was addressed to Penn'a Alpha through Bro. Tom C. Campbell, who was then in his senior year, and who died at Marion, Ohio, in 1862. I send you extracts from this letter, which I am sure is interesting throughout to me, and I hope will be so to the other boys. There is some excellent advice in it, which I imagine is just as suitable now as it was in '54, I have now sent you more matter perhaps than you can use, but of course I'll not be at all affronted if you put it all in your trash basket.

I am ready to do all in my power for the good of the

SHIELD, and if I can aid you in any way, don't fail to let me know of it.

Yours in Phi Kappa Psi,

C.C.H.

Extract from a letter written by W. H. Letterman, M. D., to Rev. Thomas C. Campbell, of Pa. Alpha, in 1854.

MEDICAL COLLEGE, PHILA., June 12th, 1854.

\* \* \* I was quite pleased to find you had elected Mr. Stuart, of Baltimore, a member, and as I intend going over before long, I think best to attend it "propria persona," which I hope will meet with your approbation. I should very much like to have a copy of the Constitution, with a list of the brothers, date of entrance, etc. You speak of forming a Chapter here. I have made a thorough investigation, and I should say very emphatically no at this time; and as to having one at Washington College, I think it very impolitic, as there are not enough to sustain it there, and we want none, neither will we have any but men of sound principles and fine abilities, to which I know you will say amen. Do not, I ask of you, be in a hurry to found Chapters. It is, as you all know, a law of nature, animate and inanimate, that without a healthy growth, slow but sure, nothing lives a long life. If the giant oak, that has stood the storms of a century, had wished while young to be permitted to grow as fast as the reed that was flourishing beside it, where would it have been? So with men, so with the formation of character, and so, more than all others, with such a Fraternity as ours. Principle is our foundation rock, from which, if we attempt to move, we will fall. I shall have Mr. Stuart fixed and give you the result in August.

You speak of Uncle Dave Richie, of Pittsburg, who has, I see, been nominated for Congress. We could not get him to join, but I am confident he could give us a splendid speech; and I don't think it would require a man to be a member to deliver us a speech. You say the Betas and Deltas may have one soon. Now this is my advice, let them do as they wish; but if they have an anniversary, it will do you no harm. Let us grow strong, and when we make ashow, let it be one. I don't think it at all advisable to have a celebration until we could have 150 members from all parts of the U.S., each with his pin on, walking arm in arm to the hall, having a fine band of music, and then listen to a splendid speech, which would be printed and sent to the old Brothers after it was over. And such, I hope, will be the celebration of our first decade. Wouldn't this look well: On the eve of so and so, the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity will hold their decennial anniversary, on which interesting occasion this celebrated Order will be addressed by the Hon. so and so. Tom, it would do me good to witness such a scene. By that time we will have, I hope, four or five hundred brothers, and of that number, at least 150 can be at the Grand Anniversary. I do hope all the brothers will agree with me on this point, and let all our energies be given to advancing in learning and ability, so that when we meet, we will meet as kindred spirits. I for one shall endeavor to do so, and if I am permitted to live and have my health, I shall be with you at that time, I shall

be with you at the commencement of '56, Deo volente. All we need now is time and care, and when we meet at our decennial period, will we not talk of days past and gone: and as every year which will roll by will add to our age and strength, so they should (and must with our Constitution carried out) to our knowledge and experience; yes, to our influence and honor. Numbers will not do it, but men of the true stamp. How gladly will we return to meet those from whom we have been so long separated, and how welcome will we take by the hand those who from time to time have joined us. And it should be our ambition, and our energies should be given to the work. How pleasant it is for me to think that so many noble brothers are with me in the same ship, and that each one is trying to excel the other in planting our standard higher and higher. Let it be a sufficient guarantee to all men, and be deemed the greatest honor for one to say, "I am a Phi Kappa Psi." The more I see the more necessary it becomes for each of us to act as true gentlemen in every sense of the word, polite and courteous to all, thinking twice before speaking.

Now I can tell you one thing which will be of great advantage to you, and that is to have a regular room to meet in, and for that purpose alone. I hope you will try and see if you could not do so. Then you could have a table on which shall be placed Putnam's Monthly, or Harper's Magazine, as you may wish for. Each member can send whatever he wishes. Then at the end of the year they could be bound, or else have an auction and sell them among yourselves. But I would prefer the keeping of them. I should never agree to letting a single paper even go out of the room; not because I would fear any being so mean as to take them, but because it would not be right. It would be so pleasant for the brothers to go and read and talk over matters and things-but permit neither smoking nor swearing in the room. It would prove of great advantage, in fact you have no idea of the great benefit it would be to you all. I hope steps will be taken immediately on the subject. You need not expect to make a large beginning or a fine display. If it should cost each of you \$5.00 or \$6.00 a year, you may rest perfectly assured it would be the best and most profitable investment you ever made. If you get a room I will send a special donation to it, so much do I think of it.

\* \* You speak of having translations, etc., etc., for your Chapter clan. I shall give you my opinion concerning it. I, for one, if I were there, would never give my consent to it. If you do purchase them, from that time you may date our downfall; for translations are the curse of all colleges, and I, for one, will never give either a translation or a dime to the project. Hard study is the only thing that will make a scholar; and I see more and more necessity of a person being a thorough Latin and Greek scholar. I do most sincerely hope that the Fraters, on second thought, will see what translations must lead to. As to the mathematics, I would not object so much. But still, my dear Ton, it would only be doing those an injury who we know are to be our future brothers, for it is not the knowledge so much, but the training of the mind that is needed. So I

hope this will not be mentioned again when you look at it in its proper light. But if you conclude to have a room, no one will do all he can more willingly than I towards establishing a library. I shall write more at length my views concerning the anniversary.

\* \* \* My best wishes to all the brothers. Our course is in our own hands; it is now for us to say she rises or she falls.. \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

WILLIE H. LETTERMAN.

#### OUR BADGE.

PHILADELPHIA, March 6th, 1880.

DEAR EDS.—I must confess that I was rather surprised at the decision of the G. A. C. with regard to badges. The present manufactures have always had the sole monopoly of making our badges. Latterly we found that, like all monopolies, it was impossible to get any concessions from them either in price or style of work. Two years since we told them we wanted our badges more convex. Thereupon they sent a sample to the G. A. C., at Indianapolis, with a front on it like a half cranberry, which they knew was totally unsuited for a badge. When any innovation has been proposed, they have been very unwilling to accede to it; they have said they could not possibly reduce the price of badges, etc.

Now a maker comes in who guarantees to make us the best class of work at a less price. Then the present manufacturers say: "If the N. Y. firm put in a bid, we will reduce about 25 per cent," plainly meaning that they will reduce when obliged to. This reduction brought the prices of the two firms very near alike. Yet the contract was awarded to the old firm after all their spirit of unaccommodation, and the fraternity reaps the fruits of the N. Y. party's labor and expense in a reduction of price for which we are indebted to the latter. As for the testimony from Lancaster, it seems strange that the Committee should pay any attention to a rival jeweller who says: "Your manufacturer's badges are superior to those of the N. Y. party, but mine are better than either," at the same time offering to make them at a price at which he could not make a decent badge. Is that statement to be taken as testimony? As to the statement of the Delta Tau Deltas, the facts are these: This same jeweller pretended to test one of the badges of the N. Y. firm and pronounced sapphire and ruby doublets to be glass, and 18 and 14 carat gold to be 8 and 9 carat fine. To this the N. Y. party replied that the goods were as represented, 18 and 14 gold and sapphire and ruby doublets, and offering any forfeit if he failed to prove his assertion.

Now is this valid testimony against a man who makes fraternity pins his business, and who has the sole custom of many of the largest and best fraternities! He is maker for D. K. E., A.  $\Delta$ .  $\Phi$ ., Chi psi, and Psi Upsilon, and does a large business with many others. He has treated us very fairly and honorably; have we considered his proposition fairly in return?

"ALUMNUS."

### NEW JERSEY ALPHA.

PRINCETON, Feb. 11th, 1880

EDITORS SHIELD:

Dear Bros.—The March number of the Shield having just come, and being delighted with all that it contains, I determined forthwith to send you a note for your next. Bro. Sam. Martin has just left my room after laughing heartily over '74's description of "Jack," and the sending of that celebrated meerschaum. To complete the story you should get Sam. to tell of his experience in getting possession of it. Sam. leaves here to-morrow, and on his way home will probably spend a day in Washington, attending the G. A. C. We number altogether twelve Phi Psis in Princeton-five in the Theological Seminary and seven in Princeton College. In the seminary, besides Bro. Martin, we have Bro. Queen, Pa. Theta, 74. Brother Queen is now a Senior, and rumor says Van has his eye on a certain church and likewise on the parsonage. However, it may be only a rumor, I can't tell yet: But wherever he goes there will always be a warm welcome for every Phi Psi. Bro. Mc-Dannold, of Indiana Gamma, is in the middle class. Mac is as loyal a Phi Psi as ever. In the Junior class are Steans, Pa. Theta '79, and "Yours truly," Pa Iota '79.

In Princeton College, though the strictest anti-fraternity laws exist, are seven true champions of Phi Psi. There is no Chapter at Princeton College, nor will our boys endeavor to found one as long as such laws continue in force. One of their number, Bro. McAlpine, of Savannah, Ga., will go to Washington to represent the boys of Nassau Hall. Some of the boys in Princeton College joined, while in other colleges, some before matriculating at Princeton and some at other colleges since. The men of the college are earnest, true fellows, such as every Phi Psi would be glad to know. Bro. Tewksbury, who was initiated at Wooster, is by all odds the best athlete in the college, while all of them are a credit to the Fraternity as students. Bros. McAlpine and Loney are contestants in the Lynde debate, the great annual contest between the two literary societies. Such is the condition of Phi Psiism in Princeton College, while we who are known by the name of Seminoles, endeavor to keep up the reputation of the Brotherhood in the other institution.

With greeting to all the Fraternity,

Yours in fraternal bonds,

Ра. Іота '79.

### PENNSYLVANIA IOTA.

IOTA HALLS, March 11th, 1880.

MESSES EDITORS:

Since you last heard from us, nothing extraordinary has happened, except perhaps that Doug. Brown's dog has been lost and found not more than six different times. The boys are still as lively, and imbued with the same fraternal enthusiasm as they are wont to be. Now that the G. A. C. is over, there is once more quiet in the Phi Psi air. Brown and McCollin intimated that they wouldn't mind if the G. A. P. would occur in shorter intervals, provided they were

delegates from Iota. From the former brother's report, we have no doubt they had a good time. Do you know that Brown wouldn't do President Hayes the favor of calling on him? That was below his dignity. You know Brown has a refined taste, especially for the finer arts, so he thought he could spend his time better by visiting Washington Monument and studying its architecture.

McCollin also enjoyed himself, especially at the banquet and hop, where they say he had a good "racquet" with the ladies. Iota's rooms are filled with fifteen games. Todd works at two or three at once (he has given up the billiard scheme you know), and is trying to work "13-15-14" by factorial "n." But Todd you have no chance, as Freeland is constructing a machine that will work out that puzzle in less than a week without a remainder. Brother Tustin, of Pa. Epsilon, who is among us now, still continues his native custom of wearing his pin on the outside flap of his coat. It must be due to the mysterious character of the pin that it has escaped the hands of Philadelphia's pickpockets. Schelling still is successful in hauling in the ducats when, with that irresistable smile he taps the boys on the shoulder and tells them to "pay up." Stulb keeps the library in good condition, and there is no doubt but that he will be re-elected. Tommy D. still continues to flunk, and Pile you can always see at any hour in his place by the window. Hunter's muscle continues to swell, and what it will be by the time of the race is hard to tell. Gross is still full of politics, and vows that if Grant is nominated he will stump the State against him. But what is become of Elwell, Boyer and Bob Wright? Elwell has not been heard of since "enchantment" left the city. Boyer no doubt is taking his second term's vacation-and Wright-Bob Wright must be in love-yet she's a Germantown daisy-she is angry with him just now, but never mind Bob, we hope she will soon come around a (W) right By the way, Iota had a good old time "B. G." on the 9th, and all had a good time, but we felt very much the absense of Second Cousin Bright and our brother of "twin" fame, who is at present in Paris for the sole purpose of acquiring that beautiful song in French.

Yours, etc.,

"GAS."

#### PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

F. G. Behbe '57, S. C. Alpha, is a lawyer at Waterboro, S. C.

A. S. Rodgers '81, Ohio Gamma, is now a Junior at Princeton.

REV. WM. E. Boogs '57, S. C. Alpha, is preaching in Atlanta, Ga.

B. S. Allison '79, Ohio Gamma, is practicing law at Wheeling, W. Va.

S. C. Peoples '78, Ohio Gamma, is at Allegheny Theological Seminary.

JOHN TAYLOR '60, S. C. Alpha, is farming. His address is Columbia, S. C.

RICHARD J. MANNING '58, S. C. Alpha, is a tobaccoist with Lorillard, N. Y.

- H. N. CLEMENS '79, Ohio Gamma, is associate editor of the Wooster, Ohio Republican.
- J. E. West '81, Ohio Gamma, was compelled to leave college on account of bad health.

The two petitions now before the fraternity, are most certainly deserving of a decided yea.

- W. A. West '74, Ohio Gamma, has entered his father's law-office as partner, at Bellefountaine, O.
- D. W. Armstrong '65, Ky. Alpha, is a resident of Louisville, and "among the first of lawyers."
- W. B. FORD '68, and DAVID D. SHELBY '69, Tenn. Beta, are both engaged in practicing law in Huntsville, Ala.

HARRY S. STOKES '71, Tenn. Gamma, who assisted Bro. Melton at Princeton, died at Lebanon, Tenn., in 1875.

WITH this number of the SHIELD we begin printing in Philadelphia. Heretofore our press work was done at York Pa

- S. D. Melton '72, S. C. Alpha, the organizer of our Princeton Band, is at present studying law in Columbia, S. C.
- HON. J. W. PHILLIPS '60, Tenn. Beta, is now practicing law in St. Louis. He was at one time Circuit Judge in Tenn.
- E. E. BEARD '68, Tenn. Beta, is a lawyer in Lebanon, Tenn. Dr. N. F. Cabot '75, Tenn. Beta, is located at same place.

THEODORE F. MENTZER, one of the founders of the Iowa Gamma, is a lawyer in Marion, Iowa, as well as Mayor of the city.

Or the forty-five men initiated in Phi Kappa Psi at S. C. Alpha, before the Chapter was suspended by the war, fifteen are known to be dead.

Subscription money should be sent to Bro. Prof. Otis H. Kendall, 3826 Locust Street, West Philadelphia, Pa. Bank account is getting low.

COMMUNICATIONS intended for publication, should only be written on one side of paper. Where this is not observed, we are put to great trouble in copying.

THE Ohio Gamma boys write that they are continuing their "socials." The latter are held every two weeks, and are pronounced as delightful by all who attend.

ED. COOPER '71, Tenn. Gamma. is a banker in Shelby-ville, Tenn.; and W. W. Blake '72, of the same Chapter, is engaged in the same business in Sherman, Texas.

J. F. Kinkade and E. S. Raff, Ohio Gamma, represented Phi Psi at the entertainment of the Wooster University Literary Societies, held Feb. 22d. 'Tis not necessary to add they carried off the honors.

OUR Ohio Gamma correspondent writes: The brothers are very much encouraged in their work upon the History of the Fraternity. Many of the Chapters have responded

to their call and many have been the words of cheer from the Alumni. Let every one send us some item of interest.

THE communication by "Alumnus" presents a point that we would like to see fully discussed. Our present jewelers are not doing for us what they might. We've heard numerous complaints from all sections of the country. Something ought to be done.

A. E. Swisher '67, Iowa Alpha, writes from Iowa City, where he is a prominent lawyer: "We formerly, when I was attending the University, had a vigorous, live Chapter, but all secret societies in our University have ceased to exist. The living members of our Chapter, with hardly an exception, are successful, honorable, useful and influential members of society where they live. We are proud of our Iowa Alpha boys."

RICHARD CHEATHAM '71, Tenn. Gamma—'74-'76, Va. Alpha, is practicing medicine, and Secretary of the Board of Health in Nashville, Tenn. He writes, "While an ac tive member of the Fraternty I always took great interest in everything connected with it; and now it gives me great pleasure to learn that the old Shield is being worn by so many students in the different colleges of the country. There are about fifteen or twenty old Phi Psis living in this city, and when we meet, the Fraternity is often the topic of conversation."

#### **OBITUARY.**

REV. Dr. D. L. TRESSLER, President of Carthage College.

David Loy Tressler, '60, Pa. Epsilon, died suddenly whilst performing his regular collegiate duties. We clip the following from the Carthage *Republican* of February 25th. Bro. Tressler was born February 15th, 1839, at Loysville, Pa. In 1857 he was admitted to the Sophomore Class of Pennsylvania College, and graduated in 1860 with the first honor and valedictory of his class. The same year he became principal of the Academy at which he had prepared for college.

In August, 1862, he raised a company of volunteers, composed largely of the students of the Academy, and entered the army as their captain, and soon after participated in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam. In the battle of Fredericksburg he received two severe wounds, from one of which he did not recover for months. He also participated in the Chancellerville engagement. After the expiration of his term of service in the army he was tendered a colonel's commission, but felt compelled to decline it. In 1864 he was admitted to the bar, and for five years following was engaged in the practice of the law. In 1870 he entered the ministry of the Lutheran Church, and in 1872 was elected professor in Carthage College. In 1873 became president of the same. This position he has since held with the highest degree of success and popular favor, resulting alike from a happy combination of administrative and financial ability, with education and talent of supeVOL. I.

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#### THE G.A.C.

The Grand Arch Council convened at Washington on February 18th. The report of its proceeding in the Shield has been unavoidably delayed, which is especially to be regretted, since it has fallen, in consequence, to one who is obliged to write it up from notes taken at the time by another, and this must account for any omission of matters such as it would not be impolitic to put in print.

The brothers began to reach Washington by noon on Tuesday the 17th, and before night many of them were quite familiar with the 'sights' of the city. After securing comfortable rooms and supper at the St. Marc Hotel, where special arrangements for the accommodation of the Fraternity had been made, and where most of the men 'put up,' the question of 'what to do next?' was decided by recourse to the rather limited amusement list, and the evening (at least the early part of it) was spent in the company of 'Uncle Dan'l.' During that night and the next morning, brothers continued to come in from all parts of the country, and by dinner-time all the Chapters that were represented had been heard from, with one exception.

On Wdnesday morning, at 10:30 A. M., Bro. John G. Reading, Jr. as \*\*\* and acting \*\*\*\* called the meeting to order in the parlors of the Hotel, and appointed \*\* officers pro tem. (unfortunately the names of these brothers were not reported and cannot be given). The \*\*\* having been directed to ascertain that none were present but true Phi Psis and having made a report to that effect, the roll of Chapters was called and delegates presented their credentials and received certificates in due form in return. The complete list of Chapters represented and delegates is as follows:

Pa. Beta: William C. Wilson, Arthur L. Bates.

- " Gamma: Andrew A. Leiser.
- " Epsilon: F. Albert Kurtz, William A. McClean.
- " Zeta: Hon. Martin C. Herman, Edwin H. Linville, J. Hope Caldwell.
- " Eta: H. Clay Eschbach, Fred. W. Biescker, Cyrus J. Musser.

- " Theta: Muscoe M. Gibson, E. S. Boyer, William N. Wilbur.
  - " Iota: Edward G. McCollin, J. Douglass Brown, Jr. Va Alpha: R. H. Tebbs, F. W. Wilson, B. R. Wellford.
  - " Delta: George Davidson.

Ohio Alpha: Frank S. Monnette, Chase Stewart.

- " Beta: Frank D. Altman.
- " Gamma: Walter J. Mullins, Charles F. M. Niles, W. S. P. Cochran

Ind. Alpha: D. H. Patrick, W. A. Posey.

- " Beta: William H. Adams.
- D. C. Alpha: Robert J. Murray, Frank O. McCleary, J. C. S. Richardson.

Mich. Alpha: Frank B. Leland.

Md. Alpha: George F. Gephart, Nelson Palmer, Hiram Woods, Jr.

The remainder of the morning session was taken up in the election of permanent officers in constitutional form. Those chosen were:

- \*\*\*\* Hon. Martin C. Herman, Pa. Zeta.
- \*\*\* Robert J. Murray, D. C. Alpha.
- \*\*\*\* Chase Stewart, Ohio Alpha.
- \*\*\*\* W. A. Posey, Ind. Alpha.
- \*\*\*\* Walter J. Mullins, Ohio Gamma.
  - \*\*\* F. Albert Kurtz, Pa. Epsilon.
- \*\*\* Arthur L. Bates, Pa. Beta.
- \*\*\* Cyrus J. Musser, Pa. Eta.

At the afternoon session these officers were duly inaugurated and the Constitutional Committees (consisting, the first of Bros. Reading, Cochran and Eschbach; the second of Bros. Adams, Davidson and Altman; the third of Bros. Leland, Gebhart and McCleary) were appointed. Chapter reports were then read, and were all highly satisfactory. That of the G. C. noted the founding of a Chapter at Chicago University, rapid progress in the publication of the Grand Catalogue (for which all but one of the living Chapters have reported, and of the dead ones, N. Y. Alpha and Gamma, Wis. Beta, S. C. Alpha and Tenn. Beta, while the rest are being looked after and they hope to make the list complete), and a healthy condition financially. At this point Major Reinoehl made a suggestion, growing out of his large experience in meetings of the G. A. C., which was at once adopted. It was to refer all business of any kind that was to be brought before the convention to the appropriate committees in order that they might act upon it and report it favorably or unfavorably to the Council. Had it not been for this plan the Council could probably not have gotten through half the business actually transacted.

Wednesday evening was devoted to the Reception tendered the G. A. C. by the D. C. Alpha. As it is to be treated (as it deserves) in a separate communication, it is

sufficient to observe that it was a grand affair, heartily enjoyed by all present, and a great credit to the Washington boys.

The first session of Thursday was the most important held; thanks to Bro. Reinoehl's plan above mentioned almost everything was gotten through with at this time. It will be impossible to do more than briefly mention the most important matters. As has been already stated in the Shield, the present manufacturers of the Fraternity pin were retained; the report of the committee (Bros. Murray, Kurtz and McCollin) being unanimously (it is believed) adopted. Charters were granted for Graduate Chapters at Philadelphia and Indianapolis. For reasons urged by Bro. Leiser, the force of which was apparent to all present, two other charters which were applied for were not granted at this time. The Fraternity's confidence in and appreciation of the D. C. Alpha was shown by its selection of the latter as G. C. for the next three years, and after a long, warm, but thoroughly good-natured debate and a careful discussion of the capabilities of various places proposed, it was resolved that the next meeting of the G. A. C. should be held in Pittsburgh, on the third Wednesday of February, 1883. (A word of explanation may not be out of place here—the G. A. C., as every reader of the Shield knows, meets properly every three years, but the advantage for a meeting presented by Philadelphia during the Centennial year were so great that the period from 1874 to 1880 was divided into three, instead of two parts, and biennial meetings were held; we have now, therefore gotten back to the regular course.) One or two minor constitutional changes were made-Roberts' 'Rules of Order' substituted for Jefferson's 'Manual,' and slight modifications of the ceremony of Initiation permitted under peculiar circumstances.

The SHIELD, as at present conducted, received the official sanction of the Fraternity. Announcement was made that a gathering of Phi Psi's at Lake Chautauqua was looked forward to next August, which Secretary Schurz had promised, if permitted by official business, to attend. Bro. Dudley not having accomplished the work of getting up a Fraternity song-book, which was assigned to him in Philadelphia, in 1876, a committee to attend to the matter was formed, consisting of Bro. Charles S. Dudley, Wis Alpha; Edwin H. Linville, Pa. Zeta; Edwin J. Farber, Pa. Theta; E. S. Raff, Ohio Gamma; William C. Wilson, Pa. Beta; Felix E. Schelling, Pa Iota. Another important standing committee consists of Bros. J. Douglass Brown, Jr., Pa. Gamma; W. S. P. Cochran, Ohio Gamma; Frank O. Mc-Cleary, D. C. Alpha.

During the evening session of Thursday, February 19th, minutes in order to enable the D. C. Alpha to hold a meeting and gather into the fold the Hon. Richard W. Townshend, Representative from the Nineteenth Congressional District of Illinois.

During the evening session of Thrursday, February 19th, the twenty-eighth anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity, a lengthy telegram was received from Judge Moore.

It was full of good wishes and fraternal feeling, and a suitable answer was directed to be returned. On this evening the banquet was held. It began at about 10 P.M., and it broke up-well, it broke up at intervals. The most important feature was the Oration by Bro. Henry H. Bliss, of Pa. Gamma, a resident of Washington. Of this, at least in part, the readers of the Shield will have an opportunity of judging; suffice it to say, that although it was delivered late in the evening, or rather far into the morning, it was listened to with the closest attention, and pronounced by all present the most brilliant and scholarly exposition of the animus, so to speak, of Phi Kappa Psi that they had ever heard. Would that it were possible to present it without omission to the Fraternity generally through the columns of the Shield. How sincere was the regret at the sickness and consequent absence of the Poet of the occasion, will be understood when it is mentioned that the missing man was Robert J. Burdette. The formal toasts were, "The G. A. C.," Judge M. C. Herman; "The G. C.," M. M. Gibson; "The Fraternity at Large," F. A. Kurtz; "Our Graduate Members," E. G. McCollin; "The Great West," D. H. Patrick; "The Press," Frank Monnette; "The Ladies," E. B. Hay; "D. C. Alpha," R. J. Murray. A number of Fraternity and other songs were sung.

On Friday morning the delegates were received by President Hays, at 10 a.m. A short session was held, at which the important business incident to the closing of the G. A. C. was transacted, and a motion previously made that a Fraternity color be adopted, was negatived, the matter being left as heretofore to the taste of the individual Chapters. This ended a most memorable session of the G. A. C. Friday (and by some of the brothers Saturday) was spent in seeing what was worth seeing in and about Washington, and before Sunday most of the visitors had returned home.

The convention was in every way most successful. The business transacted was of the highest importance to the Fraternity, and received the intelligent treatment it demanded. Socially it could not have been better than it was. There was not the slightest sympton, for example, of sectional diversion, which might not unreasonably have been expected in a gathering of representatives of colleges stretching from New Jersey to Indiana, from Michigan to Virginia; but the utmost cordiality and fraternity prevailed within and without the meeting rooms. Every man who was present will look back to it as long as he lives as a most memorable event in his Fraternity life, and if all the arrangements which have been made to meet in 1883 are carried out, Pittsburgh will witness a gathering which will indeed be memorable in the annals of Phi Kappa Ps.

How much of this success was due to the brothers of the D. C. Alpha, only those who were present can properly realize. From Bro. Murray, who was everywhere, and attended to everything (and, indeed, worked himself sick in the cause) and Bro. E. B. Hay, who was the very life of the Reception and the Banquet, on through the list they were untiring in their attentions, and the compliment paid their Chapter was a well deserved one. If the affairs of the G. C. are managed in the same spirit and with the same

energy, the Fraternity has indeed reason to congratulate herself, and Alpha need not fear the difficult position of succeeding, and therefore coming into comparison with Pa. Theta. The following list of brothers not delegates, who were present, though very imperfect, is the best obtainable: Harry M. Clabaugh, F. M. Farber, G. R. Gott, Pa. Epsilon; Major Reinoehl, Pa. Eta; A. P. Shirk, W. N. Apple, C. E. Davis, Pa. Eta; S. A. Martin, Edwin J. Farber, B. Percy Chain, Pa. Theta; William L. Rowland, Pa. Iota; D. C. Eist, G. H. M. Palmer, Ohio Gamma; and Brinkinhoffer, D. C. Alpha (now N. J. Alpha).

#### THE RECEPTION TO THE G.A.C.

Of all the kind attentions we received from our Washington Chapter, none was more appreciated and enjoyed than the reception tendered the delegates to the G. A. C. at Masonic Hall, on the evening of the first day's sssion, Wednesday, February 18th. Knowing that it was the custom of the G. A. C. to have a banquet under its own auspices, D. C. Alpha determined to entertain us in a different way, and in a manner which would mark with a more lasting impression of the visit of their *frates* in Phi Kappa Psi.

With all our pleasant anticipations of the good time that was before us, there was no one that was not surprised at the generous preparations and tasteful decorations that were found ready for our coming when we arrived at the hall. At one end of the room was suspended a large banner in the shape of the fraternity emblem, the design being surrounded by bunting, festoons of which were beautifully arranged around the walls. The floor was in that delightful state of waxation calculated to fill with unbounded joy the hearts of Terpsichore's devotees, and with terror the soul of the unwary promenader. The orchestra of the Willard House had been engaged to furnish the music, and everything looked inviting to the eyes of those favored with invitations, as on their way to the dressing rooms they took a few moments glance at the ball room.

At half past nine o'clock Bro. Muray and wife with Bro. Ned Hay and wife took their stand near the center of the room, as the reception committee. To these in time were presented all the Brothers and invited guests with their ladies, whose smiling and happy faces formed by long odds the most lovely adornments the hall received. At ten o'clock, the reception having been concluded and the floor by this time being crowded by promenaders, our Brother Hay assumed with becoming grace the position of master of the ceremonies. In a few minutes a hundred pair of feet were gliding over the slippery floor, and the music of the first waltz was heard from the orchestra.

What can I say more of the evening and its delights? Shall I speak of the beauty and grace of our fair hostesses? the fame of the Washington girl hath gone abroad, and her name is synonymous with all that is charming. No! I cannot but leave it to the imagination to picture or the memory to recall. And to me, memory recalls, at an early morning hour, a hotelward journey, the joyous heart with-

in being impervious to rain and storm and mud without, a tired body laid upon a grateful couch, and thoughts of girls and dancing and flirting, ending in nightmares of treacherous floors continually disposed to arise suddenly and whack the back of your head, of lovely maidens, of ice cream, with banana noses and lady-fingers, who melted in your encircling arms, to hidious witches who danced you around and around, till to your giddy head the thin girl in white, sitting in the corner, became so fat as to reach all around the room—or orchestras, that not content with mixing up galops, waltzes, polkas, mazurkas, redowas, gradually worked off into dismal dead marches, and in some incomprehensible manner ended unexpectedly in that most unwelcome of all sounds—the "getting up" bell.

D. ELEGATUS.

#### UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

IOTA TABERNACLE, March 30th, 1880.

DEAR SHIELD:—It is with some reluctance that I begin this communication to our fraternity's worthy sheet, now that the G. A. C.'s, B. C.'s, etc., are forgotten and gossip generally is at an end. But since it is my lot at this uneventful period to send Iota's regards to the May number, and since we think it our duty to be heard from, if only as worthy veterans to answer "here" at roll call, to announce that we are still at our post, our letter must necessarily be in "chips." The Shield certainly is the organ through which we should awaken and discuss the interests of the Fraternity as a whole, and the medium by which the respective Chapters should express their opinions pro and con upon questions relative to the Fraternity which may arise. Occasional editorials by our worthy editors upon current topics that concern our Brothehood, would no doubt awaken an interest and incite replies that would lead to an interchange of ideas highly beneficial to all our readers. For instance, the question of "Our Badge," suggested by "Alumnus" in the latest number of the Shield, as to whether we have considered fairly the proposition of the N. Y. firm, the relative merits of their badge and of that manufactured by the Philadelphia party, are all questions which may be discussed without leading to evil consequences. Without intruding, however upon editorial territory, I would suggest to "Alumnus" that we do know that the Philadelphia firm, on account of business reputation, will not furnish an inferior article, that a careful examination of the New York badges will show an excellent outside appearance, but a want of that nicity of finish which characterizes those of the present maker, that the 25 per cent. reduction by the Philadelphia firm was legitimate business policy, based on one of the elementry principles of political economy, i. e. "competition," and hence we can argue no breach of trust, because no reduction was made prior to competition.

Brothers, I am no traveling agent for any firm, nor do I fail to recognize another principle of political economy, viz., "Buy where you can buy the cheapest," but we all know, that good eggs at twenty cents a dozen are cheaper

than bad eggs at any price; however, as the Rev. DeW. T. would say, these are rocks upon which people split. At present, Iota's sons are somewhat scattered. Some have gone to their distant homes to spend their Easter holidays, some are sitting exultantly upon their second term honors, some have none to sit upon, but soon all will attend again regularly our meetings, and partake of the usual enthusiasm in our literary exercises, which, "in mente," continue their attractive and useful course.

By the way, unless my memory fails me, I have a recollection that once upon a time, long, long ago, there was something said about Iota having a graduate Chapter, any information concerning its whereabouts will be cheerfully received at Iota Tabernacle, at the N. E. corner.

Fraternally yours, "Hoddy Goss."

#### UNIVERSITY AT LEWISBURG.

Union Co., Pa., February 9th, 1857.

Pennsylvania Gamma to Pennsylvania Epsilon sends

Greetings.

Dear Brothers.—I much regret that a formal recognition of your Chapter has been so long deferred by ours. But let me assure you that it has not been through want of regard for, but through ignorance of the neglect of a former secretary.

A new-born child is always hailed with joy and gladness and is always pronounced beautiful. But it is not for my pen to record the pleasing emotions roused by the contemplation of an event which has brought into existence a band of full grown brothers. In youthful, childish days, when all is sunshine and sincerity, all the world is our brother, but when experience exposes to view the deceitfulness of the human heart, in sadness we look around us for some unbroken reed upon which to stay our wearied forms, but each face seems cold. There is no familiar grasp, no beaming of the eye in recognition. But then Fraternity, like a brother in a strange land, extends a greeting hand. Thus would we meet you and say, Welcome Brothers! Welcome to an association which has and we know will prove beneficial to each individual member. It might be asked why a secret organization tends to bind together so firmly persons of different dispositions. There is no mystery here: the heart is hidden, it will not bear the scrutiny of the world and it acts more sincerely when it feels there is no danger of deception or scoffing. A Fraternity becomes a great heart. The Chapters are the veins and arteries. These guard well against evil and corruption, lest through disease the life-blood escape through these arteries and we all perish.

A new-born child is beautiful always. We have not seen you, but we know that you are beautiful, beautiful in truth beautiful in wisdom, beautiful in strength. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." Let no corroding, worldly influence mar the beauty of the Epsilon Chapter. But what more need I say, can I say; doubts, we have none, fears, none; hope is full. Then again I say we welcome you to the brotherhood of  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . Please let us hear from you soon. Respectfully, W. H. Finn, Cor. Sec.

#### D. C. ALPHA.

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 22d, 1880.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

Dear Bros.—At your suggestion I write this short account of D. C. Alpha.

On the 3d day of January, A. D. 1868, Bros. Snively and Johnson, through their ambassador, Bro.—now Judge—Martin C. Herman, and accompanied by Bros. James L. Norris and William Busey, all of the Pennsylvania Zeta, founded the D. C. Alpha Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. The initiates of that meeting, although not members of the College, served as a nucleus around which D. C. Alpha has clustered. At our next meeting, Edward O. Leech, a member of the College and of the Senior Class, was initiated. From this time forward the Chapter restricted itself to college students only.

Our next record of a meeting is March 23d, 1868, when William Miller, of Winchester, was initiated. On April 29th, same year, W. A. Simmons, of Norfolk, Va., S. McC.-Laurason, of New Orleans, La., and Robert Murray, of the District of Columbia. Three good students and loyal Phi Psi's were thus made, and the D. C. Alpha now had a respectable showing in College, and the sudden appearance of five "shields" in College, astounded the Sigma Chi's and Sigma Alpha Epsilons, who did not dream of a Phi Psi rival, and thought they had full sway. We were now bold and aggressive, and by hard work in this year initiated five men, viz.: Labin T. Bemmeman and four others.

We were now a formidable rival for the other Fraternities and prepared for active work in 1868-9.

In September we reorganized, and our records show we were slow in selecting our men. October 1st we initiated three good men, and in February, 1869, one. Then April four and May one. This was our showing for that year.

The years 1869-70 show that we made no additions that year, although we continued our organization. During the years of 1870-71, the Chapter slumbered. Nothing was done, and Phi Psi seemed an easy victim to her opponents.

Early in 1872, Bro. Murray invited all the members then living in the city and at College, to meet at his office. In August they met, and after some eleoquent remarks from those present, Phi Psi enthusiasm rose to a high pitch, and every brother renewed his pledge to honored old Phi Psi and started in to make D. C. Alpha the banner Chapter of the Fraternity. How she has worked and what she has done is expressed in these few words: Not a secret Fraternity exists within the walls of Columbian University save Phi Kappa Psi, and her banner flaunts boldly to the breeze, defying attacks from all adversaries. This year (1872-3) we initiated ten good men, who have done honor to the Fraternity. In 1873-4 material was scarce, and we initiated but two men. In 1874-5 but two more were added to our Chapter roll.

In June of this year (1875) we had our first symposium, and although but one sister Chapter attended, we had a social, pleasant time. Our lamented Bro. George U. Porter being one of these. In 1875-6 we added more to our

rolls. In 1876 we elected delegates to the G. A. C., held in Philadelphia, and the following attended: Frank Fuller, E. B. Hay and Robert J. Murray as delegates, and many others as members. In 1876-7 six members were initiated; in 1877-8 six; in 1878-9 one, and so far this year ten members, and I may be pardoned when I say they are all earnest, hard working, loyal Phi Psi's.

In 1878 we elected Richardson, Hay and Murray to G. A. C., at Indianapolis, but none were able to attend.

D. C. Alpha now has on her rolls 22 active members, who are doing all they can for Phi Psi.

During the time in which D. C. Alpha has been a Chapter, she has yearly given literary entertainments, at which the fraters and their friends enjoy a social treat.

The G. A. C. is now a thing of the past, but long to be remembered by the D. C. Alpha boys, as they were proud to show their friends and the citizens of Washington what a *fine looking*, intellectual set of men the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity was composed of.

We hope to receive visits from every Phi Psi who may drop in Washington, and will consider it an affront and slight should the fact of any one being here and neglecting to come to our knowledge.

As a general summing up, I will give the following particulars: We have had altogether, counting our Charter members, (3) seventy-six men. Of these but one has been expelled, and none have resigned. We know of the wherebouts of all of them excepting two, viz.: Bros Samuel McC. Lawrason and Isaac Mc Burley. This is the best I can do with the limited data before me, and trust will prove satisfactory.

#### PENN'A ZETA.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

Dear Bros.—Perhaps it may appear somewhat strange that Zeta has for several years failed to send any communications to the Shield, as an expression of her interest. for the welfare of the fraternity at large and her hearty cooperation and sympathy with the Shield in particular. The question might well be asked, why this silence? But rest assured, dear Brothers, that the cause cannot be attributed to any lack of fraternal zeal on her part, or indisposition to contribute her share to any project that might tend to further the cause of our beloved order. On the contrary, the fire of brotherly love that was kindled here twenty years ago still burns upon her alter, with ever increasing lustre, giving life and enthusiasm to her members, and showing to the world that there is something more in Phi Psi than mysterious secrets, the "glitter of badges" and midnight revels.

Our correspondent has already given you a pretty full account of the present condition of the Chapter: its membership, prospects, etc. It remains now for me only to add a few items that may prove interesting to the brothers.

The boys all seem highly delighted with the accounts given of the G. A. C., by those who were so fortunate to attend it, and all express regreat that they did not go, but

console themselves with the hope that they will be on hand at Pittsburg in '83.

We have decided to postpone our annual symposium, which is usually held about the 1st of April, until commencement week, when we expect to have Bro. Burdette with us. He will be in Carlisle about that time. All brothers will be welcome. The extreme haste in which this is written in order that it may reach you in time for this month's Sheld, must be our only excuse for the shortness of this communication. More anon.

J. H. C.

#### OHIO ALPHA.

The O. W. U. at Delaware, Ohio, is all torn up on account of a recent collision between Faculty and students. The storm has been impending for some two years, and has now burst furiously. The gist of the matter seems to be, that President Payne is inclined to be dogmatic and even tyrannical, his idea being that the ideal college is a reform school. His methods of advising, commending, disapproving and punishing, are alike undignfied and unconciliatory. He seldom praised without an "if," and his multitudinous chapel speeches bristled with reproofs, threats and scoldings. The natural consequence is, he is disliked, and that pretty generally. The boys have been in the habit in past years of celebrating Washington's birthday with a ridiculous masked parade, and this year prepared to carry out their programme as usual upon Monday the 23d. There had been trouble on such occasions in the past two years, and the Faculty (which may be translated freely, Payne) peremptorily forbade any demonstration, saying, "And there will be no parade." But there was a parade, in which only about 100 students participated; however, the parade was very quiet and orderly, and with a brass band at their head they serenaded the Faculty, which was in session. By somewhat questionable means the President ferreted out some nineteen of the principal offenders, and they have been suspended for periods ranging from three months to a year. Whether this list includes any Ohio Phi Psi's we cannot tell at this writing, but since our boys at Ohio Alpha are not in the rear when College sports, as well as College honors, are to be participated in, we fear that some of them are of the unfortunate nineteen. President Payne went so far as to say to a Phi Psi of O. W. U., that the best thing the Chapter could do would be to expel one of the boys who participated in the parade, and who is by all men in College acknowledged to be a fine man, intellectually and morally. It is a significant fact, that he was won only after a hard struggle of a year, and that after having been "bid" by every Fraternity in College. President Payne is a Psi Upsilon of Wesleyan. When the suspension was announced the Faculty forbade any demonstrations or manifestations of sympathy. In face of this prohibition, the Sophomore class passed resolutions of sympathy for the members of their class who were of the unfortunates, and after ordering a copy of the resolutions to be forwarded to the parents of each suspended man, they tendered their comrades a complimentary banquet before their departure. The Fraternities and Literary Societies have followed their example, and the Faculty are powerless to enforce their orders. Imagine their "feelinks." Sympathy is now nearly altogether on the side of the boys, not only in Delaware, but among the friends and patrons of the University. There was no charge of disorderly conduct or drunkenness, but disobedience and reflections upon the Faculty by means of illuminated transparencies are the offences for which the boys were punished. The general sentiment is that the parade was but a manly protest against tyranny, and the "suspended" are regarded as heroes. The end is not yet.

#### OHIO GAMMA.

WOOSTER, OHIO, March 15th, 1880.

DEAR SHIELD.—Ohio Gamma has been on the war-path, not of her own will, but in order to defend herself, and right nobly has she done this; for recent events have served only to strengthen us in our position as leading Fraternity in Wooster, while on the other hand, they have materially weakened the other fraternities.

The battle-field was Irving Literary Society. The Beta Theta Pis, who are exceedingly jealous of the Phi Psis, some way got it into their heads that they could be the Fraternity of this College, and immediately attempted to oust us from that position. But they had reckoned without a host, as subsequent events will show. Their first step was to form a clique with the Phi Delta Thetas, and one election evening, when half the Phi Psis happened to be absent, filled every office with their men, not allowing a single Phi Psi to be elected. And this, when it was our turn, by rotation, to have President. These officers were also to go into the "Index," as they had arranged it. But their plans serve only to exhibit the fallacy of human expectation. Every loyal Phi Psi was aroused with righteous indignation, and each swore a great oath that vengeance should be his. Patiently did we wait until the next election night, when we carried the fort by storm, electing our members to every office, except the lowest two, which we filled with the leading spirits of the opposing factions. Several "non frats" voted with us, thus giving us a clean majority over both other Fraternities, and in all probability these men will continue to vote with us on all future occasions. The opposition worked like beavers, placing a worthless "non frat" at the head of their ticket, as the only man they had eligible to the office.

Our editor of the "Index" succeeded in keeping out their put-up list of officers, by using his power as Editor-in-Chief. Much praise is due him.

The bottom has now dropped out of the conspiracy, for the Phi Deltas, seeing that they have been made dupes of, blast the Betas most heartily. But now, let us turn our eyes and thoughts from such scenes as these to one much more pleasant, and more attractive to Phi Psi minds—that of social enjoyment. Yesterday afternoon Ohio Gamma threw wide open her doors and welcomed into her spacious and mystic halls the ladies of the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity. Then, for full four hours, the sound of revelry

descended into the muddy streets of Wooster, filling the ears of the passer-by with varied sounds of mirth, and of happiness. Mr. Fred Kinkade, our President, delivered a neat and fitting address of welcome, which was answered by Miss Mary Parsons, in behalf of K. A. O., in a few but very expressive words. Then the festivities of the day held full sway, and between chatting, dancing and feasting, the remainder of the afternoon was spent most pleasantly. But why dwell on it longer? The occasion was a success in the fullest sense of the word, and will always be looked back upon with great pleasure by Ohio Gamma. The ladies, to all appearances, went away highly pleased, and Phi Kappa Psi has beyond doubt added still more strength to her position as leader of society in Wooster.

Yours in the Bond, J. E. H.

#### ILLINOIS BETA.

CHICAGO, March 27th, 1880.

EDITORS SHIELD:

The Illinois Beta is in the most prosperous condition, when we consider its youth, that could be desired. Situated in a college where secret societies are not only tolerated but encouraged, where the only opposition to be encountered is from other societies; having a membership of ten, who are recognized by the faculty and students as leading men, the Illinois Beta stands on its merits, prepared to work and succeed under that banner which it has chosen for itself—the banner of  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ .

So far good luck has rocked the cradle of our infancy, and dame fortune, as though pleased with the step we have taken, has smiled upon us. Already we have gained two decisive victories over the Psi U's. The first was in the competion of the Juniors, in writing orations. Five of the best seven orations were written by  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . boys. The second victory was in the contest for oratory. Φ. K. Ψ. won the first and second prizes; Y. T. winning "honorable mention." These triumphs have inspired us with courage, and shown others that we amount to something, and are capable to meet the other societies on any battle-field they may select. The moment we wore our pins, we were recognized as a strong and formidable faction. At the present time the  $\Delta$ . K. E.s,  $\Psi$ . Ts, and Z.  $\Psi$ s are engaged in a struggle to obtain our support. We will probably remain on the outside of the ring and hold the balance of power over the ever quarrelsome  $\Delta$ . K. Es and  $\Psi$ . Ts; since the Z.  $\Psi$ . fraternity is very weak and about to return their charter to the shades from which it was resurrected scarce two years ago.

As we recognize the fact that "self praise is no praise," we will make no comments on our boys, but will give you the words of one of our Propessors, who, speaking of our fraternity, said: "You have started out with as fine a set of young men as one can find in the University. If I judge correctly, you have placed your standard very high, and require a man to be almost perfect in scholarship, literary ability and moral character. I doubt very much if in the future you will be able to fill your ranks, unless you con-

tent yourselves with men in whom there is some room for improvement. In a college where the competition to secure good men is as strong as it is here, no society can prosper and yet maintain such a high standard."

Notwithstanding the above advice, we will not initiate a man unless he comes up to our idea of what is necessary in order to succeed. Numbers may be a very good thing when it comes to stirring the "political pot," but if we seek quality instead of quantity we will obtain both, since we will make it an honor to belong to this Chapter, and, when we do that, good men will be anxious to join us, and there are plenty of them in every college.

Had the policy of the other societies been different, there would not have been any material for the formation of the Beta, but for the past few years the principle of the societies has been such as to hinder really good men from joining them; hence this organization.

The future appears as bright and clear as is possible. Not a cloud calculated to injure us can be discerned in the horizon. Ample preparation has been made to secure the best talent which the class of '84 can afford, and next year we expect to be strong in every department.

Whatever disappointments and reverses we may meet with hereafter can only serve to unite us in stronger bonds of friendship and brotherly love; and although all our present bright anticipations may disappear in thin air, yet we will do all in our power to maintain the interest of the Fraternity, and we feel confident of success, so long as this University continues to attract the right class of men; but if the day should ever come when worthy, hard-working men fail to attend this institution, then may you expect the surrender of the charter of the Ills. Beta.

Yours in the bonds,

R. S. M.

The other day we ran across the manuscript translation of a speech in Japanese, made in June, 1878, at Pa. Epsilon's Symporium, by Bro. Tosui Imadate, of Pa. Iota, '79, who, as soon as he graduated, went home to Japan to take a position as professor in one of the Japanese colleges. We have been hoping for a communication from him for the Shield, but none having come, we thought it might be well to put this oration in print. All the brothers who knew "Imy," or "The Heathen" (as he was fondly called), will, we are sure, be glad to read it as a reminder of him, and to those who did not know him, we think the article will prove in itself sufficient justification for the printing.—Edd.

#### MY DEAR BROTHERS:

An ancient sage said, "Let all mankind be brothers." Upon consideration it appears to me to express the essence of human well-being. For as we occupy the position between heaven and earth, breathe the same air, and dwell upon the same land, it is similar to our living under the same roof, and on the same food. Although there are lands, mountains, rivers and seas, which separate us from each other, yet they are no more different from the doors, the walls and the other partitions in the same house. The line in which I quoted above is a general ethic, and is equiv-

alent to saying "Love thy neighbor as thyself." How beautiful are the words of the ancient sage!

But if we look to-day at actual life, do we not observe that the thousands of forms in human affairs, and hundreds more of phenomena in human nature, which are ever changing and ever progressing? We live in an age entirely different from that of the ancients. Each one pursues his own course, and each course runs in different directions from the other. It is impossible, therefore, to bind all with a single tie. How much more so is it in the age where the strong coerce the weak, and one struggles for fame and wealth over the over. Here it appears that the golden words of the sage lose their lustre. This is not, however, the fault of the sage, but it is on the contrary, a natural consequence of the progressive age. How then can we enjoy the beauty of the ethic, "Let all mankind be brothers," without conflicting with the fashion of the age?

We have gathered here as a'body of common interest and of mutual safeguard, and on shall we start the march through the tempests of human life, helping one another and shielding our comrade from the enemy's affliction. We this little army of the secret Fraternity of  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . I was at first strongly opposed to its secrecy. Our union is altogether different from the crowd which sits in deliberation for causing disturbances or conspiracy. Are we not the party which follows the noble path of the great Teacher? One brings war on the earth, ours gives peace to mankind. Why then should we be ashamed of its being open to everybody, like the bright sun in the sky?

Upon my second reflection, I have thought of the necessity of being secret. Why, there are more enemies of good in the world than its friends. This situation has compelled us to abide together in secrecy. In order to reach the top of the ladder we must begin at the lowest step, or we begin from a part where we want to gain the whole. Therefore we have formed a small brotherhood, with the view of enlarged it. "United we stand, divided we fall." Hence we have formed close affinity with avowed bond of fraternity. The sacred realm of a family lies in the exclusion of strangers from it. Hence we keep our doing secret to outsiders. Upon these three depend the aim, the happiness, and the sacredness of this Fraternity.

Though I was born in the corner of the great Pacific ocean, and my native home is far distant from yours, I am happy to share with you in common interest, and follow the same path. That is, to disseminate the element of peace throughout the world. I feel exceedingly happy to learn that this Fraternity has already born the testimony of its success by enlisting so many worthy brothers from many institution of this country. But, dear brothers, let us not be satisfied with this success so far gained, but strive to enlighten the world with the influence of this Fraternity, support the world upon the tripod of  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ ., and let there be the ripened fruit of. "Let all mankind be brothers."

CAN any of the brothers favor us with copies of No. 5 SHIELD? None of that issue left—all distributed.

#### PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

PERSONALS from every Chapter are in order.

SIGMA CHI has revived its Mu Chapter, ditto Beta Theta Pi.

GEORGE K. GOLT, D. C. Alpha, is an attorney at Baltimore. Md.

BETA THETA PI has entered Brown University with a fine Chapter.

WALTER A. POWELL, Pa. Zeta, '78, is studying law at Kansas City.

"BOTTLE" GROSS, No. 2, Pa. Zeta, '78, is studying law at Allentown, Pa.

FRANK T. MIX, D. C. Alpha, is the leading railroad man at St. Paul, Minn.

W. A. SIMMONS, D. C. Alpha, is Principal of Public Schools in Norfolk, Va.

THE bar against Fraternities at the University of California has been removed.

JOHN P. WILLIAMS '70, Pa. Zeta, is a member of the Maryland State Legislature.

THE Z.  $\Psi$ . Fraternity has established a Chapter at University of Toronto (Canada).

THE Query frequently presented for our solution is: "Why are our Virginia brothers so silent?"

E. O. SHAKESPEARE, M. D., Pa. Zeta, has just published a translation of a French work on Pathology.

THE Penn'a Epsilon boys' paper, read at their regular weekly assemblings, is known as The Phi Psi.

ALEX T. STUART, D. C. Alpha, is Principal of Public Schools in East Division of Washington, D. C.

EUGENE MANNING, Pa. Zeta, '77, for some time since has been pursuing his studies at Goetiggen, Germany.

REV. HARVEY McKNIGHT, Pa. Eta, has accepted a call from the English Lutheran Church of Cincinnati, Ohio.

DR WM. P. HEADDEN '72, Pa. Zeta, has accepted the chair of Chemistry in the Maryland State Agricultrual College.

Bro. H. M. Pelham is the  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . representative on the editorial staff of the Palladium of the University of Michigan.

FRANK T. FREELAND, Pa. I., '79, has constructed a machine for the solution of the quadratic equation in its simplest terms.

Dr. C. H., Brown '75, Pa. Eta, recently Resident physician at Blockley Hospital, Philadelphia, has moved to Lancaster, Pa.

BEN MILLIKEN, Pa. Beta, '71, has been elected Resident physician at Children's Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. He begins his duties October 1st.

THREE Alumni Chapters have just been chartered: Indiana Delta and Epsilon, at Indianapolis, and Attica and Penna. Kappa, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bros. Thomas, Van Deusen and Hallowell, Pa. J. received the degree of M.D. at the late commencement of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania.

PROF. S. P. SADTLER '67, Pa. E. received a valuable present from the graduating class of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Anther testimonial of his universal popularity.

Bros. E. B. HAY and ROBT. J. MURRAY of the same Chapter, are practicing law in Washington, D. C. The latter brother was formerly Assistant District Attorney in the above city.

Some six or seven B. O. II. pins have recently been seen

in the halls of the University of Pennsylvania. The wearers of the same are known among their classmates as "Wooglies." What can it mean?

Bro. George W. Sampson, D.D., L.L.D., was formerly President of Columbia College, D. C.; then of Rutgers Female College, N. Y. City, and at present is Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Harlem, N. Y.

WM. G. DAVIS, M.D., '79, Pa. I., is in London, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Will soon come up for graduation at this place, and afterwards enter some hospital in Paris. He is paying special attention to Surgery.

D. C. Alpha has made the following initiations this year; Feb. 7th, C. S. Chesney (graduate of National Law University) and M. F. Cuthbert '81; Feb. 14th, Wm. B. T. Keyser '81, and March 20th, James H. Spaulding '84.

The  $\Sigma$ . A. E. fraternity has about 20 or more Chapters confined to the Southern States. The publication of this Society is a quarterly and bears the name " $\Sigma$ . A. E. Record." It is issued from the Xi Chapter and managed by Major Wildberger.

WM. N. MUMPER, Pa. Zeta, '79, is now a professor in Pennington Seminary, N. J., having taken the place of Chas. Wilson, Pa. Zeta, '78, who was obliged to leave on account of poor health. Bro. Wilson is spending the winter in North Carolina.

Our Chapters everywhere are in excellent condition. We can afford to extend our lines. The two movements in this direction before the brothers are excellent. They are strongly seconded, and an early aye in both instances would be to the decided advantage of our case.

Father Dr. W. H. Letterman and Father Judge Moore have been heard from. The former is not dead, but busily engaged in the practice of medicine in Texas. Both approve of the Shield, and ask for the back numbers. The spirit of  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . is warm within them.

ALL subscription money not yet sent in should be remitted at the earliest convenience of subscribers. That there may be no mistakes as to the address to which the same should be sent, we add again: Money orders to be sent to Bro. Prof. Otis H. Kendall, 3826 Locust St., West Philadelphia, Pa.

THE Beta Theta Pi is edited and published in Cincinnati, Ohio, not Springfield, Ohio. The Fraternity have established permanent head-quarters in the former city. The editor is John I. Covington, an alumnus of some years standing. His associates are, Walter Dennisen, '77 O. W. U., and Willis D. Robb, '79, O. W. U. The latter was the editor-in-chief last year.

Now that the Easter vacation is over, we earnestly appeal to the prothers of the various Chapters to see to it that they are represented regularly in the columns of the Shield. In the course of a month or so the honors of colleges will be distributed, and we await with pleasure the announcement of our share of the same.

In an account of a recent anniversary of one of the literary societies of Dickenson College, we noticed as participants in the exercises the names of Coates Caldwell, J. H. Caldwell and M. D. Learned. We would be happy to receive news as to how our brothers acquitted themselves. Would make an interesting communication from Zeta.

If any of our eastern brothers have time, it would pay them to drop in on our "Gawge" at Washington, Lancaster Co., Pa. The "Prof" is an alumus of O. W. U., and his masculine beauty, budding mustache, and shining silk plug, were the envy of the preps for the three years of his glourious triumphs at Delware. George preaches now, and his eloquence will repay your labor in hunting him up.

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No. 10, Vol. I, of the Shield, will appear some time in June, and the editors are exceedingly desirous that every Chapter should be represented in that issue by a short article. Brothers, see to it that we are not disappointed. We make the request so early in order to give sufficient time for the work. We hope the matter will not be overlooked.

WE learned lately that some resident Φ. K. Ψs. in Harrisburg, Pa., were thinking of inaugurating an Alumni Chapter in that city. It is an excellent idea, and we hope the subject will not be dropped, as we have noble brothers residing there. We remember three at least—Drs. George Stahley and John Hay, Pa. Epsilon, and Dr. Paul Hartman, Pa. Zeta—who would aid substantially in organizing such a branch. Let us have more of them.

The brother writing from Pa. I. in our last issue hinted that an editorial consideration of the pin question might be interesting. We would simply remark to this that we are now fully convinced that we, as  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ s., would receive the best advantages by adhering to our present jeweler. The quality of his goods is undoubtedly first class. Perhaps at a later G. A. C. we may be able to decide upon a better party.

THE following explaines itself. Others of our older brothers have recently done likewise, and we heartily thank them for their substantial encouragement of the SHIELD.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 10th, 1880.

EDITORS SHIELD:

I enclose herewith one dollar, for which please send me one copy of your paper for one year. I was the organizer (or one of them) of the Ohio Alpha—its President the first year—and have not forgotten old  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ .; so when Bro. List sent me copies of your paper, I knew you needed the support of all old members as well as the new. hence the enclosed.

Yours fraternally,

C. W. BREYFOGLE, M. D..

P. O. Box 646.

Attention Brothers!

Every Chapter has been notified concerning the "Fraternity History," and each one requested to send the account of their respective Chapter to the Historians.

Many have responded promptly, either by electing an editor or sending their history; yet, on the other hand, some have not thus responded, which has caused considerable delay and trouble. The Historians earnestly request that each Chapter which has not acted upon the matter would do so immediately, and send their account not later than May 15th.

Many have been the words of cheer and encouragement from the Chapters and different members, causing us to realize that the work in which we are engaged is a most noble one and worthy of all acceptation. If any active member or alumnus can give us any information or answer the following, it will be most thankfully received. What has become of the archives of the dead Chapters? The causes of their death? Where, and in what years have the G. A. Cs. been held? Will any brother send us an account of either of the G. A. Cs.?

THE HISTORIANS.

There having been many inquiries as to the present condition and future prospects of Pennsylvania Kappa, it would seem to be well to make some statement as to the matter in the columns of the Shield. The necessary documents have been in the hands of the founders for about two weeks, and already some of the preliminary work of the organization has been done; and it is expected that by the time the next number of the Shield is out, we shall have a communication from the youngster.

### WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

EDITORS SHIELD:

Dear Bro.—I again send you the greetings of Pa. Alpha. Just returned this evening from home, where I've been spending a two-weeks' vacation; and I found your letter of the 1st. awaiting reply. My answer you will find enclosed.

While in Allegheny I met several of our graduate brothers. The Western Theological Seminary there is

booming with several good Phi Psis from our own Chapter, Ohio Gamma and Pa. Theta, to add dignity and all that's good. Bro. Yost, of Michigan Alpha, now of the Pittsburgh bar, is boarding in Allegheny at the same table as Bro. Eckles, of Lafayette, who is attending the Seminary. Bro. Yost is a noble supporter of the Shield. He says the last number is capital. In a few days he will start a subscription list among his brothers at the Bar.

Last term's work was closed up with a grand contest between the literary societies of our College. One of our boys, Bro. McIlvaine, delivered the finest debate on that occasion that has been heard in this region for many a day. At least so all the wise men of the community say, and we don't doubt their word.

Our boys are all back and are eager to begin work in behalf of Phi Psi.

I send you a short extract from a letter written to our Chapter in '54 by the Hon. Chas. P. T. Moore, when a student at Va. University. You will remember Bro. Moore as one of the founders of our Chapter, and also of Va. Alpha. He was one of the signers of the Latin petition published in No. 6 of Shield.

I hope you find something in what I now send you, which will be of interest to the readers of the SHIELD.

Yours in Phi Kappa Psi,

C. C. H.

Extract from a letter written to Pa. Alpha by our brother, Hon. C. P. T. Moore, when at Va. University, in '54.

Since my last communication, we have progressed in every sense of the word. We have initiated Mr. Wertenbaker of the University, who will be here for several years. He is an intelligent, energetic and popular man. Hence, you see, by this acquisition we have placed the Alpha of Va. on a lasting foundation. We have also elected several others, and will initiate one of the smartest (and by that term I mean all you can imagine) students here at our next meeting. I refer to Mr. Michie, of Stanton, Va. He will be here a year or two.

We have unfurled our banner to the breeze, have openly acknowledged our existence, and defy any power, except that of God, to crush us. Our initiation fee is \$2.00, and will raise it next session to \$5.00 or \$10.00. We intend to have a fine hall in Charlottesville. Mr. Fritz, formerly of Jefferson College, says if the Betas could see our chapter here, they would hide their faces in shame. He expects to take the law course here next session, and will unite with us.

Now I will tell you the secret of our prosperity. Unanimity is our principle; and we know full well there can be no unanimity where there are unpleasant feelings, and to avoid giving birth to such feelings, we have a care to use no rough language, no teasing, no rough jokes to one another. Hence, no quarrels arise, and, consequently, we love one another, and are beloved by all who know us. What a happy effect! \* \* \*

Yours fraternally, C. P. T. Moore.

Bro. T. G. HUNTER, '82 Pa. I., is one of the University four. We're confident he will do all he can to make his crew win in June.

#### HON. C. P. T. MOORE.

Some few weeks since, the writer was in Wheeling, W. Va., and learning that Judge Moore was in the city, he sought the first opportunity to become acquainted with him and hear what he might have to say concerning the Fraternity, of which, as every brother is aware, he is the founder.

Armed with the necessary emblem which every loyal Phi Psi wears, I approached him in the office of the hotel one morning, was most cordially received and made to feel perfectly at home.

The conversation turned immediately upon that in which we were mutually interested, although twenty odd years since he left college, and through many of these years actively engaged as Judge of the Supreme Court of that State, he is equally as interested in every thing that concerns welfare of the Fraternity, and always glad to review her early struggles, grand achievements, and anticipating her ultimate glory. Many interesting incidents were related, among which I give the following:—

Some years after leaving college he was passing through St. Louis, reaching there late at night. Registering his name and also affixing the Greek letters  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . he retired, expecting to leave early the following morning. Presently a knock aroused him, the door was opened and in marched a college chum, Phi Psi, whom he had not seen for years. In the adjoining room happened another, and ere long more than twelve brothers were gathered in the room, the outcome of which was the Judge did not leave on the early train, but was toasted and feasted all the next day.

The Judge expressed his regret that circumstances did not permit him to attend the G. A. C.; was rejoiced to know the Fraternity was in so prosperous a condition, and added: Some time I intend giving up my official duties, and then hope to visit each Chapter. Would any brother like a photograph of Bro. Moore? If so, write to him, and my word for it, you will receive it, accompanied by a friendly epistle.

D. C. L.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

April 19th, 1880.

BROTHERS:

Once more we "manipulate the quill" to send greeting to all loyal  $\Phi$ .  $\Psi$ 's through our organ. Not often have we done this, and still less often have we ventured to sound our own praises, but seeing so many accounts of victories won by Phi Psis at other colleges, we will modestly show our standing. No prizes are given here for proficiency, and no contests in oratory or anything of the kind are indulged in. If such were the case, heaven only knows where our fame might end. Even the marking system has been abolished, so that until the last year it has been impossible to compare our scholarship standing. But according to the last catalogue, from a careful reckoning, we find that in the ten secret societies in college, we rank second best, and counting extra work, for which we are not credited, we stand first. So much for ourselves.

The great society topic at present is the sudden emergence of a Chapter of Delta Tau Deltas in our midst like the head of a bullfrog in a mill-pond (excuse the comparison, but remember that we represent the mill-pond). The Chapter has been running under ground for several weeks, but during that time, by a system of wire pulling, they have elected some members to office on "independent" tickets, all of whom, since the disclosure, have been forced to resign. Several men, who throughout their college course, have been leaders of the opposition to secret societies, have come out full-fledged Delta Tau's. This, of course, kills them socially in college, as they are despised by independents for betraying them, and by society men for their former opposition. This leaves the independent element in college decidedly weak.

Wishing well to every individual Phi Psi in this broad land, we remain yours,

F. G. C.

#### MARYLAND ALPHA.

BALTIMORE, April 12th, 1880.

MESSES. EDITORS:

Maryland Alpha sends greetings to the "SHIELD," and responds to your request for something concerning us. Knowing that any and all communications from a young Chapter would be heard, we thought we would send to you something from the Alpha. In all letters, information about the health generally comes first, and in following this custom we will only say, our condition is good and our roll has nine names.

We expect shortly to introduce two more unfortunates into the terrible mysteries of a secret society. We would like to know if the feelings of all candidates for initiation are the same, or if their expectations are fulfilled. How well we remember when led up to the sacrificial chambers, how, having braced ourselves for the combat, we went in to conquer or to die. Of course it is not necessary to say who died, but we are certain the writer did not. As is well known these awful secret societies bind up their members with the most fearful and fatal oaths, consequently nothing that occurs at their meetings reaches the ears of the curious populace. After terrible conflicts, all traces of billy goat hair and seats of pantaloons are carefully removed, and when their chambers are thrown open for inspection, all is quiet and serene, peace and harmony reign over all, and every suspicion is removed. Such are the sentiments of our anti's, good people no doubt, but laboring under great trials and tribulations. We occasionally have old Phi Psis with us, and are always ready to give them a hearty welcome. At our last, we had Bro. Bright from Lafayette, now a student at Johns Hopkins, who greatly helped to enliven the affair by taking a hand (in the meeting, not at draw).

From the way in which the University is organized, you know we don't often meet each other, except at recitations or lectures, the men living in different parts of the city. On this account it took some little time to awaken mutual interest, but we are happy to say that after having had

several delightful meetings, things have wonderfully enthused. Some Brothers wanted to double the meetings, others vented themselves in a scheme for a grand excursion. But fearing a relapse which is worse than the original attack, our trusty anchors, Bros. Bowdoin and Alexander, kept us within bounds and restrained our ardor somewhat. However, we are bound to have that excursion, and there is no power on earth that can restrain us, except -, oh! filthy lucre for what use wert thou created but as a torment for those who feel the want of thy care. But "howsomdever," we think an account of this may appear in some future number of the Shield. In some of our colleges many are no doubt looking forward to Commencement day, but you know we have nothing of that kind at the Johns Hopkins. Our only festival taking place on the 22d of February, the birthday of the University. We would make some mention of honors, so-called, of which some of our friends are worthy, but we have nothing of the kind here, the Faculty properly appreciating that the world is the field where men should strive for honor. And in that field, and may Providence shower blessings on all those who like true Phi Psi's are aiming for the nobler things of In behalf of Maryland Alpha.

Fraternally,

GEO. F. GEBHART.

#### PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

MEADVILLE, Pa., April 13th, 1880.

THE charter for this Chapter was granted in July, 1855; is expressed the consent of the three Chapters then in existence, Pa. Alpha, Va. Alpha, and Va. Beta, and bore the names of T. R. Kennedy, Benj. R. Bratt, Jos. T. McDowell, Nelson Greene, Wm. B. Holt, O. S. Long, F. M. Gregg and W. Stephens.

The students of this institution had long felt the necessity of a secret society, but owing to the opposition of the faculty, they were restrained from manifesting their fraterntiy proclivities. Several mild attempts had been made towards having a chapter of some fraternity established here, but the college authorities, by their imperial mandates, overawed all such audacious undertakings, and compelled the projectors to succumb to the inflexible will of their misguided instructors.

This was the state of affairs when, in 1854, Bro. T. R. Kennedy, returned to Meadville, after having just graduated at Jefferson College. Bro. Kennedy was imbued with the true spirit of progress which he had obtained direct from Bros. Letterman and Moore, and recognizing in the fertile soil of old Allegheny an excellent place to plant a sprig from the noble order to which he belonged, he set about preparing the ground for the inception of the object of his affections. The first meeting of the Penn'a Beta was held August 23d, 1855. Never was there a more secret assemblage than the one which congregated upon that accasion. Every crack and crevice in the room in which the meeting was held had been previously closed, in order that not a single ray of light might escape to intimate to outsid-

ers what was about to take place. Not the slightest noise was made, and no one scarcely dared to speak above a whisper. Every possible precaution was taken to prevent discovery, for it was well known that had the faculty learned of such a bold meeting being held, they would have mustered all their forces and attempted the extermination of such a desperate band. The meeting was undisturbed, however, and for some time the Chapter went on without meeting any decided opposition from the faculty. This was either owing to the difficulty which would have been attached to such an effort, or because the faculty had not sufficient proof that the fraternity was in existence—for none of the members dared wear the badge in public or openly avow their connection with the fraternity.

The Chapter rapidly increased in strength, and its future prosperity was firmly assured. The hostility of the faculty still continued, and the meetings were necessarily of a nomadic nature, but this only lent an addiaional charm of romance to the honor and pleasure of being a  $\Phi$ . Having no opposition but that of the faculty, the Chapter flourished exceedingly, and it soon contained all the talented young men of the college. For a number of years nearly all the honors of any importance were taken by the members of our fraternity. The hatred of the college authorities against secret societies was very much abated by the good conduct of those who belonged to our order, and they dared neither condemn nor ostracize those who proved themselves superior in all that constitutes an excellent student.

The Penn'a Beta has been in existence for a quarter of a century, and during that time it has enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity. Its members have been such as have done credit to the principles upon which our noble order is founded, and those who have gone forth into the "world's broad field of battle" have now positions of trust and honor. Our present membership is worthy of the long line of excellent fraters who have preceded us and given to our Chapter the prestage which we earnestly endeavor to maintain.

The loquacious "oracle" is a whole Chapter in himself, and is at once an encyclopaedia of general knowledge and a repository of wit and humor.

The unsuppressible individual who does everything "with great eclat," is endowed by nature and refined by art to such an extent, that wisdom sits at his right hand and gives counsel into all his actions. The irresistible youth who formerly perambulated the magnificent prairies of the west, is constituted of such manifold elements that he embraces all the characteristics necessary for the accomplishment of all exalted understandings, and is likewise the beloved of all with whom he is associated.

Bro. Wilson is editor-in-chief of *The Campus*, and has been elected valedictorian and Bro. Colegrove, poet, for ell took the Keystone Declamation Prize. Bro. Bats has been elected valedictorian and Bro. Colegate, poet, for the class-day exercises. Bro. Miner has been elected orator to represent the Philo Franklin Literary Society during commencement week.

ALEXANDER.

#### PENN'A ETA.

LANCASTER, PA., April 11th, 1880.

DEAR SHIELD:

Your monthly visits bring with them so much of joy and pleasure, that we feel sure the omission of a single one of them would throw the clock-work arrangement of the Eta Chapter all out of gear, and spread confusion and havoc dire among our usually well-regulated fold.

"When will the next Shield be out?" a question which is propounded to me a dozen times a month, shows with what eagerness its coming is awaited by our boys. How we lived so long without it or its equivalent, is a problem which now agitates the minds of the boys more than any contained in analytical or calculus.

This reminds us, Bro. Cyrus Musser is now Tutor (Mathematical) to the Freshman class, and Bro. Thomas Apple bears the same relation to the irrepressible Sophs. The latter, under Prof. Smyth, were indomitable, but Tom seems to have "fetched 'em' under. We strongly suspect that he has a little private understanding with eight of the Sophs, who answer to the mystic raps of Phi Psi. All right, Tom, knock them down with the gavel, if that is the only controlling power.

'Tis surprising how the unrighteous flourish. Listen! Last night the Chapter, not satisfied with having one Eschbach—about my size—took in our little Bro. Elmer. A pair of us was wanted for exhibition. But let not the Fraternity be alarmed. Elmer is the last of the *Dynasty*. At least until—well, we wont speak of that yet, we are both still single.

Away down some place in Virginia (no one knows exactly where), there lives a most delightful old lady, who bakes just the nicest bread and cakes, and roasts the very finest chickens, and sends them in huge hampers to her Phi Psi son at college. Some say she makes wine, too; but we suspect Portie buys that. Well, last night one of these hampers came, and as usual, Phi Psi was there, big as life, and twice as natural. We noticed none of the boys ate any breakfast this morning, but some of them drank quantities of water. They couldn't get any water last night. (?) Well, we just wanted to say to Mrs. Porterfield, so that she wouldn't hear it, "much obliged;" and to Ev.—that's her son—"You're a bully boy."

We're going to have another Symposium, a better one than last year. We are about to call on our graduate brothers and ask them to "fork." Five dollars a man is all the "chaff" we need. Come to the Sym., boys.

One of our rival fraternities thought to astonish us and the natives by engaging the Stephen's House for a supper on our symposium night. But the proprietor has not yet made a speciality of "ice cream grinds," and therefore gave them the G. B., and us the House, much to our delight and their disgust. They are not a bit mad about it. Oh no! only slightly agitated, that's all.

We should like to close with something nice, but an indigestible dinner weighs heavily upon our stomach, and is not at all conducive to brilliant literary flights, therefore, the best we can say is, that the good angel of Phi Kappa Psi still smiles upon us, and in her smiles of encouragement we prosper.

Yours in the sacred tie,

H. C. E.

CRETE, NEBRASKA, April 15th, 1880.

DEAR SHIELD:

Only a few days ago I was away up in the great State of West Constant; and now here I am away out in New Brasky. I have been in this State four days, and the wind has been blowing a small hurricane every minute of the time. There is so much wind out here that I feel ashamed of myself. I have a good strong chin for my own defense, but I can't talk against a Nebraska zephyr. And dust! You never saw a Nebraska dust storm. I have eaten and slept and moved in clouds of dust, until I am grimy and gritty and dirty enough to go into politics. But it's good dust. I like it. It is an acquired taste, like horseradish pie. I can't get enough of it. I sleep with my head hanging out on the window sill, that I may get more of it.

And this is a large country. An ordinary State would hardly make a county in Nebraska. The people out here wear box cars for watch charms. You have to look twice to see the horizon. It makes your back ache to look at a man's farm in one sweeping glance. A farmer walks about 150 miles in plowing a 40 acre piece. When they bury a man, they did a grave like the cellar of a house. I never know what out-doors looked like until I came to this State.

I was sorry, awfully, dreadfully sorry that I couldn't get down to Washington. But I couldn't. While the rest of you were having such a good time. I was lying supinely on my back. It was a strange experience for me, because I usually lie on my feet. I not only missed Washington, but I missed about ten days of lecture engagements, all filled with shining sheckels of the tested gold, which I never got to handle.

I meet the boys every where. Down in North Vernon, Indiana, I met Jahn, just by accident, Jahn, of Bloomington. Saw him standing on the platform while I was waiting for a train. Never saw the man before in my life and didn't know him from Adam, but I saw the pin in his scarf, and tenderly caught hold of his lilly white hand, and astonished him with a grip he hadn't felt since he left school and went into business. He jumped as high as a box car and emitted a yell that scared a man who had been quietly sleeping in the Vernon cemetery for three years. At London, Ohio, the two Brewsters came up from Springfield to hear me "holler." At Noblesville, Ind., I was entertained at the home of Brother Ed. Campbell, one of the most energetic men in Indiana; and I just missed meeting Tieste, of Meadville, Pa., who had been home on a visit. At Bloomington, Ind., the boys had a "swell" banquet ready after the circus. It was an immense affair, and the session held on until 1 A.M.. At Attica, Ind., I was the guest of Brother Henry Martin, who is the man who introduced me to the goat at Crawfordsville, where I first pinned on the Shield. Indiana Delta, the graduate Chapter at Attica, is made up of splendid material. I also met some of its members of Williamsport. Indeed, I meet them everywhere, and find a good spirit in Fraternity matters; the boys are feeling well and satisfied with the present and the prospects; and I have found the several Chapters it has been my pleasure to meet, strong, careful in the selection of their men, no anxiety for a mere numerical increase, but an honest pride in getting only the best men. And—but look here; who's going to read all this if I make it any longer?

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT J. BURDETTE.

#### WASHINGTON COLLEGE, VA.

January 10th, 1857.

Va. Beta to Penna. Epsilon, Greeting.

DEAR BROTHERS:

No communication has as yet passed between our Chapters, owing to the fact that you have never informed us of your organization, and consequently we did not know you were in existence as a Chapter. We hope, however, that it is not too late now to extend to you the right hand of fellowship and welcome you into our order. Our principles, Truth, Virtue and Honor, commend themselves to every right minded gentleman, and we have no dubt but that you will suffer them to find a lodgement in your breasts. and ever after prove yourselves true gentlemen and worthy of the name of Phi Kappa Psi. Our Fraternity cannot exist with any degree of fraternal love unless constant communication is kept up between the individual Chapters, and it must be done. We are sorry that our Chapter has so long failed to recognize yours, but it was owing to the fact, as stated above, that we were ignorant of your existence as a Chapter until informed of it by the corresponding secretary of Penna. Delta.

Will you be so kind as to send us a list of your members, dates of initiation, etc., at as early a day as possible, together with your date of organization, times of meeting, time of election of officers, etc. At what college is your Chapter established, as well as the P. O. and county?

Let us know whether you have a list of our members or not, we will take pleasure in sending them to you at our earliest opportunity.

Our Chapter (Va. Beta) was founded the 2d of March, 1855, at Washington College, Lexington, Va. This is one of the oldest colleges in the State, and is supported mainly by the Presn. Church, though not under the control of that church. We have nearly 100 students and the number is increasing yearly.

Ours was the first secret Fraternity ever established at this college, but since ours, the B.  $\theta$ . II. have founded a Chapter here. We are considerably ahead of them in influence and everything else.

In our Chapter the S. degree meets on the fourth Friday of every month, and the P. degree on the second and fourth Friday. Our officers are elected the fourth Fridays of October, February and June. Our collegiate session commences the second Wednesday of September and closes the 3d of July.

Our Chapter is in a very flourishing condition, having about 17 members in regular attendance. We have also a very nice hall, well fitted up.

Let us hear from you soon.

Yours fraternally in behalf of Va. Beta of  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . J. L. Massie.

Address:

Washington College, Lexington, Rockbridge Co., Va.

WE clip the following from the Meadville *Index* of the 21st of April, feeling sure that it will be of interest to many of our readers, some of whom we hope will be able to attend:

#### PHI KAPPA PSI.

A NATIONAL MEETING IN AUGUST.

Among the distinguished college fraternities of this country, strongly represented at Allegheny College, the "Phi Psis" are one of the most enterprising. From this society we learn that a grand national gathering of the members from the 30 or 40 Chapters of the United States is to be held at Chautauqua Lake, on the 10th of August next, at which the great Burlington Hawkeye humorist, Robert J. Burdette, a Phi Psi himself, is to meet with the Fraternity and deliver his address, "Advice to Young Men." The idea of a social gathering of the entire Fraternity this summer was first advanced at an informal meeting of a few members at Chautauqua last season. The unanimity of feeling then in favor of such a meeting has aroused all the enthusiasm requisite to insure a large national attendance. Several distinguished public men, members of the Society, are expected to be present at this meeting, August 10th. The committee of arrangements, to which requests for fuller information are to be addressed, is composed of Messrs. E. M. Wood (Allegheny '79), Meadville, Chairman; W. W. Dale, (Lafayette '75), Franklin; W. C. Wilson (Allegheny '80), Warren, Pa. That nothing may interfere with the entire success of the meeting, the committee has secured a regular place for the event in the Assembly programme, and with the co-operation of Dr. Vincent and the managers, a grand time is assured. The committee has now under consideration some very attractive and enjoyable features, such as will commend themselves to the whole Fraternity.

#### PA. THETA.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, April 24th, 1880.

Old Father Time has brought on apace our spring term, which carrying in its train unnumbered duties as students, still rejoices the Fraters, as their imaginations pass in review, the jolly weekly meetings, oft charmed with a "grind" at Able's eating parlors, the boat rides, croquet, meeting of older Fraters at Commencement, the symposium, and new conquests in Theta's onward course. This term can even chronicle another victory; the banner of Phi Psi has again laid low the haughty  $\Delta$ . K. E., and pierced the armor of Phi Delta Theta, and now her folds enclose a new Phi Psi of '83.

Such contests are not uncommon, as Fraternities are numerously represented at Lafayette, there being no less than nine in addition to our own, viz.:  $\Delta$ . K. E., Zeta Psi, Sigma Chi, Chi Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Theta Delta Chi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Delta Tau Delta, and Delta Beta Phi.

The saying of a member of the Faculty, who is a  $\Delta$ . K. E,, that the Phi Psi were the best set of fellows in college, gives but a sample of the enconiums passed upon us, both by Fraternity and non-Fraternity men at Lafayette. We place the standard of Phi Psi high, and allow no discord among us.

The brothers manifest a hearty interest in the SHIELD, and it has their best wishes for its success; it is a grand move, and cannot fail to be productive of a more fraternal spirit, of a better knowledge in regard to our condition and interests, of a more aggressive spirit in establishing and strengthening our position among College Fraternites.

R. W. M.

#### UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Dear Bros.—Again our Shield will have its sustenance, again it must be filled with news. But news, where to find it? First I went to Doug., everybody goes to Doug. first, and I sought to glean some news from his miscellaneous remarks, but they failed. Next I sought Toddy, but Toddy had to go to see one of his girls, and that source failed me too. Again I renewed my search, and came upon Tommy -Tommy D., I mean-but he was troubled with a severe attack of something or other from running a mile in some incredibly short time. With a perseverance equal to Mrs. Partington's, when trying to mop out the Atlantic Ocean I persevered, and found Hering piled up to his ears in mathematical treatises, and Freeland, who drove me off by attempting to explain the quadratic equation machine. I had hardly escaped him, when I was nearly blinded by the refulgence of Tustin's badge, as usual, in loco insigne. Soon after Tom Hunter exercised his muscle on me for ten minutes, while Pile smoked peacefully in the big chair, and Baby Brown (another member from Jersey), meekly looked on. Of course I was laid up for some time after this treatment (and all for simply inquiring the news), but was doing finely, until one morning, when Gross came in and talked 24th Ward politics at me for three full hours, after which I had a relapse, and was long in a sad state. As soon as I had recovered sufficiently to walk abroad with a crutch and a cane, not to mention six seven-inch plasters artistically arranged upon my contenance, I sought Bonnell; now Bonnell is not naturally a fierce man though somewhat given to metaphysics, and farther I may say that Bonnell is not naturally a bad man though given to flunking, nor satyric though he often cuts, nor bald though he will blackball, nor a skalliwag though somewhat of a wag, and yet, when he saw me before him meekly asking for news, all the fierceness and all the badness, in short all the bald skalliwagasity of the man rose against me, and had I not made use of greater discretion than valor you would all now be wearing black around your pins, as my pins would have been knocked from under me forever. Such was my sad experience in search of news; it certainly outdoes Telemachus in search of his father.

We are all well, excepting Bro. Bright, whom we regret to hear has been quite ill; he is, however, doing better, and we all wish him a speedy recovery. Bro. Hunter spends most of his spare time on the river, as he is on the University crew prepared to uphold the honor of dear old Penn with muscles of iron. He was recently elected Treasurer of the Athletic Association. Bonnell is '80's spoon man, a well deserved honor, judging from Bonny's popularity among us all. But there is a remark somewhere about the fugiting propensities of old man Time which applies very well here, and, moreover, I am burning the midnight gas and wasting gas in more senses than one. So Au revoir, or, not to be hackneyed, Auf wiederschreiben.

CORPORAL TRIM

#### HOTEL MOLARO.

ROME, ITALY, March 26th, 1880.

Dear Bros.—Two numbers of the Shield have been received and their contents eagerly devoured, as their dog-ear condition indicates. I am glad to hear of the flourishing condition of our Fraternity in general, and of Iota in particular. Bro. "Nemo" need not fear, for "McSorley's Twins" perished in the fight between the McGinnisses, the Gehagans, Meg Murphy and the Flynns, and since the wake have been reposing quietly in "St. Patrick's No. III." Well, I suppose Brighty with his coal will make warm Phi Psis of the Brown University boys, and "here's success to the cause." I have met some Delta Phis and "Dekes," but no Phi Psis as yet.

I presume "Helmey" and "Mother" continue to sit on the radiator in Bro. Dr. Sadtler's laboratory; that Doug. Brown still visits Mrs. Malone, inquiring after his dog; the the "Jersey Fresh." is clutching, and that Bonnell continues to shave.. But stop, let me give you my experience in the latter line here in Rome. You remember how Barber Brown gave me away (so did Bob Burdette) in the spring of '79, and from that time forward my visits to his shop were few and far between. Well, having heard glowing descriptions of the pleasures of a European "Tonsorial Parlor," I determined upon my arrival in this city to see for myself. Accordingly I entered a parlor, saluted the "boss," and not being able to express my wish in Italian, I simply rubbed my hand across my face and was understood. I was motioned to a chair and sat down, and then endeavored to lean back, but as the back, in conjunction with the seat, formed a right angle, I didn't lean far. During this time the barber was busily engaged in vigorously stropping the razor on his boot leg. His next act was to bring out from one end of the parlor about five yards of calico and engulf me in it. Taking a long breath he picked up his cheese knife, grabbed me by the "top-knot," pulled my head over the top of the chair, and began operating. He

gave me a terrible rake, cutting fuzz, flesh, and everything coming in the way. After three more such rakes he pointed to my upper lip and said, "That?" Just think, Bro. Smith, that! I shook my head, fearing if I allowed him to proceed I never would have a "that." A dish pan was now brought forth and water slopped all over my face and neck, regardless of a newly ironed collar and my "Sunday clothes." This all over, he picked up some stuff that reminded me of Bro. Jack Marshall's favorite brand of cheese, and attempted to put it on my hair, but I objected. The next performance was the appearance of a machine resembling the cylinder of Edison's phonograph, and with this the wretch proceeded to brush my hair. Brothers. though I never had my head against a buzz-saw, I think this thing comes about as near that as possible. You may imagine I left that chair as quickly as I could. The costs for this mutiliation of my phiz were 40 cents. Having vowed to protect my friends, I inform you, one and all. never enter a Roman Tonsorial Parlor.

I would write further thereon, but I have not further to write upon.

Fraternally,

T. B. H.

We are indebted to Bro. H. M. Pelham, Mich. Alpha, for a copy of the Palladium for 1880. Michigan University has ten Greek Letter Societies within her walls. The  $\Sigma$ . X. has just appeared there, and this Chapter is the Theta Theta. All its members, however, with one exception, are students in the law department.  $\Psi$ . T. has seven representatives in the Faculty of the University; A.  $\Delta$ .  $\Phi$ . five;  $\Delta$ . K. E. three, and  $\Sigma$ .  $\Phi$ . and  $\Sigma$ . X. each one. One hundred and seventy-six students are Fraternity men.

THE "Aloha," the annual of the Wittenberg College boys, is before us. Two of its three editors are  $\Phi$ .  $\Psi$ 's. We were very much pleased with a perusal of the contents of this publication. The full-page engraving opposite the names of our Ohio Beta brothers is very good. Among the list of resident Phi Psis, we notice the names of Gen. J. Warren Keifer, M. C., Hon. Wm. W. White, Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio B. F. Prince, G. H. Young and W. H. Hoskinson (professors in Wittenberg College) and others. Thanks to the brothers who sent us the above copy.

JOHN T. SHORT, of Ohio Alpha, now Professor of History and English Literature at the State University, at Columbus, Ohio, has lately been elected to represent the State in the meeting of the Ethnological Society of the World, which meets at Paris some time during the summer. This honor is richly merited by the Professor, for he has lately given to the world through the press of Harper & Bros., a magnificently illustrated work on "The North Americans of Antiquity." The work is the result of the most careful and painstaking research, and is an eloquent tribute to the talents of its author.

SIGMA CHI has entered Richmond College,

#### PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

PA. ETA initiated D. Elmer Eshbach '84 on April 10th, Bro. Bonnell, '80 Pa. I., carried off several prizes this Spring.

Pa. I, captured another Sophomore, Charles Brown, Mt. Holly, N. J.

Bro. O. S. Long, '66 Pa. Beta, is clerk of the Supreme Court of W. Va.

Bro. Geo. W. Jeffers, Pa. Beta, is a prominent lawyer in Wheeling, W. Va.

Bro. John McSweeney, '75 Ohio Gamma, is a very successful lawyer in Wooster, O.

Bro. John Bridges, '76 Pa. E., is doing a good printing business in Baltimore, Md.

Bro. James S. Young, '69 Pa. A., is practicing law at 66 Grand Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bro. S. A. McClung, '63 Pa. A., has his law office at 91 Diamond Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bro. Dr. W. H. McKelvy, '63 Pa. B. is located at No. 64 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

W. H, LACY, '81, and J. N. Hull, '83, Ills. Alpha, are on the editorial staff of *The Tripod*.

REV. S. B. BARNITZ, Pa. E., is a leading minister of the Lutheran Church in Wheeling, W. Va.

Оню Gamma has just initiated A. R. Bickenbach, Freeport, Ills. and C. A. McDonald, Linton Ohio.

Bro. J. Erastus McKelvy, '66 Pa. Zeta, has his law office at 144 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bro. John P. Hecht, '77 Pa. E., received M.D. from Jefferson Med. Col. at its last commencement.

Bro. Elwood C. Jackson, '82 Pa. I., had his shoulder dislocated by being thrown from a bicycle at Wilmington, Del.

Bro. Joshua L. Miner, Pa. Theta, '78, has been appointed Resident Physician at the City Hospital, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

 $W_{\rm E}$  hope the brothers will see that copies of their college papers are sent us. They are great aids in getting up personals, etc.

O<sub>N</sub> April 17th, Pa. Theta initiated Ford C. Ottman, Albany, N. Y., a member of '83, to the utter discomfiture of several rival fraternities.

Bro. Jas. W. Bright, Lock Haven, Pa. Theta, '77, is now at Johns Hopkins', with a "clean sweep" for a fellowship in Philology.

DR. CHARLES H. GRAFF, '76, Pa. Eta, will continue his studies at the University of Munich, during the spring and summer months.

C. E. PIPER, '82, and F. W. Merrell, '83, Ills. Alpha, were among the contestants for the Mann Prize, at Northwestern University. They did well.

Bro. George W. Gross, '77 Pa. E., has discontinued his law business and gone West. He purposes going into the cattle grazing business. George, don't go back on your Mathematics.

Bro. Prof. Sam'l W. Powel, Pa. Theta, '78, recently made a tour of inspection among the most important eastern colleges, with a view to perfecting the curriculum in applied mechanics at Cornell.

THANKS to Bro. W. H. Jordan, '81, Ills. Alpha, for copy of *Tripod*. The January number of the latter contains a fine little song, "A Student's Life," contributed by Bro. J. The music accompanies it.

It is announced that the existence (heretofore  $sub\ rosa$ ) of our Ills.  $\Gamma$  has been discovered by the Faculty, and that five of her seniors are visiting the Ills. Beta. The Chapter, however, hasn't disbanded.

The following Chapters have recently added to their membership: Pa. E., Clinton Hoover, '83 Smithsburg, Md.; Pa.  $\Theta$ ., Ford C. Ottman, '83, Albany, N. Y.; Pa. B., Frank H. Morgan, Meadville, Pa.

"Waddell, of Ohio Alpha, after a fearful struggle with Blackstone for a protracted season, has declared his ability to floor anything in the shape of legal lore that can be piled around him, though it be mountains high.

Bro. Jas. C. Mackenzie, Pa. Theta, '78, has opened a branch publishing house for Ginn & Heath, in Chicago; and Bro. Nat. Taylor, Pa. Theta, '73, has assumed temporary control of Mac's excellent school in Wilkesbarre. When not otherwise engaged, Bro. Taylor practices law.

Bro. Wm. Yost, Mich. A., has sent us a number of subscribers. We appreciate our brother's kindness and would be happy to see others respond similarly to the little notes we have ocasionally dropped them. Bro. Yost's address is: 134 Fifth Avenue, (Hamilton building) Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bro. Mervin J. Eckles, Pa. Theta, '77, in conjunction with another gentleman, has opened a select school at Mechanicsburg, with great promise of success. Merv. will devote himself to imparting to others from his boundless knowledge of language, leaving the "dry-as-dust" to his associate.

Bro. L. F. Springer, Pa. Theta, '73, was the Democratic candidate for Mayor of Independence, Iowa, at the recent municipal election; and although a new citizen of that Republican stronghold, he would probably have been elected, had he received the requisite number of votes. Bro. Springer, with his eye on the "bar'l," signs himslf, "Yours in Tilden."

W. Holly Mackall, Elkton, Md., Pa. Theta, '79, has given up the study of law, and now has charge of a farm. "Patsy" thinks the audiphone a good invention, but has discarded it, because it interferes with his little game of sitting close to "her," in order to hear distinctly. The writer of this is about to train a setter dog and bor#ow#/2 gun, preparatory to going to see "Patsy."

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#### EDITORS OF THE SHIELD,

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HAIL! OHIO DELTA!

In reply to a letter addressed to Father Letterman, we received an answer stating that the Doctor was in excellent health and a great believer in the Lone Star State. He designates it the Health Belt for Consumptives, and has prepared a work comprising points interesting to all who contemplate emigrating that way. This publication can be had for \$2.00. The Doctor has occupied the office of President of the North-West Texas Medical Association for quite a time. Regarding fraternity he is as enthusiastic as ever, and promises to let us hear from him on this subject at an early date. We feel sure nothing would delight us more. We await the news.

THE article from Bro. C. L. V. C. contains points intended to invite discussion, and we hope the brethern will come forward with their views. As for ourselves, we would be delighted to have all subjects of general Fraternity interest thoroughly ventilated, because we are aware that there are many matters that the entire organization should carefully consider, and we believe, too, it can be best and most satisfactorily discussed in the columns of the Shield. Private communication would be tedious and only interesting to a few. But amidst all discussion we desire to have regular monthly Chapter letters. The glowing accounts from our under-graduates makes our old hearts warm up with Φ. K. 4. enthusiasm. The victories and honors mentioned by one writer furnish innumerable Freshmen with material to work up "oudens" who are "on the fence." All these acheivements form a part of each Chapter's history, and shouldn't be thrown aside as so much "bunkum."

The suggestion in regard to exchanging Chapter groups is excellent. Another idea of Bro. C. L. V. C. is the lookout for  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . ladies. We feel like dropping the matter here; we know they sometimes prove to be excellent workers, but we have learned by experience that a fraternity succeeds best when it does its own soliciting of members and keeps the "fair sex" in as great ignorance as possible as to its methods of carrying on a campaign. We are advocates of the old style college Fraternity-that is, each Chapter constitute a sworn band of brothers; a power within itself to effectually care for their own interests; the outside world should never hear them utter a syllable relating to their brotherhood. Let them elect their candidates, notify the same of their election by letter, and in every sense of the word be a secret society.

THE history of our Fraternity is about to be published, but according to letters recently received from the editors we learn that the accounts of the defunct Chapters will be exceedingly meagre. This is because they were unable to obtain the archives of the majority of these Chapters. The present G. C. could not furnish them, as they had never received them. The question naturally arises, What has become of these documents? Upon the death of the various Chapters, their papers were transferred to some one. Where are they? This is indeed a pleasant and fine condition for a Fraternity to exist in. It indicates negligence on the part of some one, and as the G. C's are the proper parties to care for all Fraternity documents, we naturally turn to them for an explanation. But, seriously, doesn't the idea of having such frequent changes in the G. C. appear to be a nuisance? We dare say every Chapter in the Fraternity is ambitious enough to seek for this high office, but if they would pause a moment we are certain they would notice the folly of such a wish. It is attended with great disaster to our Fraternity. The documents go travelling around the country in the hands of brothers who must constantly be on the alert that the hordes of plundering rivals do not succeed in snatching from them these treasures. The Pa. Alpha was our first G. C., and the writer believes that as long as that Chapter is in good condition it should be our ruling body, and when it ceases to be what we require, let a vote of the entire Fraternity decide upon the future head.

### INDIANA ASBURY UNIVERSITY.

GREENCASTLE, IND., April 27th, 1880.

EDITORS OF SHIELD:

Dear Bros.-Indiana Alpha began the present year with high hopes and brilliant aspirations. Two terms have already passed, and the third has opened with flattering

In taking a retrospective view of the condition of this chapter to the glad day when we were ushered into its mysteries and relations, we find that not at any time have we been favored with better men or greater possibilities than those which characterize the fraternity at this writing.

The result of our spiking has been to secure the lion's

share of promising men, and the inner workings of our order have developed these new members, with two exceptions, into true and loyal Phi Psis.

It is not our object to diminish the glory or appropriate the achievements of other Fraternities, for some of our rival organizations are composed of worthy men, but we can grant to every fraternity its deserts, and yet, with confidence, assert that the distance between Phi Kappa Psi and her nearest rival is constantly increasing.

Thirty-one constitutes the number whose privileges are around our festal board, and from this number we graduate five in the class of eighteen eighty.

This year has been marked by a reign of prosperity, notwithstanding serious trouble occasioned by one man, whom we were compelled to cast from our midst.

As we exceed the other Fraternities in point of number, so we excel them in merit and influence. Of course such a statement can come from the heart of a warm Phi Psis, and yet be an exaggeration. But let anyone resort to the records where the names of successful contestants for prizes may be found, let the books containing class-standing be examined, and let the close observer note the relative merit of Fraternity men. To such tests we are open.

At present our combination in both literary societies has power to elect the entire ticket, and this is sometmes accomplished without opposition. The practibility of abolishing the ladies' society and permitting the members to join either of the gentlemen's societies is being generally discussed. If such a movement is successful, it will necessarily produce a change in combinations, but as we have fifteen men in one society, and a strong representation in the other, we are the desired of all desirers, and the sought of all seekers. The combination in Philo society, until recently, consisted of the Sigs, Deltas, Dekes, and Phi Psis. but the D. K. E.'s by some of their characteristic chicanery attempted to deprive us of our term for president. Their effort was fruitless, for we withdrew from the combination, and formed a faction with the Betas, Delta Taus, and Barbs, and the three Fraternities with which we were allied, fully realize that through our influence they were in power and through our influence even the hope of office has been removed.

Bro. Edwin Post of Pa. Zeta, formerly Professor of Latin at Pennington Seminary, N. J., is occupying the same chair in Asbury University. He is young but experienced, a man of unusual culture, and an honest, thorough, and zealous instructor.

Although we have but one man on the Faculty, yet we are justly proud of him.

Bro. Robert Smith of '81, delivered an eloquent oration before the students and citizens, Feb. 22d. Subject: "Washingtonism against Cæsarism." By urgent request of his literary society, which at that time he represented, he permitted his address to be published in pamphlet form. The first time in the history of the college such a thing has been done. Bros. Chas. Thompson and M. S. Marble have returned to our ranks, and entered '82 and '83 respectively. Many of the hopes cherished by us at the beginning of

the year have been realized, and our aspiration to lead in scholarship, oratory, and superior men, still continues.

Yours Fraternally.

T. J. SHANNON, '83.

#### OHIO DELTA.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 24th, 1880.

EDITORS SHIELD:

WITH great pleasure we take this opportunity to record. on the Fraternity's estimable pages, the birth and prosperous condition of the Ohio Delta. After many months of expectancy, at last, our charter has come to gladden our hearts and to make us earnest and enthusiastic in Fraternal affection. We have now boldly launched our  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . bark, for a life voyage, on the temptuous sea of time, with the fervent hope that the winds of friendship will soon o'ercome the storms of adversity, and that we may gaide safely into the port of eternal love. Although we are still infants in society life, (permit us to say we are very "healthy babes") nevertheless we trust soon to make the Delta Chapter at the Ohio State University one of which the Fraternity in general, will be proud. We have an opponent in the PHI GAMMA DALTA'S, and we are glad of it; as it will only make the brothers of our Chapter even more zealous in their work.

The  $\Phi$ .  $\Gamma$ .  $\Delta$ . have the lead of us only in point of age, while their position and class of men are not greatly to be envied. It seems as if the O. S. U. had been looking forward for a better Chapter and had, at last, found it in the  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . However, no more, for the two Chapters are at present on very good terms with each other.

The Ohio Delta has certainly started out in a favorable manner, and we flatter ourselves that we have the "best mettle" in the O. S. U., while we make a point not to initiate anyone unless they come up to our standard of excellence in character and studies. Formerly fraternity talk did not enter the college walls to any great extent, but now everything in conversation; between classes, seems to hinge on society matters. The Phi Gamma Delta's have pricked up their ears and are working hard but we (not to be selfpraisers) are without doubt gaining ground on them slowly but surely. We have fourteen active college members in this Chapter, and are at present furnishing an elegant suite of rooms in one of the largest stone-front blocks in the city. The faculty of the University seem to sanction the existence of secret societies, and we are glad to say that our Professor of history is a loyal brother of the Φ. K. Ψ.

After the installation of officers on March 15th, we had a jolly symposium in honor of the Ohio Alpha. The evening was spent in toasts, songs, and witty extemporaneous speaking, and all had a "right royal time." And now to finish, we extend our hearty thanks to the Ohio Alphas for their untiring effort in our behalf.

Fraternally Yours,

PHIX.

The  $\Phi.$   $\Gamma.$   $\Delta.$  Fraternity elected the English astronomer Proctor a member of their order.

#### INDIANA BETA.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., May 17th, 1880.

Dear Bros.—The voice of Indiana Beta is still "heard in the land" calling to the other Fraternities who are vainly trying to keep in hearing. Our Senior brothers are now out on their Senior vacation, while "we petty men" are guarding H. M. S. Phi Kappa Psi.

The honors have not as yet been decided, but we are sure of one of them, and very probably of two.

Bro. J. P. Carr, Jr., whose name has been immortalized in the papers and elsewhere for suggesting a plan for stealing the questions and being expelled therefore, has bull-dozed the faculty and is now among us.

Bro. Bob Burdette lectured here a few weeks ago. Bob wanted to be with the boys all the time, and after the lecture we met him at the hotel, served him with onions, mackeral and other delicacies of the season, after which we had a chat. It was lucky for Bob that he was a Phi Psi, as some of the boys were complaining of bad cases of lock-jaw from over-laughing, and only the Shield stood between him and a suit for damages. The annual "racket" occurred between the Juniors and Seniors last Thursday night. The citizens are distracted and the authorities have a list of sixty indictments against the boys, and, as usual, a Phi Psi heads the list. Our prospects for next year are brighter than ever before. We will have eighteen of the best men to begin with, which far exceeds any other Fraternity in college. Bros. Munson, of '78, and Robinson, of '79, are studying law with prominent lawyers of the State. Bro. Lowe, of '78, is practicing law with success in Iowa. Bros. Harris and Poindexter, of '79, are principals of High Schools.

Indiana Beta hopes to see the Shield start in next year and go on prospering till it becomes a permanent Journal, for it has certainly been a success so far.

Yours with best wishes for Phi Psi,

J. L. P.

#### ILLINOIS GAMMA.

CHICAGO, May 15th, 1880.

EDITORS OF THE SHIELD:

A word as to our late "shake up" may prove interesting to many of the readers of the Shield. Since the "Fraternity war" in '78 Illinois Gamma has been running sub rosa. Although laboring under these disadvantages, she never failed to show herself in the honor rolls of the different classes, and the beginning of the present year showed fourteen of the boys of the institution wearing the mystic robes of Phi Kappa Psi. The Faculty at length, becoming suspicious of the existence of secret organizations, determined upon investigation.

I would just remark that the grand motor power of this legislation against Fraternities came about by an offer of twenty thousand dollars to the college by a certain whimsical anti-fraternizer, upon the condition that secret societies should be abolished. The grand effort was made in '78, but the utter failure of the attempt will be shown when I

say that at present there are four Fraternities in full running order, with an aggregate membership of sixty students. The Faculty, having determined upon this hostile conquest, were ready to resort to any means to the accomplishment of their ends, and accepted the offer of three pusilanimous, tale-bearing "oudens," whose utter want of honor was as questionable as their manliness to ferret out these desperadoes. Through the efforts of these incipient detectives the Phi Psi's were the first to be offered as a sacrifice to satiate the vengeance of the offended "sanhedrim." One by one we were called to appear before this august assembly to answer to the henious charge of being a member of a "secret conclave" (this expression copy-righted by the prexie); and with the pointed and dumbfounding question, "What have you to answer to the charge?" our answer was "nothing!" We were sent to adjoining rooms to await our sentences. At length we were called forth to hear the unprejudiced (?) decision of the "Infallible Power." Three of our members were "sent up" for life, the others, upon signing a paper severing their connections with Fraternities while in Monmouth College, were received back into the fold. Failing to see wherein the distinction between ourselves and our dismissed brothers lay that they should be treated with so much injustice, three of us demanded our honorable dismissal-the Faculty, having no alternative, were compelled to grant them.

We immediately wrote a statement of our case to Dr. Anderson, of Chicago University, asking admission, and received back the generous reply, "come one, come all; our doors are wide open." Five of us immediately decided to avail ourselves of the beneficent offer.

To show their sympathy in our cause hundreds of students and citizens, headed by the city band, accompanied us to the depot, and there, with music, farewell addresses and kind good-byes, we were sent upon our way rejoicing. This may for a time put a slight check upon our Chapter; but the boys, armed with a stronger determination and ten able men for the conflict, will open the coming year with renewed vigor, and the loyal colors of Phi Kappa Psi will ever wave upon the ramparts of Monmouth College.

J. I. A.

#### OHIO GAMMA.

WOOSTER, OHIO, May 18th, 1880.

Dear Bros.—Although Ohio Gamma may seem to have been too lax in regard to correspondence with the Shield, it surely cannot be said that we have lost interest in this one of the best instruments we have for binding us in strong union of thought and sentiment.

Yet at this time of the college year, Fraternity is not always to be found in war-paint, for all the new men have by the spring term gone to their roost in one or another of the different Fraternities, and we begin to get in training again and to sharpen our spurs for the onset of the opening term of the next year. However, Gamma is not idle by any manner of means, for though it may sound egotistical and unbecoming, it can with truth be said that the  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ .'s

of Wooster University are socially far in the lead of all competitors. And what with parties, picnics and entertainments of various kinds, we have our hands full.

The latest of our Fraternity escapades was located at Chippewa Lake, a beautiful sheet of water some twenty miles from Wooster.

Ohio Gamma has good reason to be proud of her record and her men, for this year two  $\Phi$ .  $\Psi$ .'s, Bro. N. Raff and Kinkade, are sure of both senior honors, viz., Valedictory and Salutatory, while we also stand a good chance for the coming Junior Oratorical Contest.

Accept the heartfelt wishes of our Chapter for the prosperity of the whole Fraternity, and that of the SHIELD in particular.

Yours Fraternally,

COB. OF OHIO GAMMA.

#### PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

GETTYSBURG, PA., May 20th, 1880.

Dear Bros.—Our seniors have just passed their final examination, and all are now happy at the prospect of enjoying a rest of five weeks. We know that they will have a good time, for after passing a severe examination one can well appreciate a rest.

Old Epsilon is yet alive and we have lately made a very valuable addition to our membership in the person of Bro. C. D. Hoover of '83. This brother already manifests the spirit and energy of a true Phi Psi, and we know that he will well sustain the honor of Epsilon. The Phi Gamma Delta tried hard to take him out of our hands, but with all their soft soap and trickery they did not succeed.

We are making extensive preparations for our twentyfifth Anniversary, June 24th. We are doing all within our power to make it a grand success. The active members have done nobly so far in their contributions, and if our graduate brothers would be more prompt in responding to our appeal, it would be a great pleasure to us. We are anxious to know upon how much we can depend, and our arrangements were made accordingly. We do not want to go beyond our limit. If each brother does something for us, we can have such an anniversary as will astonish and utterly confound the other Fraternities. Our exercises will be held in the Opera House, and our banquet at the Springs Hotel. We hope our sister Chapters will send us large delegations of brothers and unite with us in celebrating our anniversary. Bro. Adam Hoy, one of the founders of the Chapter, has promised to be with us, and we know that his presence will add greatly to the pleasure and interest of the occasion. We will surely have a good time.

Some time ago we had the pleasure of seeing Brother McKnight, of Easton, within the halls of Epsilon. It always does us good to meet this brother. He is a nobleman in the true sense of the word. He is a man of fine literary attainments and his graceful and eloquent delivery has made him a very popular preacher. But what most wins your admiration is his unassuming, earnest and pure character. He makes those with whom he comes in con-

tact feel that there is a power in a sincere, devoted, Christian life.

For eight years he has been laboring at Easton, and all who met him learned to admire him. His own people were devoted to him. We regret that this brother has left our State and gone to Cincinnati. He was always ready to give us a warm, cordial grasp, and those brothers who heard his speech at our Symposium in '78 know how true he is to our order. We hope the Ohio Brothers will not fail to welcome him into their midst. Brothers, hunt him up. Our Fraternity has very few indeed who are so loyal as he is, and who have such an earnest, warm feeling for the principles of our order as this brother has.

I feel that my letter is growing lengthy and I must stop. With the best wishes for the success of the Shield and the prosperity of our order, I remain yours in  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ .

D. F.

MADISON, May 14th, 1880.

DEAR SHIELD:

PERMIT me through your columns to say to the brothers of the Fraternity a few things regarding our song book, in answer to numerous inquiries regarding the same. Business relations compel me to decline the position tendered me by the G. A. C. upon the committee, and I therefore shall within a few days transmit all the material at my disposal to the next named brother upon the committee, Bro. E. H. Linville, of Pa. Zeta. In regard to this question of a Fraternity song book and its probable success but little need be said. Certain Chapters have already responded to the invitation to contribute something for the work, but many others have failed to make any effort in that direction. A very little work would result in at least one production from each Chapter, and we should then have as a nucleus for our work more than twice the amount now on hand, this latter being excellent as far as it goes, but furnished wholly by a very few persons. Some time since I wrote Bro. Rev. Robert Lowry regarding a song for the work, and received a favorable reply, but since that time have failed to receive any further communications. Could not our brother of the Burlington Hawkeye also be persuaded to contribute something?

In regard to the style of the music, allow me to say that my experience leads me to believe that, while the songs already contributed are admirably adapted for their purpose, being written for special occasions, the music adapted to ordinary occasions of a student's life admits of considerable vivacity. Our brothers need not think that if they are to try to compose a song it need be very deep, nor set to slow music. Adaptions of joyful or college songs of the days, or at least new words for that style of music, will be very acceptable. Commending, therefore, this very important work for the consideration of the brothers, and wishing the committee all possible success, I am very fraternally yours,

CHARLES L. DUDLEY.

#### PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

BELLEFONTE, PA., May 18th, 1880.

Dear Brothers.—I have been so much occupied since I promised you a sketch of the organization and early history of the Penn'a Epsilon that I came very near not keeping my promise. My consciousness was quickened several days ago on the subject, and I began to rake up the rubbish in my memory, and last evening sat down amidst a 1,000,000,000 pestiferous flies\* around my head and wrote down what I send you herewith.

Very truly yours fraternally,

ADAM HOY.

BELLEFONTE, PA., May 17th, 1880.

MESSES. EDITORS.

A MONTH or two ago I promised Bro. Smith a sketch of the organization and early history of Pennsylvania Epsilon for publication in the Shield. What I would do if I that promise had not been made is not worth while to discuss now—the promise was made and must be redeemed.

The organization of Pennsylvania Epsilon took place in Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, in the autumn of 1855. The brethren associated with me were classmates—in the class of 1856—and were the Rev. Prof. T. W. Dosh, D.D., Rev. George A. Long, Rev. H. W. Kuhns and John S. Cutter, Esq., of New York, late Captain 176th N. Y. Volunteers, killed June 23d, 1863.

Bro. James W. Jenkins, of Pennsylvania Alpha, and myself have been classmates at Airy View Academy, Perrysville, Jauniata County, whence he went to Jefferson College, at Canonsburg, and I to Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg.

In the fall of 1855 a proposition came from him to myself sounding me as to the propriety of undertaking the organization of a Chapter in Pennsylvania College. I consulted with some of my friends and classmates in regard to the matter. At first there was some hesitation as to the propriety of the proposed organization and as to its success, principally because of a rumor, founded on tradition, that there existed a college statute forbidding secret socities in the institution. This rested, so far as we were concerned, only in rumor. No one of us had ever seen, nor had our attention ever been called to such a statute by any member of the Faculty, nor by any one else who had actual knowledge on the subject. After debating the subject amongst us, we came to the conclusion that "where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise;" and why go nosing about to hunt up something we didn't want to find? That when there was no law there could be no violation; and that ignorance of the statute seemed to us tantamount to no statute. We were then not sufficiently advanced in legal lore to have learned that "Ignorantia Juris, quod quisque debeat scire, neminem excusat." We concluded to organize.

In due time Bro. Jenkins came to Gettysburg, duly commissioned to initiate us. This was late in the fall, a short

\*I suppose you scientific men would call the pests by another name, but they did fly and hum.

time only before the Christmas holidays. Bro. Jenkins did his part, and we were organized and started in the work. We had no hall, but met statedly at the rooms of the brethern in college. Secretely, of course, had interesting meetings—were edified, and enjoyed ourselves like a band of brothers, as we were not only in name but in fact. We increased in numbers to the extent of adding to our band during 1856 seventeen members, so that at the end of the college year we had, if not all, nearly all the most desirable students in our organization, and enough, and of the best material, to keep alive the order. All our work was done decently and in order, and with the strictest integrity and honesty—but secretly, and so effectively that everything we undertook to do we did.

In the winter of 1856 we undertook to publish the College Annual Catalogue, and made the necessary arrangements with the Faculty for the performance of the work. The Faculty thought the students were doing it—but the Fraternity did it; and it was universally acknowledged that it was done better than it had ever been done before in that institution.

At the Commencement in the fall of 1856 our class had four honor men — and they were all  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ .'s There were eight Φ. Ψ.'s in one class. Some, but not all, possessed the Fraternity badges, which had, however, not been worn openly before Commencement-day. We so managed that every graduating brother displayed the badge when he advanced upon the stage to perform his piece. The display of the Fraternity badge on the stage was the first information the public or the Faculty had of the existence of our organization. It caused no little commotion. How well I remember with what emotion and intensity of expression the then President of the Faculty, the late Dr Baugher of blessed memory, scrutinized the emblem. We were not sure of the result, and had misgivings as to the effect it would produce. Some had doubts, and expressed fear as to whether diplomas might not be withheld for the problematical infraction of college rules. None were withheld, and we were jubliant. The matter, however, caused a good deal of commotion in college circles; and we were informed the Faculty discussed the propriety of taking official notice of the organization, and interposing and putting a veto upon its existence and further growth. Whatever else may have been said and done by the Faculty, they concluded the order had taken such root and attained such vigorous growth that it was best to pass it unnoticed and let it live. They let it live. It still lives-and so mote it be, is the prayer of

Fraternally yours,

ADAM HOY.

Sydney H. Short, of Ohio A., has lately been elected Prof. of Physics and Chemistry of the University of Colorado at Denver. The Pres., D. H. Moore, D.D., is a Beta of Ohio Alpha. Syd. has made quite a bonanza out of his telephone transmitter, the patent right of which he sold to the Western Union Telegraph Co. for a very nice sum. with liberal royalty on each instrument made in which his patent is used.

#### PHI PSI REMINISCENCES.

To go back once more to the days that now seem so distant and unreal, and attempt to revive the recollections of a rather eventful college experience, may not be the easiest task, but it would be hard to find one more delightful. It is with the hope that others may be incited to follow this example, and give to the Fraternity some pictures of their various experiences, that these memories are recorded.

My acquaintance with the Fraternity extends as far back as the Autumn of 1866, when college life first burst upon my astonished vision. Almost the first gentlemen I met were Phi Psis. They impressed me more with their gentlemanly bearing and fine address, than with any particular intellectual brilliancy. Yet they were men of very fair culture. I shall take all sorts of liberties, in a fraternal way, purely fraternal, however, in these papers, and so shall not hesitate to be as personal as possible. You object to personalities, my thin-skinned friend? Very sorry, indeed, particularly as I have no time to pay any attention to you whatever. My first recollections of Phi Psi center around such names as R. L. Armistead, W. R. Moore, B. L. Coleman, W. O. Foley, J. W. Crenshaw, W. W. Estill and Frank W. Allen. What a fine gentleman was Armistead. His home was in Nashville, and I often wonder if that city is still fortunate enough to hold him. Moore was one of the tutors, and really forgot more Greek than any of the rest of us ever knew. The boys who were too lazy or too stupid to study, and consequently received low marks, called him "Bill" Moore. He had a fashion of shading his face with his hand when at prayer, a practice quite common among Divinity students. Coleman was the elegant man of the Chapter. He afterwards studied medicine, and is doubtless now practicing with success. I saw him one night, however, when it was difficult to preserve either dignity or elegance. It was during a session of the "Kangaroo court. Coleman was on the bench, which consisted of an old store box. The court room used on this occasion was a long, narrow, dark room immediately above one of the stores of the town. George Anderson, of Richmond. was on trial. Anderson afterward joined the Delta Taus, but subsequently experienced a change of heart and became a Phi Psi. Foley and I wanted to go down stairs during the trial, but were told by the constables, Netterville and Crow, to ask permission of the judge. This we refused to do, when Foley was thrown down, while I sent Netterville in the same direction, knocked Crow against the wall, tore the door off the hinges and escaped. In the midst of the confusion, the lamps were extinguished, the prisoner released, the bench upset, while "Judge" Coleman was compelled to rather abruptly and unelegantly adjourn the court. So much for sour wine! Crenshaw and Estill were both pleasant gentlemen, and it would give me much pleasure to hear of their continued success. As for Frank W. Allen, the "Old Snortengozzle," as we called him, who has not heard of this Nestor of the Order? I fear that "old snort" is a confirmed old bachelor, though at latest accounts, he was still on the hunt of Mrs. Allen-futura esse! If this should meet his eye, may it stir up his pure mind by way

of remembrance, for he abounds in Phi Psi knowledge. During the first two years of college life I was not connected with the Fraternity, but held the position of an outside observer. There was only one satisfactory thing about this: I then belonged to the majority. Since my conversion to the Phi Kappa Psi faith. I have had some glimpses of the old Calvinistic doctrine of election. I presume we act on the principle of "natural selection," while at the same time we demonstrate the "survival of the fittest." If you were to question me respecting my impressions of the Fraternity before entering its arcanum, I should feel free to say, that the pre-eminent feature that then revealed itself to one, was the high regard for the quality of its members. I need scarcely say that a somewhat extended and intimate acquaintance with its principles and members since has only served to strengthen this conviction. In those days, I stood in a mood purely conjectural, trying to imagine, in the glow of boyish fancy, what was the character of the hidden mysteries, then concealed from my eyes. Would the reality ever approach all that my fancy had pictured? We shall see. L. O. B.

SPRING VALLEY, O., May 8th, 1880.

MY DEAR SHIELD:

THOUGH I have not had anything to say in the SHIELD for a short time, fear not of my devotion to the cause of Phi Psi, since I felt assured that a copious draught of silence might be perhaps more enjoyable than an ample discharge of the wind, and at least, would not be so conducive to colic.

The Fraternity has every reason to congratulate herself on the Shield, and I hope that the experience of this year will so establish the conviction of the necessity of a Fraternity paper that nothing in future may militate against its permanency. There has been, of course, a good deal of writing against time, simply to fill space, and some buncombe has crept in, but this is a time for congratulation and not complaint. For the future conduct of the paper, however, there should be some definite plan to be pursued. After a while we will grow weary of having a prosperous Chapter bragging of how she had all things just as she wants them, and incredulity will begin to insidiously sap our faith in the constancy with which such of our sister Chapters cultivate the Psi.

We, of Ohio Alpha, have had our muscles trained in a school where hard knocks came oftenest, and where we received more kicks than coppers, and we can hardly bring ourselves to believe that any where, with strong opposition, Phi Psi has such lucky representatives as our more-coppersthan-kicks Chapters seem to be.

With such names as Profs. White of Harvard, Dolbear of Tufts, Merriman of Rutgers, and Sears of West Point, upon our roll, it would seem that we had strong men once upon a time; and we may, perhaps, claim justly that we have always gotten our share of the plums, though at times we have burnt our fingers in our haste to pick them out. There is, to my knowledge, at least one Chapter, though,

where Phi Psi not only rules the roost but also the roosters—Ohio Gamma. Over at Wooster, when I visited them, they hadn't opposition enough to make it interesting. It is a nice thing to be strong—but one ought to remember Samson.

The next year, would it not be one good feature of the policy of the Shield to encourage discussions on general Fraternity subjects and not ones purely local. For instance, let us discuss freely, since we are supposed to be a family and not the outside world, whether it is expedient to badge girls—that is, make for ourselves lady friends by our good offices, who will work for us, and fight for us, if need be, in society where we ought to be strong. We have tried it at Ohio Alpha, and judging from the success which has attended our efforts, we can say to all-go thou and do likewise; but, be sure that you do likewise, for the lady friends of Ohio Alpha, who wear the Shield with the lavender and rose, are such as it is not the good fortune to, all college towns to be possessed of. Again, though the G. A. C. did sit down on it, it seems to me that there ought to be uniformity in fraternity colors. Wearing colors is surely a pretty custom, but it is meaningless without uniformity in the observance of those wearing them. We, for instance, wear lavender and rose ribbons upon the lapels of our coats, or made into a tasty bow and peeping through a button hole of our coat, for three days after the initiation of a man, and the frat girls do as well-and often make the colors for us.

There is another thing we might talk about—the time of holding our G. A. C.'s. It is unfortunate they should be held so far apart, for by that means many a Phi Psi who might otherwise get an opportunity of seeing what Phi Psiism is away from his own college is shut out, since the General Conventions come so far apart that his whole frat life may pass without the occurrence of one, and his work after leaving his Alma Mater does not often allow him leisure to keep up his fraternal relations.

Then we might stir up the subject of interchange of frat pictures-group pictures. For some years past we have had ours taken and have persuaded some others to do the same, and have exchanged with them; but why should not the custom be general? I for one would like to see the walls of our Halls covered with small group pictures of every Chapter, which, properly labelled, would in a few years become most valuable mementos. Then I should like to see what Phi Psi's elsewhere look like, for this way of only communicating by means of printer's ink and sulphate of indigo is very unsatisfactory, and it would be a great relief to look into the phiz of a Phi Psi though only by means of the photographer's art. The kind of pictures I mean are not very expensive, costing perhaps \$10 for two dozen, and in large cities, where competition is brisk, the price might be much less. Then the custon of the  $\Phi$ .  $\Gamma$ .  $\Delta$ .'s of giving a small, neat parchment certificate of membership to each initiate is to me very pleasant, and one which it would not do us any harm to copy from them. Many of the readers of the Shield are no doubt familiar with this custom of that fraternity, but for the benefit of those who

have never met any  $\Phi$ . I's let me describe its appearance. The certificate is written in Greek (modern, I suppose), and printed neatly on parchment about ten by twelve, and signed by the officers of the G. C. There are many other items of interest which we could profitably discuss next year, but I think that the one of the exchange of photographs is the one most worthy of consideration. I might say some things more, but I fear it would necessitate the issue of a supplement headed "Ohio Alpha Extra," and I will not further punish you. Let me say, though, in conclusion, that the captain, coxwain, stroke and No. 3 in the Senior boat crew at O. W. U. are Phi Psis. I think that the other fellow would feel so lonesome he would resign.

In the hope and belief that Phi Psi has inaugurated a boom that will never end as long as she clings to the principles which characterized her inception, and with the strong desire that the Shield will meet the hearty cooperation of both brain and pocket book in the future, believe me to be

Yours very truly in  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ ., C. L. V. C.

#### PHI PSI SONG.

By J. D. HARVEY.

Oh, we're a band of brothers,
Who wear our Phi Psi shield,
In closest bond united,
By truest friendship sealed;
And loyal to our Alpha,
Our song shall rend the sky,
A tumult of fond greeting
To old Phi Kappa Psi.

Oh, holy bond of brotherhood,
Our hands and hearts are thine,
We bring our proudest trophies
To lay them at thy shrine;
And through the thickest conflict,
Shall be our battle cry,
Long live each valiant brother,
And dear Phi Kappa Psi.

No son of dear old Alpha
Shall falter in the field,
No arm shall e'er be lowered
That wears our dauntless shield,
No craven deed shall tarnish
A brother's honored name,
And naught shall dim the lustre
Of Phi Psi's stainless fame.

A scene in life's to-morrow
Comes fondly to my view;—
A busy scene of faces,
And voices old and new;
And silver heads are lifted,
An anthem rends the sky—
A song of joyous greeting
To old Phi Kappa Psi.

#### PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

 $\mathbf{Let}$  every Chapter send congratulations, etc., to Ohio Delta.

WILL BROWN, '79, Pa. Eta, is reading law in Lancaster, Penn'a.

Bro. J. P. Hecht, '77 Pa E., is practicing medicine at Raritan, N. J.

Bro. Bright, '82 Pa. I., is at present at No. 24 George St., Providence, R. I.

Bro. Chas. Garver, M.D., '65 Pa. E., died April 3d at Chambersburg, Pa.

Bro. Louis Carkner, Ills. Alpha, has entered the law business at Freeport, Ills.

Bob Burdette will read a poem at the Symposium of Penn'a Zeta, on the 28th.

Bro. Charlie Root, formerly of Ills. Alpha, was recently admitted to the bar at Lyons, Ia.

Bros. C. C. Hays and E. E. Crumrine are on the editorial staff of the Washington Jeffersonian.

Bro. W. Fresenius Rentz, '76 Pa. E., takes charge of the Lutheran Church at New Chester, Pa.

Bro. E. L. Parks, alumnus of Illinois Alpha, has been elected president of Simpson College, Indianola, Ia.

Bro. Tom R. Beeber, '69 Pa. E., has accepted a call to the Second Presbyterian Church in Scranton, Pa.

THE 25th anniversary to be held by Pa. Epsilon bids fair to be a grand success. The "old boys" are going back.

Bro. Charles Cslket, '79 Pa. I., when last heard from was in the interior of Asia Minor. Just purchased a fine "nag."

GINN & HEATH, Boston publishers, have in press a Natural Philosophy, by Prof. A. E. Dolbear, Ohio A, of Tufts College.

PA. KAPPA has had two informal meetings. On the eve of June 7th it will regularly organize. Seven Chapters are thus far represented.

OHIO ALPHA graduates six Phi Psis this year. She has lately initiated Henry Johnson '80, Orville Watson '81, and Ed. Brandebury '80.

Bro. J. P. H. Kimber, Ohio Alpha, after a long siege of sickness, has buckled on the harness and is pursuing his legal studies at Findlay, Ohio, with Col. J. A. Bope as his preceptor.

THE Symposium of Penn'a Eta occurs on the 17th of June. Invitations are out, and it is expected there will be a grand gathering of Phi Kappa Psi's in Lancaster on that occasion.

Bro. Niles, Ohio Gamma, is the  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . editor of the Index. This annual is very nicely gotten up. We were first at Wooster University, and have a number of resident brothers in the town.

Bro. F. E. Beltzhoover, '62 Pa. E., delivered an able argument on the Curtin-Yocum case in the House of Representatives. In this instance it was brother against brother, since Brother Yocum is an old Pa. Zeta.

It is customary with the graduating class of the U. of P., to present to its most popular member a beautiful wooden spoon. Bro. Bonnell was the lucky member. He also was honored with the "prophecy" on class day.

ATTENTION is called to the following list of Cor. Sec's. the result of recent elections: Indiana Beta, Robert A. Woods; Illinois Gamma, J. H. McClenahan (sub rosa); Ohio Alpha, Wm. R. Gibbs; and Ohio Delta, E. E. Shedd.

THE Eds. recently saw "Rhoddy," '79, of Pa. Eta, when they passed through Lancaster, but the representative of "big four" was so thoroughly absorbed in a piece of "calico" near him that the old *Shield* failed to attract him. Is it serious?

It would be well for the Ills. boys to look up Bro. Walt. E: Wright, of Ohio Alpha, who, when last heard from, was working in the General Ticket Agent's Office of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. at Chicago. "Spence" is one of the genuine kind, and would thoroughly enjoy the companionship of loyal Phi Psis.

All communications after June 15th to be addressed until further notice:

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#### PROSPECTUS OF GRAND CATALOGUE.

THE Committee, appointed by the Grand Chapter, take pleasure in announcing that the "Grand Catalogue" of the PHI KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY for 1880, will be published on or about the fifteenth of May.

The Catalogue will be an 8vo. volume of about 250 pages, printed upon heavy tinted paper, and will contain as a frontispiece the photo-type portraits of the founders of the fraternity, together with a number of full-page chaptercuts.

Besides the catalogue proper, including the dead Chapters, which will appear more complete than heretofore, there will be added an alphabetical list of all the members of the fraternity from its founding to the present time.

In connection with each name in the chapter-list, the present residence, occupation, and other information of interest will be given so far as could be ascertained by the committee.

Price, postage pre-paid, handsomely bound in Cloth, per coyy, \$1.35; in Paper, \$1.10.

The Committee request that the subscribers send in their names and money if convenient, as soon as possible to the Treasurer of the Committee, Edwin L. Scott, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

Committee.
M. M. Gibson,
Edwin L. Scott,
W. G. Wells.

Note.—Owing to the inability of the printer to finish the work by the specified time, the publication of the Catalogue will be delayed; but the Committee hopes to send it to subscribers before July 1st.

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THE Grand Catalogue will soon appear, but don't forget to remit your money at once.

Bro. RAFF's Φ. K. Ψ. Waltzes are now nightly played by the orchestra of Haverley's theatre in Chicago.

WE desire to call especial attention to the article on Domestic Missions which we print in this number. It is from the pen of one of our thoughtful graduate brothers, and is, like almost everything he has written for The Sheld, full of suggestions for all of us, and more particularly for those of us whose active work, according to the generally accepted idea of Fraternities, is ended.

It is singular, yet very true, that we have received better support, comparatively speaking, from the Alumni than from the under graduates, but to all we are sincerely thankful for their ready aid. To every Chapter we mailed Shields enough to supply each active member with a copy. Some Chapters forwarded us a full subscription, others half, etc., etc., but some never even deigned to favor us with a notice that the paper had reached them or not. The most annoying and unbrotherly feature of all was the repeated requests addressed them, not for money, but for personals or any Fraternity news, were never answered. Why our brethren have thus conducted themselves we are ignorant, but hope they will act differently in the future.

VOLUME I has reached its last number, and after a careful review of the work performed we feel certain we can say it was not without some good results. Renewed interest in our Fraternity has been created. The monthly messages from all sections of our broad land have been anxiously awaited and eagerly read. We have been drawn more closely together. If at any time we, as a Fraternity, were prepared to advance in one solid phalanx it is at present. Improvements and new undertakings are before us, and the present offers excellent opportunities for reorganization and extension in all directions. The Shield appeals to every Phi Kappa Psi to enter into this good work. In its own peculiar manner it has labored for the Fraternity's welfare. It has been clearly shown that this publication can live, but to enable it to become a more powerful aid in Fraternity work, we require the co-labor of every wearer of the SHIELD.

The summer vacation will afford every brother opportunity to do some Fraternity work. If you remain at home it wouldn't be a bad idea to invest a little cash in paper and postage and hunt up the old graduates of your Chapter and see whether it is possible to obtain any Fraternity history that would be gladly received by our historians. If ample information relating to your own immediate Chapter is already in their posession, take hold of some defunct Chapter and see what you can do. Bro. List no doubt would be glad to assign us all fields of labor.

To those who expect to spend the summer in having a good time at sea-shore or in the mountains, be on the alert for men who attend institutions where we have no Chapters. We don't mean to say "spike" them, but study your material and chances perhaps may arise which would lead to new Chapters. Keep  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . constantly before you.

AND now that we have ventilated ourselves on the various topics we had under consideration, we arrive at that point where the pen can be laid aside. We are conscious we ought to say goodbye, but we dont like to; we always hated it! But endure us a few moments and we are done. The supervision of the SHIELD has been a great pleasure to us, and to the brothers who punctually and willingly forwarded their Chapter communications we are greatly indebted. We hope that we'll be allowed to again in the fall see their well-recognized handwriting, but if not, let them, while toiling in this busy world, remember that in the first year of the Shield's existence it was they who assisted in its guidance, and that to them naturally we look for a continuation of this care. What's more refreshing to a world-worried individual than for a few moments to thoroughly rid himself of these worldly annoyances and occupy his thoughts with something dearer to him? To the  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . it is his Fraternity, and to a SHIELD contributor it is this publication. This we know by experience. To the brothers who will communicate with us for the first time, we would only remark—endeavor to excel your predecessors.

And now to all Phi Kappa Psis—forget not  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ .; forget not the Shield. During vacation collect all the news possible and forward to our address. In September look for us again, and until then we'll say Auf Wiedersehen!

#### GRAND SYMPOSIUM.

EVANSTON, ILLS., May 19th, 1880.

EDITORS SHIELD:

THE joint symposium of the Illinois Alpha, Beta and Gamma Chapters was held last evening, May 18th, at the Tremont House, Chicago. It was a success; it was a big thing; it was a grand boom! The elegant parlors of the Tremont House were comfortably filled with as merry a band of Phi Psis and friends of Phi Psi as ever met together.

Of the Alpha brethren there were sixteen present, accompanied by a corresponding number of the fairest or the fair ones of old Northwestern. Loyal Phi Psis, every one of them! The fact is our Chapter is fast approaching the first position among the Fraternities of the University, as our friends are proud to assert and our enemies are forced to admit. The Betas, who have made so brilliant a start in the Chicago University, and who, at the outset, have had several victories over rival Fraternity men, and have been carrying off the lion's share of college laurels in the contests, were out in full force. And the Gammas of Monmouth were represented by a half dozen or more of such men as do credit to the Fraternity and inspire in their brethren anything but sympathy with the recent action of the Monmouth Faculty. Of the Alumni were present A. S. McCoy and wife, H. F. Norcross, J. C. McKenzie and others.

The early part of the evening was very delightfully spent as a social, affording an excellent opportunity for cultivating the fraternal feeling between the brothers of the different Chapters and for working up no small amount of Fraternity spirit. At 9.30 the company adjourned to the dining room where an excellent banquet was served. Then followed a rousing programme consisting of toasts in keeping with the occasion and interspersed with familiar college songs. Bro. J. C. McKenzie delivered the welcoming address in so pleasing a manner that the "sisters" pronounced him "perfectly lovely." Illinois Alpha received an enthusiastic send-off from Bro. C. E. Piper. Bro. Wm. H. Alsip responded to the toast Illinois Beta, and Bro. J. P. Lindsay to that of Illinois Gamma. Then followed a toast on the interesting subject "The Ladies," by Bro. J. N. Hall, of the Alpha, to which it behooved all to listen, as the ladies rarely get a heartier send-off at the hands of the sterner sex. The heart of "Phunnie Johnnie" was evidently in his subject. The "Phi Psi Song," by Bros. W. H. Jordan and J. D. Harvey was then sung, after which followed the two remaining toasts: The Alumni, by Bro. H. F. Norcross, and The Fraternity, by Bro. Chase Stuart. Adjournment now followed.

Meanwhile the Alphas had left the scene of festivities only to miss their train; and with the prospect of spending the night in the city the fun commenced. We had now to solve Mrs. Livermore's problem, "what shall we do with our girls." The ladies were escorted to the Brevoort House where the entire company waited over until the next morning. Well, bed-time came, mosquitos came, morning came, and a heavy rain-storm came. Omnibuses were procured and the adverturers were piled in pell-mell, or as Horace puts it—

"Jam forte in omnibus"

and were driven to the depot. Evanston was reached at last and the uncertain task of conciliating the Dean of the Woman's College had to be performed, which, however, was successfully accomplished, and no letters of demerit for infringement of rules will be "sent home" to horrified mammas. And now it transpires that the ladies think there is nothing like a Phi Kappa Psi symposium.

J. D. H.

#### UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Lawrence, Kansas, May 23d, 1880.

DEAR SHIELD AND BROTHER PHI PSIS:

Your call for copy stirs us up, and we will endeavor to break the silence of our Chapter that has lasted several months. Little has been transpiring about the halls of K. S. U. that is of interest to fraternity men. We have been pursuing the even tenor of our way in class-room, and in this respect have been doing well—and who could do otherwise with the banner and shield of old  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . before him, a more potent influence to effort than any pillar of fire that might have guided old Israel. Behind the pillar was a spirit of divinity; behind our banner there is a spirt of brotherly love, and that is the basis of true religion. The divine spirit in the mystic characters,  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ ., is the same which prevaded the teachings of that "pale Galilean" over eighteen hundred years ago; if we live up to the first, we will make ourselves one with the law of the other.

Kansas Alpha had her photograph taken a month or so ago, and in it may be seen a magnificent array of beauty, talent—latent—and Sunday clothes. Each of the seventeen members adds his individual force to the entire effect,—all but two of our present members. Mac did not get around for some unknown cause, and Simp tarried too long over his dessert—a failing in his character. Twitch looks entirely too quiet to appear natural, there is a color about his lips that is forced, while Solon Williams, just behind him, appears to be biting through a ten-penny nail. "Big" Ed. Brown, of course, had to exhibit those "Burnsides" and chin whiskers, but there was too much shade to give them their proper effect—the same trouble with Billy Raymond's "moustache." "Little" Ed. Brown is the only white sheep in the flock; it was necessary, you know, to wear that new

light spring suit-consequently his chin is elevated about ten degrees above its natural plane. The boys in the back row moved slightly, and the impression is not a clear one. hence those deep black eyes of Sterling's, over which the girls have raved, did not show up well. Down in the right hand corner, in front, we see Smith, leaning over on Webster in a most lazy manner—a characteristic attribute of his. Two pairs of eye-glasses are in sight, although Hutch did keep his in his pocket, thinking he needed no optical adornments. Little's delicate smile seems to have been gotten up to order; no doubt he imagined one of those I. C's before him. And this reminds me, that we "received" the I. C's a couple of weeks ago. We suppose they enjoyed themselves; certainly we did. Modesty prevents us from affair," and all that sort of a thing. If this letter falls under the eyes of those Phi Psi's down somewhere in Pennsylvania, who know a certain Miss Y., and who gave away a lot of matter about Kansas A., we would suggest that they write and make their peace with that Chapter. The girls here got hold of the racket, and the royal breeze they stirred up about our fraternal heads, was enough to make a Missouri cyclone swear with envy.

The Chapter mourns the departure of Bro. Sterling to his home, and will this week lose Bro. Spangler. Big Ed. Brown drops in on us once or twice a week. Our "George" spent a couple of months in town, but has now gone to Topeka, where he is assistant to his uncle, who has the contract on the new government building there. He will be down commencement to see the boys and dance the "German." Bro. Twitchell (R. W. E.), the only Phi Psi in the Oraphilian Lit.—where the Betas hold out strong—has been elected President of the evening for their "Annual." In the other society, the Oread, Bro. Davidson has been chosen Angal Orator, and Hutchings, Debater. Bro. Little, we believe, declined the Presidency. Our base ball nine went to Topeka and cleaned out the Washburn College nine, score 22-10. One of our old boys, Dick Ballanger, was a member of the Washburne nine; and in the K. S. U. nine are Bros. Little, Stocks, Spangler and Williams -four of their best players. Ed. Little is the crack man in the club.

Good-bye until fall, boys. May we all spend a happy vacation.

Yours in the bonds of  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ .,

PHIL. HELLENE.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

Lancáster, Pa.

The SHIELD. for May, filled with greetings and good cheer, reached us in due time. We have learned to await its every issue with joyful anticipation. Its absence would deprive us of that greatest of pleasures, which through its instrumentality we enjoy, namely, the knowledge and assurance of the triumph and success of our Order at large.

The welfare of our sister Chapters is to us as dear as our own. Their success is our success; their honor is our honor. Herein lies the demand for one common medium, through which the Fraternity may speak and commune with itself. Hence, too, is the delight with which the SHIELD is greeted in every Chapter hall.

The summer term, with its manifold duties pressing upon all, finds the boys busy. "Coming events cast their shadows before!" There are literary contests to be waged; examinations and final tests to be passed; and after these, preparations for class-day and commencement exercises. Already the literary societies have held their anniversaries. On both occasions the highest honors were awarded to members of the Eta. Bro. Eschbach delivered the "Goethean Oration" at one end, and Bro. Biesecker the "Anniversary Oration" at the other. Bros Apple and Davis followed next in order. Naturally, too, at the close, they were greeted with a larger share of floral offerings, tributes from their fair friends. Judging from appreciation, this was the greater triumph of the two. We all aim to be Φ. Ψ.'s in the full sense of the term.

Of the class honors, as well as of college honors proper, the Eta, as always, has come in for her share. We have met with disappointment in but one case. Bro. Eashbach mourns the loss of the "German Oration."

Notwithstanding the many duties claiming attention at this busiest portion of the year, the interest in  $\Phi$ .  $\Psi$ . only increases. Our meetings are marked in character by the earnestness and high spirit displayed by all the members. They are well at work. Another addition has been made. This time it is J. Nevin Bowman, '83 of Iowa. We commend him to the love of the Fraternity at large. Though newly born, he displays already all the points of the genuine  $\Phi$ .  $\Psi$ . character. Thus the roll lengthens, the band increases, and shall continue to in the future. Still the smile of Heaven rests upon us.

During the past week we have had the pleasure of havin our midst Dr. Samuel Apple, of Allentown, Pa., an old time  $\Phi$ .  $\Psi$ . Every member of the Eta, old and young, knows his connection with her earlier history. To him we owe our present existence as a Chapter. At the close of the war he stood alone, the only remaining member of the Eta. But by his firmness and manly exertion, he saved to us our charter, and rebuilding the Chapter bestowed upon us, as upon many who have gone before and many who shall follow us, pleasures and benefits, which, though we may appreciate, we can never fully estimate.

Preparations for another symposium, to be held by the middle of June, are going forward. Last year our hearts were made glad by the presence of a goodly number of brothers from neighboring Chapters. Since then we have made many more direct acquaintainces. These, with all others who would do us the great honor, we would gladly have with us.

Though no longer a regularly active member of the Eta. it gives me great pleasure thus to write of her "good and welfare." Occupying this position, I have not written in the spirit of egotism nor in that of vanity; yet it may be in

pride, but it is the pardonable, if not worranted, pride of an older brother.

Yours in the mystic bonds,

KAPPA.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ZETA ROOMS.

June 1st, 1880.

DEAR BROTHERS.—At the annual Sophomore oratorical contest of the Belles Letters Society, held May 21st, the gold metal was carried off by Bro. S. H. Evans, though hard pressed by three other Φ. K. Ψ.'s, Bros. Strite, Brown and Deale. One week later, at the contest of the Union Society, Bro Stogden, our only representative on a programme of seven speakers, lacked only one vote of receiving the medal. I have often thought, that perhaps one of Zeta's faults is, that she don't make enough noise; that in the din of battle her trumpet does not sound as often as those of some of her sister Chapters, who are doing such noble work for the Order. But it is not that none of us want to make a noise, nor that we have nothing to make a noise about. For aside from the many incidents that occur in the lives of the Zeta boys, about which volumes might be written, there is what I am sure will be of more interest to the Fraternity at large, a spirit of enthusiastical progression, that exhibits itself in our society halls, in the puble rostrum, and in the lecture room-a progression which approximates closely to that which we heard urged upon us, when upon the back of the proverbial "goat" we first rode into the mystic Order.

We have recently been honored with visits from Bros. Geo. E. Wilbur, of Bloomsburg, and W. McD. Bottome, now of Rochester, England-two loyal Zeta boys, who charmed us during their stay with recitals of their valiant deeds for  $\Phi$ .  $\Psi$ . in the past, and expressions of deepest interest in her present and future. Bro. Chas. Wilson also "stopped over" on his way to the far West, to give us a warm grip. This year we shall lose four men, and they are all honor men, taking four out of the five honorary positions given to the class. First comes J. Hope Caldwell, a rather insignificant looking indvdual, who has from the first led his class and takes the Valedictory on the 24th. Next comes M. D. Learned, or "Muggus," as we familiarly call him. He won the medal for oratory in his Sophomore year, was the Society's last Anniversarian, has been for some time the College Librarian, Curator of the Reading Room, and in graduating, takes the "Philosophical" Ora-

Coates Caldwell comes next, who has a history that does honor to  $\Phi$ .  $\Psi$ . He is undoubtedly the "best read" man in college; and were it not for his fondness for the "gentler" sex, might have made his mark before he left us. He has, however, filled the highest position in the gift of his Society, and takes on the 24th the "Classical Oraton." L. D. Bulett, the last man, is nevertheless a genius. Born when Mars was ascending the horizon, he has been the "fighting man" of the Chapter. Ready to defend at the earliest moment either Chapter or Society, he goes out with our blessings, to defend in a broader field the principles he has

learned here to love. He takes the "Scientific" Oration. It will be hard to supply their places, but as true Phi Psi's, we'll try. More anon.

Yours in triple bonds,

"DEACON."

#### PENNSYLVANIA KAPPA.

DEAR SHIELD:

On Monday evening, June 7th, Pa. Kappa was launched fairly and enthusiastically on the sea of life. There had been two preliminary meetings, at which committees on By-Laws and permanent organization had been appointed, so that a little after 9, the meeting was able to set to work on the reports of these committees.

The report of the Committee on Organization, which was unanimously adopted, nominated for officers the following:

President.—Bro. Hon. H. H. Bingham, Pa. A.

Vice President.—Bro. Rev. Henry S. Lobingier, Va. Δ. Recording Sec.—Bro. J. Douglass Brown, Jr., Pa. I. Corresponding Sec.—Bro. David J. Meyers, Jr., Pa. Z.

The other regular officers will be elected as need arises for them. And in addition to the regular officers, the Chapter has seen fit to elect two wardens, whose duties shall be those of stewards and trustees when the Chapter shall have any property. For Senior Warden, Bro. Prof. Otis H. Kendall, Pa. Iota, '66, and for Junior Warden, Bro. W. E. Helme, Pa. Iota, '78.

The meeting was very enthusiastic, notwithstanding the heat, which prevented more than one brother from being present, still we had representatives from six Chapters of the Fraternity. Our next meeting takes place on the second Monday of September next, when we hope to have present, not only all our brothers in Philadelphia, but a number of those from the neighborhood, Norristown, Mt. Holly, etc.

#### PENN'A BETA.

MEADVILLE, PA., May 20, 1880.

To All Members of the  $\Phi.$  K.  $\Psi.$  Fraternity—Greeting.

We hereby cordially request your presence at a social convention of our brotherhood, to be held at Chautauqua, N. Y., August 10th, 1880. At an informal meeting of the Phi Psis, present at the Chautauqua Assembly last Summer, a desire was enthusiastically expressed to have such a gathering at this delightful resort during the Assembly this coming summer. The undersigned committee were appointed to make arrangements for the event. The approval and co-operation of Dr. Vincent in our project were immediately secured, and, after considerable correspondence, we have obtained the consent of Bro. R. J. Burdette (of the Burlington Hawkeye, to deliver an address on the subject "Advice to a Young Man," as a part of the Assembly programme on the above mentioned date. We have the promise of Secretary Schurz and other distinguished fraters

to be present, if official duties permit. We expect a rousing mass meeting after the address, and social exercises of the most enjoyable character. Our purpose was presented to the G. . C., by one of the committee, and great interest was manifested in regard to it. The committee will endeavor to make this convention a complete success, and hope their efforts will meet with the hearty co-operation of the Fraternity-at-large. We desire to have every Chapter represented by as many as possible. We trust that the desirableness of this new enterprise, and the interesting character of the exercises, will claim the approval and support of every true and loyal Phi Psi. Let us have such an assemblage of Phi Psis as was never before equalled in the annuals of college fraternities.

Let Chautauqua be made a grand rallying point for both the alumni and active members of our Order, where the East, West, North and South shall clasp hands in fraternal relation, and the ties of friendship\_be more firmly cemented.

Yours fraternally,

E. M. Wood, (Pa. B. '79,) Meadville, Pa. Chairman.

W. W. Dale (Pa. θ, 75,) Franklin, PaW. C. Wilson, (Pa. B. '80,) Warren, Pa.

#### JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

CANONSBURG, PA., May, 1885.

Grand Chapter to Penn'a Epsilon.—Greeting:

I am in receipt of a letter of considerable length from a committee of a society in Auburn, N. Y.,—whose object is to edit or compile a "History of the Secret Societies of the United States." This company we know to be composed of men of considerable ability and competent to carry out the work proposed. They have laid the matter before the Grand Chapter of our Fraternity, desiring us to compile such a history as they wish according to their plans and directions.

It is their desire that the history of each Chapter should be written by some graduate of that Chapter, and as able and suitable one as can be selected.

The preface of the work is to be written by a Professor in one of the Eastern Colleges, noted for his literary attainments and social qualities.

Each Fraternity will be treatd in the order of its seniority. The history of each Chapter will consist in giving an account of its foundation—the number of men who organized it—short biographical notices of such of its founders as have risen to eminence in any of the professions—the names of any graduates who have become eminent in Law, Medicine, Theology, General Literature, or in the Military service of the U. S.; the death of any eminent members which occurred, with a short biographical notice of his life and what he had accomplished in the fields of Law, etc.

A history of such a character is desired. It heartily meets with our approbation, and we hope it may be the

same with you. It will be a matter of little trouble and one of the greatest interest to every one.

We hope to hear from you very soon in regard to it.

We have not heard from you in regard to your election of delegates to the G. A. C. Let us hear as soon as possible, and how many of said delegates we can depend upon being present. Business of importance will be transacted, and a full representation from Sub-Chapters is desired.

Yours in bonds of  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ .,

JOHN R. MCKINNEY, W. D. JONES.

#### UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

December 15, 1859.

Va. A. to Penn'a E.—Greeting.

DEAR BROS.—Your letter was received some time since, but owing to various circumstances, we have been unable to answer it. The edict, address and notices you ask for will be forwarded to you before long. Your consent is asked for giving a charter to Ohio Wesleyn University, Delaware, Ohio, recommended by Penn'a Beta; also to Monmouth College, Illinois, by Penn'a Delta; also to Columbian College, Washington, D. C., by Bro. J. T. Lester, formerly of Miss. Alpha.

I am now at home, though this is dated from the University, and as soon as I go back after Christmas, those articles will be forwarded you. I suppose it will devolve on some member of your Chapter to establish the Penn'a Eta if the charter is granted. Permission has been received from all, except Tenn. Alpha, but yesterday we received a letter from Penn'a Zeta withdrawing their consent, until they could examine whether one of the applicants (Williams) is not a member of another Fraternity— $\Phi$ . B. T. If they consent, it will be more convenient for you or the Penn'a Zeta, to establish the Chapter.

The catalogues cannot be out for a month at least, but then you may look for them.

What say you to a G. A. C. this summer? Yours truly in  $\Phi$ . K. $\Psi$ ., John L. Massie.

### A PAGE FROM THE HISTORY OF PENN'A EPSILON.

READ FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.

In answer to a petition for a charter to organize at Penn'a College a Chapter of the  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . Fraternity, Bro. Jenkins was delegated by the Alpha Chapter at Jefferson College, and clothed with full authority to establish at this institution the Epsilon Chapter of the above-named Secret Society.

On the evening of the 26th of December, 1855, Messrs, Hoy, Kuhns, Long, Dosh and Cutter were initiated by Bro. Jenkins as brothers in the  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . Fraternity. The meeting was held in the Eagle Hotel in Gettysburg. The following officers were then elected to serve pro tempore, until

the Chapter was constitutionally organized by the authority of a charter from the Alpha Chapter: Bro. Hoy, President; Bro. Cutter, Treasurer; Bros. Dosh, Long and Kuhns to perform various duties of Secretary, etc. Thus were laid the foundations of the Epsilon Chapter of our beloved brotherhood.

Much to our regret the reception of our charter was delayed until the 26th of February, and as a consequence our interest grew stagnant. Prior to the arrival of this document we were authorized by the Alpha Chapter to initiate new members, and accordingly Bro. Weidman, Sr., who had signed the petition for a charter, but had been absent from the institution when we were organized, was received a member of the Fraternity on the evening of the 5th of February, 1856. On the evening of the 4th of March an interesting meeting of the Chapter was held in the room of Bros. Long and Dosh. Messrs. Gilbert, Miller, Knapp and Forney took the usual oaths of secrecy and were received as brothers. We also adopted By-Laws for our regulation and guidance. At the next meeting of the Chapter, which was held, by the kind invitation of Bro. Dosh, at the Methodist Parsonage, an essayists was appointed for the next regular meeting, and an amendment was made to the By-Laws, constituting the reading of some select play as a part of the regular exercises of the Chapter.

Thus I have endeavored to sketch the progress of the Epsilon Chapter in its incipiency; its future advancement depends solely upon us and our successors. Our number has been increased to eleven members; one of whom has left the institution.

Fraternally,

J. I. CUTTER.

#### THE PHI KAPPA PSI WALTZES.

Several requests have been made by correspondents of the Shield for information regarding this music. We would say in reply that it is a series of five waltzes arranged after the manner of Strauss, with an introduction and coda. They cover nine pages, besides the cover of colored paper. The title page and cover are beautifully engraved with the name and pin of the Fraternity. The price is sixty cents a copy. All brothers should procure one or more copies for gifts or for personal use as Fraternity literature. S. Brainard's Sons, of Cleveland, are the publishers, but copies may be had of the composer, Mr. Ed. S. Raff, of Ohio Gamma, Wooster, Ohio; after June 24th, address Canton, Ohio.

#### THE HISTORY.

WOOSTER, O., June 10th, 1880.

The attention of the Chapters has been called to the publication of a history, hoping thereby to cause the interest of each member to become multiplied, and to promote the welfare of our Order. We have urged each Chapter to assist us in the arduous task, and many have kindly responded.

The publication of the work has been delayed for several reasons. First, two of the Chapters have never responded to the repeated urgent requests sent the coresponding secretaries and several of their active members. Doubtless they may have valid reasons for so neglecting a duty that each Chapter is in honor bound to respect; but to say the least, it is a breach of etiquette excusable in no one, and should be avoided in Fraternity correspondence.

Again, many of the Chapter historians have been prevented by their numerous college duties to send us their account at as early a date as we feel confident they otherwise would.

Then, as it is our purpose to make this work complete, the dead Chapters must come in for their share. But alas, where are the records, or any one who has any knowledge of their existence! From numerous letters sent to the members of these Chapters, few answers have been received. and with a few exceptions, scarcely any one of them could aid us. Of the early G. A. C.'s, we could learn nothing, until Bro. M. C. Herman, of Pa. Z. kindly sent much valuable information. These are the principal reasons for the work not appearing this year; yet it is the desire of the historians to publish it at as early a date as possible. We would urge each and every brother who is interested in the Fraternity, to aid us in the attempt. During the long summer vacation every one will have much leisure time, which he could devote profitably to working up some points in his Chapter's history, or the others above spoken of, and sending the same to the historians.

Afer June 20th, send all communications intended for the History to D. C. List, No. 944 Main St., Wheeling, W. Va.

#### DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

COLLEGE is over. The salutatorians, valedictorians, and honor-men who constitute our Chapter in these happy days (my knowledge of the present condition of the Fraternity comes from the columns of the Shield) are about to seek the well-earned rest so needful after their severe mental toil. Even the ordinary men (of whom there really must be some somewhere) will join in the general migration and be scattered to the four winds in search of rest and health and knowledge and trout and tutors and Bolus.

Now let these brothers, "all honorable men," whether honor-men or not, remember that they are, every one of them, sworn missionaries to their fellow-men, and let them consider whether this is not the time of all times for carrying out their noble work. During the year there are college duties to interfere, there are teachers of false doctrines and upholders on conflicting sects to be contended with, there are but limited opportunities for reaching and guiding aright the mind of youth. But during the next three months—in long days, in the mountains, in long nights on the sea-shore, in smoking-cars and ocean steamers—golden opportunities will occur for saying a word for the good cause, which, once gone, will never return but always be regretted. The sub-Freshman is an impressionable being,

it needs but a word or two to win his confidence and veneration; a respectful inquiry as to the "number of men in his class?" apparent interest in his hero for the time being (who has come to college with him from the same school, and according to the individual bias of our young friend's mind, either "knows more Greek than the professor" or "yanks the bun at foot-ball," as the case may be) and he is yours, body and soul.

Now remember that you are not a pot-hunter but a sportsman (beg pardon, a missionary), and if your fish is not game you won't have him. But ten to one he is a good fellow, and in proper hands will make a first-rate Fraternity man. In such case, incidentally, as it were (don't frighten him), say a word for the cause you have at heart: above all things don't make what you offer him too cheap. If this is done skillfully and with a little care, a brother is gathered into the fold, it may be; or, perhaps, when September comes it turns out on closer inspection that he is not worthy, perhaps—and if so, most likely the missionary is to blame—he has fallen into the hands of Philistines and gone estray after strange gods. In any case no harm has been done, and probably much good.

The misionary and his convert need not be of the same college. With our splendid list of Chapters the field is indeed a large one, and if an impression has been made it is easy to notify some fellow-worker at a distance to follow up the good beginning. Above all it must not be an undergraduate. The older the missionary the greater effect will he be likely to produce, the more will some (seemingly) chance allusion, driven home by some anecdote, eagerly listened to, of college days, be treasured up.

As to the plan commended in the last SHIELD by our zealous, if somewhat dogmatic brother from Spring Valley, it is really awful to thing of the ravages of the "badged girls" he speaks of might make in the ranks of the great army of susceptible sub-Freshman. But the editorial review of Bro. C. V. C's. communication, it is to be hoped, expresses the more general feeling of the Fraternity as to outside interference, and (pardon the allusion) the Venetion system of running a republican government is not, in this matter, one to be either admired or imitated.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

J. B. GEIGER.

(Died at home, Hamilton, Ohio, June 6th, 1880.)

ONLY two weeks ago Bro. Geiger was apparently in good health, but little later complained of being unwell and left college for home, where he unexpectedly died on the 6th. Silent, yet deep, were the sad feelings at Wittenberg when the news came that the pride of college had been removed from us. He was a model Phi Psis in every respect.

Bro. Geiger was twenty-three years of age, and member of the present senior class. He was just ready to embark into the wide world and enjoy the honor and happiness for which his bright intellect and rare talents had fitted him. Now, just on the eve of commencement, like a flower just ready to bloom and throw its fragrance over all around it, he has been cut down. The gloom which this sad event cast over the college, is only the shadow if the inward feelings of the students.

At our Fraternity meetings there is a strange cast of sorrow reflected in the eyes of every brother, as he looks at the one vacant chair which speaks more eloquently than tongue can sound or pen describe.

Ohio Beta has lost one of her most noble brothers, and, next to his own near relatives, mourns the loss of one so pure, so noble in character, so upright in heart, so honorable in action, so amiable in disposition as was our worthy and dearly beloved friend and brother, J. B. Geiger.

O. C. S.

### OTHER FRATERNITIES.

 $\Sigma$ . A. E. is in excellent condition.

 $\Delta$ . T.  $\Delta$ . is preparing an ode book.

K. K. Γ. has entered the University of California.

THE Chapter of  $\Delta$ .  $\Psi$ . at Columbia numbers 50 members.

It is announced that  $\Sigma$ . X. has entered Greensboro, Ala.

B.  $\Theta$ . II. entered Harvard University the latter part of May.

The Chapter of A. T.  $\Omega$ . at Johns Hopkins University is defunct.

It is rumored that  $\Phi$ .  $\Gamma$ .  $\Delta$ . initiated six men at Williams recently.

The Chapter of  $\Delta$ . B.  $\Phi$ . at the University of Penna. is quite large.

E. X. has chosen Washington, D. C., for its coming convention in November.

The 26th, 27th and 28th of October will find the  $\Phi.$   $\Delta.$   $\theta.$  in convention at Indianapolis, Ind.

'TIS said that sixty-three honorary members have been noticed in the late catalogue of  $\Delta$ . K. E.

B.  $\theta$ . II. has refused a Charter to ten men at Vanderbilt University.  $\Sigma$ . A. E. "pulled out" there not long ago.

THE new catalogue of Chi Phi will appear shortly. They hold their next convention in the fall, at Allentown, Pa.

B.  $\Theta$ . II. holds it annual convention the last week in August next at Baltimore. A grand gathering is expected.

The Fraternity we meet most frequently is B.  $\theta$ . II. which is present in nineteen institutions where  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . Chapters are located.

- Z.  $\Psi$ . talks of invading the new school of science which is to be organized at Cleveland, Ohio. This Fraternity has not published a catalogue.
- $\Delta$ . K. E. and A. T.  $\Omega$ . have *sub rosa* Chapters at the University of North Carolina. The president of the institution declares it "closed forever to fraternities."
- Δ. T. Δ. has withdrawn the charters of its Omicron and Chi Chapters. The former was located at Asbury University, Ind., the latter at Wesleyan University, Iowa.

THE A.  $\Delta$ .  $\Phi$ . Fraternity has just issued the first number of a quarterly to be known as "The Star and Crescent." An application for Charter from this society by half dozen students at the University of Penna. was not favorably considered.

#### PERSONALIA ET CAETERA.

- J. B. FORAKER, '66, Ohio Alpha, is living in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- J. A. McElroy, '64, Pa. Delta, is residing in Bandera, Texas.
- F. J. Johns, 57, Miss Alpha, is a resident of Denver, Colorado.
- J. L. Griggs, '58, Miss. Alpha, is living in Macon, Mississippi.
- ED. COLLIN, '68, Iowa Gamma, is now living in Northwood. Iowa.
- D. D. SHELBY, '69, Tenn. Beta, is attorney-at-law at Huntsville, Ala.
- S. R. Downey, '66, Ind. Alpha is secretary to the Governor of Indiana.
- J. H. RABBITTS, '74, Ohio Gamma, it attorney-at-law, Springfield, Ohio.
- E. J. Howenstein, '60, Pa. Alpha, is practicing law at Bellfountaine, Ohio.
- H. W. List, Va. Delta, is in the Bank of Wheeling, Wheeling, W. Va.
- G. H. PALMER, '84, Ohio Gamma, is taking an extended tour through the West.

Bro. Spottiswood, '73, Pa. Zeta, is clerking at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.

- W. R. Breckenridge, '57, Ill. Beta, is an extensive grain merchant at La Fayette, Ind.
- N. C. RAFF and J. F. KINKADE, of Ohio Gamma, take first and second honors respectively this year.
- C. C. Wertenbaker, Va. Alpha, is still interested in the Fraternity. His address is Charlottesville, Va.
- Bro. E. O. Shakespere, M. D., Pa. Zeta, was recently elected Pathologist to Blockley Hospital, Philadelphia.
- Bro. P. Harvey Schaeffer, '67, Pa. E., is a real estate agent at 1309 Columbia Avenue, Philadalphia, Pa.

Members of Ohio Gamma held a picnic at Quinby's Park, May 15th. The time was pleasantly spent in dancing and boating.

THE Chicago papers give glowing accounts of the Symposium recently held at the Tremont House by the three Chapters in that State.

THE Ohio Gamma Quartette has received many favors from the ladies whom they have serenaded. They have also been invited to sing at the coming Junior contest.

At the recent Commencement of the University of Pennsylvania, five  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ .'s were graduated: two received the degree of A.B.; one S.B.; one L.L.B., and one PhD.

Two brothers of the Pa. E., that have been unearthed here in Philadelphia, are Rev. Sam'l A. K. Francis, 1431 South Tenth Street, and Rev. Chas. E. Murray, 27 South Sixteenth Street.

Bro. W. L. Rowland, '78, Pa. Iota, has received a Fellowship in Chemistry at Johns Hopkins University. He has also been appointed by the Government to inspect all the chemical works of the United States. In his travels he will doubtless be able to visit many of our Chapters, and we can assure all that "Mother" will be found excellent company.

COL. THOMAS CHAMBERLAIN, Pa. Gamma, presided at the meeting of Pa. Kappa, June 7th. He had an excellent fund of Fraternity information, and is as enthusiastic as when in college. In the coming numbers of the SHIELD we expect to present the boys with a few of Colonel's war reminiscences. His office address is 405 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

Bro. "SLIM" READING, '80, Pa. Theta, appeared at the Kappa rooms the other night. He and Bro. Wilbur of the same Chapter will sail for Europe, July 1st. They will travel during the summer, and in the fall will settle down in some German university town and "dig." Gottingen is the place we would recommend to their consideration. There are four or five  $\Phi$ . K.  $\hat{\Psi}$ .'s there at present.

THE invitations to Pa. Epsilon's Twenty-fifth Aniversary are out. They are the prettiest we've seen this season. A portion, if not all of the work, was executed by Bro. Bridges, '76, of Pa. E. Accept thanks from Kappa—will be there. The literary exercises attending this occasion will be given in McClellan's Opera House, Gettysburg. The address of welcome will be delivered by Bro. Geo. S. Bowers, '80, Pa. E. The orator is Prof. Sam'l P. Sadtler, '67, Pa. E., and the poet is Rev. Bro. H. S. Lobingier, '73, Va. Delta. It is to be hoped everybody that can will be present.

The members of the Pennsylvania Beta Chapter of this Fraternity, indulged in what they designate as a "grind" on last Saturday evening. Promptly at nine o'clock they emerged from their hall in the Crawford Block and proceeded to take possession of the dining-room at the Commercial. Mr. Mechling had prepared a choice banquet, and the boys did ample justice to the good things which were placed before them. After having satiated their desires in that direction, toasts were responded to by Bros. Wilson, Culver, Ford, Tieste, A. L. Bates and A. H. Siggens. Numerous college and Fraternity songs were sung, and during the evening the Easton Sable Quartette put in an appearance and rendered some of their best selections.

At a late hour the boys formed the mystic circle, and after singing a song in Phi Psi's praise they quietly dispersed, feeling that the occasion would be remembered as an attractive milestone in their college career.— Daily Reporter.

All communications after June 15th to be addressed until further notice:

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