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THE ALUMNI.

How to retain the active interest of the alumni is a question that every chapter sooner or later has to face in one form or another. If a new chapter house is talked of, the query, "How much can our alumni members do towards furthering the enterprise?" is the first to call for an answer. Or is it a question of fitting up a new hall,—the alumni rise at once before the mental vision of the undergraduate projectors of the scheme. In these larger, and in many smaller matters, the alumni question is sure to be at all times a live one. It is too often the case that the alumni are seldom considered by a chapter until some financial problem is to be solved. Then it is found, with surprise, that very few of them can be interested. The alumnis may not have heard from the chapter for a year or more, yet great amazement is expressed by the undergraduates that he does not respond with eagerness and despatch, when, after being apparently dropped from the memory of the active chapter for years, he shows

little lively interest in the financial appeal that is suddenly made.

Now I do not wish to excuse the indifference of any alumnus, even though he may have been neglected by his chapter. Ten to one, the frat. man, some years out of college, who meets the advances of an enthusiastic novitiate with the remark that "he believes he did belong to a society of that kind once," was not of great value to his chapter when in college. The chances are that he regarded it as an association for amusement, and never realized that it had any higher purpose in view than his own delectation. When spoken to about his former frat. associations, the sum of his remembrance is a confused recollection of sundry "nights and feasts of the gods." Never show a Freshman an Alumnus of this type! He is warranted to quench his enthusiasm on sight. Of course Phi Kappa Psi has no alumni of this sort, and I only mention this class in this connection to preserve what the rhetorics call "*the truth-relation.*"

There is no doubt, however, that many good Phi Psis are allowed by their chapters to slip into a state of indifference that is almost as bad, from which they could be saved by a little judicious effort. Many a one who when in college was at the front in every good work, making friends for the frat. among the other Greeks, securing honors for his chapter, when possible, and building up a strong fraternity feeling among his brethren, is found to have lost his zeal and interest within two or three years after his graduation. It is this class of the alumni to which the chapters should direct their attention. When an alumnus is in this condition, the fault is either his own or the chapter's—usually it is the fault of both.

The chapter can do a great deal toward preventing indifference among its alumni.

It would aid in maintaining the interest if every chapter had its alumni correspondent, whose duty it should be to prepare a monthly circular letter to be sent to each chapter alumnus. This letter should contain the incidents of the month at the college in which any of the frat. were interested. It should note the movements and progress of the various alumni, and should set forth somewhat in detail the plans and purposes of the active chapter. The alumni should be expected to respond to these letters, and the items of interest gathered from their replies collected and embodied in the next chapter letter by the correspondent. This plan has been tried by at least one of our most flourishing chapters, and the results have been most gratifying in keeping up the alumni interest.

It goes without saying that the material for these letters would be of a nature that would make it unavailable for *THE SHIELD*. Most of it would be personal, much of it in a state too speculative and theoretical for use in the fraternity magazine, but none the less interesting to the alumni of the chapter on that account. A regular correspondence of this kind would stimulate the interest of alumni, and would furnish a ready medium for making known to them the wants of the chapter from time to time. The alumnus continually informed of the plans and needs of his chapter would not be inapproachable when the financial questions arose, and would be ready to give something more substantial than advice, though that, of course, is not to be spurned. Above all, such a system of correspondence would keep up the active interest of the alumnus in his chapter, for surely if it took the trouble

to keep him constantly informed of its life and work, and sought his advice on chapter matters, his sympathy, active interest and support would not be lacking.

Moreover, this plan would make the undergraduates acquainted with many of the older alumni who now live only in chapter tradition; and there would be an abiding feeling among the novitiates that they were building, not for themselves alone, but for past and future generations of Phi Psis as well. More than ever would the true relations of the active chapter be perceived. More than ever would it be felt that the active members were managing a sacred trust reposed in their hands for the time being, and to be transmitted by them, in time, to others carefully selected and worthy of it.

The duties of the alumnus, on the other hand, need scarcely be mentioned. These chapter letters should be answered. Reminiscences, bits of former chapter experience, as well as matters of current discussion, would be welcomed by the chapter. *THE SHIELD* should be in the hands of every alumnus, also. No Phi Psi can expect to maintain his interest in his fraternity if he allows himself to become ignorant of the questions that are common to all the chapters and those other questions that are common to the Greek world. I believe that if the active chapters will make themselves missionary societies to the extent of issuing a monthly chapter letter to their alumni and of inducing them to become regular readers of *THE SHIELD*, the active interest of graduate Phi Psis will be secured. If that will not secure it, the question may properly arise whether further efforts to that end are desirable.

J. V. DENNEY.

The Areopagus.

CHAPTER MEETINGS.

In reading the March issue of *THE SHIELD* I noticed, with some surprise, the statements of the correspondent of the Iowa Delta chapter referring to the lack of interest in chapter meetings. The brother invites suggestions on the subject, and as I have been connected for four years with a chapter in which the enthusiasm for chapter meetings always ran high, I will relate briefly our programme for chapter meetings and our methods for making them interesting.

We meet weekly. Every Saturday night finds the boys on hand, anxious for a meeting. We have always found it preferable to meet every week. Our principal reason for it is that no brother would be willing to wait two long weeks between meetings. Besides, there is an old tradition lurking about our chapter that once upon a time—a long time ago—some brothers held bi-weekly meetings, and that they did not “enthuse” very well when they *did* meet. We have found Saturday night to be the night most suitable for our chapter meetings. The work of the week is then ended, and the fraternity meeting comes in as a delightful diversion. It is, also, the one night which the student can always spare without injury to his studies.

The matter of attending our meetings is optional with each brother himself. Every member is free (according to our chapter by-laws, not morally) to attend the meetings or to remain away; but through an association of four years with my chapter I can recall no instance of any brother absenting himself from a meeting which it would have been possible, without great inconvenience, for him to attend. Indeed, I can say with certainty that it never occurred. Such an act would have produced an alarm which I would not yet have forgotten. If any brother should so far lose his interest in, and forget his loyalty to, his fraternity as to remain away from chapter

meetings, I would consider a fine a very unfraternal and unsuccessful method of reclaiming him.

A source of great enjoyment in our meetings is the reading of the *Mysticus Amicus*. This is an interesting little budget of "Phi Psi wit, humor, college yarns, etc." We elect two editors each term, and they have charge of it during that time. But the editors are not expected to write the whole *M. A.* They write the editorials, and more if they choose, but every brother contributes one or several short articles weekly. The *M. A.* serves two purposes: Firstly, it contributes largely to the good cheer of our meetings; we have not a brother who would not preferably omit his supper on Saturday night than miss the reading of the *M. A.* Secondly, it gives the members a practice in writing which will be of incalculable benefit to them. It is a style of composition which can be practiced nowhere else, in or out of college. The brothers write with freedom, knowing that they have the kindest of critics and the most willing of admirers. This cultivates a grace and fluency in writing which the stiff, class-room composition can never develop. College incidents, jokes on the brothers, class-room occurrences, etc., are written up in a pleasant, humorous vein, while the more weighty articles on general fraternity topics are frequently such as would reflect credit upon the pages of *THE SHIELD*. Like the attendance of the meetings themselves, the contributions to the *M. A.* are self-imposed duties, which require no external persuasion for their performance.

To all chapters which have nothing similar to our *Mysticus Amicus*, I would say, give it a trial. It has been valuable to us, and I believe that it would be useful to other chapters. But there is one danger which I must mention. It is the liability of verging to a purely literary exercise. This is avoided by making all contributions voluntary and by the exercise of judgment as to the nature of topics discussed.

In this connection, too, I wish to say a word about regular literary exercises at fraternity meetings. This bone of contention we have long (and, we think, *wisely*) left out of our chapter meetings. The literary society has its place, and a good one, too, but it is *not* in the fraternity hall. The fraternity is the social organization; the college and literary society are the literary institutions. Do your duty there, brothers, and you will have no occasion to "speak the speech" in the fraternity meeting.

But the highest virtue in chapter success is chapter unanimity. The old proverb which gives us the key to strength is nowhere more

applicable than in the fraternity chapter. The brothers must not only be co-members of the same fraternity, but they must be *friends*. Great care should be exercised in the selection of new members. Here is the crisis of chapter welfare. A student needs more than a good moral character and literary attainments to make him a desirable fraternity brother. There is a subtle *something*, which we can feel rather than express, that truly affiliates one person with another. If this is lacking, the fraternity should not be called upon to create it. Then let me urge you, brothers, to be careful in your selection of new members. Hold your chapter meetings every week, no matter whether there is any business to be transacted or not; gather together in the old halls, and if you do nothing else you can at least speak words of cheer and encouragement to one another, which, after all, is doing a great deal.

A. H. ROTHERMEL.

THE TEMPERANCE QUESTION.

As Brother T., in his reply to my article on temperance, or rather his reply to one suggestion of that article, states in his second paragraph that our fraternity forbids such fruitful sources of controversy, I almost hesitate to write again upon that subject; but as he says later in the same article that "the discussion of ethical questions can be productive of much good," I venture a few more lines. I can not agree with the brother that the plan I suggest is entirely contrary to everything in the spirit of Phi Kappa Psi. I can not think that it is better to agree with those who think that the moderate use of intoxicants is a benefit to them. The brother is mistaken in thinking that I have forgotten how the chapters are situated, and with what the active Phi Psis have to cope.

Upon the contrary, my suggestion is the result of my actual experience in rushing boys. Of the thirty boys initiated since I became a Phi Psi, not one is in the habit of frequenting saloons, even to drink "with good sense and moderation," and we never have liquor at our hall, rooms, or banquets. If our standard is too high

for a man whom we rush, he and we soon find it out, and we make no concessions to secure him.

The brother objects to the word "training." I do not mean that the older brother should train the younger by teaching, preaching and moralizing. I mean, rather, that the older brother's actions and character shall be such that they will train those of the younger without any effort of the older.

I agree with the brother that this subject must be viewed as a question of policy, of that policy which will make our fraternity purest and best. I shall cheerfully make any concession that the fraternity's welfare demands, especially to meet the brother upon the plane suggested by the admirable editorial in *THE SHIELD*.

Would Bro. T. object to an amendment to the constitution to prohibit the use of intoxicating drinks in Phi Psi halls and at Phi Psi banquets? If he would not, we can get our chapters to support such a measure, and still have a glorious time together, if we meet at Washington.

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Editorial.

God speed ye, brethren! After two years of comparative silence, he who once spoke as the accredited voice of fraternity authority, cries *Salve!* It may be that his voice will fall upon ears almost wholly new; it may be they are alien to the sound he sends forth; it may be that the *Vale!* he spoke two years ago shall soon again give a last farewell to those to whom his greetings then came, but be it soon or late, no more loving service could engage his mind or thrill his heart.

No mere question of policy will now content you, and therefore our voice is silent on that theme. What we expect to do is too vague, too much circumscribed by what you would have us do to render its concise statement possible, and we can only point to two years of faithful service in this same cause to serve, so far as utterance is concerned, as a guide to our future.

THE SHIELD has passed beyond the problematical stage of existence; it no longer crawls, but stands sturdily erect; and the policy of its publication which the present writer urged at the Columbus Grand Arch Council, has become an accomplished fact, though he did not then dream that it would befall him to inaugurate it.

We urged the delegates to discard the publishing chapter feature, chiefly because it was not business-like, and we spoke from fruitful experience of its insufficiency, with arguments at this time neither becoming nor interesting to present to our readers. We urged then, as a pure question of right, that an editor ought to be paid for his services, and we were convinced that if THE SHIELD remained under competent personal management long enough it would earn sufficient to pay a moderate sum to him who should devote to it his time and energies. We thought, and still think, that another office, not now a salaried one, that of General Secretary,

should be given to this salaried editor, and thus while we might use a good share of a valuable man's time we might offer inducements such as would be alike honorable to him and the fraternity.

If we have any well-defined policy for *THE SHIELD* this is it: To make our journal financially strong enough to carry the burden of the fraternity's business interests, or at least that large part of it which devolves upon the office of General Secretary. We know this can be done, not by the editor, but by his constituents. Shall it be done? is the question we now ask.

We believed *THE SHIELD* strong enough to engage upon such a project two years ago, and all the weight of our influence was thrown against a continuation of the policy then in practice, but through the powerful labors of our predecessor and friend, W. C. Spangler, we were over-ruled, and after two years of sojourn among the grassy plains of the West, we welcome our beloved journal to her whilom home, stronger, handsomer, better.

We speak thus freely and fully upon this matter because we wish to make public amends to Kansas Alpha for our lack of faith in her ability to do that which we had found so unprofitable. She has done better with her charge than we believed it possible for any chapter to do, and we shall not now inquire whether she is satisfied with her experience and willing to confess our judgment a wise one, for we believe that the fraternity is now committed irrevocably to a policy which will render a return to the former ways impossible.

Brother Little and his co-laborers have set a pattern which any Phi Psi should be content to equal and scarce dare hope to excel, but he failed where we once failed, and where there is such a vast field for improvement that we have large hopes for the future upon this very line—and that is to secure the united, hearty and enthusiastic support of the fraternity.

We have spoken long enough upon this line, and we close this hasty salutory with a pertinent suggestion or two. Shall this volume of *THE SHIELD* be the editor's volume, or yours, Phi Psis? Do you intend to thrust chapter correspondence off as a thankless task to your weakest and youngest members? Do you propose to

permit issue after issue to come forth with no word from you, and subject yourselves to the very pertinent inquiry : Is that chapter dead? In short, do you intend that THE SHIELD shall succeed, shall maintain an honorable position among vigorous rivals, or do you propose to tamely submit to being classed by your rivals as "*poor, pitiful creatures,*" and justify them in their classification by an indifference which is not only discreditable to the name you bear but disgraceful to your character as upright, manly Americans?

Do you intend to support THE SHIELD?

We believe most thoroughly in a fraternity journal. We think that $\Phi K \Psi$ needs a monthly publication. We know that she can sustain a magazine which shall be a credit to her and a source of pleasure, as well as profit, to her members; but we seriously question whether the chapters of our fraternity have any adequate idea of their duties in the matter of THE SHIELD.

Do you know, you careless chapter, whose money goes freely for symposiums, rich furniture, elegant stationery, and what not, that your fine appearance is nearly always at the expense of your fraternity? Is $\Phi K \Psi$ merely a name to you for a more or less loosely united band of jolly companions in a single college, or does it signify to you a broad and lofty scheme for uplifting humanity, aiding, encouraging, enlightening, saving the young men of America for useful careers?

If $\Phi K \Psi$ is not more to you than a name for a local club, your charter ought to be surrendered at once, unless you can arouse from your sloth and come out from your long silence and make yourselves one with us. The estimation in which the fraternity holds you will be measured, in a large degree, by the frequency with which you make an appearance in these columns and the style in which you do it. THE SHIELD is not all that there is of $\Phi K \Psi$ life, but it is a large factor in that life, and you can not afford to remain silent for the sake of your reputation among your fellows, to say nothing of the large class of readers to whom THE SHIELD goes who are without the pale of our beloved order.

You ought not, as honest men, to say that there is nothing to write about. Are there not questions of policy, of fraternity spirit,

under discussion among you that your brethren in distant chapters are interested in hearing you express yourselves upon? Do you thoroughly understand the nature of the government of your own and other fraternities? Do you grasp the meaning underlying this great social element of college life called Hellenism? If you don't appreciate the force of these things, suppose you try for a year to become intelligent upon them, and take our word for it, if you slow chapters once get to going upon these lines of thought, *THE SHIELD* will be compelled to double its size.

How many of you elect the brightest, most intelligent, most enthusiastic of your number to the office of chapter correspondent? You ought not to ask the editor of *THE SHIELD* to revise any other kind of contributions than those which come from practiced hands, or at least from hands so earnestly at labor for our common cause that the loving service would soon bring that acquired skill which is always the outgrowth of industry and zeal.

Every chapter, earnest or indifferent, owes it to *THE SHIELD* to send it a copy of every publication, particularly its college paper and college annual, which could be of any service to the editor in compiling his items of interest or in affording him topics for discussion or review. Must he ask you to do this in every issue, or will you attend to it at once and see that he is supplied continuously? We made this appeal during our former editorship, and we do not care to tell at this time with what success we met, but are determined not to judge the immediate future by a remote past.

We especially invite the attention of every chapter to the various departments of *THE SHIELD*, which may be included under these heads: Leading Articles; Areopagus; Editorials; Chapter Letters; Spirit of Fraternity Press; Fraternity and College Notes; Miscellany, including Obituaries, Personals, Inquiries, etc. To each of these departments you are invited, nay, urged to contribute, and upon you more than upon us rests the responsibility of failure, should any one of these lack support.

We may add, from time to time, a series of reviews upon college annuals and such other publications as will engage the interest of fraternity men, and should the fraternity demand it or exigencies arise to make it necessary, we shall add an Exchange Department.

THE SHIELD is yours, and if its make-up does not please you, or you have suggestions to make as to its typography, speak; don't grumble because it is not more to your taste unless you have tried to have it improved and have failed. Errors will creep into its pages despite the most critical proof-reading, unless every correspondent used a type-writer and used it well, and we especially desire to have the assistance of volunteers to make THE SHIELD a perfect piece of mechanical work.

We are quite sure that the chapters do not wish the editor to write the correspondence, but we shall certainly be compelled to do so much eliminating, correcting and annotating as to well nigh mean re-writing, unless chapters elect better correspondents or the correspondents themselves use more care in composition. We believe we could cause some open-eyed wonder if we were to publish letters which come to us with "English as she is wrote," *verbatim et literatim et punctuatim!*

Fellow-laborers in the cause of Phi Kappa Psi, chapter correspondents, a word with you: You are perhaps not responsible for your election to the honorable and very important office which you fill, an office far more important than any other in your chapter, and perhaps you are not to be held to very strict account if you are not a better master of English composition, but with Rhetoric and English Grammar as requisites for admission to every college in the land, and with English dictionaries upon the right and the left, you ought certainly to make improvement.

If your chapter is one of the kind just spoken of, your pride ought to bring you soon to this point: My chapter has thrown this important office to me as I would throw a bone to a dog. I purpose showing them that the office can dignify me and I do the office honor.

There are some specific points of instruction upon which we should like to counsel you, and it ought not to be necessary for us to repeat them:

1. *Write only on one side of the paper.* If you knew the nature of the operations of a printing office you would not need to be told that this is a cardinal point of their creed in setting type: One side of pages of manuscript will be set up, and no more.

2. Avoid interlineations. You have ample time to copy your communication. Don't disgrace your chapter with a letter which you have "just dashed off in a desperate hurry." How long would you submit to receive *THE SHIELD* if edited that way?

3. Take down your dust-covered Rhetorics and study the rules governing the use of capitals and marks of punctuation. No time that you spend in college can be more profitably employed.

4. Consider well where paragraphs should begin and end, and write so that your purpose will be seen at a glance. This is as easy to do as to write without making a break, and then to add marks indicating where the paragraphs belong.

5. Do not use abbreviations of this sort—frat., chap., jour.—and when you are justified in abbreviating, write so plainly that there is no possibility of mistaking your meaning.

6. Be careful about underscoring. We can not give any extended rule for the use of proof marks, but call your attention to the fact that if you put one line under a word or set of words it will be set in italics; if two, in small capitals; if three, in large capitals. Always put two lines under the title of the journal of Phi Kappa Psi and one under that of any other fraternity, viz.: *THE SHIELD* but *The Rainbow*.

7. *Never* include personals in the body of a letter. The editor can not and ought not to pick them out and set them in order. Always send some items of this sort, as the alumni are more interested in them than in all the rest of the paper.

8. It is not in first-class taste to express your opinion of the editor in the body of your chapter letter, or at any rate it is not in good taste for him to publish it; and yet there would have been little left of some letters for this issue if the editor had been ruthless. Say all the good things you can about the out-going administration; they will be true and are richly deserved.

9. Please observe the form of heading and close adopted for chapter correspondence, and conform to it in the strictest degree. Personal matter to the editor always send on a separate sheet.

10. Please use paper of letter size—approximating $8 \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ in.

11. Buy two little books, by Alfred Ayres, entitled "The Orthoepist" and "The Verbalist," and make them your *vade mecum*.

If you observe these suggestions, peace be unto you; if you do not, ah! woe is me.

P. S.—If you wish to use figurative language, don't mix your metaphors.

Brethren of the Greek press, peace and prosperity be unto you and yours! We bade some of you good-bye two years ago, little thinking that we should have written "Auf Wiedersehen." We all labored some years ago for a Pan-Hellenism that none of us were ready for, chiefly because we did not know what we wanted, but we have since learned that the only practical way of bringing about the consummation so desirable was not through conventions and legislation, but through the subordinate chapters of our several organizations.

We believe that we have a noble purpose to subserve as the leaders, if not moulders, of opinion upon fraternity topics, and in that belief the editor of *THE SHIELD* hopes to join hands with his brethren of the fraternity press to broaden the vision and uplift the standard of manhood among young Americans.

We shall not agree; we ought not to do so upon many points, but *THE SHIELD* shall always be respectful, sympathetic if possible, and never hostile.

THE SHIELD is the organ of Phi Kappa Psi, and is published in her interest, but that does not close our eyes to the existence of many powerful and earnest rivals whose excellencies we shall emulate without fear and whose errors we shall try to shun without self-righteousness. We have a common ground upon which we may meet, and while we must be antagonists let us be friendly ones.

We said once, and gave offense to our rivals of the fraternity press by saying it, that *THE SHIELD* was the organ of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and while we were glad to have the sympathy and kindly words of our journalistic brethren, we did not care a rap for their fatherly advice or caustic sarcasm. We were working in the cause of $\Phi K \Psi$:

It is rather gratifying to note, in looking over a large pile of exchanges, the well-nigh complete change of base which our contemporaries have made during the two years past, and we feel a

little bit gratified to quote this from one of our severest critics of the past, in earnest support of the position we then took. In the January *Beta Theta Pi* the editor says :

More than ever before within recent memory, the fraternity journals devote themselves this year to their own affairs, striving to be representative organs rather than copying processes, or repositories of their editors' whims and fancies. This change certainly means progress, and although the magazines lose much of their interest to those without the pale, they distinctly gain in usefulness and real merit. For this reason we find comparatively little of concern to us in the exchanges, and as our sole object in reviewing them is to cull from them such matter as has this quality of value, it therefore results that in most cases there is little to remark upon or quote. In some instances we have almost or quite passed over certain magazines whose contents are really excellent, especially in the important features of chapter letters, personals and editorial comments on fraternity policy and events; and if we have made small mention of them it is not because we think them lacking in absolute merit, but simply in relative interest to us.

Apropos to the quotation from *The Beta Theta Pi* permit us a few words upon an Exchange Department. We had none in our former editorship, and our successor, Brother Little, expressed the keenest regret in turning over THE SHIELD to our hands that this department should be discontinued, as he, knowing our convictions upon this point, supposed it would be.

We first object to such a department in THE SHIELD because of its very restricted interest, being read by very few but editors of college papers who have had a taste of the style of warfare carried on under the banner of Exchange Department, and this number is very small. An Exchange Department seldom means more than the tilts of the editor with his rivals, and while this is often entertaining and amusing it is seldom profitable. If it were The Editor's Rivals and His Opinions of Them which were inscribed over the columns devoted to this cause, there would be more satisfaction in its perusal arising from a conscious sense of things named aright, and not masquerading under a misleading title.

Sometimes the editor's opinions of rivals is of value to his readers, and often their opinions of him and his journal are wholesome reading, and at such times an Exchange Department is eminently proper and desirable.

The present administration hopes to be able to take care of itself and properly represent the fraternity in whose cause it is en-

gaged, and it may be necessary for us, in defense of our cause, to take up arms; and that we did not do so frequently during our former career proves neither that we were cowardly or timid, but perhaps too conservative, for we were attacked unreasonably and bitterly, and made to the attack no reply. We are neither better fitted for that sort of thing now, nor more inclined to it than we were then, but are in the hands of our constituents to be used, in our way to serve their purposes.

There are fifteen chapter letters in this issue from a fraternity with thirty-five chapters, distributed as follows: District I. sends five letters from eleven chapters; District II. sends two from seven chapters; District III. sends three from seven chapters, and District IV. sends five from ten chapters. What do you think of your record, brethren?

Chapter Letters.

BUCKNELL.

Although Penna. Gamma was represented in the last number of *THE SHIELD* we, in compliance with your request, will add our voice to the well wishes for our organ and its new editor.

A few evenings ago our goat, whose long disuse and diet of sardine cans and discarded ponies, made him eager to play his part in the ceremonies, was led forth. The victim was H. M. Kelly, '88, and, judging from effects, his ride must have created in him an appetite, for he gallantly led the way to Showers' café, where we partook of a hearty supper in honor of the new brother.

We all anticipate a good time at the convention, and hope to meet and exchange the grip with many of the brothers.

We assure you that you can count on our "united, hearty and enthusiastic support."

W. M. WOODWARD.

• Lewisburg, Pa., March 15, 1887.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

It is with pleasure that we now write our letter to *THE SHIELD*, the first one since our new editor has assumed the charge. We should not say *new* editor, for all who have been within the fold for a few years will very well remember Bro. Van Cleve, and the back numbers of *THE SHIELD*, which we have on file, are ample testimony of his ability to conduct it with due credit to himself and honor to the fraternity. We feel confident *THE SHIELD* will continue in its progress, and congratulate ourselves upon the choice of an editor.

Brother Little, in retiring from his position, certainly deserves the sincere gratitude of every one who has had the opportunity of enjoying the contents of *THE SHIELD*. The mark he has made upon its history can never be erased, and the result of his efforts will fully testify to his high editorial tact and earnest devotion to the interests of Phi Kappa Psi.

In our last letter we noted the possibility of adding several new names

to our roll, and on last Saturday evening we fulfilled our promise. We therefore take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Brothers Chas. E. and Luther C. Stitely, of Westminster, Md. They are both just the kind of men with whom Epsilon's "goat" delights to deal, and we assure the brothers that they will not find two Phi Psis more worthy to bear the name and who will reflect more honor upon the fraternity.

We noticed in the last number of *THE SHIELD* an editorial with reference to raising a shaft over the grave of our worthy founder, the late Bro. Letterman. It is a most appropriate suggestion, and we hope that the Ex. C. will, according to Brother Little's suggestion, make an effort toward its accomplishment.

May prosperity attend *THE SHIELD*.
Gettysburg, Pa., March 14, 1887.

HOWARD P. SADTLER.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

In compliance with your wishes I am writing this letter without further delay.

Since our last letter to *THE SHIELD* one more name has been added to the long list of Mother Eta's worthy sons, and Brother J. W. Hendricks, '90, has become, by this time, fully imbued with the spirit of $\Phi \Psi$.

We are feeling somewhat depressed, just now, on account of the departure of Brother Rothermel, '87, who has gone to St. Petersburg, Pa., to take charge of a school, which, by the way, has Brother J. H. Apple, '85, for its principal. Brother Apple has been elected to a professorship at the normal school at Clarion, Penn. Brother Rothermel will be back in time for our Diagneothean anniversary in May, when he delivers the principal oration. We will miss Bro. "Ate" very much, as he has always been an enthusiastic and active brother.

At a meeting of delegates representing the journals from the different colleges of Eastern Pennsylvania, an Inter-state Collegiate Press Association was formed, of which Brother Rothermel was elected vice-president.

Brother Dubbs, '87, was elected vice-president of the Inter-state Athletic Association, which was formed last year by six of the colleges of Pennsylvania.

This year is the centennial of our College, and extensive preparations are being made for a grand reunion of Alumni, and in view of this fact we are fixing up our chapter hall.

Our prospects for the future are bright. As usual, our fraternity life is harmonious, and everything is moving on as smoothly as one could wish.

Pennsylvania Eta sends her greeting to the new management of *THE SHIELD*, and entertains bright hopes for its prosperity, to which I can only add my own best wishes for its welfare.

CHAS. F. HAGER, Jr.

Lancaster, Penn., March 16, 1887.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

New York Beta still continues her march of progress. We could soar into the ethereal regions of eloquence, and could liken N. Y. Beta to a "vessel gliding down the stream of prosperity with her sails filled out by favoring breezes;" but we have seen so much of this bombastic style of chapter letter writing that we have become both figuratively and literally tired. What we need is *news* of some consequence.

Bros. P. F. Piper, E. G. Eldridge, and F. J. Holzworth were delegates to the Y. M. C. A. State Convention held at Utica last month.

Bro. Brooks, '89, has been elected to a position upon the University nine, and we have another man who will probably represent us on the club.

The "Onondagan" is progressing, and will appear in the spring term. $\Phi K \Psi$ will monopolize a good share of its pages.

The $\Delta \Upsilon$'s have purchased a chapter house for \$10,000. They are the first chapter to occupy a house here, excepting the Alpha Phi Sorority.

Psi Upsilon lately initiated one of the University Trustees, a New York broker, and it is rumored that he will build a chapter house for $\Psi \Upsilon$.

The $A \Phi$ and $\Gamma \Phi B$ receptions were held last month. Phi Psi was represented at both of these society events.

Our chapter has elected as delegates to Harrisburg D. C., Brothers Eldridge, Lonergon and Schnauber.

We have been visited by a number of Madison University men during the term, one of them a $B \Theta \Pi$, McKean, '89.

We can not but be proud of New York Beta's record, and we feel assured that if older and better established chapters would work as hard as we have that there would be a decided advancement in $\Phi K \Psi$'s interests.

Brother J. G. Cleveland, one of our '86 graduates, who has held a charge at Pittstown during the year past, will, on the 24th inst., sail from San Francisco for Yokohama, Japan, where he will engage in missionary work for the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We see by a recent New York paper that $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ established a thriving chapter at Lehigh University on February 4th. If it had not been for the petty jealousies of one or two Pennsylvania chapters, we might long before this have held a prominent position among the ten or twelve fraternities already there. We think that those chapters which send a letter to *THE SHIELD* once a quarter with the astounding news that "we have just succeeded in capturing one man, which 'swells' our number to *six*," should be the last ones to block the wheels of $\Phi \Psi$'s progress, when she may enter first-class Eastern institutions.

FRED. N. BURRITT.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 16, 1887.

HOBART.

College life is a drama in four acts. Among its many phases, like a gleam of sunshine, comes every month *THE SHIELD*, our own journal, displaying as with a calcium light the teachings of the great fraternity we represent.

In regard to our chapter's status in college matters, the writer can truly say that New York Delta is fully represented in each organization; particularly in the college choir, the glee club and the foot-ball teams is her influence strongly felt. From proficiency in athletic sports we turn to mental characteristics, and find seven of our men pursuing honor courses.

Student politics remain unusually quiet this year, but there are indications of an early revival.

At a recent meeting we elected three delegates for the District Council, Charles C. Proffitt, George Irish, and Charles A. Smith. This insures us a good representation at that important convention.

Our friends will be glad to learn that "Senator" Charles B. Mowry, one of our best and most enthusiastic brothers, who has been severely ill for several weeks, is rapidly convalescing, and will soon recommence his college duties.

There have recently appeared at Hobart two new local societies, bearing the euphonious names of "The Tombstone Club" and "The Devils." These cognomens sufficiently indicate the style of fraternity. Their ultimate objects are not known. We barbarians view each member of these dread organizations with admiration and awe.

Would that I could paint with all the gorgeous imagery of the fascinating Moor, Delta's conquests in the class-room and in society, not only in Geneva alone, but the charming belles of adjacent towns often enjoy the inspiring influence of their presence. Harmless gallantries by college heroes have from time immemorial called forth the appreciation of the fairer sex.

We hope that when we leave these classic shades for active life, as soon we must, the thought of "auld lang syne" may forever awaken pleasing memories of Alma Mater and Φ K Ψ.

CHARLES D. BEAN.

Geneva, N. Y., March 18, 1887.

HAMPDEN—SIDNEY.

Your request for a letter for the first number of *THE SHIELD* under your second editorship, arrived this afternoon. Acting upon your suggestion not to wait twenty-four hours to decide, I will now accede to your request to the best of my ability. We were very sorry to have to give up the former editors, but we feel assured that the present management is fully competent to keep up *THE SHIELD* to the high position it now occupies.

We have not made any initiates since the beginning of the session, but we are carefully watching a member of the college, and if he keeps up to his present standard, we'll ask him to join hands with us.

We expect to be represented at the coming convention of the second district, which meets at the University of Virginia in April.

Our boys are not at all in favor of turning the fraternity into a temperance society; and we heartily endorse the views expressed by T., in the March number of *THE SHIELD*.

Bro. Ward acquitted himself so well at the intermediate celebration of

the societies that he was elected by the Philanthropic Society as one of the Junior orators at commencement.

Bro. Watson is local editor of the college magazine, and sustains his part very well.

Our little band is jogging along quietly, and all of us are putting in our best "licks" for the final examinations. We will lose two by graduation, Bros. J. P. Holladay and Reynolds. Bro. P. C. Clarke, one of our most enthusiastic alumni members, also graduates from Union Theological Seminary in May.

Hampden-Sidney, Va., March 15.

E. H. PORTER.

S. CAROLINA COLLEGE.

As it is such a short time since we wrote our last letter, it is not to be expected that this one will be long. We have had our hall nicely fitted up with a handsome carpet and pretty curtains, and had the walls kalsomined.

As it is so near the time for the meeting of the D. C., we, as all others should be doing, are preparing our delegates for the work before them. S. C. Alpha will be represented in her council, but we can not say by how many.

Within the past few weeks an addition has been made to our gymnasium, consisting of two trapeze bars and a set of traveling rings, seven in number. The gymnasium is more popular among the students this year than it was last year.

Bro. Edward T. Horn, Pa. E. '65, has been invited to deliver the commencement address before the graduating class at S. C. College next June.

We think Bro. Wilson is to be congratulated on the make-up of the annual report. It is by far the best one the fraternity has ever issued, although the engraver did make a slight mistake in the design for the cover.

We wish *THE SHIELD*, under its new management, even better success than it had under the old.

Columbia, S. C., March 15, 1887.

HUTSON LEE, JR.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Alpha still holds her own in the O. W. U., and, pardon our egotism, is not a little proud of herself. Her pride is not because she has a membership of midnight-oil burners, nor yet of silver-tongued orators; there is just enough of this kind of leaven to leaven the whole lump; she glories not in a collection of dudes, as does her sister chapter of Beta Theta Pi; but what is the chief source of Ohio Alpha's contented mind is the fraternal atmosphere surrounding a group of O. W. U. Phi Psis. To the Barbarian from his desert surroundings, such an air of concord seems an oasis where grows everything pleasant; and to the unlucky Greek, who may, unfortunately, find himself dwelling amid the stern rigor and cold, unrelenting discipline of a modern Sparta, such a group of genial, contented citizens seems like a new Corinth sprung into comfortable existence.

For her rivals at the O. W. U., $\Phi K \Psi$ numbers five important Western

fraternities beside herself, and since it is generally customary to name our rivals in order of estimation, we do so here: Delta Tau Delta with eleven men, Phi Gamma Delta with ten, Chi Phi with nine men, Phi Delta Theta with fourteen, and Beta Theta Pi with eleven. Our own chapter numbers thirteen. The change in the fraternities here during the last five years is nowhere more noticeable than in a table giving the numbers of men in each chapter. Conservatism has developed itself to an almost alarming extent. Five years ago the average membership of our six chapters was fifteen or over; now it is a trifle above eleven. Whether this radical change is for the better or not remains to be seen. Had we Greeks a modern oracle of Delphi, most assuredly we would consult it, but the most prophetic among us are yet in doubt as to the good or evil which the conservatism of the present may develop in the future.

It is rumored about in our classic halls that Sigma Chi, which so abruptly made its exit from the O. W. U. a few years since, is about to re-enter our University. If this be true, and the new chapter be established ere our next letter to *THE SHIELD*, let me, in behalf of Ohio Alpha of Phi Kappa Psi, offer the sincerest well wishes for the prosperity of the new colony of Greeks. Time will establish the truth or fallacy of this rumor, but as it comes from good sources, until we know the opposite, we are inclined to credit it. But we are not astronomers, and can not read the prophetic stars; we are only astrologers trying to decipher something of reality among the shadows of the future; so if we are mistaken as to this new venture, or are correct, we wish neither blame nor condemnation.

We will be reinforced at the opening of the spring term by the return of two of our old members, Brothers B. M. Allison and W. P. Henderson, both of '88. One has been out rusticating (?) in Wichita, Kas., and we doubt not "mashing" many a belle of that beautiful city; the other has been "teaching the young idea how to shoot." Both are welcome back with old-time heartiness, and a firmer grip we believe they will never experience than when Ohio Alpha's members get a chance at them.

I came nearly forgetting one very important thing in this letter: We give the heartiest well wishes to *THE SHIELD*, under her new editorial management. Were we sending our beloved paper on the uncertain seas of journalism, with an untried hand at the helm, we might be fearful of the success of the voyage; but with one who has served $\Phi K \Psi$ so ably in command, we know that *THE SHIELD* will spread her white wings and sail serenely on. May she have every adverse wish ungranted and every hope fulfilled; in short, in the words of one known to history and to fame, "May she get there."

Delaware, O., March 28, 1887.

PHILIP PHILLIPS, JR.

WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

Ohio Beta is running along in about the same manner as she has been. We have made an increase of one in the chapter since we were in *THE SHIELD* last. Bro. Fred. B. Ludlow is the last man who has ridden the goat

in this chapter. "Luddy" is a strong man, and was bid by two other frats., but we got him.

We have lately added much to the attractiveness of our hall by putting in an upright grand piano. Since then our gas bills have just about doubled, because now, more than ever, the boys like to spend their evenings at the hall when they can get time, and sometimes when they can't. Brother Rob. Hiller is our "piano pounder" in chief, and he is a good one.

Soon after we got our piano, we gave a musical soiree in our hall, and invited the Phi Psi members of the faculty and the Phi Psi girls. Every one had an enjoyable time. On Washington's birthday the three literary societies held a joint session, on which occasion Brother Frank Geiger was orator, and Brother S. S. Burtsfield debater for the Philo. Society. On the local oratorical contest, Brother Burtsfield ranked third, he being the only Junior pitted against five Seniors.

The junior ex. took place on the 15th inst. Brother Fred. Gotwald ranked first on thought and composition, and fourth on general average. Brothers Rob. and Ben. Hiller have been reveling in the measles for the past three weeks.

The Board of Trustees of Wittenberg College met yesterday, and appointed a committee to raise one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars with which to endow four more professorships. Twenty-five thousand dollars of this has already been promised by one man. These additions to the corps of instructors will greatly increase the teaching facilities.

Springfield, O., March 19, 1887.

CLEM EHRENFELD.

UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

Indiana Beta has been clever in the number and merit of her chapter letters, and if you have space this time you are welcome to a few lines from the quill of a "rara avis" in such business. Our winter term has closed favorably, and the boys are now on the *qui vive* for the "spring chickens," who may be numerous, since our President is a rustler among the cornfield Hoosiers.

History is repeating itself here, and the passes to the Greek citadels are congested with barbarous hordes. No Thermopylaen altars will be necessary. At this writing the status of the university in the state oratorical is ominous. The Legislative deadlock delayed our \$25,000 library building; anyhow, we are still financially ahead of our sister State colleges. W. T. Golden, our "artiste," recently elected to the staff of *The Student*, Malcolm Owen, an atavic chip of the Robert Owen block, Pres. of his class, and J. R. Mutz, our gallant tenor, have leading roles in *The Little Tycoon*, "to be done" by the Mendelssohn Society. We congratulate ourselves on receiving *The Student* editorial mantle, let fall from the shoulders of a Phi Gamma Delta, who saw fit to look to our ranks for a recipient.

The base ball season has opened spiritedly, and there will be a scramble for reputations. Our frat. nine is full of potentiality.

If brother delegates to the Delaware convention find our representative, Mr. T. D. Long, over-enthusiastic on *fraternity extension*, excuse him on the ground that it is due to the late presence in town of his best girl.

In the metamorphosis of THE SHIELD we have "cheers for the living and tears for the dead."

Bloomington, Ind., March 21, 1887.

D. DRISCOLL.

NORTHWESTERN.

For want of space, Illinois Alpha failed of a representation in the last number of THE SHIELD. "Tangible," our correspondent, hasn't the heart to cover the ground again, and we pass in silence what to us is decidedly stale. The present writing marks a period in the history of N. W. A. which fittingly indicates her prosperity and growth. For the second time we have celebrated University Day. For the second time all the departments have gathered at Evanston to observe the birthday of Washington, to renew old acquaintances and re-assert their loyalty to our alma mater. In the afternoon the students of the Chicago departments arrived by special train, and were entertained and banqueted in a superb manner by the Dean and ladies of the woman's college. The rest of the afternoon was spent in visiting the different professors at their rooms, in looking through the museum and library and other interesting features about the various buildings on the campus.

Between six and seven hundred assembled in the dining rooms for supper, the company being provided for and served in a manner not to be excelled by Kingsly. Toasts, music by the University Orchestra and ♯ K ♯ Quartette made the time pass merrily.

Later in the evening were the dedicatory services of Science Hall, which is now about complete, and which ranks second to none in the United States in point of convenience and elegance of furniture. At this time an eloquent oration on "Liberal Education," was delivered by the Hon. Richard Edwards.

The celebration of President Cummings' seventieth birthday, which occurred on March 3, was another notable event in the college community. Besides receiving numerous and valuable gifts from the students and faculty, he was made glad with a check of \$1500, from the trustees and townspeople, as a nucleus for a much needed summer vacation. The venerable Doctor confessed that he generally spent his vacations in work, but urged as an excuse that he had taken a vacation of a week once and it had made him sick.

Perhaps some of the brothers have wondered why we have made such a call for catalogues and statistics from the different chapters. We have no vile scheme on foot to form combinations and "jump," as some would have you believe. We merely wish to gain correct information concerning the different colleges and their fraternities, and are making this an interesting feature of our literary programme this term. For a social diversion Illinois Alpha thinks she has something new, the recipe for which she gives free of charge. The "Pie and Poetry" contest at our last social was a novel and unique affair. Every brother was under obligation to write and read ten

lines of original poetry. A committee from our ladies were the judges, and after much debate upon the merits of the productions, presented their prizes, the lucky ones being those who apparently needed most discouragement. Then came the pie, which was said to have been made by the ladies, and was supposed to be of the pumpkin variety. But, Great— (we refrain)! From an analysis made by our chemist the next day, it was found to consist of carrots, onions, beans, parsnips and cabbage, with traces of glucose and rubber shoes. However, most of the boys bolted a good portion of one piece with extravagant praises for its excellence, being at the time in ignorance of the joke, and in their loyalty unwilling to admit that the girls didn't know how to cook. Especially was the joke hid, since each of the girls provided for herself a piece of genuine pumpkin pie of no small dimensions, which she ate with great composure and satisfaction. That night we camped in the land where big pumpkins grow.

We have two more prize men to add to our list. Brother Frank Campbell received the highest number of votes of the five successful candidates on the Deering essay contest. This secures for him also a place on the Kirk oratorical contest, which occurs next commencement. Brother Tuttle is to be congratulated as a winner of the Dunoon oratorical prize in the Adelpic contest, held last week.

On the whole Illinois Alpha gets her full share of college honors. Of the six appointed to speak on "Bib" commencement, Φ K Ψ will be represented by Brothers Horswell, Mars and Weir. Brother McLennan has been elected class orator. Brother McNair will deliver the valedictory address at the commencement of the Chicago Medical College, the 29th inst.

The important position of editor-in-chief of our college paper is most ably held by Brother Little. He has a worthy assistant on the board in Brother Booth. At present there is but little feeling among the different fraternities represented here. Phi Delta Theta, lately established, is forcing herself into notice, and may, after lopping off one or two, be able to eke out a passable existence. She has been courted and petted by few, but as far as we know, is beloved by none. Beta Theta Pi numbers 13 men; Sigma Chi, 15; Delta Upsilon, 16; Phi Kappa Sigma, 4; Phi Delta Theta, 11; we are 23.

Yesterday, unexpectedly, we had the pleasure of meeting, for a few moments, our Secretary, Brother Wilson, as he passed through Evanston. Although pleased and well impressed, we would like the pleasure of becoming better acquainted with our worthy brother. Hoping that he, with fifty brothers of this district, will be at our coming convention, we wish the incoming editor a prosperous year.

Evanston, Ill., March 20, 1887.

GEORGE A. BASS.

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

Michigan Alpha compliments the ex-editor of *THE SHIELD* upon his very excellent March number, and heartily wishes success to the new editor.

The convention of the Fourth District takes place in Chicago, April 6, and our chapter will be represented by Alumni J. V. Denney and E. L. Par-

menter and by Undergraduates Joe Halsted, Robert Park and Frank G. Plain. Others of Alpha will also be present.

It is sometime since we made a showing of our condition, and perhaps our sister chapters will be interested to learn that we number twenty active men, of whom eighteen are "Lits," and only three are Seniors. Brother P. K. Buskirk, from Indiana Beta, was welcomed some weeks ago, and he has made his home with us, after entering the Law Department.

Our college paper, *The Michigan Argonaut*, has passed into the hands of Rob. Park, who is making it one of the strongest college weeklies in the country. *The Oracle*, a University of Michigan annual published by the Sophomore class, will be out March 16, according to Editor Holden, who represents the chapter.

The committee appointed by the Legislature to ascertain the needs of the University of Michigan reported in favor of appropriating \$212,000, which is more than the Regents asked. The bill will very probably pass. We hope to have some \$25,000 set aside for a gymnasium. This amount with our present fund and with what the students expect to raise by gifts, will build us a very fair gymnasium. The base ball team has been put upon a new financial basis, and we have material for a good nine. The Rugby team never was better. We may hope to win laurels for the University of Michigan this year.

The Legislature invited the Glee Club to sing at the Governor's reception of last Tuesday, and paid all expenses. Ross Cole, you remember, is leader of that same Glee Club.

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 14, 1887.

G. FRED. RUSH.

IOWA UNIVERSITY.

Welcome, Brother Van Cleve! On the one hand we regretted to leave the faithful management of the retiring staff, while on the other hand we are pleased to know that our SHIELD is to be entrusted to a bearer whose experience is rich and fruitful.

Iowa Alpha has good tidings to report. What heretofore was only a rumor is now a certainty. The State University will soon have a separate preparatory department worthy of the institution. A large building will be immediately erected, so that school work may begin as early as possible next fall. Brother C. P. Rogers, the original founder of the chapter and at present the Superintendent of Marshaltown schools, will be at the head of the undertaking. In all his practical and successful career it is pleasing to know that he has lost none of his love and enthusiasm for Phi Kappa Psi.

Among the members of the chapter now attending school, Fred. A. Nye has added to the list of honors won by our fraternity, in his unanimous election to wield the gavel in Irving Institute for the ensuing term. Since our last report, Robert Bonson, of Dubuque, has been initiated into the mystic circle of our fraternal union, and we are all delighted in our ability to make this introduction to all our brothers. "Bons." is a strong man in every way; physically he clearly demonstrated his powers in assisting the Freshmen to vanquish the Sophomores in a tug of war at the recent gymnasium exhibi-

tion. With the above advent we have completed a representation from all the larger cities of Iowa. This will give us an advantage in getting new men, and be of considerable importance.

The only manifested opposition here to secret organizations for several years is a proposition in the Zetagathean Hall, at their last meeting, to make fraternity men ineligible to membership in that literary society. All our men are Irvings, and such action will affect us but little. Fraternity men in general seem disposed to keep quiet, and think the consequences would be dangerous to the society itself.

Our condition at present seems to be a gradual growth in strength of every kind. Among other fraternities here at school we claim a place second to none by every criterion of judgment that is fair. We will lose only two men by graduation next June, while our Freshmen membership is the strongest. Peace and prosperity is with us *now*.

Iowa City, Iowa, March 21, 1887.

JAMES W. BOLLINGER.

SIMPSON COLLEGE.

We find a request before us from Brother Van Cleve, whom we well remember because of his former connection with THE SHIELD, and it is in obedience to his request that we find ourself writing for the initial number of the new volume. We always admire the wide awake, enthusiastic $\Phi \Psi$; he is the man that accomplishes most, and that is always missed when he goes out from his chapter. If a chapter house is to be erected and the majority of the members working their way through college, the "kickers" are loud in saying "the task is too great, it can never be accomplished;" but go to our wide awake man; what does he say? "It can be done." Our ideal fraternity has its chapter house, or better, its chapter home, in which the boys room and take their meals. It has a neatly furnished parlor, a suitable room in which to hold the meetings of the fraternity; in short, it is a $\Phi \Psi$ home. We have read the article entitled "The Home of Cal. Alpha," and we see no reason why other chapters can not accomplish as much, if they are willing to work with the end in view that we need a home. We are able to build one, and we must have one. Most chapters have alumni that are willing to help when invited, and it only requires a faithful, enthusiastic correspondent to let every man that has been connected with the chapter know that his help would be appreciated. Iowa Delta is laying some very valuable plans for the future, which we hope to see matured not many months hence; and we hope that THE SHIELD will continue to publish articles on the subject of building chapter homes.

At our last meeting we initiated A. C. Hutchins into the mysteries of the fraternity, and he is now a loyal $\Phi \Psi$. Brother Hutchins is one of the promising young men of Simpson who, by his gentlemanly conduct and faithful application to his studies, has won the respect, not only of the industrious students, but also of the faculty, and we believe that his union with us will prove a happy one. Best wishes for success of SHIELD.

Indianola, Iowa, March 17, 1887.

M. C. MORRIS.

CARLETON COLLEGE.

Your circular letter of 11th received, and in the absence of the chapter correspondent, I take the liberty of representing Minnesota Alpha in the initial number of the new volume of SHIELD. The winter term closed last week. During the two weeks of the spring vacation the Carleton College Glee Club is giving a series of concerts in the principal cities of the State. While on a business trip to our State last month, Brother Wilson, Secretary of Executive Council, arranged to meet us for an evening. Although on short notice, we had a full meeting and a delightful time.

Minnesota Alpha now has a membership of ten, having lately taken into our ranks two valuable men. We lose five next June by graduation, but shall initiate three more, at least, before then. THE SHIELD has certainly been an honor to the fraternity for the past two years, and we are sure that the change of editors will not be to its future detriment. We are planning to have a good time next commencement, in the form of a reunion of as many of our alumni members as we can possibly get together. They number about thirty, and we shall awake their interest anew in Minn. A. This is a short letter, but must do for this time.

Northfield, Minn., March 21, 1887.

W. A. HUNT.

Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

Much of the discussion of fraternity journals never reaches the notice of the Greek world from the fact that very few fraternity men have opportunity to read any journal but their own, which seldom has much to say of what others are interested in and are talking about. In the hope that the readers of *THE SHIELD* are catholic enough in sentiment to desire to know what their rivals are thinking and saying, this department of our journal is revived.

The title conveys the exact purpose of the editor in putting before Phi Psis an epitome of the discussions of topics of interest to the members of other fraternities, and while some thread of comment must precede the several quotations to render them intelligible as excerpts, the readers of *THE SHIELD* are cautioned against considering this an Exchange Department. Concerning that we have said a few words in another place.

In light of our varied experience with Alumni Chapters and our new constitutional provision for establishing Alumni Associations, the following editorial discussion from a recent number of *The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta* will be interesting :

The recent reorganization of the Chicago Alumni Association upon a more satisfactory and doubtless permanent basis ; the several reunions of the New York Alumni, following one another at frequent intervals ; the preliminary reorganization of the Nashville Alumni Association which will shortly be completed ; the proposed revival of the Cleveland Alumni Association, and the efforts which are now being made in Philadelphia, Kansas City, and Des Moines to work up the Alumni interests of the Fraternity in those cities ; all these are, we think, evidences of the fact that the action of the Fraternity at the Louisville Convention in making provision for a systematic reorganization and ultimate extension of the alumni associations of the Fraternity is bearing a goodly fruit.

We hope to see this good work continue, and feel grateful that so much has been accomplished in the brief time since it has begun. We hope that the time may not be far distant, when these associations, now acting each upon its own responsibility and in its own limited field, will be united in

aims and in methods, and thus form a strong and active element in the Fraternity; when they will issue to their members a uniform membership card, somewhat after the plan of other exclusive societies, which will be recognized as a passport entitling the bearer to the courtesies of the organized "Delta Communities" in our larger cities; when they will unite in publishing under one cover the membership lists of the several associations, partly for convenience in travel and for business reference, for such a list would serve as a professional directory of established merit; when the younger members of our Fraternity whom the better opportunities for study and professional and mercantile advancement attract to the larger cities, will find in them a body of alumni well established in business who will cheerfully direct and counsel them; when our alumni, through their associations, will concertedly act in all matters which go to determine the general policy of the Fraternity, which they can thus so largely determine; when the system of such alumni associations will have extended to cities like Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Minneapolis, and St. Louis; for in all of these are large communities of Deltas, made up not only of young and enthusiastic men who can be intrusted with the routine work incident to such organizations, but also of many of our older alumni, men well along in years, well established in their several professions and in the mercantile world, whose membership in such organizations will lend dignity and honor to the Fraternity.

From the "leading" article in *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* for February, entitled "Chapter Houses," we clip the concluding and forceful paragraphs:

We notice that great non-secret fraternities like the Young Men's Christian Association, and secret fraternities like the Order of Free and Accepted Masons, in carrying out the ideas upon which they are established have founded throughout the world large and costly buildings, thus showing us how much vitality their principles possess, and how much they are worth to mankind. Their lodges represent them in every large city, and this thing alone no doubt has been one of the great factors in their long-continued success. And when we turn to the Greek Letter Fraternities we find that the necessity for permanent abodes, for chapter-houses, has made itself apparent in recent years to many of them. The Fraternity of Delta Kappa Epsilon owes a great deal of its prominence in the past, and much of its present prominence in New York City, to the fact of possessing there a large and well-appointed club-house; and a similar statement might be made of Psi Upsilon and Delta Psi. In truth, at the present time it is an admitted fact that a fraternity without a chapter-house cannot long survive in any Eastern college of prominence, and it is only safe to presume that that ever-active principle of life, the survival of the fittest, will mean in the near future, both in the West and East, the survival of those fraternities that have chapter-houses and are thus able to show to the outside world that there is material strength as well as high aspiration in their organization.

Admitting, then, that these arguments which we have tried to adduce from

other organizations apply to $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, a consideration of how chapter houses are to be established can not be too hasty. Nor is it a new question among us; for it has been agitated, and in some cases with the proper results. It seems to us that the policy of our Grand Chapter ought to be of a more liberal nature. In some case by inopportune delays, amounting almost to negligence, movements of chapters towards the establishment of chapter-houses have been retarded if not wholly stopped, and in other cases even actual possession of the desired thing has had to be relinquished by the Grand Chapter's too conservative policy. But the past is history—the present and the future alone are ours. Then let us to the question. The first thing to do is to organize the Alumni of the great cities in which there are chapters into graduate chapters, thus subserving two purposes, enlisting their active interests once more in fraternity matters, and giving the under-graduates the benefit of their maturer wisdom. The interest thus shown in the fraternity by the the Alumni will awaken the enthusiasm of the under-graduates, and a chapter-house will follow as a natural result. Then, again, if necessary, a sinking fund might be created which would amount in a very short time to a sum sufficient to maintain a house for a space of time long enough to ensure its success thereafter.

So we see that in theory a chapter-house is necessary to the proper success of a fraternity, and in practice the plan appears feasible. Why not then get to work at once? Solve the enigma and let its solution be an incentive to us to strive for nobler heights. Are our mighty principles to be dwarfed by a too close confinement or palsied in a field too narrow for their proper exercise? Are the ideas which we preach firmly planted, having a home of sufficient prominence to attract and retain those worthy of becoming our elect? or are they *in nubibus*, capable of exciting but a momentary enthusiasm which fades and diès the moment youthful aspiration is succeeded by the plain sense of later years? We think the latter nearer the truth. The lever is with us, but the Archimedes in us still shouts *pou sto* ere the world is moved. The soul—the thought, the idea—is large, but the body—the material representation, the dwelling-place—is weak and insignificant. But the principles must survive; and we need not play the seer—much less the dreamer—when we hope to see in the near future our great Fraternity properly represented before the world.

Beta Theta Pi for January, has a contributed article and an editorial as well upon a topic wholly new in fraternity journalism, and we doubt not, equally unfamiliar to the world of Greeks at large. We quote the editorial comment almost in its entirety:

We present in this issue a paper on the origin, progress and history of an academic fraternity, a subject which, we doubt not, will prove both novel and engaging to our readers. Few, indeed, are aware that such an organization as this described exists at all, and although the scope and intention of the article is but to touch briefly upon the affairs of the Alpha Chi fraternity, this particular society is but taken as a convenient and leading type of other associations of a similar nature, concerning which we are at present unable

to present fuller information. Additional details along this line of inquiry will be gladly welcomed from others whose circumstances or interest may lead them to furnish descriptive material relating to this matter.

The institution of academic fraternities marks a new era in fraternity affairs. In the college world the field is pretty thoroughly occupied, and the tendency is rather toward consolidation than multiplication of fraternities in point of numbers, while in practical effect the dominance of a few leading orders is continually crowding weaker rivals to the wall in respect to importance and influence. The idea of ladies' fraternities has also long since suggested itself, and by this time nearly every one of us of the sterner sex has a special protege of the fairer sort wearing our badges for us and writing us tender verse. When there are at last enough to go 'round then we may confidently and imperiously assert that the lines shall be drawn tight to exclude any further attempts to invent new sororites who would have no one to love them.

Thus it will be clearly seen that the only territory yet left for invasion or missionary efforts is the preparatory school. This has long since, however, been a subject of contention or jest, although we trust it will be so no more for a little time, at least, in Beta Theta Pi. Now there is offered the excellent opportunity to train and prepare the callow "Prep." for future distinction as member of a national or conservative fraternity (of which he can afterwards take his choice, as we ourselves do now), by inducting him into the sacred mysteries and unmentionable profanities of a real live fraternity, all his own to labor and to play with.

Apropos of the much discussed and futile attempts of a few years ago as to a Pan-Hellenic Council, *The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta* for January, 1887, has these timely and forcible expressions:

It is evident that to be of any use, a Pan-Hellenic Convention must have the sanction of a good majority of college fraternities, that regularly appointed delegates should be elected, and should have some definite idea of what really was to be accomplished. Granting that our fraternities would go to the expense of electing and paying for the disbursements of delegates, and should clothe them with the very extraordinary and unusual power of acting for their own fraternity, is there any other good to be obtained by such a meeting of Greeks, beyond the pleasant features of acquaintance and companionship? By no means are the latter features to be underestimated, but can they not be attained as well in other ways? To gather together fraternity men wherever they are, to have reunions in cities and at summer resorts, are desirable and pleasant objects, but need no convention to accomplish them. This great object—that of bringing American college fraternities into closer communion—can not be attained by conventions, meetings or resolutions, but is not the less easy of accomplishment. *It is the Chapter that can do it, and the Chapter only.* College graduates are ready to forget the fights of their undergraduate life, and are only too willing to bring together the bonds of Grecian sympathy. It is in the chapter that the friction begins, and it is there, and not in the fraternity convention, that we must look for the culti-

vation of Pan-Hellenism. The almost unavoidable tendency to misrepresent in rushing and spiking, the sacrifices to principle in running in this or that man, the bitter memories of defeat, are not circumstances calculated to increase the mutual esteem of fellow Greeks. If, as the pessimist claims, the evils of rushing, etc., must always exist, how can a convention cure the harsh feelings engendered by them?

But it is not true that these evils must continue. A chapter's existence is not, of course, based on sentiment alone, and practical politics must continue to exist in fraternities as in other organizations, but there is no need for a chapter to sacrifice its existence or prosperity in order to raise the standard of its treatment of a rival. We know of two cases, and there are probably many more, where it is part of the initiate's creed to look with contempt on another chapter, and to do everything possible to prevent its success. This is not the sort of feeling which should characterize fraternity men, and so long as it continues Pan-Hellenism will be a delusion.

The Scroll, in an earlier issue, gives the details of the manner in which the Rainbow Society was absorbed by $\Delta T \Delta$ as follows:

Internally the W. W. W. was a weak organization; it lacked ritual, it taught doctrines that the war had settled, and was distasteful to true republican spirit. Hoping to better and strengthen our organization, our L. S. chapter of the Southwestern University, telegraphed the I. P. chapter at Vanderbilt that we would accept those conditions of consolidation. Upon the heels of this we received from Nashville the following official communication:

"L. S. CHAPTER, RAINBOW FRATERNITY,
"NASHVILLE TENN., Oct. 13, 1885. }

"*Brothers in the Rainbow Fraternity:*

"DEAR SIRS:—Find within terms of consolidation between the W. W. W.s and the Delta Tau Deltas, all of which articles have been ratified by the $\Delta T \Delta$, except the last one, which will undoubtedly be ratified by them very soon, 'as we are informed by their committee.' These articles have been agreed to by the I. P. chapter of Vanderbilt University, and in behalf of the I. P., I ask you to take action upon them as soon as possible, and let us hear the result. By so doing you will greatly oblige,

Your brother in W. W. W.,

PRESTON VAUGHN, D. V."

The terms of consolidation were as follows, to-wit:

"Terms of consolidation of the Rainbow and $\Delta T \Delta$ Fraternities.

"ARTICLE 1. The name of the consolidated fraternities shall be $\Delta T \Delta$

"ART. 2. The Fraternity shall be divided into four grand divisions, the first of which shall be known as the Rainbow Division, and this shall be perpetual, and shall include *all the original chapters* of the Rainbow Fraternity.

"ART. 3. The Grand Chapter of the Rainbow Division shall be located with Vanderbilt University chapter, unless ordered elsewhere by a vote of said Rainbow Division, and then shall go only to an old Rainbow chapter.

"ART. 4. The original Rainbow chapters shall always have at least one representative in the Executive Council.

"ART. 5. The name of the $\Delta T \Delta$ journal shall be changed from the *Crescent* to the *Rainbow*. This is to take effect upon the consolidation of the two fraternities, and to be perpetual."

These terms were diametrically opposed to those we were led to expect would be made, and of such humiliating nature that our chapter determined that it could, with more credit to itself, "swap" our Romanism to better advantage and treat with a Grecian order more congenial to Texas soil than the $\Delta T \Delta$. If it were to surrender the old obsolete order of W. W. W. unconditionally, we claimed the right to say to whom of the conquering host it should be. We learned about this time that the *Rainbow* members at Vanderbilt wore $\Delta T \Delta$ badges and colors. Our Austin chapter came to our rescue and suggested the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. This fraternity was the largest in Texas; two of our faculty were loyal Phis, and we had been told it was second to none in the United States. On the other hand, the $\Delta T \Delta$ was unknown to us, there being no chapter in the State and very few in the South. Our decision was unanimous. We wrote to the I. P. chapter to withdraw our charter; this was treated with silence. We then bundled charter and paraphernalia up in a little brown package and mailed it to Nashville, and sent in our petition to $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ for a charter.

We wish the limits of our pages did not preclude the publishing entire of a masterly article, by Hugh L. Cole, in *The Purple and Gold*, on "Fraternities at Princeton," for it is by far the most dignified, complete and satisfactory of the *raisons d'être* of fraternities that we have anywhere seen. We quote simply his positions from which he argues the question :

I.

My first point therefore is, *that the Greek-letter fraternities are not bad in themselves.*

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II.

But it is contended that whether or not the Greek-letter fraternities are bad in themselves, they are certainly bad in their influence: First.—Upon the undergraduate members. Second.—Upon the Cliosophic, and American Whig Societies (the two old literary societies which comprehended all the students).

Both of these assumptions seem to be without foundation in fact.

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III.

If the Greek-letter fraternities are not evil in themselves, or in their effect upon the morals of the undergraduates, and if it is at least doubtful whether or not the Halls have been injured by them, the prohibition of the fraternities is useless: and, if useless, then positively hurtful.

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IV.

The element of secrecy ought not to weigh against the Greek-letter fraternities in the minds of gentlemen who themselves are members of the Cliosophic and Whig societies.

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V.

But whether the fraternities are prohibited or not, one thing is abundantly evident—that the pledge, which is now made a condition precedent to matriculation in the college, should no longer be required of candidates.

The Kappa Alpha Journal, for February, 1887, has an editorial answer to the repeated comments upon the "New South," from which we quote the gist. There is no uncertain sound in these words:

There seems to be a growing idea that the South of to-day, progressive and wide awake as it is, is not a lineal descendant of the South of yesterday. Too much stress is put upon the importance of Northern brain, energy and capital, as factors in advancing the material and educational development of our country.

It is seldom remembered that when the war broke out the South was rapidly pursuing the path of improvement, which happily she has re-entered; and the rapidity with which she produced, without any sort of foreign aid, all the munitions of war and necessities of life, while she, for four years, tasked every energy to repel a destroying enemy, seems to have been forgotten. We honestly and heartily believe that the South of to-day is the descendant of the ante-bellum South, and that the development of the present is but the expansion of germs which were vital in the past. Why then, we ask, is there such incessant, prodigal-son-retained talk about the New South? The South of to-day is the South of our fathers. Our fathers' mistakes we may admit, but we should never, by implication, impugn their wisdom, worth and integrity, by admitting a difference between the "Old" and the "New South."

Southern newspapers, harping upon a different string, assume that Northern wealth and Northern immigration constitute the *sine qua non*, without which our land is ever to remain in the slough of despondency. With almost beggarly importunity do they sue for the investment of Northern wealth and the inrush of Northern people. We know that to some degree, both money and population is needed in the South to produce the quickest and greatest material improvement. But admitting that, viewed from the single standpoint of wealth, this importation of Northern men and money would advance material prosperity, we are forced to ask: Would the increase of wealth and political power be a blessing, overbalance the evil results which would arise from the inroad of an overwhelming number of Northern laborers, with their low grade of social life and their socialistic tendencies? Would it be a benefit for ours to be converted instantly from an agricultural to a manufacturing people? Should the "Solid South" discard its pride, independence, chivalry, and for argument's sake, *poverty*, for the loose materialism and groveling ideas of a bartering, trading, cheating, commercial people? Should Esau sell his birthright for a mess of pottage?

Fraternity and College Notes.

Dartmouth is going to have a gymnasium costing about \$4,000.

B θ Π has revived her Miami Chapter, the mother chapter of the Fraternity.—*The Rainbow*.

Bowdoin College had 121 students last year, all of whom, except five, were fraternity men.—*Ex*.

All the fraternities of the University of California, except *Φ Δ θ* live in rented chapter houses.—*The Rainbow*.

The Adelbert Chapter of *Δ K E*, according to the *Beta Theta Pi*, has gone into a serious decline, being reduced to three men.

Robert Garrett, '67, Princeton, President of the B. & O. R. R., has given \$8,000 toward the new art school at Princeton.—*Cin. Com. Gaz.*

Jonas Gilman Clark has given one million dollars to establish a University in the city of Worcester, Mass., to be known as Clark University.—*Ex*.

The class of '77, Princeton, propose building a biological laboratory as a memorial gift. It will cost \$8,000, and be finished in June.—*Cin. Com. Gaz.*

The two literary societies of Princeton, the Whig and Clio, are making new preparations to build new halls, the estimated cost of each being \$5,000.—*Ex*.

The Sigma Phi fraternity has lately emerged from its reserve, to institute a chapter at Lehigh University, the first new chapter it has founded since 1858, it is said.

President McCosh of Princeton, and Drs. Talmage, Storrs and Hodge will address, with other speakers, an anti-secret society convention in Chicago, about March 20.—*Ex*.

Φ Δ Θ, at her late Convention, refused charters to Iowa Agricultural College, University of Pacific and William Jewell College. Φ Γ Δ has re-established at the University of California. — *The Rainbow*.

During the year ending April 1, 1886, fourteen members of various chapters of Φ Δ Θ have resigned or been expelled. The active membership has been 833, and there are fifty-eight chapters. The living members of the fraternity number 4,267.

The Regents of Kenyon Military Academy are making preparations to open Harcourt next year, as a young ladies' seminary. A new brick building, three stories high, is to be built during the summer, directly south of Harcourt. A street is to be cut through the orchard, on which the building will front, and the old buildings are to be thoroughly overhauled.

The Address of the Historian of Phi Delta Theta, at their recent convention, among many other interesting facts, states that "not more than 15 per cent, of the students who enter colleges in this country join a fraternity; only 120 of the 370 colleges are to-day sheltering fraternities and only 40 per cent. of the students in these colleges join the mystic circle."

The securing of an improved and modern gymnasium is being agitated at Denison University, and the prospects are that there will soon be one. An improvement and decorative association has been formed under the direction of the wife of the President. The object is to improve the already fine grounds with shrubs and flowers. The students have entered into the project with enthusiasm, nearly every one pledging work or money.

Several years ago the Alpha chapter of Sigma Chi was killed at the Ohio Wesleyan University by the expulsion of all its members for the theft of some physical apparatus and general lawlessness. Several attempts have since been made to revive the fraternity at that institution, but without effect. Dame Rumor is loud in her clamoring that within a few weeks the result so long prayed for among the "Sig's" will be an accomplished fact.

Amherst loses its most distinguished alumnus in the death of Henry Ward Beecher, of the class of 1834. The Amherst Student says that "during his preparatory course, which was taken at Mt.

Pleasant School, and throughout his college course he was not a student of high rank, but was a prodigious reader. His life has been a succession of triumphs, and though often opposed by enemies, has passed through unscathed, and he will long be remembered as one of America's greatest men."

A correspondent writes to the *Kappa Alpha Journal* offering the following suggestions as to what should be considered in making up a chapter report:

Property—(1), Value of hall, (if owned by chapter); (2), Value of furniture; (3), Value of paraphernalia and books; (4), Value of other property.

Income and Expenses—(1), Amount of money received annually; (2), Amount of money expended annually.

Initiates, Etc.—(1), Number of new initiates since last convention; (2), Number of men who have become alumni since last convention.

Johns Hopkins puts forth a cheerful leaflet, stating in lively terms the prosperous and happy condition of the chapter. Four new men have been added this year by initiation and others by transfers, giving a total membership at time of report of 21, with a few other initiations in prospect soon. The chapter is seeking a permanent chapter hall. A large grist of honors have been bestowed upon the well deserving brethren, and everything in general is luxuriantly flourishing. The *poor, pitiful rivals* are Phi Kappa Psi, with 7, and Delta Phi, with 10. Johns Hopkins offers a fine field for another first-class fraternity or two.—*Dec. Semi-Annals of Beta Theta Pi.*

[The italics in the above are ours.—ED. SHIELD.]

The Rev. Emory J. Haynes delivered a sermon on the subject, "Shall I Join a Fraternity?" in Boston, recently. It was apropos of the visit of the Odd Fellows to that city. "I pay a debt of gratitude this day," he said. "Years ago when a lad, I came from the State of Vermont and went to college, where I had the companionship of some young men who admitted me to their secret honors, and I pay honor to them. They were my friends, and they rebuked me when I did wrong, and rejoiced with me when I did well. Then they cared for me, and saved my life when I was sick. I have a great respect for these secret societies. I owe as much to the watchfulness and sympathy of that society as I owe to the college itself."—*Kappa Sigma Quarterly.*

Mr. John DeWitt Warner, editor of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon*

Quarterly, in a recent number of his journal published a remarkable article, entitled, "The First American Fraternity," which has been extensively copied. The limits of the pages of *THE SHIELD* preclude the possibility of our emulating the example of the journals of sister orders and giving it entire, and we subjoin a brief epitome of its character from the College Notes of the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*:

The origin of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity is the subject of a noteworthy article in the last number of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*. The nature of its beginnings and early history have heretofore been wrapped in mystery, and every previous writer has given a different account, according to his own misinformation or theory. But the present writer's researches have been successful in discovering the original records of the Fraternity among some old historical papers, and from among these quaint ancient archives he has reconstructed the true history of this pioneer of American college fraternities. He shows that the distinguished Order of Phi Beta Kappa was founded at William and Mary College, in Virginia, in the winter of 1776-77, and had a prosperous existence of several years as a literary and social organization of the highest and most select nature. In 1779 branch chapters began to be established in other neighboring institutions, all of which, however, together with the mother Chapter, were killed by the suspension of Southern colleges during the latter years of the Revolution. But before this fatal event, charters had been granted one, Elisha Parnele, a young graduate of Harvard, to establish branch chapters also at Harvard and Yale. Parnele went north and founded the Yale Chapter in 1780, and the Harvard Chapter in 1781, the latter being a posthumous offshoot, as it were, of the original stock, and from these two chapters Phi Beta Kappa was propagated. The Fraternity has since had a varied career, departing largely from the original plans of its promoters, and losing its strictly secret character; has now become an open order of scholars, recruiting its ranks from year to year from among the select students of leading American colleges, and forming an influential association of educated and intellectual men.

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DISTRICT COUNCILS.

FIRST DISTRICT.

The First Council of the First District of $\Phi K \Psi$ has passed into fraternity history. The success with which all its actions were accompanied was most encouraging. The good results which it has achieved can only be shown by the future condition of the District.

Early in the morning of the sixth of April delegates from the various chapters began to gather in Harrisburg. Every train brought some loyal Phi Psi, who received a hearty welcome from the brothers gathered at the railroad station. By nightfall quite a number of delegates had arrived and registered. The Leland House was selected as the headquarters of the Council, but almost every hotel of the town entertained some brother.

The first session of the Council was begun Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock. The Archon, Bro. Wm. C. Posey, of Pennsylvania Iota, was detained in Philadelphia, and, at his request, order was called by the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, H. L. Calder, of Pennsylvania Gamma. The opening prayer was made by Charles A. Smith, of New York Delta. A temporary organization was effected by the Archon *pro tem.* appointing officers, who examined the credentials of the delegates and satisfied themselves as to the rights of all present. As the session had duly opened, and the Council was now ready for business, on motion, all further action was postponed for one hour in honor of the Archon, whose arrival was awaited.

At 9:30 the Council reassembled, Bro. Posey presiding. The roll was called, and over thirty delegates responded. The Committee of Arrangements nominated a list of candidates for permanent organization. The

nominees were accepted by a unanimous vote. The officers thus chosen were. H. A. Dubbs, Pa. Eta, W. P.; S. L. Adler, N. Y. Alpha, W. A. G.; A. B. Miller, Pa. Alpha, W. Ph.; G. D. McIlvaine, Pa. Theta, W. H.; C. A. Smith, N. Y. Delta. W. Ch. All attending brothers, not delegates, were elected honorary members of the Council, with the right of speech.

The first business of special interest was the reading of the chapter reports. Each chapter, in order, was represented by one of its delegates, who read a report on its general condition. The reports were confined mainly to the standing and outlook of the various chapters, and the methods of fraternity work pursued. While they, of course, differed on some important subjects, yet all were pervaded by a certain harmony of thought. At the conclusion of the reading of the chapter papers, the Archon read his report on the condition and prospects of the District. He referred briefly and satisfactorily to the individual chapters, and dwelt principally on the policy of extension within the limits of the District, touching upon the various institutions which have at times come up for discussion. As this was the report of the first Archon of the District, there was naturally some speculation as to its nature, but Bro. Posey's well-written paper did credit both to himself and to the Council.

The regular business of the evening session ended at this point, but, before adjournment, a resolution was passed, ordering messages of greeting to be sent to the other District Councils of the Fraternity. At the same time a committee was appointed to make arrangements for having a photograph of the Council taken.

The session of Thursday morning began at ten o'clock. During the night and early morning quite a number of delegates had arrived, and they presented their credentials at the opening of the session. By this time the number of brothers in attendance had reached its zenith, and the following chapters were represented: Pa. A, B, F, E, Z, H, O, I; N. Y. A, B, A.

The Committee of Arrangements had appointed a committee to draw up by-laws for the government of the Council. The by-laws were read by Bro. Clark, of Pennsylvania Gamma, and, after having been adopted with slight corrections, were ordered to be forwarded to the Executive Council for approval.

The interest of the morning session centered in the election of a member of the Executive Council to succeed Bro. Shaw, of Pennsylvania Beta. Two candidates were placed in nomination, and the election resulted in favor of Bro. A. W. Cummins, of Pennsylvania Theta. The successful brother is well known among the chapters of the State. In his

own college — Lafayette — he stands high in all student enterprises, being prominent alike in athletics and collegiate literature. The brothers who did not happen to be present at the District Council may rest assured that Bro. Cummins will do his utmost to further the interests of the District.

Syracuse, New York, was selected as the place in which to hold the next District Council. At first it was thought too far north for most of the chapters, but the assurance of a hearty welcome and hospitable entertainment influenced the vote in favor of New York Beta.

The work of the morning ended here, but one of the essayists expected to leave before the appointed time, and the Archon permitted him to read his paper before the close of the morning session. A short recess, however, was first taken, after which S. L. Adler, of New York Alpha, read his essay, "How may the Initiatory Rites be Improved?" The production evinced careful study of the subject, and was marked by a spirit of liberal conservatism. Twenty minutes had been allowed for discussion, but the time was exceeded. Almost every chapter of the District was represented in the discussion, and the interchange of ideas was, perhaps, more productive of good than any other feature of the Council. At the conclusion of the discussion, an adjournment was made.

During the morning the Committee on Photographs reported, and at 1:30 the boys assembled on the steps of the State Capitol, when a group picture was taken. The writer has not yet seen the result of the "*effort*," but if the general personal appearance of the delegates, combined with the fatherly advice of the photographer and the friendly assistance of a somewhat ancient female, has not produced a successful result, something must surely be lacking in photography. Before leaving the Capitol grounds, the members of the Council paid their respects to Governor Beaver. His apartments were thrown open to the boys, and the reception was a most cordial one. The return to the hotel was then made, and the last active session of the Council was begun.

The oration of the day was delivered by J. S. Adams, Esq., of Pennsylvania Iota, and while not bearing directly upon fraternity work, the orator dwelt, at length and forcibly, upon the subjects which lie at the bottom of fraternity spirit. The oration was well written and strong, and fully merited the applause with which it was received.

The greater part of the afternoon was devoted to the reading of essays. The following papers were presented, and after the reading of each a general discussion on the subject followed:

Policy in Fraternity Extension. BRO. F. J. SCHNAUBER, N. Y. *Beta*.

Chapter Houses—Advantages and Disadvantages.

Management of Chapter Finances. BRO. A. W. CUMMINS, Penna. *Theta*.

District Councils.

How can the Chapter best retain the allegiance of the Alumni, and how may the S. G. best perform the duties of his office?

BRO. G. D. STAHLEY, M. D., Penna. *Epsilon*.

Methods of "Rushing." BRO. A. L. DRYDEN, Penna. *Zeta*.

All of the essays were well conceived and to the point. Especial mention must, however, be made of the paper read by Bro. G. D. Stahley, M. D., an alumnus of Pennsylvania Epsilon. The readers of THE SHIELD will, no doubt, soon have an opportunity of reading it, but in the meantime, I may say that, coming from the ranks of the alumni, it showed the love which they possess for the active work of the fraternity.

After the last discussion had concluded, the Archon made an assessment for defraying the expenses of the Council. A resolution was passed authorizing the printing of a report of the proceedings, after which the Archon declared the final adjournment.

The banquet was held in the dining-hall of the Leland House at nine o'clock. Over fifty loyal Phi Psis seated themselves at the tables. The attention of the brothers was, of course, first directed to the menu, but, before long, croquettes and speeches, plum pudding and toasts were striving for the precedence in genuine fraternal rivalry. I suppose it must be acknowledged that the literary part of the feast excelled, but for the sake of the curious, I append both the contestants:

→Menu←

BLUE POINTS ON SHELL.

GREEN TURTLE, A LA LELAND.

BOILED KENNEBEC SALMON, SAUCE CARDINAL.
Pommes Parisienne.

PATTIES OF CHICKEN, A LA REIN.

CROQUETTES OF SWEETBREAD WITH PEAS.

TENDERLOIN OF BEEF, LARDED FINANCIERE.

ASPARAGUS.

MASHED POTATOES.

BLACK WING DUCK, JELLY.

LETTUCE.

MAYONAISE.

ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING, BRANDY SAUCE.

ASSORTED CAKES, CHAMPAGNE JELLY.

VANILLA ICE CREAM.

RAISINS.

NUTS.

FRUITS.

CRACKERS.

CHEESE.

CAFE.

→Toasts←

Poem.....	F. F. Schelling, Pa. Iota.
Phi Kappa Psi.....	C. A. Smith, N. Y. Delta.
The Executive Council.....	F. A. Shaw, Pa. Beta.
"THE SHIELD".....	H. A. Dubbs, Pa. Eta.
The District Council.....	H. L. Calder, Pa. Gamma.
The Ladies.....	Hon. H. G. Glover, Pa. Theta.
The Alumni.....	C. S. Duncan, Pa. Epsilon.
Toast Master, O. H. Kendall, Pa. Iota.	

Miscellaneous toasts followed, and the good will was uncorked until long after Friday morning had been ushered in, when the Toast Master declared the banquet a thing of the past.

To the Committee of Arrangements, and especially to the Archon of the District, the success of the first Council is due. Their labors and good judgment were directed towards making the District Council just what it should be—an assemblage of brothers, a stimulus to fraternity work and knowledge.

H. A. DUBBS.

Lancaster, Pa., April 13, 1887.

SECOND DISTRICT.

[We asked the Archon of the Second District to furnish us with a report of the proceedings, and about the middle of last month we received a note from him asking that space be reserved for this account. We held the space until the evening of the 3d inst., when we telegraphed to know if publication should be delayed longer. We received the following reply on the morning of the 4th:

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3, 1887.

C. L. Van Cleve, Troy, Ohio:

Can not get article ready. Press of business has prevented.

HARRY W. SMITH.

We regret, more than we can express, this unavoidable omission.—
ED. SHIELD.]

THIRD DISTRICT.

Just a year ago Phi Kappa Psi took a forward step in the van of fraternities, radically changing her constitution. Prominent among these changes was the division of the fraternity into districts, presided over by Archons and cemented by biennial District conventions. If the success of the Third District Council be any criterion, the wisdom of our new constitution is clearly demonstrated.

On Tuesday evening, April 5th, the delegates began to come in, L. Van Buskirk, our worthy Archon, leading the delegation. In consultation with W. G. Frizell, of Ohio Alpha, the Archon had arranged an excellent programme, and on Wednesday afternoon, in the pleasant rooms of Ohio Alpha, the first business session of the convention took place.

The convention was called to order by the Archon, L. Van Buskirk, who filled the office of W. G. P., and the following officers were elected: W. A. G., W. P. Henderson, Ohio Alpha; W. P., George C. Nimmons, Ohio Gamma; W. Ph., C. A. Ehrenfeld, Ohio Beta; W. H., W. P. Reed, Ohio Alpha.

The roll of delegates was called, Ohio Alpha, Beta and Delta having full delegations, Ohio Gamma three delegates, Indiana Alpha and Beta two each, while Indiana Gamma did not respond to its call.

A Committee on Third District Council By-Laws was appointed, consisting of W. G. Frizell, Ohio Alpha; W. H. Manss, Ohio Beta, and H. P. Converse, Ohio Delta.

The chapter reports were of great interest, showing the high standard of Phi Kappa Psi in the six colleges represented. The number of members and their division in classes, and the number of honors taken, rival any of the fraternities which Phi Kappa Psi meets, while the improvements in chapter halls are very marked.

"The Power of District Councils" was ably discussed by R. H. Hiller, of Ohio Beta, and an exhaustive paper on "Chapter Houses" was read by U. G. Sanger, of Ohio Alpha. The Chapter Home is fast becoming a necessity in fraternity polity, and Ohio Alpha, for one, is making every effort to secure that boon.

After some miscellaneous business, the Council adjourned to meet at 8:00 P. M. for an informal reception.

By the time appointed, the rooms of the home chapter were filled with brothers, who were making the most of the social feature of the convention. Music seems to be taking a high place in *ΦΚΨ*. Every chapter represented owns a piano, and some of the delegates furnished excellent music, both vocal and instrumental. By ten o'clock every one knew his brother, and the exuberant fraternal spirit gave vent to its power in the chorus, "Sing To-night, Phi Kappa, Kappa Psi, Forever and Forever." Friendly contests with gloves were indulged in, much to the amusement of the lookers on, and as a good-night move, a good old-fashioned Virginia reel was toed off.

At nine o'clock Thursday morning the Archon's gavel demanded silence, and T. D. Long, of Indiana Beta, read a pointed paper on "Fraternity Extension in Indiana." A similar article on extension in

Ohio was presented by George C. Nimmons, of Ohio Gamma. The review of Ohio colleges and their fraternities was complete, and his conclusion was that Adelbert College, at Cleveland, was the only probable institution at which $\Phi \kappa \Psi$ would wish to establish a chapter.

The last paper on "The Imperfections of Our New Government" was eloquently delivered by George M. Baker, of Indiana Alpha, member of the Executive Council from the Third District. The imperfections were few, but the possibilities of our new government are almost boundless.

A general discussion followed these literary and instructive treats, the feasibility of granting the petitioners at Purdue University, Indiana, a charter, being the topic of interest. After a thorough discussion, the Council decided to push the matter, and telegraphed to the other Councils in session, urging them to take favorable action in regard to the petition. The Indiana delegates were enthusiastic on the subject, and being on the field, their judgment should be taken as decisive. An expression of regret was expressed at the non-appearance and utter silence of Indiana Gamma.

After dinner the brothers assembled on the Court House steps, and fifty as loyal $\Phi \Psi$'s as ever gave the grip were taken as one. C. L. Van Cleve arrived in time to be "taken in," holding in his hand the first excellent number of *THE SHIELD*.

The afternoon session was presided over by George C. Nimmons, at the request of the Archon, and he made a fine presiding officer. George Smart, of Ohio Delta, our grand catalogue man, read a remarkably fine paper on "Fraternity Morality," and at the request of the Council, this deserving production will be reproduced in *THE SHIELD*, when all can enjoy and drink in its pure principles.

The Committee on By-Laws reported, and their work was approved of by the Council. This difficult duty was well done, and now we know the workings of a Council.

It was decided to hold the next District Council at Greencastle, Indiana, where Indiana Alpha will do the act of mine host.

A. Hartwell, of Ohio Delta, was chosen member of the Executive Council, and a vote of thanks was given to Ohio Alpha for her entertainment and all that, "you know."

Thursday evening a reception was held at Monnett Hall, where the ladies of the O. W. U. smiled upon the visitors, and the visitors—well, some, at least—lost their hearts. At ten o'clock the half-hundred of Phi Psis sat down to the banquet, gotten up by Hotel Donavin. The hall was tastefully decorated with pink and lavender, and the menu was of the

finest. The menu and programme were printed on pink and lavender satin, artistically put together, a fitting souvenir of the memorable occasion.

George W. Dun, of Ohio Delta, made a worthy Toast Master, but we could not make him talk about the treasury of the fraternity, but W. C. Wilson, Secretary of the Executive Council, assured us it was full.

The orator of the evening was C. W. Dustin, '67, Ohio Alpha, and his account of "The Phi Psis of Twenty Years Ago" was both witty and highly instructive.

F. W. Haymond, Indiana Alpha, read a beautifully written poem, "The Fraternity," which I hope to see printed in *THE SHIELD*.

The toasts were responded to in a happy manner, being as follows: "Third District," L. Van Buskirk, Indiana Beta; "Phi Psis in Convention," R. A. Flickinger, Ohio Gamma; "Faculty and Fraternity," Geo. W. Baker, Indiana Alpha; "Rushing," H. E. Payne, Ohio Delta; "Phi Psi Girls," C. L. Ehrenfeld, Ohio Beta; "Our Alumni," G. S. Dial, Ohio Alpha. Stirring college and fraternity songs were "lined out" at the right time by Charles Marple, Ohio Delta.

After the regular programme came toasts from our wheelmen, C. L. Van Cleve and W. C. Wilson. Bro. Van Cleve struck right from the shoulder, and explained fully the relation of *THE SHIELD* to the fraternity. I would like to give the speech entire, but I leave it for an editorial. W. C. Wilson roasted rather than toasted us on the "Business Relations of the Fraternity." His report was encouraging, but he said there was room for improvement, pointing out clearly the methods to be established.

The Third District Council was truly fortunate in having two members of the Executive Council and the editor of *THE SHIELD* with them, for nothing so encourages the undergraduate as the cheering words of his older and tried brother. Towards morning we said "Good-night," and the Third District Council was a "has been." To say that the Council was a success is putting it mildly, and now we live in anticipation of the G. A. C. at Washington, D. C.

B. M. ALLISON.

Delaware, Ohio, April 18, 1887.

SQUIBS.

Every one had a grand time.

Ohio Delta had the largest foreign delegation.

Some called Van Buskirk "Our Arch Angel."

George Smart says the Grand Catalogue is progressing finely.

If you want a Third District Council picture, send 60 cents to Bodurtha, Delaware, Ohio.

C. L. Van Cleve, with his usual push, had the April SHIELD there in time for the convention.

The Ohio chapters were disappointed in not seeing more delegates from the Indiana chapters.

Every one was loud in his praise of the manner in which Ohio Alpha entertained the Third District Council.

Haymond's poetical nature took a turn, and he spent Friday morning in dodging the Professors because he had a Sem. out walking.

A telegram was received from Governor J. B. Foraker, expressing his regrets at not being able to attend the Council and its social features.

The boys have a good one on Bro. Dustin, who offered colors to his company at the reception, for *she* is a teacher, and fraternity colors are positively forbidden.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

The Council of the Fourth District, held in the parlors of the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, was formally opened on the afternoon of April 6, by Archon L. S. Pease. After temporary organization had been effected, a Committee on Credentials appointed and their work accomplished, officers were elected as follows: W. P., Joseph Halsted, Mich. *A*; W. A. G., F. J. Campbell, Ill. *A*; W. H., E. M. Platt, Wis. *A*; W. Ph., L. S. Dennett, Cal. *A*; W. C., J. P. Brushingham, Ill. *A*. Archon Pease made an introductory address on the purposes of the Council, and reports on the condition of the chapters were made by the delegates from all the chapters except Iowa *T* and *A*, which two were briefly represented by the Archon.

Some desultory discussion followed regarding the condition of the chapter at Monmouth. After appointment of a Committee on By-Laws, the session was adjourned.

At the morning session of the 7th, the report of the Committee on By-Laws was made, approved and the code ordered laid before the Executive Council for approval. Messages of fraternal greeting were exchanged with other District Councils. A committee was appointed to consider the question as to the next place of meeting. W. E. Lennan, Illinois *A*, was to have presented a paper on "What Individual Qualities Warrant an Invitation to Phi Psi?" but he was not present, and Robert E. Park, Michigan *A*, then discussed "Methods of Rushing." Bro. Park said: "Every chapter must have some general policy in regard to rushing, but this could not properly be reduced to a method. A man allies himself to

a fraternity, not as a business enterprise; nor can a man be true to his fraternity who joins it for his personal advantage. In rushing, not alone must personal advantages over another be offered, nor must appeal be made to intellect or feelings alone. The best argument is, 'We like you, and we want you to join us,' and to this argument all others must be made subordinate. Two suggestions might be offered—the extension of the chapter letter system and practice of establishing a reputation in certain places, and taking therefrom all the good men."

An informal discussion of this paper was followed by a talk on "Duties of the S. G.," by C. B. Thwing, Illinois *A*, and after further routine business, Council adjourned till afternoon.

The paper on "How can Chapter Meetings be Made Most Interesting?" was read by James W. Bollinger, Iowa *A*. Men bound as we need not turn their weekly gatherings into either prayer-meetings or billiard tournaments. There should always be a committee on arrangement for programmes and entertainments, and it should always be remembered that the most profitable meetings are those which rouse and strengthen fraternity enthusiasm. Songs, discussions, spreads, the boxing-glove and the foil are among the numerous methods of enjoyment to be suggested.

Informal discussion followed, in which it was ascertained that about one-half the chapters have in operation an educational system in fraternity matters.

The paper of E. M. Platt, Wisconsin *A*, on "How can the Chapter Best Retain the Allegiance of its Alumni?" followed, and was discussed. The substance of the paper was: "This question is often too easily overlooked, and it is one which should not be; for only by estrangement can the interest of the alumnus be lost. Activity, strict adherence to the duty of keeping alumni well informed, sacrifices, are all called for from the undergraduate. The chapter needs the support of the alumnus. It must show appreciation of the support given; it must try to maintain unity and good feeling and willingness to work in both chapter and alumnus. Financial aid should be asked only under extraordinary circumstances. Pay attention always to the alumnus when on a visit at reunions, banquets. Increase the number of alumni associations; issue chapter letters. The retaining of the allegiance is all important to us, not yet an old fraternity."

A choice of place for the next meeting was made, and St. Paul was named. By a reconsideration later, however, Madison was chosen instead. J. M. Sheehan, Wisconsin *I*, was elected a member of the Executive Council. Resolutions offered by R. E. Park, Michigan *A*, relative to the best methods of obtaining new men, were adopted. A committee was appointed to draw up, for publication, an account of the proceedings, a

vote of thanks tendered to the committees on arrangements and on by-laws and to the Archon, and after a few closing remarks by Bro. Pease, the Council adjourned in due form.

The banquet of the Fourth District Council occurred Thursday evening, April 7th, at the Grand Pacific Hotel. Sixty-one representatives of sixteen chapters of the fraternity were present. After the banquet, Toast Master Robins S. Mott, Illinois *B*, introduced C. E. Piper, Illinois *A*, who delivered the address of welcome, to which L. S. Pease, Wisconsin *A*, responded. The poem was read by Prof. F. L. Anderson, Illinois *B*; the oration delivered by Rev. C. M. Stuart, Illinois *A*. Louis Munson, Indiana *B*, responded to "Our Alumni;" J. M. Sheehan, Wisconsin *F*, to "Fourth District;" J. V. Denny, Michigan *A*, to "Our New Government." The programme was pleasantly interspersed with fraternity songs, and was followed by informal responses to the toasts: "Phi Psi Reminiscences," J. R. Custer, Pennsylvania *E*, '64; "Scattering Thoughts," C. N. Gregory, Wisconsin *A*; "Phi Psi Girls," Prof. E. L. Parmenter, Michigan *A*; and a sequel to this last, "Phi Psi Babies," by R. C. King, Illinois *B*. The representation by chapters at the banquet was: Illinois *A*, 16; Michigan *A*, 13; Illinois *B*, 9; Wisconsin *A*, 6; Wisconsin *F*, 5; Indiana *B*, 4; Kansas *A*, 2; Iowa *A*, Minnesota *A*, California *A*, New York *A*, Pennsylvania *E*, District of Columbia *A* and Virginia *B*, one each.

[On account of the severe illness of his father, Bro. Lynn S. Pease, who was to have written the article on the Fourth District Council, was unable to do more than send the minutes and memoranda written by different hands. We were compelled to make the account ourselves from these data, and thus we can not present to the chapters of this District an article that shall be satisfactory to them or pleasing to us.—ED. SHIELD.]

Editorial.

We have issued two numbers, both of which are larger than the law and our contract call for, but we have done so to make THE SHIELD attractive and readable. We hope that this gospel measure may meet with favor and reciprocity on the part of those who have it in their power to make or break THE SHIELD.

We have received communications and remittances with the following different initials: E. C., C. E., J. L., C. S., C. H., L., none of which are proper, and have caused not a little inconvenience to the Editor in obtaining money. This is due to pure carelessness on the part of correspondents, for our name is on every letter-head and appears twice on the statements in answer to which most of the mistakes were made.

Had our name appeared only in sign-manual upon our communications, there would be no wonder expressed at any sort of guess as to the initials, but it was not so, the printer's art had rendered any such mistake unpardonable. Pray be careful.

There is no occult process by which the Editor can ascertain that B. G.'s have been changed, that addresses of undergraduates and alumni have been altered, and a little care on the part of those particularly interested would save the Editor a vast amount of annoyance and labor.

Changes of address ought to be made the subject of

separate communications, and we ought not to be expected to pick out our information from the mass of contributed matter that comes to us, but ought to be assisted in our labors by many brothers who, by a very little pains, could materially improve *THE SHIELD* in its various departments.

Our talented predecessor, Bro. Little, could perform feats upon the editorial tripod that we dare not emulate if we would. Chief of these was his dexterity in launching thunderbolts to chapter correspondents by which they were not paralyzed, but revived and stimulated to vigorous action.

We know the means he employed, and might profit by his kindly suggestions, but surely, brother laborers in the cause of Phi Kappa Psi, you do not need to be cajoled or forced into doing your duty?

THE SHIELD is meant to be the fraternity's paper, and the editor understands that it is his duty to reflect the best sentiment of $\Phi K \Psi$ as he understands it, and from long experience and observation, we know that interest chiefly centers in chapter letters and personals. What a pitiful array of the former we have had, and of the latter, we have been favored with a few fugitive squibs. We have asked that personals be written on separate slips, and we have had them incorporated in the body of chapter letters against our earnest protest.

Much attention has been paid, and will be paid, to the question, How can we best secure and retain the allegiance of alumni? Let us answer that question in the briefest and strongest way: Keep them informed of the doings of their chapter and their old associates.

How can this be best done and most economically, both as to time and money expended? By making *THE*

SHIELD of the greatest possible interest to alumni, and seeing that they get it.

We do not believe that $\phi K \psi$ needs or desires anything but a monthly, but we will be pardoned for referring to a plan once pursued, and perhaps still continued, by $\Lambda K E$ in supporting their *Quarterly*. Each chapter subscribed and paid for a number of their journal, largely in excess of their active membership, and sent them, with the chapter's compliments, to their alumni for the express purpose of doing the latter good. We are reliably informed that, almost without exception, the money outlay was more than returned, and in many instances chapters received substantial contributions.

We have a few less than four hundred names of alumni on our subscription book, and the number might easily be made one thousand. We shall not be content to hand THE SHIELD over to a successor with less than 1,500 names of paying subscribers upon its books. Can this be brought about? Why not? Distribute five hundred among our present number of chapters, not allowing for any increase, and we need not expect an average of more than fourteen names to a chapter to accomplish this result.

One man of energy and enthusiasm in each chapter could bring this about in one year, we verily believe. Shall we have that kind of support?

The District Councils engross the attention of this issue, as they ought. Without exception, they were conducted with an enthusiasm and understanding of the scope of their purpose, such as might reasonably have been expected after years of experiment, but not at the very inception of the idea.

Inasmuch as our duties, when on the Committee on Revision, were largely advisory and chiefly concerned with

the rhetoric, we may, without immodesty, speak of some of the chief features of our new government.

It goes without argument that the Executive Council feature is the most important and most beneficent of all the radical changes made, but the District Councils have supplied a want long felt and never properly met.

We were never an advocate of yearly sessions of the Grand Arch Council—law-making bodies meet all too frequently in this American nation,—but we did believe in, and have ever advocated, the necessity of gatherings of brothers from various chapters for the cultivation of a better acquaintance, whether they occur under authority or not.

Many fraternities hold annual conventions, but we believe it is a mistake to do so; such meetings are too severe a drain on the fraternity, and are of benefit to too few a number of its members.

During the first week in April more than two hundred Phi Psis met and greeted each other, discussed, earnestly, topics of vital interest to $\phi \kappa \psi$, and cultivated the eternal principles of our beloved Order. This number was largely made up of undergraduates who seldom have opportunity to attend Grand Arch Councils, and who, if present at such gatherings, can seldom have voice in its discussions.

In 1889 we believe that the numbers can be nearly doubled, and in direct ratio with the attendance and interest will Phi Kappa Psi, throughout her borders, be built up and strengthened in our most glorious faith.

In the June issue we hope to present to the readers of *THE SHIELD* some of the more striking addresses and papers delivered at the Councils, in order that the fraternity may catch the drift of the discussions, and thus better understand the workings of these meetings than if the Editor were to discuss what the nature of such gatherings

should be. The field for discussion is boundless, and we believe that the Archons, now that they have their hands in, will be able to secure the strongest and best talent in the fraternity to discuss the broad questions of policy which ought to engage the attention of these bodies.

We have long been of the opinion that it was a mistake to publish any journal devoted to the interests of college men except in conformity to well-established usages as to time. The universal college year lasts from September to June, and in our judgment, all publications devoted to college students and their interests should be dated beginning in the former month and ending with the latter. We advocated this plan with earnestness during our former editorship, but custom having established April as the date at which to begin the volumes of *THE SHIELD*, the proposed innovation was too startling to meet with favor.

Younger members of the fraternity will be interested to know how April became the month of beginnings for *THE SHIELD*. It was no classic impulse that induced the act, no sentiment concerning the opening year, but necessity brought us to this date, through the instrumentality of a winter Grand Arch Council.

At the Pittsburg Grand Arch Council, held in February, 1883, after a very earnest discussion, it was declared with enthusiasm that *THE SHIELD* must be revived. For three years two enthusiastic Philadelphia Phi Psis, Prof. Edgar F. Smith, now of Wittenberg College and a member of the Executive Council, and Prof. Otis H. Kendall, of the University of Pennsylvania, had published our journal as a private venture, losing money and getting the proverbial kicks for their pains.

Disgusted with the apathy of the fraternity in gen-

eral, and in particular with a few contemptible fellows without gentlemanly instincts, although Phi Psis in name, they gave up the publication of our journal in April, 1882.

The Grand Arch Council made THE SHIELD the official organ of the fraternity, made its support sure by prescribing that every active member of the fraternity should be a subscriber, and by authorizing Ohio Beta as publishing chapter. (See THE SHIELD, Vol. IV., No. 1, pages 6, 8.) The publishing chapter was an experiment, for the success of THE SHIELD was problematical unless some one would become responsible for its obligations, whether the compulsory subscription sufficed to support the paper or not. The sequel proved the wisdom of this expedient, for those were anxious days for Ohio Beta and the editor whom she chose to conduct the magazine; but when the two years had passed, during which she was to have charge of our journal, the crisis had been passed, and its success was assured.

Many of the delegates at the Columbus Grand Arch Council of 1885 were earnest in their desire to adopt the plan since carried into effect—that of putting entire control of the magazine into the hands of one man and paying him for his services such a sum as he could make them worth by his management of its affairs.

While April is a first-rate time to hold Grand Arch Councils, it is a very poor time to begin a volume of a college-men's journal, if for no other reason than that it breaks in on the harmony of his life in creating a beginning of things where none exists naturally or by college precedent.

Subscriptions paid by men in April to continue for a year affects, largely, men who will soon leave college by graduation or otherwise, and although this need not affect the regularity of the appearance of THE SHIELD to each

man's address, it almost invariably does. Many men, on leaving college, do not know where they may be found in three months, and they may be compelled to change locations several times during the publication of a single volume. He is a rare bird who, during these changes, does not neglect some direction to the publishers of his fraternity journal, and as neglect induces forgetfulness, we are soon called upon to contemplate the spectacle of THE SHIELD going promptly and regularly to the Dead Letter Office.

The young initiates coming into the fraternity in the Fall do not take kindly to a publication which, while not concerned with serial articles, at least shows to the reader a consecution in the tone of its September pages with those of previous months sufficient to arouse irritation, and seldom does a call come for back numbers, that a new subscriber may read up.

As they say in deliberative bodies, the Editor gives notice that, (D. V.), he will present a resolution to the Grand Arch Council, at Washington, next April, reciting various reasons for his petition, and praying that a change may be made in the time of publication, so that volumes may begin in September and end with June.

Come, brethren, let us reason together! Let us lay aside for awhile all pleasant contemplation of social triumphs in chapter and council, and examine our condition.

Φ K Ψ, we believe, is to-day, in all essential qualities, the best fraternity in the United States. She certainly has the best form of government; she has an unexcelled list of chapters, with less dead weight to carry than any of her rivals, and she ought to excel in every good work.

It has been determined by the highest authority that THE SHIELD is of supreme importance, and its proper sup-

port has been the source of a great deal of anxious discussion. It takes money, and a good deal of it, to get up a reliable journal, whose typography shall be unexcelled, and in which special features shall perform an important part. Since the issue of the April number, the firm from whose presses THE SHIELD is run off, has purchased an entire outfit of new type, which they expect to use exclusively in printing our journal. This was considered by the Editor necessary, and has entailed upon him some obligations which will make essential an increased support.

When THE SHIELD came into our hands it was free from all incumbrances, but with less in its treasury than sufficed to pay for the first issue. We found upon its books 342 *delinquent alumni subscribers*, and our first duty was the task of making out statements of account to that number and sending them forth. These were mailed on the 14th, 15th and 16th of April, and represented an indebtedness of more than \$700. Delinquencies have varied in amount from \$5 to 25c., and have covered the time since the revival of THE SHIELD in April, 1883.

At the time of going to press we have heard from about seventy, and have received from this source less than \$150; but if we were to count the "kicks" instead of the "coppers," and could pay printers' bills with them, not only would THE SHIELD's bills be paid, but the editor's salary, which is now problematical, would be a handsome one, indeed.

The genus "kicker" has a multitude of species, and the varieties and sub-varieties would make a comparative anatomist sick with envy. They range all the way from the man who "knows he paid for THE SHIELD, but can't remember when, to whom or how much," to him who "never subscribed to THE SHIELD, never read it and want my name off books." This honest gentleman has been

taking the paper from the post-office for several years, without thought of any money obligation on his part.

There were a number who complained that they had never been notified of their indebtedness. These could not have been faithful readers of *THE SHIELD*, and we refer them to pp. 213 and 302, Vol. VII. Many were the criticisms upon the management of the business department of *THE SHIELD*, and those who made them we respectfully refer to these passages from a recent letter from Bro. Spangler: "*THE SHIELD* volumes ought to commence in September, at the beginning of the college year—this April business has been the means of endless trouble. In the Fall *THE SHIELD* dues are collected of the new men for a year, and only the dues to April are paid. Of course, then there is a dispute about the amount due *THE SHIELD*, as some claim they have paid for a longer period.

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"I have had a great deal of experience with the man who has 'paid his subscription, but has not received any credit.' He will not die in your generation, but will live long after you are no longer known to *THE SHIELD*. He is twin brother to the man who thinks he 'sent the currency in the letter and probably it was stolen, and can't you discount the bill a little?' They are both something like the fellow who goes to a new place, has his folks forward his *SHIELD* regularly, and who, when you send a bill, goes frantic, and declares 'that *THE SHIELD* has been sent to his old home address, if at all, for more than a year, and doesn't think he ought to pay.'

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"Tell those fellows politely, but firmly, that they are mistaken—that they never paid *THE SHIELD* a cent—and you might as well add that if they will send you a year's subscription in advance, you will credit them with full

amount, for you are apt to get nothing. If they are not satisfied, refer them to me."

Brethren, these things ought not so to be! Pay your bill, pay it twice rather than quibble on a small amount that means little to you; but when you are counted by the hundred, means a great deal to THE SHIELD. Pay your bill like a loyal Phi Psi *in advance!* We have no law to compel you to do this business-like act, but if you can't have faith that THE SHIELD will be worth \$1.25 to you during the year to come, then the editor will continue to pay the bills out of his own pocket, and wait for you to make up your mind.

We propose to run THE SHIELD for the $\phi K \psi$ fraternity with all our power, and shall promptly refer every delinquent, who complains of injustice, to higher authority. We are not running THE SHIELD as a private concern; if we were it would certainly not be so readable, and might not be conducted upon any better principles, but we shall preserve every voucher, enter every receipt and disbursement, and credit every brother or chapter promptly for all moneys sent.

Brethren, there was no reason for your exhibition of temper toward the present management. When we sent out our statements, we were careful to allow great latitude to the delinquents who might claim exemption, and have pursued the course, which Bro. S. afterwards advised, without exception, crediting a brother with amounts he said he had paid, though in nearly every instance neither time, date, place nor payee were given.

No statements were sent to the few who were paid up, and as subscriptions are payable in advance, these loyal brothers ought to remit promptly. Please *don't* send checks on local banks; these often cost for collection, and if you dislike to pay the trifling fee for post-office order or

postal note, deduct the amount from your bill and send the balance. There were a few who could not understand what the statements meant. Why, dear brother, we prided ourselves on that business statement, and we fear you read it carelessly, but we shall be glad to try again and satisfy you of the meaning and correctness of the bill, if you will drop us a line.

Every package of THE SHIELD and every separate copy will be provided with a "request wrapper," and if the postmasters do their duty there will, hereafter, be no cause of complaint for paper going to wrong address. We have a number of letters bearing our return request, returned to us with such marks as these: "No such place in State named," "removed," etc., so that we wish to insist that addresses of subscribers be *written in full, and printed if the writer can not make himself legible otherwise.*

We fear that the ranks of Phi Kappa Psi are not invaded by many Calvinists, who are always a subscriber because once a subscriber, and we wish to remark to the brethren who say, "I only subscribed for THE SHIELD for one year, and paid for that in advance," and although they have been taking the paper from the office and have been reading it for years, refuse to pay their bills: Fie upon you, brethren, is that the spirit of Phi Psi? Why, it is not only not honest, but actually illegal! If you don't want to know anything about your fraternity, a postal request to the editor will cause its unwelcome visits to cease. Then again, please do not send the names of brethren who you think ought to take the paper, and tell us to put them upon the list; they invariably repudiate your authority, and refuse, with rare exceptions, to pay their bills. Get subscribers by all means, but get their first year's subscription in advance.

Finally, do not get angry with the editor for doing you

this service, though a homely one, of telling you a little rugged truth, but vent your indignation upon yourself, for having so soon forgotten the principles you were taught to love and cherish.

We leave the question with these bright rays of sunshine, which have beamed upon us from hearts glowing with genuine brotherly love, imbued with the holiest fire and the purest teachings of our beloved Order :

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20, 1887.

DEAR BROTHER—Your letter is at hand. I would have attended to this account before now if I had been favored with a statement. I see no mistake in it, and therefore send my check for \$3.50, as you request. I wish you would oblige me with a bill giving the exact state of my account, and informing me when this subscription will expire. I have pleasant recollections of our meeting in Columbus, and hope we may renew our acquaintance at the next Grand Arch Council, when we will see what the fraternity in this District can accomplish in the way of taking care of the august gathering. With best wishes for THE SHIELD and its editor, I remain fraternally yours.

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CHICAGO, April 18, 1887.

DEAR BRO. VAN CLEVE—Your letter of the 15th inst. just received, and I hasten, *with joy and gladness* (the italics are ours—ED.), to answer it. Inclosed you will find the \$1.50.

As an alumnus, my heart burns for old Phi Psi as ardently as when I met with brothers dear around my chapter's altar. As I mingle in the busy press of this busy city, the principles of our fraternity come to me with increasing force and beauty as the foundation of a well-rounded character, heightening my aspirations, redoubling my efforts. Believe me, there is something in Phi Psi deeper than enthusiasm.

My heart and hand for THE SHIELD. Success to you. April was a good beginning; may this volume be a geometrical progression, with a big ratio in the direction of progress. Hope to renew our Grand Arch Council acquaintance in Washington next April.

Yours in Φ K Ψ,

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BETHLEHEM, PA., April 18, 1887.

DEAR BROTHER—I enclose \$2.50, the amount of statement sent on the 16th. It would have been paid regularly had I known when and how much to pay, but there was no way of finding out, unless I had written to the publishers. I am glad to see the paper again in your hands, and am anxious to do my share of whatever is necessary to make the paper better than its present good quality. It amuses me to show it to other fraternity men who do not publish any. Some Ψ Y's at Lehigh can't see how we get up such a paper when they get out

none. William D. Luckenbach ($\Phi K \Psi$, Pa. Z, '60), of Allentown, has moved to Bethlehem recently. He may not be on your list, and he may not care to be, but you can send him an announcement, and if he does not take it, he may subscribe. Wishing all possible success for you in this work.

Yours fraternally,

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CINCINNATI, O., April 18, 1887.

MY DEAR BROTHER—I am in receipt of yours of the 16th, and appreciate your feelings, not theoretically, but practically. Hence, I enclose \$1.00, which with the small surplus to my credit from former remittance, will pay me in advance one year. It is my desire to pay in advance. You will please notify me at the expiration of my subscription, that I may renew. I *always* pay on receipt of notification, and if I have not paid, I have not been notified. I originally paid in advance. I can not remember at any particular time I made payment, nor can I easily find receipts, if I have them. It was strongly my impression I had paid; perhaps not. However, it is satisfactory to me as it is. With best wishes for you and THE SHIELD, I am, Fraternally yours,

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RENSSALAER, IND., April 18, 1887.

DEAR BROTHER—I enclose you draft 20,318, Chase, N. Y., \$2.50, in payment of my subscription to THE SHIELD, as per your statement. THE SHIELD has been a very welcome monthly visitor to me, and revives many college memories, and more and dearer ones of old Phi Kappa Psi.

Yours fraternally,

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We meet and part, scarce knowing that we have met; and remembering little of the impressions made by the brief associations of this life, are apt to forget the cultur-ing influence of every fresh contact with our fellows or with the product of their thought.

The first issue of THE SHIELD has adventured upon the troubled sea of popular approval, and before the ink is dry upon its pages, come messages like these: "In-closed please find —; please discontinue sending THE SHIELD to my address. I am too busy to read it, but wish you all imaginable success." Ah! well, there are some people in this world too busy to remember the idyllic season of their youth, too busy to refresh their minds,

after the care and annoyance of a day of struggle in the marts of trade or the contests of professional practice, with a breeze fresh from the sunny fields of their happy college days, and to them THE SHIELD hoped to be a friend most dear.

We part company at this hour, and though we know nothing by experience of the feeling which could prompt a loyal Phi Psi to discontinue THE SHIELD after he had once subscribed for it and had read it, nevertheless, we wish you joy and peace and prosperity.

Bedeut' dich Gott! Auf wiedersehen.

Brethren who desire their SHIELD sent under separate wrapper should remit their money direct to the editor, and whenever a change of location is made, immediate notice should be sent. Don't wait until you have forgotten whether you did as you purposed, and then complain because your paper goes to the old address.

Chapter Letters.

ALLEGHENY.

You are doubtless aware in what line a young man's fancy is apt to turn in time of spring; and as our worthy B. G. has fallen in love with that fair enchantress, and has gone forth to hold communion with her visible forms, we venture to take up the pen and perform the exalted office of chapter correspondent. We do so with a sincere feeling of pleasure and satisfaction, both on account of the glorious success of THE SHIELD and the general progress of the fraternity. We rejoice in her prosperity, and bid her God-speed. We are proud of her past record, and her future, at least, is secure.

The first appearance of THE SHIELD under the new management is peculiarly gratifying, and reflects great credit upon the fraternity. The untiring efforts of Bro. Van Cleve for the welfare of our organ receives hearty applause from Pennsylvania Beta.

Our delegates report a pleasant and profitable time at the First District Convention. The election of Bro. A. W. Cummins, of Pennsylvania Theta, as undergraduate member of the Executive Council, meets with fraternal approval. We extend congratulations to Bro. Cummins, and indorse the action of the convention. We feel that the convention was far from a failure. It is just the stimulus needed, as it deepens the interest of all Phi Psis in her behalf. Surely, the exchanging of friendly greetings, and the right royal hand-shake, the renewal of pledges of our fidelity to the ties by which we are bound, and to each other of our allegiance and devotion for the truth and loyalty to the mystic $\Phi \text{ K } \Psi$, gives the brothers an interest and the required impetus to love and labor for the principles of our beloved fraternity. Fraternity matters are quiet; all seem to be enjoying the fruits of a friendly rivalry, a luxuriant harvest snatched from the verdant freshmen.

The coming commencement brings about the triennial reunion of the alumni of Allegheny College. The gathering in of these sons and daughters means an enthusiastic meeting of friends and alumni, whose ardor never grows cold toward their *alma mater*. Field day promises to be a prominent feature in this year's programme. The Athletics are preparing for victories no less renowned than those famous for literary excellence. The spring term opened very auspiciously, and bids fair to be one of unparalleled brilliancy in the history of our college. The Athletic Association shows remarkable symptoms of activity under the angel guardianship of Bro. Shaw, who is ever vigilant to the interests

of this important branch of instruction. Bro. Williamson is acting Secretary for the association.

The Pennsylvania Beta Phi Kappa Psi base ball nine holds the championship as a fraternity nine in college. There is little danger of losing her laurels with Bro. Cary or our *feline* Bro. Brown in the box.

Bro. Laffee is captain of the football eleven of the Sophomore Class. We are well represented among the various tennis clubs. Bro. Cattern wields the racket with astonishing agility. Bro. Bray has organized a Freshman Glee Club, and the midnight serenaders proceed to make the night hideous with their sportive strains and dulcet song (they are not a dull set). It is rumored that the wily freshmen are about to spring something (?) upon the innocent public; whether these reports are well-grounded or not we are unable to state, but patiently await developments.

Dr. Charles W. Benedict made a short stay in Meadville, recently, in his journey west, where he is going to accept a position as Assistant Chief Surgeon of the Denver, Memphis and Atlantic Railroad, having been selected for that position from the Class of '87 of Philadelphia Medical College, from which he graduated April 7th with high honors. Dr. Benedict is well and favorably known in this city, having been a student at Allegheny and a graduate of the Class of '85. The Doctor is a loyal Phi Psi, and we wish him earth's choicest blessings in his new field.

J. R. ANDERSON.

Meadville, Pa., April 26, 1887.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

It hardly seems in place to be compelled to open a chapter letter with an apology, yet we feel that one is due from us and from every chapter correspondent who did not respond last month to Bro. Van Cleve's request for a letter. It is a fault for which no excuse can be offered, yet it is typical of a sentiment, we regret to say, much too widely prevalent. The fact is to be brought home to us now, as never before, that the success of THE SHIELD is dependent upon the chapters individually; and just as they recognize this and profit by it, just so far will our journal fulfill its purpose and become representative of the fraternity.

And in this connection we can not refrain from mentioning a remark made at our recent convention, to the effect that chapter letters should not consist in a mere compilation of statistics, but should broaden and become an indication of the feeling of the chapters, and an instrument in advancing such ideas of the chapter as are judged to be of general interest to the fraternity. As such, the chapter letter may become the means of the greatest good to the general fraternity; but there yet lingers in our mind letters containing little else than Phi Psi statistics and Phi Psi enthusiasm. We are a little doubtful yet as to whether an alumnus would be completely satisfied, in seeking information from the columns of THE SHIELD, as to the condition of his chapter, to find in their chapter letter

only an abstract discussion of some principle of government then agitating the fraternity. We think that he would much more gladly read of how the charge he left was being cared for, how the foes he had met so often were being handled, or to know of the victories that were being won in the name of Phi Psi. And is it not a fact, that we delight to read of the trials and triumphs of our sister chapters, and that a knowledge of the success of one is a stimulus to the success of another? But in this, as in everything else, there is a "Golden Mean;" let our aim be its attainment.

After giving so much advice, it is but reasonable to expect that it first be adopted at home. In our former letter we told what our men were accomplishing in the various college organizations, and at the same time hazarded a prophecy concerning the base ball team. Results have shown that we were entirely too modest as to our ability. Instead of the three men mentioned, we have four on the team—the two catchers, the pitcher and the first baseman. Bro. E. M. Vale has been elected captain. We have only played two games this season (one with Mechanicsburg and the other with Lehigh University), but have very clearly shown what Dickinson can do, as our team has easily won both games. Bro. Dryden has already become famous as a first baseman. Of the playing of Bros. Vale, Holler and Wharton little need be said, as they are acknowledged to be the best players in college.

Our "Sophomore Contest" takes place some time during the latter part of May, and Phi Psi will be represented by one man, possibly by two, with a strong showing for the prize—a valuable gold medal.

Allow us to conclude by saying, that Pennsylvania Zeta unites in sending greetings to our new editor and to sister chapters, with a heartfelt wish for the continued prosperity and welfare of all.

A. D. MELOY.

Carlisle, Pa., April 26. 1887.

LAFAYETTE.

All the brothers who attended the District Council were very much pleased, and it is the opinion that it was a grand success. Too much credit can not be given the committee for the excellent manner in which they fulfilled their duty. One thing was painfully evident to all the brothers who attended the banquet, that is, the need for a Phi Psi song book. This matter should be worked up. There is no reason why our fraternity should not have a first-class song book.

The sentiment of the First District is undoubtedly against the proposed temperance amendment. We believe such a measure is entirely out of place and unnecessary to our constitution.

Our base ball team opened the season a few days ago in a game with Trinity College. Lafayette was beaten by a score of ten to twelve. The class games are now being played, and it is probable that the Seniors will win the class championship.

Joseph Hunt, of Catasauque, has presented the college with a new and very fine telescope.

Eighty-eight's *Melange* is out, and compares favorably with other college annuals.

Columbia recently conferred the degree of Doctor of Letters on F. A. March, our Anglo-Saxon Professor.

The Phi Delta Theta's have established a chapter at Lehigh. Theta sends best wishes to the new management of THE SHIELD. A. W. CUMMINS,
Easton, Pa., April 21, 1887.

CORNELL.

In writing her first letter to THE SHIELD under the new management, New York Alpha desires to congratulate Bro. Van Cleve upon his new made honors. We feel that THE SHIELD is the strongest tie that binds the fraternity to life, and is already a journal of which we may well be proud. If the new editor does all he says he will, we shall be under everlasting obligations to him. We have no doubt that he will, and shall watch with keen interest the progress of THE SHIELD as she rises to be the brightest star in the fraternity world.

The temperance articles have elicited considerable comment among the boys, and we all concur with the argument put forth by THE SHIELD in answer to the first article, viz., that the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity has another purpose than that of a temperance society. We are not at all "tough," and take good care that our ranks shall not be filled with "wine bibbers and riotous eaters of flesh," but we do not want any constitutional amendment incorporating the prohibition movement, and hope the day is far distant when the fraternity will be fettered by such a measure. The field of temperance reform is not within our mystic circle, and not the mission of our brotherhood. To all efforts in the outside world which strive to stamp out the "curse of the age" we bid God-speed. But the badge of Φ K Ψ has a deeper significance than that of a temperance lodge, and if its teachings are heeded, the wearer will usually be found on the right side of all great moral questions.

New York Alpha is every day becoming stronger and more confident of success. Although we have risen from the ashes of the dead, we are not of the dead. We are moving slowly, but surely; and are gradually adding good men to our numbers. The latest additions are Bro. Heely, of Scranton, Pa., and Bro. Holmes, of Boston, Mass., both '90 men, and of the right sort.

Every room in the chapter house is now nicely furnished. Our billiard table and tennis court serve to make the time pass pleasantly.

Bro. Adler, who represented us at the District Convention, held at Harrisburg, reports a good time and a profitable meeting.

WILL H. ROBINSON.

Ithaca, N. Y., April 18, 1887.

SYRACUSE.

Syracuse University is booming. She has been presented with the famous Von Ranke historical library, the greatest in the world. This library was formerly owned by the German historian, Von Ranke, and contains from thirty-five to fifty thousand bound volumes and seventy thousand pamphlets. A library building will be built large enough to contain this and the present library, and when it is completed, there will be but three institutions in America which will have larger libraries.

A new astronomical observatory is being built upon Science Hill, which will be finished by the next collegiate year. Numerous improvements are to be made upon the campus—paved driveways, rows of trees, etc. A half-mile race track has also been laid out for field sports.

The widow of Prof. J. Dorman Steele has founded a lectureship in Theistic Science, which will hold until the endowment is available. Several new professors will be added next year.

A full set of Latin classics, the Turin edition, has been ordered from Rome for the University library.

The *Onondagan* is out, and does credit to '88. Garry Van Sackett represents $\Phi K \Psi$, and he has given us a good showing. The fraternities which are represented are: $\Psi \Upsilon$, $\Delta K E$, $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and non-secret $\Delta \Upsilon$, besides the sororities, $K K \Gamma$, $A \Phi$ and $\Gamma \Phi B$.

Gamma Phi Beta has established a chapter at Boston University, where Alpha Phi already has one.

Before you hear from us again, New York Epsilon will be a reality. This is a move in the right direction—*eastward, ho!*

The New York chapters of $\Phi \Psi$, Cornell, Hobart, Madison and Syracuse, will hold their second annual reunion and banquet some time in May, and probably at Syracuse, as it is the most central.

Our college field day will be held May 6th, and the Inter-Collegiate Field Day will be held here on May 26th. Cornell, Columbia, Hobart, Madison, Hamilton, Union, Troy Polytechnic, Rochester and Syracuse will be represented.

The friendliest feeling now exists between the four secret fraternities at Syracuse, and there seems to be a "lull" in fraternity spirit and rivalry. This is probably caused by the fact that we all initiate our men during the first term, and "lie upon our oars" during the remainder of the year.

FRED. N. BURRITT.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 23, 1887.

WASHINGTON AND LEE.

By *special* request Virginia Beta intends to have a chapter letter in the May SHIELD.

We have just returned from an exceedingly pleasant trip to the University of Virginia, where we were so handsomely entertained by Virginia Alpha that we were loth to leave. We had the exquisite pleasure of meeting our worthy Archon, and also that of drinking to his and D. C. Alpha's health out of a big

black bottle which he brought with him from Washington. That bottle served various purposes. Bro. Smith said that by it he could tell how many times the hotel clerk had been in his room, as the contents gradually diminished. We were very much pleased with the District Council, and begin already to anticipate a gay and festive time at the Grand Arch Council in Washington.

Virginia Beta will suffer a severe loss at the close of this year, as only four men expect to return; but by perseverance and vigorous "rushing," she may survive the blow. The struggle for mere existence at Washington and Lee is a hard one, from the fact that nine fraternities are represented and there is such a small number of students.

Bro. C. M. Randolph has been chosen to represent the Graham Lee Society as declaimer in the literary contest at commencement. We have also three men on the University boat crew training for the annual race.

Our Professor of Modern Languages, James A. Harrison, attended the centennial exercises of Columbia College, held recently in New York, and the degree of Doctor of Letters was conferred upon him.

With sincerest wishes for the success of *THE SHIELD* under its new management, and to our sister chapters, especially Virginia Alpha, good-bye until our next.

MORGAN BILLIEU.

Lexington, Va., April 19, 1887.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Your correspondent was just thinking of writing you when he received your notice to send a chapter letter at once. So I take down my dust-begrimed rhetoric, and after vainly attempting to find the rule which says something about a person's writing brief letters, I'll endeavor to tell you how we are progressing down here. We received, some time last month, an all-chapter notice from Bro. Van Cleve, requesting letters from us, but attributed our receipt of one of these notices to the neglect of the retiring quill-driver. We don't think he was, when he laid down the editor's pen, as thoughtful in his instructions to Bro. V. as "Bill Nye" was to the President. Bro. Little failed to state that Miss. Alpha's B. G. was one of *THE SHIELD*'s prompt correspondents, and that he didn't have to notify him but twice a month, and that our chapter was not (for a wonder) due a letter to Vol. VIII. We will excuse Bro. V. this time, provided he doesn't do it again.

The University is on a big boom. Haven't found any iron yet, but have been looking for a diamond—fellow who lost a diamond ring. The faculty is having the lyceum recovered, and has had great work done in the gymnasium—put up a horizontal bar, so that the boys can now "skin the cat." I neglected to tell you in my last letter that Bro. Jack R. Tackett had left school. He has been harboring matrimonial intentions for some time, and it would not surprise us to receive an invitation soon. In him our chapter lost one of its most active members; ever ready to promote the interest and welfare of the fraternity, and always having an open door to all Phi Psis, and a purse willing at any time to aid his fraternity. Bros. Swinney, Mills and I were so fortunate as to receive

invitations to attend a "Yum Yum party," given by the Alpha Beta Taus, last Friday evening. But Bro. Swinney, on account of having subjected his cranium to an operation something like unto that which a sheep undergoes in shearing time, and Bro. Mills having been disappointed in getting his "jim-swinger," did not attend; so your humble correspondent alone represented $\Phi K \Psi$. Every one enjoyed the entertainment so much that they all acknowledge that it eclipsed anything ever given before, and their tables, too, were spread with a repast such as the dwellers upon Mount Olympus would wish to partake of, and such as suited even an epicurean. Our club is about as usual. The boys are beginning to prepare their speeches for commencement, and are making the old hills echo. Well, the Y. M. C. A. is going to meet, so I'll bid you good-bye. Say, though, we have discovered that there is a certain amount of undeveloped musical talent among us, and we are anxious to develop. Can't you tell us where we can get some songs suited to the tune of "Little Brown Jug," "John Brown," etc.?

R. E. HALSELL.

University of Mississippi, April 17, 1887.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Since my last letter to THE SHIELD, the long-looked for Third District Council has become a matter of history. We of Ohio Alpha had long anticipated it, feeling sure that it could but be a pleasure worthy of long remembrance; but that the realization far surpassed our sanguine hopes, is putting it very mildly. We had expected to meet gentlemen—a Phi Psi is rarely other,—but that we had so many genuine, cordial brothers in our Ohio and Indiana chapters, we did not know.

The convention itself will, I presume, be reported elsewhere in these pages, so I say nothing of it here; of the reception and banquet I can but hope that our visiting fraters enjoyed them as much as we their preparation, for working in a good cause makes light hearts, and what better cause have we, of college life, than the uplifting of our Phi Psi banner? There were toasts at the banquet, there were songs, there was good cheer for mind and body; what more could a king desire? Were I naturally figurative of speech, I would talk of oases in the desert of memory, but the poetic muse is not one of my hand-servants, so I come down to plainer language, and write with all the emphasis ink and paper can convey—we had a good time.

In my last letter I spoke of the reported resuscitation of Sigma Chi in the O. W. U. The corpse did make a pretty lively kick, but it has not as yet, and, according to present prospects, will not, for some time, don its resurrection robes. As near as facts are known, they are as follows: Five seniors and one underclassman, mainly through the efforts of the O. S. U. and Wooster chapters, petitioned for a charter. A number of other men had been pledged, and every one thought the scheme consummated, when on the night of General Wallace's lecture one of the seniors in question sported the badge of the cross. But it seems evident now that the old alumni chapter of Sigma Chi, located at Dela-

ware, thinking the new members poor timber for Sigs, opposed vigorously and finally defeated the petitioners in their object. How much of this is fact, how much fiction, it is very difficult to tell, for rumor has been very busy of late. If it be true that because of the character of the men concerned, Σ X has refused the charter sought, she has acted with doubtful wisdom. Every one of the petitioners are known and recognized throughout the college as gentlemen, and that is far more than could have been said of the old chapter here, which so ingloriously gave up the ghost but a few years hence. There is yet some hope that this fraternity, known so generally and favorably throughout the country, may again join our band of Greeks; if so, we are ready once more, and right cordially, to welcome her to the small, but invincible, phalanx of Hellenism, which garrisons this intellectual stronghold.

Base ball is our national sport, and as such, is held in all reverence at the Ohio Wesleyan University. Not to be behind her sister chapters, Phi Kappa Psi organized a ball team and ventured on the festive diamond. High were the hopes, many-hued the ambitions, of our nine, as one after the other picked up the ash; but crestfallen looks were the conquerors of angelic (?) smiles as the bats beat the sighing wind. At the end of the fifth inning the game was called, the score standing 27 to 22 in favor of Β Θ Π! But old Ohio Alpha is a game chicken—pardon the slang,—and in the near future we are again to meet the Betas, and this time we trust to conquer.

There is little more of interest to relate. I might do some mud-slinging at our rivals here, or I might blow about the chapter of my adoption; but as I am neither a North Sea whale nor a Beta, I will not stir the gentle breezes. I simply, carefully, thoughtfully, deliberately, gently, gradually superimpose my pen upon the table, and seek that dreamland of repose where there are no frat. boys save Phi Kaps—where all the angelic girls sport the shield, and skies of pink and lavender surround dreamy, shadowy chapter houses.

PHILIP PHILLIPS, JR.

Delaware, Ohio, May 2, 1887.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

With the editor's instructions to chapter correspondents before us, and with a vivid picture of what an ideal correspondent should be, we enter on our duties as such with fear and trembling, for we have not purchased the prescribed "Orthoepist;" therefore, peace is not unto us nor onto us. Hence, dear brother editor, "woe is you," and woe is me!

Fraternity circles here have been very quiet the past two months. About all the available men have been taken from the college classes, and now there is not much to do but to enjoy the fruits of the rushing season, which we do most heartily. Saturday evening finds us all at our hall, ready for a good social time with those we know only to love and respect.

The meetings show, as has always been the case with Ohio Delta, that harmony and the best of brotherly feeling prevails. Many of our resident members call and spend the evening with us, adding much to the dignity and pleasure

of the occasion, besides showing that fraternity ties are not broken when one leaves the college halls. Thus we enjoy our fraternity life, and dread indeed would college be without its friends and associations.

In pledging some preps. the latter part of last term, we had quite a lively scrimmage with the Gams. They claimed that a pledged man could not be released from a pledge without the consent of the chapter to which he was pledged. Consequently, they could compel a man to join them whether he chose to or not, and in accordance with this belief, they have their pledged men sign papers, by which they expect to hold the men, as though the man was all they wanted; his friendship could belong to some one else. This appeared to us to be in exact opposition to the vital principles of fraternities. How could a man, who preferred one chapter, join another and take the obligations required without dishonor both to himself and the chapter, much rather than should he refuse to fulfill a promise given when he was ignorant of the importance of the step he was taking, and of the crowd with whom he was to be associated? Certainly, the chapter which would want a man under these circumstances must be in great need of men, and their relation with each other must be anything but fraternal, else they would not want a man who, under such circumstances, could not be anything but uncongenial. When we pledge a man, it is with the understanding that at any time, by his request, we will release him from all obligations to us, but, we are happy to say, none ever asked us. This is done to protect ourselves as well as him, for we feel sure that such a man would be a detriment to the chapter. The man under dispute, we have reason to believe, will decide in our favor. At least, there is where his preferences are.

We are looking forward to this issue of *THE SHIELD*, expecting that it will contain full accounts of the District Councils. From what we have heard, they all must have been very successful. Thanks to Ohio Alpha, ours passed off without a moment's lost time. Everything was done to make us have the best of times, and we did. The reception at the Sem. was a little out of the usual order of receptions; nevertheless, we enjoyed it hugely, and have written the Alpha boys to make dates for us in the near future, if they can.

Our annual reception comes off next month. We should be glad to have any that can be with us on that evening, and will guarantee a good time. Best wishes for the old, but now new, editor.

HALBERT E. PAYNE.

Columbus, O., April 21, 1887.

DE PAUW.

If the past be taken as a precedent, Indiana Alpha is due a chapter letter but once in three months. Such, indeed, has been her record; but under the earnest pleadings and sharp "proddings" of Bro. Van Cleve, she has decided that she has been grievously sinning; and with prayers for pardon for the past, and hearty promises of better behavior for the future, she "turns over a new leaf."

Indiana Alpha opens up the work of this term with eighteen good, strong men; and what with their universal love for $\Phi K \Psi$, and their union of fellow-

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ship; what with their new hall so elegantly equipped (and with fair hands constantly donating articles of beauty and utility); what with these joined with a spirit of honest endeavor in the direction of promoting the interests of the fraternity, we can see nothing but brightness ahead.

Another rival has appeared in the fraternal world of De Pauw. ΔΥ was organized the first week of this term, in the obtaining of a charter by a "Barb" organization. She starts out with fifteen men, and fair prospects for the future.

Still, in spite of the constantly increasing competition, we believe that we exaggerate nothing when we say that Indiana Alpha never was in a more thoroughly *healthy* condition. She may, at times, have had a greater number of men; there is a bare possibility that somewhere in the annals of the past history of the fraternity a name might be found which shone with a brighter luster even than the cognomen of any of the present active members. Yet one thing we know: She never knew a clan of her foster-children more resolute in their determination to stand by her and each other, nor more steadfast in their resolve to honor her by honoring themselves. In a literary way we have done much.

Indiana Alpha has contracted a pleasant little habit of annually carrying off the Kinnear-Monnett prize in Forensics. This she has done for six consecutive years, and this year proved no exception to the rule. Bro. Baker was the successful contestant.

In the regular work of the curriculum, it is safe to say that no fraternity here, taking each as a whole, can show a better record for solid work than can ΦΚΨ. But mental development alone does not coincide with our ideas of the fitness of things. Believing that "the sounder the body, the sounder the mind," our attention has been directed in some degree to athletics. Three of the "University Ball Team" are Phi Psis, and the remaining fifteen boys have aspirations in the athletic line, extending from the pinnacle of fame occupied by Monsieur Sullivan to the ordinary battle-scarred rusher of a football club. Thus, taking all in all, we have much to encourage us and little to dampen our ardor. The fact that we lose six of our strongest men by graduation only makes our determination more resolute to win our share of the spoils in the next season of "spiking." As to the present, the Indiana Alpha boys stand hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, in the fight for fraternity supremacy.

CHARLES K. MCINTOSH.

Greencastle, Ind., April 20, 1887.

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Indiana Beta is still in the ring. She was never in a better condition. With our seventeen men we are as of yore—first in everything. The base ball season has not yet opened up, but when it does, the ΦΨ base ball club will be on the field ready to carry off any and all the honors in that direction. We have initiated no men this term, owing to the lack of desirable material.

"The Little Tycoon" having been a complete success in every way, we have now settled down, and kill time by studying.

The writer had the pleasure, not long since, of visiting Indiana Alpha. He

found her in a flourishing condition, comfortably situated in a new and beautiful hall. These chapter visits should be made as often as possible between chapters situated close together. By this means we may know each other better—may get new ideas for carrying on different kinds of work, and a more genuine brotherly feeling is established between chapters. Such visits are quite frequent between Indiana Alpha and Indiana Beta, and we know that we are benefitted greatly by them.

Bros. Buskirk and Long, on returning from the District Council at Delaware, reported that the convention was a success in every particular. They also say that the Ohio Alpha brothers know how to entertain.

With best wishes to the new management of *THE SHIELD*, and with love to all sister chapters.

J. R. MUTZ.

Bloomington, Ind., April 20, 1887.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

On account of the unpardonable negligence of the present correspondent, Kansas Alpha has had no letter in *THE SHIELD* for two months, but, nevertheless, she has been progressing along a road of pleasure and success. Although our dear old goat shared the fate of our hall, we succeeded in capturing a younger and more spirited one. We had hardly dried our tears for the dead one before our new one showed his mettle. As a result of his first experience, I take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Bro. John J. Mastin, of Kansas City. Last Saturday night to Bro. Caldwell were explained the mysteries of Phi Kappa Psi. Bro. Caldwell had worn the lavender and pink for about six months before his initiation. This fact will bear witness that he has the true and loyal spirit. Both new brothers belong to the class of '90. While we are happy over our additions, yet we grieve over the loss of M. O. Billings. Dear old Josh has left us to enter the journalistic field. We prophesy for him a grand success. On his way to Kansas City the other day, he stopped over with us, and gave dignity to the picture which we had taken for his benefit.

Our chapter numbers twenty-two—all good, companionable fellows. Our rivals are all in good condition, and the greatest of peace and harmony reigns among us.

The February *SHIELD* gave an account of the destruction of our hall. The opera house has been rebuilt, and our rooms have been arranged almost as they were before. We hope to get back into them within the next few weeks. The opera house has justly been named the Greek Castle, because four Greek societies have rented halls in it. Beta Theta Pi will occupy her old hall on the fourth floor. Phi Delta Theta will be below us, and Sigma Chi will find rooms also on the fourth floor. Combined, we will offer an impregnable fortress to the barbaric hordes.

For the past month base ball has been the all-absorbing topic with Kansas State University students. The six fraternities represented here have organized an Inter-Fraternity League. The fraternity winning the most games will receive

a beautiful pennant. Our club is strong, and has so far beaten the B Θ Π's and the Σ X's, the only two that we have met. Bros. Allen and Esterly represent Phi Kappa Psi in the University nine, with Bro. Gilmore as Secretary.

The first number of *THE SHIELD*, under the new management, has pleased us greatly. We hope that it may have a course of unlimited success.

D. E. ESTERLY.

Lawrence, Kansas, April 17, 1887.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC.

Through some misunderstanding on the part of our correspondent, California Alpha regretted to find that she was not represented in the initial number of the new volume of *THE SHIELD*, and that she had to be classed as one of the twenty chapters delinquent, as respects a letter. At this late day we beg leave to welcome our new editor, and to wish him success in his undertaking. We think the advice given in the editorials of the last number of *THE SHIELD* is excellent, and especially where it says, "Say all the good things you can about the outgoing administration," for they surely have performed their part with great credit to themselves and to the fraternity, and have raised our journal to a position that could hardly be improved under the old order of things. Let them not be forgotten in our praise of the new management.

Since our last epistle we have succeeded in capturing several men. Bros. E. B. Mering, E. A. Wilcox, P. S. Driver and George Elsey were received into our ranks before the close of last term, and have shown us before now that they are worthy of the name of Phi Psi. If you have not been introduced to them before, consider yourselves acquainted, and let me present "our latest"—Bros. Bronaugh and Pettit, both but a few weeks old, and although not twins, but a single week elapsed between their births into the Greek world. With this addition to our numbers we shall probably close our labors for the present, but we have our eyes open for several men as soon as they are able to throw off their preparatory garments and shall step forth into college life. Being the only fraternity here, we do not have to resort to "rushing," but watch our intended "victims" through the preparatory grade, and until we are satisfied with them, then rush upon them with arguments so forcible that seldom, and we may say never, do we return to our den without a captive.

We still delight in showing our home to all visiting brethren, for we are justly proud of it, and it forms a subject which does not grow old, and which we love to dwell upon. It may sink into insignificance when compared with chapter homes costing \$8,000 and \$10,000, but if our sister chapters knew what pleasure there is in having a home of their own, they would dispense with many a banquet and many a "good time," in order that they might erect a house, even if it were no more extensive than ours.

We had a photograph of the house taken a short time ago, and that it might have all the characteristics of such an edifice, we endeavored to find a guardian for it in the shape of a goat. For some reason goats were few, and time was short, so that we had to content ourselves with a kid small and wild.

In order that it might look more formidable we mounted it upon the balustrade of the steps, and then it had to be encircled in the tight and loving embrace of Bro. Wilcox, so as to keep it from jumping from the pedestal. Many were the remarks of the bystanders upon the diminutive size of our goat, but those of us who had "been there" knew only too well how terribly it could "buck" when ridden by a blindfolded and terrified youngster.

Last Saturday our boys, in company with our lady friends, of course, indulged in a picnic. You need not ask if we enjoyed ourselves, for woe be to a Phi Psi crowd that can not make things lively and enjoyable!

We still remain the only star in the Grecian heavens. Last year we waited the blazing forth of two new luminaries, but they did not appear above the horizon. One labeled $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was refused a charter, principally through the efforts of a chapter in a sister college on this coast, which seems to have no love for this University or anything connected therewith. We have taken advantage of the boys' misfortune, and have added to our number their four best men. Rumor has been quiet concerning the other—the ladies' fraternity,—but success failed to crown their efforts, and we only regret that we can not do as much for them and take in their best members.

We have encountered some opposition lately, especially in the literary societies, but they may find that "they are biting their own nose off," for the fraternity men are the life and light of these societies; and if at any time they should awake and find that they had lost these factors, they will have no one to blame but themselves.

One of the spirited elections of a late day was that for President of the Y. M. C. A. The race was close, but was won by Bro. Bronaugh, whose crime (?) of being a fraternity man nearly lost him the honor.

Field day is set for April 22d, and we expect to see some of the brothers wearing medals earned on that day.

Bro. E. S. Raff, of Ohio Gamma, has been spending several weeks in San Jose, but it was only of late that we learned of his relationship to us. We enjoyed having him with us, and wish that we had found him earlier, and that his stay in this section had been longer.

All brothers visiting California must not forget that there is a band of Greeks in San Jose, and must make themselves known to us, for we are always glad to welcome any and all who may be joined to us in the triple bonds.

Bros. Ballard and Turner have returned home on a vacation from Philadelphia and Ann Arbor respectively, and we enjoy listening to their stories of college life in the far East.

Our number at present is sixteen, divided as follows: Seniors, six; juniors, six; sophomores, three; freshman, one. The last named are few, for the reason that the class has not been fully organized on account of several changes made in the graduation of the preparatory department.

Honors for commencement week are many, and few, indeed, are the entertainments in which we are not represented.

GUY E. MANNING.

San Jose, April 18, 1887.

Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

The Pan-Hellenic idea, like Banquo's ghost, will not down, and very properly. The *Kappa Alpha Journal* for February, in its leading article, says:

"To the outside world we are known simply as fraternities; our principles are probably much the same, and the general interests of one fraternity are interwoven with those of others. Consequently, we being, as it were, offspring of a common parent, what could be more conducive to our general prosperity than that Greeks from every part of the fraternity world, chosen for their sagacity and zeal, meet and plan for the advancement of those principles which we are all sworn to uphold? * * * But if such a Council is ever established, one thing must be laid down as the first great principle of it: That the members who compose it be influenced by no motive for the advancement of *individual* fraternities. Otherwise it can not succeed. When its members meet in session they must meet with one steadfast purpose in mind—to further the advancement of *every* fraternity represented. Oh, for the time when we can throw aside our little party feeling, and act with one mind and one heart! When we can do this the Pan-Hellenic Council, if in existence at all, will be a power indeed."

The *Scroll* for February editorially treats of the "Chapter Reporter:"

"If chapter letters are carelessly worded, or written in a slovenly manner, the chapter, more than the reporter, is to blame; for the election of a man to this office implies, if made in a proper spirit, that the officer is especially well fitted for his task, that he is a good writer, enthusiastic, and possessed of a fair knowledge of general fraternity topics. * * * There is one fault which characterizes almost all writers, and therefore reporters, but it is especially undesirable in a chapter letter—the employment of meaningless generalities. It would be well to weigh our words a little more in these communications. If we say the chapter is in a promising condition, do we really mean it, and do we give the words their full value when we claim that 'we are now the acknowledged equal of any other fraternity at college?' The reporter unwittingly pays but a poor compliment to the rest of his chapter when he says that 'our new initiates are worthy to wear the white and blue.' Akin to this is the fault of adopting flowery and ornate methods of making a simple and direct statement. Why say that 'we are being wafted by the gentle breezes of enthusiasm and loyalty on a sea of hope and prosperity, with all sails set,' when we can be more intelligible by the statement that the chapter is in a sound and healthy condition?"

A leading article in the *Kappa Sigma Quarterly* discusses the question, "College Fraternities—Shall Young Men Join Them?" The article concludes:

"The boy has just entered college, and to him life now presents a new picture; now opens a pathway of thought and of action never before traveled by him, and traveled only once in a life-time; but the steps taken point the way to the character of the future man. Does he realize the momentous change of circumstances which now surround him? Does he realize that the influences of home which made him a noble boy are now severed from his life, and that the moulding of his character for the future life is to be the work of his own hands? How shall he prove equal to the occasion, and how shall he treasure in his heart the moral influences of home life which are now to be combated by the immoral influences of college life? He will soon find that his moral courage will be put to a severe test. I answer, *the whole matter depends upon his associations*. If they are formed promiscuously, and without reference to their moral quality, there will be such a diversity of influences and circumstances, that will make it extremely difficult for him to pursue a course of conduct which he would prefer. *There must be an exclusiveness in companionship*, and this the fraternity gives. This is necessary in order to fix his *true position in society*. This *exclusiveness* in associations singles him out, and stamps a moral and social value upon him which he could never receive from the masses. He will here have impressed upon his mind the beauty and value of those friendships and associations which ennoble and elevate; which will be the brightest and happiest memories of his college life; which constitute the nobility of boyhood, and are ever a fitting prelude to the nobility of manhood."

Apropos of the discussion in the recent Fourth District Council of the qualities of a good fraternity man, we quote from the *Δ K E Quarterly*:

"The chapter is neither a reform school nor a 'refuge.' Candidates for its membership should be selected solely in view of the chapter's interests. To make concessions to considerations not included in these is to squander the repute of the chapter which others have left in its trust—is to commit a breach of faith as much worse than would be the presentation to outsiders of the furniture of the chapter, as honor is more precious than property. And all questions of habits, temper, breeding, acquirements, are well summed up in the one—Is he eligible as a brother? All suggestions of caution, of thoroughness of acquaintance, of care in selection, are comprehended in this one—that the members should know each candidate so well, and be so well satisfied with him, as to desire to be associated with him as a brother."

A chapter correspondent in *March Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record* tells some pointed truths in regard to the answering of letters:

"It would appear to me that common courtesy, outside of constitutional requirement, would suggest an acknowledgment of the receiving of said letters if

nothing more. If you are sick, let us know and we will send you a prescription warranted to cure. If you are dead, for heaven's sake, and the sake of Σ A Ε, let your obituary be written."

According to a prominent correspondent in the March issue of the *Sigma Nu Delta*, that fraternity is ready to be enfolded by the strong wing of the highest bidder:

"Let us lay aside prejudice, be not sticklers for mere names, but zealous for principles. We can reduce the number of competitors by equitable and judicious consolidations. In this direction lies the hope of the perpetuity and ever-increasing glory of the Hellenic brotherhoods.

"The writer of these lines has once before expressed in the pages of the *Delta* his opinion of consolidation. After another year's experience and some reflection, he can but affirm his own words: 'I will yield to no man in my love and reverence for my fraternity, but should another Order of good reputation offer to consolidate with Sigma Nu on honorable and fair terms, the proposition would receive my heartiest support. It is not a badge or a name for which we are banded together in fraternal union, but *principle*, and so long as this is preserved, the rest may go, if their loss will increase the influence, honor and real power of the Order.'"

The *Delta* makes a suggestion, editorially, which might be most profitably carried out by each chapter of Phi Kappa Psi:

"We would suggest that the Grand Scribe of each chapter be provided with a suitable scrap-book, and that he be instructed to file in it all newspaper notices of the chapter and fraternity, personal notices of the members of the local chapter, and exchange notices from the periodicals of other fraternities. The collection thus established would be a compendium, both of invaluable information and of never-failing interest."

Personals.

The following is the list of those present at the meeting of the First District Council in Harrisburg, Pa.:

PA. A.		PA. H.	
A. B. Miller.		A. B. Bauman,	C. F. Hager, Jr.,
PA. B.		H. A. Dubbs,	A. L. G. Hay.
J. R. Anderson,	F. H. Shaw,	PA. Θ.	
B. E. Williamson.		A. W. Cummins, H. Fay.	
PA. Γ.		Hon. H. G. Glover, F. P. Loose.	
H. L. Calder,	G. F. Clark,	W. B. McDowell, G. D. McIlvaine.	
O. B. Finn,	W. C. Gretzinger,	PA. I.	
O. E. Abraham,	W. M. Woodward,	W. S. Freeman, G. B. Hancock,	
J. Y. Schreyer,	J. M. Wolfe,	W. C. Posey, Prof. O. H. Kendall,	
H. M. Kelley.		T. D. Finletter, Esq., J. S. Adams, Esq.,	
PA. E.		F. E. Shelling.	
J. F. Dapp,	C. B. Fager, Jr.,	N. Y. A.	
E. C. Hecht,	H. V. Fager,	S. L. Adler.	
H. P. Sadtler,	E. C. Shafer,	N. Y. B.	
Fred. Ott, Esq.,	G. D. Stahley, M.D.	E. G. Eldridge, F. J. Schnauber,	
PA. Z.		C. A. Lonergon.	
T. B. Anderson,	W. D. Boyer,	N. Y. Δ.	
A. L. Dryden,	W. B. Longsdorf,	Chas. A. Smith.	
A. D. Meloy,	G. R. Sterling,		
W. W. Wharton.			

Below is a complete list of those present at the Third District Council in Delaware, Ohio, the delegates coming first:

OHIO A.		B. M. Allison,	Geo. S. Dial,
E. M. Semans,	W. G. Frizell,	F. A. Stivers,	W. P. Winters,
John Travis,	W. P. Henderson,	W. M. McCafferty,	F. E. Ross,
M. R. Dial,	C. L. Van Cleve,	U. G. Sanger,	H. M. Semans,
C. W. Dustin,	W. M. Semans,	W. P. Reed,	Philip Phillips, Jr.
		E. B. Dillon.	

OHIO B.

W. H. Manss, C. H. Ehrenfeld,
C. A. Ehrenfeld, W. H. Gotwald,
R. H. Hiller, Ed. March,
Horace Keifer, Fred. Ludlow.

OHIO I.

G. C. Nimmons, K. H. Flickinger,
E. F. Seigenthaler, D. O. Weeks,
A. F. McNeal, L. B. McNeal.

OHIO A.

Geo. Smart, E. J. Converse,
H. P. Converse, A. Hartwell,
H. E. Payne, Geo. W. Dun.
G. Y. Anderson, Wm. Neil,
Chas. A. Marple, C. C. Zaumseil,
J. A. Wilgus, H. A. Yeazell,
C. S. Gray, Chas. C. Weybrecht.

IND. A.

G. B. Baker, T. W. Haymond.

IND. B.

L. Van Buskirk, T. D. Long.

PA. B.

W. C. Wilson.

During the sessions of the Fourth District Council many of the alumni were present, and renewed their enthusiasm in listening to the able papers and discussions. Following is a list of our alumni visitors:

MICH. A.

H. G. Ohls, M. D., F. C. Cole,
G. M. Averwill, E. L. Hollingsworth

ILLS. A.

Wm. A. Hall, J. P. Brushingham,
L. O. Perley, G. C. Mars,
Arthur Axtel, C. E. Piper.

ILLS. B.

L. McCoy, T. R. Weddell,
Fred. Templeton, R. A. King,
J. V. Streed, Guy Brockway,

R. S. Mott, F. L. Anderson,
J. G. Marsh.

WIS. A.

C. H. Gregory, Fred. C. Collins.

WIS. I.

Edgar G. Tennant, Geo. S. Wicker.

D. C. A.

J. E. Christy.

N. Y. A.

Henry Falkenan.

Besides the above, undergraduate members not delegates were present as follows:

MICH. A.

W. C. Malley, Ross G. Cole,
W. S. Holden, Grant M. Ford.

ILLS. A.

W. A. Lyman, G. W. Dixon,
A. E. Mabie, H. Blodgett.
G. W. Springer.

There were present at the banquet many who were unable to attend any of the sessions. As far as your correspondent could learn, they were as follows:

IND. B.

F. J. Burton, Louis Munson,
Conrad B. Durborow.

VA. B.

F. Taliafero, M. D.

N. Y. A.

C. H. Bickford.

PA. E.

J. R. Custer.

The list of delegates, active and alumni, will be found below. All numbered, there were sixty-one at the banquet. The Fourth District has reason to feel proud of its chapters in the manner in which they responded to the call; proud of its alumni, who helped to swell the numbers, and lastly proud of its officers, who performed their duties with intelligence and dispatch.

L. W. CROW.

Delegates to Fourth District Council of $\Phi K \Psi$, held at Chicago, Ill.:

ILL. A.		WIS. I.	
Active:	{ F. J. Campbell, C. B. Thwing, P. P. Bass.	Active:	{ J. M. Sheehan, A. K. White, Dan. White.
Alumni:	{ G. C. Mars, J. H. Hill.	Alumnus:	L. W. Crow.
MICH. A.		IOWA A.	
Active:	{ Joseph Halsted, R. E. Park, F. G. Plain.	J. W. Bollinger.	
Alumni:	{ J. V. Denny, E. S. Parmenter.	MINN. A.	
		C. S. Stewart.	
Wis. A.		KAN. A.	
Active:	{ E. M. Platt, K. P. Chumasero, C. Fulton.	John Prescott, Denton Dunn.	
		CAL. A.	
		L. L. Dennett.	

ILLINOIS BETA.

W. H. Alsip, '80, is manufacturing one-tenth of all the brick made in Chicago.

F. L. Anderson, '80, is pastor of the Baptist Church at Morgan Park, Illinois.

F. W. Barber, '80, is president of a bank at Campbell, Kansas.

R. S. King, '80, is a member of the publishing firm of Law, King & Law, of Chicago.

S. B. Randall, '80, is pastor of the Baptist Church in Beatrice, Neb.

W. R. Scott, '80, is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Augusta, Wisconsin.

F. R. Swartwout, '80, is pastor of a Baptist Church in Chicago.

E. T. Stone, '80, is with John A. Camp, real estate and loans, Minneapolis, Minn.

E. R. Anderson, '81, is practicing law in Salem, Mass.

Allen A. Griffith, Jr., '81, is attending college at Oberlin, Ohio.

D. J. Lingle, '81, is assistant Professor of Sciences at Beloit College.

J. P. Tapping, '81, is in Dakota.

J. G. Elsdon, '82, is practicing law in Chicago.

O. B. Short, '82, is stationed at Los Angeles, California, doing well.

L. M. Coy, '83, E. A. Buzzell, '83, and Guy Brockway, '84, are studying law in Chicago.

T. R. Weddell, '83, is with the *Inter-Ocean*, Chicago.

D. C. Shafer, '85, is general agent for two States in the book business, with headquarters at New Orleans.

R. S. Mott, '80, is with the law firm of Barnum, Rubens & Ames, in Chicago.

Lu Weinschenk, '80, is a member of the law firm of Byam, Parkhurst & Weinschenk, of Chicago.

C. P. Abbey, '86, and G. L. Conley, '84, have joined with Illinois Alpha.

NOTE.—There are one hundred alumni of Phi Kappa Psi who are at present residents of Chicago.

PENNSYLVANIA I.

Bro. Ernest Tustin, Class '84, Bucknell University, was admitted to the Sunbury Bar, Northumberland County; also to the Philadelphia Bar this year. He lost his father lately by a sudden death, Prof. Francis Tustin, formerly a member of the Gamma chapter.

Bro. H. H. Baldrige, also '84, Bucknell University, Gamma chapter, will be admitted to the Bar in June, after which he will travel through the Southwest, selecting a place for business.

The treasurer of the Executive Council, our "Dear Gawge," has come into his fortune, for on the 21st ult. he was made Clerk of the new Board of Police Commissioners of Columbus, Ohio. The *Times* of that city, on the 22d, had the following relative to the matter:

"A more admiral selection than George W. Dun could not have been made for the position of Secretary of the Board. The Secretary has important duties, such as paying the officers, keeping the record of the Board and making out affidavits against the prisoners, and Mr. Dun is well qualified for every duty that he will be called upon to perform. Mayor Bruck will find him a courteous gentleman, in whom he can place the utmost confidence. Mr. Dun was born at Dublin, July 27, 1861. He came to Columbus in 1877, and entered the preparatory department of the O. S. U., from which institution he graduated in 1884, taking the degree of Bachelor of Science. After attending the Cincinnati Law School for a few months, he returned to Columbus and accepted a position in the County Treasurer's office under Treasurer Heffner. He remained there until a few weeks ago, when he resigned to renew the study of law, and entered the office of Outhwaite and Linn. He has been one of the most prominent of the young workers of the Democratic party, and is President of the Thurman Club."

College and Fraternity Notes.

Rutgers receives an annual income from the State of New Jersey sufficient to provide tuition, free of charge, for forty students.

Trinity College receives \$6,000 from Mr. J. S. Morgan, of New York, toward the \$50,000 necessary for the proposed scientific building.

An Athletic Association has been organized in Wittenberg College, and measures have been taken toward the erection of a building suitable for gymnastic exercises.

The bi-annual convention of the Delta Gamma fraternity (ladies) was held in Cleveland, March 29, 30 and 31, under the auspices of the State chapter of Adelbert College.

The Ohio Wesleyan University closed the winter term with an attendance of one hundred and fifty more students than at the corresponding term last year. The total enrollment for the fall and winter term is equal to that of all three terms last year. If the attendance of the spring term reaches the average it will bring the largest attendance in the history of the institution.

Amherst's Glee Club has been very successful in the concerts given throughout New England. Students while at home during vacation are urged to work for Amherst. The *Student* has an article on "Phi Beta Kappa" in its last issue, which claims that that fraternity has fallen in its powers and influence. It is charged that of all fraternities, as at present constituted, it has the least definite aim and the least reason for existence. It is suggested that either the members should receive some special privileges or show some signs of activity which would benefit the college and be more than indications of a feeble existence.

For a long time Dr. Sargent and the authorities have been eagerly waiting for money for a swimming bath in the Harvard gymnasium. Last spring water in sufficient supply was obtained by artesian wells, and funds were collected almost sufficient for the purpose, and now comes a gift of

\$25,000 by a special student, H. R. Carey, of New York, making the speedy building of the bath sure. The bath will be one hundred feet by sixty, will contain a thousand lockers; also a racquet court for court tennis. The annex will be of brick, costing about \$75,000. The building will be at the north of the gymnasium, between the law school and the physical laboratory. Work will be at once begun on the proposed building.—*Ex.*

A gift of \$25,000 from some source that is not as yet made public has been made to the law department of Yale College. It is to be used for the furtherance of the study of contracts and commercial law, and the fund is to be known as the Phelps Fund, it being named after Professor Phelps, now United States Minister to England, but formerly one of the Faculty of the law department. There seems to be an understanding on the part of the university authorities and the donor that the latter's name shall not be made public. This is the second large gift which has been received by the university since President Dwight's inaugural, the other being the Bid addition to the Yale library announced a few weeks ago.—*Ex.*

On the evening of March 28th the New York Betas gave Ex-Governor Hoadly, of Ohio, recently removed to the metropolis, a rousing welcome in a supper at Delmonico's. We append a portion of an abstract of his speech, which appeared in the daily press. It had a queer twang to it until the April *Beta Theta Pi* made it clear in her account of the same festivities. We subjoin to the newspaper account the note which appeared in the *Beta Theta Pi*:

"Surely there were giants in those days. I always was, and have been, an active member of the Beta Theta Pi, and I hope I always will be. [Applause.] Dr. McCosh, President of Princeton, I see, has been denouncing secret societies, and says that since they had been driven out of Princeton College, there has been better order and discipline among the students. The Doctor also says that secret societies give the students opportunities for drinking. I wish the Doctor knew this society better. I know nothing of other college societies,* but if any of them are in the habit of getting drunk, they had better go into the D. K. E."

[“Loud applause and laughter at the expense of Prof. Dabney, of Virginia, a member of the D. K. E., who was one of the honored guests of the evening, and who, before the dinner, had been sparring with Governor Hoadly on fraternity matters.”]

The sessions of the Anti-Secret Society Convention at Chicago were remarkable only for the ignorance displayed by every one who addressed the meeting, as well as by those who wrote papers that were read there. While the Free Masons were the main object of attack, and false, malicious and fanatical expressions were made in regard to that fraternity, it was no more than was expected. But it was a surprise to the college world that any one would be so carried away with prejudice as to willfully misrepresent the great fraternity spirit that pervades our colleges through the Greek letter societies. Whatever may have been the experience at Princeton, it is safe to say that it was not the influence of fraternities that caused the intemperance complained of by Dr. McCosh. The brutality of their rushes and hazing has disappeared, and these were surely not caused by fraternities, though existing while fraternities were in full operation. Does their absence prove anything against fraternities? We have yet to learn of any of the distinguished men of our country, who have been intimately connected with the active workings of college fraternities, who have ever spoken except in praise of the influence of such organizations.

Miscellany.

IN MEMORIAM.

PROF. F. W. TUSTIN.

WHEREAS, In the infinite wisdom of a beneficent Providence it seemed good, on April 15, 1887, to remove from our midst our beloved and honored brother, Prof. Francis Wayland Tustin; and, *Whereas*, In his death we recognize the loss of a faithful brother, of an invaluable instructor, and of a useful and honored citizen; therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we deeply deplore our loss, we bow in humble submission to the will of an Omniscient Father; and be it

Resolved, That Pennsylvania Gamma of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity has lost one of her most worthy and respected alumni; and be it

Resolved, That the University has suffered the loss of a kind and efficient instructor; and be it

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of our departed brother in this their hour of deep affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That we, his brothers, emulate him in fidelity to duty and in Christian character.

JOHN G. OWENS,
H. M. KELLY,
O. B. FINN.

Committee.

Lewisburg, Pa., April 16, 1887.

The Editor of THE SHIELD has quite a number of back numbers on hand, with which he can supply, for the price of single copies, brothers or members of other fraternities desiring to complete broken sets. He has odd copies of every volume but the first two.

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How Can the Chapter Best Retain the Allegiance of the Alumni, and how may the S. G. Best Perform the Duties of His Office?

[Read at the First District Council by George D. Stahley, Pa. E.]

I will consider the two portions of this question singly, and in the order stated.

First—How can the chapter best retain the allegiance of the alumni?

The tenor of this query seems to indicate that there exists a lack of allegiance among the alumni—that there is a condition of disinterest and neutrality, where there should be interest and active co-operation. This intimation comes to us with the force of a charge preferred, and if we of the alumni wish to be honest with ourselves and the fraternity, we will acknowledge that the charge is a just one. During our college days we enjoy the mutual assistance and protection, the delightful companionship, the refined conviviality, and the numerous benefits which accrue to each individual who is so fortunate as to be invited to membership in our grand fraternity. We extol the merits of our members, the comparative status of our college chapter, and the general prestige of our fraternity. After we graduate, we imperceptibly, but surely, forget all about the boys we left behind us, and the altar in that chapter room, on which we were accustomed to offer vows of eternal fidelity. Only now and then, when we come across an old alumnus, who is able to do us a profitable turn, and we see that we can work the fraternity racket with him, do we loom up to the full grandeur of our former loyalty. Or, if on another occasion we happen in the neighborhood of a fraternity banquet, and find that we can get a \$5.00 feed for \$2.75, do we again bravely stand by the old gun and

wave the old flag. But, unless there is some selfish advantage gained, or some individual convenience served, we do not enthuse very loudly or very continuously.

Now, on the principle that "a fault confessed is half redressed," I hope the worthy Archon will grant me the privilege of feeling better after making this confession.

Another introductory point I wish to mention. We have admitted the condition of passive disloyalty. Now, although this is deplorable, and should not be, yet it is a very natural condition of affairs under the circumstances, and when the active members feel intensely chagrined and grieved at this lack of allegiance among the alumni, let them carefully consider before they severely censure. Remember that a college fraternity is, *per se*, a college organization, framed and conducted to meet the wants of a community of college students. This is its prime purpose, and this end it admirably serves. Remember also, that when a man leaves college, his environments become entirely different. Society, politics, religion, family claims, and a multitudinous array of exacting demands, crowd him on every side. His time, his attention, his sympathies are all fully occupied among new interests, which are, moreover, those interests which shall abide with him during his whole life, and among which he must rear his name and his fortune. If his mind continues to incline toward the "companionship of kindred souls," he unites with one or more of the secret organizations extant, and thus associates with business or professional companions. I mention these facts, not in the nature of excuses, but as extenuating circumstances, and to suggest to the impatient active members that, although the alumni are faulty, yet we are not absolutely imperfect, and that our fall is due more to the magnitude of the temptations surrounding us than to natural depravity.

But making all due allowance for alumni neglect, we still must acknowledge the existence of a duty unperformed. How best can we be aroused to a sense of our duty, and how best can the chapter retain the allegiance of the alumni?

We must first presuppose that the alumnus, while still an undergraduate, possessed a genuine and active interest in the affairs of his chapter; that he was a loyal fraternity man, and not merely a nominal member. Under this condition, and as a broad answer to the question stated, I would say, strive to *continue* this interest, if not in degree, yet in kind. It is much easier to continue a motive than to originate one; it is less difficult to spread an existing conflagration than to start a fire *de novo* with green kindlings. The mood and essence of collegiate life, and of companionship among the members of a college fraternity, are peculiar to

such surroundings, and afford a satisfaction and a charm to which the graduate is delighted to revert in after years; and affords a powerful incentive to draw him back to former scenes and to continue former interests. It remains for the chapter to intelligently appreciate this fact, in order that this interest may be carefully retained and fostered.

I would suggest that one way to continue the interest of the alumni in the chapter would be to have the S. G. furnish, in that circular letter he is expected to send each alumnus at least once a year, a list of the names of all active members of the chapter, and the college class to which each belongs. Among the duties of the S. G., this is not mentioned, but I believe such additional service would be valuable. On many occasions, on seeing the names of Gettysburg College students mentioned in our college journal or elsewhere, I was anxious to know whether the young men were Phi Psis, and what class they belonged to. Also, at different times, I wished to communicate by letter with some brother belonging to a certain college class, but I had not the information to enable me to do so. The list I suggest should be mailed to each alumnus about the middle of the first term, or after the new men have all been taken in. Like many other people, I remember faces, but forget names, very readily, and the names of the brothers I meet at commencement time soon slip me, unless some special occurrence fastens the name in my memory. If we could refer to official lists of names and classes, it would greatly aid our mutual acquaintanceship.

Another most important means of continuing alumni interest is for the active members to urge each alumnus to subscribe for and read the official organ of the fraternity—THE SHIELD. No alumnus can maintain his interest in the fraternity unless he keeps himself well booked on the status and activities of the fraternity in general, and of the various chapters, and particularly of his own chapter. As well expect that man to be a good lawyer or a reliable physician, who does not keep himself posted on the progressive developments of his profession and its most recent literature. Intelligent interest can not be aroused or fostered unless it has something to feed on. Let a special effort be made to introduce THE SHIELD to the notice of every alumnus, and let the reports from chapters therein presented be made interesting to the alumni by referring to them personally, when there is just reason to do so. Get the alumni to feel that THE SHIELD is an organ for them, as well as for the active members, and that their relations to it are personal and obligatory.

Another good way to test the allegiance of the alumni is to call on them now and then for subscriptions to build a new chapter house, or to

furnish the same. The heart lies very near the pocket-book, and if you can touch the latter, you are sure to have struck the former.

Another thing that pleases the alumni, makes them feel proud of "the boys," and in that way fosters their active allegiance, is to hear that the individual members of the chapter are distinguished above the men of other fraternities for their social standing, for their dignified manhood, for their regard for college rules, and for their scholarly attainments. In these respects Phi Psi men are always in the lead, and it is a matter of no small comfort to the alumni to hear such uniformly flattering accounts. I often feel thankful that I do not belong to any of certain other fraternities I could here mention, whose members are frequently more distinguished for disgraceful rowdiness than for decency and culture. Making due allowance for a sprinkling of human-race depravity, for which Phi Psis are not at all responsible, I here assume authority to speak for the alumni, and to say that we feel proud of the noble, manly qualities which we see evinced by the active members of our fraternity.

Another most excellent way to continue and increase alumni interest is by holding just such conventions as we are now engaged in. I believe the plans and purposes of this new movement to be most excellent. It will not only stimulate fraternity interests among the active members, but it should also be made the occasion of rallying the wavering loyalty of the alumni. Let the committee of arrangements see to it that each and every alumnus, within the jurisdiction of this district, receives a personal invitation to attend these meetings. Let the effort be enthusiastic, direct, and concerted to influence the alumni, and force upon them the conviction that it is their duty to attend. Recognize them in these councils as much as is consistent by appointing them to read papers and respond to toasts. We old fellows like to be tickled with such complimentary requests. It gives us a chance to hunt up our old armor, to rub the rust off, and to show our awkwardness in trying to treat an unfamiliar subject in a familiar manner. This is the kind of a fix I am in this afternoon. You see, all these attentions you bestow on the alumni, and all these complimentary honors, place us under delightful obligations to the fraternity and our old chapter, so that our united allegiance is readily stimulated and secured. I hope the brothers "catch on" to the drift of my argument.

But my ten minutes are about expiring, and I have not yet spoken on the question. How may the S. G. best perform the duties of his office?

I quote from the Constitution the section relating to the duties of the S. G.:

"The S. G. shall assist the B. G., and act as A. G. in the absence of the latter. He shall be the historian of his chapter. As such he shall

keep in a book for that purpose a record, as accurate as possible, of the name, address, age, and occupation of each alumnus of his chapter, and a list of deaths of active and alumni brothers, the time and place of death, and other information of interest. At least once a year he shall mail to each alumnus a circular letter setting forth the facts as to the condition and prospects of his chapter. He shall render such report as may be required by the Secretary of the Executive Council."

There may be a phase of this question which I do not now comprehend, and which may have made it desirable to have expressions of opinion as to the best manner of discharging the duties referred to. It seems to me that these duties are very explicitly stated, and I do not see that I can make any useful suggestions in the way of executing them. The statistics necessary are easily obtained, either through the college journals or by personal correspondence. The work is chiefly clerical, and should not be difficult of performance.

Years ago, when it became a national question as to how we should again resume specie payment, there was much talk, and many arguments offered pro and con. The only advice or declaration which had any very great relevance to the question was that illustrious remark made by General Grant: "The way to resume is to resume." So I would say to the S. G., the best way to perform the duties of your office is to *perform them*. The only important thing is, that the duties of the office should be actually and honestly performed, and not slighted, deferred, or neglected. The office of the S. G. is a very important one, and with its increased duties, is a most commendable feature of the new constitution. It is the privilege of the incumbent of this position to do much in the way of fostering the allegiance of the alumni so much desired, and we sincerely hope that this official avenue of inter-communication between the chapters and the alumni will be faithfully utilized.

In conclusion, allow me to greet the "first council" of the "First District" of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity with a figurative fraternal embrace. Welcome the new constitution! Welcome the introduction of district councils! Welcome to the capital city of Pennsylvania, the fraternal delegates and visitors to this our first council! May this new departure mark a new era, not only in fostering the fraternity spirit among our undergraduates, but particularly in arousing and maintaining the interest and allegiance of Phi Psi alumni.

POEM.

[Read at the First District Council by Felix E. Schelling, Pa. I.]

Gentlemen, symposiarch, as in the storied past
The minstrel rose to tune his lute, the least sirs and the last,
So let me rise amid the pomp of oratoric show,
This blazonry of imagery, this genial spirits' flow;
Compare me not with yonder knight, who wields wit's gleaming lance,
I curvet on a jennet my preliminary prance;
Most poets, sirs, are heavy guns that scatter brains and gore,
But I shall be, you'll all agree, a very slender bore.

Dear brothers, ay, dear brothers all, whom such a tie unites,
Whose heart warms not fraternal on this vety night of nights?
The welcome that we tender to all sons of old Phi Psi,
Glow's warm as glows the sunshine, spreads broad as spreads the sky.

Some things we shrine within our hearts, each one a household god,
Our alma mater, though sometimes she wields the birchen rod,
Our class—oh, yes, we'll drink her down, although, 'twixt you and me,
She can not run, nor row, nor bowl,—in short, has no *esprit*,—
But old Phi Psi, my brothers all, what more could heart demand;
I feel mine grow as genial as the glass here in my hand!

We're many, ay, although, as yet, no mortal double sees,
We're different, too, although, 'twould seem, we differ by degrees;
Here's one who'd have us believe, pardie, he's won a Ph. D.,
Another is so busy he is known to be A. B.;
Yon senior, "*bearded like a pard*," once like that youth appeared,
Who wears a thing upon his face that's *parted like a beard*;
Ay, here are gathered sage D. D.'s and freshmen—ah! so small,—
Grandpa, who knows a thing or two; grandson, who knows things all.

Yet come from where you will, or own allegiance where you may,
To-night our hearts are filled with thoughts that beckon us away
To those old days, some glad, some sad; for years in silent flight
Have taken from our midst some whom we would were here to-night;
Still have they left, in chastened thought, fond memories behind,
As some sweet strain that haunts the vacant chambers of the mind.

But come, the song we raise to-night wells forth in deeper tone,
Its theme is life, warm present life, a life that stands full grown
In flush of manhood, large-limbed as the early god of war,
His honor deep as ocean, his ambition, yonder star.

Then fill your bumpers high, my boys, and drink to old Phi Psi,
We will not leave thee, Bacchus, though thy license touch the sky;
And if there be a man who wooes the blushless water fay,
May the cool draught be Castalan, or as fons Blandusiæ.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

[Read at the Third District Council by G. B. Baker, Ind. A.]

Every institution is the exponent of some idea. Those of social import are more important than those of political, and although they attract much less attention than the more vehement and angry contests of parties, they are attended with far more enduring and wide-spreading results. All of the evils of the English conquest and religious rancor sink into insignificance in Ireland compared with the frightful questions arising from social torment and predial vexation; and if the fabric of our college success could be destroyed, it will be by that element, which, arising from the selfish domination of weak over strong, bears in its bosom the elements of a tempest which may some day overwhelm our college life with ruinous results. As a positive force against this negative tendency, the Greek-letter fraternity system was established. Its idea is that the individual person is one of infinite value; that all of its members are valuable beyond thought and conception. The structure of the fraternity probity was founded, reared, and cemented to enshrine and to diffuse a generous doctrine of the worth and character of student as regarded by student. There is about it all a weird power of secrecy and mystery which can be none other than commended by the friends of college education. Such are the principles on which William A. Letterman and C. P. T. Moore, brothers of honored memory, founded our organization. They gave to us a constitution, with by-laws for the government and control of the fraternity, embracing, as it did, the old "Grand Chapter System," the governing power being invested in a chapter whose actions are subject only to the action of the Grand Arch Council—the supreme authority.

When introduced, this system of government answered well enough. The business was not at all onerous, the chapters being few in number and situated closely together. But the Grand Chaptership was given to men inexperienced in such duties, having no preparatory education qualifying them for the duties of their position.

To merit respect, superior powers require superior respect. Thus it is seen that the Grand Chapter never received the respect which was due to it as the executive head of the fraternity. With our thirty-four chapters, our old idea of government was inadequate for our extended chapter

system. We, poorly organized and worse governed, were called upon to face more powerful rivals with more perfect and better executed systems of government. Finally, we remained no longer inert when the logic of our history showed that the highest prosperity depended upon our alertness. Thus, no longer blind to the changes of and in other fraternity systems, our fossilized form of government was finally revised.

Our honored brother—Governor Foraker—has said, in speaking to delegates on this subject, when originally proposed: “We expect you to make changes in the government, and we shall expect those who come after you to do likewise; therefore, while cautioning you against inconsiderate and unnecessary changes in any of the fundamental laws of the fraternity, and while invoking your respect for that which has the sanction of age and usage, I would, nevertheless, say, let not your hands be tied by any such things. * * * * Act consistently with your ideas of the best interests of the fraternity, our love for which o’errides all selfish claims and personal gratifications.”

With such encouragement and advice, and the general feeling existing in the fraternity, it was considered in detail and with candor how to repair the weak points in our building structure. Accordingly, at the Columbus Grand Arch Council, a Committee on Constitution and By-laws was appointed, which, after nearly two years of hard and unceasing labor, rendered its report at the Indianapolis Grand Arch Council, the report being met with uncontested adoption *in toto*.

Resulting from comments in THE SHIELD, discussions in the Grand Arch Council of ’85, and from general interchange of opinions, the report of the committee was anticipated.

The March (1886) edition of THE SHIELD, published one month before the committee reported, stated:

“Phi Kappa Psi needs:

“1. An Executive Council of nine men, five of whom are not undergraduates.

“2. A $\Phi K \Psi$ headquarters in some central city, in which, or near which, a quorum of the Executive Council should reside.

“3. Publication of THE SHIELD under the auspices of the Executive Council, and from its headquarters.

“4. An active undergraduate chapter in the immediate vicinity of said $\Phi K \Psi$ capital.

“5. Division of fraternity into four provinces, each with a *Grand Chapter* of its own.

“6. Biennial Grand Arch Councils and Province Conventions, to

meet in alternating years, and the Province Councils to be held at the same time, that they may be in constant communication."

That these principles *should* be engrafted into the Constitution was an universal *idea*, and that they *were* adopted as a part of the Constitution is now a positive *fact*, the only change being the substitution of an *Archon* for a District Grand Chapter.

This Constitution is the result of careful consideration, and of the ripest Greek fraternity experience, and is surely more nearly perfect than that of any other fraternity. As to system and conception, it could not be more perfect,—it only remains to be seen whether its provisions are faithfully kept and executed.

What are the imperfections, if any, of this newly-formed government? many ask. Let us, before considering this question, briefly examine the inquiry negatively, for such a codification is subject to a critical examination of both its merits and elements.

Prominent among the former is the fact that as much as could be advantageously used was left of the old Constitution. The ritual remained unchanged, as also the address and statement of the objects of the organization. These forms to many approach the realm of sanctity. As stated by Charles Sumner, immediately after his initiation: "Nothing could better express what should be the holy purposes of such a society than the words to which I have just listened."

The unit rule was preserved, and thus discouraged the idea of undue extension in disregard to a united and fraternal feeling among chapters.

The rule of the majority, preventing the existence of any class distinction, was also retained.

Alumni chapters were abolished, and in their places are substituted alumni associations; and it is hoped that the change will be of great benefit. The general control is placed upon a sound basis, with encouraging and flattering prospects.

THE GOVERNMENT GOVERNS.

Divided, as is the fraternity, into four distinct districts, controlled by the Executive Council, a systematic and successful government, which has been patent in the minds of the brothers for years past, is now in active and successful operation. Is there any positive consideration for this subject? Are there any existing faults in this code of laws formed from most mature and thoughtful study? That there are not many is evident, but I would suggest one, and one only, and that is that the fraternity is in *too great measure alumni*.

With none of us is fraternity life made a business. It is said that the

college boy does not come to college wholly for the interests of the fraternity which he shall join. Very true; but many say that the fraternity is the loser. Is it? They say that the alumnus has had experience, and so favor having the Executive Council contain an undergraduate minority. The latter has immediate experience, and knows the *present* demands of the fraternity better than those who have left the chapter life years since. By the same argument as that used against the undergraduates, we can equally well assert that the alumnus does not go out of college to make fraternity interests a specialty. His first duty is to attend to personal interests, and give to the fraternity what time is left. He is removed from college and from fraternity circles, and is not cognizant of the actual status of the active members. Should not the latter, who constitute the very life-blood of our fraternity, have the majority, as they have in the Grand Arch Councils, and as they have in the sub-chapters? And, as in the Grand Arch Council, have the alumni interested by advice and by votes? Too complete an abduction of their power will raise a dissatisfaction among the active members, and the subject should be well considered. Our government is successful, and, with perhaps this one exception, is at present eminently perfect. Adequate laws now exist for the proper conduction of our governmental system; no additions are necessary. All that is needed is to *execute* those now adopted. Let us awaken our thoughts to a realization of the necessity of their execution. Awaken thoughts; deeds will follow. And, as is said of Carlyle's "Heroes," "Their thoughts were the parents of their deeds," so shall we, as a result, execute actions which will establish a fraternity system which will be a perfect brotherhood, purposing to free all of its members from the chaos of worldly envies, passions, and chimeras. Unreached by selfish ingratitude, we will rise grandly and majestically into our own atmosphere of fraternity life; we will have an organization that "brooks no superior, counts no equal;" a complete and perfect system of principles of government; an ideal fraternity.

FRATERNITY MORALITY.

[Read at the Third District Council by George Smart, Ohio A.]

The effects of association upon the character of men are seldom given that serious consideration and careful attention that their importance demands. In the rush and hurry of modern life, we who push forward in the continual strife are not prone to stop and think what it is that has made us. We even forget the physical requisites that are demanded by the laws of health. A city, in the midst of its multiform departments of

business, permits filth to collect upon the thoroughfares and in secluded spots, to threaten the health and happiness of its inhabitants, and even to invite pestilence. Thousands of times we imperil our physical well-being, neglectful or unmindful of the delicate structure of our bodies. We do not appreciate the importance of our surroundings. But, to study, understand, and obey sanitary and hygienic laws is not the only duty of man. When as great a thinker as Carlyle tells us that our influence is immortal, we stand silent with awe. We might think for hours about that statement. We live and die, but the influence of our character is transmitted from man to man as long as time. This thought brings consolation and hope. It impresses, in the most lasting manner, the importance of our lives. It brings us home to ourselves, and we begin to see how our own character building has advanced. We ask ourselves, Who are we? and, What has made us as we are? It is then we see the importance of association. We see how largely we have been the creatures of those about us, beginning with our babyhood and reaching the present. Our own bodily development, from a time of utter physical helplessness to one of comparative physical independence, abounds in examples of the influence of those about us, and all these examples have counterparts in our psychological development.

“In the progress of each man’s character,” says Emerson, “his relations to the best men, which at first seem only the romances of youth, acquire a graver importance; and he will have learned the lesson of life who is skilled in the ethics of friendship.”

I don’t know whether Ralph Waldo Emerson was a Greek or not; but when I think of those lines, I imagine him as a genuine fraternity boy, and can see him, long years ago, as the beloved brother of a Greek chapter. Those lines might well be written in letters of gold upon the walls of every Greek hall.

One of the first duties of a Phi Psi is to learn that his fraternity relations are not merely the romances of youth, but the most important realities of his present and future. True it is, that to-day we enter the chapter, and to-morrow we bid it farewell. We step into a world that cares nothing for our old friendships. The brother who bid me, thinks the graduate, has already gone to a distant State. He is involved in the cares of business. We seldom hear from him. One by one, the brothers will be scattered; new men, unknown to me, will take their places; and in a few years the old chapter will be no more—a something to remember with pleasant recollections, mingled with sad regrets that it could not live always. Its influence on me is ended.

Stop, my brother, let us hear no more of such lamentations. True

it is, that the boys to whom you first gave the Phi Psi grip are scattered. Some of them may even be forgotten; but those early associations made an impression upon your character that time can not remove. Those relations have assumed a graver importance; and, if you were skilled in the ethics of Phi Psi friendship, you have learned the lesson of life. There is nothing marvelous about your present character. It is only the natural product of early cultivation.

When, my brothers, we see clearly the working of cause and effect, of early influences upon after life, when we have learned that our fraternity relations are not merely youthful romances, the great responsibilities that devolve upon us are disclosed. We see, first, the duties that we owe ourselves. We are actively enlisted in the battle of right against wrong. It is now that we must cultivate the qualities that will enable us to withstand the trials of the future. If we form correct habits of living now, it will hereafter be easier for us to keep our lives free from taint or tarnish. The past will lend a helping hand to the future. We shall have within us the consciousness of being pure and true. The inward calm is, after all, the only perfect happiness. The applause of men does not quiet the guilty conscience. Remorse makes life miserable.

We see, secondly, the duties that we owe our brothers. We are no longer, if we ever were, independent of others. We have taken the most solemn oaths, and entered a new life. We are responsible not only for ourselves, but also for our influence upon others. The home and the fraternity are the centers of the greatest influence that affects the character of men. When the boy steps from the tender care of his home into the fraternity, he is at a critical point in his life. If he passes safely over, his future will be shaped largely by the influences of a life well begun. It may be said that the fraternity is not a school, that the older brothers should not train the younger; but I insist that the fraternity is a school where we are all teachers and all scholars, or rather where character is both teacher and scholar. We may not know when we are teaching, or when we are being taught, but silently the everlasting lessons are taught; noiselessly our hereafter is shaped. It is not by harshly talking to a brother, and telling him that he must do this and must not do that, that the greatest influence is exerted. If one brother feels that he should talk to another upon some question of conduct, he must do it in sincerity, in earnestness, in kindness, with sympathy, when he and his brother are alone, when he can look in his brother's face, and when the two souls can commune with each other. Then he may tenderly talk with him. Or, brothers may meet in sacred confidence entirely as equals, without any intention of trying to help each other, and this communion of souls may

result in mutual strengthening. But there is always an influence that is felt when the lips do not move—an influence due to the affinity that one life, one heart, one character has for another. Character has been well defined as “a latent power, a reserved force, which acts directly by presence, and without means.” The brother whose tongue is most active is not often the one who has the best influence. It is he whose life, daily actions, character, wield a powerful influence while his tongue is silent. It is the modest, sterling boy whose thoughts and words are pure; the boy who respects manhood and womanhood.

It is not pleasant to speak in detail of wrong doing, but I can not confine myself entirely to generalities, and desire to call attention to a few matters that enter into the daily life of Phi Psis.

Guard well your language. Profane and vulgar words should find no place in the vocabulary of a Phi Psi. The brother who takes in vain the name of the Almighty, or who indulges in coarse and obscene talk, outrageously disregards the beautiful words that were addressed to him when he became a Phi Psi. Blasphemy and obscenity can never assist to establish our fraternity as one whose designs are holy, sanctioned by the approving smiles of Deity himself.

Remember the dangers of intoxicating drinks. If a brother of Phi Kappa Psi walks up to a bar and asks another to drink with him, he is extending an invitation that may lead to unspeakable misery. If a chapter of Phi Psis take liquor to their hall, and drink it together, the future will not be filled with the delightful recollections of the genuine pleasures of the morning of life, but the memory will be clouded by the shadow of remorse, and perhaps the guilty conscience will refuse to be quieted as the surviving brothers think how one or two of their number—generous, whole-souled boys,—drank from the intoxicating cup till death removed the terrible thirst: Have we any lack of facts to demonstrate the evils that may result from fraternity dissipation? No; they are all about us. Phi Kappa Psi's history in Ohio includes a few dark spots, which have now cleared away, but were due to failure to adhere to the strict demands of temperance and virtue. Our Grand Arch Councils have been attended by delegates of whom, as a whole, we have been justly proud. Still, even at these meetings, we have seen indications that the influence of Phi Kappa Psi is not uniformly and entirely good in all of the chapters. I am thankful to say, however, that in our fraternity the examples of the dangers of intemperance have not been numerous. But we can not say as much of all of our rivals. Have we not all witnessed or known of debauchery among Greeks that made us heart-sick to think that such evil influence, such iniquity, could exist in organizations so much like our

own? Only a few nights ago, as I walked up High Street in Columbus, as Saturday had just passed and Sunday was dawning, I saw a set of fine looking young men come staggering out of a large saloon. I thought they were college boys, and, as they went reeling up the street, and one, who appeared to be sober, lingered behind, they called him; and I knew from the name that the crowd belonged to a rival fraternity. My heart was filled with sorrow. Can it be, I thought, that *this* is the influence of fraternity life? Is this all the sacred Greek principles are worth? Can it be that a Greek society can enter one of the best homes in Columbus, take from a loving mother her bright and promising boy, and lead him to this den of temptation and sin? The burglar, I thought, who enters that home, and steals a piece of silver, is sent to the penitentiary, dressed in stripes, and disgraced forever. What should be done with the chapter which enters that home, drags a young son from kindly influences, and leads him in the way of degradation? I thought of my own chapter, and rejoiced as a Phi Psi that its influence is pure; but I thought of our rival chapter, and mourned as a Greek. When we know of these wrongs and these dangers, it is our solemn duty to do all in our power to make them impossible in Phi Kappa Psi.

Turning from these warnings, let us remember the positive side of our Phi Psi duties, for we must not only resist the wrong, but move steadily forward in the right. Let us never be unmindful that we are associated with the dearest and best friends that we shall ever have. Let us be firm in the truth. At least, with our Phi Psi brothers, let us be sincere, and stand in true relations. To some men we are attached by admiration for their ability; to others, by hope of political, social, or business advancement. Let there be something higher and nobler in our Phi Psi relations. The only attachment that unites the truest and best Phi Psis is that which results from fraternal love, born of the association of pure and manly brothers. Let us remember, with Emerson, that "our friendships hurry to short and poor conclusions, because we have made them a texture of wine and dreams, instead of the tough fiber of the human heart. The laws of friendship are great, austere, and eternal, of one web with the laws of nature and of morals. The essence of friendship is entireness, a total magnanimity and trust. The only way to have a friend is to be one."

My brothers, you who are still in college, make your chapter meetings as happy and joyous as you can. Let the soul-stirring college and Phi Psi songs ring through your halls. Your chapter hall is the place to concentrate the sunshine of your college life. It is better to own a piano in a plain room than to live without it in an elegantly furnished hall. It

does the true Phi Psi more good to enjoy Phi Psi music than to walk over fine carpets, or sit in upholstered chairs.

Let us not, brothers, as we grow older, imagine that our fraternity's influence is less important because its college members are boys. We could not have a greater delusion. The hope of our country is its boys. The future greatness, power, moral strength of this grand republic depends upon its youth. Trite as this statement may seem, it is too often disregarded. The world's history proves its truth. After the conquering armies of the great Napoleon had swept over Germany, and the German empire had not yet entered upon that wonderful career of prosperity which led to its present greatness, the iron prince, Count Otto Von Bismarck, said to King William that hereafter Germany must depend upon her young men, and prepare them to engage in their country's battles. From that time, Germany did rely upon her boys, and when again the French and German armies met, the flag of Germany was carried forward to victory in every battle. In our own civil war, there was more fact than fancy in the patriotic expression, "Boys in blue." When Fort Sumpter was fired upon, thousands of boys marched to the front; and, amidst the shot and shell and rumble and roar of battle, surrounded by the dead and dying, fought for the Union. Yes, it was brave boys like Ben Foraker who stood by the stars and stripes from Fort Sumter to Appomattox.

Let us ever remember our sacred duties as Phi Psis, and, amid the dangers, temptations, disappointments, and successes of life, never forget that our honor, our disgrace, our character, are inseparably connected with Phi Kappa Psi.

FRATERNITY.

[Read at the Banquet of the Third District Council by ^{Tom} T. W. Haymond, Ind. A.]

O ye, whose hands have felt the clasp and thrill,
Which speaks from friend to friend the glad good-will,
O ye, whose hearts did incense sweet inspire
From our great altar's ever sacred fire,
Vain hopes, ambitions, and the keen regret,
Bury to-night—for one short hour forget!
Away with care—fit clothing of old men,—
Youth is the morn; let us be boys again!

Youth is the morn; the eastern tint of blue,
Before its hope warms to the roseate hue,
And earth, erstwhile intolerable and gray,
Revives and brightens; and the harp of day,

Struck by the sturdy tiller of the fields,
 Or sooted smith, harmonious discord yields,
 While, roused from couch of rest, awakened life
 Feels through its veins the crimson streams run rife.

Youth is the morn ; the world to-day is young :
 And as at morn, with careless eye and tongue,
 Shorn of our fears and boldened by the light,
 We love to turn to memories of the night,
 And spy and speak the broken fancies wrought
 In sleep,—unreal real phantasms of thought,—
 So we, within the dawning which divides
 The night from day, assured no ill betides,
 Form from the menaces of ages gone
 Strange silhouettes of story all our own ;
 And say, with laughing eye and chattering tongue,
 Youth is the morn ; the world to-day is young !

O ye, whose hands have felt the clasp and thrill,
 Which speaks from friend to friend the glad good-will,
 O ye, whose hearts did incense sweet inspire
 From our great altar's ever sacred fire,
 I dare not speak to you the warmer part
 Of all that lies to-night within my heart !
 Can ye not read the thoughts I dare not rhyme
 In this strange story of the olden time ?

Deep 'mid the hills and crags of Scotland's isle,
 Earth torn, upheaved, and rifted pile on pile,
 From steep to steep, with labored step and bold,
 At close of day there toiled a knight of old ;
 A storm is on the mountains ; the black cloud
 Breaks on their summits, and, with rumblings loud,
 Swells into torrents, which, adown the steep,
 Roar back their answer to the upward deep.
 O'erpowered at last by darkness and the shock
 Of storm, beneath a frowning ledge of rock,
 The knight sought shelter from the storm, and found
 What proved to be a chamber underground.
 He entered ; lightning smote the stone o'erhead,
 The cave was sealed—sealed as upon the dead !
 Fruitless his blows upon the fateful stone !
 Fruitless his cries ; entombed, he stood alone !
 He ceased, and loud and louder than before
 He heard the storm and sweeping torrents roar
 Through the thick walls ; while, peering round him then,
 Accustomed to the darkness, scanned the den.

Oh! fate of him who in the court or field
Broke lance against the boldest, brightest shield
That house of Douglass or Snawdown e'er gave,
Den of wild beasts was that dark prison cave!
The narrow walls at sides and overhead
Were wet with dripping ooze, which, with the tread
Of savage beast, or glide of serpents' flight,
Stirred the soft earth into a noisome sight.
At one side, 'neath the black and caving wall,
With aspect which might braver knight appall,
Crouched low, expectant of the sudden raid,
A lion, fierce as from Afric's jungled glade;
And on the wall an owl, with lurid eyes
And voice startling and horrid, blinked surprise;
In farthest nook, alone in selfish brood,
A stork, with plumage soiled and ruffled, stood;
And near the center, ready for the spoil,
A brood of serpents, in one monster coil,
Lift high their crests, and writhe, and intertwine,
And mock the air with hisses!

The knight was brave, but when he turned, his face
Upon the uncanny dwellers of the place,
And breathed the noxious vapors of the room,
He doubted not he stood within his tomb.
He strained against the unyielding stone again,
He strove with superhuman strength, but all in vain;
The lion crouched, expectant of his prey,
The serpents lashed the mire into a spray,
The owl, grown bolder, ventured fluttering near,
And peered into his face with frightful leer.
Sudden, across his mind there flashed the thought
Of some old charm thro' distant ages brought!
His sword from out its sheath he quickly drew,
He leaped far out amidst the reptile crew,
He smote him thrice upon the lips and cheek,
And on the wall, with steady hand and true,
He carved three mystic letters of the Greek!

Potent the deed; a clangor as of steel
Rang out against the cavern's fatal seal:
The stone gave way; a flood of light fell thro',
And, standing in the doorway, brought to view
The form of one who, from her virgin snood
And mien, betrayed the child of gentle blood.
Her face was radiant and wondrous fair,

Fraternity.

The careless tresses of her wanton hair,
 Entangled with the sunbeams, till not you
 Could tell which was the brighter of the two!
 She stood with arm outstretched, and in her hand,
 Above the knight, she waved a golden wand:
 Fled like a dream the beast and bird away,
 Vanished like mist the vapors dank and gray,
 Vanished the cave, and all it held of dread,
 Vanished,—and sky and sunlight overhead!
 Upon his steed within a valley fair,
 The warrior sat at breaking of the day;
 And heard afar, borne on the mountain air,
 The shepherd pipe the Scottish highland lay.

This is the meaning of the tale I tell,
 These are the words I would ye treasured well:
 Humanity is that bold knight of old;
 The secret cave, the errors manifold,
 Enslaving mind, and heart, and soul in sin;
 Its tenants dread, the dangers from within,
 The man himself; the lion cruelty presents;
 The stork, the selfishness of our intents;
 And superstition, ignorance, the owl;
 The serpent, treachery and crime most foul;
 And she who rolls the stone and sets us free,
 Is whom we worship here—Fraternity!

O ye, whose hands have felt the clasp and thrill,
 Which speaks from friend to friend the glad good-will,
 O ye, whose hearts did incense sweet inspire
 From our great altar's ever sacred fire,
 Cheer for that banner never to be furled,
 Fraternity, redeemer of the world!
 Long may that badge and banner cheer
 You, O my friends and brothers gathered here!
 Long may our hands in friendship's clasp be held,
 Long may our hearts in purpose one be weld!

We are but few—good deeds will multiply;
 We are but young—age cometh by and by;
 And youth is morn; the world itself is young;
 And so, with laughing eye and chattering tongue,
 We smite ourselves upon the lips and cheek,
 Write high three mystic letters of the Greek,
 And wait, as for the far-off laden ships,
 Our great Fraternity's apocalypse!

April 2, 1887.

The Areopagus.

A WORD FOR ILLINOIS BETA.

Although Illinois Beta is in outward appearance defunct, yet all the members of the dead chapter are still as lively as ever they were, and gladly send to all their brothers greeting.

We are deprived of the customary pleasure of introducing by letter any new men to the fraternity, but we are none the less true to the cause, and filled with fraternity spirit, as could be readily discerned, were you permitted to attend one of our semi-occasional social meetings.

If any brother passing through Chicago will but speak and make himself known, we will give him "what he deserves," and show him that we are still glad to be Phi Psis, only sorry that we are orphans.

On the third day of August, we pitch our camp at Delavan Lake, as we have done for four summers past. This lake is in the southern part of Wisconsin, only two or three miles from the famous Geneva Lake. There will be a party of twenty of us (young ladies included) at our club house during the month of August, and should any Phi Psi be spending the time of hot weather anywhere in that vicinity, we extend to him a hearty invitation to spend a day with us. A night upon a straw bunk or a small bit of "camp ham," will very soon make him well acquainted with the crowd who will gladly welcome him to the "Chicago Phi Psi Camp."

LINCOLN M. COY.

Chicago, May 17, 1887.

NEW YORK EPSILON.

On Friday evening, April 29th, New York Epsilon was established under the most favorable circumstances. On account of examinations, Archon Brother Posey was unable to be present, and appointed your humble servant to officiate in his place. In the afternoon, the Phi Psis who were present had the pleasure of seeing one of the babies of the baby carry off the first honor in the freshman declamation contest.

At 8:30 P. M., the following brothers assembled in the session room

of old Æonia's hall: J. W. Taylor, Cornell; C. A. Lonergon, W. M. Brooks, F. N. Burritt, P. F. Piper, F. J. Farrington, P. D. Perkins, and F. J. Schnauber, Syracuse. Then our William, who had been anxiously waiting for the occasion, was brought forth, and with fear and trembling, the following tried their skill and were successfully carried into the mystic realm of $\Phi K \Psi$: Irving B. Lewis, Edgar A. Shepherd, Henry W. Shepard, William S. Coons, ~~Oscar K. Davis~~, Edward B. Shallow, Herbert J. Smith, Frank H. Bennett, Walter A. King, Dwight B. Williams, Henry S. Brownson, Sherman A. Marcy, Charles S. Daniels, Robert H. Carey, David A. MacMurray, Clarence N. Squires, Daniel S. Brush, and Patrick J. Lyons.

New York Epsilon was then declared duly organized, and officers were elected by the initiates. The chapter then proceeded to the initiation of John D. Rumsey and F. C. Curtis, two alumni of Æonia attending the theological department of the University. The meeting was then closed in due form, and the members adjourned to the Park House, where the tables had been groaning for several hours under the weight of the delicious viands spread for the occasion. After the labor and excitement of the evening, all were well qualified to do justice to the occasion, after which the following toasts were responded to: "Our Fraternity," P. F. Piper; "THE SHIELD," F. N. Burritt; "Æonia," E. B. Shallow; "First District," C. A. Lonergon; "New York Epsilon," O. K. Davis; "The Ladies," H. S. Brownson. Toast Master, J. W. Taylor.

The toasts on Æonia and New York Epsilon had the true Phi Psi ring to them, and the transformation was splendidly pictured by Brother Shallow.

The inner man being satisfied, an adjournment was had to the Phi Psi hall, where the wee small hours were spent 'mid songs and rejoicing. Brother Squires officiated at the organ, which, I understand, is to soon give place to a piano.

On Saturday morning the Phi Psi matter was handed in for the junior annual, and created quite a surprise, which resulted in congratulations from the other fraternities. New York Epsilon already has a strong hold on the Class of '91, and as the university has a clear future, Epsilon's success is assured. This is a step in the right direction; let the good work go on, for there are yet good institutions in the East which, I think, will open to the knock of $\Phi K \Psi$. *Let the knock be given.*

With congratulations to the fraternity and Epsilon, I remain,
Very fraternally,

F. J. SCHNAUBER, *Ambassador.*

Editorial.

We hope the Executive Council will make some provision by which the B. G.'s may all be chosen at the same time. It is always difficult to keep track of changes, but never more so than when in the midst of a chapter letter, we are gravely informed: "THE SHIELD failed to reach us last month on time, because sent to the former B. G.;" although we had had no possible means of ascertaining who had been chosen to this responsible office.

We wish to urge upon the readers of THE SHIELD the importance of reading that department of our journal called Miscellany. Many important items to every $\phi \psi$ may thus escape notice, and in particular we urge the co-operation of every brother in finding the present addresses of the "unknowns" there detailed. Surely, these brethren have not gone into outer darkness without leaving a trace behind!

We take great pleasure in introducing to Phi Kappa Psi and the fraternity world New York Epsilon of $\phi \kappa \psi$. May her zeal never become less nor her influence wane. The new government has shown already good reason for its existence by the prompt manner in which this chapter

has been added to our roll, and we doubt not that several other illustrations, equally forcible, will be offered to the fraternity before another college year shall have opened.

Business-like methods pay in fraternity matters as elsewhere in the world.

We desire to call the attention of the brethren to the fact that aside from the dribble of chapter letters the Editor has received little, if any, assistance in his labors.

The pages of *THE SHIELD* are yours, and you ought to help fill them. We intend to publish ten numbers in this volume, and, upon the opening of the college year, shall present to you as bright and readable a September issue as the fraternity will assist us to prepare.

No more interesting a feature could be presented to the notice of the brethren than a review of the college annuals of the year, but the Editor ought not to be asked to purchase these himself; and, although a number of chapters have volunteered to supply *THE SHIELD* with their college annuals, none have been received.

We have received, all told, four college papers in answer to our appeal in the April issue, and we wish to say further that only one copy of these was marked so that the Editor was in any way assisted in his work.

We issue 1,200 copies this month, and inclose a few extras in every package, hoping that the brethren of each chapter will make good use of them on Commencement Day among the visiting alumni. If you wish *THE SHIELD* to go to the very front as a fraternity journal, you will use all zeal in assisting the Editor to make its circulation certain among 1,500 paying subscribers. We are glad to know that some three brothers in Chicago, one in Omaha,

two in Kansas City, one in Cincinnati, one in Columbus, one in Cleveland, and a fair number in smaller places, are interesting themselves in the matter, but their labors can not compare for effectiveness to those of the chapters.

Let us see. To our edition of 1,000, exchanges, extras, and all, we must add about 650 names to make the 1,500 paying list. Can this be done? We have to-day thirty-six chapters, and fair prospects for one more; one alumni association, with prospects for six or eight more. These, if established, would add probably 200 names, leaving 450 to be secured by thirty-six chapters, an average of less than thirteen to a chapter.

We intend during the summer vacation to run through our subscription list, and mark, as far as possible, the chapter to which each subscriber belonged when in college, and thus ascertain where our support comes from; then with the aid of such brothers of chapters poorly represented on the list, as we shall be able to interest in the matter, we shall try to extend the circle of THE SHIELD'S influence.

Many brothers write us: How can I help you? We have invariably answered: "By increasing the subscription list." In response to offers of assistance, we have mailed about fifty sample copies of the May issue to various addresses, but as yet have received only three new names.

Before we can expect any very great increase of zeal among the membership of the fraternity in this matter, it will be well to answer this question in the mind of every well-wisher of THE SHIELD: What will be gained? One thousand five hundred paying subscribers means a fair salary for an editor, which shall be certain and not hypothetical; it means special articles on topics of great interest to fraternity men, whose preparation involves some extra

expense not now possible for THE SHIELD to bear; it means illustrations of chapter houses, portraits of distinguished brothers, and reproductions of favorite scenes made dear to Phi Psis by pleasant experiences.

Are these objects worth striving for?

Three months have gone by, three numbers of Vol. VIII. have been sent forth, and eight chapters have not had a word in THE SHIELD; nineteen have written once, seven twice, and but two three times. What do you think of your record, brethren? Have you shown that THE SHIELD is the organ of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity in any very wide sense?

We have received some communications which expressed this sentiment: "We would gladly send you the full amount of our bill, but Brothers So-and-So leave college in June, and on that account our number will be decreased." How THE SHIELD has failed in its mission to these brothers that they are willing to forget their fraternity as soon as they step from the commencement platform into the arena of the world's conflicts!

We submit to our readers this query, in full confidence that its implied answer is justified and indubitable: Is the spirit of $\phi \kappa \psi$ implanted in fruitful soil, if any active brother fails to continue his subscription to the fraternity organ, where his means permit it, at least three years after graduation?

In another place we have a word to say to the brother who forgets his fraternity, thinks it a boyish experience to be ashamed of, and discontinues his SHIELD; but we feel like saying that there must be several screws loose in a chapter which can send forth men willing to forget the

teachings of that organization, which says to every initiate: "Your character shall be the criterion of hers."

We have been much impressed, since leaving college, with the fact that by far the largest number of Phi Psi alumni wear no badge or distinctive mark of their college affiliations. We were at a loss at first to account for this, but recently have concluded that the experience of nine years has given us, if not all, at least the most important reasons for this neglect.

Men, upon going out into active business or professional life, soon learn that their preconceived ideas of what their experience would be were quite a good deal wide of the mark, and since they find this so, a revulsion of feeling comes against the sentiments, beliefs, and practices of their college days. With the unreason of mankind, since they find active life so different from their anticipations, they quickly conclude that because college life did not prepare them for all the after experiences which they are meeting, the habits and customs formed while at their alma mater are all wrong, and they soon come to regard their fraternity badge as a superfluous bit of jewelry to be classed with the sophomore plug-hat or junior cane.

If such a one marries, he gives his pin to his wife; if he remains single, he sells it or puts it away along with his diploma, to be brought forth on rare occasions at a fraternity gathering, or banquet of the alumni of his alma mater.

We believe there is a good reason why every Phi Psi should wear a badge of some sort, whether he be a college student, a business man, or a professional man. There was a time when $\phi \psi$ jewelry was scarce worth the wearing, but that time has happily passed; and, thanks to the active competition brought about by having two jewelers,

we have had manufactured for our use as handsome badges, watch charms, studs, cuff buttons, and what not, as can be secured anywhere.

We doubt if any one can obtain as well-made jewelry, of as good material, anywhere as college secret societies now secure. Phi Kappa Psi has had the unusual good fortune to choose as her official jewelers men whose work will stand the severest tests of comparison, and who have been so ready to anticipate the wants of the very class THE SHIELD wishes to reach as to make a small, but very elegant, badge for the use of the alumni.

Brother alumnus, fish out your badge from among the miscellaneous rubbish of your bureau drawer, and put it upon the left side of your vest, where all may see it. If you have in any way disposed of your old trophy of honor, purchase another; and never, so long as you live, become ashamed of the insignia which show to the world that you were once adjudged by your fellows worthy to wear the proud title of a Greek, unless, maybe, you have disgraced yourself and the organization of which you once were the pride.

"I do not like to tell you to stop sending me THE SHIELD, and yet it is still more unpleasant to have to pay for something I do not want; and so I ask you to strike my name off your list. Perhaps it ought not to be so, but the fact is, that I do not feel interest enough in the fraternity to read its journal. As I feel about it, to have to take a journal because one once belonged, actively, to an organization, is like taxing one for the remainder of his life for a pleasure of his youth. The interest you have in the fraternity is as great a puzzle to me as my lack of it, doubtless, will appear inexplicable to you. But I very seldom run across an alumnus member that feels as you do. Nearly all I know feel as I do."

The above excerpt, from a private letter received during the past month, shall serve as a text for a few earnest words to our readers and this brother, who, as a friend of many years' standing, has frankly spoken his mind upon a theme we gladly discuss.

We take the present occasion to be opportune to give utterance to some few of the reasons for the faith that is within us, and hope that before we shall have concluded, our friend and brother, while he may not be convinced, will understand that which now is to him inexplicable.

We have on many occasions said that we were a far stronger fraternity man to-day than when in college, and if closely questioned to give a single reason for this feeling, we should say, We believe devoutly in the potentiality of human companionship and friendship. Phi Kappa Psi professes to be devoted to the cause of elevating the standard of manhood among young men in college, and if a higher or holier mission than this can be conceived of, we know not what it may be.

Our friend is a minister of the gospel, and as such, has had ample opportunity in a large city to see the immense influence wielded by human companionship for evil as well as for good, and whatever argument holds against the existence and usefulness of Greek-letter societies, might hold with equal force against the Christian Church. The stock argument which the clergy offer to those whose character is up to the loftiest human standards, why they should affiliate with some branch of the visible church, is that mankind is so constituted that he needs, nay, demands, human companionship; and the extreme logic of this position has flooded the world with sects of believers whose essential differences of faith are trivial, but whose personal likes or dislikes in mere matters of form and precedent have given rise to those multitudinous differentiations known as religious sects.

We believe the ministerial argument unanswerable, and we make free use of it when we go farther and declare that the Greek-letter society comes to a young man often at a time when the Christian Church could not reach

him, and the pure teachings which he finds in the ritual and constitution of such organizations as our own, saves him not infrequently from the spiritual shipwreck to which so many young men in college are drifting.

We have heard this statement denominated as "monstrous," but it has long been the custom of that obdurate and unreasoning creature, man, to do just those things that seem to some sect of people foolish and absurd. Have the wholesale and vituperative attacks made for ages against Free Masonry lessened one whit the zeal of men to penetrate its inmost shrine and unravel the mysterious and awful rites which it has been supposed to practice?

We can not proceed to examine in detail the arguments adduced by the opponents of fraternities, since this would transcend the limits of a single editorial, and not be germane to the present discussion. We purpose to show the fallacy of one or two of the chief reasons which fraternity men offer for forgetting their chapter and its associations upon leaving college.

One class of these reasons may be briefly summarized as follows: Oh, yes, fraternity associations are all well enough, perhaps, for young and silly boys in the bloom of their innocence, but men have no business with such follies, and ought soon to outgrow them; the silly ceremonials, the foolish formalities, the senseless griefs and dismay at lost men and success of rivals, all are but parts of a brief panorama of childish experience which the stern rigors of conflict with the world will soon dispel.

Permit this same argument as to forms and ceremonies to follow us into our manly associations, nay, even into the Christian Church, and where might not the finger of ridicule be pointed?

Concede that much of the symbolism of Greek-letter

fraternities is silly, a point which we would promptly dispute, and what would we say to the elaborate illustrative teaching of Masonry, Odd Fellowship, or any of the powerful and largely-attended secret organizations which men delight to honor, and freely devote their lives and means to upbuild?

Boys in college grieve at loss to their fraternity of some fellow whose fancied acquisition was deemed of the greatest possible value. Is this sentiment ignoble? Does it tend to the lessening of self-respect that one's tastes, ambitions, and hopes are conjoined to those of one's companions?

Follow us into the field of politics. Is a school-boy's transports of rage more foolish, or his exhilaration at success more laughable, than the antics of men of standing and dignity at the success or failure of some political favorite?

Call to mind the most preposterous exhibition of school-boy sentiment which is connected with his fraternity experience; give it the most ridiculous setting that the language will permit, and we will engage to outtravesty it a thousand-fold with experiences of sober, sensible men, whose party affiliations have made them as unreasoning as babes.

We recall an incident of the late presidential campaign, which serves to point the moral, though it may not adorn the argument. A gentleman of high standing in an inland city of our country, a devout Christian, of the most dignified and manly character, had met upon the street a friend, who, while a man of many good parts, was awfully profane. The time was just after the news that Mr. Blaine had been defeated had obtained credence. The first gentleman said: "Well, John, I am glad to meet you, for you can serve me in this hour better than any

friend I have, I can't swear, I mustn't swear; I couldn't learn how soon enough to do justice to my feelings, but I want to hear you do your very best. It will comfort me so to hear you express what I so much feel."

Of the man who says to us: "What, do you still maintain an active interest in your fraternity? haven't you outgrown that folly of your youth?" we wish to inquire: "Has the world ever improved upon the model of David and Jonathan, of Damon and Pythias? Has anything more helpful or sacred than human friendship been invented? Has manhood grown so wise that youth has no pleasant retrospect?"

We must not do more than faintly suggest our thought, lest our theme run away with us, but we feel a profound sympathy for the man who has failed to see, through all her form and symbolism, the lofty, pure, and holy teachings of $\Phi K \Psi$; who has failed to be brought to a higher conception of the possibilities of human life by contact with her loyal sons; who has failed to see in her models a free foreshadowing of that better and grander fellowship we find in the Christian Church.

We have striven to state concisely the why of our continued enthusiasm in fraternity matters. We may not have made out our case, but we know that out of all the experiences that cluster around a happy youth, which made a useful manhood possible, none are so hallowed as the associations of Phi Kappa Psi.

In the foregoing lines we have not tried to show why fraternities should exist, but only to make clear why we believe them to be to-day a better means for us to do good than when we were in active membership. We wish that every member of our fraternity, in fact, every one who is concerned in the discussion of the question whether

fraternities should exist or not, could read Dr. Andrew White's article in the *Forum* for May on college fraternities. It is not alone scholarly, but candid, clear, and unanswerable.

The first movement under the new constitution toward the establishment of alumni associations was inaugurated at Cleveland, on the evening of May 19th, by the organization of the Cleveland Alumni Association of Phi Kappa Psi.

The resident members of $\phi \kappa \psi$ in the city met and banqueted at the Forest City House, after which the organization was completed by the election of the following officers: W. C. Wilson, president; S. S. Ford, secretary; A. G. Carpenter, M. D., treasurer. We have always advocated the establishment of such bodies and opposed the creation of alumni chapters, for reasons too obvious for discussion at this time, the writer, during his former editorship and at divers times, having detailed them to the fraternity.

We shall expect to see soon a list of such organizations in Philadelphia, Washington, Cincinnati, Columbus, Chicago, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Omaha, Pittsburg, and Topeka.

Chapter Letters.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

This last year has been a very favorable one for $\Phi K \Psi$. Since last September Alpha chapter has taken in four members. She has placed herself on a sounder financial footing, and in general fraternity work and feeling has had a healthy growth. We lose two brothers with the close of this year: one most probably for the ministry, the other for the law—lost, however, only from personal companionship, for their memory and ours will always be associated. Our desire now is to fill their vacancies with good men, which we are assured we can do. There is at present no exciting feature in college life. Occasionally, a man passes from his barbarian nation to some tribe of the Greeks, which creates its usual amount of gossip.

The Pan-Hellenic preparatory question is receiving some attention, but that it will be agreeably settled by all the chapters here is very improbable.

The boys are contemplating the building of a chapter house some time in the near future. It is the thing for us to do, as we would then be the first chapter to found a chapter house at this college.

THE SHIELD, under its new management, and with its increased size, is the subject of much approval among the fellows.

We hope to return next fall full of activity for $\Phi K \Psi$ and our alma mater.

G. G. OLIVER.

Washington, Pa., June 3, 1887.

BUCKNELL.

The members of Pennsylvania Gamma are gratified beyond measure at the appearance of New York Epsilon, and wish to extend to their new brothers a hearty welcome and a warm fraternal greeting upon this, their advent on the stage of the Greek world. There have always been precedent ideas within the chapter that the extension of the fraternity should be eastward, and we hope ere long to see the pink and lavender banner unfurled among several of the renowned and distinguished New England colleges. $\Phi K \Psi$ certainly could not do better than have some representation east of New York. Should the establishment of a chapter at Lehigh University, this State, be again agitated, it is hoped that no opposition will be made to its organization.

After a short and desperate struggle, we are now able to present Brother

Clarence E. Shuster, of Renovo, Pa., as our latest initiate. The "Sigs" had been rushing Brother Shuster for some time. Although prevailed upon to join this illustrious (?) crowd by means of "set-outs" and other methods adopted by rushers, our brother saw fit to unite himself with a band of young men more congenial unto himself. The "Sig." girls at the seminary smiled their sweetest upon Clarence in vain, who, by the way, is quite a ladies' man. Try again, gentle rivals.

Nothing tends to tie the bonds of brotherhood the tighter than social gatherings, attended by refreshments. Such an event took place a few evenings since, when, through the hospitality of Brother Shuster, we partook of a liberal display of palatable eatables, including cream, the whole washed down with the old stand-by, lemonade.

A few days ago, all the boys took a hand in cleaning the chapter parlors. They now present a very neat and inviting appearance.

This year we lose, by graduation, Brothers Calder, Clark, and Owens, whose departure we shall certainly deeply feel. Our best wishes go with them.

Our sympathizers at the Ladies' Seminary, three jolly and loyal $\Phi \Psi$ girls, after the commencement of '87, depart for the homes of their respective mammas. Sorry we can not keep the girls any longer; but our younger brethren are already making sad havoc with the hearts of the fair over at the institute.

We expect to open the next collegiate year with eight loyal men.

The freshmen class will be quite large, and all the available men watched and secured, if possible.

It is also expected that the chapter will inaugurate the year with a "hop" to its lady friends.

Until then, dear SHIELD, we bid you a kind adieu.

WILL C. GRETZINGER.

Lewisburg, Pa., May 17, 1887.

LAFAYETTE.

Base ball has been the all-absorbing topic this term, and the Lafayette team is making a good record. Brother McDowell's arm is well, and he is again pitching. Lafayette played Johns Hopkins University recently, and defeated them. We had the pleasure of meeting Brother Dashiell, of Maryland Alpha, who played in the Hopkins nine. Our nine defeated the University of Pennsylvania in Easton by a score of 7 to 5. On that occasion we were visited by Brothers Faries, Hovey, and Hancock, of Iota, and Brother Swift, '86, who is now in the medical department of the university.

The I. C. A. A. of Pennsylvania held a very successful meeting on the University grounds, in West Philadelphia, last Saturday. Among the Phi Psis the writer saw at the sports were Brothers Posey, Hancock, Hovey, Faries, and Finletter, of the University; Brothers Webster, Clothier, Pyle, Underwood, Forman, and Cummins, of Swarthmore College, and Brother Wharton, of Dickinson. From Lafayette at the sports were Brothers McDowell, Fay, Cochran, Loose, Bailey, and Cummins.

Brother Zimmerman, of Zeta, paid us a flying visit on the 23d.

The prospects for a large class next year are good, and Theta has her eye on some new men.

Preparations are being made for our annual symposium, and we expect to have a number of brothers from Philadelphia with us on that occasion.

All the fraternities seem to be in good condition, and as the Senior Class contains few fraternity men, their graduation will not affect the societies to a great extent.

The *Melange* is out, and those chapters desiring to exchange should send word at once.

The Phi Gamma Deltas hold a State Convention here during the first week of June.

Brother Fay is chairman of the Calculus Cremation Committee, and he says '89's cremation will surpass all former efforts in that direction.

Dr. Elliot, the Professor of Hebrew at Lafayette, has given a brass tablet to the college in memory of Dr. Junkin, Lafayette's first president.

The freshmen held class sports recently, and Brothers Bailey and McKeen won prizes.

Appended is the numerical strength of the several fraternities at Lafayette:

	'87	'88	'89	'90	Total.
Δ K E.....	4	2	1	8	15
Z Ψ.....	0	5	2	4	11
Σ X.....	1	2	1	1	5
Φ K Ψ.....	0	2	3	5	10
X Φ.....	1	3	2	3	9
Φ Δ Θ.....	2	6	2	3	13
Φ Γ Δ.....	2	6	3	1	12
Δ Υ.....	4	3	5	2	13
	14	28	19	27	88

There are about 225 men at present in college.

With best wishes for the success of THE SHIELD.

A. W. CUMMINS.

Easton, Pa., May 26, 1887.

SYRACUSE.

In this, our last letter to THE SHIELD for the collegiate year, we desire to give a brief *resume* of New York Beta's success. At the college field day, May 12th, Brother F. J. Holzworth acted as Master of Ceremonies. Brother W. M. Brooks captured two second prizes, throwing ball and running high jump; Brother Olin C. Mirteenes took second prize, putting shot; Brother J. K. Stat-ham took second prize, standing high jump. The inter-collegiate field day is held here on May 25th. It is expected that seven or eight hundred college men will be present, and some hundred and twenty-five entries have been made for the different events. Brother Gordon A. Wright will represent us on sophomore exhibition, and will also be calculus orator for the Sophomore Class.

We had the pleasure of giving the grip to Brother Chaplain C. C. McCabe, when he lectured here in the interests of the missionary cause.

We notice that Brother George Lansing Taylor, of Brooklyn, has been honored by the degree of Doctor of Letters from Columbia.

The university ball nine will undoubtedly take the inter-collegiate pennant, having won games from Hobart, Union, and Rochester, successively. Brother Brooks represents $\Phi \Psi$ in the nine, and has the best batting and fielding record.

The State banquet of the four New York chapters is to be held at the "Globe," in this city, on the evening before inter-collegiate field day, May 24th. This will allow "our boys" to remain over field day. We expect to have a big "blow out," if sixty $\Phi \Psi$'s can "work the growler" sufficiently.

The University Glee Club give a concert in Wieting Opera House on May 25th.

Lest space be lacking in *THE SHIELD*, we close our epistle, with best wishes to all $\Phi \Psi$'s and their chapters.

FRED. N. BURRITT.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 20, 1887.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

Our chapter has turned over a new leaf in the correspondence line, and will endeavor in future to have a letter in every number of *THE SHIELD*. We are all very much pleased with the first numbers of this volume of *THE SHIELD*, and hope that it may continue in this present line of success. The numbers so far certainly do credit to Brother Van Cleve.

The students have reorganized the old "College Cadet," an organization famous before our "late unpleasantness," in which many of its men gave their lives for what they considered the right.

We were much disappointed in that we were unable to send a delegate to our District Council; "the spirit was willing, but the flesh was weak." We fully expected to have at least one delegate there, but, at the last moment, we found that it was impossible.

We regret to say that our beloved alumnus, President J. M. McBrych (S. C. Alpha, '60), has accepted a call to the president's chair of the university at Knoxville, Tennessee, at an increased salary. He will be a severe loss, not only to us, in whom he has always taken a deep interest, but to the students and to the State. The Trustees will make every effort to induce him to reconsider his resignation.

The students had their annual excursion to Charleston on Saturday (14th). Brother Cathcart very kindly invited us, together with a few friends, to take a sail around the harbor, but as a high wind was blowing, we had to content ourselves with a tug ride instead.

We lose three men this year. Brothers Blakeney and Clarkson will take L. L. B., and Brother McLure will graduate in the course of civil engineering.

Brother Barber is Chief Marshal of the Clariosophic Society for the June celebration, and also second lieutenant of one of the cadet companies. The

competitions for the debater's and declaimer's medals in the two societies will come off pretty soon. We hope to obtain one at least.

We have had our hall very nicely furnished, but will not rest contented until we have a chapter house of our own.

G. E. SHAND.

Columbia, S. C., May 18, 1887.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

As this is the last letter I forward to you this collegiate year, I have thought best to make it a *resume* of Ohio Alpha's history during '86-87.

At the opening of the fall term, seven of her old members returned. To this number was added, in rapid succession, Brothers Travis, Reed, Dillon, and later on in the term, Brothers Winter and Phillips. Brother M. R. Dial was transferred from Ohio Beta. This has made our number thirteen. True, tradition has attached many a bit of ill-luck to the number of our membership, but we thirteen Phi Psis, full of zeal for the brotherhood so dear to us all, have been rewarded with unlooked-for success. But once have we been "left" on a man we have bid, and then the gentleman in question, when approached by us, was pledged to join another fraternity. Whenever we have met our rivals, with this single exception, we have come out victorious, and with her goodly membership in the lower classes, Ohio Alpha's future is assured.

Of college honors, Ohio Wesleyan University has none, her faculty, for reasons satisfactory, we presume, to themselves, having discouraged and even prohibited the customary offering of prizes in scholarship. This, of course, shuts off any chance for this kind of victory. Phi Psi was the only fraternity represented in the local oratorical contest at Delaware, Brother Frizzell being "our man," and if he didn't win first place, "Billy" got there all the same. Brother Allison will represent us in next year's contest, and so the old chapter goes on in the even tenor of her way.

In internal workings, however, has been shown the greatest success of the year. While other fraternities here have been the victims of dissension, nothing but harmony has prevailed with us. We are all brothers, not figuratively speaking, but literally, and good fellowship has always been the result of the warm heart and ready hand. The loss of one has been, in a measure, felt by all, and when fortune has condescendingly winked on one brother, all have considered themselves favored.

Death has not thinned our active membership this year, but Brother Allison has been called on to mourn the death of his mother, and with him, in his great sorrow, all the boys sympathize, for a cloud over one casts its shadow over all. Among our alumni, during recent years, we have lost only Brothers W. M. G. Stubbs and C. F. Cozier, and in them Phi Psi has lost two of her worthiest members.

Aside from the routine of the chapter meeting, much of interest and of pleasure has been added to our coming together by the welcome visit of some alumnus of our own or undergraduate member from another college. Especially have we enjoyed the occasional visits we have received from and given

to our brethren of Ohio Beta. A good, brotherly Phi Psi is a joy forever unto us of Ohio Alpha, and many such have we found at Columbus. We have always regarded our Ohio State University chapter much as a parent regards a child, and proud indeed are we of our offspring, now so fully and vigorously developed.

In a few weeks, commencement will be upon us. The hurry and confusion incident upon that occasion will be here again at the customary time, and then, too, comes the leave taking. We lose three by graduation this year, and sorry indeed will we be to give up our seniors. As they have walked among us with dignified carriage and lofty mien, we have been inclined to ridicule their airs; but now that they are about to leave us, we realize how much we have learned to value their society and counsel. But our loss is their gain, and we would not for a moment selfishly restrain them from entering the dusty "arenar" of life. Many may be the vicissitudes of fortune they will be called upon to endure, but through storm and sunshine, the best wishes of every one of Ohio Alpha's members will cling to them, like festive flies stick to a molasses jug. May they live to be gray-haired old men, and may the tooth of time rot when it attempts to gnaw at their portly forms.

Well, vacation will soon be here, and with it the usual scattering of our brethren. Some of us will rusticate, some will travel, some will bum; but, brothers of our sister chapters, if we should happen to meet any of you, or you any of us, during the summer months, just look out for your hand, for they do say that an Ohio Alpha man has a mighty grip; and if ever you come to Delaware in your peregrinations, if you walk along our streets behind a Phi Psi badge, you will be made as welcome to our hospitality as a mother-in-law is welcome to the charmed circle of her daughter's household. There, I didn't mean that bit of sarcasm, but a chapter correspondent's pen will sometimes fly off on a tangent, and mine did then. So to avoid another accident of the same kind, I will saw this off very, very short. Good-by until September.

PHILIP PHILLIPS, JR.

Delaware, Ohio, June 1, 1887.

WITTENBERG.

Ohio Beta is still flourishing, and we can not conceive of a jollier Phi Psi life than she has been leading since her last appearance in *THE SHIELD*. In the first place, our new piano has added so much to our enjoyment that we are puzzled to know how the chapter ever did without it so long. We now have, also, a Phi Psi Glee Club, consisting of a double quartette, and an orchestra with two flutes, two violins, two guitars, a banjo, and the piano. The Glee Club, at a recent social given at one of the churches in the city, responded to a second encore, being almost overwhelmed with applause. The boys are now making preparations to go out serenading.

The return of pleasant weather has aroused the enthusiasm in athletics, which usually characterizes the spring term at college. At the last election Phi Kappa Psi was given two of the offices in the Wittenberg Athletic Association, viz., president and treasurer. Last month a Phi Psi Tennis Club of eleven

members was organized, and at the same time the boys invested in a set of "lawn pool." Brother Frank Geiger's beautiful lawn near the school furnishes a fine tennis court and lawn pool ground, with room for two more tennis courts when needed; and nearly every afternoon finds it occupied by some of the "Knickerbocker" brigade. On Saturday afternoon there is generally a large representation, and the presence of the Phi Psi girls adds that inexpressible charm to the occasion which needs no explanation to the average Phi Psi. We are all now looking forward to our big "blow out" on the afternoon and evening of May 27th, when we expect to have a lawn fete at Brother Geiger's. A tennis and lawn pool tournament will occupy the afternoon, and among the attractions of the evening will be a lawn supper, illumination with Japanese lanterns, and dancing to the exquisite music of Riggio's harp. No pains will be spared to make this the social event of the college year. Continuing the subject of athletics, base ball is now "booming" among the students. Brother Fred. Gotwald is Wittenberg's "crack" player, and his "curves" are the admiration of all who are interested in the game. Brother Ben Hiller, our champion bicyclist, was recently elected captain of the Phi Psi Wheel Club.

The college annual will soon make its appearance under the old title of "The Aloha."

Before proceeding farther, we take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Brother Emerson Miller, who has been initiated into the mysteries since our chapter last reported to THE SHILLD.

Brother E. E. Baker will be graduated from the theological seminary tomorrow evening, and will at once enter upon his pastoral duties at the First Lutheran Church of Dayton, probably the most prominent Lutheran charge in Ohio.

Brother Fred. Gotwald and the writer had a very enjoyable time at the reception given Governor Foraker on the evening of May 12th, at the residence of President Long, of Antioch College.

Our chapter was well represented at the District Council, and all present will ever have the pleasantest memories of it as a thoroughly good time, and another illustrious example of the genuine fraternal spirit of $\Phi K \Psi$.

In closing, we can express no better wish to our Phi Psi brothers in general than that they may always be as prosperous and as supremely happy in their fraternity life as the present writing finds Ohio Beta.

ROB. H. HILLER.

Springfield, O., May 19, 1887.

WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

The close of the present college year will find Ohio Gamma with thirteen active members, and bright prospects to increase her number at the opening of the fall term, as the brothers are active and enthusiastic Phi Psis. During the year four of our members were compelled to leave college, which has considerably decreased our number, but otherwise the year has been one of success. We can look back with satisfaction upon our work during the past nine months.

We have come to realize more fully the true relationship which is set forth in the principles of our organization. Harmony has been our watch word, and as a result, a congenial spirit exists between all the brothers.

All the fraternities here have been successful during the year, and have increased both in number and quality. The most pleasant relations have existed between the different fraternities. When fraternities cease to quarrel with each other, the fraternity system will grow stronger and more prosperous. Within the past week Phi Gamma Delta held her annual State convention here. It was largely attended by delegates from other colleges, and ended in a fine banquet.

We were fully represented at the District Convention, sending down a delegation of five. The brothers speak in glowing terms of the hospitality of Ohio Alpha, and also of the success of the convention.

Two of our worthy seniors have shown themselves to be "born military geniuses." Brother Nimmins, during the year captain of a company in the university battalion, will command the picked company which will compete in a prize drill with the Columbus Cadets of Ohio State University. Brother Speer has held the position of major during the year. Both brothers are now at Washington participating in the national prize drill.

Since our last letter to THE SHIELD, we have enjoyed a visit from Brother Talcott, who is at present teaching music in the public schools of Chicago. We are always glad to see the smiling countenance of Brother Talcott among us, but we fear his attraction here extends beyond the fraternity brothers, but that is all right. Come again, Segle.

The university is in a prosperous condition. Through the faithful work of our honored president, Dr. Scovel, her financial difficulties have been much relieved. By the will of a late friend of the institution, in the southern part of the State, the university has come into possession of \$25,000. The attendance this year has been larger than any previous year, the present senior class numbering fifty-four.

The best wishes of Ohio Gamma are with you for the success of THE SHIELD and the fraternity in general.

GEORGE SHRIBER.

Wooster, O., May 25, 1887.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

It may interest the fraternity to learn that, in connection with our chapter archives, we have begun a library that is distinctively a "frat." library. The idea of such a library has for some time been cherished by the boys, and is substantially as follows: To bind into neat volumes all the periodicals, reports, catalogues, etc., of the fraternity, and also the periodicals of the university; to add any other book that has a peculiar and local interest for members of the chapter. Besides all the SHIELDS, Phi Psi monthlies, and Phi Psi quarterlies, we have had bound seventeen volumes of the *Chronicle*, the only complete set in Ann Arbor, and four volumes of the *Argonaut*. The scrap-book, containing "frat." and university souvenirs, makes a curious and interesting book; and letters from and to alumni, arranged in letter files, make an interesting book, to

say nothing of convenience of reference. Of course, every chapter has albums of photographs of the older brothers.

Another custom of ours is to send monthly letters to our alumni. This we have done for four years, and our success in keeping alive "the feeling," makes us urge the practice upon all the chapters. It is made easy by a duplicating machine called the "cyclostyle," easily worked and cheap.

The Hobart Guild has recently dedicated its elegant and spacious hall, and is now one of the features of Ann Arbor life. The efforts of the guild are directed to raise the standard of religious culture among the students, and at the same time to promote social intercourse.

The appropriation by the Legislature of about \$200,000 will give us some new buildings and needed improvements.

About thirty of the engineering class are going north with Prof. Davis next Tuesday. They will be gone at least a month.

The University of Michigan nine defeated the Athletics of Detroit and the Oberlins, and was itself defeated by the Lansings and by the Cass of Detroit.

The Delta Upsilon fraternity bought a seven thousand dollar house and grounds.

On Friday evening, May 20th, our freshmen gave a class social, which was a complete success. About forty couples were easily accommodated by our large house and grounds, and the orchestra attracted the dancers until after one o'clock.

G. FRED. RUSH.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 21, 1887.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

As the year draws to a close, and the gala days of commencement approach, when the fraternity work ceases, and we look backward at the contest for men and race for college honors, Iowa Alpha is fully content with her share of the spoils. The State University of Iowa has nearly a hundred more students this year than last, and all her departments have been strengthened. The resignation of Dr. Pickard, as president, was received with deep regrets, but he will still hold the chair of political science, and with the advent of Dr. Schaeffer, of Cornell, the institution expects a great boom next fall.

Φ K Ψ still holds an enviable place in fraternity circles, having won six new men this year, and has still better prospects for next term. Frank Mann is not with us this spring, but W. H. Stutsman has returned. During the winter term Brother Mann was chosen as one of the four best declaimers in the Freshman Class. Since then our B. G. has won second prize in the junior oratorical contest, and E. R. Meek is chosen to represent the school of letters with an oration on class day.

At present Iowa Alpha is vying for other honors in school which are soon to be contested, and if merit is rewarded, she will receive the lion's share of them. The commencement exercises promise to be unusually interesting, and we are anxious to hold a reunion of the many alumni Φ Ψ's, whom we expect to be present.

During the past year the comparative numerical standing of the different "Greeks" is about as follows: $\Phi K \Psi$, 15; $B \Theta \Pi$, 14; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 12; $\Delta T \Delta$, 18. We will lose but two men by graduation, and already have one other pledged for next year, and all will return to begin the next battle in a way that victory alone can crown our efforts.

JAMES W. BOLLINGER.

Iowa City, Iowa, May 29, 1887.

MADISON UNIVERSITY.

On April 29th, a band of loyal Phi Psis from Cornell, Syracuse, and Hobart came to Hamilton and instituted the New York *Epsilon* of $\Phi K \Psi$. For this, *Epsilon* congratulates herself.

Being her first appearance on the pages of THE SHIELD, she sends greetings to her sister chapters, and assures each of them that her eighteen active sons are determined to hold on high the banner of $\Phi K \Psi$.

We believe the fraternity could not have chosen a more favorable soil in which to plant a chapter than that which old *Madison* affords. The prospects never were better for a rising university. Many schemes are on hand to enhance the college, such as a new library building and a new gymnasium, the latter being now almost a certainty.

We compete with $\Delta K E$, active members, 19; $\Delta \Upsilon$, 28, and $B \Theta \Pi$, 13. But to-day we feel that the "elixir of life," only possessed by $\Phi K \Psi$, has made our spirits more robust and our wills more determined to work and always win.

The "girls" are delighted with $\Phi K \Psi$. Already the *lavender* and *pink* form their favorite bow.

Brother Brush, '90, captured one of the prizes for physiology. At the recent freshman contest in declamation, Brother Lyons, '90, carried off the laurel wreath. The different societies represented were as follows: $\Phi K \Psi$, first; $\Delta \Upsilon$, second; local society, third; $B \Theta \Pi$, fourth.

$\Phi \Psi$ is well represented among the appointments for Kingsford prize declamation during commencement week. The successful Phi Psis are Brothers Coons, '88; King, '89; Mac Murray, '90.

Our college annual, *The Salamagundi*, is to be ready May 30th. Brother W. Shepherd represents us among the editors.

We shall look with a longing interest for every publication of THE SHIELD, and ever feel proud that we have a share in its support.

We shall be energetic in studying our constitution and fraternity relations, so that the baby chapter may be wisely trained, at the same time remembering that resolves only accomplish something as they are carried into execution.

D. A. MAC MURRAY.

Hamilton, N. Y., May 13, 1887.

Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

In the April issue of the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* are to be found thirteen communications to delinquent chapter correspondents, differing slightly to meet the individual case, but substantially as follows:

“ALPHA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

“[MY DEAR ALPHA—This space was reserved for your letter. Kindly write to us for our next number, and at the same time impress the importance of doing the same thing upon your neighboring chapters: Delta, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.; Xi, Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa.; and Epsilon Deuteron, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. Let Pennsylvania keep her reputation,—EDS.]”

Editorially, this journal discourses as follows:

“As seen from the views expressed by the writer of the article entitled ‘Confessions of a Greek,’—entertained by him before joining a secret fraternity—Greek-letter societies are undoubtedly a great bug-a-boo to more than one who know little or nothing about them. To the minds of these people, the great majority of those who learn to practice vice, during their college course, learn this by becoming members of some secret society. In their ignorance and false conception of things they imagine these organizations do irreparable injury, intellectually, to those who join them: in the first place destroying individuality, because the members act in concert with reference to any question of importance, and, on account of the small sphere of action and influence, become narrow-minded; secondly, drawing a large portion of the time and attention of those who have connected themselves with them, from their studies. Looking at the matter from a social standpoint, the question is asked whether the fraternity does not afford merely social pleasure rather than the much desired and more important social improvement? These are the views held by our incredulous and unknowing critics. That they are groundless and untrue, those who are at all acquainted with the workings of a Greek-letter society are fully aware.

“The main principle upon which secret societies are founded is social selection. There must be certain admirable traits in the character of a college man or he can not be considered a candidate for election. The friendships which they enjoin are natural—the result of congeniality and associations. Instead of acquiring habits of dissipation within fraternity halls, those who may be somewhat evil-disposed are

unconsciously induced to lead pure and upright lives, for, united to their fellow members of the same society, as they are, in the closest intimacy, the influence of one upon another can not but be of the most important character. It is, however, the calm and silent influence of kindred spirits. There is harmony, and there is also individuality. No one is irresponsible; no one is dependent upon the will of others; but each one shapes his action according to his own inclination or sense of duty. True, it is in the same general direction—naturally so. It may be considered a small circle into which you have been thrown,—a narrow circle, if you please,—but it is not one outside of which you can form no strong associations. In it you are fitted to meet to a better advantage your fellow man as you go from it into a broader sphere of action. The time devoted to our fraternity should be considered well-spent. All of the time is not devoted to social duties—study is not neglected for pleasure. The chief object of a college course is to discipline the mind to correct habits of thought and study, and our secret societies, by means of their work of a literary character, go a great way in promoting this object.

“In regard to the social improvement afforded by the Greek fraternity, our critics often meet incidents which justify them in their criticism. Sometimes the fraternity makes its members haughty and overbearing toward those who are not members. One often notices the self-consequential air which freshmen assume when they exhibit for the first time their newly-donned badges. In some cases they are but too prone to retain this feeling of self-consequence and superiority, and display it at times in a manner anything but agreeable to others. Secret societies are exclusive, and refuse their advantages to a large number of students. But while it is natural that they should feel that privileges are offered to them which others do not possess, still they should not permit their feelings to chill the nobler impulses of the heart.

“The Greek-letter society should be a school where its members learn to extend those noble principles upon which it is founded when they enter the world, for there are many outside of its circle who possess glowing virtues, both of heart and mind, though sometimes they may be concealed beneath a rough exterior.”

The *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* for January has a short editorial upon the mission of Greek-letter societies, which possesses the flavor of one who was to all intents, in mind and spirit, a classic Greek—Walter Savage Landor. We give the editorial entire, except its opening sentence:

“The peculiarity of Attic culture was that, acting upon the theory voiced by Mr. Lewis, that the sense of hearing is a shorter road to the center of a man than the sense of sight, its method was the direct attrition of mind upon mind in personal intercourse, under which, without conscious effort, the faculties of each were drawn out, *educated*, by the stimulus afforded by each other. The Greek Academia was a meeting of congenial minds—each developing the other in the most effectual of ways, a tourney of wits—each sharpening the other to a keener edge. The thinker was constantly recalled from abstract wanderings, and his conclusions tested by the touchstone of the cultured instinct of those about him. As a result, his mental development was not, as is too much of the pedantry of to-day, a growth

groping in the darkness, shut in from the breezes, moistened by the damp from below instead of showers from above, uncanny and useless. It was rather the flower of a plant warmed by the sunshine, kissed by the wind, and wet by the dew, joyous and vigorous. The office of the Greek-letter society is to add the exercises of the Academia to the training of the University, to supplement the culture of books by the culture of congenial intercourse, to fire the logic and learning of the lecture-room and library with sparks struck off white hot in animated debate, and earnest expression. Its mission, in short, is to insure that the culture of live men by live men, and for live men, shall ever find a home where it can mold to greatest advantage the still impressionable, but swiftly hardening, clay of which college students are made."

Beta Theta Pi, in its most recent issue, has an opportune editorial upon the much-discussed question of chapter correspondence, which we quote in full, hoping to insure to our own correspondents the truth so often stated, that the chapter letters stamp the journal:

"THE CHAPTER LETTER WRITER.

"In comparison with any other fraternity journal, our chapter letters are of a superior order in quality and interest of contents. But some are far better than others, and always a few are with difficulty licked into shape, being nearly 'edited to death' in the Procrustean mold of style. It is far easier, however, to reduce an excess or refine a fault than to supply a lack, and we uncomplainingly, if not always cheerfully, apply ourselves to the former task. But a chapter letter that is curt and dry or contains nothing at all but 'glittering generalities,' is the bane of both editor and reader. Worst of all, to speak with a Milesian accent, is no letter at all.

"Chapters are largely judged by their chapter letters, and hence it rests alone with a chapter itself whether it wants to be well or ill represented. About this time of year, during the closing term, many new cor. secs. will be elected, and again we would advise what we have often advised before, that the selection of this officer be very carefully made, wholly with a view to the fitness of the incumbent for his peculiar duties. This is not the place to be occupied by some popular 'good-fellow,' whom you desire to honor, but who has not the earnestness or the skill for the position. Preferably, also, make but few changes in your cor. secs., and only at long intervals, keeping a man in place for several years, if possible, when you get a good one. And report all changes at once to the magazine.

"The work of an efficient cor. sec. is so considerable that it may well be divided up and shared with others. Many chapters have long maintained a financial and canvassing agent of the magazine, and others have some special brother of approved literary skill delegated to write the chapter letter. We heartily approve of these divisions of labor, and the latter is particularly calculated to work good results. We wish the plan could be followed in every chapter. The duty of writing the letter is not arduous to one to whom writing comes easy, and the gain to a chapter's reputation and record through the work of a careful, trained, and clever correspondent is so obvious and desirable that we wonder why there should ever be cause for complaint as to the absence or poor quality of chapter letters."

Personals.

PENNSYLVANIA H.

George C. Stahl, '83, Pennsylvania H, is Assistant Postmaster at Milton, Pa., to which position he was appointed nearly one year ago.

OHIO B.

We clip the following from the Wichita *Daily Eagle* for June 4, 1887:

As was no doubt noticed in yesterday morning's dispatches, Mr. M. L. Garver, superintendent of the Presbyterian Sabbath-school of this city, was chosen secretary of the International Sunday-school Convention, in session at Chicago on the 1st, 2d, and 3d insts.

Brother Garver was a charter member of Ohio Beta.

ILLINOIS BETA.

R. S. King, '80,—“Sam” King, whom visitors to the recent banquet will remember,—has again branched out in business, paying \$125,000 for a share in the publishing firm of Yaggy, West & Boucher, of this city.

S. A. Perrine, '81, who graduated last month at the Morgan Park Theological Seminary, will preach this summer for a Baptist Church in the center of the State.

W. L. Whipple, '85, is engaged in the cattle business at Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory.

Carl Bushnell, '85, is one of the most valued attaches of the Chicago public library.

J. G. Marsh, '83, is with the Chicago Link Belt Manufacturing Company.

Wandell Topping, '85, is a member of the firm of Topping & Sons, at Delavan, Wisconsin.

The Rev. William R. Scott, '80, was married last month in Omaha. He is preaching in the Presbyterian Church of Burrton, Kansas.

O. P. Seward, '80, is practicing law in Omaha.

Charles W. Henson, '82, will graduate this month as a mechanical engineer at the Illinois State University, Champaign.

PENNSYLVANIA θ.

Gilmore, '86, is on the staff of the *Philadelphia Times*.

Swift, '86, is catcher in the University of Pennsylvania nine.

C. B. Green, '86, is teaching in Illinois University.

Niesley, '86, is on a cattle ranch in Wyoming Territory.

Porter, '85, is reading law at Newark, N. J., and will soon be admitted to the bar of that State.

Johnston, '87, graduated this year from Jefferson Medical College.

McFadden, '88, is at Bellevue Medical College, New York.

Baldrige, '88, is in business at Beaver Falls, Pa.

Watrous, '89, is in business in Cincinnati.

H. P. Glover, '74, is a member of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and still an enthusiastic Phi Psi.

E. M. Green, M. D., '83, is practicing his profession in Easton.

R. W. Miller, '83, is pastor of a church in Reading, Pa.

John G. Reading, '80, Past S. W. G. P., is now a trustee of Lafayette, and was recently married.

William N. Wilbur, '80, is a member of the firm of H. O. Wilbur & Sons, of Philadelphia.

Jack Morrison, '81, is a rising young attorney at Omaha, Nebraska.

P. S. Zieber, '83, is a lawyer in Reading, Pa.

Woodside, '84, is in business at Philadelphia.

Delbert Barney, '84, graduated this year from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania.

Rev. S. R. Queen, '75, is pastor of a church at Titusville, N. J.

James W. Bright, '78, is a professor in Johns Hopkins University.

W. Scott Harlan, '83, is an attorney in West Chester, Pa.

College and Fraternity Notes.

The average age of the graduating class at Yale at the time of their graduation will be twenty-two years.

Dr. Kirkwood, of Wooster University, has been tendered the position of President of Coe College, located at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Out of 140 students at the University of the South, 100 are members of Greek-letter societies.—*A T Ω Palm*.

The De Pauw catalogue, now in press, will show an increase of about one hundred students over last year's enrollment, which has been the usual yearly increase since the university was established on the present basis.

The legal fraternity $\Omega K \Phi$ was founded on February 25th, at the Union College of Law, Chicago. This college is the law department of the Northwestern University. The chapter starts with fourteen charter members.

In March the Delta Kappa Epsilon Club, of New York City, took a five-years' lease of the Hargans mansion, No. 435 Fifth Avenue. The club was organized about two years ago, and heretofore occupied the house at No. 36 West Thirty-fourth Street. It now requires larger quarters.—*The Rainbow of Δ T Δ*.

Wooster University receives another bequest through the will of Josiah Renick, who died two weeks ago at Circleville, Ohio. The will provides for the endowment in the sum of \$25,000 of a professorship to be known as the "George Renick, Sr., Professorship," and also that a portrait of said Renick shall be placed in Memorial Hall.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*.

An amusing scene took place at Harvard last week. It was a ball game between nines representing the Zeta Psi and the Alpha Delta Phi societies. The Zeta Psis marched upon the field in threes, headed by a German band and leading a bull pup as a mascot. Between every half inning the band furnished choice music. The Alpha Deltas beat, twenty runs to six, in an exciting contest. At the end the Zeta Psi men marched away, bearing the no-good mascot with his legs up, and with the band playing a dirge.—*Ex.*

A number of students of Allegheny College, having been refused a charter by several prominent Eastern fraternities, have at last received a charter from Sigma Alpha Epsilon.—*Φ Γ Δ Quarterly.*

We clip the following from the Syracuse *Daily Journal* of May 25th:

"The college boys who make their homes in Syracuse, and those from other colleges who have come to take part in or look on at the inter-collegiate games, were very glum last night. It was raining torrents, and no prospect of a let-up. But the boys Hip-Hobarted and Ho-Rah-Rochestered and Syra-Syra-Syraed, until their spirits were pretty well up again. This morning the sun commenced at early dawn to put in its very best work at drying off the ground, and hope took a great brace in the student breast.

"Perhaps it wasn't in strict accordance with athletic tenets for the boys who are running and jumping to-day to indulge in fowl and claret last night, but then, sociability is mighty. Phi Kappa Psi held its second annual reunion last night at the Globe Hotel. Forty delegates were present from Cornell, Hobart, Madison, and Syracuse. C. A. Lonergon, '86, of Syracuse University,¹ acted as toast master. These were the toasts: 'Address of Welcome,' by E. G. Eldridge, of Syracuse; response by O. K. Davis, of Madison; poem on the 'New York Chapters,' by C. A. Smith, of Hobart; 'The Fraternity,' by L. S. Adler, of Cornell; 'The New York Chapters,' by J. D. Rumsey; 'THE SHIELD,' by F. M. Rooney, of Syracuse; 'Extension,' by G. W. O'Brien, of Hobart; 'Phi Psi Alumni,' by F. J. Holzworth, of Syracuse. At a late hour the members adjourned to the Phi Psi chapter rooms, in the Joy Block."

Within the last six or eight years, New York City seems to have become the center of college societies of all kinds. No first-class college in the country is without its alumni association, and the same may be said of secret societies. No less than six general conventions have been held in that city, besides chapter dinners and division conferences. The following are the more important Greek events that have taken place so far: *Φ Δ Θ*, general convention, Grand Central Hotel, October 19-22, 1886. *Δ Φ*, general convention, Club House on 27th Street, November 24-27, 1886; banquet at the Hotel Brunswick. Union dinner of chapters *N* and *B* of *Δ K E*, November 24th, at Mazzetti's, and two social receptions later on

by Chapter *B* at private Houses, at which ladies were present. $\Sigma \Phi$, general convention, Murray Hill Hotel, January 6 and 7, 1887; banquet at Delmonico's. $\Sigma \Phi$, general convention at the Hotel Brunswick, January 7 and 8, 1887, at which a new chapter was founded at Lehigh University. $\Theta \Delta X$, alumni dinner at Murray Hill Hotel, January 27th. *B* Θ *II*, dinner at the Hotel Brunswick, February 18th. $\Delta T \Delta$, conference of Eastern Division at Mechanics' Hall, and dinner at Morrello's, February 22d. $\Psi \Gamma$, general convention, February 24-26, at Masonic Temple, with public exercises and banquet at the Metropolitan Opera House. *B* Θ *II*, alumni dinner to Ex-Governor Hoadly, of Ohio, at Delmonico's, March 29th. $\Lambda \Psi$, general convention at Fifth Avenue Hotel, April 6-8, and banquet at Brunswick's. There have been, also, a memorial meeting of the $\Psi \Gamma$ alumni, in honor of Ex-President Chester A. Arthur, and receptions by the $\Delta K E$ Club, at their respective club houses. The $\Delta \Psi$, $\Delta \Phi$, $\Delta K E$, and $\Sigma \Phi$ alumni associations occupy houses, though only the first two have houses of their own.—*The Rainbow of* $\Delta T \Delta$.

Miscellany.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, a loyal brother and a noble man has been removed from our midst; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Iowa Delta Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, in the death of Brother M. C. Morris, have lost an enthusiastic brother, who was ever in his place, and a warm-hearted companion and friend, who, in his earnest, resolute spirit, his industrious habits, and his strong Christian faith, will ever be an example whose emulation will make us stronger and better.

Resolved, That we extend to the relatives of Brother Morris our sincerest sympathy in this a loss to them, a loss to us, and a loss to the world.

Resolved, That the members of this chapter wear a badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this chapter and furnished to each of the city papers, the *Simpsonian*, THE SHIELD, and to the immediate friends of our brother.

C. C. WEBB,	} Committee.
A. C. RAWLS,	
A. C. HUTCHINS,	

Indianola, Iowa, May 6, 1887.

Brother E. A. Daumont has recently composed the Ermond March, which he has dedicated to his former chapter, Indiana Alpha. Brethren ought to send for copies of this very pleasing march. It is published by T. H. Schneider, at No. 21 East State Street, Columbus, Ohio.

The Editor of THE SHIELD has quite a number of back numbers on hand, with which he can supply, for the price of single copies, brothers or members of other fraternities desiring to complete broken sets. He has odd copies of every volume but the first two.

There is missing from THE SHIELD file No. 7, Vol. II., and an *entire year's subscription will be given to any one who may supply the deficiency.*

There is a call for Nos. 7 and 10, Vol. II.; No. 7, Vol. III.; No. 5,

Vol. VII. The Editor has had the following back numbers offered to him for sale: Vols. V. and VII., complete; Vol. VI., lacking No. 5.

Brothers having any extra copies or an entire volume for sale, should communicate at once with the Editor.

The Editor of *THE SHIELD*, in a fit of journalistic enterprise, sent a large package of the April issue ahead of time to the District Councils, in the hope that they might be sold, and that brothers appreciating the appearance of their fraternity journal, would gladly make the small contribution thus modestly asked to the meager treasury of their organ.

We received pay for 21 copies out of 125 sent, and many brothers carefully walked off with these extras without so much as "Thank you, sir."

Since that time many calls have been received for this number of Vol. VIII., and the Editor would be much obliged to the brethren who helped themselves and paid nothing for *THE SHIELDS* they took at the District Councils, if they would return them to him, since he fears that the present small surplus will soon be exhausted.

Letters addressed to brethren named below have been returned to the Editor for various reasons, one being "no such place in State named." The addresses given were copied from the mailing list, and were written so that we are sure that no mistake was made in copying. Can any brother assist us in finding these Phi Psis and subscribers to *THE SHIELD*:

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AN EDITOR'S OUTING. I.

We were seven: The Courier, The School Missis, The Sailor, The Poetess, The Giddy Thing, We, and The Madam. Our errand was rest and recreation; our destination ostensibly Chicago, in reality the paradise of the romantic—Mackinac.

Although seven was our magic number, we had one adjunct—The Gosling; one thorn in the flesh—The Goose.

We started as nearly all people do who are off for a vacation, at a time most unfitted for securing ease or comfort, just upon the heels of the celebration of our glorious independence, and our train was loaded with burned-out-rocket excursionists. We were agreed upon one point: no such thing as revealing our business—ah, beg pardon, our profession—was to be thought of, and dire penalties were threatened against the first offender.

Primarily, rest and recreation were our object; incidentally, we determined upon two things: water route every foot of the way (what ought we to say, every league of the way?), and fish. We had heard friends talk of the lake fish as prepared upon steamers and at Northern summer resorts, and had scouted their enthusiastic accounts of the virtues of such diet, but had determined to give the matter a thorough test. We were gone from home long enough to sit to thirty-six meals; thirty-five times we ordered fish, refraining upon the last meal for variety's sake. Our friends' enthusiasm was not misplaced. Fish may be fish off his native heath (mixed metaphor again), but he does not taste the same.

We began the journey proper—the water route—at Toledo by embarking upon an excursion steamer for Detroit. A perfect day in July, without a cloud to obscure the brilliancy of the sun, and with the fresh lake breeze dispelling whatever of oppressive heat the former may have

occasioned, furnished all the external conditions necessary to complete enjoyment of the charming scenery at the mouth of the Maumee and the more varied prospect amid the islands and shoals of the Detroit River.

At first sight of the Canadian shore, we drifted into a line of comment upon national affairs, contrasting the appearance of things upon either hand to the disparagement of the Queen's domain and the glorification of our own.

Why do we always speak of ourselves as Americans and of our neighbors just north of us as Canadians, as if they were foreigners? This conundrum can not be easily answered, and yet we found in all our journeyings this disposition prevalent even among the Canucks whom we met.

We were skirting the east shore of Grosse Isle, when upon the Canadian shore a small, dilapidated, weather-stained, wooden building came in sight. The other excursionists, if they saw it, thought of it only as an instance of Canadian shiftlessness; not so our sedate excursionists.

The School Missis: "Oh, see, what an awful old trap of a school house! How 'dye like to—"

The Poetess: "Sh-h! Don't give us away."

But it was too late. Our well-kept secret of six hours was common property, and though we maintained through the day some faint semblance of respect for our earliest resolution, during the rest of our journey we laughed and giggled and romped and loafed and chewed tolu like ordinary mortals off on a lark. Some slight lifting of eyes from novels betrayed the languid interest of our nearest neighbors on deck in the premature revelation of our identity with an amused half-smile on their faces, as much as to say, "Poor ostriches; do they imagine themselves concealed with their heads in the sand, while their whole bodies are exposed to the sight?"

We reached Detroit in time for a late dinner, and having dispatched everything that the larder of the hotel furnished, we took an afternoon of sight-seeing in the city. Detroit! beautiful, charming paradise of home-livers! With what shall we liken it? Its stately blocks of business houses, its well-paved, cleanly streets, its miles of exquisite homes, set in velvety lawns and amid flaming beds of beautiful flowers, render it incomparable, unless we except our capital city, upon which our government has lavished its surplus millions so freely.

After a busy, happy day of sight-seeing, we sought our state-rooms on the City of Mackinac, and slept soundly until the swash, splash, and thumping of the deck-cleaning overhead awoke us to an admirable breakfast, served with as much promptness, neatness, and civility as may be found upon land at first-class hotels.

Through the courtesy of that prince of gentlemen, E. B. Whitcomb, General Passenger Agent of the Detroit and Cleveland Steam Navigation Company, we were introduced to the Captain, the Clerk, and the Steward, and commended in the heartiest way imaginable to their good offices.

Unfortunately for the clerk, he couldn't give us meal tickets and passage, and being confined to his little cubby-hole, had no opportunity to assist in making us at home; but Captain McKay gave us the freedom of the vessel early upon the first day out, and answered our volleys of questions with as smiling and interested a countenance as if he had not done the same on every trip he had made over this charming route.

We have a very tender and grateful feeling for Mr. Collins, the steward. We came this water way that we might have ample opportunity to rest, sleep, and eat, and through his kindly ministrations, there was no neglect of the latter concomitant to ideal enjoyment of the trip.

The editor has no desire to weary his brothers with a detailed account of a thoroughly enjoyable summer journey, to whom no description can suffice to render personal an experience felt by others.

Were our pen capable we would compose a dramatic monologue with the title, "Anser, an episode of the National Teachers' Association of 1887," and dedicate it to an Indiana 'mam, who talked the entire boat blind, deaf, and paralyzed between the Strait City and the historic island.

Did you ever hear a threshing-machine? Endow one with life, and equip it with three terms' experience in a district school, a blue satine dress, a linen duster, a limp, a round, red face, a chubby figure, somewhat predisposed to *embonpoint*, blue eyes, and hands covered with cheap rings, and you have The Goose, who, with the eloquent assistance of The Gosling, made life enough of a burden for two long days and nights to remind us that we were mortal.

Why pursue the painful theme? Did we essay an afternoon nap in our state-room? No sooner had the lines in our magazine begun to run into each other, and our senses to merge into sweet unconsciousness, than: "Yes, I am a teacher. Am going to Chicago, you know, to the N. T. A. Don't have to teach, of course; just doing it for fun. Love children, you know. Was always a pet at home. Had my own way in everything, and although Pa didn't want me to teach—said it was too wearing—I just laughed and got a school. Plenty of spending money, you know, and—"

"Oh! drat the woman! We might as well give it up."

We go out on the guards to assassinate the creature, but lo, she has gone. We go on deck, seek a retired spot, select an article that will read itself, settle ourselves to an hour's enjoyment, when at our right: "Yes, I

presume it is nicer to teach in a city school, but then, isn't the superintendent cross, and ain't there less freedom?"

We get up and wander away, go down to an early supper, when to our horror, above the clatter of the dishes and the splash of the water against the hull, that dreadful voice arises! What a relief when she went on to Chicago and left us at the island!

That night upon the broad expanse of Lake Huron, the wonderful phenomenon of moon-rise, the cheerful cheek of The Gosling with strange gentlemen, the clinging helplessness of the creature when we tried to shake her off, how vivid, how thrilling, how disquieting!

A long path of golden glory stretched from the vessel's side like huge overlapping disks of molten metal far, far away, until it met and became absorbed in the glorious queen of night. We forgot The Gosling and her chance acquaintance; we forgot The Goose and her gabble; we well-nigh forgot ourselves as we gazed upon that scene. We and The Madam, as staid old people, left the younger and more romantic of the party to late hours and gossip, and sought our room, too full of the beauty of that scene to talk, and content to go to sleep dreaming of the bliss of finding in our lives a possible counterpart to this outward manifestation of God's glory, hoping some day to be swallowed up in His effulgence as the path of light upon the waters of the lake was lost in the bright face of the moon.

A Northern Michigan lumber settlement is as great a curiosity to the average man as a prairie village in Southern Kansas, and we did not tire of exclaiming at the countless piles of logs and lumber, and at the apparently endless chain of saw-mills.

We stopped long enough at Alpena to walk over the town, and our astonishment at sights from the steamer's deck was eclipsed by seeing streets paved (?) with sawdust for block upon block, miles of plank sidewalks, huge iron towers for the burning of the mill refuse, with close screens over their tops to preclude the possibility of sparks escaping. We understood, after viewing this stirring town, why an entire community could be rendered destitute by a forest fire. Alpena could scarce be saved should a fire once get under way amid its tinder-box rows of business houses and dwellings.

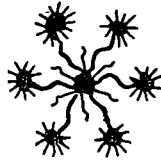
How delighted we were to stumble upon fresh strawberries in the height of the season at a corner store, and as we sat upon the pilot-house and devoured the delicious morsels, thanked our stars that we journeyed northward.

While upon this theme of vegetation, we are led to speak of the botanical lessons we were taught upon our trip in seeing vegetation six weeks

later than our own with some products, while with others the season was far advanced, our interest being particularly aroused by the sight of ripe hazel nuts, in quaint clusters on their thick bushes, upon the summit of the island.

Peerless Mackinac came slowly into sight as we rounded the point of Bois Blanc Island, and at the close of an idyllic July day, with twilight gathering quickly over all the scene, we tied up to the wharf under the bluff upon which stands the old fort. We gathered upon the wharf and awaited the negotiations of *The Courier* with as much interest and as much concern as our tired senses would permit.

C. L. VAN CLEVE.



The Areopagus.

A VOICE FROM THE WOODS.

Since the session at South Carolina College does not begin until Oct. 5th, and therefore you could not get a letter before the November number, behold! here is a voice from the woods, which wishes to avail itself of the very first opportunity to wish, in South Carolina Alpha's name, a pleasant reunion and a prosperous year to all the sisterhood of chapters.

Our chapter was certainly prosperous last year, although not so strong numerically as the year before, we were never before so congenial, so harmonious, so unified, so fraternal in our intercourse as during the year just past.

At commencement we came out with colors flying, drums beating, and hearts rejoicing. There are five medals given by the societies. We got *two* of them, a *K A* one, and the other two were won by non-frats. There was great competition for all, and all were won on their merits. We won all we tried for—Bro. Barber the debater's medal in Clariosophic and Bro. Hough the declaimer's medal in Euphradian. Then Bro. Blakeney and "your humble" got speeches on commencement day, and if we can believe our friends, our orations on "A Buried City," and "The Triumph of Science," were not the *poorest* of the day. Bro. B. got a special compliment in *The News and Courier*.

Bro. Barber was chief marshal from the Clariosophic Society, and of course fulfilled the duties of the place with his usual grace and ability. *He* is gradually wearing off the taint of the backwoods and promises to become quite a dude.

Class-day exercises were of one of the most interesting features this year. They were new and novel, and "'87" had the ability necessary to carry them out successfully. McLure, *Φ K Ψ*, was the originator and engineer of the plan.

Our chapter will probably open with about six men, and of course we expect to swell the list. I am afraid we are way behind many of our sister chapters in one thing—we have no chapter-house *scheme*. We have

tried many times to supply this deficiency, but in vain. We hope to have a house some day, but fear we will be unable to get up a *scheme*.

This letter purports to come from South Carolina Alpha, but I'm afraid they won't own it. And I have got a valid excuse, and that is, I am so busily engaged in engineering that my time is extremely limited.

And now, with best wishes for the future success of THE SHIELD, and the promise that, although an old (?) alumnus, I will ever do anything I can for old $\Phi \Psi$, I'll relieve the mental strain of my readers and stop, only waiting to beg to be forgiven for the faults in this,—to promise that this is “positively my last appearance” in THE SHIELD.

J. HAL. McLURE.

Chester, S. C., Sept. 10, 1887.

DEATH OF BROTHER TH. S. WILSON.

Early last June, Brother Th. S. Wilson, who had charge of the catalogue work in the States of Indiana, Michigan, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Wisconsin (eleven chapters), had completed a large part of his labor, and, after having the circulars reduced to manuscript for the printers, I forwarded it to him for final revision. I was greatly shocked and filled with sorrow, a day or two later, to receive a letter from Brother Campbell, Michigan Alpha, announcing the death of Brother Wilson. A few days later, the following was received:

LAFAYETTE, IND., June 14, 1887.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I write you, at request of Mr. Joseph H. Wilson, the grief-stricken brother of the lamented brother “Phi Psi,” Thomas S. Wilson, who died in Denver, Colorado, in May, 31st ult., and whose remains were interred in the cemetery here on Sabbath, June 5th.

Thomas had assisted us in the bank all winter, until about seven weeks since. Lively, cheerful, and with his superior business qualifications, none here seemed to have so bright a future before him, but of a sudden, and to our surprise, his lungs troubled him. He had never shown or expressed any symptoms of weakness; rather quiet and undemonstrative, yet firm and brave in every conscientious conviction, and fearless in performance of duty. He reluctantly laid aside his business—as we thought, or hoped, for a time,—and, advised by eminent medical authority, started to travel for a year or two in hope of regaining health, but Providence had ordered otherwise. Scarcely had his broken-hearted relatives here had time to gather around him kind and sympathizing friends before the crushing news of his death came. Had he lived, he would have been an honor and help to our fraternity. Although his college days were ended, not a jot of interest or enthusiasm in behalf of fraternity interests had abated. I have worked for his father, in the banks here, for almost seventeen years, and knew Thomas from a child until manhood, and more intimately acquainted with him, perhaps, than any except his own

immediate family; and can safely say, in business acumen, deliberate judgment, acute perceptive faculties, also in broad, grasping analyzation of character, men, and means, he had no superior. Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. MATTHEWS,
Pa. Alpha, '56.

The tribute that Brother Matthews pays to Brother Wilson as a business man can be thoroughly appreciated by the chairman of the catalogue committee. Earnest, energetic, careful, and accurate, he was a most valuable member of the committee, and, owing to the rare efficiency of his work, it has not been deemed necessary to fill, by another appointment, the vacancy caused by his death. I trust that others who were better acquainted with his qualities of mind and heart, will contribute appropriate testimonials to *THE SHIELD*. It remains for me only to impress upon the brothers of Phi Kappa Psi one lesson of his life. It is a lesson that few collegiates have learned. It is the importance of careful and prompt attention, in a business-like manner, to any work that is worthy of attention. One of the greatest and most annoying weaknesses of the undergraduate is his disposition toward carelessness and procrastination, which, fostered in youth, is so often carried into manhood. It is especially noticeable in the failure to meet chapter and general fraternity dues. I never found Brother Wilson negligent in any business relation except in collecting what was justly due him from the fraternity. During all the time that he labored on the catalogue, using numberless stamps, having considerable printing done, and incurring other expenses, not a single bill did he ever forward, and not a cent was ever paid him.

GEORGE SMART.

Editorial.

We wish to remind the chapters that subscriptions paid by brothers who graduated from college or went forth from their alma mater for other reasons in June, entitle them to *THE SHIELD* until next April. Please send the personal address of every such supporter of our journal, and remember to make up at once a new order list for those now in actual attendance.

We are gratified, in presenting this September issue, to have so good an array of chapter letters to offer. We believe that the September number, in at least one respect, is the most important issue of the year, as it ought to contain a succinct summary of each chapter's record for the year, and can be made doubly interesting to the alumni if any pains be taken to collect at Commencement time personal notes from the old boys back on a visit to the scenes of their former contests.

We ought to take great pains to make the first issue of the college year bright, interesting, and practical. It ought to be the best "spiking" instrument in the work of the early campaign, and if chapter correspondents were alive to their opportunities, we might eclipse all competitors in this respect. Now, brothers, let us see to it that some one, best fitted by fraternity experience and zeal,

shall have as his first vacation duty during the summer of '88, to write the clearest, cleanest, closest epitome of his chapter's career, during this year, that it is possible to compile.

We are reminded by these considerations to speak of an important obligation resting upon each of us to help each other. In some of the strongest Eastern institutions it is always expected that a strong man from any given locality should join a certain fraternity upon going to a given college. Why? Simply because the alumni of that organization had secured such a position in society and business in that city or village, that every first-class man desires, when he goes to college, to affiliate with the fraternity that his teacher, his pastor, or his father belonged to.

Fellow $\phi \psi$'s, if we know of a young man going to an institution where we have a chapter, let us see that our brothers in that college know of his coming, know something of his characteristics, his family, and his home associations.

Surely, no chapter correspondents will hide behind the empty excuse of "nothing to write about" at this time. We need your promptest effort to make the next issue sprightly and serviceable. Don't delay to write your communication. The excuses of heavy work, opening year, and so on for quantity, are absolutely puerile, for the editor, who is doing twice the work every day at his business that he did while in college, yet somehow finds time to be with his family and edit *THE SHIELD*, which last duty occupies from thirty to forty hours a month. We shall be perfectly content with the labor of one hour each month from every chapter.

We have received, through the courtesy of various brothers, the following annuals, which we hope to review at no distant date, if their number is increased sufficiently to justify us: *The Melange*, *The Cornellian*, *The Bijou*, *The Syllabus*, *The Oriflamme*, and *The Salmagundi*.

What sort of an appeal can we make, brothers, to move you to assist us in our labors by sending matter of all kinds to us to be spread before the eyes of $\phi \psi$'s everywhere for their pleasure and edification?

We were urged some years ago, and again more recently, to undertake the publication of the long-delayed $\phi \kappa \psi$ history. Within the past few weeks we have been asked to collect material and get out a song-book, but feel like smiling an incredulous answer to such appeals in the light of our recent experience with THE SHIELD. If we receive such niggardly support when subscription is compulsory (?), what might we expect in a matter altogether voluntary? Yet we should be glad to be permitted to compile such a long-felt adjunct to our social gatherings.

We had the pleasure to attend, by special request of the genial secretary, the annual meeting of the Executive Council of $\phi \kappa \psi$, at the Park Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, last month, and were very much gratified to find present every undergraduate member of that body, as well as three of the alumni members. The council continued in session three days, and as a Committee of the Whole on the State of the Fraternity, did $\phi \kappa \psi$ a world of good by their deliberations.

It is not the office of THE SHIELD to speak of the work of the council in detail, but it was interesting to note that after thorough discussion of any matter, there was

substantial unanimity upon every point in which there was need for a decision to be reached. THE SHIELD came in for its full share of attention, and much interest was felt in the plans proposed for increasing its circulation and enhancing the value of its contents.

It is intended that this issue of THE SHIELD shall reach the chapters during the opening days of the college year, and thus it is more than two weeks late in publication. If the brothers elected as chapter correspondents do their duty promptly, the October issue may be out nearly, if not quite, on time.

We aim to get out from the 6th to the 10th of each month.

We have long had it in mind to discuss the topic, "The Giving of Prizes," but lack satisfactory data upon which to base our comments on a very interesting and troublesome theme. We have little interest in discussions in the average college and fraternity journals, because these articles are, in great measure, from unskilled pens, and written in ignorance so dense sometimes as to be pitiful. We can not consent to bore the readers of THE SHIELD, but hope to offer some interesting deductions of an acquaintance more or less intimate with American colleges and their methods of securing efficient labor from students, during ten years or more past, if we can secure the co-operation of brothers East and West, wherever we have chapters.

Will some one brother in each of our thirty-six colleges send us, during the coming month, answers to the following questions:

(a) Are Honors granted in your college?

(b) If so, are they offered by the Faculty, Trustees, or are they from bequests?

(c) What Honors are elective? And are they in any way determined by the voice of students?

(d) What is the money value of the Honors offered at your institution?

(e) Characterize as fairly as you can the sort of men who have been the Honor men in your college during your knowledge of it? Over how long a period of time does your knowledge extend?



Chapter Letters.

ALLEGHANY COLLEGE.

The present collegiate year begins with brighter prospects, both for the fraternity and the college, than any of those immediately preceding, and although our number is smaller we hope to accomplish as much and more than in previous years.

Last year was certainly a prosperous one for our chapter, and we obtained a goodly share of the college honors. On field day, of the eight prizes awarded to fraternity men, Phi Psi got four. Bros. Anderson, Bray, and Williamson were three of the four freshmen who wrote their play and starred in its production Commencement week, which to say the least was first class. On the "Diamond" Bros. Cary, Brown, and Blystone were our stars, while several more of the brothers laid a slight claim to the same honor. Bro. Shaw was the orator on Class Day, and Bro. Blystone was Ladder Orator for the senior class and Bro. Ellsworth for junior. Bro. Ellsworth also won the Athenian declamation contest earlier in the year.

Our seniors, Bros. Shaw, Blystone, and Twining, have all received their degrees, and have gone to teaching,—Bro. Twining coming back to Alleghany to take charge of the C. E. Course. Bros. Cary, McCreary, Corrin, Gallagher, and Williamson have all found their calling elsewhere and will not be with us,—Bros. Cary and McCreary at Ann Arbor and the other three at their respective homes.

This leaves us with eight men to begin with, who will try to make it interesting for any Phi Psi who happens this way and makes himself known.

With best wishes for the success of THE SHIELD,

CORNEY C. LAFFER.

Meadville, Pa., Aug. 30, 1887.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

It is with some difficulty that we wipe the vacation rust from our pen, and resume the pleasant duty of writing a letter to THE SHIELD. Pennsylvania College closed June 30th with the usual exercises. Phi Psi had but one representative in the graduating class, Brother Fishburn. The honors were taken mostly by non-fraternity men.

The commencement week of '87 was one of special interest, not only to Phi Psi, but to the college in general. There were many of the alumni in Gettysburg, and the pink and lavender could be seen at every turn.

We can not be too earnest in expressing the gratification of the chapter and the encouragement afforded her by the enthusiasm of the alumni who happened to be with us, and the lively interest which they seemed to take in the affairs of the fraternity. We congratulate them that the spirit of loyalty still strives within them, and that although they have gone beyond the pale of the college, they yet love the cause for which they once strove and are proud to own allegiance to Phi Kappa Psi.

There is nothing that can do a chapter so much real good as the interest of her alumni, and without their occasional assistance it is hard for a chapter to retain a healthy life.

Of the five addresses delivered during commencement four were made by Phi Psis. The baccalaureate was delivered by Bro. President McKnight, the address before the Y. M. C. A. by Brother Earnest, the oration before the seminarians by Brother Ort, and the address to the college alumni by Bro. George D. Stahley.

The long-talked of new building may now be placed among the actualities of the near future. A building committee was appointed and instructed to proceed immediately with the work, so we will soon have a college building erected at the cost of about \$75,000.

The incoming freshman class will no doubt be a very large one.

Epsilon will start this year with eleven men, all of whom are earnest workers in the cause, so we may justly expect to take a full share of the good material we may find, and keep up the preëminent position which the chapter has always held.

HOWARD P. STADTLER.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 29, 1887.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

The brothers had a delightful time at Theta's annual symposium, held in their room on Monday evening of commencement week. The menu was excellent—thanks to the dapper “cocky”—and the toasts bright and witty. About thirty brethren were present. Bro. Martin, '77, was alumni orator, and Edwin R. Cochran, '89, on behalf of the active brothers, delivered the welcome address. Among those who responded to toasts were Bros. J. T. Green. E. M. Green, Jos. H. Evans. Pen. Evans, “Bugs” Porter, Mackey, '90, Blannett Jackson, Archon Posey, and H. H. Apple, Pa. Eta.

The next afternoon the sports of the Lafayette College Athletic Association took place on the campus in the presence of some four thousand people. Bros. Posey and Cummins were field officers. Bro. Fay won the gold prize in tennis, Bro. Mackey second in the mile walk. Bro. Bailey won the college 440 yards dash in 59 seconds. He also won the freshmen 440, for which Mr. McIntosh offered a handsome silver cup. Bro. McKene, '90, won the half mile run, and received a handsome silver cup donated by Mr. McIntosh. The entrees in the sports were numerous and the contests spirited. The cremation of Calculus was celebrated after the Egyptian fashion, and much credit is due Bro. Fay, chairman of the committee of arrangements, for the success of the exercises.

At the election for *The Lafayette* editors Bro. Cummins was elected chief editor and Bro. Mackey secured a staff position. *The Lafayette* will be issued as a sixteen page bi-weekly during the coming year.

The base ball season was fairly successful for Lafayette, and a large number of games were played. Bro. McDowell was pitcher on the team.

Report has reached us that Bro. Fay has been covering himself with glory at the Altoona tennis tournament, he having defeated players from all parts of the state.

Two new trustees have been appointed, and a large sum of money is promised Lafayette in the near future.

We lose no men by graduation this year, and as the freshmen class promises to number about ninety men Theta hopes to secure her quota, and the prospect for the chapter's future are certainly bright.

A. W. CUMMINS.

Smyrna, Del., Aug. 29, 1887.

CORNELL.

Cornell University closed the college year 1886-7 by sending out into the world about ninety of her students, among which were found three loyal brothers of Phi Kappa Psi. The same time saw finished a successful year's work for New York Alpha Chapter; a year that has seen us established in a new and commodious chapter house; has witnessed great progress toward the perfection of our chapter organization, and has added seven new names to the list of Phi Kappa Psi's most devoted sons.

It is with bitter regret that we record the loss of Brothers Taylor, Flint, and Ryan, by graduation, as also that of Brothers Burnett, Thistlethwaite, and Ryder, who will probably be unable to attend college another year. We extend to them all of the encouragement, and hope that they will meet with all of the success due to gifted, loyal, and devoted brothers of Phi Kappa Psi.

Although our number will be greatly reduced at the beginning of this college year, we have stout hearts and excellent prospects and feel confident of holding our own in the college world.

This year the university opens several new departments, notably a law school, for which has been selected an excellent and distinguished corps of instructors. Many of the old departments have been enlarged and perfected, making Cornell one of the few great universities of our country.

Our best wishes for the prosperity of our sister chapters.

S. L. ADLER.

Medina, N. Y., Aug. 24, 1887.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

All hail to THE SHIELD and our noble fraternity as we enter upon another college year! A year that will be fraught with success, if the spirit of Φ Κ Ψ burns brightly in our hearts.

While at such a time as this we are naturally inclined to look at the future, I trust I will be pardoned a slight retrospection. We have reason to feel grat-

ified at the success attained by our men during the session which closed in June. We had a good, solid chapter, composed, with two exceptions, of representatives of the preceding session. We invited but two, and when these had been initiated our total was fifteen, as against eighteen for the session of '85-'86. In the athletic sports we had but two men entered, but each of them captured two medals. On final day we ranked very high, and carried off a comparatively large number of diplomas. In short, we have more than held our own in the race set before us, and have high hopes for the ensuing year. We shall have a large number of our last year's men with us again, and this will give us, so to speak, a running start!

I am truly sorry that my first letter is so devoid of interest, but whether in possession of interesting material or not, I had determined to get a letter in the first number of *THE SHIELD* (and in as many more as *THE SHIELD* wishes), and therefore, writing a month before our session opens it is not strange that my letter is less interesting than they will be, I hope, later in the year.

These letters in *THE SHIELD* will be read about the time that our men are busy selecting the choice spirits from the new crop. Let us hope that we may all work with an eye single to the true interests of our grand old fraternity; let us remember that increase in quantity never atones for decrease in quality, and that it is far better not to take men in at all if we can not get those who approximate the standard of our fraternity. Let us take men who will surely do Φ K Ψ credit, and not content ourselves with those who we imagine will not do her discredit. At the same time, when we have found a good man, let us make sure of him, and I trust we shall read many exultant letters in the next numbers of *THE SHIELD* of the battles fought and won, and hear that our chapters everywhere are large and flourishing.

I shall read the first number of *THE SHIELD* with great interest, and am assured that it will sound the tocsin summoning us to battle, and will encourage us to ultimate success. Long live *THE SHIELD*!

ERNEST M. STIRES.

September 2, 1887.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

South Carolina Alpha has just closed the third year of its existence with eight members. South Carolina Alpha took her fair share of the commencement honors this year. In the society contests Bro. Barber, '89, took the debater's medal in the Clariosophic Society, and Bro. Hough, '90, the declaimer's medal in the Euphradian Society. Bro. Blakeney, '87, graduate in law, was appointed to speak in Moot Court during commencement week.

We shall lose, by graduation, Bros. Blakeney, law, '87; Clarkson, law, '87; and McLure, '87. We are very sorry to lose these worthy and respected members of our chapter, both because they were our mainstays, and because it reduces our number nearly one-half.

Since our last letter the students of South Carolina College have organized the "Battalion of College Cadets," numbering from eighty to ninety. Phi

Kappa Psi is represented on the official staff by Bro. Barber as second lieutenant, Co. A. The battalion is a part of the famous "Palmetto Regiment."

Bro. Barber plays right field and pitcher in the college nine, and the way he sends those in-and-out-shoots across the plate is a "beautiful sight to see."

Our campus the past spring has been as beautiful as ever, and we venture the assertion that during the months of May and June there is no campus in the country more beautiful than that of South Carolina College. The eastern end of the campus is elevated some eighteen or nineteen feet above the western end, and the whole is terraced, turfed, and covered with fine shade trees, among which the oak and elm stand prominent.

We hope the coming year will be a prosperous one for $\Phi K \Psi$, and all connected therewith. With best wishes for THE SHIELD, we remain yours in the mystic bonds.

S. C. ALPHA.

Columbia, S. C., June 23, 1887.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Alpha extends greeting to THE SHIELD and her sister chapters, with the hope that the success which crowned the fraternity's efforts the past year may still continue, not only through this coming year, but through the succeeding years.

Commencement week opened this year in the old-fashioned way, by having all exercises a week later, and all of the seniors speaking, instead of a few select ones. As there was a class of sixty-four, one might easily imagine the great amount of information and wisdom the alumni, in the shape of doctors, lawyers, ministers, professors, honorables, D. D.'s and LL. D.'s obtained from this band of beginners in the real struggle of life. The most interesting day for the students, of course, was the class, or rather, field day. This day was the most successful of its kind in the history of the university. Bro. Sanger won the contest in fencing. Bros. McCafferty and Harry Semans played in the university eleven. Also one of the winners of the tennis contest is impatiently waiting to mount the Phi Psi goat.

But the most important affair of the week was the raising of money for our new gymnasium. Through the work of students, assisted by Prof. Trueblood, Ohio Wesleyan University will at last have the long sought for gymnasium. A few days before commencement the students raised in the university and among a few citizens the amount of two thousand dollars, to which C. W. Fairbanks, class of '72, and a Phi Gam, added a few more thousand. The object is to build a gymnasium of Queen Anne style this fall. The building will be surrounded by a balcony, which will look toward the new base ball and foot ball grounds, which are now being leveled off and prepared for the coming year.

The endowment of the university has been increased by about one hundred thousand, an increase that is surpassed by no preceding year.

Now comes the usual lamenting cry in the letters to THE SHIELD at the beginning of the fall term. We have lost, irrevocably lost as to active membership, three of the most "brilliant minds" of the senior class and of the

traternity. These three are Bros. Dial, Frizell, and Winter. It will be hard to fill their places, perhaps impossible as to some characteristics, and their future welfare will be of the greatest interest to us. Also to our great sorrow we hear that Bro. Allison has decided to enter the junior class at Harvard, and that Bro. Travis intends to enter some medical school. As these two would have been seniors, their absence will leave us with but one senior.

Bro. Roberts, an old member of eighty-nine, who has been teaching school in Louisiana, intends to enter the sophomore class this fall.

We expect to enter the term with ten in number, and besides a few last year's preparatory students, we have in view several new ones who will enter this fall. The other fraternities will begin the fall rushing with about the same number, with the exception of the Chi Phis, who will have but four or five.

Bros. Ed. Semans, Van Deman, Sanger, and Ross, with the Fourteenth Regiment, O. N. G. I., Co. K, expect to visit Washington, D. C., Gettysburg, and Philadelphia this month, starting on the 6th and returning on the 20th. They intend to see as many Phi Psis as are perceptible in the above-named places.

As the university opens on the fourteenth of this month, the regular correspondent will furnish something more interesting for the next SHIELD.

HARRY M. SEMANS.

September 6th, 1887.

NORTHWESTERN.

The September number of THE SHIELD finds Illinois Alpha scattered from New Jersey to Oregon. Six of us are to be found in camp here upon Long Lake, in the Red River Valley of the North. We congratulate all brothers in camp, who have like advantages for enjoyment.

In our stay here our ideas of Dakota have somewhat changed. Previously we had thought Chicago to be unrivalled in energy. We would have it thus; but when we see the grain cut, threshed, milled, and made into bread within twenty-four hours, we are constrained to give the palm to Dakota.

From a high elevator we obtained a magnificent view of the surrounding country, and it reminds one of what was once considered the earth. Flatness without variation and the circuitous belt of woods upon the river's bank, looks enough like the end to be called Oceanus. With interest we have ridden over the country and visited farms during harvest. Yesterday we were hospitably entertained at a small farm of a few thousand acres. While to us pork packing had been interesting in its way, to see in line a dozen or two self-binders, cutting a swath of grain from 60 to 150 feet wide, is truly a beautiful sight. Upon the same field you see them plowing and threshing, while on a neighboring railroad the wheat is loaded for mill or elevator. We would offer no boom for Dakota; she needs none. But after enjoying its hospitality, seeing its resources and industries, and admiring its energy, growth, and prosperity, we are led to say, brothers, this fair realm deserves your votes. There is none better fitted for queenly representation in the great American sisterhood of States.

The thirty-first year of the University's existence was unsurpassed in prosperity. The membership was greatest, and the largest class was graduated. For the first time has its President felt justified in leaving its halls for a few months of travel in Europe. The chairs of physics and mathematics, having been made vacant by the resignation of their respective professors, are to be filled by Professors C. S. Cook and Alonzo J. Howe, the former of Dartmouth, the latter of Chicago University.

All departments report a flattering outlook for the coming year, and we are glad to say the chapter is as well situated.

In place of '87 we already have two freshmen initiated, and as many more "salted." Most of the brothers have been busy in their various lines. Brother Booth has just issued the "Midsummer Edition" of the *Northwestern*, an advertising medium of the University. Besides being successful financially, he expects to negotiate successfully for much boodle at the "Fem. Sem." We call your attention to the touching tribute in behalf of woman's rights.

We are all expected back, with the exception of Brother W. A. Hale, who goes to Williams to finish his course. Thus far our schemes are few. As usual, we have one for a chapter home, but the plans are still too embryonic for publication. We have left a few copies of the *Syllabus*, and would be pleased to exchange with any of the chapters. To-morrow we go for a week's hunt; then "Ho! for God's country!"

THE B. G.

Φ Ψ Camp, Long Lake, Fargo, Dak., Aug. 28, 1887.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

We are told that Wisconsin Alpha must contribute a letter to the September number of THE SHIELD; but vacation and consequently absence from the University are facts certainly not conducive to making a letter of this nature interesting. However, THE SHIELD is at all times welcome to our best endeavors.

Married.—Pease, Nunns.—At Madison, Wis., June 28, 1887, by the Rev. Dr. Bascom, Lynn S. Pease, Archon of Fourth District, to Emma E. Nunns, an estimable lady of Madison. Both are U. W. graduates, class of '86. They begin life with the best wishes of an exceptionally large circle of friends, among whom Wisconsin Alpha humbly asks recognition.

With the class of the last collegiate year, the work of President Bascom in the University of Wisconsin terminated. He has resigned and retired to private life in his former home at Williamstown, Mass., carrying with him the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. He has held the position since 1874. T. C. Chamberlain, his successor, will assume the duties of his office on the opening of the present year.

Last commencement at the University was a very notable one, more alumni being present than at any other time in the history of the institution. The occasion of this was the resignation of Dr. Bascom, and alumni gathered from far and near to bid farewell to their respected president. On the Tuesday before commencement, a magnificent banquet was tendered the retiring and incoming presidents. It was laid in Library Hall, and three hundred of the University's

warmest friends sat down to the elegant spread furnished by Conroy of Milwaukee.

The new Science Hall, at a cost of \$250,000, is rapidly nearing completion, and will be ready for occupancy on the opening of the winter term. Many of the trees have been removed from the lower campus, affording an excellent view of all the University buildings; and now, indeed, we may say our college ranks with the best in appearance, as it has heretofore in reputation.

A class of 105 was graduated last June. Of these 55 received degrees from the literary and scientific departments. The total enrollment for the year of 1886-7 was 542, and it is expected that the incoming freshman class will number 200.

We lose by graduation Brothers Bennett (Law), Platt, Meyer, and Youmans. Brother Richmond, '87, will be with us while taking his law course. We will begin this year with twelve men, besides having four good men pledged, and we intend, by good work when school opens, to put Phi Kappa Psi indisputably at the head of the list.

We hope that THE SHIELD will continue through the present year to be the bright, newsy, and welcome visitor that it has been in the past.

J. H. DOCKERY.

Ashland, Wis., Aug. 24, 1887.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

As the week of commencement festivities approached at the close of the last school year, college circles were considerably stirred up by the announcement of several changes in our faculty. The retiring professors, Parker, Fellows, and Leonard, had all won many and fast friends among the students and alumni, as they had been connected with the institution from sixteen to twenty-five years each. Patrons and friends of the State University of Iowa were anxious that the prospective chairs be filled with men of equal competency. Their fears, however, have been totally dispelled by the announcement that the Board of Regents have elected the following learned and energetic successors: Prof. G. W. T. Patrick to the chair of Mental Science and Didactics; Prof. Perkins to the chair of History, and Prof. Butts to the chair of Mathematics.

The commencement exercises furnished the usual entertainment for visitors, but the chief attraction was the inaugural exercises of Dr. Charles A. Schaeffer, of Cornell University, New York, to fill the vacancy in our presidency, caused by the resignation of Dr. J. L. Pickard. Hon. W. B. Allison, "Iowa's proud statesman," delivered the principal oration. Addresses were given in behalf of citizens, faculty, and students. Brother Will Stutsman was elected to the honor of representing the students at these exercises, and he acquitted himself with great credit, both to himself and fraternity.

The facilities of the Law Department have also been increased by an extra resident professor, with Judge James M. Love, of the U. S. District Court, as Chancellor, and Prof. E. McClain as Vice-Chancellor.

So, too, we have great hopes for Iowa Alpha in the coming year. We have

lost but three of our seniors by graduation ; of the three, Brother Nye will return to study law ; Brother Meek has gone to the Pacific slope, but he will also return to join the disciples of Blackstone after a year's recuperation, while Brother Stutsman has been appointed to an enviable position in Burlington College, teaching Latin and German. We are glad to say that Brother Dorr will return this fall to help induce the innocent "Fresh." to march under the banners of pink and lavender.

And with one or two splendid Phi Psis now in the embryo, the chances for a prosperous year are very encouraging. All our undergraduates, with perhaps one exception, are expected to return, after their vacations have been fully enjoyed. We make no boastful predictions and build no ethereal structures as to the near future, but the Phi Kaps in our University are determined to compete with "the best of them," and when the battle for new men and new honors begins again this fall, we have only to say, "Let the smoke clear away. Time will tell."

JAMES W. BOLLINGER.

Davenport, Iowa, Aug. 30, 1887.



Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

In the June issue of the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*, the editor discourses thus under the caption, "What is the Fraternity to Me?"

"The great law of human fraternity is that sacrifice for the good of another is a blessing both to him who makes the sacrifice and to him in whose behalf it is made. Fraternities among men, like civil society, have their rise in the necessities of our nature. The one find their origin in the demands of our higher social sympathies and sentiments just as the other does in the desire for physical safety and development. In both cases we are required to give up something in order that we may receive in return a higher benefit. There is one difference, however, which it may not be out of place to emphasize. In civil society our contribution may be merely of a negative character, that is to say, we secure protection by giving up certain selfish appetites, the exercise of which would be detrimental to the rights of others. We agree *not to do* certain things, and we gain the immunity which society offers to all of its members. Not so in the fraternity. Your contribution must be of a positive nature. There is nothing to be gained without this. And he who gives most receives most in return.

"We do not mean to say that man's contribution to civil society is only of a negative character, but it is true that he gains that protection for securing which the social compact was first instituted by such contribution. We believe that the highest blessings of society, and the noblest achievements by it, come through positive deeds of its members. And in these blessings those have the largest share who do most towards securing them. There is a deeper philosophy than most persons realize in these words of the Savior: 'He who would be greatest among you let him be servant of all.' The man of greatest fame, honor, and position is the greatest servant of society; in other words, he contributes most to it. He serves his fellows with his talents and energy; he receives as his reward their respect and appreciation. The law of service is the law of constituted society, and if we would achieve anything noble or great, we must learn to yield ourselves to it. If we want to enjoy its highest blessing we must contribute all in our power to its development. The same is true of the fraternity in whatever relation it may exist."

The leading article in *The Rainbow* for July is upon "Internal Improvement," and begins thus:

"It is amusing to note in fraternity journals—our own not excepted—the ease with which contributors use the strong words *ought* and *should* and *must*. The im-

possible is advised, and with the utmost gravity. The unattainable is reached after, and with the serenest confidence. We are reminded of Byron's

‘Men must serve their time to every trade
Save censure—critics all are ready made.’

—whenever we see Juventus soberly advising Senectus upon the narrow path which he shall tread. But we respect the earnest spirit of the adviser, even when we smile at his failure to see the obstacles which render his counsel of no avail. In these pages have always been given the free expression and discussion of sound principles, and the effect has been excellent. But abuses still exist, wrongs go unrighted, necessary changes are unmade; so that sincere workers among our younger men become disheartened, and finally swell the number of our uninterested alumni. They can not see why wholesome changes should come so slowly. They fail to observe the strong undercurrent of zeal and good will that really exists, and to remember what bold advances Delta Tau Delta has made in the last few years. Mindful of all these facts, we venture to set down here some thoughts upon a subject of living interest to us all.

“Prominent among our present needs seems to be that of a Delta dictionary which shall define closely the terms in most common use in our debates upon fraternity questions. Whately somewhere says, in substance, that much of the world's wrangling would be prevented if men would only begin with a clear definition of terms. This was brought vividly to mind not long ago, when, in chapter conclave, we had ventured beyond chapter needs to fraternity welfare. Our infant was waxing somewhat rhetorical upon the subject whose title heads these remarks, when, from his ambush in the corner, Old Solidity winged him with the blunt query, ‘What does internal improvement mean?’ Although no concise answer was given, I think the question adjusted the thinking cap of more than one there present.

“By a natural logic, the whole subject of fraternity well-being may be included under *extension* and *internal improvement*, if the meaning of each of these terms be made sufficiently broad and clear at the outset. The former has more than a geographical meaning, and the latter more than purely local significance. Rightly interpreted, extension may sometimes mean contraction; and internal improvement may result from close attention to matters apparently external.”

The following long editorial from the latest issue of the *Beta Theta Pi*, aside from its Beta bias, is so much to our way of thinking that we can not do anything but quote it entire:

“It is a little mortifying at times, we frankly admit, to read over the list of great literary lights, genuine and honorary members, possessed by some of the leading Eastern fraternities. And a sentimental young Beta, who can write a neat little essay or a few graceful rhymes, is sometimes apt to feel a little envious of the glory of these rivals in that regard, and to think that, as a fraternity, we perhaps lack a little culture and taste in the fine arts of life. Granted; but does it ever occur that literary talent, or at least the fruit of it, has been almost solely confined to a small coterie of people on the Atlantic coast, and chiefly centered in and about Boston? The days when it was scornfully asked abroad, Who reads an American book?—or writes one, for that matter—have happily passed; but still, the representatives of

American literature, except the very youthful generation, were mainly bred in that section which has had the greatest advantages of acquired wealth and cultured leisure. About the old Eastern colleges, too, has long existed a circle of professors and thinkers who have long written most of the American books and supplied most of the literary ideas.

"The old Eastern fraternities were of course mainly located at the old Eastern colleges, and among them all were very likely to pick up the most promising young men, whose later success has brought fame and honor to all concerned. But often in quite dubious ways, even, were some of these notable men enrolled in fraternity ranks, as, for instance, at Harvard, where fraternities were long ago prohibited during an extended term of years, amounting to a generation or two. Several of the old fraternity chapters, like Alpha Delta Phi and Δ K E, for instance, went right ahead under the same name as open local clubs, having a large membership, including many of the best young men in college. Then, when the college was opened again to fraternities, they rushed forward to claim their own long-lost posterity, and eagerly enrolled in fraternity catalogues and invited to reunions and conventions all those intermediate alumni of the intervening period of suspension of active connection. It is a fact somewhat amusing to a real, genuine fraternity man that many alumni of so-called chapters in two eminent Eastern institutions do not realize that they ever belonged to anything but local clubs until after they have left college and find themselves enrolled in a fraternity and associated with enthusiasts who have hunted them up through bearing a common name. These gentlemen do not usually object—why should they? Few men, not excepting *litterateurs*, would willfully decline a little puffery and a good dinner once in a while.

"Now, if our young Beta will only turn his gaze in another direction, into the records of his own fraternity in a certain line, he will there notice something well worthy of remark. He will find that Beta Theta Pi has a marvelous political record, not of one or two or a half-dozen prominent men, but of a long line of men in public office, as governors, senators, representatives, judges, and minor honorables of all degrees—a list that easily surpasses any other fraternity by far. He will also find a surprisingly large proportion of our alumni became lawyers or ministers by profession, and in the church and at the bar very many of them attained to eminence of position and distinction of reputation. Many, too, became teachers and professors, while but few ever turned to literature as a profession, or even as a diversion.

"Now, why and how did this state of things arise, that Beta Theta Pi should have had so many sons gain renown at the forum and in the pulpit? The reason of it all is that our fraternity, being chiefly located in the interior states and colleges, was composed of members who came from the community that had to work, and work hard, for a living; and when these young men came to college they came to fit themselves for professions in which they might earn their daily bread by mental labor. The most opportune openings were in the law; in the ministry, to which many were originally inclined through sectarian influences and colleges; and in teaching. The law naturally led into politics—as it does still, and did formerly more strongly, when a lawyer was perforce an all-around speaker, and must be a 'good fellow' besides. These professional men mentioned had no time for cultivating the fine arts of life. They spoke, not wrote, and perhaps had more influence—certainly gained more general success. Literature was then only an exotic, cultivated with some care by a select coterie of Eastern scholars and travelers. But the

interior and Western States were only being developed, and the people who lived in them, among whom were nearly all the alumni Betas, had better need of stalwart men and planning brains than of graceful ideas and harmonious periods.

"Now, what does all this mean? It means that it is evident that Beta Theta Pi, as a fraternity, is typical of American life; that it reflects more perfectly and vividly than any other like order the spirit of the educated American. The age just passing away was one rife with great political and civil events, in which the Beta alumni were strongly represented in every direction in the seething turmoil of abundant and vigorous life. The fraternity thus fulfilled its early destiny and partook notably of the character of the times, in which its alumni played prominent parts. There is nothing to regret, and but little more to wish for, in the past. The fraternity spirit was racy, smacking of the soil, and it leapt and spent itself in the avenues of reputation open to it.

"A quieter, more cultured epoch seems dawning upon the American people. Great wealth has been attained to in many quarters, and even in localities where, only a generation ago, there was but a raw, ruthless strife for living comforts, existence is easier for all, and many people possess competences which their children will inherit. Thus is the way prepared for that entrance of the refinements of life and the cultivation of the highest tastes which can only come with wealth and leisure. Literature, as such, has begun to shed its light into almost every hamlet, and about one out of every ten educated persons is now trying to write something. Some will succeed, perhaps, among which we trust our young Beta will be happily included, if he is not altogether a supposititious person.

"But enough has been said to prove and clinch our argument. The era just passing away was not a literary era, except in spots; its life was turbulent, laborious, and exciting, and the notable Betas who came to the front were typical of its influences and conditions. The times demanded vitality and energy, and the men were supplied. If the later times invite greater grace and keener culture, we fully trust that our ranks will feel the spirit, and that, without lacking or slacking in any of the qualities that have given past success, the fraternity will both prove itself receptive to new influences and have the vigor to take full advantage of finer opportunities of whatever kind that offer."

Personals.

PENNSYLVANIA E.

'67. Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph. D., although connected with another institution (the University of Pennsylvania), is still as much interested in *Alma Mater* as if actively connected with her. He closes a recent letter thus: "I am glad to see, too, from the catalogue just received that the college is prospering, and that the classes are steadily increasing in size."

Rev. W. E. Parson, of Washington, was elected alumni orator for next year.

'69. Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., is the way to write it now, Dr. H. having received the honorary degree of D. D. from both Roanoke and Newberry colleges at their recent commencements.

'74. Dr. Edgar F. Smith, of Wittenberg College, had his arm severely injured by an explosion in the chemical laboratory during an experiment with hydrogen gas by one of the students. Fortunate that it was not more serious.

'80. Prof. D. Fleisher has closed another successful year as Principal of the Troy High School. The valedictorian of the graduating class closed her address with a few words directed specially to Prof. F., presenting him a pair of fine silver vases as a mark of the class' high esteem.

'82. Rev. George D. Gotwald delivered the annual address, June 9th, at Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, Kansas. The *Republican* says:

"It was a splendid effort, and surprised even his admirers for beauty of language and strong argument for classical education. It was a masterly address throughout, and proved Mr. Gotwald to be one of the most brilliant young ministers of the West."

Phi Kappa Psi was well represented last commencement in the alumni address of Brother Stahley, the election as President of the Seminary Board of Brother E. S. Johnston, and the choice of Brother Reimensnyder as Holman Lecturer.

'83. Allen J. Smith has been chosen the resident physician of the Department of the Insane in Blockley Hospital, Philadelphia, a highly complimentary appointment for one so young.

'83. W. M. Duncan is in business in Harrison, Ark., connected with the "Harrison Investment Banking Co." Success to him.

Brother G. D. Stahley has been winning golden opinions in rich measure of late, having been elected Alumni Trustee of his alma mater, made a member of the Faculty as Lecturer on Hygiene, and chosen as Alumni Editor of the *Pennsylvania College Monthly*. And this is not all, for witness the following from the *Monthly*:

"We are gratified to learn that our alumni co-laborer, Dr. G. D. Stahley, received a visible token of the high esteem and friendship of the employers of the State Asylum at Harrisburg on his withdrawal from that institution after twelve years of efficient and appreciated service. It consisted of a fine silver water service on a beautiful mahogany stand, accompanied by a speech expressing in most flattering terms the high regard in which he has been held. It is needless to say that the response was most happy and to the point. We congratulate him. His new address is 405 Monroe Street, Easton, Pa."

PENNSYLVANIA I.

'72. Rev. F. J. Parry, of Brattleborough, Vermont, composed a poem in honor of the occasion of the golden wedding of Hon. Jacob Estey and wife, in that city, May 2d.

'84. H. H. Baldridge, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., has been admitted to the Blair County Bar.

'85. J. E. Sagebeer addressed the Young People's Baptist Union of Philadelphia on "How to Counteract the Evil Effects of Light Literature," on May 18th, at the East Baptist Church.

OHIO A.

Geo. B. Merriman, '63, Professor of Physics in Rutger's College, New Jersey, visited Delaware commencement week.

J. E. Stubbs, '78, is President of Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio.

C. G. Dunlap, '83, received his Ph. D. degree from Johns Hopkins in June, and has been elected adjunct Professor of English Literature in Kansas University.

E. M. Semans, '86, enters Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, this fall.

C. H. Humphreys, ex-'86, is in his father's law office in New York City.

C. H. Hoover, ex-'86, who graduated at Harvard this year, enters the medical department there this fall.

W. G. Frizell, '87, is studying law at his home in Dayton, Ohio.

M. R. Dial, '87, is preparing for business at Springfield, Ohio.

W. P. Winter, '87, will teach school at West Unity, Ohio, this winter.

R. H. Van Deman, ex-'87, is senior at Harvard.

H. L. Runkle, ex-'88, is sophomore at Harvard.

B. M. Allison, ex-'88, is junior at Harvard.

INDIANA A.

The following from the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette* of September 2d. will be gratifying to the many friends of Brother Daumont:

"The glee club made a hit, and the young men in it are deserving of great praise for their earnest efforts to make the club's entertainments enjoyable. E. A. Daumont is leader of the glee club, with the following able assistants: W. Littleford, Blanchford March, W. Kessner, L. A. Bode, F. Ludeke, J. H. Bauer, H. H. Klusman, W. F. Greaves, W. Hartman, George Boyce, Jack Raidt, Geo. Maley, L. Claiborne, W. Goodhart, and Rocco Ferro, harpist."

College and Fraternity Notes.

$\Lambda T \Omega$ has established a chapter at Columbian University with six charter members.

Delta Kappa Epsilon has revived her chapter at the University of North Carolina.

The number of female students in the universities and colleges of the United States is said to be 18,000.

$\Lambda T \Lambda$ has entered the Indiana University with eight men. The chapter was established on June 4th.

The faculty of Earlham College, at Richmond, Indiana, recently expelled three students for attending the play of Richard III.

The first degree of D. D. was bestowed by Harvard on Increase Mather, in 1682, and the first LL. D. on George Washington in 1776.

The brain of the late Professor Olney, of the University of Michigan, weighed 64 ounces. The average normal weight of the human brain is 49 ounces.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is reported as being dead at the University of Texas by an exchange, but we see from chapter letters in *The Record* that it has 14 members.

Kappa Alpha has revived her chapter at the South Carolina Military Academy after an inactivity of two years, by initiating eleven new men at one time.—*Alpha Tau Omega Palm.*

In the United States the Episcopalians have twelve colleges; the Methodists, fifty-two; the Baptists, forty-six; the Presbyterians, forty-one; the Congregationalists, twenty-eight.

Yale first published a college paper in 1806, Harvard in 1810, Columbia in 1815, Brown in 1829, Amherst in 1831, Trinity in 1833, University of Pennsylvania in 1834, Princeton and Dartmouth in 1835, and Bowdoin in 1839.

A gymnasium is to be fitted up for Dickinson College by Allison, the millionaire car manufacturer of Philadelphia.

The plan proposed by President McCosh in regard to a conference of college presidents to consider the regulation of athletic sports is not favorably received by President Barnard, of Columbia.

Fifty years ago two-fifths of the public school teachers in Massachusetts were men; now about one-tenth are men. The average wages of men then were \$25.44 per month, and of women \$11.38; now men average \$111.23 and women \$43.97.

Out of 140 Grammar School students at the University of the South 100 are members of fraternities.—April *Palm*. This is a serious error as it is against the rules of the university to initiate students of the Grammar School, and the rule is strictly carried out.—June *Palm*.

The University of Minnesota is coming into prominence as one of the great universities of the West. Within the last few years, two new buildings, at a cost of \$90,000, have been erected. The number of students has increased from 253 to 420. The faculty has increased from 21 to 33, and the legislature has granted \$40,000 per year for current expenses.

A NEGRO WITH A COLLEGE BADGE.—Thursday as Marion Davis, of Athens, was walking down the street he saw the badge of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity on the lapel of Tom Cook's coat. Cook is a burly negro, and sported the badge of this prominent and influential fraternity in a most conspicuous manner. Mr. Davis is not a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, but is a member of the Phi Delta Theta Society, equally as prominent and respected in college circles. Knowing that any secret society man would take a badge of his own order from any negro found wearing it, Mr. Davis stopped Cook and demanded the surrender of the badge. Cook refused to give it up, whereupon Mr. Davis proceeded to take it, and succeeded in getting it from the negro, notwithstanding his resistance. The badge was lost by a Mercer University student named F. D. Warren, and the negro claims to have found it. Warren's name was engraved on the badge. The Alpha Tau Omega badge is in the shape of a Maltese cross, and is one of the handsomest of college badges. The fraternity was established fifteen or twenty years ago by the Rev. Otis Glazebrook, now of Elizabeth, N. J. In Virginia the fraternity is especially strong, and it is yearly gaining strength in Georgia.—*Savannah News*, April 4.

On the whole, this closing college year does not seem to have been the best kind of a season for fraternity magazines. It is hard to account

for this to our best satisfaction, but the chief hindrances to successful careers have apparently been caused by these two things—new editors and hard times. Some years ago, after the establishment of the *D. K. E. Quarterly*, which set the standard so high that its rivals perforce had to improve or retire, there was a great spurt made in fraternity journalism, and some very gallant barks were launched, which have in many cases been obliged to take in sail or lay up for repairs. Plainly speaking, some magazines cost too much, both in talent and money; and since the former could only be permanently secured by the use of the latter, a painful lack of both has more lately been observed, as soon as the best editors began to realize fully what was required of them and could not afford to give their labors gratis. Therefore, numerous changes have been made the last year or two in the *personnel* and location of the editorships, and now not more than about three of the magazines are in the hands of the same experienced managers of three years ago. A fraternity magazine can not be run well without plenty of money, and the desire of expansion has not been favored by the fact of the stringency in financial circles.

During this year there has been a considerable falling off, rather more severe than usual, in the quality and quantity of the magazines. A few, like the *D. K. E. Quarterly*, the *Chi Psi Purple and Gold*, who lead the van, and the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, always genteel, have kept on the even tenor of their ways, the *Purple and Gold* really making an advance in elegance of appearance and virility of contents. The *Phi Kappa Psi Shield*, after cutting a few fine flings and then subsiding into windy dreariness, has lately been born again into beauty and culture under the care of an old and accomplished editor. The *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*, which spread its wings last year for so splendid a flight into the inane, struck the earth again last fall with something of a thud, and now crawls along quite painfully in its good clothes. The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* started off blithely this year, keeping up its usual swinging pace and jolly face, but the editors seemingly slackened a little in later issues, and have suddenly almost dropped out of our sight at the last. The *Phi Delta Theta Scroll* has fulfilled its flaunting promise of one issue for each and every month, and that issue squarely on time; but the ship, when it came in, proves only to be a freighter, rather lightly laden and poorly disciplined. The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta and the *Sigma Chi*, both published at Chicago, seem to have this something more in common, in making fair starts, but never getting anywhere; and the latter is suspected of having turned pirate or wrecker, from the quantity of reprints and unclassable special articles it has taken on board this year. The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* has almost tired itself out in its effort to be philanthropic and sentimental, and

is probably resting somewhere among the fair Islands of the Blessed. The *S. A. E. Record* has sailed along fairly and calmly under its new captain, and its wings are still "white wings." The *Kappa Sigma Quarterly* and the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, barks also sailing under the Southern Cross, have peacefully plowed summer seas which have not roughened for the little craft. Nor may we omit mention of the *Sigma Nu Delta*, for which we had kind words before, and can repeat them with sincerity.

Of the young ladies' magazines there is little to be said. In the best of them, the *Kappa Kappa Gamma Key*, we miss the wealth of keen wit and piquant cleverness that so brightly characterized it under its renowned late editor; and it now seems to have shaken down into a milk-and-water imitation of that sterling young ladies' magazine, the *Vassar Miscellany*, with a loose bulk of unreadable articles and unmentionable advertisements. It is very handsomely printed, however. The *Kappa Alpha Theta* and *The Arrow* of I. C. Sorosis, also favor us with an occasional call, but as we have not often read them, we shall be excused from delivering an opinion, if only a curt one, upon them. There is also a sister magazine, the *Delta Gamma Anchora*, that often contains some very sweet verse and ingenuous sentiment, which we have sometimes read, but have not remembered. Indeed, all these feminine magazines, ungenerous and ungallant as it may be to state the fact, are of no interest or use to us. Just at the last moment of our dreamy reverie there comes the June issue of *The Arrow*, which, in its new dress, looks even more like the *Vassar girls' journal*, and has really caught some of the latter's sprightly spirit.—*June Beta Theta Pi.*

Miscellany.

The Editor of *THE SHIELD* has quite a number of back numbers on hand, with which he can supply, for the price of single copies, brothers or members of other fraternities desiring to complete broken sets. He has odd copies of every volume but the first two.

There is a call for Nos. 7 and 10, Vol. II.; No. 7, Vol. III.; No. 5, Vol. VII. The Editor has had the following back numbers offered to him for sale: Vols. V. and VII., complete; Vol. VI., lacking No. 5.

Extra copies are offered by one brother as follows: No. 7, Vol. I.; Nos. 6, 8, 9 and 10, Vol. II.; which he wishes to exchange for Nos. 1 to 6, Vol. I., and No. 4, Vol. II.

Another brother has the following copies to dispose of: Nos. 1, 3, 5, Vol. III.; Vol. IV., complete; Nos. 1 to 8, Vol. V.; Vol. VI., complete; Vol. VII., except No. 2.

Brothers having any extra copies or an entire volume for sale, should communicate at once with the Editor.

Letters addressed to brethren named below have been returned to the Editor for various reasons, one being "no such place in State named." The addresses given were copied from the mailing list, and were written so that we are sure that no mistake was made in copying. Can any brother assist us in finding these Phi Psis and subscribers to *THE SHIELD*:

R. L. H. Evans, Port Clinton, Pa.
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AN EDITOR'S OUTING. II.

We waited but a few minutes at the wharf before The Courier returned, having concluded an admirable arrangement with the Island House management, by whom we were entertained in most generous style for the few days we remained on the island. Our Courier is a jewel,—a pure, gorgeous gem,—and we commend him in most hearty terms as a manager of pleasure-seeking parties; for what he can not accomplish with hotel proprietors, hackmen, and transportation lines, it is not worth any one's while to attempt.

We found at our hotel a jolly party of college boys from Ann Arbor, and to our delight our own Joe Halsted was among them, but as he left for home the very night of our arrival, we met only to part.

We were gravely informed at the Detroit end of our journey that no one goes to Mackinac without taking side trips to the Soo and by the Inland Route to Petoskey; so not daring to be other than orthodox, we bought tickets for both.

Mackinac and Sault Sainte Marie, beauteous, entrancing scences! How the pulses thrill to think of their wooded heights, dense, romantic fastnesses, feathery larches, dark evergreens, swift, crystal waters, and myriad islands!

We took passage on an old tub in our ignorance, and we record our first, our only mistake of the whole trip. We made a fresh, early morning start, and when we were an hour out, had the exquisite pleasure of seeing a rival boat, which had left half an hour after our departure, pass with banners flying and handkerchiefs waving. We had the satisfaction, however, of coming back on the better boat the next day, and having the

opportunity of passing our former friends, whose tickets, unlike ours, were not good on any line of steamers.

Time fails to more than mention the wonderful government locks, the enormous tonnage passing through them, the real estate boom of the American Soo, and the drinking saloons; and we shall only pause long enough to tell how we shot the rapids and scandalized our nation in a brief trip to the sacred soil of Canada.

We proposed to the ladies of the party to shoot the rapids, which, from the shore, look formidable enough, and aren't to be sneezed at from any standpoint from which they may be viewed; but we found that for the first time our party must separate; some wouldn't, some couldn't, and some didn't dare. We were bent on going, and The Madam, who has a very tender spot in her heart for us, was afraid to let us go alone; and with her heart in her mouth, took a seat beside us in the bottom of the birch-bark canoe, manned at either end by a stalwart half-breed.

After a toilsome time in poling up stream to a vantage point, with a sudden turn we started and shot through the tumbling, seething waters one mile in three minutes. The half-breeds are artists in their line, and we admired their business methods more than anything we saw on our whole trip, except the monumental impudence of a Palmer House chambermaid.

Inprimis, as the lawyers say, the shooting of the rapids with any decent kind of guidance is not dangerous, and with one or two exceptional spots, not even exciting; but your half-breed makes a fresh fish think so. His landing place, when he takes you aboard, is a half-mile down stream from the starting place, and he poles with vigorous stroke against the furious current, just as close to the rapids as he dares, giving your mind ample time to grow accustomed to the sight of the tossing, hissing torrents of mad water.

Then when he has you sufficiently impressed, he gives you solemn and awful warning to sit flat in the bottom of the canoe—to sit still as a stone and to hold on to the sides like grim death. We turn, we start, our speed accelerating at every boat length, when, without warning, with furious vociferation comes a whoop from half-breed No. 1 in the bow, answered by one louder and shriller, if possible, from half-breed No. 2 in the stern, and if you weren't afraid to let go your hold on the side of the canoe, you would instinctively clutch your hair to see if your scalp was safe.

Minus the yells of the Indians, shooting the rapids is not a particularly thrilling experience, and our pleasantest memory of that incident

is the fact that The Courier effected a club-rate contract with the boatman, so that our party got for forty cents what others paid a dollar for.

Who can sufficiently chant the praises of the charming scenery of St. Mary's River, for that you all know is the plain English for it? Ah, who can adequately tell of the beauties of Round Island, Lime Island, Mud Lake, Lake George, and the hundred lovely inlets and clusters of densely wooded islands? But we must not forget our Canadian jaunt. We shot the St. Mary's rapids just at dusk, and as some of our party had never put a foot off the soil of their own native land, we agreed to brave the custom-house officials and venture to the rival on the other shore of our own St. Mary's City.

The contrast between American thrift, push, pluck, and what not, was nowhere illustrated so forcibly as in these two towns, lying side by side on either shore of a river not three miles wide, one having all the vim and enterprise of a thriving town of 5,000 people, with substantial buildings everywhere in process of erection; the other, with its sleepy air and ramshackley shanties, looking too woe-begone to deserve comment. We were told—in Canada, however,—that the towns were close rivals, with the Canadian Soo somewhat ahead in population and wealth; but if the wealth was as carefully concealed as the population, the days of Captain Kidd and buried treasure have surely returned.

We dare not tell how many times we furtively tweaked the lion's tail and leave Canada with these two signs prominently displayed before your eyes, as they were on illuminated screens at Canadian Sault Sainte Marie: Soft Drinks for Spot Cash; Marvin and Marvin, Barristers.

We reached the island upon our return too late Saturday afternoon to admit driving over it before nightfall, and we welcomed the prospect of a day of rest with pleasant anticipation. And what a day that was! Too near Elysian happiness for poor, mortal school teachers; but we were off on a lark and proposed to see everything and buy the best so long as our money held out, and then go back to the dull routine of our duties with never a qualm at the thought of the weary months of labor we should be compelled to pass before we could fill our lean purses again.

We had on that day a free-for-all, each member of the party pleasing himself as to how the day should be spent. We and The Madam went to the little frame chapel and heard a sermon from Bishop Harris, of Detroit, that was so unstudied, so clear, so earnest, and withal so graceful in its diction, that were the surplice and gown absent, we would have believed him one of our dear Methodist worthies. We never could remember texts, but that one we can never forget: "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

And what a queer mixture there was in that audience! Soldiers from the fort with their wives, summer visitors of every shade of religious belief, simple islanders, whose only opportunity of hearing Protestant ministers is during the summer, here and there a half-breed, and a single negress, black as midnight.

After service We and The Madam climbed the steep hill from the chapel, and, walking through the old fort and barracks yard, ascended the bluff to the extreme point of the island. We staid married folks had had an all too brief courtship, and opportunities for romance had come into our lives too seldom for us to forget them now on this wonderful day amid surroundings of wild and entrancing beauty.

We had been married nearly four years, and this was our wedding trip; so you will pardon us if the experiences of those brief hours, amid the dense shade of larch and spruce and hemlock and maple, are too sacred to be written about or even discussed.

Ours was a journey arranged on schedule time, and our calculations were made as follows: Our boat was due to leave the island Monday evening at seven for Chicago, and out of the mass of conflicting statements made to us, we concluded that the probabilities were she would depart on time, if not ahead of it. We were to get an early breakfast, and embarking upon the steamer Mary, were to undertake the Inland Route to Petoskey *via* Cheboygan. If we had no mishap we would reach a station three miles east of Petoskey in time to catch a train for Mackinaw City coming back, and if this was on time, would reach the ferry landing at 7:00 P. M., perhaps, to see our Chicago boat five miles off, steaming away from the wharf. We left orders to hold the boat at the island, if she wanted to start before we arrived, and essayed the hazardous trip, during which we were destined to make use of four water carriers and one land carrier.

We had the good fortune to fall in with several jolly parties on our way over, and left Cheboygan with seventy-five excursionists on board the little steamer, besides the crew. Cheboygan River, with its apparently endless rafts of logs and dark, slimy looking water, was in no wise interesting, and we are already repenting of our temerity in coming on this foolish errand, when we steam into a most beautiful sheet of water—Mullet Lake—and our grumblings are changed into hearty bursts of admiration for its crystal waters, broken into myriad white caps by the freshening breeze and the undulating lines of graceful trees that bordered its shores.

We tie up promptly at the wharf of Pike's Hotel, Toppinabee, and are feeling encouraged at the prospect of a good dinner and a prompt start on our further portion of the route, when we are astounded by the infor-

mation that the landlord can not possibly think of attempting to feed so many on such short notice.

When we gently inform him that we telegraphed from Cheboygan to prepare dinner for seventy people, he all but brained us with his brawny fist, and there is no telling to what length his anger may have gone at our daring, had not the telegraph operator arrived on the scene bearing in his hand the belated message.

What a skirmish there was then by that hungry crowd to get their wants supplied! The landlord, by dint of much persuasion, managed to provide the ladies of the party with a makeshift dinner, but the men were forced to content themselves with crackers, cheese, and cookies from a convenient country grocery.

Our delay here is so considerable that we are in despair of making our connections; but putting the best face we can upon the matter, we embark upon a queer craft, specially designed to navigate the shallow outlets to these northern lakes, and euphoniously termed the Northern Belle. We know of no reason why she deserves such a title unless she exemplifies one quality of belleship—her coquetry; for so carefully was the vessel balanced, when you were in just the right spot, that if one man walked across to the opposite side from that on which he first placed himself, over went the boat, throwing one paddle-box deep into the water and the other high in the air, necessitating an instant shifting of the barrel of sand used as ballast. And wasn't that a queer sight to see the mate busily engaged in rolling a heavy barrel back and forth to counterbalance the effect of a luckless departure of some passenger from one side to the other! How she puffed and wheezed and splashed! And when you got used to it the pleasing uncertainty as to whether at the next lunge we should all be dumped unceremoniously into the water or not was rather enjoyable. We feel unequal to the task of saying what would be proper upon the topic of this queer craft, but wish to preface the following excerpt from an article of the celebrated Dr. J. M. Buckley, who has recently traveled over the same route in the opposite direction, with the statement that we found the captain of the vessel and his assistants very courteous and obliging.

Here is the way Dr. B. pays his respects to the Northern Belle:

"The next morning, accompanied by Professor Buell, of the Boston Theological School, who is determined that the fame of the institution shall be coeval with his estimate of its importance and of the needs of the Church, I started from Mackinaw by what is called the 'Inland Route.' By rail it is but thirty-five miles from Bay View, but this route is one of the most romantic in the country. Starting from Bay View by rail, we went six miles to Odin, and embarked upon a steamer called the Northern Belle. The Belle is decidedly *passee*. It is the most shackling

sort of a steamer on which I have ridden—at least, in the North. It is not quite as feeble as the famous vessel Sam Jones saw, that had a big whistle and a small boiler, so that every time it whistled it had to stop; but its whistle is croupy and timbers very thin, and in case of a storm the boiler has been known to leave its place, and the two engines to slip in toward the center, as if the whole thing were going to Davy Jones' locker. The scenery was very romantic, and the trip not to be despised by any lover of nature. The route ran through certain streams and lakes, of which Burt's Lake and Mullet's Lake are the most conspicuous. Some of the water courses connecting the lakes were so shallow that we ran aground several times, and had to be pushed off with poles. The lakes abound with fish, and fishermen could be seen at work in various directions. Wild ducks, hawks, and occasionally eagles could be seen flying about. When we reached Toppanibee we were roughly notified that, as the owners had got a more profitable offer, the connecting boat was not there, and we would be compelled to wait seven and a half hours. Inquiry there and thereabouts showed that this company, having a monopoly of the route and boats, is notorious for the arrogant and unaccommodating manner in which it treats every person with whom it has any dealings. The only excuse which anybody could be found to offer for such treatment to passengers was that it was running at something of a loss, and having a more profitable offer for the boat, had deliberately hauled it off, after having advertised inducements to through passengers and taken our money on that occasion. If the damage had been greater, or the place more accessible, it would have been our Christian duty to teach the company a lesson—a thing which various experiments have proven not so difficult as the American citizen generally thinks. However, it was not a very bad place in which to have to stay. The hotel furnished decent meals, and the seven miles' walk through the woods in the afternoon gave us an excellent appetite. We saw some of the new settlements and stumbled upon a negro hamlet, consisting of persons who had moved from West Virginia after the war. Some of them complained of the long and cold winters. The others were entirely satisfied."

Crooked River, with its marshy banks densely covered with all manner of vegetation, the seemingly impenetrable forests of pine, the wild, rugged heights beyond the river bottom, the tall spectral trunks of dead trees, the slow-rising crane in the far distance, and the occasional sight of a shining fish jumping from the dark waters, all made a scene of melancholy wildness, so beautiful as not to become depressing.

We had safely crossed the foot of Burt's Lake, and had traversed four miles of the tortuous length of Crooked River, when we noticed that the steam gauge indicated a rapidly falling pressure, and were startled to learn that the feed-pipe to the boiler had burst, and we seemed destined to pass the night supperless in the woods; for it was now well on into the afternoon, and we were four and a half miles from the nearest railway station. This was a predicament; but equal to the emergency, we immediately laid siege to the captain for permission to take the small skiff belonging to the boat and row our party to Alanson, the first railway point. Our appeals finally brought from him a reluctant permission, and five of

us embarked, for The Giddy Thing and The Poetess *said* they were too tired to accompany us that day, and we never found out whether they were engaged in a flirtation with the handsome clerk of the hotel or not, but their absence at this time was our salvation.

The skiff was built to hold four, but we five and the mate got into it and began our race against time for Alanson with an overloaded boat and a swift and crooked stream. The agony of that ride robbed us of ability to note the exquisite beauty of the surrounding scenery, which is said to rival the Everglades of Florida, and we briefly dismiss it with the statement that the four and a half miles were rowed by that rugged Michigan boy in an hour and twenty minutes against such desperate odds, and we made our train.

If we might stop here! Shades of Horace Mann, must it all be told? The skiff had scarce touched the landing before we clambered out and sped at a furious gait through the treacherous sands toward the station, four hundred yards distant, and reached it half-dead, to see the train come whizzing around a curve just below.

The conductor refused to hold his train and wait for the rest of the party; and, in sheer desperation, we ran forward, and clambering on the engine as she puffed away from the station, interceded with the engineer to stop, and succeeded in securing that coveted boon just as The Madam came alongside under the watchful care of The Courier, who stood coatless, wet from head to foot, loaded with satchels, canes, umbrellas, and wraps, frantically pawing the air with both laden arms, as if in his agony he would stop the train by the same tactics as he would use to bring to a standstill a refractory horse.

The Courier and The Madam were a sorry sight, but what shall we say of the plight in which we met The School Missis and The Sailor! The murky waters of Indian River ran in horrid streams from their saturated clothes, and their traveling frocks, which were the joy and pride of the whole home circle, were plastered from shoulders to lowest ruffle with Michigan mud!

The Courier says it was their own fault; they say that it was The Courier's fault, and in the absence of the mate we did not encourage The Madam to express an opinion. We congregated in the car and recounted how it had happened, and all but paralyzed a staid couple opposite with our shrieks of merriment over the sorry plight in which our party found themselves.

We have a dusty, dirty ride through the sandy plain of the lower peninsula, and just as we begin again to despair of the coveted connec-

tions, steam slowly up to the wharf where the Algomah waits to take us across to the island, which now seemed veritably like home to us.

We made our connections; that much is certain; but we don't speak very often of the delights of the wait we had, for our 7:00 P. M. became 2:30 A. M. the next day; and when we fell into our bunks on the Lake Michigan steamer for a dreamless sleep, we felt, as our vacation jaunt was nearing its end, and we were on the home-stretch, so to speak, like thanking the divinity of excursionists that had thrown together so jolly, so happy, and so philosophic a company.

C. L. VAN CLEVE.

POEM.

[Read at New York State Banquet of Φ K Ψ, May, 1887, by C. A. Smith, N. Y. A.]

I.

Around this banquet board,
Like Greeks of old we meet,
Though not to be recounted
Is any daring feat;
The rush and din of battle
Resounds for us alone,
Inscribed in mighty volumes
Or carved on lasting stone.

II.

Our victories and our prowess
And valiant deeds in war,
No herald or procession
Proclaim both near and far;
No laurel crowns the victor,
Nor pæan, in his praise,
Extols his many virtues
And begs for length of days.

III.

Our monarch wields no sceptre,
Lording with cruel might;
No foes our city threaten
To overthrow the right;
Our warriors in the battle
A quiet strife maintain,
New triumphs ever gaining
To swell the sovereign train.

IV.

We feast in royal banquet
In honor of our band,
And publish to our brothers,
Throughout this beauteous land,
The zeal and love fraternal
The Empire State declares—
The grand old Phi Psi spirit
That every brother shares.

V.

Of conquests made in battle
With foes of other name,
We celebrate the praises
And loudly sing the fame;
With pride in our endeavors
To raise our standard high,
We love to swell the chorus
Of old Phi Kappa Psi.

VI.

Though bloodless all our victories,
Unlike those Greeks of old,
Yet hold we love fraternal,
That never groweth cold;
And back through all the ages,
Entwining with their stream,
Is found the simple secret
Portrayed in poet's dream.

VII.

For with the coy maiden,
Whose messengers were doves,
Youth sports in kindred manner,
And vows his many loves ;
The gentle Aphrodite,
Within some rocky cave,
Still plays the Galatea
For Polyphemus brave.

VIII.

While friendship, such as mortals
Learned from the gods above,
Excels the old-time passion
In valorous deeds of love ;
Binding our hearts together
With golden bands of hope
Gives to our order firmness,
And with our foes to cope.

IX.

First fruits of our endeavor,
Fair Alpha, thee we greet ;
May peace and love fraternal
For thee thy foes defeat ;
Enamored of thy mater,
May length of days be thine,
And in thy chapter mansion
Dwell harmony divine.

X.

Next in the bond fraternal,
And worthy of applaud
For stirring zeal of action,
With forethought in accord,
Beta we gladly welcome
With wishes, in return
For all her friendly interest—
Her grave and deep concern.

XI.

With a sigh for the missing Gamma,
And hope for her recall,
The summons for a greeting
Sounds forth from Delta's hall ;
Be hers the fame to nourish
Among her sisters, four,
A tried and lasting friendship
And years of many a score.

XII.

And lastly, thou, new sister,
Whom now we welcome first,
May the years of thy endeavor
With loyalty outburst :
Young Epsilon ! God bless thee
And make thy friends increase !
Full many a triumph grant thee,
And from every ill release !

XIII.

All troth to our noble order,
To the lavender and pink,
And fealty for every brother
In friendship's chain a link ;
Success to the New York banquets,
As they come in annual round,
And harmony fraternal
'Mong all her sons be found.

XIV.

Our minds endowed with wisdom
For every good or ill,
And souls with zeal o'erflowing
For peace and true good will,
May our hearts with fire quicken
From the altar reared on high,
And every choicest blessing
Enrich Phi Kappa Psi.

The Areopagus.

PHI PSI CAMP, DELAVAN LAKE, WISCONSIN.

On August 3d a party of fifteen or sixteen persons left Chicago to spend a month in camping upon the shores of Delavan Lake, Wisconsin. The party was composed of boys from the once Illinois Beta Chapter and their lady friends; and, satisfactorily chaperoned, they started in to make this, their fourth camp, as enjoyable as ever woods, lake, and a congenial crowd could make it.

An account of our first and second camping tours was published in *THE SHIELD* of November, 1885.

Different quarters were secured the third and fourth years, for instead of the three cabins, we were furnished with a club-house containing parlor, dining-room, kitchen, and sleeping apartments for the young ladies, and one cabin, the humble home of eight boys. These buildings, with a bath house and ice house, made up the Phi Psi camp of 1887, as was disclosed to all who chanced to pass that way by a huge home-painted sign hung over the entrance to the dining-room, which, by the way, was our most cherished apartment.

If the bunks upon which we slept for a month were hard, this had the tendency only of making us talk the more during the night, and arise the earlier for breakfast in the morning. If our food was common, then we had to row all the harder to enjoy it. But the extra pounds of flesh (all the way from three to fifteen) which each brought back with him, testifies plainly to the fact that hard bunks and common food did us no harm; and the willingness of every one, who has ever participated, to go again rather goes to show that they were enjoyed. We lived, indeed, upon the fat of all the country around, including chickens, milk, butter-milk, watermelons, and apples, too, when the dogs weren't at home.

The camp greatly enjoyed the sports of fishing, sailing, rowing, and swimming. Our own four boats, which had been painted and equipped anew, were ready for us upon our arrival at camp, and we had only to build a pier and everything was ready for our enjoyment.

Fishing was quite frequently indulged in before breakfast, but with very varied success. We have no huge fish stories to relate, though we heard stories of different magnitudes from those who returned to the pier without their fish.

Our sail-boat named "Beta" was in use whenever the wind blew sufficiently strong to fill her canvas, and frequently she used to tow behind her all three other boats. No accident befell any who handled the tiller and sheet this year, although the boat was itself witness to two or three upsetting sail-boats. Many a moonlight night have we taken out her mast and ballast, and putting in twelve or thirteen of our number, rowed around the lake with four oars, at the same time running out our entire list of Phi Psi songs upon the unsuspecting and peaceful inhabitants of the shore.

Swimming presented a great fascination to us all. Every morning at ten o'clock our band, arrayed in costume suitable to the occasion, stood forth upon the pier, and one after another plunged off the end. The bathing lasted half an hour, according to the chaperon's watch. The ease and rapidity with which the young ladies learned to swim surprised even themselves.

Three horses lent their aid to camp, and furnished a much-used medium between camp and the post-office, meat shop, and railway station, some three miles distant. There was a side-saddle in camp, and if every horse came home with a sore back, it was only further proof that some few of the young ladies enjoyed horseback riding.

Besides tricks practiced upon one another, evening entertainments and hammocks, all of which play an important part in the camper's life, we took out from the city with us a hand-organ, which furnished us amusement throughout the week; for it played Sunday as well as week day tunes. The neighbors knew it by its noise. Almost every evening, when the dining-room tables had been pushed back, the organ's familiar waltz tune, "When the Robins Nest Again," would captivate every young lady within its reach. The tune stood it far better than the dancers, for the scarcity of male performers made the twice doubled duties of the one or two who did participate quite onerous.

One of the young ladies furnished camp with a camera, and now four dozen pictures, the property of every camper, bring back to his mind the scenes and incidents of the summer. Whenever our photographer found us in a peculiarly fascinating position, she jotted us down upon the negative, and there we stayed for future reference.

Many are the incidents connected with a summer camp which can not be described, but must be seen to be appreciated. You alone must judge of how much fun it is to get up an appetite by splitting wood; to

ride to church in the old town 'bus; to watch the young ladies try to frighten the boys with fire crackers which the boys have "fixed up" with sand, etc. Many very happy hours were spent there together, and we were full of regret when at last the time came to return home.

We recommend to every chapter of Phi Psi, who have a lake anywhere within a hundred miles and some young ladies, or can get some, to form a camp. It is a cheap way of spending the school vacation, and is full of incidents which no one can realize except him who has been there.

LINCOLN M. COY.

Chicago, September 28, 1887.



Editorial.

We would be under many obligations to brothers in making remittances, if they would take note that our initials are not C. M., C. E., C. S., E. M., etc., but *C. L.*

We are again called upon to mourn the death of a distinguished Phi Psi. On the 23d of August, 1887, Brother Adam Hoy, founder of Pennsylvania Epsilon, departed this life. In him Death found a shining mark, and $\phi \kappa \psi$ to-day mourns his loss as one bereft of strong support, and his chapter mourns as one inconsolable.

We made request for information last month relative to collating material for an article on the giving of prizes, and the prompt response of three brethren, one of whom is an alumnus, makes it impossible for us to believe in the total abandonment of $\phi \kappa \psi$ to the genius of procrastination. However, if compelled to make bricks without straw, we shall label them "sun-dried mud," and not be held guilty of willful misrepresentation.

As will be seen from the department of Personals, Ohio Alpha and the fraternity in general have been again honored in a most distinguished manner by the election of Brother J. P. Rea, Ohio Wesleyan University, '67, to the office of Commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, an office more esteemed by the veterans of the war of

the Rebellion than that of President of the United States. We present a brief sketch of his life among the Personals, compiled in part from the daily papers, and in part from material furnished by Judge Rea himself to the authors of the Record of Ohio Alpha of Phi Kappa Psi.

Are Annuals published only in eight of our thirty-six chapters? It would appear so from the hearty response made to our frequent appeals for contributions of this sort. The legitimate field for a Greek-letter society journal is at best very restricted, and if the authoritative journal of a fraternity cannot be put in the possession of material of the sort so often requested, no fault ought to be found with it if its pages be not sufficiently varied.

A special committee of the Ex. Council has been at work upon our ritual since the Indianapolis Grand Arch Council, and we are just in receipt of an official communication announcing that no report will be ready for some time, perhaps not until the next meeting of the Grand Arch Council at Washington in April, 1888.

The announcement we are quite sure will meet with favor among the ultra-conservative, who think the present instrument too good to be amended or altered in any way, and those who believe some modifications and additions necessary will be pleased to see this evidence that the report when presented will be well digested and the product of the maturest deliberations.

We deem it necessary to make a business statement at this point, since there seems to have been a great deal of misunderstanding relative to the principles upon which THE SHIELD is published.

Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4, Article VII., of the new Constitution, provide for the publication and support of THE SHIELD, and, in accordance with those provisions, our journal begins in April of each year a new volume. The awkwardness of this arrangement, and the reason why it became the policy of the fraternity, have been explained at length in the May issue of this volume, and we do not care to repeat what was then said, but there are some minor provisions of the arrangement which we wish to make clear.

At the beginning of a volume the chapter is charged with the number of copies necessary to supply each member of that body with THE SHIELD, and if for any reason a member drops out before the close of the year, the number sent is correspondingly decreased. But since under the laws of the fraternity and the decisions of the Ex. Council, THE SHIELD tax must be paid within thirty days after date of first issue or presentation of a correct bill for the numbers sent to each chapter, no chapter has authority to say, when several brothers graduate or leave college "Please send us so many less SHIELDS next issue," and then use the copies sent for distribution among initiates.

The correct thing is for every chapter to send word at the opening of the year as to who are entitled to receive THE SHIELD for the remainder of the volume, in separate address, free of charge, on account of chapter payment, decreasing the number sent to the chapter by that amount. Then, when men are initiated, their names should be at once included in the order for THE SHIELD, and their charges will be pro rated to the close of the volume, or in case they wish back numbers to complete the volume, these will be furnished at volume rates.

This is business-like, this is fair ; but we very much re-

gret that only three chapters have understood our suggestion of the September issue or acted upon it. Some chapters are in arrears for Volume VII., and they ought to bestir themselves before the burden becomes too great for them to bear; for since THE SHIELD tax, like any other, is a chapter obligation, the management cannot undertake to remit charges because the beneficiaries of the publication in months gone by are beyond the reach of the chapter.

Brothers, you can not begin too soon in your lives to learn habits of business method that will stand you in good stead in the years to come. You owe it to yourselves as individuals to learn the importance of paying your bills within thirty days of their presentation, and if the payment of the charges, which are obligatory upon you, necessitates the abandonment of some cherished chapter scheme, why the simplest rule of conduct that will guide you in your post-college days will say, "Pay your necessary bills; let pleasures be deferred till a more convenient season."

We have been thinking for some time of writing a few words of earnest warning to the fraternity anent a practice that has become all too common in the Greek world—the habit of "lifting."

There is one manner in which this custom is practiced that can not be too severely reprobated, and that is the secret undermining of a rival's hold upon a susceptible young man, who has been unfortunate enough to get into the wrong society, and by dint of specious pleas of greater congeniality, entice him to break his solemn oath.

That there are circumstances which will justify a man in leaving a fraternity which he has erred in connecting himself with, too many practical examples abound to permit a denial, but reasons which may be potent enough to

take a man out of a fraternity are not strong enough to take him into another before the oath he took to support the first is cold upon his lips.

Friends of the lifting practice argue that a man ought not to suffer from uncongenial and improper associations any longer than he can properly avail himself to improve upon them by joining another body more to his liking. Such specious reasoning hardly deserves serious treatment, but we have with sorrow beheld too many public rejoicings over an acquisition made in this manner to refrain from a word of solemn protest.

The editor has had access to the constitution and rituals of a dozen Greek-letter societies, and they one and all profess to have for their object the uplifting and broadening of American young manhood. What a spectacle the ordinary "lifting" process must be in view of these protestations to the eyes of the world, who are looking to our colleges to develop the highest type of American manhood.

We can not understand how a man can quiet his conscience in such matters by the thought that having resigned from the society of which he formerly was a member he is no longer bound by the ties which once held him in that organization. Did he not specifically swear that he would not join any other collegiate secret organization while a member of that whose vows he voluntarily takes? If so, how does the mere resignation of membership or refusal to affiliate with his brother members release him from that obligation?

This line of argument has been often answered with the plea that if a man in good faith joins an organization, and then finds that he has been imposed upon, he is absolved from the ties which bound him, if persisting in a

demand for a release and refusing to affiliate, he is denied his request.

It may be so, but were we personally concerned we should want the lapse of time to have become sufficiently great for us to have lost all vestiges of our former associations in the eyes of our college mates. We are answered, "But granting all this; what action is left open to the choice of one who has asked and asked, and been refused absolution from his obligations?"

We believe that a plain, straight forward course will bring about the coveted release. Let him petition to be relieved from membership, setting forth the reasons for his request—no honorable body of young men will refuse. If the request be denied, let an appeal be made to the governing body of the organization. We do not believe such an appeal would be neglected.

Finally, brothers, let us take as a fraternity this attitude toward the whole wretched practice: Phi Kappa Psi takes no man within her fold whose fealty to her can be endangered by a previous oath having been lightly held, and let us not only cheerfully but gladly release any brother from our ranks upon whom her obligations have become a burden.

We will be very much obliged to chapter correspondents and others for personal items regarding brothers who have gone forth from their college and chapter homes. The personal department, to one class of readers, is the most important part of *THE SHIELD*, and the patronage to those pages has not been either as generous or as hearty as we wish. Do not neglect to send items, believing that the chapter correspondents will attend to this duty. We have long since learned that these gentlemen, who are in authority, are a very neglectful sort of people.

Will it be necessary for us, each time we get ready for the publication of *THE SHIELD*, to write a personal letter to the various chapters reminding them of their duty in this particular? This seems to be the only effectual way of reaching some correspondents, and quite a number can not be brought to a realizing sense of their negligence even after repeated appeals. This is the fifth issue of Vol. VIII., and you are just half through the year. Scan the preceding issues, brothers, and see how your chapter is represented! Four chapters have not broken the silence since the volume began, two having been last heard in the March issue of Vol. VII., another in the January issue of the same volume, and one has not had a word to say to her fellows since the January issue of Vol. VI.

Silent for a year and a half! What a commentary on the life of that chapter! How mortifying to be obliged to confess such dereliction, but much worse the cause of regret on the part of us, who have anxious thought for her prosperity.

We have been amused at times, when we have not been too provoked to smile, at the letters we receive from chapter correspondents and others relative to this matter. We received an urgent and hurried postal card from one brother last May, just as we were going to press, to reserve him a space for a chapter letter, which he assured us would be on hand "in a few days." The letter has not yet come to our hands. Another writes to know how often we desire his chapter represented, and when we tell him every issue if he has interest enough to write that often, he shrinks back into the silence from which he emerged without another syllable. Another writes in a great flurry to get certain information, before he can attend to the important duties for *THE SHIELD*, which he has in mind, and underscores his request for an immediate an-

swer. We send him information immediately upon receipt of the communication at no little pains to ourself, and with what recompense of reward? Not a line further has been vouchsafed, though the incident took place four months ago.

Does it annoy you, brothers, to be told of your faults or do you rather enjoy the pleasant titillation of being stirred up once in a while? We are not a fighting editor, and have no wicked partner to shoulder our mistakes, and so are emboldened to venture the timid hope that we may make some chapters, which have so long been dumb, mad enough to rise and shake off the dust of slumbering ages, and if they have no pæan to offer may even shout a malediction.

We received a communication from a brother of a western chapter the other day, which, we think, may with profit be introduced as a fitting close of this exhortation, and may "point the moral" which we have not endeavored to sharpen:

C. L. VAN CLEVE, *Troy, Ohio*:

DEAR SIR—Yours of the 15th is at hand. I fully intended answering before, but procrastination did the work. Enclosed find \$2, which, I think, will balance my account to date, for which please credit and receipt, and stop my subscription to same. I am greatly interested in the prospects of the fraternity and SHIELD, and will do as much as is possible to further their ends. My reason for stopping my subscription to THE SHIELD is, being out of the chapter, I am unable to use general information concerning the fraternity, and my greatest interest lies in keeping informed of the doings of the chapter, and as no letters appeared for some length of time in THE SHIELD, I am better informed by occasional letters and talks with whomever I may chance to see.

Wishing THE SHIELD success, and you greater encouragement from others than I can give you, I remain,

Very fraternally,

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Chapter Letters.

ALLEGHENY.

Pennsylvania Beta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, commenced the college year of '87-'88 with eight active members, and we are here for business.

Brother Harry M. Barrett, class of '90, is our first and only baby so far this year. However, our "fractious billy goat" is prepared to "chew off the brass buttons" from two more "candidates' blue coats." Some of our Greek friends have been less conservative. The Delta Tau Deltas doubled their number the first week of the term, while Phi Gamma Delta received five new men the week after.

Class politics are engaging a good deal of attention just at present. The Sophomore Class is the only class which has held an election up to this time, in which election Brother J. R. Anderson was chosen president and Brother Barrett secretary. The other class elections follow during this week. Several of the brothers are ambitious, and the next time we write we will give the results, which seem favorable to $\Phi \Psi$ now.

In the college Glee Club, recently organized, $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ is represented by five members.

Bishop Ninde, an old $\Phi \Psi$, visited college one morning about two weeks ago, when Pennsylvania Beta boys had the pleasure of meeting their distinguished brother. He said he was a very enthusiastic Phi Psi when in college, and has always since had a deep interest in her welfare.

College affairs are quiet at present, but ere long we anticipate considerable "college spirit."

A. M. BROWN.

Meadville, Pa., October 11, 1887.

BUCKNELL.

The university opened on the 15th inst. with the most glowing prospects. Our present freshman class is larger than it has been for some time. Every room in the East Hall has been taken and students are still coming in. The faculty has been strengthened by the addition of Prof. W. A. Robinson, a graduate of Princeton, a fine scholar and an able man. Our new professor spent three years at Heidelberg, and while at Princeton secured the \$1,500 prize in Greek. Professor Robinson takes the place made vacant by the death of our late Greek professor, Rev. F. W. Tustin, $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$, whose demise is lamented by his many friends. Fraternity life at Bucknell was quite spirited during the

first week of the term. We have already secured one new man, who was taken bodily from the ΣX rushers. Surrounded, as he was, on all sides by the enemy, W. Norman Morris, '91, of Landsdale, at last yielded to the powerful magnet of $\Phi K \Psi$, and is now proudly wearing its precious emblem,—the shield,—beneath which he has placed the white ribbon, thus indicating his position on the temperance question. During the last term of the past collegiate year we initiated W. J. Wilkinson, of Lewisburg, Pa., whose appearance as a citizen of the Greek world was hailed with delight by Pennsylvania Gamma. Bro. Wilkinson is the strongest athlete in college. In base-ball he has not been "struck out" for two years, and his record for the season just closed is faultless. He is a pitcher of no mean ability, throwing all the curves in such a puzzling way as to outwit many of our best batters.

In the recent *Mirror* election, Brother H. M. Kelly, '88, was made editor-in-chief, and Brother W. M. Woodward, also '88, was chosen as the senior local editor. The business managers, both $\Phi \Psi$'s, hold over until the next election.

Of our '87 boys, we might say that Brother H. L. Calder is reading law with Hon. Robt. Snodgrass, Harrisburg, Pa. This brother reflected credit upon his chapter by taking the gold watch last commencement for delivering the best senior oration. Bro. Geo. F. Clark will read medicine at Hahneman College, Philadelphia, Pa. Bro. J. G. Owens goes to teach the sciences at South Jersey Institute, Bridgeton, N. J.

Pennsylvania Γ now has 10 men. ΣX as yet has not succeeded in spiking a man, while $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has taken in two new collegiates.

Our third annual dance will take place in the course of a fortnight.

Success to THE SHIELD, with a kind greeting to the fraternity at large.

W. C. GRETZINGER.

Lewisburg, Pa., Sept. 26, 1887.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Since Pennsylvania Eta last reported to her sister chapters, through THE SHIELD, she has been enjoying her accustomed good degree of prosperity. Our last letter appeared in the April number, and since it was written many things have transpired in connection with our chapter, which it can not be uninteresting to briefly mention.

The commencement of 1887 was an important event in the history of Franklin and Marshall, on account of the centennial of Franklin and the semi-centennial of Marshall, being both then celebrated. The occasion of this general jubilee was made more particularly interesting to those of the $\Phi K \Psi$, from the fact that during the week of celebration, on the evening of June 15th, Pennsylvania Eta held a symposium. There were assembled $\Phi \Psi$'s—some old, some young, some tall, some small, but all loyal, sincere and interested—to the number of forty. It was a happy reunion—an occasion of rejoicing for all, and an entire success. Some of the founders of the chapter were present, and Hon. A. C. Reinohl presided.

Three $\Phi \Psi$'s graduated in the class of '87, Brothers Dubbs, Hager and Rothermel. Right sorry were all the brothers to lose them, and yet we have not entirely lost them. Dubbs and Hager are both in the city,—Dubbs about to read law, and Hager a student under a real estate agent. Saturday evening nearly always finds them with us. Rothermel is reading law in Reading, and still maintains his associations with the brothers by letter, and with the chapter by frequent contributions to the *Mysticus Amicus*.

Brother Hendricks, '90, has entered the seminary, but remains with us none the less an active brother.

Brother Long, also '90, has left college and is now an apprentice tailor in the city. He has not, however, in reality, left $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$, and we gladly welcome him at almost every meeting.

Brother Harnish, '89, has extended his vacation, but no doubt before this appears in *THE SHIELD* he will have returned.

During the time from our last letter until now the forms and features of five new men have become familiar in our hall. They are Schaffner, '90, McLean, '90, Reinoehl, '91, Reynolds, '91, and Rupley, '88. They make their bows without further notice, pass on, promising to be heard from again.

The financial condition of our chapter is good. We are about to make some improvements in the furnishings of our hall.

A great effort is being made to revive Zeta Chapter of $\Phi \Kappa \Sigma$, for some time practically dead, but results are not very rapidly becoming apparent.

The general working of our chapter has been moving along in its even way, and our fraternity life in every branch is in a healthy condition.

FRED. A. RUPLEY, JR.

Lancaster, Pa., September 21, 1887.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

College opened early in September very auspiciously. With the exception of the graduates of '87, there were very few names missing from the roll of last year, and all deficiencies have been more than made up by the large influx of new men. Out of about forty or more new men, only four were considered worthy of a bid from Phi Psi, and those four have been duly initiated into the mysteries.

We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Brothers Harvey T. Uhler, of Philadelphia; E. W. Herman, of Baltimore; Arthur F. Smith, of Westminster, Md., and Schmucker Duncan, of Gettysburg, all of whom are of the class of '91 except Brother Herman, who is in the sub-freshman class. We were greatly disappointed in the loss of Brother H. F. Fleck, '91, who did not return to college this year, but we hope he may be among the ranks again next fall.

Never was Epsilon in a better condition, in every way, than she is at present. Although at times her numbers have been in excess of what they are now, yet at no time have the brothers of the chapter been more thoroughly imbued with the true spirit of earnest, continuous, fraternity activity; and what is still more encouraging, the work does not rest exclusively, as is frequently

the case, in the hands of the upper classmen, but every man is fully able and always willing to discharge whatever duty may fall to his care.

During the past year or two there has been a decided depression in fraternity "stock" at Pennsylvania College, the effects of which Phi Psi alone—we say it without boasting—has not felt. Several of the other chapters, which a few years ago seemed to have struck a boom, have fallen back to their old plane, and now content themselves with men of such a class as they would formerly have hesitated upon a long time.

During the first week of the present term we had the extreme pleasure of a flying visit of several brothers from Ohio Delta and Alpha. From Alpha, were Brothers Van Deman, Semans, and Sanger, and from Delta, Brothers Cole and Miller. We were all sorry that, owing to circumstances, we were unable to see more of the brothers; but, nevertheless, were heartily glad to have them with us, and we hope that every Phi Psi who comes within reasonable distance will not fail to drop in upon us.

We have much cause to lament the death of our late brother, Hon. Adam Hoy. Brother Hoy has always been an active and loyal alumnus and a constant supporter of the chapter, and his loss will be deeply felt in every branch of fraternity enterprise.

HOWARD P. SADTLER.

Gettysburg, Pa., Oct. 12, 1887.

HOBART.

I find myself puzzled as to where I shall begin. There are so many things I want to write about. One of the first is, the pleasure it gave to us all to receive the September SHIELD, just as we had nicely started in the college year. Hobart preserves the good (?) old custom of opening in the summer, just when vacation has become *so* pleasant, and it is *so* hard to give up the lake and rest, and fruit plucked where nature produced it. However, we soon forget all about the delights of the summer when business begins, and the goat has to be fed with extra hoop skirts to properly impress the enthusiastic neophyte. Delta had already taken her first swing forward into '91 when THE SHIELD came, and as we introduced THE SHIELD to the new brothers, let us now introduce the new brothers to THE SHIELD. There are four of them: J. Howard Perkins, of Rochester, N. Y.; Percy T. Fenn, of Milbrook, N. Y.; John W. Saunders, of Washington, D. C., and Robert G. Cox, of Rochester, N. Y. Were it not for fear of bringing a modest blush to their verdant cheeks, we would tell you what right good fellows they all are. Suffice it to say that New York Delta is proud to recognize them as brothers, and will vouch for their becoming loyal Phi Psis. We have two more members of the class of '91 under consideration, and do not expect to put the goat away for the winter just yet. Nine of us came back to college this fall, so our number is already up to the standard of last year. Brother C. B. Mowry, who is so well known in District No. 1, said good-bye to us at commencement, and Delta loses one of her most enthusiastic and devoted members. We are sorry to state that Brother Mowry's health does not permit him to enter upon the work he had chosen, and he still remains at home. Though

by graduation we lost only one brother, yet we miss four other faces that had grown familiar. Brother Coatsworth, of '89, has entered Harvard. Brother Grimke, of '89, has remained nearer home, and will help South Carolina Alpha at Columbia this year. Brother Grimke, at commencement, was awarded the Latin prize—this being the first time the prize was given to any student. Sister Alpha we hope will esteem the *prize* she has secured, and we know the "Saint" will always have a tender spot in his heart for old Delta.

Brother W. E. Morrison, our "scapegoat," alias "Billy, the Kid," has entered a law office in Savannah, Ga., where he resides. We resign him to the tender mercies of Blackstone with hope of future generations of "Billy's" to redound to the honor of Phi Psi. There is one more unlucky brother of the class of '90, Brother W. S. Slade, of Buffalo, who was unable to return on account of his eyes. We are under full sail now and have bright prospects for the year. Brother Pegram, of '89, has been elected editor-in-chief of the *Echo* for this year, and your humble servant has the corresponding position on the *Herald*. Phi Psi seems to come out ahead in the literary department at Hobart this year.

We expect to write again for November, and so for this time will write *finis*.

C. A. SMITH.

Geneva, N. Y., Oct. 3, 1887.

MADISON UNIVERSITY.

"Old Madison" has opened this college year with forty-three men in freshman class, one of the largest in her history. Out of this number, Epsilon has selected six men, who are now loyal $\Phi \Psi$'s. She therefore begs to introduce to the fraternity the following brothers: F. H. Divine, H. M. Warren, F. T. Sweet, A. B. Potter, D. F. Osgood, C. F. Braman. Two choice men entered the class of '89. $\Phi \Psi$ fought hard for one of these—Mr. Sholar—whom we would also present to the fraternity as a true, loyal-hearted brother, and Epsilon's honored B. G.

Epsilon has kept "on the even tenor of her way," notwithstanding the fact that two of her most prominent sons, O. K. Davis and H. S. Brownson, became disloyal and united themselves with $\Delta K E$ at the opening of the campaign.

We lost the active work of three loyal men in class of '87. Of these, Brother H. W. Shepherd is now in U. S. Chemical Works, Philadelphia, Pa. Brother E. Shepherd is in business, Binghamton, N. Y. Brother I. B. Lewis, a $\Phi B K$ man, is now assistant principal of preparatory school, Palmyra, N. Y. Brother W. King, '89, has left college to teach. He is assistant principal of Silver Creek Academy, N. Y. Brother Brush, '90, does not return to college. His address is Elizabethtown, N. Y. Eleven active members were here to begin the campaign, and through good rushing, we again number eighteen. These eighteen are united and determined in their work for this coming year.

Commencement week brought the following honors to $\Phi K \Psi$: First Kingsford prize in class '89; first chemistry prize in class '88, and third mathematical prize in class '89. Of the six honor men in graduating class, one was a $\Phi \Psi$. Brother J. Humpstone, of Pennsylvania Gamma, preached the annual sermon

before "The Society of Missionary Inquiry" during commencement week. We were glad to welcome him in our hall and give him the $\Phi \Psi$ grip.

A site has been decided upon for our new library building, and work begins in spring. A very efficient committee has been appointed to attend to the interests of our new gymnasium building. When this and the library building is completed, Madison University will be one of the few well equipped colleges of this country.

Brothers, everything is bright and inspiring. We feel vigorous and buoyant. But are we remembering that the life of the fraternity is in the individual members of each chapter? Is every brother, then, doing his best to raise the standard of dear old $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$? or are we satisfied with our present attainments? Brothers, let us work!

D. A. MACMURRAY.

Hamilton, N. Y., Sept. 30, 1887.

WASHINGTON AND LEE.

Virginia Beta again greets THE SHIELD, after her short vacation, with a glad heart and best wishes for her success as the official organ of our great and glorious fraternity; yet it is with a certain amount of sadness, as we realize how many loyal brothers have left us in that short while to try their fortunes in life's struggle—brothers who were not found wanting in their duty toward old Virginia Beta, even when undergoing her severest trials.

The writer of this letter is now the only member present who was here to witness the success of the chapter after her firm resolve not to increase our list of dead chapters, with the exception of Frank D. Coe, then a member of Virginia Gamma, but who now hails from Virginia Beta, having decided to take law here.

We have five old men to begin with, which is equal to any other fraternity represented at Washington and Lee. We have not yet brought out our goat, but when you hear from us again, I will introduce you to some who are well worthy of the shield of old Phi Psi.

Brother H. D. Irwin, the oldest initiate of 1886-7, is now a lawyer in Minneapolis. He informs me *confidentially* that he has not yet had a client; but what is that to him, who knows they will soon be flocking to him in scores. He has requested me to send him THE SHIELD, and I am satisfied he will have more time to read it than when he was at college.

Brother H. W. Eggleston, the handsomest "goat" of our chapter, is now at Princeton College taking a course preparatory to the study of medicine. If he will let the "calico" alone, I am sure he will make his mark.

We are unable to express intelligibly in language how much we miss Chris. M. Randolph, who was the life of our chapter last year, one distinguished in knowing *less* about the government of our fraternity than any one else in it.

Our worthy goat of last year, James Quarles, is taking law this year. He is yet undecided whether he will be a candidate for the Presidency or Judge of the Supreme Court.

Brothers Junkin and Heyward have also returned, so we may be still reckoned among the living.

Washington and Lee has opened this year with unusual success, having on her roll seventy-seven freshmen, more than she has had for a number of years. A great many old men did not return, so she has not very many more than last year. Our sister institution, the Virginia Military Institute, has a larger number than heretofore, having 160 in the cadet corps.

Mr. Arch. W. Houston, a brother of Liv. W. Houston, of Virginia Beta, paid us a visit last commencement. He has a great love for the fellows, because we knew and loved his brother Liv., who was drowned in August, 1886. We are very much indebted to him for the many kindnesses he has shown us.

Brothers J. W. W. Bias and Lee Irwin were with us at commencement also, and spent the summer in Lexington. Brother Bias has worked very faithfully in getting up subscriptions for a tablet to the memory of our deceased brother, Liv. Houston. It has already been placed in the University chapel. It is a large brass shield, the exact shape of our badge, on the lower end of which are the letters Φ K Ψ blended together. The shield is set in a massive oak frame, and is decidedly the handsomest in the chapel.

We send our heartiest welcome to the "goats" who have taken the solemn vows of Phi Kappa Psi, hoping that they may reflect honor and credit upon her. More anon.

MORGAN BILLIEU.

Lexington, Va., Oct. 10, 1887.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY.

At the close of the last session, things were looking rather gloomy for Virginia Gamma, because we did not expect to have more than three men return to college; but now there is not a cloud to be seen on the horizon, and Virginia Gamma has as fair a prospect before her as she has ever had. All of us came back except Brothers J. P. Holladay and Reynolds, who were in last year's graduating class. Brother Reynolds divided the first honor, and Brother Holladay took third. We started on five members, and have now increased our number to eight. This is not including the four members that we have in the seminary. Brothers Rawlins, Watson, and Stuart are the three new members. We had a hard struggle for these men, but at last succeeded in securing them. We got all that we asked. Brother Sanders, our new member in the seminary, joined at the University of Virginia, and is a jolly fellow. He draws the hairs of the horse over the intestines of the cat in fine style.

Brother S. P. Preston, who is now resident physician in Blockley Hospital, Philadelphia, paid us a visit this fall before going to assume his duties. He came just in time to be present at the initiation of two of the men. We had a fine time that night. Brothers Irving and Flournoy, who are living in Farmville, Va., came up to join in the fun. We, of course, had a big "eat," keeping up the "rep." of Phi Psi; we made twelve chickens disappear like chaff before the wind. Brother Sanders ate so much that he has not been hungry since. After the supper, we put Brothers Sanders and Flournoy on a table, so

that they could play without danger of being run over, and the rest of us forthwith executed a Virginia reel and many other dances. As is always the case when fun is going on, the hours fled swiftly by, and Sunday morning drawing nigh, we were, with many regrets, compelled to dispense. One reason of our joy was because we had, after literally bearding the lions in their respective dens, carried off our prizes—prizes which Virginia Gamma and her sister chapters may well feel proud of.

With best wishes for THE SHIELD, and greetings to the fraternity at large.
E. H. PORTER.

Hampden-Sidney, Va., Oct. 12, 1887.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

The university opened on the 14th of last month with some seven hundred and fifty students, being about one hundred in excess of any previous record. Of this number about three hundred are new, a number which should insure to the fraternities of the Ohio Wesleyan University full chapters for this year. Nevertheless, the fraternities this fall, as usual, are proceeding very slowly in initiations, only three out of the six chapters here having made any additions so far.

Last year it was the general opinion that this fall term would find our University favored with the presence of two new chapters among the fraternities, the Sigma Chi and Alpha Tau Omega.

It will be remembered that the former became defunct several years ago, and its resurrection last spring term was so far accomplished that several of its future seniors were initiated; but alas, the scheme was struck by a cold wave and died again. For the Alpha Tau's appearance among us soon, there is great hope. Meanwhile we wait for several preparatory students to obtain their freshman rank, and then expect to see this fraternity among us.

At the opening of this term, Ohio Alpha was favored by the presence of several of her old members, previous to their departure to their respective duties. Brother Ed. Semans, '86, left for Cincinnati, where he will study medicine.

Brother Travis, '88, paid us a brief visit, he also leaving for Cincinnati for the study of medicine.

Brothers Van Deman and Allison left for Harvard last Monday. As a token of his affection for Ohio Alpha, Brother Allison presented for our hall a painting, which adds much to the attractiveness and beauty of the room.

We began this year with eight members, but soon increased our numbers to ten by the addition of two men, who will do honor to our chapter and to the fraternity at large.

We introduce Brother M. C. Hatcher, of Chicago, class of '91, and Brother H. S. Fisher, of Pittsburgh, class of '90. Both experienced hard "rushing" from one of our rivals here, but the charms of Phi Kappa Psi prevailed, and they now wear the pink and lavender.

The fraternities of the Ohio Wesleyan University have had fewer numbers of late years, in spite of the gradually increasing number of students. This is in no wise due to any decline of fraternity spirit, nor is it the effect of any anti-fraternity sentiment, which exists now in less proportion than for years, but it is caused by the determination of each fraternity represented here to have none but the best men.

Scholarship, morality and sociability, are the three essential conditions upon which a student may be a member of our chapter, and while many in our college may be found with two of these qualities, yet the absence of the third debars him from admittance.

Our gymnasium is progressing, and we hope that this feature of our late improvements will not be as long in arriving at maturity as was the effort to give it birth.

E. B. DILLON.

Delaware, O., Oct. 3, 1887.

WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

It is with the greatest pleasure that Ohio Beta makes her first appearance for the college year in *THE SHIELD*. The chapter was never more prosperous, and the outlook is indeed most encouraging. We start out this year with sixteen active men, of whom two are seniors, six juniors, four sophomores, and four freshmen.

We feel very much the absence of our highly esteemed brother, Charles Ehrenfeld, who was pursuing a post-graduate course in the scientific department, though we could not wish him anything else than the success which he is obtaining as Professor of the Sciences in York Collegiate Institute. Ohio Beta is proud of him.

Our latest two alumni are also sadly missed. Public opinion gave them the laurels on commencement day.

Brother Frank Geiger, as assistant geologist of Virginia, is breaking rocks and the hearts of the legion of pretty Southern girls with whom he is associated. His characteristic aptitude in this direction has gained for him admittance into a young ladies' seminary.

Brother "Billy" Manss has been threatened with "the clammy death dew," but we are glad to hear that he is recovering. The "measley" Phi Psis sympathize with him especially.

Brother Fred. Ludlow has left us to study pharmacy at Cornell. The boys refuse to be comforted, especially the members of the Phi Psi Glee Club.

Brother Ace Chorpening is not at college this year.

Thus we have lost five men, but the ranks are already filled again, and we are happy to introduce to the fraternity Brothers Irvine C. Falconer, '91; Frank Boroff, '91; Charles L. Bauer, '89, and Clarence J. Uhl, '91.

Brother Falconer was initiated during commencement week. He stood at the head of the sub-freshman class, and took the prize for the best standing in Latin and Greek. Brother Boroff is a graduate of the Van Wert High School, and is making an excellent record in his classes, part of his recitations being

with the sophomores. Brother Charles Bauer is the first man ever "lifted" at Wittenberg. He joined the Phi Gams at Columbus, but finding the Phi Psis more congenial here, resigned from $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, and joined us on Saturday evening, September 24th. As Brother Bauer is a fine musician, stands well in the class room, and was, beyond a doubt, the best man the Phi Gams had here, Ohio Beta is to be congratulated.

Our last regular meeting was an occasion of much rejoicing, owing to the initiation of Brother Clarence J. Uhl, of Millersburg, Ohio. Brother Uhl has been "rushed," in the full meaning of the term, since he entered college at the beginning of the session, and received bids from $B \Theta \Pi$ and $A T \Omega$. He is a gentleman of considerable culture and refinement, and already has a warm place in the hearts of all the brothers.

Of the other Greeks here, $B \Theta \Pi$ has a membership of eighteen, eight of whom have been initiated since our last communication to *THE SHIELD*. While the chapter has some good men among the upper classmen, it is felt by many that too little discretion has been shown in this large addition, and that the chapter has been more strengthened numerically than otherwise.

$A T \Omega$ has at present five active men, of whom one is a senior and four sophomores. Their chapter, though small, is made up of good men, and has a good standing in the college.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ is still alive.

A Phi Psi Literary Club was recently organized, and Monday afternoons are spent in the study of the best authors. The club is at present reading Irving's "Alhambra."

Our letter is assuming undue proportions; so we close, with warmest fraternal greetings to all the Phi Psis, and best wishes for the year upon which we have entered.

ROB H. HILLER.

Springfield, Ohio, October 7, 1887.

WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

This is the time of the college year when it should seem wholly unnecessary to inform a *SHIELD* correspondent that a letter is expected by such a date; but, nevertheless, it is the case with Ohio Gamma this time, I am sorry to say. It will probably be an excusable fault, since the old correspondent did not return, and during the high excitement of the rushing season, the election of a new one was accidentally omitted. Under such circumstances as the aforesaid, I humbly assume the position of temporary correspondent, hoping to give a few facts that may be of importance, should the letter be devoid of interest in other respects.

Wooster University is beginning to be an important factor among the educational institutions of the State. Considering her age and the financial circumstances which have always impeded the progress of increasing the facilities,—which are great inducements for increasing the attendance of an institution,—she has no peer in the rapidity of growth. Her financial condition is now

assuming a different aspect. During the last six months the endowment has been increased by fifty thousand dollars, and as a consequence two new chairs now grace the college curriculum—a chair in biology and a chair in sociology. The growth of the musical department has also necessitated another instructor. The faculty have procured the services of Miss Newell, late of Pittsburg, a lady of very competent ability. Many additions have been made in the gymnasium, which redound to the boys' health and the faculty's praise.

School opened this fall with a larger attendance than ever before, and the class of students made a better appearance than usual, especially the new ones. It was just a comic sight to see the boys marching down to see every passenger train enter the depot. The crowd did not consist of fraternity men alone, but was rather a promiscuous one, composed of fraternity men (rushers, of course,), *magistri* of boarding clubs, measurers of uniforms, and camp followers in general. After one hundred and fifteen new students had received the true hospitality from the boys, and had been conducted to comfortable quarters, and the agents had taken and guessed at the measures for uniforms, the new-comers were "sized up" by a different kind of men—the fraternity men. Never was there better material for fraternities than this year, and the $\Phi \Psi$'s were conscious of the fact and alert for the opportunity.

We had eight good men to give the signal for battle with the "frat's," which was not deferred very long; for fraternity spirit runs very high, and to procrastinate here means to lose the best men in school. The $\Phi \Psi$'s, as you will see from the sequel, easily carry the pennant.

On the first Saturday night we initiated Brothers Bartram, '91, and Miller. Both were favorites among other fraternities, but we were the fortunate ones. At our next meeting we initiated Brothers Alexander and Roberts, who had an opportunity to ride other goats, but ours was the mystic bumper. At our next meeting we had the pleasure of taking in Brothers Glover, '91, and Vorhees, '92. Brother Glover had a bid from six "frat's," and was two weeks deliberating where to cast his lot. He finally came to the conclusion that $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ was a fraternity of no mean reputation. In him and in Brother Vorhees, who was bid by four "frat's," our rivals suffered defeats which they will not forget for some time. We have been truly fortunate, for out of eight men whom we bid, six are now our brothers.

The fraternities are all in a good condition, although they do not all give evidence of activity. Our greatest rivals, so far, in rushing have been the Betas and $\Phi \Gamma$'s, who found in us their equal.

We now have fourteen men, eleven in college and three "prep's," and, taking everything into consideration, are the most congenial and social of all the "frat's" here. Brothers Chalfant and Shriver did not return.

Hoping that a better correspondent will grace the pages of the next issue, I send the best wishes for the progress of THE SHIELD, and close.

MONROE MANGES.

Wooster, O., October 11, 1887.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

We are sorry that we did not have a letter for the September number of *THE SHIELD*, but if you will excuse us this time, we will see that it does not happen again. At the beginning of the last collegiate year Ohio Delta had only five members, however, before commencement we had swelled our numbers to fourteen. This was only brought about by persistent efforts, and sometimes with heated contests with other fraternities here, as each one whom we initiated were bid by one or more of the other "frat's." We greatly feel the loss of our seniors, Brothers Payne, Converse and Zaumseil, but what is our loss is the world's gain, for Brother Payne is now superintendent of a Type Writing Manufactory at Springfield, Mass.; Bother Converse is employed on the Government Survey of the Muskingum River improvement; and Brother Zaumseil has charge of an engineering corps on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad.

The week immediately after commencement we spent at Chillicothe, Ohio, and a royal good time we had, being entertained with parties and receptions given by the Phi Psi young ladies of that old town.

Just before returning to college this fall, a few of us and our young lady friends spent a most delightful week of camp life at Yellow Springs, Ohio.

We are now busily engaged in another year of fraternity work, and from the present indications, it promises to be more successful than any preceding year. At our first meeting we initiated Louis Kiesewetter, son of Auditor of State.

The incidents of his "rushing" and our fight with the Phi Gams is familiar to all who read our letter in the May number of *THE SHIELD*. We have also two more men in tow and two "preps" pledged, whom we will initiate in the near future. We regret the loss of Brother Gray, who has entered the sophomore class at Cornell College. Brother Weybrecht, alias "fatty," has also failed to make his appearance in our midst. He will, however, be with us next term, we hope.

We are much gratified, but not surprised, to hear of the "lifting" of C. L. Bauer, from the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, by our boys of Ohio Beta.

It was with a feeling of deep sorrow that we read the announcement of the death of Brother Wilson. In him Phi Kappa Psi has lost a noble and honorable member.

We hope that this will be a successful year for *THE SHIELD* and the fraternity at large.

H. A. YEAZELL.

Columbus, O., Oct. 10, 1887.

DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Indiana Alpha, in entering upon her work for another year, and having been eminently successful in obtaining good men, sends a hearty greeting to all sister chapters and wishes them equal success.

In common with all chapters on reassembling in the fall, we greatly miss from our meetings the pleasant faces and genial companionship of several of

our worthy and esteemed brothers, some of whom have left us on account of graduation and some on account of the allurements of fortune.

Of our graduates, Brother Charles H. Neff is practicing law at Anderson, Indiana, having graduated from the law department last year, as well as from College of Liberal Arts. Brother Dave Reaville is studying law at Springfield, Illinois, in the office of ex-Governor Palmer. Brothers George B. Baker and John Cassell are in business. Brother Tom Haymond is studying law at Terra Haute, and writing for the *Daily Express* of that city. But Brother Charles Farr has eclipsed them all, and has gone and done it "a'ready." While enjoying the summer vacation, your humble servant received the following notice: "Charles W. Farr, Hattie Cox; married Thursday evening, August 4th, Tipton, Indiana."

Mrs. Farr for several years has been one of Phi Psi's most earnest and loyal supporters, and has contributed, along with many other lady admirers of $\Phi \Psi$, much that has gone to ornament our new and elegantly furnished hall, which is now the finest in the city.

Brother Farr has accepted the Chair of Science in the Southwestern Kansas College, situated at Winfield, while Mrs. Farr has charge of the art department at the same place.

Of our undergraduates, Brothers Charles McIntosh and Lewis B. Lesh, of '89, have recently opened a real estate office at Los Angeles, California, where all $\Phi \Psi$'s will be sold property at 20 per cent discount.

Brother Roscoe Kirkman will be absent a portion of the year, having accepted the superintendency of the Fountain City schools. He will return in time to graduate with the present Senior Class.

We have thus lost eight men, who have ceased to do honors in the college halls; to render us the valuable assistance which they were capable of doing, and who have now entered that boundless field where the elements are at conflict, and where, if their devotion to duty and to the principles which underlie our fraternity is as constant and earnest as the life of a true $\Phi \Psi$ should be, we have lost nothing in their absence. However, their active work in the chapter is practically done, and our efforts to fill their places with good, strong, thorough men has not been in vain; for we have added to our number five men who, in our humble opinion, have not their equals among the new students of the year. It therefore gives me considerable pleasure to have the opportunity to introduce to all readers of THE SHIELD Brothers Hester, '89; Ulysses Bridge, '90; Fred. Rudy, '90, and our pledged members, Charles Hodell, '92, and Henry M. Thomas, '94, thus making twenty strong.

The spiking season has about closed, and everybody is congratulating themselves on their great success, except the two lady fraternities, the $\mathbf{K} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{\Theta}$ and the $\mathbf{K} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{\Gamma}$, who, owing to an agreement entered into last spring, are not allowed to pledge any person or bring to bear upon one any undue influence whatsoever till November 1st, when the campaign will open in full blast.

The university opened this year with an enrollment of 600 students, from whom twelve fraternities derive their support.

Unlike many colleges, we have no athletic association. Our literary socie-

ties are the chief attraction at present, as they are the means of distributing several honors, and as they also have control of the college monthly. Phi Psi's faction is as usual on top.

We note with regret the absence from our faculty this year of two of its most efficient and honored members: Dr. Edwin Post, Φ K Ψ, who has been in Germany for more than a year studying, and Prof. S. S. Parr, who is away for the same purpose.

The faculty was increased at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees by the addition of about five new men.

Taking everything into consideration, this year promises to be one of unusual interest both to students and to fraternity, and we think we can safely say that both De Pauw and Indiana Alpha are destined "to live long and prosper."

CHARLES C. SPENCER.

Greencastle, Ind., October 5, 1887.

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Indiana Beta sends greeting to THE SHIELD and all sister chapters. Last year was closed successfully, and although we were pained at losing four of our best men, by the graduation of Bros. Fee, Taylor and Hooper, and by the departure of Brother Long for Cornell University, we were pleased to know that we had, as usual, captured our share of the honors. The most important was that of Brother C. L. Hooper, who won the golden medal. This is an elegant medal and is considered the best prize offered to the students of the Indiana University.

This year opened up with ten loyal and earnest Φ Ψ's in the field and ready for work. As a result of our labors, we are pleased to introduce Bros. G. D. Baker, Wm. Butterworth, E. R. Robinson, J. Metcalf, F. Jones, F. Truscott, C. Engle, W. E. Jenkins and H. Guthrie. As of yore, we have the cream of the college. All have taken hold of the work and are already thoroughly interested. Brother Butterworth was one of the Purdue petitioners, and a more enthusiastic Φ Ψ is not often seen. He is a fair sample of those petitioners, and a chapter placed there would certainly thrive. We attribute our great success to the fact that we were all early in the field and ready for work. The old proverb, "The early bird gets the worm," is just as applicable to fraternity work as to any kind of work. In this busy, hustling world, we can not, dare not, linger long on decisions, or the next man will push us aside, gain our point, and our name will be "Dennis." One phase of fraternity life is the study of men. Then let us not underrate the value of our active fraternity life, for it is, indeed, a preparation for the world in which we must act. We are already claiming college honors for this year. Brother Dan. Driscoll is editor-in-chief of the *Student*, which promises to be better than ever before. With Brother Driscoll at the head of it, it can not be otherwise. Phi Psi has the four best men on the foot-ball team, with Brother Kiplinger as captain. In the tennis club, limited to twelve members, we have five men. Many more honors are and will be in the field this year, and Φ Ψ expects to get the lion's share as she always has. Indiana Beta

is head and shoulders above everything else in the Indiana University, and we intend to keep her there.

Our best wishes for the success of *THE SHIELD* and every $\Phi \Psi$ in the land.

J. ROSCOE MUTZ.

Bloomington, Ind., Oct. 10, 1887.

NORTHWESTERN.

Illinois Alpha is pleased to say that the year has opened auspiciously. Of the four brothers lost by graduation, Brothers Campbell and W. S. Hall are in the Chicago Medical College, and visit us occasionally; Brother Andrews, who has been ill for a year and more, yet spite of his illness graduated with his class, though out of college for the greater part of the year, has gone to Los Angeles, Cal., where he expects to locate, hoping that the climate will be more healthful; Brother Wm. McLennan, who was married Wednesday last, is preaching in Indiana. We have initiated three freshmen: Brothers Lewis Alabaster, Walter A. Demsey and Thomas C. Moulding, all of Chicago. We have lost, by failure to return, four brothers, of whom Brother W. A. Hall has entered the junior class at Williams. We have received by transfer Brother I. J. Archer, of Iowa Delta, and also Brothers Streed and Bushnell, of Illinois Beta, that was and is not. Our roll counts up twenty-three names, eight seniors, four juniors, eight sophomores, three freshmen. Brother Booth was elected editor-in-chief of the *Northwestern*, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Brother Little, who has not yet returned from his summer's labors. Brother Herben was elected president of the junior class, and Brothers Graves and Weir were elected last week to positions on the junior sophomore debate contest. During the summer the Executive Council elected Brother G. A. Bass archon of the fourth district, with which the boys are well pleased. Our seniors are busy writing on their Deering essays, the capture of which secures a place on the Kirk contest.

Concerning the interests of the university, much may be said. We are enjoying a healthy, natural boom. A dental department has been added to the cluster of colleges. It is well equipped with able instructors and the best apparatus, and is destined to become an important part of the university. On October 1st, the telescope and other apparatus of the Chicago Astronomical Society passed under the control of the Northwestern University. The telescope was part of the defunct Chicago University, but it now becomes the property in trust of the Northwestern. A generous patron and trustee, Mr. J. B. Hobbs, of Chicago, has donated \$25,000 for the erection of an observatory at Evanston. We have two new professors to introduce: Prof. Charles Sumner Cook, late of Dartmouth, who has charge of the department of physics, and Prof. A. W. Howe, who has the preparatory part of the college mathematics. Our president, Dr. Cummings, returned from his summer's journeying in Europe much refreshed and invigorated, and his safe return was hailed with pleasure by the students. All departments of the university show a healthy growth, and an advance over last year.

S. J. HERBEN.

Evanston, Ill., Oct. 11, 1887.

BELOIT.

College commencement, with its gathering of alumni, and consequent recurrence of life in the local chapter, ought to be an event which should leave its mark on the entire subsequent year; and such we hope it has been with us. At least, to tell the truth, unpleasant though it be, we need a little more activity in fraternity life in this quiet place. The fault has not been lack of love for the fraternity, nor from any of those grosser causes from which are most justly condemned, but from a too great feeling of security in the unknown future. A large part of our members, during the past year, were initiated and grew up with the chapter at a time when any competition with it was out of the question. Those days are past, and there is no longer any place for him who quietly sits and waits for the opportunity to come. A knowledge of this fact, we hope, has awakened us from our former lethargy, and made us come to a realization of things as they really are. In accordance with this, we have initiated L. M. Rukhow, of '91, a gentleman distinguished both in the class-room, and, in a smaller degree, as first baseman of the college league nine. He is very popular among all the students, and bound to be a bulwark to the chapter. We have also pledged another fine freshman, and have a good hold on three more, and should our expectations be realized, we shall again let our chapter flag float proudly in the ascendant.

The admirable efforts of our president have succeeded exceptionally well, and as a result, we have an attendance of some three hundred students,—a fact which shows that the excellent opportunities afforded by Beloit College are beginning to be appreciated. Prof. T. L. Wright, who has been spending the past year in Athens, has returned to us, fresh with inspiration and knowledge from that fountain of learning. Prof. R. D. Salisbury is now studying the geology of Europe, and, indeed, scarcely a year passes but what some one of our professors is recruiting himself across the sea, and making portable, in our behalf, the learning which has been stored up there so long—a fact which also speaks well for an institution possessing the limited pecuniary resources which this one does.

W. C. SHIPNER.

Beloit, Wis., Oct. 8, 1887.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

The thorough renovation of the faculty, and the new life and new blood in the veins of the University, together with the number of students this fall, are the indications of the prosperity of our institution, and proof that this leader of Iowa's educational circles is fast and surely gaining in strength and importance. The incoming professors have already proven the wisdom of the regents in selecting men of great ability.

As yet, Greek-letter circles have had very few happenings of special moment; but the sanguine hopes of $\Phi \Psi$'s, for the coming year of Iowa Alpha, have already been more than realized. The one and only bitter disappointment

to us, has been shared by all our rivals, and that is the scarcity of fraternity material in the freshman class.

All our men returned this fall, excepting two, and their absence will be only temporary. Besides, we are very glad to welcome Brothers Dorr and Murphy back to $\Phi K \Psi$ and State University of Iowa. We might even be satisfied with no other addition, but our pride is almost beyond limit, when we display and introduce our two babes, the twin "Carls," and the very best men of their class, Carl H. Shroeder and Carl A. Stutsman, or "Chuck" and "Chip." The former preferred to accept the invitation to $\Phi K \Psi$ to those offered by other fraternities here, and is prominent in his class, and although a freshman, he will be admitted into the university nine this year. "Chip" is a son of Judge Stutsman, of Burlington, and the third of that name, who gracefully bears our pin and colors, and takes to $\Phi \Psi$ like a duck to water. We heartily commend both for $\Phi \Psi$ loyalty and fraternal fellowship.

The next victory which Iowa Alpha won in the short time since school opened, is the election of Brother Jacob Closz, to a position on the editorial staff of our college paper, *The Vidette Reporter*. This has been the aim of our chapter for some time, but the short period of our existence has checked our ambition, until the school, in a hot election, was compelled to recognize the merit of our man, and now the two youngest "frat's" in school have the only Greek men on the paper.

$\Delta T \Delta$ has a large membership, and are our most formidable rivals, they having opposed us in Brother Closz's election, in combination with $B \Theta \Pi$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. $B \Theta \Pi$ has lost several of her best men, whom she can not replace. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ still holds about the same general rank.

In literary societies, Brother Nye, in Irving Institute, laid down the gavel, only that "we" might take it up for the fall term. In the Zetagathean Society the rampaging barbarian has amended the constitution so that he rules supreme and unmolested.

$\Phi \Psi$ has also received one captaincy in the military appointments, which is the end of all soldierly ambition here.

Lately we were pleased with a visit from Brothers J. M. Fawcett and W. H. Stutsman, and just as we were glad to behold their smiling countenances and receive that mystic grip from them, so we shall be delighted to show our hospitality to any brother who may happen in the "Athens of Iowa."

JAMES W. BOLLINGER.

Iowa City, Oct. 11, 1887.

SIMPSON COLLEGE.

It is again the beginning of a school year, and again $\Phi K \Psi$ has called her roll. Although but two members responded, the chapter is alive and will flourish. We have graduated so many men in the last few years that it has thinned our ranks very perceptibly, yet we have bright prospects for the future. In 1886 we graduated seven men; in 1887, five. Several have dropped out.

Brother I. J. Archer goes to Illinois Alpha at Evanston.

Brother J. H. Newland, '86, after one year's work in the ministry, goes to Boston for a three years' theological course.

In the winter term we will be better represented, yet we are almost up with any of them.

Permit me to introduce to you our new "baby," J. E. Bunting, class of '89, and a fine baby he is, too. This makes us number three, with prospects for more good men. We go on the plan of "few, but mighty." $\Delta T \Omega$ numbers 4; $\Delta T \Delta$, 7; $K A \Theta$, 3, and the others with larger representation, but I can not tell their number.

Although the writer is an alumnus of the fraternity, yet he takes a deep interest in the welfare of his chapter and the fraternity at large, and has just come from a visit to his alma mater, where he had the pleasure of initiating the new man. It is not always the fortune of a chapter to get such men. We hope by the time we write another letter we may be able to introduce several others. Meanwhile, we await the arrival of *THE SHIELD*, that we may learn of the success of other chapters.

M. J. ELROD.

Corydon, Iowa, September 27, 1887.



Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

The Kappa Alpha Journal for May-June has two short editorials which we append—the first under the caption “Lifting;” the second entitled, “The Phi Delta Theta Scrawl.” Unconscious humor gleams through the honest scorn of the first quotation, and in the other an acerbity whose edge is not tempered by the dignified contempt which the vaporings of the *Scroll* upon this question of proprietorship in artistic ideas so justly deserves.

Every once in a while we see noticed in our exchanges cases of “*lifting*.” Sometimes it is a chapter which is lifted, sometimes only an individual. In our opinion it is equally despicable in either instance.

Phi Delta Theta seems to be especially good at *chapter “lifting.”*

Beta Theta Pi at the lesser and consequently meaner sort.

We are glad, however, that this “*lifting*” seems to be confined to organizations of Northern origin, and thank our stars that Kappa Alpha was born and flourishes in a land where political honor is taught, and where honor's ties are stronger than those of law.

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We have noticed once or twice lately that the *Phi Delta Theta Scroll* has been making flings at other fraternities for adopting shield badges. Although it seemed to us a little presumptuous that an organization of such recent date should claim sole right to this symbol of ancient knighthood, we have remained silent awaiting for them to attack us.

Sure enough, in a recent number of said publication some slighting remark is made about the shield of Southern Kappa Alpha. In reply we wish to inform the *Scrawl* and all its readers that the Kappa Alpha shield-badge was designed and adopted before a Phi Delta Theta was ever heard of in the South. Our badge has been the same ever since adopted, while theirs was altered, if we are correctly informed, about the year 1882 or '83, and made more like ours.

We are perfectly satisfied that Phi Delta Theta should keep its badge with the incongruous group of confused hieroglyphics upon it, but we hope that in modesty and truth they will let us alone in the future.

While under this head as a further instance of Phi Delta Theta effrontery and conceit we exhibit the following alleged “Stem of interest” in the April Southern *Scrawl*:

“Kappa Alpha has entered William Jewel College, at Liberty, Mo. Phi Delta Theta refused a strongly booked petition from that institution less than six months

ago." In the same *Scroll* we see that a letter from Westminster, in the same State, gives an account of a prosperous chapter at that place. Now possibly the being who invents "Stems of Interest" for the *Scrawl* does not know that Wm. Jewel is both largely attended, more heavily endowed, and older than the college of Westminster. Such is the case, however, as we are informed by Missourians now attending Vanderbilt University.

In conclusion, we hope that we will have no more of the *Scrawl's* brazen impudence. It may rest assured that our shield is inherited from an older and prouder chivalry than Phi Delta Theta, and that we will show our enterprise by locating chapters in good colleges whether they do so or not.

The *Beta Theta Pi* is fortunate in having for its editor a poet, who embellishes the pages of his journal, in almost every issue, with dainty bits of verse like this :

ON THE HEIGHTS.

Above the many-voiced, dull-murmuring world
 I stood, where from the Upland's crowning crest
 I watched the evening splendors of the west
 In gorgeous, passionate pageantry unfurled;
 And as the bursts of flame leapt up and curled
 About the horizon's dome, in my glad breast
 Broke forth such glow of ecstasy unguessed,
 Whereby were life, death, and all fate empearled.

All thrilled I gazed the while the radiance waned,
 Till 'gainst the paling sky's wan circlet-rim
 The star-lit night's oblivion lapped its brim;
 But mirrored on my sight the glory gained,
 And on my soul had such blest rapture dawned
 That I had almost known God's peace beyond.

Chambers Baird, Jr.

Mr. Hanna, General Secretary of the *B Θ Π* fraternity, gave utterance to these wise words at the annual banquet of the Ohio chapters :

The general work of the fraternity needs time and care. It can not be done now, as once, in an hour or two. The consideration of the general relations of the various chapters needs time and care, and time and care cost money. A few years ago a few men did the work of the fraternity without money and without price, but these men could not and would not do it now. The fraternity must meet this new problem, and provide means for carrying on the necessary business of the order. There are new questions coming up constantly at conventions and reunions. For example, a petition is received from a set of men in a certain college. We ought to have a man ready to go to the college and investigate. We can not trust the alumni who may live in the neighborhood, for they will be prejudiced in favor of their institution, and though they may be loyal and enthusiastic, in nine cases out of ten they will not know what the fraternity of the present wants in the way of men and chapters. To investigate an Ohio college would be an easy matter, but in order to visit remote institutions we ought to have money in the hands of one officer. Our

visiting officers are to a great degree figureheads. They do what they can without interfering with their regular business, but they have neither time nor money to give to each chapter that care and attention it should have. The appointment of an alumni secretary in the hope of crystalizing the loyalty of the alumni, was a good idea, and Major Ransom was the best man that could have been chosen for that position, but he is too busily engaged in other matters to give this the due attention and time.

We need information about our own colleges which can not be gleaned from the semi-annuals. Last year an attempt was made by the general secretary to gather data of this sort, the results of which appeared in the convention minutes, but they were very unsatisfactory. We are all acquainted fairly well with the rank of Ohio institutions, but what about our far-away chapter homes? It does not pay to ask the Board of Directors to do this work; they are too busy. We need an officer for this and kindred duties. How can the money for this be secured? The annual dues ought to be increased to two dollars for each member. That would give us six hundred dollars. If one dollar could be secured from every one out of every ten of the alumni, our fund would reach one thousand dollars, while if one out of five of the alumni would give a dollar a year, we would have a fund of fifteen hundred dollars. Think of the many questions constantly arising to vex and worry the general officers—the press question, the weakness of this chapter, the trouble in that; the failure to issue a semi-annual here, the neglect of dues there. These and all other troubles could be placed for settlement with a general salaried officer. I want you all to think of this thing, and be ready to act should it come before the Chautauqua convention. If the Ohio chapters are united in this movement, they could exert great power in the general convention. After much study, I am satisfied that Beta Theta Pi must take some such course as this, if it is to keep abreast with the times.

Personals.

OHIO A.

The news of the election of Judge J. P. Rea, of Minneapolis, as Commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, is received with much satisfaction. Grand Army men are especially elated, as Judge Rea is exceedingly popular, and the honor to the city and State is duly appreciated. Arrangements are already being made at his home in Minneapolis for a grand reception to the new Commander on his return from St. Louis.

Commander-in-chief John P. Rea is a native of the East, though a resident of Minneapolis for twelve years. He was born October 13, 1840, in Lower Oxford Township, Chester County, Pa. His father owned a woolen factory, and he passed his time there, and attending school until September, 1860, when he went to Piqua, Ohio, and engaged in school teaching. He enlisted in 1861 in Company B, Eleventh Ohio Infantry, being one of the first in the State to take up arms. After four months' service in the Eleventh he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant of Company I, First Ohio Cavalry. He was promoted to First Lieutenant March 12, 1862, and in April next year to the rank of Captain. Soon afterwards he was breveted Major for gallant conduct. At the close of the war Captain Rea had a record of three years and four months service, and had been absent only ten days, seven of which he was a prisoner and three on the sick list. In 1865 he entered Wesleyan College, at Delaware, Ohio, completing the classical course, and graduated in June, 1867. During the vacation of 1866 he entered the office of Hon. I. J. Dickey, at Lancaster, Pa., as a law student, and was admitted to the bar in 1868. On April 12, 1869, President Grant appointed Captain Rea Assessor of Internal Revenue of the Ninth District of Pennsylvania, which office he held until it was abolished by law in 1873. He continued practicing law in Lancaster until December, 1875, when he moved to Minneapolis, and shortly became editor of the *Minneapolis Tribune*, remaining in that connection until May, 1877. He resumed law practice, but in November of the same year was chosen Probate Judge, and was re-elected in 1879. Declining renomination in 1880, he again resumed

practice, forming the late firm of Rea, Wesley & Kitchell, afterwards Rea, Kitchell & Shaw. For several years he was Captain Company A, First Regiment, Minnesota National Guards, and in January, 1884, was commissioned Commissary-General of Minnesota with the rank of Brigadier-General. In the summer of 1886 Governor Hubbard appointed Captain Rea Judge of the District Court, to fill the unexpired term of Judge M. B. Koon, resigned. At the election in the following November Judge Rea was chosen for the same office for a term of seven years. Of late years he has figured prominently in Grand Army affairs, both State and National. From Commander of the local Post he went to the office of State Commander in 1883, and was elected Senior Vice-Commander-in-chief at the National Encampment held at Minneapolis in 1884. He is also a member of the Loyal Legion.

OHIO B.

'86. Brother Chas. H. Ehrenfeld is now filling the chair of Natural Science at the York Collegiate Institute at York, Pa. He was elected to this position last spring.

'87. Brother Frank Geiger is geologizing in Maryland and Virginia.

'87. Brother W. H. Manss is at his home in Cincinnati, Ohio, being unable to pursue his studies this year on account of sickness.

Brother Fred. B. Ludlow, who was taking a select course here in chemistry under Dr. Smith, has gone to Cornell to take a course in pharmacy.

Brother M. B. Harris, formerly of Indiana B, has moved to Springfield, and has entered the sophomore class at Wittenberg.

MICHIGAN A.

"Wm. Yost, the attorney for the Law and Order Society, is a bright active fellow, not yet thirty years of age. Minus his moustache, he would readily be taken for a boy, yet a number of mile-posts this side of his majority. He is a native of Ohio and is a graduate of Monmouth College. He is also a graduate of the Michigan Law School, where he made a most excellent record as a student. After he had completed the law course at Ann Arbor, he came to Pittsburgh, and entered the office of R. E. Stewart, where he remained in obedience to a rule of court for a prescribed length of time. He was admitted to the bar January 29, 1879, and immediately thereafter hung out his shingle and made all preparations to paddle his own canoe. Shortly after his admission his father died, and his mother has since then made her home with him in Braddock Township. Mr. Yost is considered by attorneys in general as a clear, cool and

level-headed young fellow, well versed in the law, and they say that he certainly will reach distinction in the law if he does not hamper himself with hobbies which are repugnant to the masses.

"He has a large clientage, composed principally of country people, who are more interested in keeping out of law than getting into it, and who seek his advice as to how litigation can be avoided.

"Mr. Yost seldom figures in the trial of a case in court, but that he is able to do so is proven by the way in which he conducted the prosecution of the soda water suits. A friend of his says of him: 'Mr. Yost has at all times been an uncompromising enemy of liquor and social evils, and yet he is not a fanatic on the subject. He has the courage of his convictions, and has always proven himself ready to take the bull by the horns. He has been identified with all the reforms inaugurated during the past five or six years. Among his personal friends he is much thought of as a young man of worth. He, however, is not given to seeking friendship, and is quite content to go through life without any marked notoriety.'"—*Pittsburgh Leader*, August 14, 1887.

PENNSYLVANIA E.

'56. Hon. Adam Hoy died in Bellefonte, Pa., August 23d. He had been ill for some time, suffering from diabetes, yet his death was a great surprise and shock to his friends. He was born September 6, 1827, in Spring Gap, Centre County, Pa.; prepared for college at the Mifflinburg and Airy View Academies; entered our Sophomore class in 1853; delivered the Greek oration at graduation; studied law and was admitted to the Bellefonte bar in 1858. He continued in practice to the time of his death except while President Judge under appointment by Gov. Pattison in 1884. He was a member of our Semi-centennial Alumni Committee in 1882 and a member of our Board of Trustees since 1884. He always manifested a deep interest in *Alma Mater* and in many ways proved himself a faithful son.

'56. H. W. Kuhns, D. D., has resigned as pastor at Westminster, Md., and will remove to Omaha, Neb. We trust he will apply some of his methods of years ago in the work of church extension in Nebraska.

'57. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., has been elected pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg. His acceptance has just been announced. He preached in Harrisburg September 11th, to a large congregation. The *Independent* says he made a favorable impression, and further adds: "We

predict for Dr. Gilbert, if he concludes to accept the call to this pulpit, a useful career in its wide field of action and a pleasant dwelling place with the people among whom he will cast his lot."

PENNSYLVANIA I.

'86. W. W. Kelchner is teaching in Williamsport, Pa.

'86. Elmer E. Keiser is in the medical department, University of Pennsylvania.

'86. H. G. Dreisbach is with his father in the hardware business.

'87. Howard L. Calder is reading law at his home in Harrisburg, Pa.

'87. John G. Owens is teaching in South Jersey Institute, Bridgeton, N. J.

'87. Geo. F. Clark is attending a medical school in Philadelphia.

'87. John C. Eccleston, formerly of this class, has gone to South America to engage in business.

ILLINOIS A.

W. H. Lacy, '81, and wife have entered the missionary work in China.

J. H. Hill, '86, is Professor of Latin in Kansas State Normal School, Emporia, Kansas.

E. L. Parks, '73, Professor in Gammon School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia, received the degree of D. D. from Garrett Biblical Institute last commencement, as also did Brother John Poucher, Indiana Alpha, '65, Professor in De Pauw University.

Charles Horswell, '84, was married early in September to Miss Helen Redfield, '83. Brother Horswell is instructor in Hebrew and Greek in Garrett Biblical Institute.

W. E. McLennan, '87, was married October 12th to Miss Lila Keely, ex-'86, at Nora, Illinois.

N. H. Axtel, '63, and L. P. Davis, '72, have been elected delegates to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which meets in Brooklyn, New York, next May. The former is from Rock River Conference; the latter from Detroit Conference.

WISCONSIN I.

The sympathy of the fraternity extends itself to Brother J. P. Lansing in the sad bereavement of his attractive young bride, Mrs. Alice North Lansing, who died in Comanche, Iowa, September 29, 1887. Mrs. Lansing was one of Beloit's most charming young ladies, beautiful in all that pertains to womanhood—one of the really few whom it is a pleasure to meet. Brother Lansing will return to Comanche, where he is successfully engaged in business, bearing with him the sympathies of the chapter of which he was a most prominent member.

Brother R. K. Welsh, '87, is assistant Principal of the Rockford High School. Rumor has it he will soon be married.

Brother J. M. Sheean is studying law in Galena, Illinois.

Brother W. S. Hoven is engaged as Principal of Wayland Academy at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

Brother A. H. Van Tassel is in the Rockford (Ill.) *Register* printing office.



College and Fraternity Notes.

Harvard received \$3,000,000 in endowments during the past six months.

The University of Pennsylvania has \$50,000 on hand for the erection of a classical theater adjoining the new library. Here commencements, concerts, lectures and classical plays will be given.

A new club-house, the Columbia, is being erected opposite Columbia College, the club members being the students and alumni of Columbia College.

Harvard opens with one hundred and eighty-nine courses of study, while the University of Michigan has two hundred and forty-two.

Σ X has given up the ghost at Lafayette, according to *The Lafayette* in its most recent issue.

A T Ω has established her Beta Eta chapter at the Ohio Wesleyan University with four men.

Of the 17 Presidents of the United States 11 were college graduates; of 20 Vice-Presidents, 10; of 29 Secretaries of State, 19; of 41 Associate Judges of the Supreme Court, 30.

The ladies of Easton are making an effort to add to the endowment of Lafayette College, with fair prospects of success. Although nearly 60 years old, Lafayette has never yet had a legacy.—*Pennsylvania College Monthly*.

The Pope has approved of the project to establish a great Catholic University in this country. Washington has been selected as the site, and \$700,000 have already been secured for it. Bishop Keane, of Richmond, has been elected the first Rector.

Dr. H. B. Adams, of Johns-Hopkins University, suggests that an academy be established in Washington for the training of young in public affairs—to be to the public service what West Point is to the Army and Annapolis to the Navy.—*Pennsylvania College Monthly*.

The sixty-second year of the Adelbert College opened with a class of only twenty, seven of whom are ladies. Notwithstanding rumors no new president has been appointed. This fact probably accounts, in part, for the small attendance of freshmen. Events seem to be verifying the prediction made when the college was removed to Cleveland, that it would soon develop in a kind of Cleveland High School annex. Only a small proportion of the students come from abroad. Western Reserve Academy, the preparatory school, sends only two students this year, while Green Spring Academy, another school in connection with Adelbert, sends none. With the splendid endowment, excellent faculty, commodious buildings and general advantages, Adelbert should have a greater number than seventy students, which number covers all the students in connection with the college. No effort has been made during the past summer to show the people Adelbert's advantages; no advertising nor anything to send Adelbert's name outside of Cleveland. This condition of things in a college like Adelbert, which has advantages unequaled in Ohio, is somewhat discouraging to those that have in past years seen it in a more prosperous condition. Vim and vigor are needed in college as well as political life. Adelbert seems to have neither.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*.

The following pleasantly compiled newspaper article appeared during the summer in one of our eastern newspapers, and will be of interest as it puts into form matter for the general public, which none but Greek-letter society men possess :

"GREEK-LETTER SOCIETIES IN GIRLS' COLLEGES.

"When the aspiring freshman has passed his entrance examination the first university honor that he craves is an election to one of the college fraternities. If he is a Bostonian, his father, his brother or his cousins before him belonged to Psi U; if he is a Providence man, his chums are reckoned in with Zeta Psi; if he is a New Yorker, he affiliates naturally with Beta Theta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Chi Phi or Chi Psi. In some of the younger western institutions the Greek-letter society, bringing its members, as it does, into relations with the oldest and richest colleges in the country, must seem at times more powerful almost than *alma mater* herself; certainly by students and alumni it is often better beloved. There are thirty-six such fraternities at present existing among the men of the American colleges. The chapter houses are not infrequently among the finest buildings on the campus. Each society, as a rule, has its badge, which is conspicuously worn, its publications, its songs, its banquets and its conventions. That a similar state of affairs is growing up in the women's colleges, that girl's Greek-letter fraternities not only exist, but are multiplying, is a fact not so generally known.

"From an a priori point of view there is no reason why the fraternity idea should not commend itself to girl students and many reasons why it naturally would. For one thing, the men's societies in a co-educational college exclude the women students.

The locked door of the fraternity rooms is a perpetual challenge to retaliation. That talk of initiation ordeals, hints of passwords, mottoes, grips and recognition signs should be, as it were, in the air around them, tokens of mysteries always to tantalize them, never to be revealed, would rouse emulation in a more passive creature than the average college girl. It was, as a matter of course, in the colleges which admit men and women both that the women's Greek-letter societies originated, and it is in them that the sisterhoods have chiefly flourished. Repeated efforts have been made to establish a chapter of this order or that at Vassar, but no fledgling has ever yet proved strong enough to withstand the faculty's frown. Wellesley has had secret societies at one time and another, but they have never proved permanent institutions. The new women's college at Bryn Mawr has a local society which may or may not gather strength with age. Cornell, Syracuse University, Boston University, St. Lawrence, in the northern part of this state, Ann Arbor, Kansas University, Northwestern University, Minnesota University and the host of co-educational schools are the homes of the women's Greek-letter societies. No one of these organizations is old enough—the senior society reckons barely seventeen years—to count any large number of prominent alumnae, but several have a creditable list of women who are known and more who are doing good work, though they may not be before the public. The number of sororities at present organized with principles and methods akin to the Greek-letter fraternities is seven. About fifty active chapters are known, and a conservative estimate of the membership would put it between 2,000 and 3,000.

"The oldest society is Kappa Alpha Theta, started at Asbury University, now De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind., January 27, 1870. The largest society is Kappa Kappa Gamma, which has nineteen chapters, and whose membership is something above 1,000. The richest society is probably Alpha Phi, whose Alpha Chapter at Syracuse University has erected this year a beautiful chapter house, the only building of the sort, so far as the writer is aware, thus far owned by any of the ladies' societies.

"Among the regular members of the sororities Kappa Alpha Theta has upon its books President Alice Freeman, just resigned from Wellesley College, who was initiated into Eta chapter during her student life at Ann Arbor. Miss Katherine Coman, Professor of History at the same school, and other women holding high positions at De Pauw University and Iowa Wesleyan. Mrs. Mary A. Livermore and Mrs. Julia Ward Howe have accepted honorary membership in Kappa Kappa Gamma, and the former at least wears sometimes the badge of the order, a unique and pretty jeweled key. Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes also belongs to the Kappas. Miss Frances E. Willard, well known in temperance circles, belongs to Alpha Phi.

"The women's societies by name, as furnished me by Mr. William Raymond Baird, whose book upon college fraternities, a new edition of which is now in preparation, is the main authority on the subject, are as follows: Sigma Kappa was organized at Colby University in 1874. It has but one chapter. Alpha Beta Tau has two chapters, one at the Mississippi State University, the other at the Oxford, Mississippi, Female Institute. Alpha Phi, though it has but three chapters, is one of the strongest of the fraternities, being very securely entrenched at Syracuse University, where it was founded in 1872. It has some wealthy women among its alumnae who have the interest of Chapter Alpha, now numbering perhaps 150 members, at heart. Beta Chapter is at the Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.,

and Eta Chapter has been placed at Boston University. The badge is a jeweled monogram and the colors silver gray and Bordeaux. Delta Gamma has ten active and two inactive chapters, all in the West and South. It is a rapidly growing fraternity and holds biennial conventions. The badge is a golden anchor and the organ of the society is a quarterly magazine called the *Delta Gamma Anchora*. A chapter was maintained at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., until recently. Gamma Phi Beta has three chapters. It was founded at Syracuse University in 1874, and Bishop Haven gave it its motto. Its other chapters are at Ann Arbor and Northwestern University. Its badge is a gold monogram and its colors light and dark brown.

"Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma, founded in the same year and already referred to as the oldest and largest, respectively, of the women's fraternities, have long been rivals. The planting of Eta Chapter by the senior society at Ann Arbor, the first feminine association to get a foothold in that university, was considered a great acquisition. The society now has eleven chapters, Iota, at Cornell; Xi, at Wesleyan, and Lambda, at the University of Vermont, giving it a strong eastern wing. The most western chapter is at Lawrence, Kas. The fraternity publishes a magazine and a song book.

"Kappa Kappa Gamma is the most fully organized of the women's Greek-letter societies. Founded at Monmouth College, Ill., October 13, 1870, the anniversary of that day is generally celebrated by the chapters. It is now represented in the East at Boston University, St. Lawrence University, Syracuse University, Cornell and Wooster Universities, these five chapters Alpha Province. Beta Province includes six chapters, placed at Indiana University, De Pauw, Butler University, Hillsdale College, Adrian College and Wisconsin University. Gamma Province has eight chapters, at Illinois, Wesleyan, Northwestern, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri Universities and Simpson College. The governing power is vested in a grand council, with a representative from each province, which manages the fraternity in the interim between the biennial conventions. The last general convention was held at Akron, Ohio, and the next is to be at Minnesota University. Province conventions are also held. The fraternity publishes the *Key*, a quarterly magazine, averaging 145 pages, which is edited by the Boston Chapter, and was the first journal published by a woman's fraternity. The Kappa girls have also published a small song book and have a larger one, after the fashion of the "*Carmina Collegensia*," in preparation. Light and dark blue are the society colors. Kappa girls are very loyal to their society and believe in its future. Alumnae chapters are forming and will apply at the next convention for charters.

"One of the largest of the college societies managed by women is not a Greek-letter society. The I. C. Sorosis, with headquarters at Kansas University, has twenty-five chapters in the West and publishes a journal called the *Arrow*. The growth of the girl's societies has been very rapid during the past two years, and inasmuch as the secrecy of any Greek-letter society, whether managed by men or women, consists mainly in the two facts that it refuses to divulge the meaning of the crooked characters borne on its seal, and holds very innocent meetings with locked doors, no domestic or other revolution is to be apprehended from their prosperity."

Miscellany.

IN MEMORIAM.

MILLER HALL, GETTYSBURG, Sept. 21, 1887.

Whereas, In the Providence of Almighty God, our beloved brother and honored founder, Hon. Adam Hoy, was removed by death on the 23d day of August, 1887, and

Whereas, In the death of Brother Hoy we have lost a devoted friend and a loyal member of the fraternity, we, the members of Penna. Epsilon Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, do offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That while we deeply feel the extent of our loss, we bow in humble submission to the dispensation of the Divine Ruler.

Resolved, That in him we have lost one who was an honor to his fraternity and to the chapter which owes to him its existence, who was ever active in her interests and who by his scholarly attainments and lofty character gained for himself the respect and admiration of all who knew him.

Resolved, That to Penna. Epsilon he was ever a generous friend and a worthy and esteemed brother.

Resolved, That as an expression of our sincere sorrow, we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this deep affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our lamented brother; that a copy be sent to each chapter of the fraternity, requesting that the usual badge of mourning be worn; that they be inscribed in the minutes of this meeting, and published in THE SHIELD and the Penna. College Monthly.

HOWARD P. SADTLER,

JOHN F. DAPP,

CHAS. B. FAGER, JR.,

Committee.

The Editor of THE SHIELD has quite a number of back numbers on hand, with which he can supply, for the price of single copies, brothers or members of other fraternities desiring to complete broken sets. He has odd copies of every volume but the first two.

There is a call for Nos. 7 and 10, Vol. II.; No. 7, Vol. III.; No. 5,

Vol. VII. The Editor has had the following back numbers offered to him for sale: Vols. V. and VII., complete; Vol. VI., lacking No. 5.

Extra copies are offered by one brother as follows: No. 7, Vol. I.; Nos. 6, 8, 9 and 10, Vol. II.; which he wishes to exchange for Nos. 1 to 6, Vol. I., and No. 4, Vol. II.

Another brother has the following copies to dispose of: Nos. 1, 3, 5, Vol. III.; Vol. IV., complete; Nos. 1 to 8, Vol. V.; Vol. VI., complete; Vol. VII, except No. 2.

Brothers having any extra copies or an entire volume for sale, should communicate at once with the Editor.

Letters addressed to brethren named below have been returned to the Editor for various reasons, one being "no such place in State named." The addresses given were copied from the mailing list, and were written so that we are sure that no mistake was made in copying. Can any brother assist us in finding these Phi Psis and subscribers to THE SHIELD:

R. L. H. Evans, Port Clinton, Pa.
C. W. Needy, Williamsport, Pa.
J. V. Champion, St. Louis, Mo., care of
Medical College.
Herman S. Johnson, Hillsdale, N. Y.
1321 C St., N. W

Charles H. Pinto, Chillicothe, O.
Charles S. Pardoe, Tyrone, Pa.
A. C. Langdon, Macon, Mo.
C. M. Oliphant, Howard, Pa.
R. R. Murray, Rockville, Md.

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THE ANNUALS. I.

Were a reviewer to estimate the strength of an institution and the character of its men by its various publications, he would not go far astray, though there are a few strong denominational colleges where the indifference, and, in some instances, the active opposition of the authorities, to any such means of letting the light of their educational candle shine before men, prevent due appreciation of the worth of the dear mother, as her sons strive to make it known.

The Annual is a peculiar and entertaining feature of the American college, and we have often been surprised that so few of the bright things to be found each year in the elegant volumes sent forth from many of our best colleges secure general circulation. It may be due wholly to the fact that much of the zest of a college joke is lost when robbed of its local application; but we are inclined to believe that to a college man the Annual of his alma mater is the bright, happy-go-lucky and enlivening brochure that it always was, though it be ever so flat to the uninitiated.

With its characteristic enterprise, the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* is reproducing in fac-simile the first college Annuals; and their meager form and scant contents are in striking contrast to the elegant models of typographic art which we to-day behold.

We are pleased to see how the old jokes, in new dress, with rare assurance, make their yearly rounds; and the general manner of conduction of these college favorites renders a review of them at once a pleasing task, and withal an easy one.

There appears to be more variety in the dedications this year than usual; and some of the happiest hits are to be found in these first words of greeting to the reader.

Two of the twelve upon our table are dedicated to the subscribers, whose patronage has made their publication possible—*The Bijou* and *The Naranjado*,—the former in these words: “To all those who so appreciate our labors as to spend fifty cents for this volume, *The Bijou* is very, very tenderly dedicated.” *The Pandora* is tersely dedicated: “To our Lady Friends of Washington”; *The Echo*: “To the Class”; *The Makio*, profanely, with all the fierce realism of a horrible grinning demon to stare you out of countenance: “To the Devil”; *The Cornellian*: “To Comrades, Friends, and Professors”; *The Melange* to Mr. Pardee, President of the Board of Trustees; *The Salamagundi* to the President of the College and the Faculty; *The Oriflamme*: “To our Alma Mater.”

The Palladium inscribes its wit, wisdom, and “drives” to the university in the only classic terms employed by any of these publications which have come to our notice:

REIPUBLICAE MICHIGANIENSI, PATRONAE ARTIUM LIBERALIUM ET
HUMANARUM, CUJUS PER CURAM BENIGNAM HAEC UNIVERSITAS
NOSTRA EST CONDITA, HUNC LIBRUM DEDICAT CLASSIS
MDCCLXXXVII.

The *Syllabus* has a dedicatory salmagundi, written by the entire board of editors, from which we cull the following stanzas:

Thee, SYLLABUS, I dedicate,
With all thy rich contents,
To every student, small or great,
Who has the fifty cents.

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I hesitate to dedicate
The writings on these pages;
But here's to the muse, who can enthuse
The scribe who gets no wages.

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To him who three score years and ten has walked
'Mong men—who long has taught the Nation's youth,
And proved to God and man his sterling worth—
Our President—this book I dedicate.

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To all creation, to every nation,
To Junior—yea, to Sem.;
This is my pious dedication
From Firstly to Amen.

But we turn from these dedications, all for the most part old forms in

more or less fresh trappings, to one altogether unique, and the best of the season. It is found in The *Onondagan*, and runs thus :

The dedications we have seen in other publications
Are chestnuts of the oldest type, whose antiquated fashions
Have tired the public ear long since. We think that quite sufficient
Have been inscribed to "papas" to make those pas proficient
In all the pranks of college youths; and many more by chance
Have been written for our sisters and our cousins and our aunts.
But not a single editor has ever yet provided
For college students yet to come; and so we have decided
To generations yet to come to show our charity,
And dedicate this magazine to OUR POSTERITY.

In typography the Annuals hold high rank ; and though, in some instances, of which more will be said, when each passes in review, the quality of work has not been kept up to former standards, their general character show that the printer's facilities have been everywhere laid under a heavy obligation, which has been grandly met. There is, of course, a great difference in the various pamphlets, depending largely upon the wealth of the college where each is issued, upon the facilities afforded by home printers, and not a little upon the *esprit de corps*, or the lack of it, pervading the student constituency.

We note, with pleasure, the well-nigh universal custom of the fraternities of good standing to use new engravings, recently produced by some of the best firms in our land, and duplicated almost throughout in the various Annuals.

In some of these publications, notably The *Melange*, of Lafayette College, the classes have elegantly engraved head pieces, and this pamphlet, with several others, has enhanced its value by the introduction of much fine work of the steel engraver, as well as the photographer.

In letter-press, elegance of paper, binding, engravings, and wood cuts, perhaps The *Cornellian* stands at the head; but its otherwise unsurpassed appearance is seriously marred by a lack of uniformity in the size of the pages upon which the engravings are printed; and, inasmuch as this is a matter very easily remedied, we are surprised that the board of editors permitted so serious a defect to pass by uncorrected.

The *Onondagan*, from Syracuse University, aside from a few crude wood cuts, is in every way the equal of The *Cornellian*; and, in one or two features, perhaps, excels it in appearance.

The *Melange*, The *Syllabus*, and The *Salmagundi* are close rivals for next place in outward elegance; and the first named has the credit of producing the best cartoon of the year as a tail-piece; but of this more anon. The *Salmagundi* has the neatest thing out in pictorial representation of the

gradual evolution of the college student: in the freshman stage representing him as a precocious child, of ponderous head, with serious intent poring over his books; as a sophomore, thought has increased the size of the head, and wrinkled brow and matted hair attest intense mental activity; the junior has, by the gradual progress of thought-evolution, thinned out his locks to a scanty rim of fugitive hairs and through excessive mental struggles, has arrived at the placid stage where nothing can disturb the serene delight of the philosopher; in his highest development the man of brain, as a senior, has become all head, and stands with tiny pegs of legs dangling in the air, while the colossal cranium affords ample support for the entire man.

Since no order of review occurs to us to be practicable, without a complete supply of Annuals from every college where $\Phi K \Psi$ exists, we whet our sword, and deem it appropriate to begin with *The Bijou*, the *Annual* published every three or four years by the fraternities of our Alma Mater, Ohio Wesleyan University.

As we sketch through the pages of this year's effort, and note the characteristics of the publication, in light of our experience and knowledge of the Ohio Wesleyan University, we wonder not that as a work of typography and literary art it is not better, but rather that it survived the faculty's frown, and came forth to the light. We miss the facile pen and keen pencil of Bro. O. E. Watson of other days, whose festive poems and merry drawings have not been surpassed in any Annuals which we have seen. But, on the whole, if you remember that the faculty are strongly "foreninst" the whole policy of student publications of any sort, unless patterned after their way of thinking, *The Bijou* is a very creditable performance.

Like many of its class of publications, *The Bijou* is made up in very generous measure of rolls of student organizations, many of which exist solely in the fertile imaginations of the editorial corps, who feel the stress of making a book of a sufficient size to look like a book, and adopt this plan of padding to supply the lack of "drives" and original literary matter. Too little time is bestowed upon *The Bijou* to give it a fairly representative tone for its institution, and we hope the future may see better things in store for it.

We quote the best parts of a rhyming burlesque upon the supposed revival at Delaware of the Alpha chapter of ΣX :

I am a Sigma Chi. Oh, my! Oh, my!
A rollicking, reckless Sigmi Chi.
I come from my tomb in Athens old,
Where I was laid for a trick as bold—

Buried alive, "preps" and all,
 For taking Prof.'s battery up to our hall.
 On the way that leads to the Parthenon
 You may see the site of my lonely tomb.
 'Neath a jutting crag the Acropolis hard by
 Stands the plain marble slab of Sigma Chi.
 The tomb grass waved on my lonely bed,
 And the sad winds sighed Sigma Chi is dead;
 Dead, do they say? By the gods not so,
 I was but a prisoner in the place of woe.

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Zeus with his thunder heard not my cry,
 Apollo with his lyre passed me ruthlessly by;
 But my own god, Bacchus, at length came this way,
 As he read he sighed, and I heard him say:
 "Ah! I see," said he, with tears in his eyes,
 "These are my rollicking Sigma Chis;
 A few more years thou shalt slumber here,
 And then go back to old Delaware."

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Long, long years rolled lazily by,
 And no relief came for Sigma Chi,
 Till one dark, black night I heard a low moan,
 I bolted upright, I stood in my tomb.
 The moon shone forth as the clouds rolled by,
 And there stark in death a hungry ghoul lay.

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And I'll be there, dear friends, in the sweet by and by,
 Just the same old rollicking Sigma Chi.
 I'll be there, dear enemies, all armed "cap a pie"
 The same old fighting cock Sigma Chi.
 And don't you forget it, I'm bound to come,
 List yet my watch-word, "Rum-more-rum."

C. L. VAN CLEVE.

MY HERO.

The evening shadows follow
 In the footsteps of the day;
 The stars peer through the ether,
 And watch him steal away.

And now I'll draw my curtain
 On this world of toil and care;
 For I know that joy is certain
 With my book and easy chair.

I'll call from out the ages
 Some hero of the past;
 Whose heart, through varied stages,
 Was noble to the last.

With him will I find pleasure,
 By the embers gentle glow;
 Of more entrancing measure
 Than the crowd can ever know.

And now, O glorious Silence,
 To thee my soul doth turn;
 To borrow thy sweet cadence,
 To call him from his urn.

Various are the forms and faces
 That in the stillness rise;
 Some are clad in steel and iron,
 And furious are their eyes.

Boastfully they shake their lances,
 "I have slain a thousand!" "I
 Have ridden fields of carnage;"
 "I have heard the battle cry."

"I'm a hero! See my armor;
 See my sword, all flushed with gore;
 Listen, while I tell you
 Of the glorious days of yore."

Here's another. Ah! I know him,
 Tho' all unknown to fame;
 Small of stature, unassuming,
 With a short and humble name.

I once saw him, when the waters
 Of a raging river swept
 Down upon a little cottage,
 Where a babe and mother slept.

Like a mighty serpent writhing,
 In its dire and dreadful wrath;
 In its cruel coils destroying
 Every creature in its path.

Oh! the river; how it rushes!
 While the people helpless stand
 Pale and trembling, terror-stricken,
 Nerveless, every arm and hand.

Now they see her at the window,
 Just arisen from her sleep;
 Still the river rises round her,
 Grows more furious and more deep.

God in heaven! none to rescue;
 Must they perish, must they drown?
 There's your answer—brave John Bar-
 tle;

Angels make for him a crown.

In his dug-out dares the current,
 Though his oar is but a stave;
 He is lost—that tree will crush him;
 No, it passes; he will save.

Look! the cottage! See, 'tis floating;
 Turning round and round and
 round;

It is starting for the channel;
 O, John Bartle, hear that sound.

"Save my baby! Save my darling;"
 See the dug-out breast the tide;
 Praise to God! he's at the threshold,
 He is standing at her side.

In the boat he gently lays her,
 With the baby on her breast;
 Pushes out into the current,
 Anxious hearts await the rest.

Pallid lips for them are praying,
 Burning eyes watch from the land;
 While the stave is grandly bending
 'Neath that hero's arm and hand.

Shouts and tears of love and rapture
 Greet them as they strike the shore;
 On the shoulders of the people
 John is carried to his door.

Stand aside, ye mighty warriors,
 John's the hero of my choice;
 And all my nature's better pulses
 Are thrilled to throbbing by his
 voice.

B.

The Areopagus.

SONG BOOKS.

Ever since I have known anything about Phi Kappa Psi there has been a cry among the elect for a fraternity song book. This cry periodically swells into a shriek of impetuous demand, and then dies away into a moan of distressed resignation. Spasmodic efforts to supply the deficiency have resulted in failure. Successive G. A. C.'s have taken up the refrain and appointed committees, and the committees have refrained from doing anything. Thus our musical proclivities have been relegated to a desuetude not so innocuous as it might be, and the divine art is at a discount.

It is not extravagant to say that song is a necessity to the best conditions of chapter life. The halo of music must prevade the mystic circle—at least there should be a musical environment, (as philosophers say,) whether any halo is apparent or not.

We want a song book; but of what kind? I recently examined a fraternity song book that as a burlesque on music might be considered a success, but as a serious attempt was a decided failure. The fault arose mainly from the theory of its publishers that a song book should contain a great deal of original music. The Lord save us from the musical vagaries of the amateur composer, and the further idiocy of placing a committee, which can't distinguish "x flat from y sharp," in judgment on such compositions. It is probable that sometime we may be able to publish a song book containing a fair proportion of good Phi Psi music, but it is obvious no such work should be attempted at present.

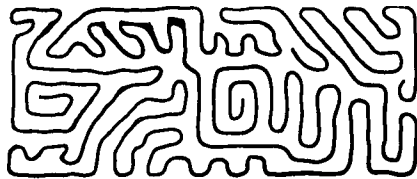
Fraternity life is college life, and all that is needed, in the main, for a servicable song book is an adaptation of fraternity verse to college music. If this be true, the task is greatly simplified and reduces itself to a compilation of Phi Psi songs written to familiar airs. I don't know to what extent it may be true, but it seems probable that nearly every chapter can boast of some bard, perhaps several, who has left a musical legacy of Phi Psi songs, and there are doubtless some now in college who have gifts in this direction.

Now, as Capt. Bunsby would say, "The bearin's on these observations lie in the application on 'em." Why can not these songs be collected without great difficulty and published in book form at small expense? The Executive Council, at its last session, directed the secretary to investigate this question, and it has been found that a book of thirty-two pages, board binding, can be published for about fifteen cents per volume, on condition that five hundred copies are taken. This book would contain no music score—only the words. If the fraternity desires such a book for present use, and until a better one can be published, I will undertake to act as agent for the chapters in securing its publication, providing, first, each chapter sends in a written order for copies equal in number to her active membership, and, second, enough material is furnished to comprise a respectable volume.

The above proposition is made in view of the growing and almost imperative demand that something be done, and the matter now rests with the chapters.

The work, if entered upon, should be practically completed by the holidays, as after that time other matters will command attention. I therefore request speedy action and prompt notice.

W. C. WILSON.



Editorial.

GRAND ARCH COUNCIL COMMITTEE.—Robt. J. Murray, Chairman; Harry W. Smith, Secretary; Frank H. Stephens, Treasurer; Joseph G. Falck, W. S. Armstrong.

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Correspondents are still a little tardy in writing letters. Remember, the very best time to write your communication for THE SHIELD is immediately upon receipt of the current number, while the enthusiasm that comes of communication with your fellows is upon you.

We fear the brothers do not appreciate the department of THE SHIELD especially devoted to the expression of their personal experiences and convictions, the Areopagus, and we urge volunteers to contribute to this very pleasing feature of our journal.

In response to our repeated entreaties, we have received twelve college annuals. In addition to those heretofore acknowledged, we have upon our table: *The Makio*, *The Onondagan*, *The Echo*, *Pandora*, *The Naranjado*, and *The Palladium*.

These are the accumulation of three months, and our plans for the remainder of Vol. VIII. will not permit further delay in taking up their review; but we shall greatly deplore our failure if we do not receive before the

next issue a dozen more. We think of colleges where we have strong chapters whose annuals have always been of the very best, and yet we have not received any response to our several requests for copies for review. No doubt every chapter has expected to do its duty in this matter, but procrastination has done its work. Now, as soon as you read this appeal, mail us the much-coveted publication, without waiting twenty-four hours.

We receive quite regularly the following college journals, and wish to thank the thoughtful brothers who send them to us most heartily for their assistance in giving us this source of supply for the College and Fraternity Notes Department: *College Student*, *University Mirror*, *The Madisonensis*, *The Lafayette*, *The Syracusan*, *Pennsylvania College Monthly*, and we have had from time to time fugitive copies of the *De Pauw Monthly*, *College Transcript*, *The Lantern*, *Southern Collegian*, *South Carolina Collegian*, *University Quarterly*, *Cornell Era*, *The Voice*, and *Wittenberger*.

We have not acknowledged, by personal letters, the receipt of these journals, because of the already very heavy press of our correspondence, and have hoped that brothers of the various chapters would assist us cheerfully and promptly in this way, at no cost to themselves, and a very little expenditure of labor. We would be glad to receive regularly the college publication of every chapter of $\Phi K \Psi$, in each case marked by some brother to indicate wherein $\Phi \Psi$'s are mentioned.

Is it not possible to find thirty-six brothers of the fraternity who will regularly attend to this little duty, using their own or other copies of the college journal, which have been read and thrown aside?

Our plaintive appeals to have our initials made correctly in remittances still goes out into silence and the dim air unresponsive. We are getting out of conceit with statements of brothers who enthusiastically claim that they have read *THE SHIELD* through from cover to cover, when we receive, as of yore, letters addressed to us by almost every possible variation of initials but the right ones.

A rose, or maybe a hollyhock, by any other name is as sweet, but post-office authorities and bank officials are a very particular sort of people, and they insist that orders made payable to any other party of our surname than to that one christened C. L. shall be returned for corrected address. Poe's grotesque tale entitled, *The Imp of the Perverse*, has found a striking parallel in our experience.

We fear that brothers do not read with proper care that part of our journal headed *Miscellany* as they ought. It is here that many of the most important announcements are made, and which no one can afford to remain in ignorance of. We believe that the only correct way to read *THE SHIELD* is to begin, as we do, and read it through from the first word on the title page to the last punctuation mark in the advertisements on the last page of the cover.

We will not insist that every reader shall repeat this experience, as we do each issue three times, contenting ourselves if we may persuade you to do this duty once thoroughly.

Permit us to suggest a few things to chapter correspondents. We are much gratified to find so good a response to our requests for letters, although we are almost always compelled to send out a special invitation each

month, and we are further pleased to note that the letters need very little editing.

Nevertheless, fellow-laborers, we have somewhat against you: You do not pay the strictest regard to the laws of orthography and syntax; you do not obey the first and greatest commandment of the printer, to write upon but one side of the paper; and you do not practice uniformity in the headings and endings of your communications.

These are the most important items, but there are some others that might be mentioned, such as: Do not make such free use of the line underscoring a word, for good usage has almost driven italics, when used to express emphasis, off the printed page; do not leave the paper upon which you write uncut in the folds, but write upon separate slips, giving each its proper figure to denote the connection; do not make personals a part of the chapter letter, but always send them upon separate slips.

For the sake of uniformity we long since adopted a form for the chapter letter, which we fear is not understood, and so explain to those who may not have noticed how each chapter letter is placed and the form which it assumes after having been corrected by the editor.

Inasmuch as the chapter letter has a much different origin and office from a personal communication, we desire that it shall invariably be headed with the name of the college where the chapter is located; that it shall begin without any formal address, such as DEAR SHIELD; that its subscription shall be simply the personal name of the writer; that the heading, so called, that is, the place where written and the date when, shall be at the end and in the lower left corner, the name being placed in the right lower corner.

We leave this last caution with you, brothers: Use

exceeding care in writing the names of persons. What may be very easy for you or your friends, who are familiar either with your penmanship or the people of whom you speak, to decipher, is pure guess-work oftentimes for compositor and editor. We can scarce refrain from thanking two contributors by name, one of whom, at least, is a good penman, that they do their chirography by machinery—a typewriter—and thus insure against awkward mistakes.

We have sixteen journals upon our exchange list, to all of which we send a double exchange regularly to the most nearly correct address of which we have information.

We have not seen a copy of nine of these journals since May or June; one we have not seen for two years; one we have never seen; the remainder come regularly.

We have wondered what was the reason that we can not reach the ear of these fellow-Greeks, as our contemporaries, which appear regularly, question also; and have, after persistent effort, come to no conclusion, but wish to offer a conjecture or two.

There are some quarterlies that come around once in *four* months; and it is a long time from April to October, especially when the latter month stretches beyond the middle of November. There are some bi-monthlies that come creeping through the mails twice, three times, and, in one remarkable instance, four times a year. Almost with one accord these journals denounce the idea of a monthly, and pile reason upon reason why no fraternity can afford to offer so frequent a publication, without sacrificing both quality and size, and yet they one and all have seriously deteriorated in quality and regularity of publication since they so profoundly gave us their reasons for making a change.

The last conjecture is one that we scarce dare to make

in the polite circle of our exchanges; and yet, in the interest of truth, of the "eternal verities," as Carlyle would say, we must speak our mind. Briefly, the fraternity world seems to have been growing weary of fraternity journals, and refuses them adequate support for the increased size, elegance of typography, engravings, and what not, with which every journal almost is now bedecked in its zeal to emulate the example of the famous and elegant *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*. We note, with interest and alarm, that the most recent issue of this great journal has tumbled, if not headlong, quite completely from the lofty perch occupied in former years. Can it be that this great contemporary has been published at a loss, and that some rich patron has grown tired of footing the bills?

Be these things as they may, it is nevertheless a fact, as much to be regretted as it is undeniably true, that fraternity journalism has suffered a serious collapse; and if the signs of the times are to be read as they most clearly appear, strenuous efforts must be made to secure better contributions, more interesting discussions, and more regular appearance, or the resuscitation of our contemporaries will be impossible.

We seriously question whether any fraternity can afford to do without a journal, even a tri-yearly quarterly; and, since the plain logic of the situation is, that he who dances must pay the fiddler, that organization which feels the necessity of an organ as a means of inter-communication and exchange of ideas, must rally strongly and promptly to the financial support of its journal.

THE SHIELD, without undue presumption, we hope, may refer to the prompt and regular appearance of Vols. VI., VII., and six issues of Vol. VIII., to say nothing of the

preceding volumes, of which the same might be said with trifling exceptions.

It is very unsafe in any writer, who has a sound regard for the value of his influence and the weight which may be attached to his opinions, to generalize from too few particulars, and yet we gather opinions and mature judgments from data too scattered and fragmentary to really afford fair basis for deduction.

In such a way we have in ten or fifteen years past been acquiring knowledge with which to fortify an opinion early formed, that prize giving, as practiced in nearly all, if not quite every, American college, is a pernicious custom, subversive of broad scholarship, and calculated to develop and foster in the young college man some of the worst traits of human character.

Although not in possession of sufficient accurate data to base any exhaustive argument upon, we have acquired, in the years of our connection with American college life, a good enough general fund of information to justify the utterance of statements, the truth of which may appeal to the experience of the readers of *THE SHIELD* with greater or less force, as it fits the particular conditions of each college where our readers may be placed.

With the few exceptions to be found in our country of very wealthy institutions, whose alumni and friends have ample means to make the most liberal provisions for the students in attendance, the amounts annually expended in giving prizes are so small, and their distribution so subdivides them into trivial pittances, as to make a veritable burlesque of the whole practice.

A prize is offered, say for the best oration on commencement day, and a group of wise judges is compelled to submit to the torture of listening to a vast deal of phil-

osophizing about infinite possibilities, or loud declamation upon the inherent rights of man, or mawkish gush upon sentimental inanities, and in the end to decide who is to be the recipient of the vast sum of \$10, or, perhaps, at a great stretch of the purse strings of some patron of the arts and sciences, of \$50.

Assume that the sum total of prizes offered affects twenty pupils in a half-dozen departments of a college, is it claimed by the friends of prize-giving that the paltry \$300 to \$1000 thus distributed stimulates and makes zealous for higher attainments the whole college of five hundred men? It is not our purpose to attempt any belittling of the men who are prize-takers. We are willing, for the argument's sake, to grant they are always the brightest, most capable, the most deserving men in the college.

If this be so, we think the whole prize-giving system, as practiced in our smaller institutions, is open to the charge that its benefits, whatever the pecuniary trifle and the honor and dignity attached to being a prize-taker may amount to, are applicable to so few that, instead of stimulating the college to more advanced ground in intellectual training, it forces the unfortunate many who can not in the nature of things be wearers of the laurel, to the condition of open envy and rebellion against a system offering premiums upon sycophancy and deceit, or to secret sneering and scoffing at the whole wretched travesty.

The query arises in this discussion very early, when we contemplate the zeal with which prize-giving is fostered in some of our smaller institutions: Are our colleges places where men may congregate to struggle after paltry gilded baubles, or are these trifles mere incidents in a life of earnest scholarship?

We have seldom, if ever, known of an instance where a prize has been granted in any of these lesser forms, from

inter-state oratorical contests down to \$5 and \$3 essays in sophomore rhetorical work, where the air has not been laden with the bitter denunciation of judges and contestants from spectators favoring rival candidates. We have been present at such scenes, when party spirit ran high enough to develop into rowdyism.

In cases where this spirit has been curbed, the bad blood has given forth its troublous currents in small revenges and petty jealousies too ludicrous for dignified treatment. Inadequate prizes are a curse to any institution giving them, or permitting them to be given, and when offered in larger sums, simply as an incentive to effort, they are futile to accomplish any lasting benefit to a college, because of their restricted application, and the principle upon which they are meant to operate is beneath the consideration of young American manhood.

The best prize any faculty can offer to its students, and one which, while it has general application, can not be brought to the sordid and petty level of a small cash consideration, is a parchment conferring a degree, and if this prize does not arouse all the best energies of the student, a sugar plum in the form of a small cash bonus will not assist to any alarming degree in raising the standards of manhood or scholarship.

The ease with which mental striplings may secure degrees, ranging all the way from B. S. to Ph. D., from our colleges, has made honorary degrees from any but a very few American colleges trifles as light as air to true students and men of scholarly attainments. The faculties of our smaller colleges would do a grander educational work than all the prize-givers combined, from the time of the serpent in the garden of Eden down to the present, if they would put the standard of scholarship entitling a man to a degree up so high that none but the genuine could secure

a parchment. Such prizes are legitimate. They are worthy the earnest effort of every man. They are general in the application, and they are upon a plane where the smaller college may courageously meet and compete with its larger and more powerful competitor for public favor.

Membership in $\phi B K$ and fellowships are the least objectionable of the many forms of prizes; the former because of its more general application, and the latter because of its money value and the ends to be subserved by its acquisition. $\phi B K$ might be of more avail were its chapters established at all the best colleges of the land, and thus be widely operative, or if it were not already in existence in colleges whose power and influence have long since been eclipsed by younger and more vigorous rivals.

A fellowship is worth a good man's ambition, and affords some adequate return for the patient labor needed to secure it; and once obtained its beneficent provisions enable the winner to broaden his mental horizon and attain a higher culture, with no harassing care of bread-winning to thrust its sordid face between him and his ambition.

We believe that any prize, not general in application, or which has not the value to render its attainment a sufficient object to strive for through patient years, is unworthy of the ambition of vigorous manhood, which loves knowledge for its own sake, and which pursues with zeal and steady courage a chosen line of study, unmoved by the clatter of childish applause, unstimulated by the glitter of gold.

Such honors as come to a man from the choice of his fellows, those whose every-day life is as his own, whose sympathies, cares, ambitions, and griefs, are his, are worth to him, if he be right-minded, vastly more than the applause

of faculty, public audience, condescending giver of medals and coins, or any of the long train of small benefactors who infest our small colleges with their little gifts. In our judgment the sums spent annually in giving small cash prizes, in our lesser colleges, would do a vast deal more good, and be prevented from doing far greater injury, if invested in good books for the college libraries of our land.



Chapter Letters.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Pennsylvania's Alpha has at last broken the ice of her last two months' silence; and lest the wrong impression go abroad about us we will state our case in the words of poet Smith of New York:

"Our victories and our prowess
And valiant deeds in war,
No herald or procession
Proclaim both near and far."

We have not had many victories, but we have had much victory, which should be the rule in all Phi Psi conquests, unless the many and much are combined.

It seems strange to announce Brothers Eastman and Acheson as initiates, so thoroughly have they associated themselves in our midst during the month that they have been in our circle.

I would fain picture to our brothers a scene of lordly gayety in the time of Louis XIV., "fair ladies and brave men" gracefully executing the figures of the beautiful minuet, that you might see the elegance that pink and lavender lends to the picture, as worn by the courteous Duke Acheson and the proud Sir Templeton! Surely the best of Washington audiences will tell you my taint glow is no color for the picture if their enthusiastic admiration of the minuet and wedding procession given in the Opera House a week since by the dramatic company is to be my ground for the above attempt.

But we do not shine alone in olden times. Our number has one who can compete in the modern contest, so Philo and Union Society thinks, for she chose Paul Moorhead of '90, the "kid" of our fold, to be her select orator at the March contest, and Brother Wise of '88 to preside over her deliberations. With this our herald is silent again.

G. G. OLIVER.

Washington, Pa., Nov. 7, 1887.

ALLEGHENY.

Since Pennsylvania Beta's last appearance in THE SHIELD we have initiated Joseph H. Silliman, class of '90, and we intend to make a true and loyal Phi Psi out of him.

In the College Glee Club, which is composed of 20 members, Phi Psi seems to have taken the lion's share. Brother Bray is leader. Brother Porter ranks first among the basses, while Brothers Husbberger, Barrett and Silliman pursue

the "even *tenor* of their way." The Glee Club is under the direction of Prof. Dixon of the Conservatory of Music, which is connected with the college.

Class elections as regards Phi Psi resulted as follows: Brother Laffer, president class of '89; Brother Anderson, president class of '90; Brother Barrett, secretary class of '90; Brother Brown, historian class of '91.

Owing to the kindness of our alumni, who contributed generously toward a fund to be used for the purpose of refurnishing our rooms, we are about to purchase new carpets, curtains and furniture. Our rooms are heated by natural gas, and when we have completed our contemplated improvements they will in every way harmonize with the true loyal feeling which is everywhere manifested among the brothers.

There has been some talk of founding a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma here at Allegheny this fall. We hope those interested in it will be successful. Kappa Alpha Theta is at present the only ladies fraternity here, and there is certainly good material for another among the 50 ladies at the "hall."

Of the six fraternities in college, with the exception of Kappa Alpha Theta, $\Phi K \Psi$ is the only fraternity which does not initiate preparatory students. We undergo very little inconvenience, notwithstanding the fact that the preparatory department is nearly as large as that of the college.

This next week elections will be held in the two literary societies for men to represent the societies in the inter-society contest to be held next commencement. Phi Psi will be there.

The junior class will publish the annual this year. Formerly it has been published by the fraternities.

Six of the brothers have recently purchased new pins. They are beauties, and the boys are justly proud of them.

A. M. BROWN.

Meadville, Pa., Nov. 10, 1887.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

Again we wish to inform you and our sister chapters of our continued prosperity and progress.

By reason of tardiness in sending on our letter, it failed to appear in the September issue.

We, however, sent another, which, through some mistake, was not used, but the one intended for the September issue was inserted in the October number.

THE SHIELD seems to have been benefitted by the summer vacation, and, if the numbers already received are precursors of those which are to follow, we predict for her a prosperous year, and one full of much benefit to Phi Kappa Psi.

We have made several improvements in our hall since the opening of the term, upon which we think we can congratulate ourselves. We have enlarged our present quarters, by renting an adjoining room, which is a great improvement. We now hold our meetings in the front room, and also use it as our sitting room, which, through the kindness of our alumni, we were enabled to improve very much by refitting it with new carpets, window shades, curtains, etc.

The second room we use as a billiard and smoking room. We don't pretend to think that we are fixed with all the conveniences of a "chapter house," but we do know that we are all delighted with it, and that what we are enjoying in our enlarged quarters we owe in a great measure to our alumni.

Another new feature is the "*Circular Letter*," which we are about to send to our alumni. It is to contain a sketch of the chapter during the past year, its present condition and future prospects. In this way we hope to continue the interest which our alumni have always manifested towards the chapter.

We clip the following from the *Lancaster Intelligencer* of October 20th:

"Hon. J. P. Rea, Commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, received the members of Pennsylvania Eta Chapter, of the the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, of which he is a member, in the parlors of W. U. Hensel, last evening."

We spent about a half hour very pleasantly with him, and we are sure that he is as good a Phi Psi as he is a G. A. R. man.

Brother C. N. Gabriell, '91, is our most recent initiate.

At our meeting, on September 24th, we had the pleasure of entertaining Brother Dryden, of Pennsylvania Beta, who was attending the State convention of the Y. M. C. A. of this city.

A. LEROY G. HAY.

Lewisburg, Pa., Oct. 27, 1887.

LAFAYETTE.

Lafayette College opened this fall with 104 new students, and the prospects of the college are brighter than for a number of years past. With the influx of so many new students, new life was added to the fraternities, and all seem to be in good condition, with the exception of Sigma Chi, which has given up the ghost. The chapter of that fraternity has been small for a number of years, and this year only two men returned. These men, much to the surprise of many, joined rather suddenly the Chi Phis, without giving the customary notice of their resignation to the other fraternities. This makes the second fraternity which has died at Lafayette within the past two years, and there are at present in the college eight fraternities.

Theta has been fortunate in securing six additions to the chapter, and it is my pleasure to introduce them to the fraternity at large. They are B. H. Giles, '88, Seaford, Del.; J. M. Flickinger, '91, Faunettsburg, Pa.; William Grier, '91, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. J. Patterson, Jr., '91, Mifflintown, Pa.; D. C. Babbitt, '91, Morristown, N. J., and Harry Dale, '91, Scranton, Pa. As we lost no men from graduation our present number is 16. We had a small spread at the opening of the term and were pleased to see our town alumni present, including Brother Dr. Stahley, late of Harrisburg, who has moved to Easton. The doctor is an enthusiastic Phi Psi, and the boys are pleased to have him in our midst. Next Saturday we expect to have with us some of the Swarthmore boys and Archon Calder. It was the pleasure of three of the boys to visit Pennsylvania Zeta recently, and we return thanks to the brethren for attentions shown.

The interest at Lafayette this term is in foot-ball, and we expect to have a

good team. Phi Psi, as usual, will be represented on the eleven. At a recent meeting of the Athletic Association, Brother Cummins was elected president for the year by acclamation; Brother Cochran, foot-ball director, and Brother McIlvaine, field sport director. The seniors held their class day election and there was for most of the offices a hard fight. Brother Cummins was elected class prophet.

The chapter held an election for new officers with the following result :
G. P., McDonell; P., Loose; B. G., J. W. Hoke; A. G., Giles; S. G., McKeen;
Ph., Bailey; H., Dale.

A. W. CUMMINS.

Easton, Pa., Oct. 16, 1887.

CORNELL.

Your postal, asking for a letter not later than the 12th inst., reached us on the 13th. Nevertheless, we hazard a few lines even at this late day, knowing that if it is too late for publication, what was THE SHIELD'S loss will be the waste basket's gain.

Fortune is smiling on New York Alpha, and we begin the new year with every prospect of success. Our house is nicely furnished throughout, so that we are now able to pay attention to minor details, such as bric-a-brac and those embellishments which are needed to give the finishing touches to well furnished parlors.

We have not yet had the autumnal "swing," but have several excellent men pledged, and will doubtless swing during the current week.

The fraternity at large has been kind to us this fall in sending four good and loyal brothers to our fold. Brothers Bartholomew, of New York Beta; Grey, of Ohio Delta; Ludlow, of Ohio Beta; and Long, of Indiana Beta.

Cornell opens the year with more than 1000 students, 400 of whom entered this year.

Two new departments, law and pharmacy, are opened for the first time, with every promise of success. The new library building, to cost \$250,000, is under course of construction, as is also the Cornell Christian Association building, which is to cost \$51,000. There have been many important changes in the faculty, all made with a view to progress and in keeping with the spirit of the times.

It will, perhaps, be pleasing news to many to know that our Taylor, '87, is to be married on the 18th inst., to a young lady of Corinth, Miss. Taylor was ever a man of mysterious ways, but with a level head, and with a heart as big as an elephant's.

Brother P. K. Buskirk, Indiana Beta, paid us a transitory visit this fall. He had intended to enter Cornell Law School, but a change of plans took him to Washington, D. C. We were extremely sorry to lose P. K., because he is a man of wisdom and of might, and every inch a Phi Psi.

In our next letter we hope to introduce to you our new brothers; and until that time, with best wishes to THE SHIELD and to the fraternity, we will keep silence.

WILL. H. ROBINSON.

Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1887.

SYRACUSE.

Although THE SHIELD has heard nothing from New York Beta since last June, still we are in a prosperous condition, and, as regards the brotherly feeling among the boys, are stronger than ever.

We are sorry to note the loss of several brothers who were with us last year. Brother Howe, '87, left college during the spring term, and engaged in the lumber business in the West. Brother Sackett, '88, has entered the Law School of Union University, at Albany, N. Y. Brothers Brooks and Out, both of '89, are not in college this year. Brother Peckham, '89, has left college, and is now teaching at Memphis, N. Y. Brother Perkins, '90, and Brother Bernard, '90, are also out of college, the former doing ministerial work.

Brothers Holzworth and Eldridge, both graduated last spring, and we miss them greatly. Brother Holzworth is principal of the academy at Manlins, and also occupies a charge under the German Evangelical Church. Brother Eldridge is studying law in Rochester, N. Y.

Although we have lost so many men by graduation and otherwise, still we are sufficiently large for our own welfare, having a chapter of fourteen or fifteen men.

Brothers Lonergon, Schnauber, Out, Broadway, and Mirteenes report a splendid time at Chautauqua, where they spent the vacation, and met many Phi Psis.

Brothers Piper, Statham, Walmuth, and Burritt sojourned at Round Lake, Saratoga, and Lake George.

The defunct chapter of Zeta Psi has been reorganized.

The freshman class numbers 160, eight states and three foreign countries being represented.

The new observatory building is completed and ready for use.

The foundation is laid for the Von Ranke library building, which is to cost \$50,000.

Mr. John Crouse, of this city, is to build a \$300,000 college for women, which he will present to Syracuse University.

A clergyman of Ithaca has left \$50,000 to the university to be devoted to the purchase of current literature for the library.

The money value of the gifts to the university within the last year has been about \$600,000.

In another letter we will give some fraternity information, which space forbids us to write at present.

FREDERICK N. BURRITT.

Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 26, 1887.

HOBART.

The letters in the October SHIELD were so interesting and numerous that all chapter correspondents ought to have fresh inspiration for writing again soon. Surely if they are not inspired by the good example offered to them, they should be incited to action by the earnest words of the editorial page. The world has moved quite smoothly and serenely onward here at Hobart. Geneva

is as much out of the way of any excitement as if she lived in a bygone age. Occasional skirmishes between the lower classes in college keep alive the feeling that we are part of the college world, and serve to bring down the wrath of the staid villagers whenever the offense is in any way a disturbing influence in the town. We have just had put in place a new tower clock, a gift to the college from some lady friends. The clock occupies a small turret erected for it on the top of "Dromedary" hall, and is quite a prominent feature of the building. There are two very fine toned bells, and the clock strikes both quarters and hours. Our gymnasium, for which we have waited so long, still remains an object of hope. The spacious building erected last year has not yet been furnished with the necessary apparatus, so out-door sports are well cultivated. The tennis courts and campus, the lake and surrounding country are all attractive during these beautiful autumn days.

The Rev. J. B. Blanchet, a charter member of New York Delta, was in town a short time ago and renewed the warm interest he has always had in the chapter. Brother Blanchet has gone to Albion, Ill., where he takes charge of a parish.

Since writing before one more new face has been welcomed to Delta's hall, and we have the pleasure of introducing Fred Stanley Cowles of Rome, N. Y., a member of the class of '91, and an enthusiastic $\Phi \Psi$. We have now 14 undergraduate members, a larger number than ever before in the history of the chapter, and there is but one fraternity here, $\Sigma \Phi$, with more men. Numbers are not an index of the best strength, but we think $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ is holding her place at Hobart, a small eastern college, and surrounded by the oldest eastern fraternities. With best wishes for THE SHIELD and all sister chapters.

C. A. SMITH.

Geneva, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1887.

MADISON UNIVERSITY.

New York Epsilon is working. This is the best news which we can send to the fraternity. We are well aware that we compete with the regnant chapters of two strong fraternities, those of $\Delta \Kappa \Xi$ and $\Delta \Upsilon$, yet the principles of $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ are here reaching out everywhere, and drawing men to her order. This is shown by the fact that Epsilon has pledged three good men, who belong to class '88, Colgate Academy, and who will enter Madison University, class '92. One of these men formerly was pledged to $\Delta \Kappa \Xi$; but upon consideration withdrew his pledge to unite with $\Phi \Psi$.

Since our last letter we have initiated Mr. A. N. Allen, class '91. He is a worthy brother in musical, social, and literary relations.

Bro. C. S. Daniels, class '89, an energetic, whole-hearted $\Phi \Psi$, has entered class '90, theological seminary.

Brothers Osgood and Potter, '91, belong to the University base ball team. In the games played with Hamilton College, Clinton, both of these men honorably represented $\Phi \Psi$, especially Brother Osgood.

Brother Carey, '90, is a member of University choir.

The following is the relative standing of the several fraternities represented here: Δ K E, 29; Δ Y, 30; B Θ Π, 15; Φ K Ψ, 18.

A living interest in THE SHIELD pervades the chapter. Every brother is proud of his fraternity journal. Most of our alumni also show their interest by subscribing toward its support. Here, we think, is a strong evidence of fraternity spirit. May the high standard which Φ K Ψ SHIELD is taking among college journals, not only to remain, but attain the highest place possible.

Represented so faithfully and honorably as we are, Φ Ψ ought soon to stand more prominently in the Greek letter world. With a faithful adherence on the part of every member to the principles upon which our fraternity is founded, the day of victory is upon us.

D. A. MACMURRAY.

Hamilton, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1887.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

As the present writer has never before had the honor to represent S. C. Alpha in THE SHIELD, it is to be hoped that our sister chapters will not be too much given to criticism.

S. C. Alpha came back with three men, a small number, but not as small as it seems, when you consider their spirit and the resolutions with which they went to work. We have initiated two men, Bro. J. C. McClure, '91, of Chester, S. C., and Bro. Rawlins Lowndes, '91, of Charleston, S. C. Both of these brothers bid fair to do well, and are to be considered great acquisitions. S. C. Alpha has also received a most considerable addition in Bro. E. St. J. Grimke. We now can realize what N. Y. Δ has lost by knowing what S. C. Alpha has gained. Our goat, however, has by no means retired from the scene, and we hope to hear from him again before long.

Bro. J. M. Knight, formerly of class of '88, is paying us a visit, and has shown conclusively that he has not forgotten how to do some "tall" rushing. He is at present Principal of the Socastee Academy, located at Socastee, S. C., and will soon be compelled to leave us to go to his field of duty.

In June we lost three men by graduation, and two other brothers did not return to college. Brother Blakeney is practicing law in Chesterfield, S. C. Brother Clarkson is Principal of the Bishopville Academy. Brother McLure is assistant resident engineer on the G. C. & N. Railroad, located at Chester, S. C. Brother Lee, '89, has gone to the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. Brother Hough, '90, has a school at Fort Lawn, S. C.

We regret the loss of these men more than I am able to express, but are consoled by the hope that these brothers will some day be the lights of our state.

Our college did not open with quite as many students as last year. This may be accounted for by the imposition of a tuition fee of forty dollars, which formerly did not exist. The college is in a very prosperous condition at present. The outlook was not so bright just before commencement, for then our dear President, Dr. J. M. McBryde, an old Φ Ψ, had tendered his resignation. He

was, however, prevailed upon to withdraw it, and our institution was on her feet again.

We are very proud of our organ, *THE SHIELD*, as it is so far ahead of anything of the kind that comes to our college. We will always do our best to keep it so.

W. R. CATHCART.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 31, 1887.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

It gives me great pleasure to again be able to hold communication with *THE SHIELD*. On account of my returning to college rather late I was unable to write you for the first issue as intended.

After a most delightful summer we are all, with the exception of Bro. W. W. Harvey, back again burning the midnight oil, poring over our various studies. It was, indeed, a pleasure to meet again the faces of the Phi Psi's of last session; and not only them, but we are overjoyed at being again able to look upon and welcome the old familiar faces of Bros. J. J. Stevens, who had dropped out a year, and W. F. Stevens, class of '85. Both of these gentlemen are from Perry County, the land where the fierce, untamed gopher roams the forests; where the savage william goat lurks in his jungle lair, and only comes forth in quest of prey; where the precious sheep lay hidden upon the rugged hill tops, and where the stately pines sing their doleful dirge of past ages. In this wild, savage country Brother Stevens roamed till some one caged and shipped him here. The inhabitants of this country have no small coin, but use gophers in exchange.

Brother Stevens brought back with him two brothers and Brother Mills fetched one, so we are pleased to acquaint you with Messrs. C. Z. and C. H. Stevens, of Perry County, Miss., and Mr. F. Z. Mills, better known as "Fuser," of Kosciusko, Miss.

Our little band now numbers twelve, classed as follows: Sub-freshmen, 2; freshmen, 1; sophomore, 3; junior, 5; law, 1.

There is no news of interest in fraternity circles.

Our university opened with a very large attendance, and I am convinced that the University of Mississippi's future is brighter than ever before.

The faculty has had a new brick pavement laid upon all the principal walks on the campus. This adds greatly to the looks of our beautiful grounds, and to our comfort also.

With this letter I lay aside the B. G.'s quill, and intrust it to better hands. My connection with this department has been indeed pleasant and profitable, and I have never looked upon *SHIELD* correspondence as anything but a pleasure.

We all trust that you may have a very prosperous year.

R. E. HALSELL.

University, Mississippi, Oct. 24, 1887.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

This fall finds the Ohio Wesleyan in what is probably the most prosperous term in her history.

All the classes in the various departments are well filled, while the Seminary proves quite inadequate, many of the ladies having been compelled to seek homes out in the city.

Meanwhile we have not been idle. Since our last letter we have initiated two new men, G. F. Miles, '91, of Columbus, and W. C. Kennedy, '89, of Dayton. This makes us number eleven men, whose interests are mutual, whose cause is common and whose ardent fraternal spirit we behold with a feeling of pride.

As predicted, the Alpha Tau Omega's have at last made their appearance in our midst. We welcome her to our circle, and extend our heartiest wishes for a prosperous career.

If there is one thing over which Ohio Alpha might boast more than another it is her alumni.

It was our privilege a few weeks since to listen to the adoption of resolutions of congratulations to Judge J. P. Rea on his election as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. The resolutions were adopted by the assembled students and faculty, and unanimously carried. But as a full account appeared in the last SHIELD, we shall say no more.

We regret to announce the return of Bro. Ed M. Semans from the Miami Medical college owing to illness—typhoid fever.

Bro. F. E. Ross, with us at the opening of the term, is now at his home in Ripley, Ohio, preparatory to his entering a Cincinnati business college.

Bro. F. A. Stivers, of the same place, formerly of the class of '88, paid us a brief visit last week. The attraction is at the Sem.

Bro. W. G. Frizell, of Dayton, '87, also came up to enjoy one of our receptions. He played the role of "goat" in the initiation of Bro. Kennedy.

A new craze has now seized some of our students, that of "walking clubs." Bro. Sanger, first, as a starter, walked seventeen miles in one evening. Bro. Reed then, to cap the climax, deliberately walked down to Columbus. Although he stopped at the O. S. U., he reports seeing no Ohio Delta boys. Judging from his appearance on his return by rail, we don't blame them for laying low.

The fraternities of the O. W. U., now seven in number, stand as follows: Phi Gamma Delta, with 10 men; Chi Phi, 5; Phi Delta Theta, 15; Alpha Tau Omega, 6; Beta Theta Pi, 13, and Delta Tau Delta, 11

At the beginning of the next term all the fraternities here will meet in a Pan-Hellenic banquet. We thoroughly believe in this system, introduced to the fraternities here some few years ago.

Where the number of fraternity men is about seventy, while their common antagonists, the barbarians, number many times that, as is the case here, it is no place for one fraternity to indulge in what is more than open and honorable rivalry with another. When a fraternity steps beyond the bounds, and deals in underhanded antagonism, it not only does a very unwise and little act, but in

the end injures itself. We aim to rejoice at no fraternity's decline, and are loth to seize upon any groundless rumors and quietly impress them upon the credulous.

E. B. DILLON.

Delaware, Ohio, Nov. 14, 1887.

WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

Of the happenings of Ohio Beta, since the last issue of THE SHIELD, those of a social nature are of greatest interest; and the most important is the first of our proposed series of *musicales*, to be given during the college year. The invitations, which were out about a week previous to the event, were gotten up by Springfield's most fashionable stationer with his usual good taste, and received many compliments from our guests. The following is the announcement and program:

OHIO BETA CHAPTER OF PHI KAPPA PSI.

. FIRST :- MUSICAL :- SOIREE.

Phi Kappa Psi Chapter Hall, Friday Evening, Oct. 21, 1887, at 8 o'clock.

COMMITTEE:

Clem Ehrenfeld,

Chas. L. Bauer,

Robert H. Hiller.

PART FIRST.

1. Piano Duet—Overture to "Lustspiel," *Bela.*
CHAS. BAUER and CLEM EHRENFELD.
2. Piano Solo—Gavotte—(Favorite de Marie Antoinette) *Ch. Neustedt.*
ROBT. H. HILLER.
3. Vocal Solo—"Out on the Deep," - *Lohr.*
CLEM EHRENFELD.
4. Piano Solo—"La Fileuse," *Raff.*
MISS IRENE SPANGLER.
5. Violin Solo—"Poet and Peasant," - *Von Suppe.*
MR. WM. A. BAUER.
6. Piano Solo—"Auld Lang Syne," *T. P. Ryder.*
MISS MAUDE RICHARDS.
7. Flute Solo—"Am Meere," *Schubert.*
G. B. HILLER.
8. College Airs, - *Selected.*
PHI PSI GLEE CLUB.

:- PART SECOND. :-

1. Piano Solo—Overture to "William Tell," *Rossini.*
CHAS. L. BAUER.
2. Piano Duet—"Minuet"—(Symphony in E♭) *Mozart.*
R. H. HILLER and FRED GOTWALD.
3. Piano Solo—"Last Hope," - *Gottschalk.*
MISS MARIA FOLEY.

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| 4. Vocal Solo—"Across the Sands," | <i>H. Millard.</i> |
| ROBT. H. HILLER. | |
| 5. Piano Solo—Serenade, | <i>Schubert.</i> |
| MISS LESBIA CHRISTIE. | |
| 6. Piano Duet—Fantasia—(Il Trovatore) | <i>Verdi.</i> |
| MISS FLORENCE CAVILEER and C. L. BAUER. | |
| 7. Piano Solo—Ballad in <i>Ab</i> , | <i>Chopin.</i> |
| MISS IRENE SPANGLER. | |
| 8. College Airs, | <i>Selected.</i> |
| PHI PSI GLEE CLUB. | |

We give also an account of the affair which appeared in the *Springfield Daily Republic* on the following evening:

The elegant hall occupied by Ohio Beta Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi last night was the scene of the most brilliant social event that has occurred in Wittenberg society this season.

Soon after 8 o'clock the guests had all arrived, and the exercises of the evening began with the overture to "*Lustspiel*," rendered by Messrs. Bauer and Ehrenfeld, in a style which promised well for the evening's entertainment.

The Gavotte, played by R. H. Hiller, was composed in 1774, and is supposed to have been a favorite with Marie Antoinette. Clem Ehrenfeld's bass solo showed the richness of his deeper notes to good advantage. Miss Irene Spangler was very happy in her interpretation of "*La Fileuse*," but carried the audience by storm in her rendering of Chopin's ballad, in A flat, which showed power of execution and artistic finish seldom attained by amateurs, and was one of the great successes of the evening. As an encore, Schwarenka's Polish dance, was given. Mr. Wm. A. Bauer gave to the audience a treat in his two violin solos. He played with the ease and grace of a young virtuoso, and the enthusiastic applause of the audience showed that his performance was highly appreciated. Schumann's "*Traumerie*" was given as an encore to his first selection. Miss Maggie Richard's piano solo received considerable applause. Mr. G. W. Hiller brought out his fine new flute in one of Schubert's songs, "*Am Meere*," which was played with expression.

The college airs sung by the Phi Psi Glee club, though in striking contrast with the serious character of the program, added variety to the entertainment, and were well received by the audience.

Mr. Charles Bauer's rendering of the overture to "*William Tell*" was in accordance with his wellknown musical ability. The "*Minuet*" by Mozart, passed off smoothly.

Miss Maria Foley executed one of Gottschalk's finest compositions with great skill, and disappointed the audience by not responding to an encore.

A distinct enunciation of words was particularly noticeable in Mr. R. H. Hiller's tenor solo, "*Across the Sands*," (an Arabian love song,) which was warmly applauded.

The piano duet by Miss Florence Cavileer and Mr. Bauer, was very brilliant and was played in perfect time and with much expression.

Previous to the last announcement of the last number on the programme, Dr. Falconer arose and in behalf of the guests moved that a hearty vote of thanks be

extended to those furnishing the evening's entertainment, and to Ohio Beta for the pleasure which it had afforded them to be present, adding that this was not done as a mere formality, but because the evening had been one of rare enjoyment. The doctor then commended the idea of the contemplated series of musicales, spoke of the refining influence of such entertainments and in conclusion expressed the desire to be among those favored with an invitation to the next one. By way of seconding this motion, Dr. Gotwald, in a few appropriate remarks, referred to the elevated tone of the entertainment and pronounced it extremely creditable to all who had participated in the exercises.

After the completion of the programme the remainder of the evening was spent in a social way, and all left the hall feeling that Ohio Beta's first musicale was a success.

Those present were : Dr. S. A. Ort and wife, Dr. C. A. Ehrenfeld and wife, Prof. B. F. Prince and wife, Dr. Hugo K. Schilling and wife, Prof. Hoskinson, Mr. C. A. Bauer and wife, Mr. Wm. A. Bauer, Dr. Falconer and Dr. L. A. Gotwald. Misses Maria Foley, Maud Richard, Irene Spangler, Ollie Stafford, Aggie Burrows, Ella Geiger, Annie and Binnie Chorpennig, Grace Prince, Florence Cavileer, Dora Rubsam, Hattie Hosterman, Alice Winwood and Mary Cobaugh. Messrs. S. S. Burtfield, E. R. Miller, Frank Boroff, Irvine Falconer, C. J. Uhl, H. Fisher, G. B. Hiller, Pearl Jones, Fred and Will Gotwald, Clem Ehrenfeld, Robert H. Hiller, Horace Keifer, F. N. Bouck, C. L. Bauer and M. B. Harris.

Last Wednesday was a memorable day in Springfield, as the occasion of one of the greatest political demonstrations ever seen here, and will long be remembered as "*Foraker Day*." The Wittenberg Republican Buckeye Club was favored with the most prominent position in the parade as the Governor's escort, and a special bodyguard of six Wittenbergers, principally Phi Psis, walked beside His Excellency's carriage.

As the procession passed our Chapter Hall the Governor, seeing the familiar characters, Φ K Ψ, recognized the Phi Psi boys and girls in a very pleasing manner. Several of the brothers had the pleasure of giving him the grip after his evening speech, and the compliments of the Chapter were presented to Brother Foraker and wife in an elegant basket of flowers sent to their room at the Arcade Hotel.

Bro. Edgar F. Smith, Ph. D., our Professor of Science, has just published the third edition of his translation of Von Richter's Inorganic Chemistry, which has been adopted by many of the most prominent colleges of the country, and for which his publishers have hardly been able to supply the demand.

The new ladies' dormitory, under process of erection, will soon be completed. A new building for the Theological Department is also contemplated.

There are a few other items of minor interest, but we have already trespassed too far upon the space of THE SHIELD.

ROB. H. HILLER.

Springfield, O., Nov. 7, 1887.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Michigan Alpha begs excuse for not writing sooner. We wished to wait until the "rushing" season was over, so that we might introduce our new men to the sister chapters.

We graduated four men last June. Thus far this year our number has been increased by five. They are: H. L. Bannon, transferred from Ohio Delta; Grant M. Ford, returned after a year's absence; and three freshmen, George Denney, of Aurora, Ill.; J. B. Smalley, of Bay City, Mich., and J. R. Effinger, of Englewood, Ill. We hope to get two more.

As to our last year's graduates, Robert Park is on the *Evening Journal*, Minneapolis, Minn.; Joseph Halsted is with the Chicago City Railway Company, and George F. James is principal of the Decatur High School, Illinois; P. Kearney Buskirk, who was with us last year, is completing his law studies in Washington, D. C.

We have had the pleasure of meeting the following initiates of other chapters who have entered the professional departments this fall: Henry and Noble Warrum, of Indiana Alpha; W. P. Cary and J. S. McCreary, of Pennsylvania Beta, and C. O. Graves, of Illinois Alpha.

During the semi-centennial celebrations of the University of Michigan last June a number of our old boys returned, and we had a sort of a reunion. A great torch-light procession, several banquets, réceptions and parties, were features of the commencement week, besides our own little celebrations. By the way, the torch-light procession, which numbered a thousand men, in all manner of grotesque dress, and with every conceivable instrument for making a noise, was brought about by the efforts of Bro. Robert E. Park through the columns of the *Argonaut*, which he edited.

During the summer a number of Michigan Alpha men happened to be in Chicago, and a dozen met at Bro. W. S. Holden's house on Aug. 12, and listened to reminiscences from Brother Yost, the founder of Michigan Alpha, and from F. H. Hodder, Harry Ohls, and others. Such reunions, besides being great pleasures in themselves, promote the Phi Psi spirit, and are otherwise of personal advantage. Younger brothers gain advice from the experience of older brothers; and a more dignified manliness must result from intercourse with older men.

Bro. Lewis A. Rhodes married Miss Anna Miner in Ann Arbor last September, and many Phi Psis took part in the ceremonies. We are suspicious that Brother Rhodes is as happy in the company of his wife as he was in the company of his own active chapter in '84.

As to college affairs, four new buildings are in process of construction, and several good men have been added to the faculty.

Field-day sports last Saturday were well attended, and the gymnasium will soon be reopened by the students.

G. FRED RUSH.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Nov. 9, 1887.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Wisconsin Alpha began the year with 11 active members, and out of a class of about 200 we have selected 9 as standard Phi Psis, 5 of whom are already initiated. The men initiated were Brothers Daw and Prior (law), from Minneapolis; Main and Demoe from Madison, and Brother Jackson from Janesville.

Our first letter to THE SHIELD this year stated that we intended, by good work, to put Phi Kappa Psi indisputably at the head of the list. We now settle back with the assurance of having done so.

Nov. 5th we gave a german in our hall, which was attended by all the active members and resident alumni. The ladies pronounced it the party of the term.

A grand concert was given Nov. 4th for the benefit of our ball nine, and we had the pleasure of listening again to Phi Psi's famous baritone, Bro. J. D. Rowland (law.)

The ball nine of the University took the championship of the Northwestern College League last year, Phi Kappa Psi being represented on the team by Bro. George Waldo, who is a barrier to all the spiral curves pitched.

The annual convention of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority will be held with the Gamma Chapter at the University from Nov. 11th to Nov. 15th.

All of the Phi Psis have received invitations to a reception given by the ladies Nov. 11th.

The tennis tournament between the University and Beloit College is ended, the University coming out champion in the doubles.

We hear that the resident alumni of the University in Minneapolis and St. Paul are forming a local association in Minneapolis. Phi Kappa Psi has long thought of doing the same, and we hope that our brothers will carry the scheme through.

Long live $\Phi K \Psi$.

Our best wishes for THE SHIELD and our sister chapters.

JOHN STEVENS, JR.

Madison, Wis., Nov. 6, 1887.

CARLETON COLLEGE.

Minnesota Alpha gladly responds to the call for a chapter letter. Should esteem it a privilege to contribute our mite to the ever-welcome SHIELD every month; but owing to the fact that we are running *sub rosa* we deem it expedient to remain in the background for the present, and not make ourselves too public. Oh, happy day! when we shall be permitted to pin on the Phi Psi badge. A proud day for us. It must come. We lost six staunch Phi Psis by graduation last spring, and they have scattered to the four winds; some to their professions, others to seek pleasure.

At our banquet at commencement we initiated three men, two alumni of a preceding year, and one sophomore. This fall two men have successfully run the gauntlet and enrolled under our banner, and another one is pledged so to

do. Our meetings of necessity are held irregularly and at secluded places. There, occasionally, the spirit of restless impatience against our present fettered condition uncorks itself, and plans are carefully and hopefully laid for the future. One of our brothers had the privilege of visiting the members of Illinois Alpha at Evanston last commencement. He was right royally received, and obtained a good idea of the workings and advantages of the Fraternity when it is favored by the approving smiles of the Faculty.

Our esteemed college is enjoying a healthy and vigorous growth. A \$40,000 observatory has been erected during the past year, and is now in use, under the supervision of our able and beloved Professor of Mathematics, W. W. Payne.

At commencement last spring our energetic and esteemed president, James W. Strong, announced that an endowment of \$200,000 had been secured for the college.

A gymnasium building is now in embryo, and in the course of a year or two the long-felt need in that line will probably be met.

Our Faculty, which has endeared itself to the hearts of all, underwent a slight change at the beginning of this year. Two new instructors were secured to fill the places of two who had resigned, and two additional instructors were added to the force.

Wishing THE SHIELD an exceptionally prosperous year, we are yours, with a hearty grip. * *

Northfield, Minn., Nov. 7, 1887.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Kansas Alpha greets THE SHIELD for the first time this year. She deeply regrets that she has been guilty of deferring her greeting to so late a date, but she sincerely hopes that she may not be found wanting again in this respect.

Never before has a college year opened with brighter prospects for Kansas State University than has the present one. The curriculum has been thoroughly reconstructed, and a large number of improvements and additions have been made. The courses of study after the sophomore year have been made entirely optional, and opportunities are now offered for pursuing almost any line of general or special work desired. The library facilities have been enlarged, and numerous improvements have been and are still being made upon the buildings.

There have been several changes in the faculty. Brother Sterling, assistant professor of Greek, goes to Johns Hopkins for a year's study, after which he will return and resume his professorship. Brother Dunlap, of Ohio Alpha, has been elected assistant in English and Elocution.

The incoming freshman class is unusually large, and in it the fraternities have found some very desirable material.

Last June, Kansas Alpha graduated five good brothers: Jenks, Crane, Nickel, Dunn, Himoe, all distinguished as scholars and as gentlemen. Of these, Jenks took the first honors of the class, and with Crane, represented ΦΚΨ on commencement day. Dun, as valedictorian, and Nickel as orator, ap-

peared on class day. Also, Brother Davis, of the sophomore class, won the first declamation prize in the June contest.

In addition to our loss by graduation, we miss Brothers D. E. Esterly and C. F. Hutchings who were unable to return this year.

But notwithstanding all this, we were able to appear on the field in September, full of strength and vigor, with sixteen good men. Brother Crane, '87, is located here in the post-office, and Brother Nickel, '87, has returned to take a post graduate course, so that they are with us to strengthen and encourage us. Already we have explained the mysteries to three men of the very best material in college, but the end is not yet. The new brothers are W. A. Snow, '90, son of Prof. Snow; J. W. Shellabarger, '91, of Topeka, and A. L. Bennett, '90, of Emporia.

There have, as yet, been no exciting struggles or contests in our college world to test the political strength of the fraternities; but we feel confident that if such contests should come we could hold our own. We have three places on the *University Courier*, the college weekly, and one on the *University Review*, the monthly magazine. We hold two of the offices in the Oratorical Association, and are proportionately represented elsewhere.

As to social standing, it is acknowledged by all that we have no superior among the fraternities. This is shown by the fact that the sororities have always favored us with a goodly share of the invitations to their parties, and not the less this year than heretofore.

The loss of our chapter hall, with all its furnishings, last spring, was a severe blow to the boys. But it was not in the nature of Kansas Alpha to be discouraged, and she has already procured halls even nicer than the old ones, and hopes soon to have them furnished in becoming style.

Should any wandering brother happen this way, we shall be most happy to see him at any time, to exchange with him a hearty "grip," and make him the victim of our warmest hospitality.

J. A. PRESCOTT.

Lawrence, Kansas, October 29, 1887.



Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

At a recent convention of *A Δ Φ*, President Seelye, of Amherst, spoke very much in the strain of President White's late article in *The Forum*, regarding fraternities and their relation to the authorities of the colleges of our country :

Every one familiar with the facts in the case must judge favorably of the Greek-letter societies in Amherst College. Without a doubt they exercise a wholesome energy both upon their individual members and upon the college. Combination is strength, whether with young men or old, and where men combine for good ends better results may, of course, be looked for than where the same ends are sought by individuals alone.

Now the aim of these societies is certainly good. They are not formed for pleasure simply, though they are one of the most fruitful sources of pleasure in a student's college life. Their first aim is the improvement of their members—improvement in literary culture and in manly character. They are all of them literary societies. An effort was made not long since to introduce among us a new society with prominently social rather than literary aims, but it not only failed to receive the requisite assent of the president of the college, but was not favored by any considerable number of the students, many of whom stoutly opposed it.

The aim of these societies is, I say, improvement in literary culture and in manly character, and this aim is reasonably justified by the results. It is not accidental that the foremost men in college, as a rule, belong to some of these societies. That each society should seek for its membership the best scholars, the best writers and speakers, the best men of a class, shows well where its strength is thought to lie. A student entering one of these societies finds a healthy stimulus in the repute which his fraternity shall share from his successful work. The rivalry of individuals loses much of its narrowness, and almost all of its envy, when the prize which the individual seeks is valued chiefly for its benefit to the fellowship to which he belongs. Doubtless members of these societies often remain narrow-minded and laggard in the race, after all the influence of their society has been expended upon them, but the influence is a broadening and a quickening one, notwithstanding. Under its power the self-conceit of a young man is more likely to give way to self-control than otherwise.

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There are no better residences, and none better kept, in the village than these. They are not extravagant, but they are neat and tasteful, they have pleasant grounds surrounding them, the cost of rooms in them is not greater than the average cost in

other houses, and they not only furnish the students occupying them a pleasant home, but the care of the home and its surroundings is itself a culture.

There need be no objection to these societies on account of their secrecy. The secrecy is largely in name; is, in fact, little more than the privacy proper to the most familiar intercourse of families and friends. Treated as the societies are among us, and occupying the ground they do, no mischief comes from their secrecy. Instead of promoting cliques and cabals, in point of fact we find less of these than the history of the college shows before the societies came. The rivalry between them is a healthy one, and is conducted openly and in a manly way.

The societies must give back to the college the tone they have first received. I observe that good Dr. McCosh at Princeton is solicitous about their influence there, but I am persuaded that in any college where the prevailing life is true and earnest, the societies fed by its fountain will send back bright and quickening streams. They certainly give gladness and refreshment to our whole college life at Amherst.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly in its October issue had a ringing editorial upon the revision of their song book from which we quote:

The advance sheets contain nothing new. As one turns the pages he finds familiar friends with whom he has spent many an hour over a bird and bottle, or in the mystic circle of the chapter house. But lyrics with the true lyric ring are few. It is long since we remember to have seen a fraternity song which has become generally known and used. $\Delta K E$ hymnology is rich already with some gems of the most stirring sentiment, but the collection does not grow.

This may be because universally popular songs are born only from the throes of some crisis, like the lyrics of the Civil War, or it may be—indeed it certainly is, in part at least—the result of the Wagnerian movement which, in a certain way, has its analogue in all the arts.

In music it meshes the simple melody in a web of subtle harmonics, and in verse it replaces the direct passionate song-burst by an involved and highly polished metre, with an undiscovered rhythm and ideas as they are unimpassioned.

This spirit, we say, may have laid an icy finger on the lips of $\Delta K E$'s songsters, or perhaps, after all our theories, it may be that in the old songs there throbs every joy and every longing that the loyal $\Delta K E$ heart can feel. It is characteristic, indeed, of college fraternity songs that age gives them a mellowness, a bouquet, so to say, fragrant with happy recollections such as no other songs ever possess. What $\Delta K E$ man, for instance, when he sings "For we always feel so jolly, oh! so jolly, oh!" does ring the changes on his recollections of a hundred good fellows and a hundred good times? or who, when he hears "Oh, Delta Kappa Epsilon, to thee our hearts o'erflow," is not lifted a little out of himself into the purest and most ideal sentiment?

Then there are those others, "Friends in fair and stormy weather, friends no ill can part;"

"Cito curso labitur,
Floridus juvenus,"

that mock-mournful Latin doggerel; and the sparkling vivacity of "Let ev'ry good

fellow of ev'ry degree;" "The Peelers' defeat;" and at the other extreme "Hail, Holy Goddess of Friendship and Glee."

A goodly company surely, and one might well pause before he asked others into the charmed circle. But there is room for more, and the *Quarterly*, for one, will have the latch-string outside and a hearty welcome for the new comer.

The Alpha Tau Omega Palm has something to say to the members of the fraternity which it represents upon the frequent complaints of the neglect of alumni. We give space for our contemporary's plaint, feeling sure that its mild tone will be appreciated by the readers of THE SHIELD:

Much has been said in fraternity journals recently about the "Loyalty of Alumni." This, on the very face of it, indicates that there are alumni who are disloyal to their fraternity. To say that this is not so would be to tell an untruth. Hence if true we should inquire into the reason why it is true, and then try to solve the difficulty, or to prevent it. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is true to whatever it is applied.

We can see many reasons why out of over a thousand alumni of our fraternity only a limited number are really loyal. One reason is because our fraternity is not very old, and in its primitive stages was not thought to be so large a factor in individual college life as it now is, and because it was not a settled, and beyond the reason of a doubt, a permanent institution.

Another reason is because the records in early days were not kept as carefully as now, and many when they left their "*Alma Mater*" to battle with the realities of life were lost to view. And when they returned to their college some years after found their chapter extinct.

No means of communication were then had as *The Palm* now offers, consequently it was not difficult to maintain an interest for any length of time after graduation.

Furthermore, college faculties as a rule were hostile to fraternities, and consequently many chapters held few meetings, and as a result had little opportunity to learn the value of frequent intercourse, and never learned to esteem each other as highly, nor was the esteem as lasting as under the free cultivation of friendship which chapters now enjoy. For these and other reasons our alumni were not as much impressed with the lasting benefit of our order as our present chapters should be. So then many alumni are not loyal because they always were laboring under these disadvantages.

Things have changed, however, and all chapters are recognized as essential parts of the institutions at which they are located as well as of the society which surrounds them. In college communities fraternities are the leading factors of society, and while a chapter is neglecting this part of its privileges *The Palm* comes and tells of how other chapters are doing, and this nerves them up to their highest endeavors. There is no reason why our younger alumni should manifest as much indifference to fraternity as they do because they have received a great heritage from our pioneers and have always been placed under most auspicious circumstances.

Let each chapter see to it that its men are loyal men and then they will be a positive help to their fraternity all their days.

Sigma Nu Delta seems to have had a much needed stiffening of her back-bone, at the recent convention, as the following from the latest issue would indicate :

The third annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Sigma Nu is numbered and stored away in the archives of "things that were." The proceedings were conducted in unruffled harmony from opening to close. Free, full discussions were allowed, and sides taken upon all questions considered without the slightest jar. The policy for the future was ably presented and carefully formulated, and we left with a loftier conception of our order, a glowing desire to live up to our pure principles, and a nobler idea of what is expected of us "Brothers in Sigma Nu." In the first place, the unqualified thanks of every one should be given to the large-hearted members of Theta and the Birmingham alumni for the entertainment provided by them, and for the inspiration of their enthusiasm. To them the visiting delegates were indebted for an elaborate ball and a splendid banquet. The occasion was one never to be forgotten, and every one present most heartily joined in the sentiment of the delegate from Kentucky: that if he ever missed another Grand Chapter it would be because the railroads were laid up for repairs.

The voice of the convention was unalterably opposed to any and all schemes of consolidation, and a ringing resolution embodying this sentiment was given with a cheer. It was a gratifying fact that this resolution came from the alumni members. Here, if anywhere, apathy and indifference were to be looked for, instead were found the keenest interest and the most intense solicitude for the perpetuity and advancement of our noble order. That its past should be swallowed up, or amalgamated with any other organization would be a dangerous innovation, and for it to become isolated in any way from the present not tolerated. The loyalty that the years had not faded, but intensified, stood up in arms at the bare idea of losing either name, badge or symbol of their first love, Sigma Nu. We feel that the bright star of Sigma Nu shall yet shine on loftier heights than any we have stormed, and that a brighter future awaits patient effort and loyal endeavor.

Personals.

OHIO A.

Mr. John N. Garver, formerly with *The Tribune*, will in a few days open up a collection, loan and insurance office in the Security Bank building. Mr. Garver is a gentleman deserving of all the success attainable in life.—*Sioux City, Iowa, Tribune, Nov. 2.*

Brother J. B. Foraker, after one of the most exciting and spirited elections ever witnessed in Ohio, has again been honored by the people of the great Buckeye State. His re-election as governor, by a largely increased plurality, 24,353, is a compliment of the highest sort to his personal integrity and the efficiency of his administration. Brother Foraker is to-day *Φ K Ψ*'s most distinguished son; and does not at any time forget the interests and welfare of the fraternity he has done so much to honor.

We were present at the great demonstration at Springfield, Ohio, and noted with pride that the first recognition he gave to the cheering thousands was to lift his hat and bow to the members of Ohio B and their ladies, who occupied the windows of their hall, situated at the beginning of the line of march.—ED. SHIELD.

OHIO B.

Brother Jas. L. Minnick, '86, has patented a machine for digging tile ditches. The invention has been tried and works to perfection.

Brother A. N. Summers, '79, was married to Miss Nellie Thomas, daughter of John H. Thomas, Thursday, November 17, 1887.

OHIO A.

Brother Walter Miller has been recently called to the chair of Physics and Chemistry in the University of Nevada, at Reno.

E. M. Van Harlingen is in Winnemucca, Nevada, with an exploring

party. He writes a most entertaining account of his experiences with the Piutes and Shoshone Indians, whose inordinate greed for gold has so depleted Van's exchequer that he fears he will be compelled to sell the photographic plates, the subjects for which he purchased at so much a head.

Mr. George W. Dun, Secretary of the Police Commission, was missing from his accustomed place at the side of His Honor at Police Court Monday, Tuesday and yesterday, and no definite information was obtainable as to the whereabouts of the absent secretary. Still, the secretary has been absent before on his periodical visits to Belmont County, and it was not considered remarkable for him to be missing. The first reliable explanation of the absence was obtained yesterday afternoon by an intimate friend of Mr. Dun. This friend, in obedience to a request of Mr. John J. Dun, called at the residence of Mr. J. H. Wasson, on Fifth Avenue, and was never more surprised than when Mr. Dun walked into the parlor with a lady whom he introduced as his wife.

Mr. George W. Dun and Miss Clara Carroll were united in marriage yesterday morning at the home of the bride at St. Clairsville, Rev. Mr. Moffutt officiating. The newly married couple arrived in Columbus at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, accompanied by Mr. John J. Dun and Miss Mary Dun, and will be the guests for a few days at the residence of Mr. J. H. Wasson, after which they will go to housekeeping on Forsythe street.

Miss Carroll will be remembered by the older students of the Ohio State University who, with their knowledge of her as one of the loveliest of ladies, will be delighted to extend their sincere congratulations to her as well as to him, who, as they well know, was worthy to win her as his bride.—*Columbus, O., Daily Times, Nov. 3.*

NEW YORK E.

At Unandilla, July 16, by the Rev. C. H. Haynes, Mr. F. H. Divine, '91, and Miss Mary Douglas, both of Binghamton.

'87. Mr. H. Warren Shepard is employed by a chemical firm in Philadelphia.

F. H. Bennett has been elected as the representative of Phi Kappa Psi on *Salmagundi* board of editors of this year.

On our Annual Field Day the following prizes were awarded to Phi Kappa Psi: R. H. Carey, third, for "Throwing Hammer;" R. H.

Carey, second, for "Putting the Shot;" F. T. Smith, third, for "440 Yard Dash." E. B. Shallow was on the Committee of Arrangements, and A. B. Potter was one of the judges of the day.

PENNSYLVANIA I.

'87. Mr. G. F. Clark will pursue the study of medicine in Philadelphia.

Mr. J. G. Owens is instructor in the sciences at the South Jersey Institute.

Mr. Howard Calder is studying law in Harrisburg, Pa., with Ex-assistant Attorney General Snodgrass.

'89. Rev. M. G. Evans, late Professor of Latin and Mathematics at Keystone Academy, has entered Crozer Theological Seminary.

'63. O. P. Faches has been offered the presidency of Roger Williams University at Nashville, and also of Leland University at New Orleans.

'53. Rev. J. Spencer Kennard has accepted a call to Sing Sing, N. Y., and has entered upon his work there. It is not his intention, however, to wholly relinquish evangelical labors.

Gretzinger, business manager of the "*Mirror*," manager of the base ball interests of Lewisburg, and manager of the Athletic Association of the University, has recently become interested in the public schools at Watsonstown.

Professor Owens represented Bucknell at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, held at New York in August. There were present at the assembly about 1,000 of the prominent educators from all parts of the United States.

'84. Rev. A. W. Hand was ordained on Sept. 1st, and installed as pastor of the Fourth Baptist Church of Patterson, N. J. The exercises were participated in by Rev. J. M. Hare (class of '85), Rev. A. W. H. Hodder, formerly of '88, and Rev. S. B. Meeser (class of '83).

'59. Rev. A. Furman has resigned at Pitston, Pa. The Pennsylvania Baptist General Association has unanimously voted to engage him as general missionary, to do the work of an evangelist during September, with the hope that he may continue in the position during the year beginning with October 1st. His post-office address is Lewisburg, Pa.

PENNSYLVANIA E.

'82. Rev. H. L. Jacobs is reported by the *York Dispatch* as very popular with the parishioners at Greencastle, Pa., and is doing a good work for his congregation and the community. All of which we are glad to hear, but not surprised.

'77. F. Albert Kurtz, Esq., is on the Republican ticket in Maryland as a candidate for the Legislature, and has been making some political speeches. No matter what their politics, we want all Pennsylvania College men elected.

'71. P. M. Graff, Esq., who is practicing law in Duluth, Minn., is also manager of the "Bank of Tower," at Tower, Minn. The bank's firm title is C. H. Graff & Co., the principal member of which we take to be our Dr. C. H. Graff, class of '76.

'88. Fred. G. Gotwald, a former member of our '88, is one of the representatives of the class of '88 in Wittenberg on the college magazine, the *Wittenberger*. Best wishes.

'85. Robert C. Gotwald, C. E., is topographer in the employ of the Missouri Pacific Railroad—laying out a new line west from Nebraska City in southern Nebraska. His address is Nebraska City, in care of Engineering Department of Missouri Pacific Railroad.

'80. Prof. D. Fleisher has begun another school year in Troy, Pa. There are already 100 in the high school department. He is thinking of having a course of lectures this winter and wants to have his *Alma Mater* represented among the lecturers. Right.

MICHIGAN A.

H. G. Ohls, M. D., has recently left Chicago and has entered the medical firm of Smith & Ohls, of Clinton, Iowa.

ILLINOIS A.

A. E. Mabie, '85, is assistant cashier for the clothing firm of James Wilde, Jr. & Co., in Chicago.

ILLINOIS B.

Clement L. Geiger, '81, under the stage name of Clay Clement, is winning reputation as an actor of ability and rare intelligence. He played

leading man in "Virginius" last week at the Academy, and his work was enjoyed by a number of his old fraternity friends.

Edwin A. Barron, one of Chicago's most capable critics, said of him in *The Inter Ocean*:

"Mr. Clay Clement, who plays the part of Icilius in "Virginius" with Mr. Collier, is a young actor of notable ability and admirable methods. He shares the honors with the star, and bids fair to make a recognized place for himself among the young leading actors of the country. Such merit as Mr. Clement possesses is deserving of acknowledgment wherever found."

D. J. Lingle, '81, after teaching a year in Beloit College, has gone for a two-years' post-graduate course in the natural sciences to Johns Hopkins University. He writes that he is hard at work and enjoying himself.

Fred. Templeton, '85, has finished a year in business college and has secured an excellent position as book-keeper in a packing house.

A. A. Griffith, Jr. '81, is manager of the Palmyra Springs Hotel, at Palmyra, Wisconsin.

VIRGINIA B.

An exceedingly handsome tablet has been erected in the chapel by several of the students, to show their appreciation of the character of their late friend, L. W. Houston. The tablet consists of a square oak frame, upon which has been placed a brass shield of the same shape as the badge of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, of which he was a member. The tablet bears the following inscription:

LIVINGSTON WADDELL HOUSTON,
A student of W. and L. University, 1879-84.
Drowned August 2nd, 1886,
While bathing in North River.
This Tablet, erected by his friends,
Is a Memorial of the Love and Admiration
Of those who knew him best.
Endowed with unusual gifts of mind and soul,
He exhibited a purity of life
That revealed the Grace of God in his Heart.
Naturâ ipsâ valere et mentis veribus excitari
Et quasi quodam divino spiritu afflari.

Beneath the last line of the inscription is a monogram, composed of the letters Phi Kappa Psi.—*The Southern Collegian*.

KANSAS A.

'87. Bro. H. C. Himoe has gone into business in Kansas City, Mo.

Bro. W. T. Little is studying law in Washington, D. C.

Geo. C. Smith is editor of the *St. Joseph Herald*, St. Joseph, Mo.

Ledom Wright is engaged in the banking business in Emporia, Kan.

'87. Bro. W. S. Jenks is principal of the high school at Ottawa, Kansas.

'87. Bro. Denton Dunn is connected with the National Bank of Kansas City.

Bro. J. J. Mastin, Jr., who was taking the Classical Course here, has entered Harvard.

E. C. Little, '83, former editor of *THE SHIELD*, is practicing law in Ness City, Kansas.

E. T. Little is attending law school at Columbian University, Washington, D. C.

Ed. Esterly is collector on the A. T. & S. F. Railway, between La Junte and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

W. G. Raymond, '82, is assistant professor of surveying in the University of California.

P. W. E. Twitchell, '87, is a rising young attorney of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

W. A. Jackson is in business in Wichita, Kan. The world has treated him kindly in many ways.

L. L. Davis, '81, is now located in Wyandotte, Kan., in charge of Schuler's Abstract Office.

W. M. Thacher is studying law at Columbia Law School, New York City.

Fred. A. Stocks, '84, still continues in the banking business in Blue Rapids, Kansas. He has recently been investing in Kansas City real estate, and according to reports has made a fortune.

W. C. Spangler, '83, is City Attorney of Lawrence, Kansas, and has created quite a sensation recently by enforcing the Sunday law in that place. Spangler has a good outside practice, and is making money.

W. H. Britton, '84, has resigned his position in the general office of

the A., T. & S. F. Railway, and is now business manager of the *Topeka Commonwealth*.

E. C. Meservey, '82, is practicing law in Kansas City, Mo. He is one of the firm of Lathrop, Smith & Co., and is rapidly rising in his profession.

Chas. L. Davidson is engaged in a general banking and loan business at Wichita, Kan., and has gathered to himself largely of this world's goods.

'84. The news of the appointment of our genial Bro. W. W. Douglas to the position of executive secretary to the Governor of California, was very gratifying to the members of Kansas Alpha, as it will doubtless be to the brotherhood in $\Phi K \Psi$ at large. The San Bernardino (Cal.) *Daily Index* speaks of the appointment as follows:

"Governor Waterman has appointed Mr. W. W. Douglas, of this city, to the position of executive secretary. Mr. Douglas, it is understood, has accepted the position, and is making arrangements to start for Sacramento in a few days. This is a selection which we believe will prove exceedingly gratifying to our citizens generally, irrespective of party. Mr. Douglas is a young man of education, of character, and of excellent business ability. As deputy postmaster he had entire charge of the office, and filled the position to the satisfaction of the authorities and the public. He had for a while the position of deputy county clerk, and has recently been a member of the abstract firm of Wozencraft, Douglas & Cave. The new position can hardly prove as satisfactory, from a pecuniary stand-point, as the work in which he is here engaged; but the opening will doubtless afford a profitable experience for a young and able man. The hearty good wishes of his fellow citizens will go with him to his new field of duty."

College and Fraternity Notes.

Our two great lexicographers, Webster and Worcester, were graduates of Yale.

The sophomores and freshmen of Cornell have have voted to have no wine at their banquets.

The University of Chicago buildings have been turned over to a real estate agent for a tenement building.

Evanston has obtained possession of the large telescope connected with the University of Chicago. An appropriate building is soon to be built for it.

The forty-eighth annual convention of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity was held at Wooglin, Chautauqua Lake, on July 20, 21, 22 and 23.

A chapter of Phi Beta Kappa will be established at Lafayette in the near future, to consist of members of the Senior Sigma Gamma Society. —*Madisonensis*.

The annual convention of the Alpha Phi Fraternity was held at Hackettstown, N. J., September 22, 23 and 24. Professor A. H. Cole, '84, of Peddie Institute, presided at the public exercises.

The New York *Independent* calls attention to the fact that Madison University is the first denominational college in America to offer free tuition scholarships upon the basis of a competitive examination.

A Yale diploma, 122 years old, was recently picked up at an auction sale in New York. It belonged to the Rev. Elam Potter, who graduated in 1765, under President Clapp.

The University of Minnesota is coming into prominence as one of the great universities of the west. Within the past few years the number of students has increased from 254 to 420, and the faculty from 21 to 33.

The "Whig" and "Clio," the two leading societies of Princeton, expect soon to build new halls, the estimated cost of each being \$5,000.

The "Whig" society was founded by James Madison, the "Clio" by Aaron Burr.

Though the *Pacific Pharos* nearly lost its existence last year on account of its fearless attacks on the faculty, it comes out again as bold as ever. It has a good editorial department and a literary department of which no college paper need be ashamed.—*Syracusan*.

"Rah!" the "fundamental" of most college cheers, originated a quarter of a century ago when Yale and Harvard had their boating races on Lake Quinsigamond. When Princeton went into athletic relations with other colleges they developed the three "Raahs!" with the sky-rocket "Siz-boom-ah!"

The following clipping relating to the social standing of the poorer class of men at Williams, has been taken from *The Williams Weekly*: "One-half of the men are of poor or very moderate means and proud. They refuse to go half way in the exchange of formal greetings with the other half, whom they choose to look upon as purse-proud. The latter class, from a false idea of what constitutes a true exclusiveness, refuse to recognize men who belong to the former class."

The *Cornell Sun* publishes President Adams' address to the students. In speaking of fraternities he says, "I have no antipathy to secret societies. A good society will help any student; but I believe a bad society, appealing to the lower qualities, is a drag and an injury. Don't be in haste. There is no need of haste. The upper classmen may not agree with me, and may urge you to join. Avoid them and put them off. I advise as one who has had more than twenty years experience in these things."

At Princeton, the difficulty found by freshmen in securing rooms in the college buildings appears, heretofore, to have been considerable. The difficulty has arisen, not because the demand is greater than the supply, but because of the enormous prices put upon the furniture by former occupants of the rooms. To remedy the evil the authorities have adopted a unique method. It is provided by law that in selling furniture twenty per cent. of the cost price shall be deducted for each year that the article has been in use, that in no case shall a student ask more than \$200 for his collection of furniture, and, further, that no bargain shall be binding unless approved by an officer appointed for the purpose.—*Madisonensis*.

Miscellany.

The Editor of *THE SHIELD* has quite a number of back numbers on hand, with which he can supply, for the price of single copies, brothers or. members of other fraternities desiring to complete broken sets. He has odd copies of every volume but the first two.

There is a call for No. 10, Vol. II.; No. 7, Vol. III.; No. 5, Vol. VII. The Editor has had the following back numbers offered to him for sale: Vols. V. and VII., complete; Vol. VI., lacking No. 5.

Extra copies are offered by one brother as follows: No. 7, Vol. I.; Nos. 6, 8, 9 and 10, Vol. II.; which he wishes to exchange for Nos. 1 to 6, Vol. I., and No. 4, Vol. II.

Another brother has the following copies to dispose of: Nos. 1, 3, 5, Vol. III.; Vol. IV., complete; Nos. 1 to 8, Vol. V.; Vol. VI., complete; Vol. VII, except No. 2.

Brothers having any extra copies or an entire volume for sale, should communicate at once with the Editor.

Letters addressed to brethren named below have been returned to the Editor for various reasons, one being "no such place in State named." The addresses given were copied from the mailing list, and were written so that we are sure that no mistake was made in copying. Can any brother assist us in finding these Phi Psis and subscribers to *THE SHIELD*:

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Prof. Loisettes Memory Discovery.

Prof. Loisettes new system of memory training, taught by correspondence at 237 Fifth Ave., New York, seems to supply a general want. He has had two classes at Yale of 200 each, 250 at Meridan, 300 at Norwich, 100 Columbia Law Students, 400 at Wellesley College, and 400 at University of Penn., &c. Such patronage and the endorsement of such men as Mark Twain, Dr. Buckley, Prof. Wm. R. Harper, of Yale, &c., place the claim of Prof. Loisettes upon the highest ground.

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THE ANNUALS. II.

We may safely say that no western college publishes an annual commensurate with the strength and influence of the institution represented; and perhaps the reason may be found in the fact that the college annual is not as yet a popular feature in the smaller colleges, and in some of the larger institutions the grade of these publications has fallen so low that disgust has seized upon the would-be supporters of this legitimate college enterprise.

The *Makio*, from the Ohio State University, illustrates much that is best and worst in college publications. Typographically it is plain almost to bareness, and aside from the fraternity engravings and an admirable artotype of the faculty and buildings the cuts are in a large measure commonplace and cheap, although Mr. Mullay, the cartoon artist, has conceived at least two admirable situations which ought to have had the setting of good engravings to make them stand out as the excellent creations they are. The first of these is a representation of the O. S. U. Batallion, under command of Lieutenant Blocksom, who in one of the evolutions has unfortunately backed upon a stump, and as he goes down in picturesque awkwardness gives the peremptory command, "No laughing in ranks, there!" The other is a pictorial expression of the president of the institution struggling to lift the main building of the university from the mud of mediocrity to the serene heights where stand the really great institutions of the land—Ann Arbor, Harvard et al. The "drives" are some good, some very good, a few execrable. The *Makio* has the very bad taste, along with a few other of the annuals, to exhaust its vituperative strength upon the unpopular members of the faculty, apparently not knowing that they weaken themselves and

strengthen the obnoxious objects of their spleen by this means. Witness these stanzas anent Professor Welsh, who has been distinguished in two successive *Makios* to an extent vastly out of proportion to the position he holds in the institution—that of assistant in history. The poetical effusion is entitled,

“VEAL”—A. H. WELSH.

There's a wonderful room way up in the tower,
It's windows are narrow and high,
A wonderful room in this wonderful tower,
Half way 'twixt the earth and the sky,
Far up in the cloud-bedecked sky.

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There's a wonderful man in this wonderful room,
'Mid these treasures so rich and rare;
A man who is wise in his books and his lore,
But is wise and learned in nothing more;
A scholar, so gentle and fair,
With a forehead so broad and fair.

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This wonderful man makes us wonderful tired,
As all who well know him agree;
We are exceedingly tired of the sarcastic dyspeptic,
We're grown very tired of his taste quite aesthetic;
In fact we are all very weary,
Yes, in truth exceedingly weary
Of this wonderful man.

We should like to quote a few of the very good things, but must content ourselves with merely naming a clever parody in the metre of Hiawatha descriptive of the co-educational feature of the college—one called “Baby,” in the style of Tilton’s “Baby Bye,” an obituary notice on “The Demerit System,” and the summary enumeration of preparatory students, who are alphabetically arranged by surnames, and the names set in solid bourgeois without leaders.

We desire to close our consideration of the *Makio* for '87 with a quotation from the preface, and add without comment two poems, or rather parts of poems, published at different times in two annuals, the one at an eastern technical school, the other a year later in the *Makio*.

As the offensive and repulsive moth, creeping hither and thither amid dirt and slime, becomes as time rolls on, the beautiful cabbage worm, with its sleek surface and magnificent proportions, as the unattractive larva lying among the debris scattered over the surface of the earth, is gradually, by the warmth of the sun, transformed into the beautiful butterfly, dazzling the eye with its gaudy colors as it soars aloft in the great ethereal ocean, so does the present *Makio*, gradually developing from the measly larva of last year's *Makio*, through the influence of the

warmth and wisdom of six of the brightest lights in college, burst forth into public view with all its wit and wisdom, with all its grandeur and sublimity.

Dear reader, we confidentially tell you to begin with that beyond a doubt this is the best *Makio* ever published. We say this to disarm your prejudice. Unfavorable conclusions are often drawn when prejudice holds sway. Draw a favorable one or none.

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It may seem but little short of a miracle when we tell you that with the exception of the prize poem every article in this *Makio* has been devised and written by the editors.

The *Makio* of 1887 has the following apparently original and clever burlesque on "Tit willow:"

On the door of Tutt's Lab a little tom-cat
 Sang, Hello! oh, hello! oh, hello!
 And I said to him, "Tommy, what on earth are you at?
 Singing hello! oh, hello! oh, hello!
 Were you hit by a bootjack, dear Tommy," I cried,
 "Or bruised by a stone on your poor little side?"
 With a shake of his poor shaggy tail he replied,
 "Oh, h——no! oh! h——no! oh, h——no!"
 He clawed at the air as he sat on the door,
 Singing hello! oh, hello! oh, hello!
 And he put up his back as preparing to roar;
 Oh, hello! oh, hello! oh, hello!
 He growled and he cried, and a caterwaul gave,
 And threw himself down on the cold stony pave,
 And the wail that arose from the suicide grave
 Was hello! oh, hello! oh, hello!
 Now I feel just as sure as I'm sure that my name
 Isn't "hello! oh, hello! oh, hello!"
 'Twas the band of the college that made him exclaim,
 Oh, hello! oh, hello! oh, hello!
 And if it keeps on playing and practicing I
 Shall go do as he did, and you will know why,
 And I probably also shall shriek as I die,
 "Oh, h——o! oh, h——o! oh, h——o!"

We quote two stanzas from a poem in the *Transit* for 1886:

On a fence in the back yard a little tom-cat
 Sang, Hello! oh, hello! oh, hello!
 And I said to him, "Tommy, what on earth are you at,
 Singing, Hello! oh, hello! oh, hello?
 Were you hit with a boot-jack, dear Tommy?" I cried,
 "Or bruised by a stone on your poor little side?"
 With a shake of his poor shaggy tail he replied,
 "Oh! h——, no! oh! h——, no! oh! h——, no!"
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Now I feel just as sure as I'm sure that my name
 Isn't hello! oh, hello! oh, hello!
 'Twas the cornet of Trowbridge that made him exclaim,
 Oh, h——, oh! oh, h——, oh! oh, h——, oh!
 And if you keep on playing and practicing I
 Shall go do as he did, and you will know why;
 And I probably also shall shriek as I die,
 "Oh, h——, oh! oh, h——, oh! oh, h——, oh!"

We turn now to an annual which represents a different type of college—one of the quiet, dignified sort. We feel a sense of pleasure in noticing the *Echo*, from Hobart College, inasmuch as it is neat, tasteful, and unique in appearance, and high-toned in its treatment of faculty and students. Its pages are given over to lists of student organizations, athletic records, and rather lengthy effusions in blank verse of little interest to anyone except those who understand the local hits therein contained.

The cleverest thing in the volume is a supposititious fac-simile of the college roll-book, wherein is recorded the attendance of the faculty upon chapel exercises, that *bete-noire* of all students. It always seemed to us that college authorities must take the young men under their charge to be fools when they are so strenuous for compulsory chapel attendance as a means of healthy mental and spiritual culture and yet rarely attend themselves unless under stress of necessity.

We never heard any reason given why what was good for student was not good for faculty, but have listened with amused incredulity to the solemn fol-de-rol that the mature men who teach have characters so well formed and rounded that for the spiritual and mental culture afforded by daily chapel exercises they have no pressing need; but the young men, ah! they must have much of this wholesome diet to build them up into a broad manhood.

We despised that sort of Phariseeism while in college, but to-day scarcely know whether most to laugh or to weep that such a state of things as is cleverly portrayed in the *Echo* does exist in every college where compulsory chapel attendance is in vogue, so far as our observation extends, and we wish to say that it is our deliberate conviction, grounded upon more than a superficial observation, that there are more cogent reasons for regular faculty attendance at such exercises than for the student body, not alone for the sake of the example, but for the same personal benefit that the latter are expected to receive. Aside from the indiscretions and folly incident to youth, the average college young man will stand close comparison with the average member of faculties in spiritual and mental healthfulness.

The binding of the *Echo*, an imitation of birch-bark, is neat, and out of the ordinary. We quote the following from the editorial preface :

The slogs which we publish are in most cases just ; in others they are evidence of good will. If you will do and say foolish and ridiculous things you must take the consequences. We have "grinded" some, because we wanted to look out for their welfare, and hope they will profit by it ; others, because we thought our friends would enjoy it, and have no doubt they will laugh at them. "Ridicule takes the folly and impudence out of a man, and puts him in his proper sphere."

The *Melange*, under the managing editorship of Bro. A. W. Cummins, is a credit to the college it represents, and to its editors. It abounds in elegant engravings, is blessed with clean typography, and its paper and binding are fine.

Athletics receive a large share of attention, and a number of photo-engravings, by the Ives process, represent the various bodies of students who keep alive the college spirit by the use of well-knit muscles and sturdy frames. There is also a good group, representing the Lafayette Collège Musical Association, and a half-length copper-plate frontispiece of the Marquis de Lafayette.

A cartoon, representing in contrast the two most striking types of college, life is very clever. On the one half is seen a fine specimen of the young bruiser, cigar in mouth, hat over eye, revolver in belt, and ballet dancer in immediate background ; and this legend is beneath, "Grade 00." On the other side is a tall, frail, cadaverous youth of serious aspect, book in hand, other books in close proximity, and a church in full view, to which he is apparently wending his way, and his grade is 99. Mr. Ashford, a member of the defunct chapter of ΣX , has the credit of creating the best cartoon of the year, though his other efforts are not happy in many instances, and nearly all crude in workmanship.

The effort, of which Mr. Ashford has just reason to be proud, is the tail-piece, representing a sable servitor, with consternation deep and wide staring at his empty salver, and a broken bottle at his feet, which are planted in wide-spreading helplessness upon the door-step leading from an interior. The precious fluid has trickled down the flight of steps in the immediate foreground, making in its descent the legend, "Good-bye."

We are sorry that Mr. A. has spoiled the artistic value of his picture by inscribing across the upper face of the page, "The End," in large letters, and by placing an irate cat with arched back upon the newel-post of the stairs.

We have conceived a high regard for Madison University, because it has sent out a *Salmagundi* like that of '87, and the class of '88, at that institution, made such an impression upon our mind, by their admirable

work, that we heartily congratulate ourselves that $\Phi K \Psi$ has a good foothold in such an college.

The *Salmagundi* has not quite the profusion of artistic engravings that the *Cornellian* has, nor so many fine features as the *Onondagan*, but it is superior to either of these, and to all the other annuals we have seen, in simple elegance and refined taste. It is printed upon very heavy, antique-laid book paper, and bound in imitation seal-skin *au naturel*. The printers have used new varieties of type in considerable measure, and evidently understand the value of not crowding too much on a page. As a souvenir of college days, many annuals lose much by a foolish idea that large amounts of literary matter are necessary, rather than a well-selected little printed in large varieties of type, with much display-setting, and with ample margins to the pages. Our only criticism upon the printers of the *Salmagundi* is that the letter-press is not uniform, and is positively bad upon perhaps a half dozen pages.

The best things in this annual are a burlesque sketch in eight chapters, entitled, "The Decline and Fall of the Finnegans," mock examination questions, and an eulogy on "The Dead Maiden Calculus."

From the former we quote the descriptions of the hero and heroine :

St. Patrick Guy Fawkes Fitz Whangdoodle ! What chords of the inner organization tintinabulate at the enunciation of that dulcet cognomen ! What spheres of action had been adorned by the personality of which this epithet was the orthographical equivalent ! Knight of the Broom ; Retailer of Oriental fruitage ; Lord of the Cue and Pasteboard ; Pedestrian Tourist ; Devotee of Bacchus. St. Patrick was of Sullivanic temperament. Under the inspiring influence of grape juice he gave vent to manifold asseverations of his capacity to differentiate the physiognomy of his compeers, which beautiful and impressive truth he would proceed to accentuate by superfluous manual dexterity.

The one feature of St. Patrick, which was historic rather than contemporary, was his breath, which was undoubtedly compounded of

"Sabeian odors from the spicy shores
Of Araby the blest."

Primarily Fitz Whangdoodle was bibulous ; secondarily, bellicose. Monuments of his valor are extant. One in the crypt of McFlunkeystown Cathedral may be perused as follows : "Sacred to the memory of Lord Euclid Guiteau McFlunky, inopportunately removed from the bosom of his consanguinity by the sanguinary and inauspiciously utilized differentiating utensils appertaining to one S. P. G. F. Fitz Whangdoodle."

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Let us come the Van Dyke act respecting Polyanthus. Considering this sylph topographically, we would make this asseveration in regard to her contour—it was essentially oblong. Her personality was constructed with disjunctive caprice. The apices of her proboscis and chin approximately coincided, thereby rendering the aforementioned osculating phenomena at once prolix and precarious. In the

vicinity of her nasal protuberance were reproduced the pedal extremities of the plumed sect. Her ocular organs rivalled in hue the unmitigated complexion of an orange, and their locomotion was at once seductive and awful. Her auricular appendages displayed a disparity of e-area, which gently suggested that the method of their moulding was e-a-rroneous. Her saffron tresses were of a texture peculiarly indigenous. Her dentals were grotesque in arrangement and antique in structure. This happy internal configuration was rivalled by the genial fluctuations of the outlines of her proboscis. But the great charms of Polyanthus were the refinement of her mind and the well-rounded symmetry of her erudition. Polyanthus was a linguist. She spoke the Hottentot and Esquimaux dialects with equal fluency, and indited rhapsodies in Patagonian and Fiji. She was a songstress. From her masticating orifice floated melodies and harmonies which ravished the tympanum of all within reach of her articulation. Such was Polyanthus the Venus of Jupiter Finnegan and Adonis Whangdoodle.

From the bogus questions we clip the following :

If one point of an angle intersect unequal extremities, what will prevent the other two sides from a similar depression ?

Which is the more pathetic, the Sanscrit of Browning or the Anglo-Saxon of Confucius ?

Translate into English the following : "The puella qui abstrahit unum osculationem et currit et dicat suam matrem, should vivere et mortuere una senex virgo, et nunquam nunquam obtinere alias.

"Hic poema expresso mens sentimentum."

In which historian is greater reliance to be placed, Cholera Morbus or Herr Most ?

We must confess keen disappointment in the *Palladium*, for aside from a tasteful cover in blue cloth and imitation vellum, supposed to be the other one of the college colors, maize, whatever that tint may be, there is little to commend it to college men. The engravings, under the direction of Bro. Joe Halsted, are fine, but the paper, binding, and printing are very poor, not in keeping, certainly, with the reputation of past issues of this favorite annual, and far from being creditable to a great institution like Michigan University.

It is gotten out by a local office, and is printed on rather flimsy book paper of a muddy tint, and is set almost entirely in newspaper type and obsolete styles of job type. We were led to think highly of the literary merit of a publication, which so recently sent forth what, to our mind, is the cleverest bit of doggerel produced in late years in these peculiar college productions. We refer to the poem quoted by Brother Little in the December (1886) issue of THE SHIELD.

The frontispiece is a very fine steel-plate engraving of Professor Cooley, and this, with the fraternity cuts, a very ornamental invitation card to the junior hop, and an autotype of the Committee of Arrangements for this festive occasion, constitute all that is worthy of note in a

pictorial way, the cartoons, with rare exceptions, being commonplace in conception and crude in execution.

The most noteworthy feature of the literary work of the *Palladium* is an article from the pen of Professor Calvin Thomas, entitled, "A Short History of the University of Michigan," which is admirably written. Of the original work on the annual the best, perhaps, is this :

Do you ask me why I'm sighing?
I've a Father who's most trying
To his son whom he's supplying
With the necessary checks;
My accounts are all inspected
And a bill like this rejected,
"Paid for charity an X."

And my uncle 's a relation
Who is down on education,
And who likes the perpetration
Of some joke at my expense;
I can't answer business questions,
So he offers mild suggestions
That his nephew has no sense.

Then another great fanatic,
Is my Brother Mathematic,
With his notion most erratic,
That my knowledge should be more;

And he gives me worlds of trouble,
Saying, "Freshman Jim knows double,"
Jim, my cousin—what a bore!

And my cousin in the city,
Debutante and mighty pretty,
With her words sometimes too witty
Makes me tire of college lore;
For before a crowd of fashion,
"Tom," she asks, without compassion,
"Will your boyhood soon be o'er?"

Aunt Jerusha thinks there's danger
That to drink I'll be no stranger,
And my uncle, who's a granger,
Says that he can't never see
Why I am so slow 'a learning;
So whatever way I'm turning,
Such relations weary me.

Apropos of Aunt Jerusha's misgivings, we note that the most prominent feature of the humorous pictorial allusions is a full-page cut of a beer bottle, and inscribed upon its label are the names of some dozen students, among whom we failed to discern any $\Phi \Psi$'s, a fact upon which we may congratulate ourselves. If this cut were the only illustration with convivial suggestions, we might accept its questionable humor, but when another full page, facing the organization of '88, is given up to a picture of two boozy young fellows engaged in maudlin confidences, the amusement loses force, and one begins to suspect that the would-be wit is too grim for laughter. We hope that the undue prominence given to the drinking habits of some young Americans is but accidental, and we look with great interest for this year's *Palladium*, to see a return to the excellence of former issues.

The *Naranjado*, from the University of the Pacific, while not pictorially to be compared with its eastern contemporaries, is a very creditable production for so small a college, and bids fair, at its present rate of progress, to rival them in all regards in the near future.

Its cartoons are poorly executed, but some are quite pointed, and are

conceived in true humor. Witness those on the observatory, mechanical apparatus, several campus sketches, and an illustration of the studious proclivities of '87.

This apropos quotation from Plautus graces the title page :

“Si quid dictum est per jocum
Non aequum est id serio provortier.”

We quote the prologue in its entirety :

In ancient days,
By way of praise,
The poet to the muses brought
Each line, each ode
And when bestowed,
For the creations of his thought
And all his toil, he boldly sought
Approval from Parnassus.
To close the year
We now appear
With hist'ry, poem, and jest,
The fruits of toil

And midnight oil,
Which we have brought to add the zest
That makes our college days the best,
And for each task repays us.
And since of yore,
As said before,
Each poet you or I know
Would write each sham
Or dithyramb
To Thalia or Clio—
To do the same we can't refuse,
And hence have written to amuse.

Phi Kappa Psi is well represented in the faculty and among the residents of San Jose, and we note with pleasure that the mayor of the city, Bro. C. W. Breyfogle, founder of our own chapter, has lost none of his interest in the fraternity which he has done so much to advance, and is still devoted to the lofty principles embodied in the Greek-letter society idea,

C. L. VAN CLEVE.

TO A THRUSH.

Tell me, sweet thrush, that in the even-tide
A tender song unto thy love dost sing,
And while the thickets with thy low notes ring,
Deep in the glade thine own fair form dost hide ;
Tell me, I pray, why hast thou often sighed,
And pined on drooping branches with thy wing
All bathed in dew till in the east the king
Of golden day has oped his portals wide ?
Ah ! 'tis but Love that prompts thy mellow note,
'Tis Love alone that tunes thy mournful lay,
Love's melodies from out thy light heart float
To liven all the night and welcome day.
The tender-hearted thrush sings naught but love,
Love to his mate, love to his God above.

H. A. Dubbs, in Phila. Press.

The Areopagus.

A PLAINT.

Every observant reader of *THE SHIELD* has surely been compelled to notice a feature of our journal, which has been prominent for some time, and has been forced to notice this feature with mingled feelings of regret that such is the state of affairs in the fraternity; of shame for himself as a member for not striving to do his utmost to effect a change, and of sympathy for our editor, that he is compelled to work under such circumstances, and this is that our *SHIELD* must contain, each month, several pages of complaint that the brothers do not afford it the proper support in any of the ways designed to place *THE SHIELD* in the position aimed at and attempted by the editor.

It must be conceded by all that the editor finds no more pleasure in continually grumbling, which he seems compelled to do, in order to exact a pretence of proper support from the undergraduate members, than we are pleased to read his impatient entreaties.

The editor has shown that he desires to write more entertainingly. A recent incident in this connection shows how difficult it is for him to exercise his inclination in this matter. This is the late partial review of the *Annals*, an idea that was most deserving of all encouragement; and had Bro. Van Cleve received proper assistance, we would have enjoyed a production of no ordinary interest, yet the editor was compelled by the neglect, indifference, or thoughtlessness—whatever you may call it—of those on whose co-operation the success of his idea depended, to do only half justice to himself and the subject which he intended to treat comprehensively.

Chapter letters are full of assertions of prosperity in the chapters, new members, newly furnished halls, chapter houses, etc., which is most welcome news; but why do we not reflect accordingly our prosperity “out of the fullness of our hearts?”

It has been impressed upon the writer that if individual members

could force themselves to appreciate the editor's position, and respond accordingly as his ideas and ability to enforce them would allow. Let us remove the cause of Bro. Van Cleve's complaint, and give him the much desired opportunity to use his pen on more pleasant topics. G.

**A Paper Published in the Indiana Beta "Tattler" in its
November Issue.**

I do not believe there is a brother here who has not at times, when thinking alone or when his thoughts are being drawn out in a discussion with another of his fellow beings, felt his very soul rise and seek to free itself. The confines of heaven are too narrow a limit for its flight. His baser nature sinks away, and all that is grand, noble and true comes to the surface. He realizes the vastness of life, its uncertainty, and skeptic though he be, he feels down in the depths of his heart that there is a God, and, unquestioningly, he worships him. It is in these moments that he truly appreciates fraternity life. While we are here we do not realize its beauty. We do not realize our love for our brothers; but in these moments of solemn thought, when all petty strifes and dislikes are laid away, when only the better side of our weak natures struggles forth in its fight for liberty, the beauty of our fraternity relation stands forth as outlined against a background of immaculate whiteness and purity, and we feel that one of the grandest things in life is our love for our brother. Our hearts are bursting with love for these whom we have chosen and sworn to preserve ever as brothers.

Man can not rise higher than this. Would that I could say more. My soul is stirred, and each pulsation of my heart throbs out its love for all, and in *my* thoughts, my relation with my fellow man is truly that of a "universal brotherhood."

Laugh at these sentiments if you will; ridicule them if it please you; yet, the grandest part of life, that part without which life would not be worth the living, is when thus the very soul comes and speaking to the inmost recesses of the heart saying: I love my brothers, aye, better than myself.

The man who has not experienced these feelings has not lived the life of a true man; has not felt its greatest joy. J. R. MUTZ.

A MODEL LETTER.

We have seldom seen anything of an epistolary character to excel this bright and graceful effort. Without consulting the author, we have given it space.—ED. SHIELD.

LYKENS, Dauphin County, Pa., December 6, 1887.

DEAR BRO. VAN CLEVE:

Yours of the 2d inst. reached me yesterday. Am always glad to hear from one of the "Mystic Three," even though the hearing may mean a "bill" (when it is correct.)

Am sorry that in five short years after leaving college I should be published among the "Unknown." I, who even wrote for THE SHIELD an occasional chapter letter, and innocently sought, in various ways, to live after I had ceased to be "active!" Alas! how "posterity," the ingrate, doth deal falsely with our fondest hopes! Not dead—not decent enough to die—that my mortal remains might be embalmed in the touching sentences of a highly wrought memorial notice and in the shadowy rosette worn for thirty days two inches from the grief-stricken hearts of the entire Order! But "Unknown"—lost, gone astray!!

Please herald the fact that the lost has been found; that the "Unknown" has arisen from his depths of shame to once more establish his identity—long enough to pay for THE SHIELD, at least.

My name is as Bro. A. A. Arthur states it. I suppose, though if I recollect the words on the sheepskin that shares my unknown-ness, it is Stephanum Henricum Evans. How the D became associated with my initials I can't tell, unless some "devil" in the printing office or editorial sanctum added his initials to mine, that he might go down to posterity with me! If so, please cut that "D" off. I've enough here, without being troubled from Troy.

Now, as to the matter of your letter. THE SHIELD has reached me now and then ever since I left college, in June, '82. But has long since ceased to be anything but periodic. The fault was probably largely mine, in not writing to the office of publication. But as I entered the conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church (Philadelphia conference,) as a Methodist preacher, I was kept busy in the course of study prescribed for all who enter there, and in the necessary reading connected with that course and my pastorate, so that even so close a friend as THE SHIELD easily slipped my mind. I do feel, however, that I ought to hand you your bill, and do so cheerfully. Enclosed please find postal note for \$2.25, the amount stated as my indebtedness up to the present time.

* * * The best among the memories of my college life are those connected in some way with my fraternity. My interest, therefore, in the success of the Order will always be great. Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN H. EVANS.

Editorial.

GRAND ARCH COUNCIL COMMITTEE.—Robt. J. Murray, Chairman ; Harry W. Smith, Secretary ; Frank H. Stephens, Treasurer ; Joseph G. Falck, W. S. Armstrong.

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We are glad to publish, in this issue, chapter letters from two colleges which have long maintained a silence as inexplicable as it was annoying.

A chapter that can remain silent month after month, when the stirring words describing the victories of brothers in other fields, deserves all the torture which an awakened conscience can inflict. We hope that the dereliction of these long silent ones may not characterize their future.

We desire to call the attention of our readers to one item in the letter of Bro. Evans, found in Areopagus, and that is the frank admission that THE SHIELD has not been to blame for his failure to get the journal of our order. Brethren who get the paper make a move, and neglect to inform the editor ; and, as a consequence, the issues, month after month, go to an address which is no longer the abode of the subscriber.

The management of THE SHIELD has no means of knowing of these changes ; and, if not informed, must ig-

norantly throw away the product of no little labor and expense. We take great pains to see that each copy goes to the correct address, and every wrapper that covers a single SHIELD, or any number, has what is called a "return request" printed upon the corner. But postmasters, to whom this request is preferred, flatly fail to do their duty, and when we send a letter of inquiry after the subscriber, naming amount of the bill, and asking settlement, an indignant protest almost invariably follows, although it is certainly apparent to any man, who will stop to think a moment, that no one is more likely to be responsible than himself.

We would not like to say how many subscriptions we have cancelled simply upon the statement of a brother who claimed not to have received the journal, although there is not the shadow of legal, and, we had almost said, moral, defense to be offered in extenuation for non-payment.

We are ready and willing to make any number of changes to accommodate the issuance of THE SHIELD to the wanderings of any brother, provided he stays one month in a place, and we sincerely hope that the very disagreeable misunderstandings that have arisen from this source may cease, because of the greater care on the part of subscribers in keeping their accounts straight.

Chapter correspondents, one and all, would oblige us by re-reading the editorial of the November issue, which is particularly addressed to them, and closely following its suggestions would further elevate that department of THE SHIELD, which, we insist, is more than all others valuable.

The remaining issues of this volume ought to teem with articles upon timely topics contributed to the Areo-

pagus. We have found it easier to search for matter ourselves, or to create it *de novo*, or perhaps *de nihil*, than to secure contributions, or to get the fulfillments of promises made for them. Are there not many themes, whose discussion the fraternity needs, that ought to find expression in this open department of THE SHIELD?

Come, let us prepare ourselves and the whole fraternity for active and intelligent participation in the G. A. C. of 1888.

The zeal with which the members of our own and other fraternities seek to secure complete files of their journals is worthy of high praise. It means that more effort is being made to become intelligent on matters pertaining to fraternity affairs than there has been, and is on that account gratifying.

We know one editor of a contemporary, who has pretty nearly complete files of all the fraternity publications, and industriously seeks to supply missing numbers of any journal which he may be without full sets of.

We write this note in his behalf, as well as our own, asking brothers who know anything about the publication of the *Phi Kappa Psi Journal* to communicate with us at their earliest convenience.

The coming G. A. C. will be important in many ways. The fraternity, since the last gathering of this representative body, has undergone radical changes in governmental policy, and what was theoretically considered a complete solution to all the accumulated difficulties of thirty-five years at Indianapolis, in April, 1886, is soon to be put to the test of its first review after a practical trial of a year and a half.

The revised constitution presented to the last G. A. C.

met with unexpected and well nigh unqualified endorsement, and its adoption was heartily made. We believe that these gatherings of $\phi K \psi$ are made up of our best undergraduate men; and, inasmuch as they are the accredited mouthpieces of those for whom the government is chiefly made, it is safe to say that the new instrument met everywhere with favor.

In keeping with genuine democratic spirit, the authority to control and provide for the well being of the fraternity was intrusted to the hands of a body, whose composition is determined, as we believe, in the best possible way. Having agreed upon the forms of government, and having determined who were to hold the reins of power, we began our career as an organization with a high mission and under admirable leadership. We do not think a better Executive Council than the one we have had could be chosen from the entire membership of $\phi K \psi$, and what they have accomplished must be taken as a fair indication of the capabilities of our new instrument.

That most perfect of all statements of governmental principle—the Declaration of Independence—bases all true government upon the consent of the governed, and in the light of that statement let us contemplate the perfection of our present principles.

We agreed upon certain forms of procedure in managing our affairs, and certain duties in accordance therewith were imposed upon chapters, individuals and alumni associations. Have these duties been fulfilled as they ought and could be? Has the "consent of the governed" been exemplified in chapter practice? In how many chapters and associations have the S. G.'s done as they are required? How many chapters have cheerfully and promptly complied with the provisions of the constitution as set forth in Art. IV., Sec. 10; Art. V., Sec. 5; Art.

VI., Sec. 2, Sec. 4, Sec. 5, Cl. 2; Art. VIII., Sec. 6; Art. XVII. of the by-laws, Sec. 4, Sec. 5?

What zeal has been shown in establishing alumni associations in the cities where $\phi \psi$'s abound?

These questions demand the most serious consideration, and are upon the points where the looseness of management, which characterized our former government, is most likely to recur. The slough of despond is not far away, when chapters of an organization like ours neglect to obey the plain provisions of the law, which has been enacted for their government by their own representatives.

We are not in a position to know how many of these provisions are violated, and put the matter tentatively in order to provoke discussion. Past experience has shown that we come to G. A. C.'s in large measure unprepared for the serious business we have on hand, and often spend our time in fruitless discussion or aimless loitering.

Let us get ready thus early for the coming convention by regular discussion in chapter meetings of the provisions of the instrument by which we are governed.

Prompt and cheerful obedience to law is the supreme test of civilized society, and $\phi \kappa \psi$ owes it to herself to look well to these provisions, liable to be neglected, if not flagrantly disobeyed, and come to Washington next April ready through her representatives to set the stamp of unqualified approval upon the work of our efficient and able government.

If the fraternity idea means anything, it should inculcate in the minds and hearts of the membership the spirit of *noblesse oblige*. If the young Americans, who subscribe to the principles incorporated in the written work of the various Greek-letter societies, are in no respect different in their treatment of each other and the world at large than

the average college-bred man, the spirit of fraternity has had little effect upon them, and they are of less value to the organizations to which they may belong.

We have a right to expect from each other greater forbearance, greater kindness of heart, greater love than we receive from people of the outside world, and they in turn have just reason to require in us an excess of the qualities that go to make up broader manhood than they themselves possess. Personal quarrels, inuendoes, sharp irony, sarcastic flings ill become one member of such an organization, as $\phi \kappa \psi$, in his attitude toward a brother, and fellow-Greeks should, in large measure, strive to drive out of their hearts the spirit which prompts the manifestation of these malevolent passions.

We have had frequent illustration in our former editorship, and since, of how easy a thing it is for us to forget the higher demands of Christian manhood in exhibiting small resentments at trifles, and cultivating the graces of punctilious outward politeness, we often have cherished the demon of retaliation. It is not quixotic, it is in no way unreasonable for us to insist that the imperative demands of that better culture, which we profess to strive for, compel in us respect for the attitude assumed by others in their relations to us, as well as the recognition of our own point of view. In looking toward the world and demanding its courtesy for ourselves, we sometimes forget that this is a giving world, and not a receiving one. We are not in the world to see how much we can take from it, but rather to show how we may best use it to increase the sum of human happiness.

The dispiriting influence of modern fiction, which absorbs the attention of a very large class of people, whose reading is chiefly confined to the latter-day favorites, is responsible, in a great measure, for fastening upon the lives

of its admirers habits that are all too easily formed. The modern novel, with its photographic fidelity to the mean and sordid in human nature, the vague questionings of current poetry, the prevalence of the intellectual pride which glorifies the agnostic attitude toward religious subjects, all unite to bring about an unlovely condition of heart in the devotees who worship at their shrines.

The agnostic, whose loud boast that the mere instinct of life is enough to make it worth the living, and who professes to live to bless future generations, is very apt not to concern himself about the feelings and tastes of others, contenting himself with his devotion to an impersonal posterity. Honest doubt, upon any question of the soul's attitude toward God or mankind, brings to the doubter a tenderer sympathy, a more forgiving heart, a more reverent worship for all that is good in others. Agnosticism, as it reveals itself in current literature and contemporaneous life, is not so, replacing these purer feelings with a critical attitude to everybody and everything in the universe but itself, and with rank insincerity doubts nothing less than its own virtue.

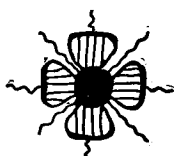
We had not meant to preach a sermon, but we can not help but feel that the Greek-letter societies of the United States have a greater mission and their members grander opportunities than any of us have dreamed.

George W. Cable, with his keen discernment, has imaged the thought with marvelous faithfulness in his Bonaventure Deschamps, who converses with St. Pierre in this strain :

"You say ed'cation—priest say religion—me, I dawn't see neider one make no diffrence. I see every man look out for hissself and his li'l' crowd. Not you, but—" He waved his hand bitterly toward the world at large.

"Ah, sir!" cried Bonaventure, "'t is not something what you see all the time, like the horns on a cow! And yet, sir,—and yet!"—he lifted himself upon tiptoe and ran his fingers through his thin hair—"the education that

make' no difference is but a dead body! and the religion that make' no difference is a ghost! Behole! behole two thing' in the worl', where all is giving and getting, two thing', *contrary*, yet resem'ling! 'Tis the left han'—alas, alas!—giving only to get; and the right, blessed of God, getting only to give! How much resem'ling, yet how *contrary*! The one—han' of all strife; the other—of all peace. And oh! dear friend, there are those who call the one civilize-ation, and the other religion. Civilize-ation? Religion? They are one! They are body and soul! I care not what religion the priest teach you; in God's religion is comprised the total *mécanique* of civilize-ation. We are all in it; you, me, Claude, Sidonie; 'all in it! Each and every at his task, however high, however low, working not to get, but to give, and not to give only to his own li'l' crowd, but to all, to all!"



Chapter Letters.

ALLEGHENY.

Your gentle reminder for a chapter letter received upon our return to college after a short vacation spent at home, during which we were allowed to partake of the once "gay and festive" Thanksgiving turkey.

We were all pleased with the last number of *THE SHIELD*, and under the present management it is certainly an honor to the fraternity.

The first term of this college year is nearly completed, and we are pleased to say that Pennsylvania Beta is still in the arena. Her Quintet Club, accompanied by fifteen members of the Glee Club, will give a series of entertainments in our neighboring cities during the coming holidays.

In the Allegheny Society election, held two weeks ago, our Franks, Bros. Cattern and Bray, were elected respectively orator and essayist to represent the society on the inter-society contest next June. Our only senior this year is Bro. W. W. Ellsworth, who, by the way, is the fellow who will be valedictorian of his class next commencement.

In athletics this fall the college has been dull, the boys taking less interest in foot ball than in base ball. In this department Pennsylvania Beta has of late stood at the head at Allegheny, furnishing four members for the college base ball team last year, and will furnish three this coming year—each of the two years the pitcher. We are unfortunate in having no colleges near by, so most of the games are played with local clubs of the city and surrounding towns.

Last Thursday morning the sophomores and freshmen had the first hat-rush of the season, which, to say the least, was very exciting. As we have friends in "both places" we do not care to discuss it.

At a meeting of the college classes, held some time since, the following yell, proposed by Brother Barrett, was adopted as the college yell: "Alleghen! Alleghen! Rah! Boom!! Allegheny." The old colors of the college were retained—cadet blue and gold.

A. M. BROWN.

Meadville, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1887.

BUCKNELL.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to the fraternity Truman J. Purdy, our only representative in the class of '90. Brother Purdy is the son of our brother, Hon. T. H. Purdy, of Sunbury. Three of our now active men are the sons of Gamma's alumni.

In an interview with Mrs. Grundy we learned that a boarding club calling themselves "Caelocole" have organized into a local fraternity. Their presiding officer is called Zeus. They now desire a charter from some fraternity; but as they are composed of Preps and Freshmen, who are not thought to be worthy of being Greeks by the fraternities already established here, it will be some time before they can become rivals.

Through the efforts of Brother Gretzinger the junior class has decided to issue an annual. This is a new departure for Bucknell, and we hope that succeeding classes will follow the example of '89. We desire to exchange with all chapters issuing annuals.

Foot ball has been the all-absorbing interest here this fall. Although we were beaten in two games played with State College, we are glad that athletics are still alive among us.

The fund for the Tustin Gymnasium is rapidly accumulating. It is the desire of those who have it in charge to have the building erected by next commencement.

Our blonde Brother Abrahams was recently elected president of the junior class. Considering that they had quite a struggle, and that the class is made up of fraternity men (there being but four barbs in the class), we call it another victory.

As this is the last issue of the term of our office as B. G. we would like to state that we have enjoyed very much the correspondence with other B. Gs., and hope that we may continue to exchange communications. To all Phi Psis be it known that the latch string on the doors of our hall, individual rooms, and boarding clubs are always to be found on the outside.

W. M. WOODWARD.

Lewisburg, Pa., November 28, 1887.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

As this is the first time the present writer has had the pleasure to represent Pennsylvania Epsilon in THE SHIELD, we beg of our readers not to be too critical, but to pardon all delinquencies. However, it affords us pleasure to correspond with THE SHIELD, and to send her news of Pennsylvania Epsilon.

The chapter is in an exceptionally good condition, and in excellent working order, holding her head high among the rival fraternities.

We expect very soon to furnish "Miller Hall" with a piano, selecting one, of course, to match the furniture and the wood-finish. We have taken steps to this effect, and our dear old hall will soon resound with the melodious strains of an upright "Steinway" accompanying the voices of our gifted bases, tenors, and sopranos to the tune of some good old Phi Psi songs.

We have long felt the need of a piano, and with the determination and grit characteristic of "Epsilon" in all that concerns Phi Kappa Psi have succeeded in meeting this want.

We have also begun negotiations for the purchase of a chandelier for the chapter house. Epsilon's Hall has high ceilings, and the chandelier, it is expected, will set off the interior immensely.

We still, as ever, consider ourselves at the head of the fraternity world of Pennsylvania College, having distanced our rivals in every instance where rivalry came into play.

The Phi Delta Thetas have lately expelled one man, and have had trouble in other respects in their chapter; and rumor has it that the Phi Gamma Deltas have had a little trouble with one of their members. Further developments will be waited for and duly reported.

At the late fall election Bro. Howard P. Sadtler was re-elected G. P.; Bro. Frank P. Witmer, P.; Bro. S. E. Witmer, A. G.; the writer still holding the office of S. G., and Bro. John F. Dapp that of B. G.; Bro. C. B. Taylor, H., and Bro. Harvey T. Upler, Ph.

We omitted to state that Bro. John F. Dapp was recently elected president of '89. Congratulate him.

With best wishes to THE SHIELD and to the fraternity, we will close.

Gettysburg, Pa., November 28, '87.

EDWARD C. HECHT.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

We send you greeting, and the fervent wishes of Zeta for a bright and prosperous year, marred by naught of scurrying mists to shade the brightness of loyal friendship that draws us as a net of woven sunbeams. Perhaps, instead of thus opening our letter with an enthusiasm bred of the most healthy fraternal relations, an apology for our long absence from the pages of THE SHIELD would be more in order. But, then, apologies are at all times tedious, and who would expect any tedious things from THE SHIELD?

Though losing much by graduation last year, we have, if such a thing could be, more than regained our former standing. I now take the occasion of formally presenting to you those who, through Zeta's guidance, have lately entered our sacred portals; and you will find their grip as hearty, their hearts as full of fraternal love, as the many who have gone before and rendered the pathway hallowed. Here they are, just three of them, the very "cream" of their class: This slender, graceful one, with fair open face, dainty moustache, and eyes almost womanly in their great tenderness, is Ralph W. Illingworth. Note then the next, with brow close drawn, sharp peering eyes, face thoughtful, "as though the world rolled 'round his neck,"—George E. Mills. And now 'tis better to cast sombre words and looks to the wind, and come with laughing face to "our baby." Little care has he, for all that sages ponder. Laughter and smiles leak forth from lips and eyes, and bid you welcome. Such is rolly, rollicking Sammy, brother of one whom many of you know and honor, '88's pride,—William D. Boyer. Receive them, your brothers, and may peace and harmony ever rest upon their new-formed tie, and render grace to it its character.

To recount our triumphs would be to skim the cream of college honors, and append them to our rolls; would be to tell of how our '87 men entered Φ B K, of how our '88 and '89 men stood at the top of their classes, far ahead of other fraternity men; to tell of how Brother Pearce, of '90, received the McDaniel Prize for scholarship; and of how Brother Ashley took one of the

medals for oratory in the junior contest. I would then go to the college elections, and show you how the important offices are always held by Phi Psis. I would bring to you the base ball record, and show how our players ranked one after the other at the top of the list; also, the record of our field-sports, in which Brothers Boyer and Wharton so notably distinguished themselves. And, finally, I would tell you of Brother Dryden's election to the Vice-Principalship of the Preparatory School, though yet in his senior year. But I have other things to speak of. Our honored brother, Robt. J. Burdette, lectured here a few weeks ago, and it is of his reception among us that I would tell you. The lecture was delivered and was received most graciously, but imagine our surprise and delight, as well as the chagrin of the other "frats," when, as a finale, he most adroitly worked in the words, "Phi Psi." Instantly a tremendous round of applause broke forth, started of course by the "Zeta" boys. After the lecture he was taken in charge by our beloved brother and founder, Hon. M. C. Herman, and by him conducted to the banquet hall, whose magic doors cut off the burden of years. Brother Herman was in his wonted place at the head of the table. After an unusually long menu, the responses were answered by Brother Burdette. Would that for an hour I had the genius of Dickens, to give in detail what followed; how jest followed story, and song the jest, till far into the morning, while beneath it all there was manifest the feeling of sincere and lasting friendship.

Not to test the kind tolerance of THE SHIELD further, I will close with the mention of those who were present at the reception. Besides Brothers Burdette and Herman, there were present, Prof. Morgan of the college, Bro. H. W. Smith, past archon of the second district, Bro. T. B. Anderson, now of the University of Pennsylvania, and the members of the active chapters. Brother Anderson, though with us but one year, endeared himself to all who knew him, and his departure is a loss rendered bearable only through his frequent returns.

What regrets rush upon me, as I draw to a close. Henceforth another will chronicle Zeta's deeds, but his inspiration will be, as mine has been, the hearts of those nearest to him; and reading from them now, I see only the desire for your continued welfare, and a hope that some time they shall welcome you to our hall.

A. D. MELOY.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Pennsylvania Eta has no new brothers to introduce to the fraternity in this letter, and, in reality, nothing new to write of. However, it is a question with us whether the amount of so-called chapter news is always, or even generally, to be taken as the surest sign of a chapter's activity and of the most effectual working of the fundamental principles of fraternity life. THE SHIELD's monthly file of letters from our sister chapters are read, without omission, by every brother of our chapter, with scarcely any exception. We read them all with pleasure and with profit; but when the time comes for us to prepare our letter for THE SHIELD we sometimes feel like not writing at all, because we have little or no news to communicate. And yet all our brothers testify at our weekly meetings by their "I'm glad to be here to-night" that they are interested

in everything pertaining to the good and welfare of the chapter. *We know* that we are *trying* to make our chapter active, and *we feel* the effects of fraternal influences.

We have not yet ceased admiring our enlarged and improved hall, but we are beginning to wonder how we formerly got along with such limited room.

Since we last wrote the chapter has sent out to its alumni members the S. G.'s circular-letter. The alumni have not had sufficient opportunity to reply as yet, but in our next letter we hope to be able to tell of numerous replies to our letter, coming from interested graduate $\Phi K \Psi$ s.

At our meeting on Saturday evening last one of our alumni, Bro. Joseph H. Apple, Jr., '85, answered our letter in person, but it were useless for us to try to express how glad we were to welcome him among us. Brother Apple has been teaching ever since he left college, and at present is one of the professors in the normal school at Clarion, Pennsylvania.

We are still on the lookout for men of the proper stamp, with a view of extending to them the opportunities of $\Phi K \Psi$. In fact, we have already laid our claims before another freshmen, and in the near future our number will doubtless be increased one or two.

Here we close, rather from necessity than inclination. Am anxious for the future success and welfare of THE SHIELD.

FRED A. RUPLEY, JR.

Lancaster, Pa., November 24, 1887.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

"Remember, the very best time to write your communications for THE SHIELD is immediately upon receipt of the current number, while the enthusiasm that comes of communication with your fellows is upon you." Impressed with the truth of this statement, made by Editor Van Cleve in the November SHIELD, Virginia Alpha's B. G. follows his advice.

Echoing the cry of our sister chapters, we too are inclined to rail at the fate which has removed from us faces which were so familiar and so dear a year ago. On the other hand, we rejoice that eight of our band have returned. Brother Ingle, who left us in '86, is with us again. He is known to you all as the efficient member of the Executive Council. We initiated but two men, but they are such as would gladden the heart of every Phi Psi who would meet them. They are Sam D. Hines, of Bowling Green, Ky., and Walter De R. Coles, of St. Louis, Mo. Now to name those among us whose hearts have beat in sympathy with $\Phi K \Psi$ for more than a year: First, he whose sepulchral tones and flights of eloquence causes us to liken unto an aspen leaf the initiate who is his victim. Brother Davis is also noted for a playful little way he has of getting up everything within the covers of every book which may be in his course of study. We emulate his example, but certainly not with equal success. Brothers Berkely, Ingle and Davis are our philosophers, and, with a recklessness inherent in incipient sages, are prepared to ruthlessly destroy the most carefully elaborated theories.

Brothers Peters and Coles are our lawyers, the former applying for his degree this year. Brothers Blackford, Davis, Smith and Wolff are all applying for the degree of M. D. In addition to their many other charms, Brothers Holloway and Hines rest their greatest claim to distinction from the fact that they came from "God's Country," which, being interpreted (by them), means Kentucky.

Take us all in all, we are as happy and contented a band of men as a chapter could desire, and all signs indicate a prosperous and harmonious session. Though we have but eleven men, we are applying for nine degrees.

In the recent athletic sports Brother Ingle won the one-mile run and the potato race; Brother Stires won the 100-yard dash and the 220-yard dash. The prizes are very pretty gold medals.

We are very fortunate in having with us three resident alumni, Prof. Wm. M. Thornton, the vice-chairman of the faculty, who is well known to the mathematical world; the Rev. James M. Rawlings, who is the much-beloved chaplain of the university, and Dr. Charles W. Kent, M. A., Ph. D., who has just returned from abroad, having received his degree at Leipsic. He takes much interest in the fraternity, and is liked very much by all our fellows.

We are much indebted to Professor Thornton for inviting us in a body to a reception at his house. It has been universally conceded to be the greatest social event of the current session.

We note with great pleasure Brother Wilson's plea for a collection of Phi Psi songs. We would hail the advent of such a book with joy.

Greetings to our sister chapters and THE SHIELD.

ERNEST M. STIRES.

University of Virginia, November 28, 1887.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY.

Chapter news (vulgarly called gossip by male barbarians) is a thing of such rare occurrence with us that I can not attempt to make that the feature of my letter, and must ask the sister chapters to be content with an entirely "domestic" conversation on the part of Virginia Gamma. Probably Virginia Gamma in a moment of supreme exultation might well climb to the highest point of the acropolis and with her arms akimbo proclaim over the housetops of her neighbors what a glorious institution she is, but with the calm and philosophic spirit of a well-bred Grecian matron she carved her Thanksgiving turkey with her usual quiet demeanor, notwithstanding an increased fervor displayed in her appetite. Everything is moving along smoothly at present, and our chapter could not ask to be in a better condition in any respect, and I may truly say a more congenial fraternal feeling does not exist in any $\Phi \Psi$ chapter or other body of men.

We have eight active undergraduate and five alumni members, who have lost none of their enthusiasm by several years' separation from their respective

chapters. The "stag" German, led by Brother McIlwaine, and music by the Gamma band, is a part of the programme that is never dispensed with, and the sight of our brothers of the cloth engaged in "the mazy rounds of the voluptuous waltz" is a caution to their constituents at home. By the way, that band led by the violin of Bro. "Toots" Sanders, alumnus of Virginia Alpha, has done more to cultivate the musical talent of the chapter than all the powerful influences of the various hand-organ syndicates and musical prodigies that have ever passed through the neighborhood since John Hampden and Albert Sidney invited $\Phi \Psi$ to abide within our walls. But we will now have to content ourselves for some weeks to come with the simple recollections of the last grand meet and eat, as examinations and reviews are now demanding our undivided attention, and Gamma will be obliged to bid *THE SHIELD au reservoir* until the old year doth down and out, while blushing Aurora doth in a napkin bring the new-born red-faced kid.

E. S. WATSON.

Hampden-Sidney, Virginia, November 28, 1887.

COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

Doubtless some apology is due for the long and unusual delay in sending a letter to *THE SHIELD*.

The truth is, the boys have been scattered, and we are scarcely begun on our winter's work, and while there is a goodly nucleus, that nucleus has been very busy.

Brother Roose, our former G. P., whose absence from among us is very much felt, has been severed from the activities of our chapter for some time. He is now in Baltimore mastering, it is said, the "intricacies of the pharmaceutical branch of the Esculapian art." May he have no ghosts to haunt his hours of rest.

Our "fiend of the anecdote," or better, one of them, Brother Chamberlin, when he completed his course in law last June, returned to his home in Massachusetts, from whence we shall doubtless hear how one grand humanitarian (not in the theological sense of the word) won the hearts of mankind by espousing the cause of the fatherless and the widows, and him that had no helper, against the oppressor and the devourer of the weak and poor.

Our diminutive brother. W. H. Wilson, who exemplifies the truth of the old saw "much in little," is at his home in a quiet nook of Virginia, for the recuperation of that most blessed of God's earthly blessings—bodily health.

The rest of us are here, most of us holding on with grim determination to make Alpha, or rather keep her, an honor to the fraternity.

There is a rumor afloat, of the truth of which we are not yet assured, that some other fraternity is attempting to "plant a colony" in Columbian College. If true, it may be the source, as all opposition and rivalry is apt to be, of new life and strength to our chapter.

The machinery of the G. A. C. has been put in motion, and there is every reason to believe that we will have a glorious reunion at that time. I am not at liberty to state any ultimate, but will content myself with saying that the

fraternity can depend upon the fact that the committee here *is doing* and *will do its best*.

Our good Brother Murray, who will in all probability be the life of our schemes for next April, has been for some time confined to his home with a severe attack of rheumatism; but we have reason to hope this is only temporary.

This, I believe, exhausts my stock of the interesting (with query as to the *interestingness*), and it is to be hoped that a better chapter letter will be forthcoming at the next issue.

Our chapter sends greetings to the fraternity at large, and to THE SHIELD, and assures them that, though sometimes silent and backward, she has their interest deeply at heart.

W. SPENCER ARMSTRONG.

November 29, 1887.

WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

The prospects of a bright future for Ohio Gamma were certainly never better than at present.

Since our last letter our "goat," after a brief respite, was again called into active service, and I now take pleasure in introducing Brother Carson, '91, of Springfield, Ohio. In Brother Carson we find a worthy brother, and a loyal Phi Psi. We now number fifteen men, and a more congenial set of fellows would be hard to find. Every man is enthused with a desire to promote the best interests of Phi Kappa Psi.

On Thanksgiving eve, according to an established custom, Ohio Gamma gave her annual reception at the home of Bro. J. A. Gann. Our receptions before have always been successes, and this year was no exception to the rule. The following was the account given in the *Wooster Republican*:

"The Ohio Gamma chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi (college) fraternity gave a brilliant reception last evening at the residence of Dr. J. A. Gann, on North Market Street. In response to handsomely lithographed invitations, the resident members of the fraternity and wives, their lady friends, and especially invited guests, filled the spacious parlors of the Gann residence. Social pleasures, music, and an elaborate supper, were the order of the evening. The music, furnished by active members of the chapter, deserves especial mention. Ohio Gamma scored another great success in her history, and the wearers of the 'shield' and the 'pink and lavender' have just reason to be proud of their Thanksgiving eve reception."

The Phi Psi orchestra, composed of six of the brothers, under the leadership of Brother Glover, furnished the music for our reception, and demonstrated the fact that Ohio Gamma possesses musical talent of no mean ability. Mr. and Mrs. McNeal, who were visiting their sons, Bros. Alf and Burt McNeal, were present, and Mrs. McNeal sang several selections in a most pleasing manner. At early morn' the guests departed, impressed with the fact that Ohio Gamma still maintains her former reputation for entertaining her friends.

No better evidence of Ohio Gamma's standing in society could be given than the fact that ten of the brothers were present at the reception given by the ladies of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Our attention this term has been taken up with other matters, and we did not, as we expected, get our hall refurnished; but at the beginning of next term we hope to be able to add a new set of furniture, which will greatly add to its appearance, and our comfort. We will then, we think, have the nicest hall among the fraternities here.

In the batallion band of ten members five are Phi Psis, of whom Brother Neilson is leader, and Brother Orr musical director. At the beginning of the term the band numbered twenty-one, but some of our rivals became jealous of our strength in the band and induced some of the members to resign, hoping thus to break up the organization. In this, however, they were unsuccessful, owing to the fact that the Phi Psis all played leading parts.

Brother Weeks met with a sad mishap in the dislocation of his arm while engaged in a game of foot ball, and was compelled to return home for a short season. We are glad, however, to announce that he has returned again, to resume his studies.

Our desires have been realized at last, and we are now the happy possessors of a tennis court, which, during the warm season, was located on a small plot of ground in the center of the city, but which, owing to the kindness of Brother Siegenthaler, has been placed in the rink for the winter. Here the brothers spend many pleasant hours in recreation, and some of them are becoming experts in wielding the racquet.

Brother Nimmons, '87, has accepted a position with a firm of architects in Chicago.

Brother Morris, '86, is engaged in business in Cincinnati. He is rooming with Brother Hostetler, another of Ohio Gamma's alumni.

Bro. Ed. S. Raff, '81, has again located in Canton, Ohio, where he goes to accept the position of cashier of one of the leading banks.

Ohio Gamma extends her best wishes to THE SHIELD and all sister chapters.

L. GLENN MCGAW.

Wooster, Ohio, December 6, 1887.

FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

Since our last letter many things of interest have occurred which time will not permit to enumerate. Among many of the pleasant occasions during the term was the reception at Dr. Scovel's residence. It is about the only opportunity afforded the majority of students for improving those qualities which constitute a perfect gentleman, and gives them a fair means of knowing their fellow-students. It is needless to say that it was a success, and the enjoyment received was the cause of the regret that such affairs occur only once a year.

There is a new life springing up among the students here, in the form of foot ball, the very name of which had almost become obsolete in the institution. In fact, it has been the source of nearly all the out-door enjoyment for the male sex during the term. The freshmen and sophomore classes had a very hotly

contested game, which resulted in a tie, although popular sentiment was in favor of the former, who showed superior playing at all parts of the game. The acme of enjoyment was not reached until the seniors played a game on Thanksgiving Day. They divided the class equally, and then made their appearance in costumes, which evoked laughter from the most saturnine. Some were embellished with overalls, linen dusters, skull caps, and rubber boots, which the preps say they had learned to use from the study of political economy. From such a crowd of players you can draw inferences in regard to scientific points.

The senior class gave a reception and supper on Thanksgiving night. It was a successful affair, and stands unprecedented in the college annals.

Kappa Alpha Theta gave a very pleasant party to a select crowd of her friends on hallow 'een night. The brothers who were present reported a pleasant time.

B Θ Π, 17; Φ K Ψ, 16; Σ X, 11; Δ T Δ, 14; Φ Δ Θ, 15; Φ Γ Δ, 14. Ladies—K Δ Θ, 13; K K Γ, 11.

Since our last letter we have pledged Mr. ———, who does not wish it known until next term, when he will be initiated. He is a fine young man, and had the honor of being bid by four fraternities, but preferred Phi Psi.

Hoping the correspondent will be at his post for the next issue, I close.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter to THE SHIELD a little over a month has elapsed, and during that time Ohio Delta has not been wholly idle. Besides pledging two more bright and promising "preps" we are able, after short contests with three of our rivals, to introduce Bros. Morton D. Browne, '91, and Frank C. Phillips, '91, who will be an honor both to Ohio Δ and Φ K Ψ at large.

There is plenty of good material among the new students this year, and in our humble opinion we have obtained none but the choicest. We now number thirteen active members, two seniors, two juniors, four sophomores, and five freshmen.

We see the following announcement in the city papers: "Married—George W. Dun, of Columbus, and Miss Clara Carroll, of St. Clairsville, Ohio, November 1, 1887." The groom is none other than treasurer of Φ K Ψ and an alumnus of Ohio Δ. The bride was also a student of the Ohio State University. We extend hearty congratulations to the young couple.

We are indeed sorry to hear that Brother Weybrecht can not be back next term, as he expected. However, he assures us he will be with us again next year.

Bro. Pen Converse, '87, has recently been appointed assistant chemist of the New Jersey Iron and Steel Works.

Last week we were honored by a short visit from Bro. Newton Anderson, one of the founders of our chapter, who now has charge of the large Manual Training School for boys at Cleveland, Ohio.

Brother Anderson still takes a great interest in the chapter and its welfare, and the boys were delighted to see him.

Ohio State University now has enrolled about three hundred and fifty students, from which six fraternities derive their support.

Class-spirit is already manifesting itself, and all schemes find ready supporters among the new as well as old students. The students are looking forward with great expectations to the next session of state legislature, for we are expecting an appropriation for an armory and gymnasium.

H. A. YEAZELL.

Columbus, O., November 28, 1887.

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

Gladly do we again break the silence in obedience to the duty incumbent on each chapter toward THE SHIELD, the November number of which is just received and read with great care and interest; for it is in this that we write our successes and read our defects; in this that we see each other as in one common mirror.

We regret that in our last communication we failed to mention one of the most important and enjoyable affairs that has, perhaps, ever happened in our history.

Last June, just before commencement, Colonel J. Riley Weaver, Φ K Ψ, professor of political economy, extended to the chapter and its lady friends an invitation to spend an evening at his residence, which, if my memory rightly serves me now, was duly observed. It was a most enjoyable occasion, and everyone present felt perfectly at home in the spacious and handsome residence of the professor, where they were shown such hospitality as is only found at the entertainments given by Professor and Mrs. Weaver. After spending a goodly portion of the evening everyone went away feeling that they had been treated loyally and royally, and that it was an occasion long to be remembered as one of the happiest recollections of college days.

This term we have given several socials in the hall, which have been reciprocated by entertainments on the part of lady friends, all of which were happy events.

While we do not fail to enjoy ourselves hugely as the time offers itself, our chapter work is none the less earnest; rather, our pristine valor has received a new impetus and coloring, as evidenced by the harmonious progress of the present.

A recent innovation in college entertainments is one lately organized here, called "The DePauw Perion Concert Club," composed of four persons,—three ladies and one gentleman,—and our humorous Bill Nye, Bro. Clarence Hough, accidentally or providentially is that person. The club makes its debut here the first of next term. The ladies are the musicians and Clarence the recitationist.

As usual, we have a lecture course this year; but, contrary to custom, it is the enterprise of two students instead of the faculty. However, it is the most excellent one we have had for years. There are seven entertainments in the

whole course, among which two are by Φ \K Ψ 's, Dr. A. A. Willits and our no less genial Bro. R. J. Burdette.

Thanksgiving vacation having just passed, it now behooves us to begin filling up our "think-tank" for term examination.

In our next letter we hope to be able to introduce a new brother or so if the moon is favorable and the gods don't interfere.

CHARLES C. SPENCER.

Greencastle, Indiana, November 28, 1887.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Not very much that is new and startling has occurred since we sent our last letter to THE SHIELD, in October. The chapter is in good condition. The recent arrivals are being amalgamated and bound together by the strongest and tenderest of ties. The prospect is bright with hope. We feel strong in present success.

On November 8th we initiated Bro. Stewart A. Maltman, of Lake View, Illinois, which gives us three men in the freshman class. Brother Maltman stood the wear and tear of the "further mysteries of the order" like a Spartan.

Brothers Little and Graves returned from their wanderings through many states about November 1st. They were welcomed back with joy, because they came with pockets full of hard cash, and some of the boys saw in those plethoric purses excellent "lifts" over hard places. They came just in time to take a hand in a monster celebration by the students of the transfer of the Dearborn telescope to the Northwestern University. It was a great night for Evanston, when a procession of over five hundred students, with horns and torches, and transparencies, wound its way through the village, and gave utterance to its pent-up enthusiasm. The telescope has been removed to Evanston, and stored away, pending the erection of an observatory, which will be begun next spring. The transit instrument will be mounted soon in a temporary structure on the campus, and the professor in charge, Professor G. W. Hough, will continue to furnish time-signals to the railroads, corporations, and jewelers of Chicago. The sciences are coming to the front among us as never before, The friends of the university are standing by it, and the future is crowded with visions of new buildings, additional apparatus, and a campus improved with drives and pathways. Things have very much of promise with us.

On November 22d we entertained our lady friends in our chapter hall. By way of diversion we had a very excellent exhibition of zuccarelli art. There were about eighty pictures in the collection, some of them masterly hits. The evening was given up to singing of songs, and kindred enjoyments. We were made glad by the presence of some of the alumni brothers, who were there to help our eight seniors uphold the dignity of the fraternity.

We have introduced a feature in our chapter that is doing good things for us. Simply this: Every Sunday afternoon we gather in our hall, and spend an hour in singing sacred songs and chants, interspersing a good fraternity song once in a while. We have a good piano, several budding pianists, and almost

every brother can sing, so we put in a most profitable hour in singing and chatting in our chapter home. It does us an immense amount of good, binds us closer together, brings us into truer sympathy, makes us stronger.

Last night we had the pleasure and privilege of spending an hour or two with Bro. Robert J. Burdette, than whom a more loyal Phi Psi does not walk upon the footstool. We had planned for a regular old-time banquet for him, but he wrote that he would not be able to "sit up" with us this time, so we had to content ourselves with an hour with him before his lecture, and another hour after it was over. We put in the time to the best of our ability, and had quite a visit with him in our hall. He seemed glad to be among the boys again, and in many ways proved his loyalty to Phi Kappa Psi. We were glad to meet him, and about his visit, short as it was, cluster many very pleasant memories.

Evanston, Illinois, December 7, 1887.

S. J. HERBEN.

WABASH COLLEGE.

Indiana Gamma, though small in numbers, is still in the land of the living. The first of the new year found us nicely fixed in our new rooms—two large, pleasant front rooms on Main Street, and in the same building which has held our chapter for so many years. Wabash College was never in so prosperous a condition as now, and this year more than double the usual number of students are in attendance. We are now making arrangements to "do" things on a grand scale on New-Year's Day, at which time the doors of Indiana Gamma will be thrown wide open to her lady friends. Special attention is being given to the decorations and refreshments, which we fondly hope will be far in advance of the usual. More, the services of a noted *chef* have been secured, and under his sole management our little "feed" will be given. "May the gods give us joy." With the best wishes to every "Phi Kap" for a merry Christmas, etc.

C. P. KNIGHT.

Crawfordsville, Indiana, November 27, 1887.

SIMPSON COLLEGE.

The banner of $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ floats high again. Since our last letter our "goat" has had an opportunity to exercise himself by the initiation of two of the best men of the Freshman class. I now have the pleasure of introducing to THE SHIELD Bros. Z. A. Campbell and G. G. Ross. The former is taking a normal course, and will be with us three years. Brother Ross is taking a philosophical course, and will graduate with class '91. These brothers are both jolly, good fellows, and will make strong men.

Brother Tool, ex-class '87, paid us a visit last week, and as he is situated near us will take an active membership. This raises our number to six.

The fraternity men have failed to come in this year, leaving all of the fraternities very weak. We have the strongest fraternity of active members in school, although we are weak when compared to our chapter last year.

The "rushing" season is about over, and very few men have been given an opportunity to "ride" the festive "goat" of a Greek-lettered crowd. Δ Τ Δ has taken 2, Α Τ Ω, Ι, Φ Κ Ψ, 3.

For the last two years Φ Κ Ψ has contained the orators of the school. This year Brother Bunting is the only one of us who has chapel orations; but, judging from his first production, he will be amply able to sustain our reputation.

Hoping to be able to write a longer letter next time, and wishing THE SHIELD success, we will draw this to a close.

W. N. CLAYTON.

Indianola, Iowa, November 21. 1887.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC.

Old U. P. still lives and grows. As a college we are much pleased with our new president, Rev. Dr. A. C. Hirst, who has entered into his work with his whole soul. He has that sympathy with human nature that makes every student feel that President Hirst is his personal friend, and has that reasonableness and firmness of purpose that bring about the best results. The students have taken up and are following out his motto, "Forward to the best work! upward to the highest culture!"

When we returned to our work at the beginning of the term each Φ Ψ was found in his place with the exception of Brother Guy Manning, '88, who is studying at the Philadelphia Medical College, and intends to come back and graduate with his class.

Of course, we miss our '87s. Two of them, Bros. E. B. and C. S. Merring, intend to enter the law school of the University of Michigan next year. Two others have gone into business.

Bro. Fred Ross is managing a livery interest at Santa Cruz, and Bro. Harry Wilcox owns half interest in the printing department of the leading newspaper of San Jose. The other two have each entered a new life. Bro. H. Ayer has gone to the paradise valley of the silver state, and there expects to make his fortune. Bro. J. R. Welch still faithfully acts as the treasurer of the chapter house fund, and we are much indebted to him for his labor in the past. He is still principal of the business department. He has certainly found within the boundaries of our golden state a nugget of great price, for I have in my possession a card which has written on one edge the name of Miss L. L. Loomis and on the other J. R. Welch, with the simple phrase between, "Married June 5, 1887."

We began work with nine active members, and now have thirteen, besides three pledged, six of the class of '88, five of '89, one of '90, and two of '91. I think that we will have seventeen members before Christmas, and probably twenty by next June. We have the very best men in college, mentally, morally, and socially. Our chapter house is one of the pleasantest arrangements in which I ever had part. There are six of us living here at present. We board at an adjoining house, and so have no worry about our provisions.

As to our finances, I can say that we have a brighter prospect at present than we have had at some times in the past. For a few months a debt has been hanging over us, and we could not see our way out, but one of our old members, J. W. Rea, has given two hundred dollars, and I think that the alumni will give the rest, and then we can carry the building fund with comparative ease.

Two of our eastern brothers, Carl L. Stewart, of Carleton College, and George R. Weeks, of Cornell University, have visited us this term, both of whom are in San Francisco. We will be glad to see any of our brothers when they can visit us.

A short time since our college has had two games of base ball with the State University. We met the $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and $Z \Psi$ boys and received and returned hospitality. They are fine fellows, and, though they beat us at ball, we are not sorry that we met them.

For my part, I am glad that I am a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. In our chapter here we are bound with bonds of brotherly love, and my wish is that our fraternity may long live, and that many of her members may be chosen into that eternal brotherhood where God rules.

H. C. RICHARDSON.

San Jose, November 17, 1887.



Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

After much patient waiting, we have had the pleasure to receive the *Kappa Alpha Theta*, and are glad to find in its pages passages so well worth quoting as these :

In several of our exchanges we find the statement that the Kappa Alpha Theta convention, held recently at Hanover, sanctioned the admission of honorary members. There is no foundation whatever for such a report. Although it has not been the policy of the fraternity to encourage the admission of honorary members, it has never been forbidden. There has been, however, so deeply rooted a prejudice against it, that during our entire history not one has ever been elected. Kappa Alpha Theta has chosen to rely entirely upon the merits of her *bona fide* members, and has been consistently careless of the prestige a few illustrious names give—even if they have been added to the roll for that reason alone.

The mistake probably arose from the wording of an editorial in reference to that action of the convention which made the alumnae of colleges in which chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta are established, eligible to membership in those chapters. This is in no way akin to honorary membership. The alumnae taken in under this provision are full members, pledged to all the duties, and entitled to all the privileges of under-graduates.

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What are our chapters doing in the way of preserving memoirs of their chapter life? Is your historian's record a faithful one? Often incidents occur of direct bearing upon the fraternity, which yet would not come within the scope of the regular minutes. The little time required to write up in a concise form all such, can scarcely be spent to better advantage. So much matter of real importance is thus preserved which else, in the swiftly changing circle of membership, would soon be entirely lost. An exchange, sometimes since, in telling the story of an old scrap-book, makes a suggestion so practical and simple that some of our sisters may be glad to avail themselves of it, and we give it as it was given there. The book mentioned had been begun by the writer in his college days, and contained a heterogeneous collection of clippings, notices, programs, invitations, menu cards, *et cetera*—everything, in short, of interest from a college or fraternity standpoint. A moment's thought will convince any one, no matter how little of an antiquary she may be, how invaluable such a collection would become in the course of years. It would be of itself a fragmentary history, much of which could never be obtained from any other source. One can imagine how the gray-haired alumnae, peering through her spectacles as she turns the pages, would enjoy it; and to the youngest initiate it

would have all the flavor of a bit of family history or old family letters. Nothing which serves to make the fraternity in all its associations a more real, living, breathing thing is too slight to receive attention. A little care and thought in the present will bring in rich returns for the future.

In the October issue of *Beta Theta Pi*, sent forth the third week of November, the following striking comments were included among the contributions to the miscellany:

I have frequently read in Brother Baird's *American College Fraternities* the statement that an Eastern man is apt to care a great deal for his chapter and comparatively little for his fraternity at large. I recently had this impressed upon me by a conversation I had with one of our university students. I had gotten wind of the fact that a dozen or fifteen of the finest men in the college were thinking of applying for a charter of—Alpha Epsilon say. One of them was an intimate friend of mine whom I had thought opposed to fraternities. Six or eight months afterward, near commencement, I spoke to him on the subject, and felt no hesitation in so doing as the men were almost all in the graduating class, and therefore the scheme had fallen through. I told him that the fraternity they were considering (considering, I say, because the fraternity was trying to get *them*) was not very high in standing, and, although it was doing good work, did not amount to very much.

He answered me as follows, and that this is what brought to my mind that statement of Baird's: "Well, F., I'll tell you how it was. I saw the university chapter of—well say Alpha Psi—composed of some of the best men in college. Their chapters elsewhere do not amount to much. I hear that of their C—chapter every member boasts that he has been in the lock-up. Well, the members here are a nice lot of fellows and have a first-class time. Now I think the most important part of a person's fraternity life is *in college* (you will understand these italics later) and depends more upon his own individual chapter than upon the chapters elsewhere. So, I thought if a dozen or so of our finest fellows would sign this petition, I would do so too, not caring very much what fraternity we went into.'

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I have known Betas to pass a stranger wearing one of our badges without hailing him and having a word with him. Now this is all wrong. If you see a Beta badge approaching speak to the man, and I'll warrant he'll be pleased and you can be sure you'll not be sorry for it. Of course, there are some men who do not care for their fraternity and who are not anxious to meet the "boys;" there are men of this stamp in all fraternities (comparatively fewer in Beta Theta Pi, though, we flatter ourselves). But such men do not usually purchase and wear pins. You may therefore set it down as a rule that any man wearing a Beta badge will be glad to give you the grip and to exchange a pleasant word with you. But don't understand me as saying that there are *no* Betas *not* wearing badges who will be glad to see you.

—This to the diffident.

The young lady who wields the pen for the exchange department of the *Delta Gamma Anchora* in the November issue of that journal gives the

Beta Theta Pi, the organ of supreme self-satisfaction, some sharp thrusts, which indicate that $\Delta \Gamma$ can take care of herself in an emergency:

The June issue of *Beta Theta Pi*'s paper has taken upon itself to give a valuable (?) and somewhat lengthy *resume* of the work done by the various fraternity journals. We will quote a few of its remarks; this to begin with: "*The Rainbow* of *Delta Tau Delta* and the *Sigma Chi* seem to have this something in common, in making fair starts, but never getting anywhere." These words opened up a new vista before our mental eye, and showed us the depths of ignorance into which we have hitherto been plunged. Had we been making that criticism, we, in our deplorable ignorance would have extended it to all fraternity journals, for until to-day we never knew that it was the object or even the hope of these society organs ever to "get anywhere." But *Beta Theta Pi* says that there is a "somewhere," and if there is, where is it? Where can we find this haven of infinite rest? If there is a harbor toward which all frats. are steering, we wish to drop our anchor there, and would fain be told in what direction to guide our bark. But, alas! we fear from the thankful-that-we-are-not-as-other-fraternities-are tone of *Beta Theta Pi*, that it alone has reached the happy goal, the picturesquely indefinite "there," and we are moved to the deepest humility to think that we have had this paper so long in our sanctum without yet discovering that it alone ever "got somewhere."

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In the same article appears this brotherly sentiment: "There is also a sister magazine, the *Delta Gamma Anchora*, that often contains some very sweet verse and ingenious sentiment, which we have sometimes read, but have not remembered. In fact, all these feminine magazines, ungallant and ungenerous as it may be to state the fact, are of no interest or use to us." In the opinion expressed about *Anchora* we heartily concur. We know by dismal experience that the perusal of a number of *Anchora* is enough to take any one's appetite for a week, and we not only do not resent, but are glad of an honest criticism from the older journals. But in the closing remark, *Beta Theta Pi* exhibits a burly rudeness and masculine inferiority that would make the climate of a co-educational institution too sultry for him. We, the "feminine magazines," in general, don't care for the gallantry, but we do think we ought to have generosity enough to appreciate the efforts we girls are making, even if, as yet, the result has not been surpassingly brilliant, remembering that

"Large oaks from tiny acorns grow,
Great streams from little fountains flow."

Personals.

PENNSYLVANIA I.

'86. Mr. W. W. Kelchner is principal of the Williamsport high school.

'59. Rev. A. J. Furman has been chosen State Missionary by the general association. He held a very successful meeting of two weeks with the church at Everett, Pa.

'66. Hon. C. S. Wolfe was welcomed to Bismarck, Dakota, by the *Bismarck Daily Tribune*, during his recent western trip. Mr. Wolfe contemplates moving to the West.

'63. Rev. David Spencer, of Scranton, Pa., was overcome by the heat at his home on July 1st, and was sent to Trenton Falls, N. Y. His pulpit was quite acceptably filled during his absence by Rev. M. G. Evans, class of '82, of Factoryville, Pa.

We are glad to note the fact that the present junior class has decided upon the publication of an annual. The following has been selected as the editorial board to conduct the work: Editor-in-chief, West; associates, Wolfe, Guie and Walker; manager, Gretzinger; assistant managers, Shipman and Hargrave. We feel assured that $\Phi K \Psi$ will receive her full share of attention at the hands of Brothers Wolfe and Gretzinger.

We desire to express the thanks of the "Mirror" Association to the Rev. Robt. Lowry, D. D., class of '54, for his interest in the welfare of this paper. The doctor was requested to come and deliver a lecture for us. His duties making it impossible for him to comply with the request, he sends us a check for an amount equal to what would have satisfied us as the proceeds of a lecture.—*University Mirror*.

PENNSYLVANIA E.

Rev. Herman F. Kroh is pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church at Lykens, Pa.

PENNSYLVANIA H.

C. F. Hager, Jr., '87, is a student in a real estate office in this city.

A. H. Rothermel, '87, is reading law in the office of ex-Judge Sassaman, Reading, Pa.

H. A. Dubbs, '87, is now reading law under the direction of Bro. John W. Apple of this city.

Rev. Schroeder is under treatment at the Sanitarium, Clifton Springs, New York.

A. L. Little, '86, who is registered as a law student at the Bedford bar, is principal of the Centre Hall High School, Centre county, Pa.

Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, '72, is meeting with great success in his new pastorate at Norristown, Pa. His congregation recently increased his salary.

Rev. J. C. Bowman, '71, pastor of the Reformed Church at Hanover, Pa., recently declined a call from the Zwingli Reformed congregation at Harrisburg.

Charles S. Musser, A. M., M. D., '78, of Aaronsburg, Pa., is a very successful practitioner and a very good optician, having taken a special course in optics in one of the German universities.

PENNSYLVANIA A.

P. M. Pogue, '87, is attending the Cincinnati Law School.

W. S. Wise, '83, is a rising young lawyer at the Pittsburg bar.

S. J. Oliphant, '84, is practicing law at Trenton, N. J.

E. S. Wallace, '85, will graduate from Princeton Theological Seminary this year.

D. H. Herron, '87, is in charge of an engineering corps on the Montana Central Railroad.

Bro. J. A. McIlvaine is increasing in favor as judge of Washington county.

Jesse Sayear, '88, will graduate this year from Johns Hopkins University.

Since Pennsylvania Alpha was last noticed in the personal column, Boyd Crumrine, '60, has been appointed reporter of the United States circuit court of Pennsylvania.

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NEW YORK A.

- '89. Bro. E. St. J. Grimké has been transferred to S. C. A.
90. Bro. W. S. Slade is in a real estate office at Buffalo, N. Y.
- '83. Bro. Ledyard C. Holcomb is in business at Hazleton, Kansas.
- '86. Bro. Mark W. Way has the position of principal in the State Industrial School, Rochester, New York.
- '89. Bro. R. H. Coatsworth has entered Harvard University, and can be found at 59 College House.
- '89. Bro. William E. Morrison is studying law with Lester & Ravenel, at Savannah, Georgia.
- '82. Rev. J. B. Blanchet, one of the charter members of New York A, has recently removed to Albion, Illinois, to take charge of a parish there.
- '82. Bro. Charles D. Bean is practicing law in Geneva, New York, and has already been honored by the office of justice of the peace. His latest literary work, "Historical Geneva," has received favorable comment.

NEW YORK E.

Died, at her home in Wahoo, Nebraska, Wednesday, October 26, Mrs. Harriett K. Davis, wife of Major J. B. Davis, '57.

Mr. W. A. King, '89, assistant principal of the Silver Creek Academy, was presented by his pupils, on October 10, his twenty-first birthday, with an elegant gold-headed cane.

INDIANA A.

- William H. Imes is register of land office at Bozeman, Montana.
- A. J. Print, class of '82, is judge of Potter County, Dakota.
- Hon. W. H. Calkins, ex-member of congress, and former candidate for governor of Indiana, is now a prominent lawyer at Indianapolis.
- Hanson Grimes, class of '75, is a member of Nebraska legislature and register of United States land office at North Platte.
- R. N. Allen, class of '69, is now State Senator from eleventh district of Kansas, and is also president of Kansas & Oklahoma R. R.
- Thos. Nelson, D. D., from University of City of New York, is pastor of First Presbyterian Church, of Brooklyn.

Marion M. Bovard, A. M., D. D., class of '73, is President and Professor of Mental and Moral Sciences in the University of Southern California at Los Angeles.

OHIO A.

Brother A. B. Riker, who was fondly called "Pap" during his college days, has been transferred from the Ohio Conference, M. E. Church, to the principal charge in the city of Chattanooga. "Pap" is not only a clear-headed, studious man, but combines with eloquent pulpit efforts, warm and earnest human sympathy, and withal has none of the offensive professionalism which so many ministers carry into their lives and work. Before his ministerial self one always sees in Brother Riker the man, unselfish and genuine, with that rare enthusiasm which makes life a grand and glorious privilege to be enjoyed, not a trial and a discipline for an unseen and often vaguely apprehended future.

We wish Brother Riker all the success he deserves in his new field of effort, and confidently expect him to be richly rewarded by that Master whom he humbly and devoutly serves.

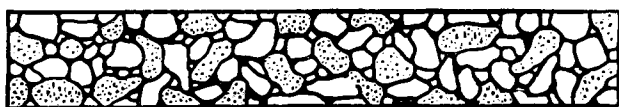
Many brothers will be pleased to hear a word regarding Brother J. H. Kimber, though the little to be told has not much comfort in it. His condition remains practically unchanged, and his heroic endurance of the terrible torture of sciatica, to which he has been a victim for six or seven years, is enough to make a well man despise himself for his complainings at trivial aches and pains.

It is very gratifying to his old companions and friends in Ohio A, to know that amid all his suffering he has kept undimmed one enthusiasm, his love for Phi Kappa Psi. It would be gratifying to Brother Kimber, without doubt, and certainly of great profit to the visitor, if any brother passing through Findlay, Ohio, would make it convenient to call upon him.

OHIO B.

Another of the famous class of '79 was married Nov. 17th. This time Cupid had his arrow pointed at the honor man of that largest class that ever graduated from Wittenberg—Mr. A. N. Summers, who was married to Miss Nellie, elder daughter of Hon. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas, of this city. Miss Thomas has been a reigning belle since her childhood, because of her personal attractions and mental acquirements. Miss Thomas has been a student at Vassar. Mr. Summers is a graduate of Wittenberg, and

is at present city solicitor and one of the brightest minds that grace the Springfield bar. The wedding was held in the First Presbyterian Church at four o'clock Thursday afternoon, Nov. 17th, the ceremony being performed by Dr. Falconer, the pastor. The church was most profusely decorated with the finest flowers, and little maids strewed flowers in the way of the happy couple to and from the altar. About eight hundred invitations were issued, and the house was well filled. There were six ushers, among whom were Mr. Grafton C. Kennedy, a classmate of the groom, Mr. Will Rabbitts and George A. Beard, business partners of Mr. Summers. The ring was used and the ceremony performed under a canopy of flowers, above which was a beautiful monogram "T. and S." and a horseshoe of tuberose. Altogether it was the grandest wedding ever solemnized in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Summers will spend a couple of weeks in Chicago and other western places, and then return and take up their residence at the Arcade Hotel.—*The Wittenberger.*



College and Fraternity Notes.

Harvard annually gives \$53,000 to poor students seeking an education of the university.

There are thirty college graduates employed on the editorial staff of the *New York Sun*.

A distinctive garb for each department is to be adopted by the students of the University of Pennsylvania.

A new college course in "scientific temperance" has been added to the curriculum of the Grant Memorial University at Athens, Tenn. It is the first of the kind in any collegiate institution in the world.—*Syracusan*.

Mr. Crawford D. Hening, U. of P., '87, has won the prize which was offered last year by the United States Protective Tariff Association for the best essay on "The Advantages of a Protective Tariff to the Labor and Industry of the United States."

The Chi chapter of $\theta N E$ has been established at Dickinson. The charter was granted by the Wesleyan chapter. This organization is a sophomore society, and its membership is made up from those already belonging to other fraternities.

Some of our oldest colleges seem to be on the decline. Last year witnessed the death of Williams and Mary, and this fall Middlebury, founded in 1800, has eleven freshman, and classical Hamilton less than thirty.—*Syracusan*.

Princeton has a number of fellowships of the annual value of \$500 to \$600. They are filled by post-graduate students. Several more fellowships have been added with incomes of \$400 to \$500, and applications for them are now being received.

The entire junior class of Dartmouth has threatened to cease further attendance at recitations until the faculty take back one of their number who was dismissed from college for being present at a freshman hazing and refusing to tell the names of the guilty ones.—*Madisonensis*.

Estimates upon the first volume of the *University News*, the organ of the Pi chapter of Psi Upsilon are now being made by a printing house in this city, and it is expected that the first issue of 500 copies will be printed in a few weeks. The paper will be an eight-paged publication, 21 x 28 in. and four columns to a page. It will be tastefully bound and issued fortnightly; printed by the *Journal*.—*Syracusan*.

According to the regular census of the denominational proclivities of the new students, which is taken at the opening of each year by the Christian Association at Cornell, the results are interesting. Of the 414 new students 378 responded to the inquiries made. It was found that 184 are members of churches. Of the various denominations the Presbyterians have forty-seven, the Methodists follow with thirty-nine, Episcopal with twenty-nine, Congregational with twenty-two, Baptists with sixteen, Roman Catholics with fifteen, while seven other denominations have numbers from one to six.—*Madisonensis*.

One member of the present junior class and two members of the present sophomore class are eligible to positions on the editorial staff of the *Madisonensis* for the next college year. The competitive system of election, which has now been in operation for three years, requires that all candidates shall submit matter in accordance with the rules which are inserted below. These rules are published early in the year that all may have ample time for the work. The requirements are substantially the same as last year:

I. An essay of about one thousand words, upon some subject connected with the literature of the present century. It must be written especially for the *Madisonensis* competition, and must be submitted on or before February 1.

II. Two columns (about eight hundred words) of "College and Town" items, from two to twenty lines long, upon occurrences in the month of February. This must be submitted on or before March 1.

III. An editorial, containing about four hundred words, upon some subject of college interest. This must be submitted on or before April 1.—*Madisonensis*.

Γ Φ Β CONVENTION.—Gamma Phi Beta held her fifth annual convention with the Gamma chapter at Wisconsin State University, Madison, Wis., Nov. 11, 1887.

The convention opened Friday morning. The report of chapters showed growth and prosperity throughout the sorority; the reports of the baby chapters, the Gamma and the Delta, being especially encouraging.

A reception to the delegates was given at the home of C. P. Chapman, adjutant general of the State of Wisconsin, whose daughter is a member of the sorority, on Friday evening. It was pronounced by the city papers

to be the most elegant affair ever given by any society there. There were nearly two hundred guests present, including the faculty and representatives of all the different societies. The mingling of societies at a reception of this kind is an innovation left to the youngest society in the university to introduce, but which met with the hearty approval of both faculty and students.

Saturday evening the banquet was held with Miss Anna Chapman of '90, and was thoroughly enjoyed.

The exercises were interrupted by a serenade given by the Banjo Club of Chi Psi. Sunday afternoon the delegates were invited to lunch at "Ladies Hall," Madison enjoying the benefits of a dormitory system for the young ladies. Monday morning the delegates visited the university and the capitol, where they were taken through the State Historical Library, in many respects the finest library in the country, and were presented to Gov. Rusk.

In the afternoon the chapter and delegates were given an informal reception by the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at their chapter hall, and in the evening were entertained by the Chi Psi fraternity at the home of their brother, Mr. Lewis Hencks, '88.—*Miss Potter in Syracusan.*

Miscellany.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine will to remove from among us our Brother F. M. Higgins, of the class of '72, at Pittsburg, Penn., on the 18th day of November, 1887, we, the members of Pennsylvania Gamma chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, do offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That while we feel the extent of our loss, we humbly accept the decree of our Heavenly Father.

Resolved, That those of us who have had the pleasure of meeting him have found him to be a true friend, a cordial brother, and a most loyal sustainer of the bonds by which we are bound.

Resolved, That the chapter express its deep sorrow that our brother has been removed from his place among us. And be it further

Resolved, That we hereby express our esteem for him, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family.

O. B. FINN,
C. E. SHUSTER,
W. N. MORRIS,
Committee.

The Editor of THE SHIELD has quite a number of back numbers on hand, with which he can supply, for the price of single copies, brothers or members of other fraternities desiring to complete broken sets. He has odd copies of every volume but the first two.

There is a call for No. 10, Vol. II.; No. 7, Vol. III.; No. 5, Vol. VII. The Editor has had the following back numbers offered to him for sale: Vols. V. and VII., complete; Vol. VI., lacking No. 5.

Extra copies are offered by one brother as follows: No. 7, Vol. I.; Nos. 6, 8, 9 and 10, Vol. II.; which he wishes to exchange for Nos. 1 to 6, Vol. I., and No. 4, Vol. II.

Another brother has the following copies to dispose of: Nos. 1, 3, 5, Vol. III.; Vol. IV., complete; Nos. 1 to 8, Vol. V.; Vol. VI., complete; Vol. VII, except No. 2.

Brothers having any extra copies or an entire volume for sale, should communicate at once with the Editor.

Letters addressed to brethren named below have been returned to the Editor for various reasons, one being "no such place in State named." The addresses given were copied from the mailing list, and were written so that we are sure that no mistake was made in copying. Can any brother assist us in finding these Phi Psis and subscribers to THE SHIELD :

Herman S. Johnson, Hillsdale, N. Y.

Charles S. Pardoe, Tyrone, Pa.

A. C. Langdon, Macon, Mo.

C. M. Oliphant, Howard, Pa.

F. B. Butler, Santuc, S. C.

J. W. Byers, Upper Sandusky, O.

Prof. Loisettes Memory Discovery.

Prof. Loisettes new system of memory training, taught by correspondence at 237 Fifth Ave., New York, seems to supply a general want. He has had two classes at Yale of 200 each, 250 at Meridan, 300 at Norwich, 100 Columbia Law Students, 400 at Wellesley College, and 400 at University of Penn., &c. Such patronage and the endorsement of such men as Mark Twain, Dr. Buckley, Prof. Wm. R. Harper, of Yale, &c., place the claim of Prof. Loisettes upon the highest ground.

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THE ANNUALS. III.

The editors of the *Onondagan* begin well in their preface, for with a pleasant smile they quietly appeal to our reminiscential spirit in these words:

Stated more in detail we have aimed to give an account of what is taking place in the inner life of the university, as seen from the students' standpoint. We believe that the four years spent in college are the happiest of a man's life—those four years in which were condensed so much pleasure, so much labor, so much harmless fun, and so many hours of concentrated thought. We know that the ordinary alumnus, on looking back upon his college days, will not remember the difficulties, the disappointments, the unpleasant things, the grinds, the flunks, the defeats; but the pleasant parts, the sports, the victories, both mental and physical, and in truth the incidents of his course that were then regarded as a little "off color." In fact, it has been ascertained by conscientiously prepared statistics, that ninety-nine out of every hundred old college men refer oftener to the deviltry of their course, than to their studious accomplishments. And every one must have noticed how, contrary to the usual law of perspective, these tricks of theirs assume a greater magnitude the farther they recede. We hope this bit of information will not have the effect of inducing more deviltry and less study on the part of future generations of collegians, but, as editors, we are sworn to the promulgation of truth, and when we have so good an opportunity, we must do what duty bids us.

Aside from some very excellent portraits, chief among which, in point of artistic finish, is an etching of Prof. Wells, from his own hand, the Annual of Syracuse has some very clever doggerel, from which we quote freely, the first being quite a gem:

MY LADY'S HAND.

To what shall I liken my lady's hand?
To what daintily graceful token?
To what treasure rare from some orient land,
Or from under the sea in the bright sea sand,

Where gay mermaids
 In their coral glades
 Chase the mermen merrily through the cool shades,
 Though never a word is spoken?

Her beautiful hand is more pale than a pearl
 From the distant blue depths of the ocean,
 Brought up through the waves in a white, foaming swirl
 By the dusky brown hand of an Indian girl—
 In the quiet night
 When soft moonlight
 Bathes the far, lone sails in a haze of white
 With a mystical, tremulous motion.

There is never a fruit of so wondrous a tint,
 So soft and so warm and so tender,
 And never a diamond with magical glint
 So bright as those smooth nails; no lightest imprint
 Of Edelweiss
 On the snowy ice
 Is as fair as the delicate beauty that lies
 In her fingers, so shapely and slender.

And just as the honey bee merrily sips
 Sweet dew from the wild rose chalice
 To daintily kiss those finger tips,
 With a light swift pressure of loving lips,
 And to watch the glance
 From her eyes, askance,
 Is such exquisite pleasure as ne'er doth entrance
 The richest of kings in his palace.

Another effusion, "His Chum," is so apropos, and its denouement, withal, so characteristic of the theme, that it had best be given entire:

He was a guileless Sophomore,
 As good as any that before
 Had passed the portal of that year
 That changes "Fresh" to "Soph" *sans*
 fear.

His mother and his sister gay
 Had dropped in carelessly one day,
 Intending to "fix up" his room,
 To set things right, dispel the gloom,
 To use the duster, brush and broom,
 To cheer his den into a home,
 And greet him when he came from college

With what they'd done without his
 knowledge.

Among his books they first begin
 To wipe the dust from titles dim.
 But strange to say, on all the rack,
 Each book in line bears Harper's back;
 Then on a shelf that's lower down,
 They find his pipe so large and brown,
 And round it in confusion lay
 Three others formed of modest clay.
 A pack of cards they next espied,
 While near them they were horrified
 To see a bottle towering high,

And labeled thus: "Mumm's Extra Dry."	Could so requite his parents' cares,
To sadden more their sorrowing hearts,	When he arrives they point around,
While dusting photographs there starts	And ask of him why these are found
Before their eyes a bold array	In room of his. He blushes red—
Of "stars"—the latest of the day.	A happy thought comes in his head,
Each photograph of pretty maiden	Then up he speaks with voice quite
Was doubtless taken in Milton's Eden.	firm,
Resolved to see how son of theirs	"My chum—I've got a chum this term."

Following a custom which has become for students of small means "quite the thing," many men of Syracuse sojourn during the summer months at seaside resorts, where, decked in swallow-tails and white aprons, they have rare facilities for seeing down deep into human nature. It may be an unpleasant experience, but profitable surely. The Syracuse contingent wittily describe their summer's campaign at Ocean Grove in the *Onondagan*, from which we quote a few stanzas:

Twas all in the bright summer sunshiny days,
 When the long spring term time was done,
 That we rode with quick pace to a flat, sandy place,
 A gigantic hotel to run.

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Black shoes and pants and a white cravat,
 And apron each day we'd don;
 But lest we'd grow fat, we had only one slat
 For each waiter to sleep upon,

And the half of a fourth of an ancient sheet,
 And the seventeenth part of a towel;
 But when we would meet with a lark in the street
 We would make that village howl.

For breakfast they gave to us each two cups
 Of hot water, and two fish-bones,
 And when we supped, it was thirteen drops
 Of sour milk, and four canned plum-stones.

But for dinner they spread a whole slice of bread
 And a look at a piece of pie;
You'd have been dead if you'd been so well fed,
 But *we* were too wicked to die.

It seems from the second stanza quoted that the boys were not arrayed gorgeously or even conventionally, but we presume the poetic muse couldn't stand any more wearing apparel in one quatrain, and we should content ourselves.

Space forbids even mention of the excellently conceived cartoons accompanying each class history, and we hasten to take up the *Cornellian*,

which enjoys the rare distinction of being illustrated almost entirely by talent within the university, the most noteworthy examples of which, perhaps, are the full-page cuts in the general style of Du Maurier, by a member of the class of '88—Mr. Kolb. The smaller cuts, especially the whimsical head-pieces to the class-histories, are in good vein and show a facile pencil, which is elsewhere engaged in a clever bit of verse.

There is nothing especially worth quoting from the *Cornellian* since we can not reproduce the illustrations, which with the enumeration of the membership in the four classes and very many student organizations, make up the bulk of the book. It is certainly a great pleasure to turn from the crude illustrations of the great number of college annuals to the most excellent efforts of the *Cornellian*, and our only regret is that the further desideratum of pointed literary matter was not considered of sufficient importance by the board of editors.

The *Pandora* is very neat, and in serious illustrations excellent, but its humorous cuts are poorly executed and not well conceived. We might quote quite largely from its contents, for there is much excellent matter of the college sort, and we cull these passages as perhaps the best.

The satiric humor of these dedicatory stanzas could serve as texts from which several volumes of sermons might be preached. This graces a portrait at the head of the table of membership of the Y. M. C. A.:

Ye students ambitious and saintly,
Come join the Y. M. C. A.;
Its members resemble me faintly,
And I am the devil, they say.

And this appears at the foot of a page bearing a symbolic engraving, whose suggestions are diabolical and terrorizing, and introductory to the fraternity cuts:

Our goat is a myth, our Bible the same;
Culture and literature exist only in name.
Helps and sharp politics, our cards and our wine,
We cherish them secretly. Come, good boys, and jine.

Here is a clever bit of moralizing under the caption, "After a Gymnasium Hop:"

"Take iron—take iron—and place it
In a flask with H_2SO_4 ."
Confound it! Why can't I but banish
That waltz from my head for an hour.

Well, surely in musty old logic
My mind will quit playing me false.
There, at least, I'll forget the fair vision
That glides to the time of the waltz.

"It will form—it will form very shortly
A soluble—soluble—salt."
No use! Thro' my brain it keeps running,
Nor heeds my vain calls for a halt.

Let me see: "By the laws of induction
We proceed—we proceed—we proceed—"
Ye gods! I proceed with a vengeance.
Next hop I will stay home and read.

We enjoyed the following notes from a Freshman's diary with keen relish, and think them as good as any we have ever seen, though the theme is getting a trifle hackneyed:

- Sept. 18. Here I am at college.
30. Here two weeks, our class ain't very smart.
- Oct. 15. First month gone. I'll be 1st man of our class.
24. Saw some nice girls at Sunday-school to-day.
- Nov. 6. I guess I'll join a Literary Society.
19. I wish I had a girl to write to.
27. I must pick me a "widow" here in town to call on.
- Dec. 4. Fraternities don't know a good man when they see him.
13. Got my "widow." Took her home from church to-night.
16. The fellows are making "set-ups" for "exam." I don't do that.
27. At home. My report reads "P.," "P.," "N. P."
- Jan. 15. Here we are again for twelve weeks.
26. Another feller took her home from meetin'. I don't care.
- Feb. 19. I wish I had a cousin at the Sem., so I could call like the Seniors.
31. The society of this town is mighty poor trash. A fellow can't get a chance to sport his cane.
- Mch. 11. Am on to-night in society, but have a toothache, I think.
17. Must make a *little* roller so as to get a "P.," at least.
23. Contest is over, and my pocketbook's empty. Lost my bets.
- April 19. Must have an immense influence. Have been asked to use it for coming election contest a dozen times.
31. I helped to take the Sems home to-night. Lots of fun.
- May 17. The boys say that I am a daisy foot-ball kicker. Well, I am.

The *Oriflamme*, in blue and gold, is dainty and neat, but aside from the frontispiece and the fraternity cuts, its illustrations are scarce and of little general interest, though their local application may make them pointed enough. The following excerpt is upon a theme not quite so much used as others that have been noticed, and therefore is all the more welcome:

THE OTHER SIDE OF A LEAF FROM A PROF'S CLASS BOOK.

Order of Procedure for March, 28, 1887.

To-day I'll get off more jokes than usual, so I'll select Nos. 2, 4, 5, 9 and 23. I find they are a real benefit to students.

For the Seniors Nos. 5 and 21.

No. 5 does not suit very well, but I'll make it fit for the second hour recitation.

No. 9 I must repeat for the Junior class, or they will think there is no wit in me.

Ditto No. 2.

The Sophs need to be brought out a little, so I'll give them that witty one, No. 4—it's old, but they will enjoy it.

Oh, yes, and to-day I must introduce a new one. It's No. 24, I think.

I'll try it on the Freshmen, and if it takes well, I will try it on some of the higher classes.

Evening Record.

I succeeded O. K. with No. 5.

No. 9, N. G.

The Sophs are brighter than I thought they were. Well, No. 4 stands use and age better than any joke I ever handled.

The Freshmen did not see the force of new one—at least they did not applaud. I will have to test it next time on the Sophs.

When I gave the Seniors No. 23, they groaned. Well, not much wonder, that one their fathers heard, and I think I had better—no, I'll only lay it by for a few years.

No. 2 was noticed by only one student and he ahemed. I *must* strike No. 2 off—it's too old. My goodness, I wish Profs. were not expected to get off jokes.

The editors have perpetuated upon us the oldest chestnut of the burlesque basket—the hoary Freshman letter beginning :

MY DEAREST JANE:—When I received your most welcome letter, my heart flopped up and down like an old churn-dasher, etc.

Very little matter that is new or even freshly conceived gets into our college publications or humorous papers of any kind, but our friends ought to have respect for this poor antiquated morsel, and let it rest.

With a sigh we take up the *Syllabus*, not because its contents have saddened us as we read with pencil in hand, but because this pleasant hour of college reminiscence must close. We find more difficulty in quoting from the *Syllabus* than any of the annuals, because of the fact that its pages are devoted almost exclusively to setting forth the strength and glory of the Northwestern University in its various departments, in the catalogue and portrait style, rather than by “drives” and doggerel.

We quoted quite freely from the dedicatory salmagundi of the *Syllabus* at the beginning of this series, and must now content ourselves with hearty praise of its typography and illustrations.

We close this review by observing that on the whole there has been a marked and commendable advance in style and appearance of these publications; and as we welcome the signs of a higher and better type of college annual, we must express a regret that, with rare exceptions, it is too apparent how the improvements have been brought about—by a servile reliance upon advertisers, and a humiliating appeal to them for patronage.

C. L. VAN CLEVE.

DAS ROSENLIED.

HEINRICH HEINE;

TRANSLATED BY J. W. SAUNDERS, NEW YORK Δ.

I said to the rose, "O rose!
What was it the nightingale sang?
For all night beneath my lattice
In the dusk his clear notes rang."

Then the hue of the crimson rose
Was dyed a lovelier red,
And she trembled with passionate longing,
And drooped her gentle head.

"Last night beneath the lattice,
Before the white moon set,
Two stood within the shadow—
O heart! dost thou forget?

"A kiss, and two hands clinging
In a silent long troth plight—
O heart, O heart, thou knowest
What the nightingale sang all night!"



The Areopagus.

ATTENDANCE AT THE GRAND ARCH COUNCIL.

Of all things necessary to the success of the coming Grand Arch Council, a large attendance of active brothers is most important. The advancement of our social natures is both the cause and end of all fraternity organization, and the only way it can be brought about is by the personal communion of brother with brother. Of course, the Grand Arch Council has need of counsellors, of men grown old in fraternity work, and who are masters of the system of Greek-letter societies; but, more than all, the Council requires the aid of every active brother, and the interests of the fraternity demand an attendance as large as possible.

Almost two years have passed since our change of constitutions, and the result of the move is visible in a general quickening of fraternity life. We have, perhaps, fallen short, or rather, have not yet attained to some of the ends for which we have striven; but what else was to be expected? While the start in any new field may be by a sudden impulse, yet the real work must be accomplished by a continued and progressive movement. The course of our fraternity, at present, is of this kind.

What we most require in our coming Council is a personal ratification, by the fraternity at large, of the result of the Indianapolis Council of 1886. And this can best be brought about, not by the simple adoption of a resolution, but by the active representation of all the chapters. The presence of a large number of the brothers will, in itself, be the best proof of our vigor, and an active representation of the chapters means far more than a representation of the active chapters.

The Grand Arch Council as a legislative body is indispensable, but as a gathering of brothers, it is the fountain of fraternity life.

"Gold rubbed on gold shines brighter," says the noble old Greek, Pindar, and it is the "rubbing together" of brothers that makes the soul of fraternity life to glow. We may make laws for the general government of the fraternity; we may regulate the action of chapters; but until we freely recognize that the key to fraternity success lies in the individual, our progress is not real.

A fraternity is an organism, and is as dependant upon the health of its constituent parts as is a nation or a human body. The cultivation and development of the individual is the end to which our constitution directs, and upon this the fraternity must ever stand or fall. Upon the characters of its members rests the character of the chapter; upon the character of its chapters rests the life of the fraternity. With a proper development of the individual, no organization need ever fear for its welfare. Strength lies in union, but if the union be of inharmonious elements, it is in reality disunion.

It is perfectly natural that in a fraternity as large as ours, the various chapters should be somewhat influenced by sectionalism, and characterized by difference of thought. We have been, it is true, exceptionally free from the danger, but it is one that may arise at any time—possibly in a conflict between the conservatism of the East and the radicalism of the West. There is no telling how soon the fraternity may suddenly turn to southern or western extension, or confine itself to institutions of special character. The only way in which such a danger can be averted is by personal exchange and correction of thought. The opportunity is, in a great measure, open to us, through the columns of *THE SHIELD*, but there is a great difference between striving to catch a man's thought from a printed page, and gaining his opinions by word of mouth. For this single reason, the District Councils have already proved their worth. Our Councils of last April have been followed by a better knowledge of the constitution, and a more enlightened understanding of the polity of the fraternity. And, best of all—for it includes all others—the social spirit which has been stimulated can not fail to have its effect.

True government is, as the Editor in the December *SHIELD* quotes, “based upon the consent of the governed.” It is, moreover, not only a compact between the governing and governed; it is a system in which the magistrates and people are one. Such is the government of our country; such is the government of our fraternity. In both the future rests with the individual; he molds it as he wills.

The growth and success of our organization rests equally upon us all. We owe it, as a duty, both to ourselves and to our posterity in the fraternity, to broaden our views, and to emerge from any ruts into which we may have fallen. To see things as others see them, and, perhaps, “to see ourselves as others see us,” we must go where others are.

Let us gather in large numbers at Washington in April.

H. A. DUBBS.

Editorial.

Brothers will please take note that the "Unknown" list is increasing rapidly, though we had thought that it had about ceased to draw recruits.

GRAND ARCH COUNCIL COMMITTEE.—Robt. J. Murray, Chairman; Harry W. Smith, Secretary; Frank H. Stephens, Treasurer; Joseph G. Falck, W. S. Armstrong.

Address all communications to Harry W. Smith, Secretary, 512 Ninth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

We are gratified to see that our advice of former issues in regard to the Areopagus has been followed, but we are anxious that the two remaining issues of this volume may teem with free discussion of matters pertinent to the coming Grand Arch Council.

Chapter letters seem to be at a discount this month. Brother correspondents, why this refusal to comply with the individual requests made of you a few days since to respond with letters and personals?

Let a genuine rally be made for the February and March issues, with a hearty determination to make them the best issues of the volume.

The communication in the last issue signed J. R. Mutz should have been credited to H. E. Gabe. The article came to us through Bro. M. unsigned, and from the letter accompanying it, we presumed Bro. M. to be the

author. We are pleased to be able to make the correction, and to ascribe the honor of authorship to him who is entitled to it.

So far as we are able to speak with certainty, THE SHIELD and the *Scroll* are the only representatives left of monthly fraternity publications, the rest having been discontinued or merged into quarterlies, so-called. We have always been a staunch advocate of the monthly publication, because we believe the chief value of such a journal as THE SHIELD and its class to be as a medium of inter-chapter communication, and if this be not a sufficient cause for being, it should cease to exist.

We have watched the course of other journals during the past six years with great interest, and have noted how those which came into existence with a great flourish of trumpets and grand promises of future glory, have, one by one, subsided into quiet corners, apparently content to keep alive at all. Then nearly all of the journals were monthlies; now there are but two.

The reasons assigned for the change in frequency have varied somewhat, but their general tone has been that a monthly publication is too frequent to permit of the highest development of literary finish and a dignified expression of the prevalent sentiment of the fraternity represented.

If literary art is the end to be attained in fraternity journals, it occurs to us that once a year would be quite frequent enough to send forth the matured brain products which it is considered by our contemporaries ought to grace the pages of their journals.

We believe that, possibly with one exception, these journals which have become of less frequent issue are larger and more ornate than formerly, indicating that the

development of the printers' art may have been quite as much a cause for the change as the literary finish. We are amused to note that several of our exchanges which publish quarterlies, so-called, manage to issue the October or November number some time in January, and several have not yet made their appearance, though the college year has almost half passed by.

Several, with a *naivete* as charming as it is refreshing, inform us that, though quarterly, they will appear three times a year, and another, presumably a bi-monthly, has come once to our table this year.

We do not accuse our fellow-laborers in the field of Greek journalism with any dishonesty of purpose in these published causes of change, but would like to inquire ever so mildly if it be not true that their fraternities have failed to support the more frequent issue in the high style of art, both literary and typographical, which the editors have desired, and the reform has been due quite as much to economic necessity as any other reason?

A wide-spread demand for better and more frequent communication between chapters of the same fraternity, and incidentally a desire to know more of our rivals and their plans and purposes, brought into existence fraternity journals. In the time of their general use—say since 1883—many changes have taken place, not alone in the management of the journals, but in their form, size, typography, etc. Many have improved, some have deteriorated, a few have died.

We are led to inquire: Have they justified their existence by satisfying the demands which brought them into being? We believe this question can be answered both affirmatively and negatively. To us the ideal fraternity journal will be newsy, dignified in tone, judicial in its edi-

torial department, and permeated throughout with a lofty enthusiasm for all that goes to cultivate more beautiful American manhood in the youth of our colleges. It should concern itself with all things which the fraternity is doing, or the individual members have done; it ought to keep the undergraduate membership informed as to the doings of those who have passed beyond college walls, and are making for themselves name and fame in the world of art or science or literature; it ought to keep abreast of the best current thought on all matters that concern the Greek-letter idea, and should publish such information regarding institutions and rival organizations as shall tend to make the membership of the Order which it represents more intelligent, more enthusiastic and more loyal in the cause which they have espoused. We believe that any approximation toward this ideal necessitates some such plan as $\phi \kappa \psi$ has adopted, and in a salaried editorship and monthly issue, together with continuous management, rest the future of the fraternity journals.

We were amused some time since to read in a private letter to the editor the sentiments expressed to the writer by a $\psi \gamma$ regarding the fact that $\phi \kappa \psi$ could support a monthly journal, while $\psi \gamma$ had struggled in vain for years to keep *The Diamond* alive, only to have it die at last. A volume might be written on the differences which prevail among college men as to what the fraternity idea means to them, suggested by the above remark. If $\phi \kappa \psi$ means more to a man than mere membership in a chapter during the whole or a part of his college course, then *THE SHIELD* will be a necessity; if his idea of fraternities rises no higher than the pleasant companionship in a social club during a few brief years of connection with college life, then the fate of *The Diamond* and many another journal which we might name will be ours.

Chapter Letters.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Vacation is over, and all the boys are back, and, of course, all had a pleasant time. I shall hastily give you the few items of interest that Pennsylvania Eta has to present to THE SHIELD.

On Thursday evening, December 15th, Bro. Walter Reinoehl entertained the members of Pennsylvania Eta, at his home on North Duke Street, in a most royal manner. Brother Hon. A. C. Reinoehl welcomed the brothers in his usual jovial manner, and joined the boys in the festivities of the evening. The parlors of the Reinoehl mansion rang with $\Phi \Psi$ merriment. Nor did our host confine us to the parlors, for in the course of the evening the doors of the dining room were thrown open, and everything that the season could afford was spread before us. The Major's wit, and the responses to the toasts by the brothers, were in accord with the bounties spread before us. Each brother received a beautiful souvenir, artistically arranged, of the $\Phi \Psi$ colors.

As usual, Pennsylvania Eta takes the honorary positions on the society anniversary programme. The Diagnothians elected Brother Rupley anniversaryman, Brother Apple eulogist, and Brother Bauman one of the orators. Brother Hay represents us on the Goethean programme as orator.

The first division of the senior class delivered their orations, in college chapel, on Friday, December 16th. Brother Hay, who was one of the orators, "gave some thoughtful remarks on, 'Am I my Brother's Keeper?' His pleasing manner of delivery won for him his usual success."—*Intelligencer*.

Brother Apple is busy with his duties as editor-in-chief of the *Oriflamme*.

We expect another visit from Brother Hon. J. P. Rea, on Tuesday evening, January 17th.

IRWIN W. HENDRICKS.

Lancaster, Pa., January 9, 1888.

CORNELL.

New York Alpha is glad to introduce to THE SHIELD, and to the general fraternity, her initiates for this year. They are Fred and Frank Bissell (twins), of Buffalo, New York; Frank and Elwell Bentley, of Springfield, Mo., and F. J. Tone, of Bergen, New York. The first four mentioned are in the course in arts. Brother Tone is in the course in civil engineering. All of them, we can conscientiously say, have the characteristics of gentlemen and scholars.

All will be in the chapter-house next term, which, with the addition of Brother Ludlow, late of Ohio Delta, fills the house to overflowing.

Two of the freshmen initiated are experts on the piano, one on the flute, another holds the classical scholarship in his class. The fifth, poor Tone, is neither a musician nor a Greek fiend, but he is one of the best all-around men you ever saw.

There are now in the chapter-house four pianoists, one violinist, one "flutist," and one "mandolinist." It will be observed that we do not lack for music.

The men initiated, together with four brothers sent us by sister chapters, gives us a total of nine new men for this year, and making us number twenty strong.

The chapter is on a sound basis, and ranks itself well up among the many fraternities at Cornell.

The latest action of the university trustees was the appropriation of sixty thousand dollars for a new building, to be occupied by the civil engineers and architects. This, with the Young Men's Christian Association building, and the new library building, will, when all are completed, materially change the appearance of the campus, and will be ornaments to what we claim is already the most beautiful college campus in America.

In athletics the University is booming. The foot-ball season, closed here by the Cornell-Lehigh game at Elmira, on Thanksgiving, was one of intense interest, though not as successful as we could have wished for. The candidates for the ball team will go in training at the beginning of the winter term, and the candidates for the crew soon afterward. Both, we hope and believe, will create quite a commotion in college circles next spring and summer.

We are glad to note by the letters in *THE SHIELD* that our sister chapters seem to be in a prosperous condition, and extend to all our best wishes.

WILL. H. ROBINSON.

Ithaca, New York, December 10, 1887.

SYRACUSE.

New York Beta has added two new names to her chapter-roll—the names of Mr. Frank S. Husted, '91, of Le Roy, New York, and Mr. Frank A. Paddock, '90, of Walcott, New York. Both of these gentlemen are of high moral character, and are thoroughly imbued with Phi Psi spirit. Although the goat kicked them hard, they have survived the ordeal, and we have the greatest hopes for their future in Phi Psi.

The university annual has just come from the press, and we are pleased to note that Bro. Chaplain McCabe and Bro. George Lansing Taylor, D. D., have been elected trustees of the university. Also, Bro. Augustus Broadway, '84, is on the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association.

The number of students in the University is now five hundred, and the prospects are very encouraging for Syracuse. The new Holden Observatory was dedicated on November 18th.

We are pleased to have with us this term Bro. Harry B. Mitchell, '90, who was a member of the Cornell chapter last year.

Bro. J. K. Statham, '90, is director of the university Glee Club, which now has a wide reputation, and which starts for an extended western concert tour on the 23d instant.

We are well represented on the city journals, Brother Piper being a regular reporter on the *Times*, Brother Mirtenes for the *Herald*, and Brother Burritt University correspondent for the *Standard*.

We have been glad to receive occasional visits from our brothers of Madison, Carey and Rumsey. We surmise, however, that Brother Rumsey has a stronger attraction than Phi Psi in Syracuse. These "coeds" are great institutions—so, at least, thinks Brother Walworth, who has been dealing with certain resplendent gems of late.

We wish to compliment Brother Schmidt upon the ability with which he has conducted the *Syracusan*, as editor-in-chief. The *Syracusan* has never been edited better, and has never received such complimentary notices from other college papers before.

Brother F. J. Farrington will represent $\Phi K \Psi$ upon the *Onondagan*, which '89 will soon issue.

Pi chapter of Psi Upsilon will soon issue a bi-monthly college paper of their own, to be called the *University News*. This makes the third students' publication for Syracuse. The *University Herald* was organized some fourteen years ago, and is conducted by Delta Upsilon. The *Syracusan* is published by Phi Kappa Psi and $\Delta K E$.

$\Delta K E$ and $\Psi \Upsilon$ have initiated a fine lot of fellows, and $\Delta \Upsilon$ has done well. As for ourselves, we opened the year with the determination not to take in but a few men, and not *any* unless we could have those we wished.

Phi Delta Theta has initiated four or five freshmen, who are no doubt fit representatives of that organization.

Brothers Holzworth, '87, and Cleveland, '86, are candidates for the degree of Ph. D., and Rev. Brother Jacob E. Price, Pa. Z, '72, took this degree from the University last year.

We have in our chapter rooms complete files of the various college papers and fraternity magazines, and thus manage to keep ourselves very well posted upon matters of interest in college and society life.

As time and space forbid us to write more, we must say *au revoir*.

FRED N. BURRITT.

Syracuse, New York, December 20, 1887.

WASHINGTON AND LEE.

The new year is here, and with it we expected a postal card from Bro. Van Cleve, warning us that a letter was due from Virginia Beta; but we have waited in vain, and are determined to write any way and send a New Year's greeting to THE SHIELD and old Phi Psi.

We have looked on with envy to see so many new members entered upon the rolls of our sister chapters, while we were compelled to take a back seat, and could tell no wonderful tales of the exploits of our goat; but at last I have the pleasure of introducing to the fraternity as our goat of '87-'88, Mr. Samuel G. Anspach, of Liberty, Va.

The gentleman, though exceedingly timid, appeared quite at his ease when he was introduced to our goat, and in spite of the animal's obstinacy, he succeeded in keeping his seat, and is an unusually graceful rider for one so young.

This session is a very prosperous one for Washington and Lee. We have a good many more students than last year, the law class being almost doubled. Only recently, by a clause in the will of Mrs. Evelina H. Birley, late of Baltimore, the University has been given a sum of money sufficient to endow a scholarship worth \$500 per year. It is also rumored that there is a clause in the will of W. W. Corcoran leaving Washington and Lee a quarter of a million dollars. There is also a chair of biology to be established next year, and Mr. Harry D. Campbell, Ph. D., now studying in Germany, has been elected to the professorship. At the death of Mrs. Bradford, of Philadelphia, Washington and Lee will receive the valuable law library of her husband, and an endowment for a new professorship in law.

The fraternity spirit at Washington and Lee is as strong as ever, and forms an important part in student life here. The numerical strength of them is as follows: Sigma Chi ($\Sigma \chi$), 5; Kappa Alpha ($\kappa \alpha$), 12; Delta Psi ($\Delta \Psi$), 8; Phi Delta Theta ($\Phi \Delta \Theta$), 5; Sigma Alpha Epsilon ($\Sigma \alpha \epsilon$), 3; Phi Kappa Psi ($\Phi \kappa \Psi$), 6; Sigma Nu ($\Sigma \nu$), 5.

Within the last few years flourishing chapters of several fraternities have become inactive. Alpha Tau Omega is no more, and Beta Theta Pi and Delta Kappa Epsilon are extinct.

During the Xmas holidays we received a flying visit from Bros. Bias and Irwin, now attending Union Theological Seminary. We were delighted to meet Bro. Berkeley, of Virginia A, who spent his Xmas in Lexington, and were sorry that he could not stay longer with us.

We have just heard of the marriage of Bro. William Preston, a rising young lawyer of Richmond, Va. He was once a distinguished active member of Virginia Beta, and, though before our day, we have all heard the history of the chapter in the days of "Bill" Preston.

Bro. Quarles is one of the debaters at the annual celebration of the Graham Lee Society on the 19th.

We hear occasionally from Bros. Irwin and Eggleston; the former is doing well in law at Minneapolis, and the latter is at Princeton, N. J., and says he misses the chapter of Phi Psi very much. No doubt he wishes he was not at that "prepish" college where fraternities are not allowed. We sincerely wish a successful new year to all in the bonds of old Phi Psi.

MORGAN BILLIU.

Lexington, Va., January 6, 1888.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

We commence the term with all our old men returned with the exception of Brother Miles, who enters business in his father's house at Columbus. Our University will probably have seventy-five students less than last term. Very few new students have entered, so that it is probable the fraternities will remain at a stand for some time.

We have at last secured rooms, so as to more closely unite our boys, and now any visiting brother need only inquire for the Phi Psi "ranch," north Main Street.

One of the features of the closing days of the past term was the exciting junior class election for the programme of their annual exhibition of talent. In order to frustrate scheming the faculty selected fifteen members, from whom the class selected its programme of nine performers. But scheming seems to be the more indulged in than before. The fraternities, somewhat to their own surprise, were given nine out of the eleven men selected by the faculty. The war waged long between the fraternity men and their allies on one side and the antis on the other. But to be brief, the entire fraternity ticket was elected, after nearly five hours' voting. Of the programme Phi Kappa Psi furnishes an orator, W. C. Kennedy, and a declaimer, W. M. McCafferty.

Quite a number of O. W. U. boys will attend the inauguration at Columbus next Monday. Brother Sanger, Major of the college battalion, will accompany the Joy Guards (Company K) of this place. Friends of Ohio Alpha boys may now look out for photos of Phi Psis grouped in every imaginable position and costume. Brother Fisher is the amateur photographer, and we are only waiting now for our proofs, when we shall be better able to pass judgment.

E. B. DILLON.

Delaware, O., January 7, 1888.

DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

On Monday evening, January 9th, Bro. R. J. Burdette lectured in the college chapel to the largest audience that has greeted any one in the present lecture course. As usual, in the course of his lecture, he worked in the words, $\Phi K \Psi$, in elegant style. After the entertainment we repaired to the hall in company with our lady friends, where we greatly enjoyed the wit and humor of Bro. Burdette, who seemed filled with that pure, noble, generous spirit that characterizes him as a typical Phi Psi—one worthy of emulation.

We can well feel proud and honored by humorous talent in the persons of Bro. Burdette, Theodore Tilton and James Whitcomb Riley, who recently made the "hit" of his life in New York City, at the Authors' Convention, and won for himself a national reputation, which we might say he already had, but not in such a degree as now.

It is as gratifying to know the success of these eminent and good-souled Phi Psis as it also is to know that we have in our own chapter a cousin of the distinguished J. W. Riley, Bro. Clarence A. Hough, who has more than a col-

lege reputation as a recitationist, and who belongs to "The De Pauw Concert Company," which makes its debut here on the evening of January 17th.

The chapter is having its usual success, and is looking forward to the Grand Arch Council as an enjoyable event, as well as one from which beneficent results shall come.

No government is so perfect that it can not be improved. It would be well if each of us would bear this in mind in regard to our own government, and spend our spare time in picking out its defects, if there be any, and substituting better ideas.

CHARLES C. SPENCER.

Greencastle, Ind., January 10, 1888.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Your late warning apprises us of a duty unfulfilled; yet at this late date we send a New Year's greeting to the Phi Psi world.

The gradual increasing prosperity of our University, under our present energetic and efficient president, Dr. Jordan, manifests itself more and more each year. Under his *regime* the elective system has been carried out on quite an extensive scale, with such wonderful satisfaction and success, that Indiana University promises to be in the future the modern Athens of the West. With equal truth I can say for the Beta Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, she is up with the times—a living, active power, unequaled, and we might almost as truthfully add, unrivaled by any other fraternity at the Indiana University. Although the Phi Delta Thetas claim to be our rivals, they do not extend their claim only to numbers.

Indiana Beta stands high in the class room and in the social world. Realizing the powers which it takes to constitute a man, $\Phi \text{ K } \Psi$ endeavors to combine social grace with a cultivated and developed mind. In the prizes of last term, we received the lion's share. We have one of the two editors-in-chief of the *Indiana Student*, and three class presidents out of the four. Yet we do not wish to boast or to appear so exceedingly arrogant as to ignore the standing of other fraternities. Neither do we wish to stoop to the low work carried on by some of the other fraternities represented here. One can but recognize merit where'er it may be found, but to assume undeserved merit, far be it from our purpose. We are frequently favored by visits and letters from our older members who have graduated and gone out in earnest into the various struggles of life, and the interest manifested in our welfare shows that their true and burning love for the $\Phi \Psi$ fraternity has not in the least abated, but only increased by years.

As Byron remarks: "How dear is the school-boy spot we ne'er forget, though there we are forgot."

Although the existence of all things human seems fated to decay and change, yet through the influence of one of God's most blessed brotherhoods, known as the Phi Psi fraternity, we are *not forgot* when we leave college, but leave behind us a continual reminder of ourselves and a place where we are

sure of a hearty welcome when we return; while at the same time, where'er we go, should a Phi Psi meet us, it is with the love and welcome of a brother.

With fraternal love to all sister chapters, Indiana Beta bids you adieu.

H. W. KIPLINGER.

Bloomington, Ind., January 10, 1888.

NORTHWESTERN.

A majority of the brothers improved over two weeks vacation by a visit to their several homes to gain rest and strength for the duties of the coming term. Nearly all of our Seniors remained in town busy upon their essays to compete for the Deering prizes, the securing of which entitles the winner to a position on the Kirk contest, which takes place in June, just before commencement.

After examinations were over, and just before we separated for the vacation, a "farewell benefit" was given to our ladies in our chapter hall. A previous contest was caricatured in a highly artistic manner by several of the brothers, and our orchestra of nine pieces added no small item to the general hilarity.

The successful contestants then proceeded to "set up" a feed for the entire party, and with fraternity songs and jokes, the evening passed all too quickly for the merry company, and one of the most pleasant socials of the year was at an end.

The new year contains much of promise for Illinois Alpha. We are strong in numbers as well as in individual men, while the strongest and dearest of ties binds all together in one band of common sympathy and common purpose.

Our college paper, *The Northwestern*, which hitherto has been published every alternate Friday during the school year, beginning January 13th, will be issued weekly, as it was thought that the amount of news and size of the institution warranted the change. Bro. P. B. Bass, from the Hinman Literary Society, and C. S. Graves, from the Adelpic, will represent us upon the editorial board, giving us two out of the six editors.

The University in general was never in a more prosperous condition. The liberal endowment of years ago places it on a firm financial footing. Two new departments, the School of Dental and Oral Surgery and the Chicago Astronomical Society, which has charge of the Dearborn Telescope, have been added during the past year, while the catalogue for '87-'88, just issued, gives us a total of 1,199 students in all departments, a gain of 158 from last year.

C. S. GRAVES.

BELOIT.

So far as the annual fraternity war is concerned, we may say that it is practically at an end. The struggle, although a prolonged and somewhat heated one, has not been as marked and prominent as it might have been. It has been peculiar in this respect, that each fraternity has worked distinctively by itself, and few, indeed, have been the clashings which have resulted from the individual movements of each one. The campaign has left us with perhaps some things to be wished for which have not transpired; but on the other hand

those wishes are tinged but by few, if any, feelings of regret. We have not been as successful as many of our rivals in the matter of the number of our initiates, but this is not the standard by which we must be wholly judged. The coming year, as well as the present one, has been, and will continue to be, the object of our endeavor, and should our future efforts be as successful as those we have lately put forth, we shall gain a foothold which our opponents will do well not to regard too lightly.

It gives us pleasure to introduce to you our last initiate, Bro. Burrell B. Treat, who consented to link his fortune with ours, the enticements of our most numerically strong rivals notwithstanding. We have lately been visited by a very discouraging misfortune in at least the temporary loss of Bro. Daniel Waite, of the class of '90. A few weeks ago he was suddenly summoned to attend the serious and almost fatal illness of his elder brother, who, we are pleased to say, is now on the road to recovery. The attraction of a business career, however, proved too much for Brother Waite, and he has left us to enter the commercial world, with fine prospects before him, and in which we wish him the greatest good fortune.

W. C. SHIPNES.

Beloit, Wis., December 10, '87.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Our progress is steady. A general growth in all strength now delights the heart of every Phi Psi as his thoughts turn homeward, and his fancy already partakes of the merriments of holiday vacation. The term which presently closes has surely marked a successful period in the history of our institution, and more surely in the success of Iowa Alpha.

To the list of acquisitions which we reported in our last letter to THE SHIELD we are pleased to announce the following additions: A. G. Hull, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Frank Park, of Viola, Illinois. Both are elegant men. "Bert" Hull is the son of J. A. T. Hull, the lieutenant-governor of this state, and is an all-round athlete; but "Billy" was too much for him. Park pleasantly surprised us by offering that welcome grip of $\Phi K \Psi$, and presenting his transfer from Illinois Gamma, which we unanimously accepted, and then shared with him our fold.

Our freshmen are winning prominence in their classes, and bearing credit to our colors in class room and literary hall, in foot-ball or social circles.

Just a year ago we undertook to furnish our halls, and add convenience and beauty to them by a new set of furniture, Brussels carpet, piano, etc. We scraped our pennies together from alumni (our thanks), and undergraduates, too, and invested them all. This winter we have just begun to enhance the attractiveness of our quarters with heavy curtains for the parlor, and a new carpet for the business room, besides a secretary, and other articles of use and adornment. When completed we will have a frequent resort for pleasure and amusement.

The vacant chair of civil engineering has been filled by Professor Jameson, and all the chairs are now filled, and S. U. I. is thriving.

The "barb" element is drawing closer lines in all "frat" and "anti-frat" questions. Perhaps the most effectual way of displaying the power of the Greeks was resorted to by Delta Tau Delta. They threw open their capacious halls for a grand reception to all fraternity men in college, and the whole faculty, with their ladies. There hospitality was appreciated by all, and amidst the assembled professors there were only two who themselves are not Greeks. So our organizations are safe as far as the faculty is concerned.

Our new president, Dr. Charles A. Schaefer, is a member of Kappa Alpha, and is a broad, liberal man, and a warm friend of all well-conducted fraternities.

Therefore, in this, my last chapter letter, it certainly is pleasing to be able to report that Iowa Alpha is so successful in holding her place in the high standard of Phi Kappa Psi, and it is, and shall ever be, her aim to be second in no way to any rival.

JAMES W. BOLLINGER.

Iowa City, Iowa, December 17, 1887.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Holidays are over, and we are back at work once more. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed the short vacation of two weeks, and has come back refreshed and invigorated by the rest. Things are about as they were at the time of our last letter to *THE SHIELD*. All the brothers have returned, and none of them have suffered any serious accidents, been married, or had any other exciting experiences of sufficient moment or interest to merit mention in a chapter letter.

The university has lately been the scene of an unusually active war against the fraternities. Late in November a woman, who lives in the city, and who has a son in the school here (not a member of a society), published several articles against fraternities. Though the articles were shallow, and untruthful in the extreme, the barbs saw their opportunity, and immediately proceeded to take advantage of it. They at once had themselves thoroughly tattooed, put on their war paint, trained their guns on us, and saluted us with a fusillade of bombs and newspaper articles. They sent their literary effusions abroad, and had them copied by papers in different parts of the state, and for a short time produced quite a sensation. But their articles soon subsided into "windy dreariness," and now everything is as calm and quiet as a summer evening. This was not the first uprising of the barbs in the history of K. S. U., but it ended as all previous movements of the kind have ended—in quiet submission to the inevitable.

The fraternities are all inclined to be conservative in their "rushing" this year, and as the new men seem to lean decidedly toward the same policy in the choice of fraternities, and are very deliberate in their decisions, there have been very few initiations so far. We have initiated no one since our last letter, and consequently have no new brother to introduce this time. But, nevertheless, we have not been idle, but have formally pledged one man, and have two more "on the string," whom we feel confident that we shall ultimately get.

Some of the brothers who remained in Lawrence during the holidays enjoyed a call from Bro. S. O. Henry, of Colorado. Bro. F. D. Hutchings, of Osage Mission, Kan., spent the first part of the week with us. It is always a great pleasure to us to have our older brothers visit us, whether members of our own chapter or of others. We only wish that we might oftener have an opportunity to extend them a warm and hearty welcome.

Upon returning from our homes we found THE SHIELD awaiting us, and we have perused its contents with interest and satisfaction. We are glad to read of the prosperity and success of our fraternity, and to observe the general good feeling and warm fraternity-spirit which seems to pervade every chapter.

We shall close with a wish that our sister chapters may meet the same prosperity and happiness in 1888 which we are hoping to realize.

J. A. PRESCOTT.

Lawrence, Kan., January 4, 1888.



Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

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

The *Scroll* has the following upon the Song Book question, which will be of interest to $\Phi K \Psi$ at this time :

The Song Book has now been out somewhat over a year, and the sales to chapters have not been encouraging. Out of sixty-three chapters, thirty-six have not bought a single book, and to the twenty-seven chapters that have made purchases, only 103 books have been sold. Only nine chapters have taken five copies or more, and of these only four have taken ten copies or over. Pennsylvania Epsilon, 15; Missouri Alpha, 14, and Ohio Beta and Michigan Beta each 10, are at the top of the list, while New Hampshire Alpha, New York Gamma, Georgia Alpha and Beta, Ohio Alpha and Epsilon, Kentucky Delta, and Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska Alphas, with one each, are at the end, which does not make the eye of the Song Book man, who has given his time and his money, sparkle with delight.

Again the *Scroll* speaks in its most recent issue upon another matter which is engaging the most earnest thought of Phi Psis:

One of the most pressing needs which we now have before us is the want of a catalogue. The fifth and last edition is now so old as to be almost useless—wholly so in many cases—and then there is always to be considered the time that must elapse after work is commenced before a new one can be produced. Seven years, or even five, is too long a period to be left wholly unrecorded—in available shape—in a fraternity so vigorous and progressive as ours. Catalogues should be issued at least once in ten years, but some means should be provided whereby we may keep track of our membership in the interim. Such a scheme would have the additional advantage of keeping even with the work, and when the catalogue proper came to be desired the editors would find much of their work done for them, and the chief labor would be in compilation. A few years ago Beta Theta Pi attempted the experiment in her *Hand Book*, but we are not aware that they have since taken any steps in that direction.

Our matter has now grown to such enormous proportions that nothing but a catalogue proper can cover the ground, and the men who undertake it will find a big task ahead of them. But we should remember that not only is the need now great, but the longer we delay the work the greater will be the labor and the expense. We can not afford to wait until the convention of 1889, but the General Council should endeavor to formulate some scheme whereby the work can be proceeded with at once, and by the time of the next general meeting the book could be ready. A good year for issue, if possible, would be 1888, and then intervals of ten years would mark the close of each decade of our existence. We propose that some scheme be decided upon at once and submitted to the chapters for approval. Two things, and two only, are essential—the man and the money. If the latter is forthcoming, we are certain the former will be, but no man will undertake the task unless all of his expenses are guaranteed.

Kappa Kappa Gamma Key has come out under most favorable conditions as to typography and literary direction, and the leading editorial contains this womanly and stirring sentiment :

One hears very much now-a-days about the position women occupied in society fifty years ago, and the different one they now hold. The statement is quite true, and thread-bare from repetition. The popular estimation of women was lower, and it was so because women as a whole had not come to any conception of the true meaning of life and of their own infinite possibilities. We have to go only a few years back to find women almost utterly destitute of all book-learning, and quite satisfied that excellence in spinning and cooking and caring for their husbands' and children's bodies was the highest aim in life. In the novels, even as late as Thackeray, women are insipid, characterless and frivolous. They may be, and usually are, depicted as loving and as kindly tolerated and patronized on that account. Only in the very latest years have we come to the college woman, an entirely new genus, as yet an experiment, with her utility as yet unproven, educated in the same way as men, and bearing as a consequence the same responsibilities. One expects of a college man a broader, more manly and judicious character. Ought we not expect of a woman a broader, more womanly and thoughtful mind? College women take upon themselves grave responsibilities, and should not shirk them. If a woman is not changed by a college course, she ought not have it; it is unjust to the college and bad in its effect upon the observing public. The effect should not be to make her less womanly, and the memory of many sweet and noble college graduates comes up in our minds to assert that she is not, but she should be less womanish. We do not deprecate the fancy-work and chocolate-cream and sentimental love-story style of girl. She has her place, and will continue to fill it for generations, but the ranks should not be reinforced from college girls. As the writer of a previous editorial probably thought, the termination "ie" to a name is all right, and very euphonious, but it is monotonous, and unless one happens to be endowed at the start with a name of that kind, it is more impressive and less sentimental to use one's Christian name. The tendency of education will inevitably be, not to make women like men; no, protect us from that! but to make them truer to their own highest and noblest possibilities, and less weak and sentimental.

Alpha Tau Omega has a most earnest monitor in the *Palm*, which, among many exhortations in a recent issue, says:

Some chapter by-laws need revision in the matter of correspondents. It should be a rule made by all chapters to elect their correspondent for one year. Elect him during the month of January, and impose a heavy fine upon him if he fails in his duty. He should be elected from the Junior class, and no Junior should be eligible to election who is not certain to graduate. This would prevent the *Palm* from being misssent, for it would always reach the chapter through its correspondent. So often the business manager wants to have a chapter letter for the October *Palm*, and finds that the correspondent has graduated, and is no longer at the institution, consequently he is unable to communicate with many of the chapters at all. If the chapter happens to forget to send a letter, the whole fraternity is at a loss to know how to reach that chapter. Let all chapters consider this and act upon it during 1888, and all will be mutually benefitted.

Sigma Chi is trying experiments with her journal again, and in the issue for December, 1888, the *Sigma Chi* explains her new policy thus:

By the votes of the active chapters endorsing the action of the Grand Council, the change of journalistic policy so fully discussed in our May issue is now in practical operation. If the enthusiastic reception given the three numbers of the *Bulletin*, already published, is as safe a criterion as we think, the new system is a grand success. Both its attractiveness and its utility are demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt; and Sigma Chi has at least solved the vexed question of fraternity journalism to her own complete satisfaction, if she has not also determined the future policy of the fraternity world.

Briefly, the plan consists in the publication of two journals, a private monthly and a public quarterly, instead of one, a public bi-monthly. The *Sigma Chi* remains the public official organ of the fraternity. Most of its general features are retained, as will be seen in this issue. It is exchanged with the publications of our rivals, and is open to general subscription. It is issued quarterly during the academic year, once in each of the three college terms, and each issue will contain an appropriate frontispiece illustration. The size, as is seen, has been somewhat increased, and it is expected that the articles it contains will be somewhat more elaborate. The *Sigma Chi Bulletin* is the real innovation, and is a *strictly private monthly newspaper*, for it is not quite large or pretentious enough to be called a magazine. It is printed on linen paper, in very convenient and attractive style, and contains about 30,000 ems of long primer type. Edited by the Grand Tribune, it is the especial organ of the Grand Council. *Strictly private* in character, it is devoted primarily to the internal affairs of Sigma Chi, and to such items of interest to our members, relating either to ourselves or our rivals, as are best communicated in private. It contains full information of the actions of the Grand Council, the plans of the Grand Tribune, informal reports from officers and committees, "points" on fraternity work and policy, and news about the various chapters, other fraternities and the college world at large. There is nothing formal or stilted about it, but everything is made as bright and fresh and newsy as possible. the constant aim being to keep every one posted, and everything alive, to arouse interest and to enforce the laws.

The *Kappa Sigma Quarterly* has recently changed hands, and we quote the gist of the salutatory editorial:

There is no element of student life that exerts so strong an influence on the student as that of his fraternity, not only while within the sacred precincts of *alma mater*, but in the broader field—in the great University of Life. The impress on character effected at college will attend a man and show itself in a greater or less degree all through the checkered field of human existence—nerving him to “act well his part,” or laying him liable to mistakes, errors and misfortunes.

We believe that the great fundamental principles of honor, honesty, gentleness, refinement, morality and Christianity which underlie and support the creed of Kappa Sigma will assist not only the student in forming, but the man in living out, the character of “Christian gentleman and patriot.” It is no idle boast when we say we have seen it demonstrated.

The same is true of others; and of still others the reverse, we regret to say, is equally true.

To all Greek-letter fraternities that take the poor, blind, homesick and inexperienced student from the tender mercies of a college green, and act the part of brother, friend and adviser to him, and make a true man of him through the influence of friendship, brotherly love and knightly honor—to all such we say, “Comrades, God speed!” For we are comrades as were the Knights of St. George and St. John, who “strode up the breach of Askalon, shoulder to shoulder, with strong King Richard.”



Personals.

MISSISSIPPI A.

W. P. Tackett, class '84, is practicing law at Lexington, Miss. He has been elected by a large majority to represent the people of Holmes County in the next legislature.

J. R. Tackett is at Tulane University, N. O. Louisiana, studying medicine. We predict for both the Tacketts a bright future.

John W. Moseley, Jr., is in the drug business at Meridian, Miss. He is an excellent boy, and will do well.

W. F. Stevens, class '85, is here reading senior law. He has a position as editor of the university magazine. He intends to practice his profession in southeast Mississippi.

Bro. Charles A. Miller, of Bolivar, Tenn., formerly of Virginia Alpha and Tennessee Beta respectively, paid us a visit recently. He was attending court here in a suit, involving a large amount, against the railroad company. The warm flame of fraternal love continues to burn in his bosom, notwithstanding the dreary lapse of years.

L. J. Farley, class of '84, has took unto himself the "better half," and is now enjoying conjugal felicity. Any $\Phi \Psi$ who wishes to see him can, by calling at Plum Point, Miss., have the desired honor.

W. T. Bush, one of our charter members in the reorganization, is now located at Greenwood, Miss. He was a member of our last legislature, and his already bright record augurs propitiously for a brilliant and useful future. May our brightest hopes be fully realized.

John L. Buckley, class '85, is now an alumnus of Lebanon (Tenn.) law school, and is practicing at his home in Enterprise. He is an universal favorite with our fraternity, and of him we entertain the fondest hopes.

W. W. Narvey did not return this year, but is carving *gens homo* in the Louisville (Ky.) medical college.

Brother John F. Park, another charter member, is now a full-fledged attorney in Arkansas.

May heaven bless and prosper all our old *father* boys.

OHIO A.

Prof. E. T. Nelson during the last week received notice of his appointment by Gov. J. B. Foraker to a seven-years' membership in the State Board of Health. Professor Nelson is also president of the Ohio State Sanitary Association, and an officer in our City Board of Health.—*College Transcript*, Dec. 17, 1887.

Prof. E. T. Nelson, '66, was elected honorary member of the American Public Health Association, at its late meeting at Memphis, Tennessee.

J. L. Kessler, '73, has been professor of philosophy in the Central Wesleyan College since 1879.

The friends of Bro. F. S. Monnett will be pleased to learn that the newspaper accounts of his recent accident while hunting were grossly exaggerated. Though seriously inconvenienced for a few days, he soon regained his usual vigor, and was at his desk again within a week from the time he was shot.

L. Piper, '64, was recently elected probate judge of Union County.

W. M. Semans, '83, has lately been appointed physician at the Northwestern Ohio Insane Asylum, Toledo, Ohio.

L. S. Colter, '85, has been appointed physician in the Interne Cincinnati Hospital for the year 1888-89.

The many friends of E. M. Semans, '86, will be glad to learn of his slowly recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

PENNSYLVANIA I.

The following is taken from the *Philadelphia Press* of November 19th: "Mr. Frank M. Higgins, managing editor of the *Commercial Gazette*, and a well-known newspaper man, died here (Pittsburg) to-day of brain fever. He was thirty-eight years of age, and was educated at Bucknell University for the ministry. For fifteen years past he has been in Pittsburg journalism; for a time in the *Post*, but since 1882 as managing editor of the *Gazette*." Mr. Higgins left the university at the close of his junior year. He received the honors at his entrance into college, and was an active and thorough scholar.

Dr. George I. McLeod has been appointed by Governor Beaver a member of the Board of Public Charities in the place of Dr. J. K. Lee, deceased.

E. L. Tustin was in Lewisburg on November 25th. He is an active and promising member of the Philadelphia bar.

PENNSYLVANIA E.

'67. In the *Pharmaceutical Record*, December 1st, there is a biographical sketch, with portrait, of Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph. D., F. C. S. Few have attained the eminence of Dr. S. so early in life. The sketch is highly complimentary to him as to what he has done, and the high rank he has attained, and regards his future as promising in the highest degree.

'68. E. T. Horn, D. D., was elected president of the United Lutheran Synod of the South, at its recent convention in Savannah.

Bro. J. C. Koller, D. D., was recently elected president of the Western Pennsylvania Synod.

NEW YORK A.

W. E. Morrison, '89, is in Savannah, Ga., studying law.

M. W. Way, '87, is teaching in Rochester.

C. B. Mowrey, '87, is located in Geneva, but is not engaged in any business at present.

'83. Bro. C. C. Proffitt is in the class of '88 at the New York General Theological Seminary.

'84. Bro. G. M. Irish is in the class of '88 at the New York General Theological Seminary.

'84. Bro. J. C. Flood, professor at Deveaux College, Suspension Bridge, New York, spent his vacation in Geneva.

'86. Bro. H. T. Morrison is in business at McClellanville, S. C.

'87. Bro. C. B. Mowry, on account of ill health, has been unable to enter upon any occupation, and has remained here this winter.

'88. Bro. G. W. O'Brien spent his vacation in Geneva.

'89. Bro. Henry Pegram spent his vacation in Geneva.

'90. Bro. Statham, of New York Beta, passed through Geneva, on his way home.

'91. Bro. R. G. Cox has left college, but remains in town, studying under the directions of the dean of the De Lancey Divinity School. He intends to re-enter next year.

'91. Bro. P. T. Fenn spent his vacation in Geneva.

'91. Bro. A. L. Mowry has entered the class of '91 of Rochester University.

'91. Bro. J. W. Saunders spent his vacation in Geneva.

NEW YORK B.

'84. We clip from the *Syracusan* the following: "Marriage of Bro. George Deuell, '84, of Saratoga Springs, to Miss Cora Miller, of Fulton, New York." We congratulate Bro. Deuell on this important event in his life. Bro. Deuell is now a professor of mathematics in Bellevue Collegiate Institute, New Caledonia, Missouri.

'86. Bro. Cleveland is now a missionary at Sendai Mai, Japan.

'86. Bro. A. D. Bartholomew is pursuing a law course in Cornell Law School.

'86. Brother Harris is teaching for a second year at Pioneer, Ohio.

'86. Brother Lonergon is shipping clerk for a large manufacturing establishment at Port Byron, New York.

'86. Brother Wilder is now in Luther, Mich.

'87. Bro. E. G. Eldridge is studying law at Rochester, New York.

'87. Brother Holzwarth is teaching at Manlins, New York, and is also an Evangelical Lutheran pastor in Rome, New York.

'88. Bro. G. V. Sackett is studying law in the Albany Law School, at Albany, New York.

'88. Brother Ball is teaching at North Lawrence, New York.

'89. Brother Brooks has just finished a course in Troy Business College, and is at present residing at Schaghticoke, New York.

'89. Brother Peckham is teaching and studying law at Memphis, New York.

'89. Brother Out is engaged in mechanical engineering in this city.

'90. Brother Perkins is preaching at South Hannibal, New York.

'90. Bro. W. H. Edwards is now in Union University, at Schenectady.

'90. Brother Barnard is teaching at Westford, New York.

IOWA A.

'86. C. L. Jay is still in his father's bank, in Sioux City.

'86. Carl E. Eggert is instructor in French and German in the State University of Illinois.

'87. Edward R. Meek is enjoying the genial climate of the Pacific slope, reading law in Black's Station, Cal., the present home of his parents.

'87. Will. H. Stutsman is professor of German and Latin in Burlington College.

'87. Joseph M. Fawcett has been holding a lucrative position in a surveying corps of the U. P. R. R., and at present is at his home in Carrollton, Ohio.

Eddie Baker is teaching school in Cass County, Iowa.

Frank Mann is in his father's large dry goods establishment, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Will Kenyon is attending Iowa College, at Grinnell, but will enter a law school next year.

SOUTH CAROLINA A.

J. H. McLure, '87, is assistant engineer on the Georgia, Carolina & Northern Railroad.

W. S. Blakeney, '87, is practicing law at Chesterfield, S. C.

S. M. Clarkson, '87, is teaching at Mayesville, S. C.



College and Fraternity Notes.

Franklin and Marshall College has received during the past summer \$70,000.

The average student at Brown studies but twelve hours weekly.—*Brunonian*.

Gen. Benjamin F. Butler is to give a fountain to Colby University.—*Exchange*.

The oldest college paper in the country is the *Yale Lit.* The *Beloit Round Table* stands next.

Amherst College's memorial of Henry Ward Beecher is to be a \$50,000 endowment of the professorship of physical culture.

Columbia sports eleven Greek letter fraternities with a total membership of about 300. The first was established in 1836.—*Campus*.

Amherst gives annually nineteen thousand dollars in prizes, and the income of one hundred and eighty thousand dollars in scholarships.—*Ex*.

The rebellious Russian universities have all been closed by the government, and all will not be opened again until the end of February.—*Ex*.

Of the one thousand seven hundred and twenty-six living graduates of Williams College, it is said that the late ex-President Mark Hopkins taught all but thirty-one.

Harvard's gymnasium cost \$100,000; Yale's \$125,000; Columbia's \$156,000; Princeton's \$38,000; Dartmouth's \$25,000; Amherst's \$65,000; Williams' \$50,000; Cornell's \$40,000.

The six highest honors of the Senior class at Yale last year were given to athletic men. One was on the nine, another on the eleven, two rowed on the crew, and two were "Sprinters."

The college building of the Stanford University, California, is of peculiar shape, being one story in height, 600 feet long and 200 feet wide. Its form is that of a hollow square with a cloister 1,700 feet long.—*Hobart Herald*.

The alumni of Williams College propose to raise \$10,000 for the erection and maintenance of a building, on the college grounds, as a memorial to the late Dr. Mark Hopkins.—*Ex.*

Cornell has become the possessor of a rare treasure in the shape of the "Acta Sanctorum," an old book which recites the career of every saint canonized by the Catholic Church.—*Crimson.*

The required \$30,000 have been raised, and Dr. Peters' Babylonian expedition, under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania, will leave Philadelphia early in January.—*Daily Crimson.*

Cornell now requires a grade of 70 per cent. instead of 60 per cent. to pass examination. The honor system has been abolished, but a student who does special work will have it mentioned in his diploma.—*Hobart Herald.*

Notwithstanding the copyright protection of *The Forum* and Mr. Metcalf's refusal to allow President White's article to be reprinted, the same was deliberately stolen by Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi and Delta Tau Delta.—*The Scroll.*

One of the Greek letter fraternities at the University of Pennsylvania has adopted the innovation of offering a prize to that member of the sophomore class who does the best work in English composition throughout the year.—*Daily Crimson.*

Leyden University, in Holland, is said to be the richest in the world. It possesses real estate which is worth \$4,000,000.—*Ex.*

Whoever first "said" it knew precious little about colleges and their wealth. There are more than a half dozen institutions in the U. S. alone as rich or richer.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer of the Annex for its eighth year have just been published. They show the usual growth in numbers and interest, and present a balance of cash on hand after the expenses of the year have been paid. There are representatives from sixteen different states in the list of students.—*Daily Crimson.*

A general increase has been made in the rent of college rooms at Yale. This is due to a necessity for a larger income. The annual income of Yale has always been small, but it is a doubtful expediency which seeks to augment it by an increase in term bills. One of Yale's boasts has been that her expenses were small, compared with other prominent universities, but this claim can no longer be made.—*New Haven Union.*

A perfect recitation is called a "tear" at Princeton; "squirt" at Harvard; "sail" at Bowdoin; "rake" at Williams; and a "cold rush" at Amherst. A failure in recitation receives the title of "slump" at Harvard; a "stump" at Princeton; a "smash" at Wesleyan; and a "flunk" at Amherst and the University of Pennsylvania.

At the meeting of the Baptist Convention in Kalamazoo, Michigan, the plan of raising a fund to endow Edward Olney professorship of mathematics in Kalamazoo College, was heartily endorsed, and was emphasized by a subscription of \$1,000; about \$1,500 had been previously pledged. The sum proposed to be raised for the professorship is \$20,000.

There is a movement in progress at Cornell for the formation of a Students' Guild. The object of the guild is to seek out students who are cramped for means and are actually in need of money to stay in college and to render certain and timely relief. A soliciting circular is now passing among the students, asking for assistance in forming the guild. The sum of twenty-five cents is asked of each student.

Columbia has abolished the marking system. The students will be divided into three classes. The first, whose recitations and attendance have been satisfactory, will be excused from examinations. The second will include those who have had absences and made poor recitations. These will be examined. The third will consist of those who have missed one-fourth of the recitations. For honors there will be competitive examinations. This system will not go into effect before next year.—*Transcript*.

Cornell is soon to have an experiment station. The council recommended that \$26,000 be divided into two parts, \$19,250 for salaries, and \$64,750 for supplies. Besides the directors of the station, there will be appointed the following assistants: In experimental horticulture, experimental agriculture, chemical analysis, veterinary science, experimental botany, and experimental entomology; also, two second assistants in experimental agriculture, and one in chemical analysis.—*Daily Crimson*.

The numerical strength of the fraternities at the O. W. U. is here given in the order of their founding:

	'88	'89	'90	'91	Total
Beta Theta Pi, '53	3	3	3	4	13
Phi Delta Theta, '60	4	2	6	3	15
Phi Kappa Psi, '61	1	3	5	2	11
Delta Tau Delta, '66	2	5	4	1	12
Phi Gamma Delta, '69	3	4	2	2	11
Chi Phi, '73	1	1	2	1	5
Alpha Tau Omega, '87			1	3	4
Total					71

At the last meeting of the Amherst Senate President Seelye reported that the faculty had agreed with the senate in interpreting the constitution to include under its jurisdiction all undergraduates, whether in regular standing or not. The senate voted to recommend to the college that some fair athletic event be substituted for the class rushes, which have always been attended with more or less serious accidents.—*Daily Crimson*.

A project has been presented in the Sophomore class proposing that the class, as a unit, refuse to accept the usual designations of valedictorian, salutatorian and the other honors, on the day of graduation, and also to refuse to recognize in any way the discrimination between men brought about by the marking system. This action is proposed on the ground that the system tends to break friendship, to cultivate envy, jealousy and selfishness, to destroy feelings of benevolence and kindness, and, in general, that it tends to dwarf and corrupt all that is good and generous in character. About a year ago the system was abolished at Vassar, because of a movement like this, originating among the students. How far this action of the Sophmores will go, and to what it will lead, are only matters of conjecture. It is not a matter of conjecture, however, that the days of the marking system in Madison University are numbered, as well as in every other university which professes to recognize manliness as an aim in education.—*Madisonensis*.

One of the most significant facts which has lately occurred in methods of college government is the abolition of the marking system at Columbia College. The system was abolished by a vote of the Faculty on Friday, December 2, and "the students who were wont to depend on 'cribs' for examination," says the *New York Times*, "are in the depths of despair." The new plan, which is already in operation, provides that all students shall be divided into two classes—the proficient and the deficient, with the further provision that the head of each department shall report the names of any students, not exceeding three in number, whom he considers especially proficient in his department.

This action, on the part of so prominent a college as Columbia, and earnestly supported by so prominent a man as President Barnard, must necessarily have considerable influence. The abolition of the honor system at Cornell, puts this university in line with Columbia. The two greatest colleges in the state have thus again proved their greatness by recognizing an evil and righting it.—*Madisonensis*.

At a late banquet of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity, of South Carolina College, Prof. Joynes gave utterance to these words in response to the toast, "The Barbarians:"

"As a 'Barbarian,' it is doubtless expected that I shall say something of how the Greek letter societies appear to an outsider, and as a member of the Faculty, how they seem to a professor who has had opportunities of long and wide observation under various circumstances.

If asked: Are the Greek letter societies good or bad? I should say—as you know I often do in the class-room: they are either—therefore neither. They are, like all things else in this world, neither wholly good nor wholly bad. But, as I do firmly believe, by my faith in a good Creator, like everything that rests upon a universal principle in the nature of man, they are more good than bad; and while, like every other good thing, they may be perverted to evil, they are far more potent for good, if rightly used and not abused. The principle on which they rest—the love of intimate communion and of co-operative work guarded by secrecy is as old and wide as mankind, and has wrought powerfully, as an agent of good or of evil, in all the ages of history. It is therefore not to be extirpated. Prohibition cannot prohibit it. But, like every other instinct of our nature, it is to be controlled and used for good—not let loose or abused for evil purposes. There is no wrong in secrecy itself. The dearest and sweetest sympathies of human life are guarded and consecrated by secrecy. The very word *home* means one's *secret place*, wherein are treasured the most intimate joys and sorrows of the heart. The question is: what is the nature of the secret? and how is this potent principle of co-operation used or abused, for good or for evil? This is a question that belongs, in this case, to the 'Greeks' themselves, and of which the 'Barbarians' are supposed to know nothing. But it is a question that adds responsibility, and therefore dignity, to these associations. We cannot leave them out of the account in estimating the moral, social, and personal influences of college life; indeed, we must recognize them as an important factor among the educating agencies of our country."

On November 11th, 1874, four young ladies of the University,—Helen Dodge (Ferguson), Frances Haven (Moss), Addie Curtis (Curtis), and Minnie Bingham (Willoughby) united to form the Gamma Phi Beta society. In 1877 the organization, which was largely increased in number, became an incorporate body under the laws of the State of New York.

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Gamma Phi Beta was the first, and, to the writer's knowledge, the only ladies' society to take the name "Sorority"—"sisterhood" in place of the word "Fraternity," borrowed from the gentlemen's societies.

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In 1882, the Beta chapter was established at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.; this was followed in 1885 by the Gamma chapter

at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., and in 1887 by the Delta chapter at the Boston University. Several charters have been refused, as the sorority will not grant charters in any institution of lower rank than Syracuse University. The entire membership is now between two and three hundred, about one hundred and forty of whom belong to the Alpha chapter.

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While the sorority, on principle, prefers to admit regular students, a lady in every way desirable is not refused admission because she is taking a special course of study; nor, on the other hand, is one admitted for the simple reason that she is a regular student; members of congeniality are invariably chosen. A fair proportion between the Liberal and Fine Art students is maintained, that neither may predominate in too great degree.

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During the present year the society has published a song book containing about forty songs, written by its members and their friends. The book also contains an instrumental selection composed for the sorority by Dr. William Schultz.—*Miss Gardner in Syracusan.*



Miscellany.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove, by death, our beloved brother, Thomas S. Wilson; and,

WHEREAS, In the death of Brother Wilson we have lost a true friend and a loyal member of the fraternity; we, the members of Indiana Gamma Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, do offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That while we humbly submit to the Divine Will, we deeply sympathize with the bereaved family and friends of the deceased in their deep affliction.

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

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

S. B. THOMAS,
W. W. GOLTRA,
Committee.

The Editor of THE SHIELD has quite a number of back numbers on hand, with which he can supply, for the price of single copies, brothers or members of other fraternities desiring to complete broken sets. He has odd copies of every volume but the first two.

There is a call for No. 10, Vol. II.; No. 7, Vol. III.; No. 5, Vol. VII. The Editor has had the following back numbers offered to him for sale: Vols. V. and VII., complete; Vol. VI., lacking No. 5.

Extra copies are offered by one brother as follows: No. 7, Vol. I.; Nos. 6, 8, 9 and 10, Vol. II.; which he wishes to exchange for Nos. 1 to 6, Vol. I., and No. 4, Vol. II.

Another brother has the following copies to dispose of: Nos. 1, 3, 5, Vol. III.; Vol. IV., complete; Nos. 1 to 8, Vol. V.; Vol. VI., complete; Vol. VII, except No. 2.

Brothers having any extra copies or an entire volume for sale, should communicate at once with the Editor.

Letters addressed to brethren named below have been returned to the Editor for various reasons, one being "no such place in State named." The addresses given were copied from the mailing list, and were written so that we are sure that no mistake was made in copying. Can any brother assist us in finding these Phi Psis and subscribers to THE SHIELD :

Herman S. Johnson, Hillsdale, N. Y.

Charles S. Pardoe, Tyrone, Pa.

A. C. Langdon, Macon, Mo.

F. B. Butler, Santuc, S. C.

J. W. Byers, Upper Sandusky, O.

Albert F. Kurtz, Box 406, Baltimore, Md.

G. V. Sackett, W. Fayette, N. Y.

M. V. Harris, Albion, Ill.

H. B. Anderson, Milwaukee, Wis.

Frank W. Allen, Fulton, Mo.

J. W. Conaway, Arcadia, O.

G. M. Williamson, Northfield, Minn.

John F. Park, Seymour, Texas.

L. L. Davis, 1000 Balto Ave., Kansas
City, Mo.

R. O. Hurt, Owensburg, Ind.

G. B. Deuel, Williamsport, Pa.

John M. James, Yorkville, Ind.

Prof. Loisetete's Memory Discovery.

Prof. Loisetete's new system of memory training, taught by correspondence at 237 Fifth Ave., New York, seems to supply a general want. He has had two classes at Yale of 200 each, 250 at Meridan, 300 at Norwich, 100 Columbia Law Students, 400 at Wellesley College, and 400 at University of Penn., &c. Such patronage and the endorsement of such men as Mark Twain, Dr. Buckley, Prof. Wm. R. Harper, of Yale, &c., place the claim of Prof. Loisetete upon the highest ground.

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OUR "UNKNOWN" MEMBERS.

I was once unknown myself. Perhaps I am now, but I have recently been engaged in a resurrection correspondence with a man named Van Cleve, who has his "shingle" on the fly-leaf of THE SHIELD, and since then have revelled in the thought that I am somebody known—a real flesh and blood man, with my name printed in full, fair-sized letters on the subscription list of the said SHIELD.

Since my escape from a premature grave, I have been led to consider some of the whys and wherefores of my unknown-ness.

I left college swearing fidelity to my fraternity. The chapter members left upon the active list were not all angels pure and simple, nor "angels in disguise." They were a company of ordinary, good-hearted, energetic, loyal Phi Psi fraternity men, and I resolved to stand by them. My life became one that almost constantly shifted its base of operations; but I kept up a correspondence with my chapter while the men were in whom I knew. Then, not getting back often enough to become acquainted with our new men, and with possibly an interest, slackened by the fact that the men I knew were out of college, I became something of a stranger to my own chapter. They had my name, of course, but as my address was a shifting one, they in a measure lost track of me.

Now and then a SHIELD would travel around from place to place after me, sent on by the friendly hands into which it fell in different places till at last it lay open before me, and I was permitted to read how the best fraternity in the world was grappling with the grave issues of the day. But how often the gravity, the fun, and the interesting features generally that make up its pages, failed to give me the satisfaction I expected to receive by a perusal of them. I always looked first for my chapter letter, and rarely found one. This failure of my own chapter to represent its condition and work in the general fraternity journal was a keen and con-

stant disappointment. While I always believed myself loyal to the fraternity at large, I confess my loyalty began in and continues freshest in, my own chapter. Glad at any time to meet any Phi Kappa Psi, or to hear from one, I am gladdest to see or hear from my own chapter men. I think this is natural, for it is natural, it is human, it is right to love home best.

So, while I confess to have contributed to my own fall so far as to die and get buried in an "unknown" grave, the physician who was the immediate cause of death was my own chapter, and its neglect to follow me up in some way.

Now, may not the causes that contributed to my own death and burial, contribute largely toward the increase of that ever-growing list of the dead "unknown?"

I repudiate the thought that I became "unknown" from any lack of love for my fraternity. Immersed in the work of my profession, and confronted by that measure of unfitness which a man feels when he leaves college to engage in the new and special duties of his chosen calling, I needed, and other men need, to be reminded over and over again of the obligations once assumed, and of the work of the fraternity at large, and of our respective chapters in particular.

I do not believe our active members know how difficult it is for the ordinary graduate member to keep up a constant hold upon the fraternity after he has passed out to where that fraternity is seldom brought to his attention, and where he is rarely informed of its condition and work, and where he feels that his co-operation, except in tribute, has been very easily dispensed with. When I was "active" I also bewailed the apparent indifference of graduate members, and wondered how it could be so. Since being out of college myself the tables have turned. The point of view has changed. The men whom I once regarded as indifferent, and to some extent disloyal, have simply been *allowed* to become lost — "unknown." Some are doubtless indifferent even to disloyalty, but the vast majority of those upon the "unknown" list, I am persuaded, would spring into a beautiful, strong, fraternal life again if only the proper methods were used to find and awaken a response in them.

What methods shall be adopted? I believe we have had the wrong view of the subject. We have expected men whose active membership has been blessed by those associations and incentives which bound them heart and soul to their fraternity, to hold on with the same vigor after they graduated, when those incentives were all gone. Some have done so, and grandly, too. But many have not. Would it not be better for the whole active fraternity, after this, to hold on to its graduate members?

The chapters have expected support from their widely distributed graduate members. Would it not be better, henceforth, for the chapters to be not only the *active* force, but in fact as well as theory, the centralizing force of the fraternity? Every name on the "unknown" list ought to be found on some chapter record, and it ought to be in the power of every chapter to search out the history of its graduates, and have the history in black and white. The fraternity has all its interests committed practically to the chapters. Its hold upon its members is the hold which the chapters have upon their individual graduates. If anything is done then to reduce this list called "unknown," it must be done then by the solid work of the chapters.

We have several grand catalogues. They are valuable as a list of names, in spite of their imperfections and the necessary limitations in the usefulness of their several lives. But they are imperfect, because the chapters furnishing their lists have not, in all cases, revised and corrected those lists. They are but little better than a list of names. What we need is better work on the chapter catalogues. Each six months should witness the revision of those catalogues. They might not then be absolutely correct, but they would approximate closely to that desirable condition. And until that work is done better than it has been, we shall find the list of "unknown" steadily growing, and our grand catalogues, in a great measure, farces.

I suggest the creation by the next G. A. C. of an officer in every chapter on chapter records, whose duty will be to correspond with, and get an answer if possible from, every living graduate member, and enter the name, address, occupation, etc., in a record kept for that purpose. It should be his duty to correspond at least once during his term of office. A man should then be elected to that office with reference to his especial fitness and interest in that work, and be eligible to re-election. We should then have very soon a list of "unknowns" so small as to be practically eliminated. The chapters would have on hand at all times the material for a correct grand catalogue, while the careful preservation of all correspondence received would furnish material for a history of the chapters and of the whole fraternity whenever desired. Then, according to the present system, the archon could make this chapter catalogue work one of the tests of the efficiency of the chapters in his district, and the whole district might get to work to eliminate the "unknown" list within it. At all events it matters little how many men we initiate year after year, if a large percentage of the graduates slip out of sight and are lost from the working and feeling force of the fraternity.

Again, active members should be careful not to destroy the interest

on the part of many excellent graduates, by unwisely conducted symposiums and banquets. The day has come when these gatherings must not mean a debauch, nor a scene of flowing bowls and clinking glasses. We can have the "flow of soul" without the flow of bowl. Men with strong temperance convictions may tolerate and love a brother addicted to drink, in daily intercourse, but they should not be asked to stand sponsors at a liquor "christening," nor to surrender scruples for the sake of Auld Lang Syne. Let men, as individuals, do as they please, but as an order, as chapters, pledged to the highest aims, and appealing to the best in man, no travesty of our holy principles should be tolerated in the name of conviviality; and no Phi Psi should find the symposium of his chapter a place, for attending which, he will feel bound to apologize to his own manhood. A man will not love or tolerate that long, against which his whole being protests.

Again, unfortunately, the horoscope of the "coming man" is never in the hands of the "rushers." If it only were the "unknown" list might not have grown quite so long. We might have recorded fewer initiates, but those on the record would be Phi Kappa Psi's through and through, who, if ever so unfortunate as to become "unknown," would need only the note of the fraternal pibroch to call them where they could be seen, heard and felt. But whom have we not in our ignorance "rushed?" We have "rushed" men who have, from the first, let us pay their bills. We have "rushed" men who have had no idea of a fraternal spirit. We have "rushed" men whom we have had to carry like babies till an ended curriculum dumped them out to become "unknown," because there was no one to longer carry and nurse them. We have "rushed" men at times to keep a chapter alive, that have done us more harm than the death and burial of several chapters. These evils are inseparable from the work of all fraternities, but they go far to explain a part of that indifference which seems to characterize some on the "unknown" list, as well as some not yet on it.

One fountain of evil has been stopped — the initiation of "preps." We may not be able to stop all, but by the exercise of better judgment and greater discretion in the initiation of men, by a more careful conduct of the "feeds," by the fuller exemplification in all our lives of those principles of brotherhood to which all are so willingly pledged, we shall, each in the measure of our faithfulness, achieve for our fraternity that destiny of which we dream, and reduce to a minimum the list of the dead "unknown."

STEPHEN H. EVANS.

The Areopagus.

WHO WILL BE THERE?

The article on "Attendance at the Grand Arch Council," which appeared in the last issue of *THE SHIELD*, suggests the question which introduces this communication. As I sit on this dark, wintry day at my desk I look, for a few moments, beyond text-books and seem to see on the streets of the fair capital city fluttering badges of lavender and pink borne by many a college boy and quondam collegian. I am enjoying the generous hospitality of Harry Smith, who, in his nervous, energetic little personality, combines the freedom of the southern gentleman with the shrewd insight of the Yankee. And now I am grasping the hand of our conscientious hard worker, Geo. Smart, and dates and questions darken the atmosphere for about the space of one hour. Of course, the faces are nearly all new, but I find not a few who were at Columbus or Indianapolis whose words of recognition dispel whatever feeling of strangeness has crept in while this company of companionable fellows becoming so rapidly acquainted bring back with extreme vividness the recollections of '85 and '86.

These are the men and boys who form the supreme body of that fraternity for which I have cherished for six years very warm regard. Who are they?

When this issue of *THE SHIELD* reaches its readers the time will be very near at hand, if not already past, when the choice of delegates is to be made by the chapters. A word with you, brethren. We are all anxious to be well represented in the councils where are gathered our brothers from all over the country. We are always proud if our own chapter's delegates have made some commotion, or headed some movement, or received some meritorious appointment. Now, it is needful that we send just the right men, and perhaps you may be guided by a few words of experience. I have been very fortunate in being present at two meetings of the Grand Arch Council. When there met at Columbus that body of energetic young fellows, under the leadership of our Right Worthy Bro. George D. Gotwald, a spectator beheld a sight never before seen in Phi Kappa Psi,

and not for many a year likely to be seen. There was confusion in the air. Some change must be made, and these men were present armed with the courage and determination to start the car of progress. They are to be honored that they insisted upon so radical a change. One year later the chapters sent to Indianapolis delegates whose task it was to officially sanction the work of the appointees of the previous Council. The faithful work of the Constitution Revision Committee made this labor comparatively easy. It was a noticeable fact, however, that the chapters had felt that their most judicious men should be their representatives, as the large attendance of alumni (some of them with grayed heads) indicated.

Now, the meeting in April will be an important one, we know. For that matter, are not all the gatherings of Phi Kappa Psi marked by some good work accomplished? During my four years in college three councils occurred, and Ohio Alpha discussed and re-discussed methods of election of delegates. You all know how it is, boys. We are all glad to go, and if we were all able to do it there is no heart so cold in all our territory as not to burn with desire to see at least one meeting of the fraternity's supreme body, and be honored, too, with membership in the delegation from the chapter. But we can not all go, and we can not all be delegates. Now the question is one of paramount importance, Who will be the best men to represent us? That was an excellent plan proposed some four years since, through THE SHIELD, I think, that one senior and one sophomore should constitute the active part of each delegation, in order that there will always be in the chapter some one who has been a member of a Grand Arch Council. It is not best to follow this rule without variation, however excellent the idea. And often it becomes a delicate matter when at the election we all feel that certain ones deserve this honor at our hands. Suppose a case. Here is a well-formed chapter, four men in each class. Fred Royce is to be a delegate without doubt, for he is the man who has the coolest judgment, the best mind of us all. He is our leader. Well, he is elected. Now comes the difficulty. We want to follow the rule. We feel sure it is the best in the end, and so we look at our sophomores, and somehow they seem young, and not quite staid enough, especially when we think of Dan Lester, the senior, our popular man. Now, the fact of the matter is, Dan is the most brilliant fellow we have. He can make the best speech on the spur of the moment, is a fine student, stands way up in his classes, and then he is most popular with the girls. He is our handsome man. We ought to have a fellow to do the talking, and make a fine impression. Everybody likes Dan, though in the end he is not worth anything like

Fred Royce. So, to make the impression with the other delegates that we are all handsome fellows, good talkers, brilliant boys all, we send Dan Lester.

Are you going to send your brilliant student, boys? Don't do it. Will you send your bookish man, who knows more than all of you together, and to whom you look up as a wonderful fellow? Don't do it. Shall it be the prize-winner of last year, the especially bright boy in his own particular line? Don't send him. Are you thinking of sending the jolly good fellow who will impress the boys with your companionable spirit? No, no, don't. Will the pretty man be your choice? I hope not. Who then?

One of the brothers struck the answer to this question exactly when he wrote in his January chapter-letter that a new brother was one of the "best all-round men" to be found. That's what you want, boys, the best all-round men. After all you must be your own judges in the matter of the choice of delegates, but be careful that you select the very best men you have, even if both be freshmen. Don't think because a man has been long in the chapter that you owe him an election. I have known cases of seniors after four years in college being more unfit for delegates than some enthusiastic sophomore. What constitutes delegatory timber, then? Your senior may be the best rusher in the chapter, you may consider him as most necessary to the success of your work, but he may be most lamentably unfit to represent you in the councils of our fraternity.

It was an interesting study to sit in the Elk Lodge Hall at Indianapolis and watch the development of the characteristics of the boys congregated to perform a great work. Although every chapter no doubt sent its best men, it was evident that some had made mistakes. The Grand Arch Council of 1886 was a fine body, but some of us made egregious blunders. Some showed that the spirit of the demagogue was highly developed in themselves; some made themselves too conspicuous; others kept utter silence, and were of about as much use as so much wood. I say these things as a critical observer, with excellent opportunity for making investigation, in order to show that we sometimes make mistakes in the men we send. I have no doubt these men in some way all deserved their election as delegates. But do you know that the temper of your delegation is taken as the index of that of your chapter?

I remember that as we talked of the approaching Grand Arch Council in the spring of '86 in Ohio Alpha chapter hall we fell to surmising what sort of fellows would be sent as delegates from various chapters, and we felt sure that Pennsylvania Beta would send one class of men, while Michigan Alpha's representatives would be of a wholly dif-

ferent type. Not that there could exist very great difference fundamentally, for as fraternity men we all have the same general mold. I speak of personality.

Let your delegates be men of brains and culture. To be this they must not needs be advanced in the college course except in extraordinary cases, for they must have had some time to cultivate the former, and culture comes by continual rubbing against one's fellows. Let them have fraternity culture and fraternity knowledge. No man is fit to be a delegate to the Grand Arch Council who knows next to nothing of the history of Phi Kappa Psi, who has not carefully, and almost prayerfully, read every line of every page of *THE SHIELD*, chapter letters and all, or who is not well posted, in our method of government. I would require that he be able to pass a rigid examination upon the constitution, that he could repeat the entire ritual, and that he give a concise history of the general fraternity's life, as well as that of his own chapter.

Next in importance to knowledge of his own fraternity, but very necessary, is a running familiarity with the history and standing of a number of sister societies, a good knowledge of the colleges of the country, and especially those in which our own chapters are located. A delegate should know without thinking that Indiana Beta is at the State University of Indiana, Bloomington, and is not "that place where they had that frat fuss a few years ago." Don't send an unintelligent delegate.

You may be sure that the alumni will be present in good numbers. The fact of a meeting at Washington will no doubt draw many, and others have appreciative remembrance of the hospitality of the D. C. Alpha brothers and their forbears of D. C. Beta. It is in your hands, active brothers, to answer the question, "Who will be there?" and we hope you will answer it wisely.

E. M. VAN CLEVE.

Editorial.

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We are gratified to find that many brothers are interested in lessening the list of "unknown" Phi Psis, but we are surprised that there seem to be no traces of the few who are yet among the number, and whose names have appeared for several issues.

We are in receipt of the call of the Executive Council for the G. A. C. of 1888, which is to convene April 4th, in Washington, D. C. We presume the Committee of Arrangements will be ready with an announcement in the March issue of *THE SHIELD* as to the details.

The Executive Council are striving to secure reduced rates on all the railroads for the coming G. A. C., and invite correspondence from delegates to the end of being made certain as to the approximate attendance.

It is not creditable to the chapters that the Editor is compelled each month to delay the issue from ten days to two weeks; because chapter letters and personals fail to put in an appearance promptly, and come cheerfully in response to personal communications. There are some

honorable exceptions to the general carelessness of correspondents, but does it not seem unpardonable to add to the labors of the Editor to the extent of thirty or more communications for each issue, when a little thoughtfulness on the part of the careless would entirely obviate the cause for complaint?

We know that the best time to write a chapter letter is immediately upon reading *THE SHIELD*, when the fraternity interests are brought most vividly to mind. It is possible to make the last issue of this volume of supreme interest; shall it not be done? Why can we not have thirty-six chapter letters in the March *SHIELD*?

We purpose calling the attention of the fraternity in the March issue to this very important question in detail, and shall ask the chapters' consideration of the frequency of their communications as well as their literary character; we shall endeavor at that time, also, to call upon the archons to contemplate the results of their labors, at least so far as the comparative zeal of each district has been shown in care for *THE SHIELD*, and from these data shall attempt to draw some conclusions which shall be useful in stimulating the fraternity to greater activity.

We sincerely hope to get through the year without being compelled to note the silence of three chapters, which, up to the present, have made no response to our frequent letters and the exhortations of *THE SHIELD*.

We commend the leading article in this issue to the careful consideration of every reader of *THE SHIELD*. Brother Evans' experience is not at all an unusual one, and in writing from the standpoint of an "Unknown" he makes some very pointed criticisms upon the attitude the chapters assume toward those who have gone forth into the active scenes of their life work.

Brother Evans does not understand the provisions of the revised constitution as to the duties of the *Σ Γ*, and very pertinently states the condition in which the fraternity found itself previous to the convention of 1886.

His exhortation in the matter of chapter letters is timely, and ought to be heeded by every *SHIELD* correspondent. There is certainly criminal carelessness among the chapters in another regard, and his comment thereon voices the sentiment of every true *Phi Psi*. We know of chapters of *Φ Κ Ψ* in which there is no record of initiates, and in some instances all the minutes of meetings of the chapter held for ten years could be put upon fifty pages of a small blank-book, and these so carelessly kept that no intelligent account of chapter-life could be secured from them.

We shall gladly open the discussion in the editorial department, if the brothers will continue it during the coming volume, upon a theme which has been suggested a number of times in our pages, and again brought into prominence by the reference which Brother Evans makes to it in his article. We mean the practice of giving expensive banquets for parade and ostentation when chapter halls remain unfinished, bills for general fraternity interests unpaid, and the whole business tone of the organization is allowed to deteriorate.

Our experience in provoking discussion of matters of great importance to *Φ Κ Ψ* has not been of a nature to puff us up in conceit of our ability to move the indifferent, restrain the over-zealous, and build up the weak in faith. However, with the cheerful pertinacity of the zealot we shall go on to the end of our career in the course we have chosen, in the hope that a more fortunate successor may reap some good harvest from our sowing.

Speaking of faithful obedience to this new constitution, what might we not say of the carelessness of non-voting chapters upon petitions presented for charters? We seldom have opportunity to enter a more prosperous or more promising institution than the one so carelessly passed by during the present college term. Some rather severe prodding on the part of the Executive Council might awaken these chapters to a sense of the obligations they assume by becoming members of the $\phi \kappa \psi$ fraternity.

P. S.—Since writing the above we are informed that the charter has been granted.

Quite a number of the $\Sigma \Gamma$'s have mailed us copies of their annual letters, and we are gratified exceedingly at their excellent tone and neat appearance. If we had received copies from each chapter it might be invidious to make any comparisons, but in view of the fact that no such complete data are before us we feel free to say that the work of Brother Gretzinger, of Pennsylvania Γ , is more nearly in keeping with the ideas which the committee had in mind when they revised the constitution, some two years ago, than any which it has been our privilege to examine.

The fraternity, unfortunately, can never know how much they have lost by not having some such scheme in operation years ago, but the future will be far more glorious than the past on this account alone, if we but faithfully obey the injunctions of that new instrument which we were so many years in framing, and which was so carefully constructed and so heartily endorsed.

Apropos of the neglect of the fraternity to fairly consider the recent application for a charter from one of the best supported schools in the country, we are led to dis-

cuss at this time a question which has been propounded to us several times in the past.

Ought we to attempt an entrance into the older and richer institutions of the East with large attendance and often situated in great cities? We can not deliver an *ex cathedra* opinion upon so weighty a matter, but may set in motion a discussion which will lead to a proper answer for us. Let us look at the question specifically: If the conditions seemed favorable, would it be wise for $\phi K \psi$ to enter Harvard or Yale?

The conditions of student life are so different in colleges found in cities to those of institutions situated in small towns, that an affirmative answer to the question would almost inevitably take the form: Is it meant that $\phi K \psi$ as it develops itself in small denominational schools, is the organization to be inaugurated and maintained in these more powerful colleges?

We have acquired, through many years of contact with Greek-letter society men and reading and observations, a more or less extensive idea of fraternity life as it exists in the larger eastern colleges, and this idea can not comport itself with that which we have learned to admire and reverence in the associations of young men, as we have witnessed them in the Central, Middle, Western and Southern States.

Unless the signs mislead one in judging, the fraternity life in large eastern institutions appears under two aspects, either that of a large, aristocratic club of convivial proclivities, or a heterogeneous gathering of studious fellows for literary practice. From either point of view, the fraternity idea seems to us to be an *ignis-fatuus*, and just as sure to lead the spiritual and mental man astray as the physical phenomenon is to draw him on to a plunge in mud and ooze.

Fraternity life must be built upon a sentiment to make its best development possible — the sentiment of human love and fellowship. How this feeling can be fostered or sustained in an organization of forty or fifty men, whether drawn together for champagne and whist or forensic contest, is a mystery we can not solve.

We have viewed with sadness the decadence of chapters of our own fraternity as well as of our rivals when situated in large cities, and we have been compelled to question the wisdom of planting a chapter of $\Phi K \Psi$ in any institution, no matter how favorable the auspices of its inception, situated in a place where, from the very nature of the case, close companionship and frequent meeting are among the impossibilities.

We do not fear the condition that so far has been sufficient to deter many fraternities from establishing themselves in the centers of educational influence, such as we have instanced, that is, that the older and richer fraternities are so strongly intrenched, with social prestige and college tradition upon their side, that younger and less wealthy organizations could not hope to secure a standing among giants of such sturdy growth.

We do not fear that condition we say, because observation has taught us that very much of the best material in these institutions is among non-fraternity men because of the character of the organizations, some being too poor for the ostentation practiced, and others too devoted to the highest and best principles to relish membership in societies that will not foster the sentiments to which they would devote themselves were they in smaller institutions. We have never doubted that there was good material in abundance in any of the largest institutions for double the fraternity membership that now exists, and that without

lowering the standards of manhood set up by the oldest and most powerful organizations in the least.

But there are several serious considerations which arise in discussing this question, and perhaps the most weighty is this: The whole atmosphere of an institution, such as we have adverted to, is antagonistic to the intimate companionship idea that prevails in almost all institutions, except these few great schools, and which is the chief and perhaps only reason for the existence of fraternities at all.

Again, under what circumstances can we enter such schools? We have nearly always representatives at these colleges who have gone there from other institutions, and they are often among the brightest men in the entire school. Why should not the care and responsibility of establishing chapters in the institutions, where they are in attendance, be intrusted to them if they, with brains and fraternity experience, can gather a congenial coterie around them? There lies the solution of the whole question, perhaps. These men go East usually for a brief finishing education in some particular line of study and do not remain long, and there is seldom a constituency from the community or neighborhood where these men live who expect to go to the same college or are susceptible to the subtle influences which go far toward predetermining a man's fraternity affiliations.

If a regular supply of well-trained and enthusiastic men, from chapters where the fraternity spirit has been the great feature of college life, could be furnished to these institutions, perhaps we might foster a spirit of genuine fraternity which should bring forth an abundant harvest in the future to the honor and glory of $\phi \kappa \psi$.

We were much impressed some years ago with the zeal of one of $\phi \psi$'s most distinguished sons in his advocacy of the "resurrection" of chapters in institutions

which were small and struggling, and learned a deep lesson from his statement :

“Do not let us concern ourselves so much about endowments and enrollments; rather let us inquire what sort of families the boys come from who patronize this institution, what stuff the petitioners are made of, what sort of an educational spirit is rife, ever remembering that some of our best men as well as some of America’s most distinguished sons have come from small and oftentimes obscure institutions.”

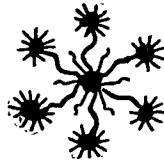
We leave off very much as we began, that our opinion can not be satisfactory to ourselves or to our questioners, inasmuch as the limitations of certain knowledge are as soon reached and the procurement of accurate data is not alone difficult, but the right use and interpretation of their bearings so nearly impossible for one not breathing the atmosphere where these have been collected. Can not the question of eastern extension get a full hearing from the membership in the Areopagus of the next issue?

More care should be taken by chapters in changing *B Γ's*. These officers ought to be chosen at the beginning of the college year from the ranks of those who intend to remain at school during the entire year, if not throughout their courses. It can not help but be a serious matter to make frequent changes of this sort, because every alteration makes errors possible, and many delays and irregularities in inter-communications have been the result this year of looseness in procedure of the chapters of *Φ Κ Ψ*.

We continue to receive a respectable list of college magazines, though these are from but a few of our thirty-six chapters. We can not understand the reluctance, not to say refusal, of the membership of our order to do this small favor to the Editor, who has a number of times appealed for marked copies of the college magazines, not

only to aid him in the collection of material for THE SHIELD, but also to get him in sympathy with the currents of college thought — no small factor in the successful conduction of a fraternity journal.

In a few instances we receive college papers through the courtesy of members of other fraternities. This is the case with the journal of our own alma mater.



Chapter Letters.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Pennsylvania Alpha is at the present time very happy over her new home, and she has good reason to be, for her hall has been refurnished and handsomely fitted up, and is now admitted by others (not to mention our own opinions) to be the finest fraternity hall in town.

We are very sorry to have to announce the loss of one of our number, Brother Cunningham, who decided not to return to college, but to devote himself henceforth to the banking business. "Sims" was a very popular fellow, and is greatly missed.

Last week the young ladies of the town gave a leap year german to the boys, at which Phi Psi was well represented, Brother Wise being especially fortunate in being the recipient of very many favors from the ladies.

There has been a debt on the college paper for three or four years on account of mismanagement by the former editors, but the present board are trying to cancel it, and for that purpose have gotten up a minstrel troupe, which is to give a performance on the 23d inst. In this also Phi Psi has a good share, Brothers Acheson, Oliver, and Marquis having important parts.

G. P. MARQUIS.

Washington, Pa., February 13, 1888.

ALLEGHENY.

We beg THE SHIELD's "parding" for not writing a letter for the last issue. Very little of general fraternity interest as regards those at Allegheny has happened since our last letter. With the exception of the usual amount of activity at the beginning of a term, college affairs have been quiet, and the boys have settled down to hard work.

Our illustrious Quintette Club has returned from its recent tour all safe and sound. They had the pleasure of meeting a number of Phi Psis, and from their reports of them, we judge they are made of the proper stuff. The only mishap of the trip seems to be the ascension of Brother Bray with the curtain at a certain evening's performance. His coat tails were caught in it and rolled up, and he also. Some of the brothers thought Pennsylvania Beta stock had taken a pretty sudden rise, and although it soon came down, it still remains far enough above par to be distinguished from that of its rivals.

The college annual has not been published for several years back, but this year the Junior Class have taken the matter in hand, and everything now points

to their making it a success. They have changed the name of it from *The Alleghenian* to *The Kaldron*. Phi Psi is represented on the editorial staff by Brothers Laffer and Cattern.

Last evening the annual contest of the Allegheny Literary Society for the "alumni declamation prize" took place in the college chapel. Brother J. R. Anderson was the successful contestant. It was one of the most interesting contests the college has witnessed for many years.

We miss the pleasant company of Brother W. W. Ellsworth this term. He was obliged to leave college on account of sickness, but is now better, and will graduate with his class next June.

Brother T. E. Tieste, class of '82, was in the city a couple of weeks ago shaking hands with old college chums. He is at present practicing medicine in Brooklyn, New York.

Brother Cary, now of the University of Michigan, paid his $\Phi \Psi$ brothers and many friends in Meadville a short visit during vacation; also Brother C. W. Benedict, class of '85, who came "double." Brother Benedict is an M. D., and is located at Findlay, Ohio.

A. M. BROWN.

Meadville, Pa., February 1, 1888.

BUCKNELL.

I would be remiss if I failed to congratulate the able editor of *THE SHIELD* upon the merit of his article on the review of annuals. Bucknell for the first time in her history is preparing to issue a college annual. The members of our editorial board have eagerly devoured the reviews that have recently appeared in *THE SHIELD*. I know I voice the sentiment of the board when I extend thanks to the writer for the kind advice indirectly given.

Our third annual hop was given February 3d, and was the acknowledged social event of the season. Parties were present from Milton, Sunbury, Harrisburg, Williamsport, Philadelphia, and numerous other places. We were also honored by the presence of Brother Howard L. Calder, archon of the first district. Brother Calder is at present unable to pursue his study of the law owing to a weakness of the eyes. We hope, however, that Howard will soon be enabled to again resume his legal course.

The boys at present are enjoying monthly social receptions in the chapter hall. Affairs of this kind tend to unite us more closely in the mystic bonds of $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$, and Pennsylvania Γ believes in making the college course pleasant for its members.

Brother Frank F. Pierson, '91, is our latest, and it affords me much pleasure in presenting him to the fraternity at large. Although Frank is a small man from a small State (Delaware), he makes a jolly, all-around fellow.

The base-ball club for the incoming season has just been selected, and its members will at once go into winter training. As our representatives on the team we have Brother Pierson at short and Brother Wilkinson in the box. The positions of president and manager of the Athletic Association are also held by a member of the chapter.

I regret very much that Brother Purdy, our only representative in '90, is compelled to remain at home owing to illness. He expects to visit Florida to recuperate.

Our gymnasium fund is growing under the earnest and diligent efforts of Professor W. E. Martin, and we already see the walls of our prospective training hall rise above the surface of the campus.

The members of the chapter are already discussing the Grand Arch Council, and contemplate sending several delegates to the convention. As expressed by a brother whom we met at the last District Council, upon being asked as to his presence at the Grand Arch Council: "I'll be there like a wart," we might say that we coincide with his remark, and will not miss the rich treat in store for us; no, not "if the court knows herself."

In conclusion, I might say that our annual circular letter was sent out December 30, 1887. Some good replies have been received, and I might add that the letter had an influence for good upon our alumni.

W. C. GRETZINGER.

Lewisburg, February 6, 1888.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Owing to the press of work on the part of your correspondent, Epsilon had no letter in the last number of *THE SHIELD*. We take great pleasure in placing the items of interest concerning her once more before the brethren.

Since our last letter Epsilon has made several acquisitions, which she may well be proud of. First, we are able to introduce to the fraternity, and with much pleasure, Brother H. Russel Tuttle, of Baltimore, who now bears the honors of the "kid." Brother Tuttle is the right kind of a man to make a good Phi Psi, and we are always on the lookout for more like him.

The new chandelier for which we worked so hard came at last, and we celebrated the event in our usual manner by having a Phi Psi "cake walk." It is an elegant crystal affair, and greatly enhances the beauty of our hall, of which we now feel very proud, indeed.

We regret very much that we are compelled to announce the loss of Bro. J. F. Dapp, '89, who quit college at the beginning of the present term to accept a position in Harrisburg. Brother Dapp left many warm friends behind him, and whenever he may happen to pay us a visit, he is sure of a hearty welcome.

Epsilon's *Echo* has been revived in the form of the *Annual*, and was sent to each of her alumni at the beginning of the term.

As soon as the weather will permit, ground will be broken for the erection of our new college building. The corner-stone will be laid some time during commencement week, with appropriate ceremonies, by Dr. Valentine, president of the Theological Seminary. It was mainly through the earnest efforts of our worthy president and brother, Dr. H. W. McKnight, an old "Phi Psi," that the college has succeeded in raising the necessary funds for the erection of this building. There is some talk of naming the building "McKnight Hall," and we all hope that he will be so rewarded, as his earnest work is deserving of a slight return.

All of the boys are anxiously looking forward to the Grand Arch Council, to which Epsilon expects to send a large delegation. We shall now close with the wish that we may have the pleasure of seeing and meeting you all at Washington.

CHARLES B. FAGER.

Gettysburg, Pa., February 14, 1888.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

The wheel of fortune has once more revolved; so to use plain English, our semi-annual election of officers has recently been held, and he who so often has charmed you by the masterly use of his pen, by the ease and gracefulness of his style, and by his ready wit, no longer tells the world of the victories and triumphs of old Zeta. This pleasant task has fallen to other hands. May the same Deity who inspired our beloved Meloy vouchsafe to the new man a continuance of His blessings.

Pennsylvania Zeta is as ever in the lead at Dickinson. Though we have our trials and dark moments, yet after every cloud the sun of prosperity shines with renewed brightness, so that we are filled with confidence for the future, no matter how dark the present.

Our outlook is bright. We have done no pledging lately, yet it is more than possible that, ere many suns have marked the course of passing time, a new name may be enrolled under Zeta's banner and that of $\Phi K \Psi$.

At our election in December, Brother Sterling was elected G. P.; Brother Mills, P.; Brother Pearce, A. G.; Brother Sam Boyer, H.; and at our January election Brother Illingsworth was elected S. G., and Brother Morris B. G.

Our senior class are about to have their elections for class day, and as most of the members of this class are frat men, we are looking for a sharp struggle. We have five men in the class, and if honor is given where honor is due, Brothers Ashley, W. D. Boyer, Dryden, Meloy, and Sterling will have honorable places.

After patiently waiting "these many years," our gymnasium has at last been fitted up by our kind friend, Mr. Allison, the millionaire car manufacturer of Philadelphia. There is no knowing what all this will do, especially for our freshmen. We may hope to see our Ralph fill out those graceful limbs, our Sammy grow tall, and George E. become captain of the foot-ball team of the future.

Brothers Wharton and Holler are as usual away ahead in athletic work. Brother Wharton was recently elected leader of athletics for the junior class.

Brother Zimmerman, our preacher, has been very much in demand lately, especially in Washington and Harrisburg. We only hope that his success and the attentions of the ladies will not spoil him.

There is at present a great calm over the fraternity world here, but that a great struggle will be inaugurated with the beginning of commencement season is certain. In strifes of this kind every loyal $\Phi \Psi$ is in his glory, and true worth is sure to conquer.

And now, dear brothers, lest we tire you at the outset, we will bring this

epistle to an end, and yet we can not say farewell without reminding you that we have lost none of our old-time hospitality, and that you, our brothers, will always find a warm fire on Zeta's hearth, warm hearts in Zeta's hall, and a firm grip awaiting all. Try us.

GEORGE V. MORRIS.

Carlisle, Pa., January 23, 1888.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Again our chapter letter is due, and we are aroused from waiting for something to write about by a reminder from the Editor.

Pennsylvania Eta has not done very many nor very great things since the opening of the present term—perhaps not as many nor as great ones as she ought to have done. Not one of our own number but has marked that our recent meetings have been lacking in the fullness and heartiness of former ones. This we most sincerely regret; and we record it here, not desiring to give it publicity, but hoping in this way, perhaps, to contribute towards improving our condition. Our regular weekly meetings have been held, with one exception, but at almost every one some brother was absent, and the inspiration of the whole body was the less by so much.

A visit from our archon, Brother Calder, on the 21st of January, brought almost our full representation to the meeting, and a very enjoyable one we had with him.

In a letter of some time ago we mentioned that our chapter had sent to its alumni members the S. G. circular letter. We asked our alumni for replies, and expected to be able to announce quite a number by this time. We received several most encouraging ones, but in point of numbers we must confess to being disappointed. However, if we may be allowed to express a personal opinion, we consider the S. G. circular letter a good institution, and we think, if we can give our alumni to understand that we desire and intend to *keep up* a correspondence with them, it will prove a success.

There is not much occurring at Franklin and Marshall, outside of our chapter, which would interest those who read our letters. Brother Hay was recently elected presentation orator for senior class day, and Brother Apple was elected by the juniors as one of the contestants for the junior oratorical prize.

As the time for the Grand Arch Council draws near, we are all anxiously forecasting as to whether we are going or not. We would all like to go, but all can not go. However, we expect to send a good number.

Through the considerate kindness of the gentleman himself, an elegant photograph of Governor Foraker adorns our chapter hall.

FRED A. RUPLEY, JR.

Lancaster, Pa., February 15, 1888.

LAFAYETTE.

We have now entered our winter term of college, and have about recovered from the holiday dissipations. Every one seems to have had a pleasant time and thoroughly enjoyed the vacation, and all have returned to work with pleasant remembrances of the Christmas feasts and frolics.

Brother McAlvaine is no longer with us, having married one of Easton's fair maidens and gone to St. Paul, Minnesota. His absence will be felt especially next fall, when foot-ball season comes.

Brother Patterson is back at college, having recovered from his severe illness.

In the elections for class officers Phi Psi is to the front as usual. Brother Hoke was chosen president of the Sophomore after a brief, but exciting, canvass.

Dale, '91, was elected manager of the freshmen base-ball team.

During the holidays one of our members saw Brother McFadden, formerly '88, who is now studying surgery at Bellevue Medical College in New York. Although not actively connected with a chapter now, Mac still takes great interest in the fraternity.

Our chapter is in a good condition; the meetings are interesting and enjoyable.

We expect to be well represented at Washington in April, as several of the fellows have expressed their intention to be present at the convention.

The winter sports are to take place some time in February, and promise to be very interesting. A silver cup has been offered to the division of the freshmen class that gives the best gymnasium drill.

WILLIAM GRIER.

Easton, Pa., January 16, 1888.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Believing that chapter letters are the pulse which indicates the normal condition of the different chapters, and that each chapter is interested in the welfare of all the others, it is the plan of New York Beta to allow no issue of *THE SHIELD* to pass without a representation in its columns.

Although considerably weaker numerically than last year, our chapter, on the whole, was never in a better condition. We believe we can safely say that socially, morally, and intellectually, Phi Psi stands second to none in the University, while within our ranks all is peace and harmony, and we feel proud of our chapter—proud of our fraternity.

As most of the rushing is done during the early part of the year, most of the goats have been turned out to browse. But $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has initiated two men this term. They seem determined to secure a large number—a marked characteristic of the fraternity.

Our boys have recently become the possessors of a set of bobs, and with the $\Delta K E$, $\Psi \Upsilon$, and other coasting clubs, have an immense amount of sport. The pleasure of these occasions is greatly enhanced by the "co-eds," for which Syracuse is becoming famous.

Brother Mitchell, '90, has returned to Cornell.

Brother Paddock, '90, has left college for the remainder of the year, but will return next fall.

Rev. L. R. Gault, of Virginia Delta, has recently been engaged as pastor of the Church of Christ, this city. He apparently has not forgotten his pleas-

ant connections with Phi Psi, for he gave the boys a hearty grip, and expressed a desire to attend our chapter meetings.

We learn with sorrow of the death of Brother Mowry, of New York Delta. Brother Mowry was a frequent and welcome visitor of our boys, among whom he had many warm friends. His face was familiar to many at the State banquets, where he was always a central figure. He was especially devoted to the interests of his chapter; but we feel that their loss is our loss, and that in him the fraternity loses a sincere, earnest worker, and a loyal, enthusiastic Phi Psi.

We are also pained at the death of Brother Pratt's mother. He has our heartfelt sympathy.

GEORGE K. STATHAM.

Syracuse, N. Y., February 4, 1888.

HOBART COLLEGE.

It is with a feeling of deep sadness that New York Delta sends her contribution to this month's *SHIELD*. Death has been in our midst and removed from us Brother Charles B. Mowry, '87, one of the most interested and devoted men ever connected with the chapter. In the dark days of '85, it was owing to his loyalty and brotherly zeal that Delta was awakened to new life, and the present prosperous chapter shows how completely his efforts were crowned with success. Last spring a tendency to consumption began to develop in his system. He battled with it, however, and graduated in June, but only to be confined to the house by a gradual failing until January 20th, when he quietly passed away. The members of Delta attended the funeral in a body, six of them acting as bearers. By us, who were his intimate friends, his acquaintance and friendship, his pure and unselfish life, which served to brighten our college course, will not soon be forgotten.

But we turn to other subjects. Our new "gym," whose vacant rooms have stirred up scathing editorials in the *Herald*, has, much to our delight, been fitted up with a set of Sargent's apparatus, and a local athlete, Chas. W. Fairfax, has been secured as trainer.

The brainy men of the Senior Class have organized a debating club, which move met with so much approbation that our "English Professor" has exempted them from class debates. A philosophical club has also been organized by members of '88.

At the last Senior Class election, Brother Charles A. Smith was honored by the office of president.

At one of our late college meetings, the gown and mortar-board cap were adopted, and we expect soon to see "the natives" astonished by this display of University regalia.

The Hobart Glee Club recently gave a concert at Ithaca, and Brothers Pegram, German, and Fenn, who are the Phi Psi representatives, accompanied by Brothers Gatley and Saunders, were royally entertained by New York Alpha.

GEORGE W. O'BRIEN.

Geneva, N. Y., February 10, 1888.

MADISON UNIVERSITY.

The January number of *THE SHIELD* has come to us with all its usual attractiveness, both in editorials and chapter letters. The victories and fraternal greetings "all along the line" inspire us with new courage as well as gladden our hearts. We find that there is no better time to pen a chapter letter than while this *fresh* fervor is among us.

Brother Sackett, New York Beta, while on his way to Albany Law School, made us a short call. Of course, we were at once glad to see him and entertain him. Remember, brothers, Epsilon's door is always open.

All our men have resumed duties in college this term with increased purpose and zeal. Brother Sweet, '91, is at his post after a severe attack of fever.

Brother Rumsey, '88, of Theological Seminary, spent vacation in Wisconsin, where he says "Phi Psi is ahead of everything."

The Board of Editors of the *Salmagundi*, of which Brother Bennett, '89, is our representative, is working hard at present. We expect a good annual this year.

The new catalogue of the University came in due time. We notice, among many signs of advancement of our *alma mater*, that two new professorships are added to the list: one in Bible Study, the other in Civil Engineering. Old Madison's heart beats faster to-day than ever.

At the beginning of the college year, Mr. H. B. Crawshaw, '87, an alumnus of B Θ chapter, B Θ II, was appointed instructor in Rhetoric, Elocution, and French. Since he began his work among us as a professor, he has been steadily growing in favor with every class in college. We are especially glad to see an alumnus of a western fraternity occupying a professorship in Madison University. We heartily congratulate the chapter and its fraternity.

Φ Γ Δ has come among us. The eleven men who formed a debating club in college are now known as the Θ Ψ chapter of the Φ Γ Δ fraternity. We extend the fraternal welcome to the new presence, and congratulate Φ Γ Δ upon securing a foot-hold in Madison.

Chapter spirit in college "has taken the wings of the morning" since the day of "rushing" ended. Unanimity among all "frats" is prevalent. We await the bugle sound of the "rushing days" to bring this old friend among us again. In the meantime, peace be with every "frat."

The fire burns brightly in Epsilon's hall. We know of nothing to be sad over, nor anything to fear. Loyal, united, and energetic, we must go forward. We not only anticipate a bright future for Φ Κ Ψ, but are even now enjoying that unclouded brightness. May this be a good year for Phi Psis, both in the active profession and in student life; and so will our desire, if fulfilled, bring the happiest of years.

D. A. MAC MURRAY.

Hamilton, N. Y., February 9, 1888.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

South Carolina Alpha lifts herself from the depths of misery and the dark waters of examinations, and drawing her first easy breath for many a day, is ready to talk to her sister chapters of the good times to come.

In the first place, the South Carolina College is soon to be a thing of the past, and the University of South Carolina, which is to supplant it next fall, promises to be the foremost in the South. At the last session of the State Legislature the bill making the change and thus opening to the institution a wider field than it ever covered before, even in its palmiest days before the war, was passed, and the new order of things is consequently now an assured fact. The faculty at present consists of eleven professors and five instructors. This is to be increased by the addition of ten new professorships and five instructors. The plan also embraces a radical change in the organization, and the division of the University into the following colleges and schools: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, College of Pharmacy, Normal School, Law School, and such other colleges and schools as the Board of Trustees may hereafter see fit to establish. This will entail the founding of the ten new chairs mentioned above as follows: Latin, moral philosophy, mathematics and astronomy, agriculture, pedagogics, physiology and hygiene, botany and zoology, veterinary medicine, mechanical engineering, analytical chemistry, and *materia medica*. There will be new instructors in the following branches: Elocution, modern languages, book-keeping and accounting, drawing, shop and machine work. The addition of these to a faculty which is already the peer of any in the South, combined with the other changes and improvements to be made, will place the University of South Carolina on a higher plane even than many of her more ambitious rivals at the North and West. The most liberal appropriations have been made for the proper carrying of this scheme into effect, and when the doors of the University are thrown open in the fall, the increased facilities and wide advertising that has been given it by the lively discussion it provoked in the Legislature and throughout the State, are confidently expected to swell its rolls to more than double the present number. The past year has also been the most prosperous the State has experienced in a long time, and this can not fail to have a marked effect on the attendance.

The future of South Carolina Alpha appears no less bright than that of the University, opening the session of '87-'88 with but three old brothers, reinforced by a recruit from New York Delta, and later by the two new brothers already introduced to THE SHIELD. We have since added Brother R. S. Cathcart, one of the brightest "fresh" in the "glorious class of '91."

A large majority of the barbs here are hardly eligible for fraternity membership, but outside of these there are some excellent men who, from one cause or another, have so far refused to cast in their lot with the ranks of the Greeks. This mainly arises from a misconception of, or prejudice against, our organizations, derived from, or fostered by, sundry ill-advised persons in the shape of over-anxious friends or parents. It is this that we have had to contend against more especially in our efforts to swell our ranks, and it is the prospect of being

able to overcome and argue away opposition in several of these cases, at least, that stimulates us to renewed exertions, and augurs well for our ultimate success. We sometimes feel the want of fraternal communion with our sister chapters, which our situation entails upon us, but that serves to keep more constantly before us the thought that we must work all the harder to make our little circle as large and as bright as possible.

While the Legislature was still in session, we had an informal gathering of some of our most prominent alumni here, at chapter meeting one night, to talk over the days gone by and discuss plans for the future of the chapter and the organization of our alumni throughout the State. There were present, among others, Brothers Simons, '58; Speaker and Anderson, '59; Reader, of the House of Representatives; McBryde, '58, president of the college, and Prof. Davis, '69. They told us many interesting anecdotes of their college and fraternity life, many of which sounded strange to us as viewed from the standpoint of the present, and promised their hearty co-operation in all our efforts. We trust it may not be very long before we shall be able to record the establishment of our Alumni Association, beyond which loom up chapter house probabilities and attendant benefits. The chief trouble we have to contend with at present is our comparatively small number of young alumni, who will be needed to give life and energy to the organization.

The K A's and Σ A E's have State alumni associations located here, but their well-known policy of granting charters to anything nominally above a high school enables them to pour in a horde of recruits from all around, and hailing from such institutions, for instance, as Furman, Erskine, Wofford, S. C. Military Academy, Newberry, etc. The Σ A E's held their Grand Council here during the Xmas recess, with an attendance of thirty or forty delegates from the various chapters. Constitutional questions were the main topics under discussion, and, I believe, a new constitution was adopted, embodying radical changes. The rest of the time was devoted to the reading of essays, etc., by various delegates and awarding of prizes for the same, finally concluding with a "grand ball." The Kaps and the Sigs, by the way, have had their regular perennial set-to, and have succeeded in tearing each other up, I hope, to their mutual satisfaction, though the Kaps, I imagine, have come out second-best pretty much all around. Contests between them in the literary societies have been the chief source of trouble, and in every instance, I think, the Sigs have succeeded in carrying away the palm, the chief value of which, of course, consists in its being won over a K A. To cap the climax (no pun intended), a representative Kap and Sig, having indulged in mutual recriminations and called each other bad names on the campus, decided to arrange matters by adjourning to a sequestered nook in the neighborhood and, in short, fight it out. This was done, and if accounts be true, the K A was again pretty badly worsted. Now, however, that blood has been spilt, they seem to have calmed down a little, and there is peace once more in the Pan-Hellenic camp.

Nothing more has been heard of late of the supposed Δ K E movement toward the re-establishment of their chapter here. There are some half-dozen very fair men in college who are supposed to be the guilty ones, and great ex-

citement was caused among the rest of the Greeks just before Xmas by the appearance of a certain antiquated specimen on the campus wearing a Δ K E badge, and inquiring for the man known to be the chief culprit. Every one fully expected to see the whole crowd bloom out in badges next morning, but the entire affair seems to have lapsed into a state of "innocuous desuetude." The Δ K E's were our chief rivals here before the war, going under with us, and we should be glad to see them on their feet again; but there is really no room for them here now, unless they will be content to live on the scraps. In fact, it hardly seems possible that two, at least, of our would-be rivals can survive much longer, while others seem determined to live at any price, and have accordingly been taking in anything they could entice into their grasp.

E. ST. JULIEN GRIMKÉ.

Columbia, S. C., February 11, 1888.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

For the first time I have the honor of representing one of the most loyal chapters of Φ K Ψ. I reluctantly assume the duty, not that I want to sit passively by when Φ K Ψ's interest demands my labors, but because I think other members of our chapter could better discharge the duties incumbent upon me, and most especially do I think this when I revert to the brilliant and loyal member who has just retired from the position I now hold.

Some of the boys went home to enjoy the Xmas holidays, and returned reporting a magnificent time. Those that remained attended many enjoyable entertainments, thus spending the time more pleasantly than was at first anticipated. Turkeys were, of course, at a premium afterwards. We all very reluctantly returned to our text-books, and have been doing some hard work. Several new boys came in after Xmas, and out of the number we were fortunate enough to capture Brother T. J. Evans, the dude from Noxubee County. Brother Evans attended school at Bingham, North Carolina, three years. He enters the Senior Class here. His spectacles are extremely fascinating to the young ladies, so much so that *one* was led to exclaim, in the words of the poet: "By jove, those glasses!"

Examinations are upon us, and all have been busy "pulling for the rise." It is needless to say that we sustained our reputation, especially Brothers Hallsell, Mills, and your humble servant, who distinguished (?) themselves in chemistry.

It is said that one of our Seniors has the L. and L. course—love and law.

"Asa" was a very prominent man Xmas, judging from the number of "calls" he received. Those eyes of his were beautiful in the extreme.

If "Golly" ever becomes a freshman he will surely become a "lady's man." However, his aspirations are now limited on account of being a "prep."

To put it briefly, our boys will compare very favorably with those of our sister fraternities, and we have no doubt will successfully compete with them for all honors. We are all anxious to see the new catalogue, and hope its final consummation is near. Success to THE SHIELD.

J. J. STEVENS.

University of Mississippi, February 8, 1888.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

Our University has just passed through a successful series of revival meetings, continuing from the day of prayer for colleges to the present time. The work, under the charge of President Payne, has resulted in some seventy-three conversions. But there are a few yet remaining upon whom such a result would have been most beneficial.

The big matriculation book has been stolen from the president's office, and no man can tell who is guilty or what fate the book has met. Every old alumnus of the Ohio Wesleyan University will remember this big book, the signing of which was the first and most irresponsible act he ever committed in college.

One of the outgrowths of recent years in the Ohio Wesleyan University is the class fraternity, composed of both fraternity and non-fraternity men. The seniors have the "Club," whose badge consists of an ace of clubs inclosed by a circular tin arrangement, whose mechanism baffles all investigation. The juniors have the organization known as Tau Eta Beta, more familiarly called the "Bloody Eighth." Then comes the sophomores with the Sigma Delta Psi, commonly called the "Pirates." These latter, in spite of their name, probably enjoy the most favorable reputation of them all. To complete the list, the freshmen recently organized, and now sail under the banner of Rho Omicron Sigma, more commonly called the "Pain-killers." These latter were organized almost expressly to take sophomore scalps on the 22d (Washington's birthday), which day has always been the scene of conflicts between these two classes. The fact that the freshmen were all arrested, while in secret session, for disturbing the peace (of the janitor), is rather a bad omen of their future career.

Again, rumor has it that Sigma Chi is soon to be revived, and will take her place again in the Ohio Wesleyan University. Indeed, it is positively asserted by some that its members are even now in active operation, *sub rosa*. We would welcome her to our midst, and hope the time is not far distant when she shall take her stand among us.

We were favored recently by visits from quite a number of old Phi Psis. Brother Orville Watson, '82, visited Delaware for two weeks, and during that time shared the associations of the younger brothers of his chapter. Brother Chauncey Humphreys was called here recently by the death of a relative, and found time to pay Phi Psi a brief visit. Brother Dorsey Bell made a flying trip to Delaware last week, but stopped long enough to give the grip to some of the boys.

Brother Fred Ross returned last week, was elected chapter correspondent for THE SHIELD at the next fraternity meeting, immediately packed his trunk, and left to enter the Cincinnati Business College. He will be with us, however, in the spring term.

It makes us all happy to see "Dude" Semans once more on his feet. He has had a long siege, and is still very weak.

We regret to lose one of our members soon—Brother Sanger—who, on account of ill-health, will remain at his home in Cleveland until the spring term.

The great Junior "Ex.," which has caused such hard feeling and antago-

nism in that class, has at last fallen through and will never take place. The entire fraternity ticket was elected, and after letting the wrath of their opponents spend itself, the victors calmly concluded they didn't care for any more glory, and so let the whole scheme sink to a bottomless abyss of negligence.

The Pan-Hellenic banquet will take place in a few weeks, a full account of which will appear in our next.

E. B. DILLON.

Delaware, Ohio, February 11, 1888.

WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

We regret that our chapter has not been represented in the last two issues of THE SHIELD. Since our last appearance there has been quite a commotion among the "Greeks" here. The other three chapters combined their forces against us and attempted to injure our standing at college, but got sadly "left." An account of the affair may be of general interest. The "lifting" of Brother Charles L. Bauer from $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ will be remembered as one of Ohio Beta's recent victories. About the same time Brother Clarence Uhl was initiated, much to the dissatisfaction of the other chapters who had given him a bid, but most especially of $A \ T \ \Omega$, who had brought all her force to bear upon the gentleman, but in vain. $B \ \Theta \ II$, for many years the only other fraternity represented here ($A \ \Gamma$ chapter having been established about a year later than ours), has been opposed to us on general principles during the whole history of the Greeks at Wittenberg, and notwithstanding the repeated statements in the Beta Theta Pi to the effect that they are "still on top," "now have no rivals at Wittenberg," etc., the deportment of the Betas here at college gives indications of rivalry rather than the infinite superiority claimed in their chapter letters. Feeling that Ohio Beta was enjoying too great prosperity, the three chapters maliciously combined in a "deep-laid scheme" to "get even" by bringing up articles of impeachment against Brothers Burtsfield and Fred Gotwald, who represent the Philosophian and Excelsior Literary Societies as senior editors of the *Wittenberger*. The charges preferred were "neglect of duty, breach of trust, and establishing an evil precedent," and they insisted upon having a trial without making them more specific, until they found that they were compelled to do otherwise, when they substituted the following: "First, that the *Wittenberger* is conducted in the interests of the $\Phi \ K \ \Psi$ fraternity." "Second, that it favors the Prohibition party." Both of the brothers plead their own cause, and were honorably acquitted; and so far from injuring our chapter, as the intention was, the affair only added to our glory by giving us a victory over the combined forces of the Greeks, while a scheme of such microscopic dimensions could but reflect discredit upon those engaged in it. It is greatly to be regretted that representatives of college fraternities should identify themselves with anything which tends so strongly to create a prejudice against the organizations to which they claim to be loyal.

Notwithstanding the fact that $B \ \Theta \ II$ exerts her whole energy upon class standing, and makes college honors the height of her ambition, the winter term

began very auspiciously, with Phi Psis at the head of the freshman, sophomore and junior classes.

The Phi Psi have, since we last wrote, enjoyed two very delightful social events—a reception in our hall on Thanksgiving night, enlivened by music by Rigio, and followed by a banquet at Lobenherz's; and the second of our series of musical *soirees*, which took place on Friday evening, January 27th. The hall was handsomely papered in gilt and bronze just before the occasion, and elegant new curtains, pictures, and other decorations added immensely to the appearance of things.

The Phi Psi *musicales* are the most classical concerts given in the city by amateurs, and our guests are quite enthusiastic in their praise. We have considerable musical talent in the chapter, and the Phi Psi girls have contributed very largely to make our entertainments successful. Our last programme was principally made up of the compositions of such masters as Schubert, Liszt, Rubenstein, Verdi, Schumann, Flotow, and Heller. We will not trespass upon the space of THE SHIELD by giving the full programme.

The annual oratorical contest of the Wittenberg Oratorical Association was held at the Grand Opera House on Thursday evening, February 2d. H. W. Humphreys, '89, a member of the B Θ Π fraternity, was the successful competitor. His subject was: "The Limitations of Art."

ROB. H. HILLER.

Springfield, Ohio, February 12, 1888.

DE PAUW.

Through some oversight, two brothers, Frank L. Littleton, '91, of Noblesville, Indiana, and Merle N. A. Walker, '91, of Tientsin, China, have never before been introduced to the Φ Ψ world. They were elected by the faculty to represent their class at the graduation exercises of the preparatory department during last commencement.

Since Christmas Indiana A has pledged three fine men—Frank Beard, of Angola, Indiana, who expects to make the class of '91; Powell Logan, '93, of Durango, Col., and Zim. E. Dougan, of Belleville, Ind.

Brother C. C. Spencer was elected vice-president and Brother Will Axtell Secretary of the Oratorical Association at its last annual meeting.

The efforts of Brother Clarence Hough with the "De Pauw Concert Company" were well received, he being encored on each number.

We are always ready to welcome any Φ Ψ who may have the time and inclination to give us a visit.

On the day of Brother Burdette's lecture we were favored by a visit from three Indiana Γ brothers.

Some time ago we were made glad by a visit from Brother Salem B. Town, '66, pastor of Centenary Church, Terre Haute.

Brother John E. Keene, '77, spent last Sunday with us, giving the grip to the boys.

The growth of our chapter this year has been steady and healthy. As to the standing of our chapter here, I offer the testimony of the Δ K E chapter lo-

cated here: "Of the eight fraternities represented here, we consider you our only rivals."

Brother John W. Miller is one of the three directors of the *Mirage*, which is to be issued soon by '89.

While our University is growing, the Military School is becoming especially prominent, and rank in it is getting to be one of the most desirable things in college.

A gymnasium, though small, yet answering the purpose, has recently been added to our armory.

Base-ball will be the game here in the spring, and $\Phi K \Psi$ will have the battery, the first baseman, one, and perhaps two, of the fielders in the University nine.

The second annual meeting of the Pan-Hellenic Club was held the evening of the tenth. All who were present report a most enjoyable time, although some look as if the banquet had gotten them "down."

GUY M. WALKER.

Greencastle, Ind., February 11, 1888.

NORTHWESTERN.

A busy month has passed since our last letter. Not only have the regular obligations of the class room demanded an extra amount of time, but the hundred and one other duties incident to student life have come crowding in upon us.

Early last month fourteen essays were presented by the seniors to compete for the Deering prizes, the securing of which entitles the winner to a position on the Kirk oratorical contest, which takes place in June. Of the five prizes awarded, *three* were captured by Phi Psi, leaving only two prizes for the representatives of the other fraternities to derive satisfaction from. The successful brothers who will represent us upon Kirk are G. A. Bass, C. B. Thwing, and W. H. Tuttle.

On the 2d inst. we were favored with a short visit from Brother James Whitcomb Riley. A large audience testified to their appreciation of the now famous author, and though the shortness of his stay prevented us from becoming better acquainted, we shall all remember the hour spent with him in our hall after the lecture as one of the pleasantest.

For the past two years the subject of a Pan-Hellenic banquet has been agitated to some extent among the different fraternities, but it was left to the kindly influences of the new year to first order a general advance of the rival organizations along a common line.

On the evening of the 10th inst. about sixty representatives of $\Phi K \Psi$, ΣX , $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and $\Phi K \Sigma$ sat down to a banquet at the Avenue House, and for one short evening, at least, laid aside hostilities and surrendered themselves to the thorough enjoyment of the occasion.

Honors were evenly divided, no particular fraternity seeking to overshadow another in numbers or honors, and with song, toasts, and jokes, the utmost cor-

diality and good fellowship prevailed until the small hours of the morning. We were represented by a toast to the ladies by a general fraternity song and by the Phi Psi quartette.

Within our own hall everything is as harmonious as could be desired. We have pledged the best man in one of the preparatory classes since our last letter; otherwise no change has taken place in our individual numbers.

Brothers W. E. McLennan and C. H. Booth will represent us as delegates to the Grand Arch Council. The distance will probably prevent the attendance of any others.

C. S. GRAVES.

Evanston, Ill., February 13, 1888.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

A change in our correspondents and the confusion of the return from vacation has delayed our letter. We hope we have caused no inconvenience.

Vacation was glorious—so the boys say. It is gone, and the Phi Psis are all back again ready for work, and unstained by any of the various colors with which they painted their native towns.

We have just made arrangements to have our parlors thoroughly refurnished and better fitted for the series of parties which we give each winter. These informal parties of ours are most thoroughly enjoyed by all the boys, much more so than more formal affairs outside of our own house.

A chapter of Phi Delta Theta came into existence here during December. The baby is quite strong, but we should not call it a particularly handsome child. They have about ten men at present.

Once more we are rendered joyous with the hope that the University is to have a gymnasium. You have heard before this time our gnashing and wailing about this same gymnasium—how our Legislature was prevented only by the Governor's veto from giving us the funds necessary for it. We have given up hope of aid from the State, and now rely only on our own resources. Our scheme is to issue twenty shares of \$100 each, and to solicit our alumni and the business men of Ann Arbor and Detroit to take up these shares. Three shares have already been taken without solicitation, and each of the classes will, without doubt, take a share. The scheme will be thoroughly tested.

The seniors, sophomores, and freshmen united in adopting the cap and gown several weeks ago, with the intention of making the custom of wearing them permanent in the University; but the seniors, some weeks later, thought better of it and have withdrawn their support.

The University of Michigan has been honored not a little by the present administration, as two of its professors have been appointed to important positions by it. Thomas M. Cooley, our law lecturer, is Chairman of the Inter-State Commission, and our President Angell is in Washington now as a member of the Fishery Commission.

Our Glee Club starts March 16th for an extended trip.

GRANT M. FORD.

Ann Arbor, Mich., January 17, 1888.

SIMPSON COLLEGE.

The present term opens with good prospects for the chapter. Commencing last fall with but one member, there are six now in attendance and two alumni. Since our last letter Brother Stratton, ex-class of '90, has returned to school, and will remain with us through the year. Brother Stratton is our last year's "baby," for whom we and $\Delta T \Delta$ bucked each other, but as usual, our "William run him in." Brother Stratton is a live, energetic, wide-awake man, and manifests the utmost loyalty for his chapter and frat.

Allow us to introduce to *THE SHIELD* and sister chapters our new baby, Brother O. S. Ketcham, who, by the way, is an adept at "riding goats," having successfully managed that of A. F. and A. M., K. of P., and Good Templars, and, being a telegrapher, he shows his loyalty to his profession by belonging to their order. Brother K. is also president of the Philomathean Literary Society. Right here let us add that $\Phi K \Psi$ has been unusually successful in reaping honors. Brother Bunting has just quitted the presidential chair of the Smithsonians for that of critic, while the writer, after the hottest contest known in the history of Simpson College, will "wield the gavel" over the unruly Everetts.

Simpson is to be complimented for the excellency of the oratorical contest held on the 31st of last month. All of the performers did excellently, especially Mr. R. C. Harleison, who took first honors. Although Mr. H. is a member of our rivals, $\Delta T \Delta$, yet he had one of the finest orations we have ever listened to, and will make an excellent showing for the honors at the State contest. Mr. Cozier, who took second honors and will go as chairman of our delegation, also had a fine oration, which, coupled with the gentleman's good delivery, made the contest a very close one between the first two. Mr. Cozier is a member of the $A T \Omega$ frat. $\Phi K \Psi$ was not represented, but will surely try for it next year.

Although Simpson has had no "boom" for a couple of years, yet from the present outlook, next year will be a most prosperous one. We are anticipating the erection of a new \$12,000 science hall and a large boarding hall early next summer. With these new buildings and our present faculty, Simpson will rank second to none in the State, either in the work done or facilities.

W. N. CLAYTON.

Indianola, Iowa, February 6, 1888.

CARLETON COLLEGE.

Minnesota Alpha is very glad to again come into the home circle of *THE SHIELD* and contribute its mite. Since our last letter appeared one more has been added to our number. After the long confinement of our ferocious goat, he showed a great deal of life, and carried the "candidate" around the ring in an admirable manner. We are indeed prospering as much as our "cramped" condition will permit, although we do look forward to the day when we may proudly wear the fraternity pin. Among our faculty there are several secret society men, one a recent addition of this year, but for some reason the prevailing sentiment in that body is antagonistic to us, or rather would be if our exist-

ence were known. We now have a fixed plan for meeting, and find much pleasure in that fact. We enjoy the letters from our sister chapters which appear in each issue of *THE SHIELD*, and rejoice with you, on account of your great privilege, the wide-open policy and approval of the faculty. Our chapter is well represented in all the departments and societies of the college by some of the best men in school. At present we have eleven members, and before the end of the year we expect to have two or three more with us. The college has enjoyed a very prosperous year, and on its much firmer financial basis, is taking place among the first institutions of the West. Should any brothers of other chapters chance this way, we can assure them a warm welcome and a hearty grip. We wish unbounded success to every sister chapter, and the greatest prosperity to *THE SHIELD*. * * *

Northfield, Minn., February 8, 1888.



Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

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

The fraternity press seem to be all aching to get at the luckless *Beta Theta Pi*. *Phi Gamma Delta* joins the procession with the following:

"Beta Theta Pi is a most peculiar fraternity. If it is, as the patriotic editor of its journal says, a fraternity typical of American life, it is not strange to find in its make-up a little of the well-known Yankee virtue—boasting; for surely, when a Beta proclaims by pen that his fraternity is the greatest in the West; that his fraternity alumni are the most loyal; that his fraternity is the most progressive, and that his fraternity is the only one truly typical of American life, and all without any attempt at satisfactory proof, we can not dignify his language by any more appropriate epithet. * * * About this progressive, typical idea, we confess we are a little in need of light. Sincere loyalty often exaggerates the virtues of the object that hold its allegiance, and pet hobbies frequently assume world-wide dimensions in the eyes of narrow-minded men."

The Rainbow has a well considered article in its most recent issue on "Lifting," from which we quote the introduction and leading arguments:

"Legislation was adopted which will henceforth prevent the initiation of active, and even of former members of other Greek letter fraternities, whether they have chapters at the particular college in question or not. This action places Delta Tau Delta on record (if indeed such action on its part is necessary at all), as distinctly opposed to the practice of "lifting,"—so common at many of our colleges, and an abominable practice,—which has done so much to cast discredit upon the fraternity system of those colleges. It is but fair and proper, therefore, that, after having assured other fraternities of its good faith toward them in the matter of individual membership, it adopts legislation to protect its own members against the advances of other fraternities less sensitive of its honor than itself.

"Careful study shows that within the last few years all the fraternity journals have complained of this practice more than at any previous period in their history. This is especially true of the Western fraternities. Eastern men enter a college where their fraternity does not exist, and retain their loyalty in spite of their isolation. In the West, it would seem as though the opposite were the case. Many Eastern fraternities seem to have no scruples whatever against initiating members of other fraternities, and think they have done a praise-worthy thing if they have induced a man to disregard the vows he has taken.

"We are thankful that we live and have our being in a fraternity which has already taken advanced steps in this matter, and states in strong terms that she will initiate no former member of any Greek letter fraternity. Delta Tau Delta holds that if a man is willing to leave the fraternity he first joined, is willing to disregard his oath, he is unworthy to bear the name of 'Delta,' and that he would, as a rule, be as willing to break the vows made to her. It is unfortunate that no more of the larger fraternities have come to regard this matter in its true light. It has been our observation that the men who leave the fraternity they first joined to go to another are usually not the best men, or those on account of whose absence the fraternity is made to suffer much loss. Delta Tau Delta has been very fortunate in this regard, and has lost but few good men. Yet she *has* lost some, and there must have been reasons for their action. What these reasons were we are unable to say. There can be but two causes for such actions. The fault may lie in the *man himself*, or it may be the fault of the chapter.

"No remedy can be given when the man himself is to blame, except that we must heed still more carefully the old saying that has almost become a fraternity adage, 'We must exercise still greater care in the selection of members.' There are two or three reasons why the chapter may be to blame. First, it may be that there is a lack of training in the chapter. The disgrace resting upon a man who has shown no regard for his vow, by leaving the fraternity, should be plainly set before every new frater. 'Let every member of his chapter consider it a matter of duty and a point of honor to see that there is no back-sliding, that no disgrace may blot the fair name of his chapter.'"

We seldom have seen any more womanly answer to the foolish disposition on the part of the daily newspapers to generalize from trifling particulars than the following from *Delta Gamma Anchora*:

"The higher education of woman is a subject whose discussion is by no means unheard of by us, and yet how many of us to whom a liberal education is so freely offered, ever think seriously of the blessings we enjoy, and of the obstacles which, in this same path which is made so smooth for our feet, rose like mountains before the struggling steps of our mothers.

"How many of the changes which the last twenty-five years have brought to our nation, are due to the persistent efforts of a few patient women, it is impossible to say. It is the old story of the snowball set rolling,—a young girl eagerly seeking knowledge—others aroused by her earnestness—one college open to women—then another and another; the platform is next taken by woman, then the professions are entered, the barriers to various departments of intellectual work are broken down, until to-day we see woman a true helpmeet, morally, physically, in-

tellectually, socially, to husband, brother, father and children. Were the opposers of her advance in the right? Has it spoiled her? Is the 'coming woman' less womanly than her grandmother was, less helpful, less true as a wife and mother?

"Not long ago there was organized at Ann Arbor, Michigan, an association calling itself 'The Western Association of Collegiate Alumnæ.' Mrs. Louisa Reed Stowell, instructor of microscopy in Michigan University, was made president, and Miss Hattie Kimball, Delta Gamma, of Northwestern University, was elected secretary. Every woman who has mounted the ladder of learning to that point where she receives a college degree, can but experience a strong and peculiar sympathy for all those who have had the same hopes, ambitions, struggles, failures and successes which have been hers. This association of alumnæ will serve to make of this fellow-feeling something rather more tangible than a mere feeling. The members will learn to know each other, to take an interest in each other's work and welfare, and to help each other and those about them more successfully from this large sisterly union. The association has busied itself somewhat with gathering statistics in regard to the women graduates of our country. Although their statistics are of great interest, we can here mention only a few which have given rise to a spirited editorial in a recent issue of the St. Paul and Minneapolis *Pioneer Press*. The writer is evidently trying to persist in the opposition which his father, or some other ancestor, made to the higher education of womankind. He utterly ignores those statistics which show the benefit of our advance in civilization, and in giving those which he does see fit to mention, he appears to think that an unanswerable argument is raised which must ultimately settle the question, 'Should women receive a higher education?' in the negative. He entitles his article 'An Education or a Husband,' and gives statistics, taken from the report of the association,—which he appears to think will fill with terror the soul of the 'social philosopher.' Out of a total of 2,619 collegiate alumnæ, there are only 998 who are married. Therefore, he says that woman has evidently to choose in the future between higher education and a husband. We do not intend in the present article to refute his statements, nor to deny that the statistics do *sound* rather alarming. We do not say that the place of wife and mother is not the highest sphere of woman. We believe it is. But we do wish to offer a few suggestions which, coupled with a little serious thought, may somewhat allay the fears which the above statement may have caused in the minds of our 'social philosophers.'

"In the first place, we would remind them that a large proportion of these 'sweet girl graduates' are still 'sweet girls,' not *waiting* for the coming of their princes, but *working* to be ready both to know the true god of their hearts when he does arrive, and then to be to him a helpmeet and not a hindrance. Let the 'philosopher' find out the per cent. of unmarried women, college graduates, who are beyond a marriageable age before he trembles too violently for the future of society. Another point which he would do well to look up would be the relative proportion of graduates of co-educational institutions who have become wives, as compared with those of colleges whose doors are closed against the sterner sex. He might then put forth his efforts to have every college adopt the plan of freedom without regard to sex, and feel when this was accomplished, the future homes of our country would be safe, if even the daughters of to-day do study Greek and Sanscrit with their brothers.

“Whatever is supposed to be the cause of the low per cent. of married women graduates, we can infer from the above mentioned editorial that there was one of the two following thoughts in the mind of the writer: either that men prefer uneducated women for their wives, or that women who receive an education become so fond of their independence as to prefer single blessedness. As to the first point, if our friend has any such idea, he need only observe what girls are favorites in his own circle, or even what girls he likes best himself. As to the other point, we admit that an education does make a woman more careful about *whom* she marries. It teaches her that her happiness does not rest alone upon her being married, that old-maidhood is not a disgrace, but may offer to her a happy and useful life. It teaches her to accept no offer because it is her last chance, but only because she has found her equal, her true mate. Will this not raise the standard of manhood, and thus counter-balance the lessening for a few years, if such there be, of the number of marriages? Will not the sons of the educated mother grow up nobler and grander men? And will our country not be more blessed by one good citizen than by two poor ones? And if it is feared that woman’s education will interest her in public affairs, and thus lead her from the position intended for woman, a glance at the names of women best known throughout our land, will show that a large proportion of them are the names of wives and mothers, and good ones, too.”



Personals.

OHIO A.

Brothers of Ohio Alpha will be gratified to learn of the success of Leroy S. Colter, '85, in securing the position as one of the resident physicians of the Cincinnati Hospital. Brother Colter, we understand, stood first among ten applicants from the leading schools of the city.

The following will be of interest not alone to Ohio Alpha, but to the large circle of friends who have often met with Brother Monnett in fraternity gatherings:

MR. AND MRS. JAMES B. GORMLY

Request your presence at the marriage of their daughter

ELLA KATE

—to—

MR. FRANCIS L. MONNETT,

Thursday evening, February Sixteenth, at half-past eight o'clock.

1301 Poplar street,

Bueyrus.

Orville E. Watson, '82, whose "Symphonie De La Parade" and merry verses will be remembered by many an old student, visited here recently.—*Transcript*.

Rev. I. R. Henderson is Presiding Elder of Lima, Ohio, District of M. E. church, and resides at Kenton.

OHIO A.

A. L. Moore is practicing medicine in Kenton, O.

PENNSYLVANIA I.

S. B. Meeser, '83, is pastor of the First Baptist church in Patterson, N. J., and is doing excellent work.

A. W. Haud is pastor of the Fourth Baptist church in Patterson, N. J.

T. R. Jones is manager of the Baptist Publishing Rooms in New York City.

'60. Senator S. P. Wolverton, of Sunbury, has been elected one of the directors of the Philadelphia and Reading coal and iron company.

'62. Dr. A. J. Rowland preached at the Tenth church, Philadelphia, during the recent jubilee meetings held there.

'84. E. L. Tustin delivered the annual law lectures before the College of Pharmacy on "The Relation of Law to Pharmacy," on January 12th, 1888.

'85. Samuel Bolton, Jr., delivered the address of welcome on Nov. 17th at the reception given to the Rev. Coulston, pastor of the Frankfort Baptist church, on his return from his trip abroad.

'71. Prof. G. M. Phillips, Ph. D. of West Chester, Pa., was an instructor and lecturer at the Institute recently held in Clarion, Pa.

'83. Rev. W. J. Coulston, of Warren, began missionary meetings at Kane, Pa., on October 15th, and on November 25th the Kane Baptist church was organized. The new church has raised sufficient money to support a minister, and has called Rev. O. R. Thomas, of Townville, as pastor.

'86. Prof. W. W. Kelchner, of Williamsport, lectured very successfully before the Snyder County Teachers' Institute, at Middleburg, Pa., Dec. 27, 28 and 29, 1887.

OHIO I.

Friends of Bro. C. F. M. Niles will be gratified to know that he is winning both reputation and fame in the far west. Witness the following: "The time is fast approaching when the Democrats must decide on a man for the race in the Seventh congressional district. The most available man is that staunch and tried Democrat, Hon. C. F. M. Niles, of Garden City. Mr. Niles would sweep the district by a large majority.—*Tolosa (Kan.) Star*.

G. H. Palmer is in the lumber business at Kenton, O.

INDIANA B.

John L. Powers, A. B., '81, is a farmer near Muncie, Ind.

Charles Austin, A. B., '83, is the principal of Greensburg high school.

P. B. Burnett, B. L., '84, is Professor of German in Oberlin college.

Samuel Harwood, A. B., '76, is the principal of schools at Attica, Indiana.

C. L. Hooper, Ph. D., '87, is principal of schools at Spencer, Wisconsin.

W. J. McCormack, A. B., '85, is the principal of schools in New Harmony, Ind.

Chet. Foster, '90, though freshman, is proprietor of a drug store at Warsaw, Ind.

Wm. L. Taylor, A. B., '77, is a lawyer at Indianapolis.

F. P. Taylor, A. B., '81, is a lawyer at Tulare, Colorado.

William A. Adams, A. B., '82, is a merchant at Bloomington, Ind.

James Kirkwood Beck, A. M., '74, is principal of preparatory department of Indiana University.

William T. Blair, B. L., '80, is a merchant at Bloomington, Ind.

Nathaniel W. Hill, B. L., LL. B., '75, is a banker at Bloomington, Ind.

William E. McCord, A. M., LL. B., '72, is a lawyer at Martinsville, Ind.

James H. Jordan, B. L., LL. B., '68, is a lawyer at Martinsville, Indiana.

William W. Spangler, A. B., B. L., '80, is librarian of Indiana University.

William I. Fee, B. L., '87, is a farmer near Bloomington, Ind.

INDIANA A.

Hon. Charles Henry, an ex-member of the Indiana State Senate, is a prominent lawyer of Anderson, Ind.

Hon. Francis Dice, class '68, a late member of the Indiana State Senate, is now practicing law in Crawfordsville, Ind.

A. C. Longden, class of '81, is now professor of mathematics at St. James Military Academy, Macon, Mo.

Freeman D. Brovard, class of '75, late vice-President of the University of Southern California, is now a Presiding Elder of the M. E. church.

William H. Gudgel, '73, who has been city attorney for two terms, is practicing law in Evansville, Ind.

Samuel D. Ayers, class '69, is a prosperous fruit grower of Tulane, California.

Albert B. Yohn, '69, is a well-known book dealer at Indianapolis.

George W. Faris, '77, is a well-known lawyer in Terre Haute, Ind.

Jay H. Neff, '77, editor of the *Drovers' Daily Telegram*, Kansas City, Mo., was married during the holidays.

PENNSYLVANIA A.

- '73. Rev. J. C. R. Ewing, of India, is at home on a vacation.
- '85. A. J. Walker was recently admitted to the bar at Pittsburg.
- '88. T. J. Gallagher is studying medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.
- '89. Charles W. Hays is in business at Pittsburg.
- '90. W. G. Miller is in business at Mercer, Pa.

PENNSYLVANIA E.

In Western Bradford, there is no teacher more honored and respected by all classes than Daniel Fleisher, A. M., the cultured principal of the public schools at Troy. He was born at Newport, Perry county, Pa., in 1852, and until sixteen years of age lived and worked on a farm, attending district school for four months in the winter.

He afterwards attended for several months a select school at Millerstown, in the same county, and fitted himself for teaching. His first terms were at Plymouth, Luzerne county, in 1872-'73; he also taught as principal of the high school at Liverpool, and was associated with Rev. John A. Edgar, Ph. D., now president of Wilson Female College at Chambersburg, while he was principal of the Bloomsfield academy. Prof. Fleisher was his first assistant, and under his tutorage studied the languages and prepared for college.

Four years were spent at the Pennsylvania college, Gettysburg, Mr. Fleisher taking the freshman prize, and graduating with honor in 1880. After leaving college, he organized and for four years conducted a select school at Newport, Pa., his early home, and in 1884 was called to Troy, this county. Of his educational work in Bradford county, but little may be said. A conscientious teacher, thoroughly trained for his work, he enjoys the confidence and esteem of his pupils and the patrons of the school.

Thoroughly alive to the needs of teachers, progressive in his views, and with a high appreciation of the responsibility of the profession, his presence at an institute inspires those who meet him and hear him talk. He has reached the position he now occupies by hard work, and it is hoped he may live long to enjoy the fruit of his labors.—*Towanda (Pa.) Review.*

Bro. M. R. W. Fishburn, '87, is holding the position of senior principal of the public schools at Wiconisco, Dauphin county, Pa.

Bro. J. Elmer Bittle, '86, was married on Jan. 25, 1888, to Miss May M. Buhrman, of Myersville, Md.

Bro. Robert Short, '89, is filling the position of Assistant Postmaster at Mechanicsburg.

Bro. F. L. Zerfoss, '88, is teaching in the public schools at Sieelton, Pennsylvania.

Bro. J. F. Dapp, '89, has accepted the position of private secretary to Judge Pearson, Harrisburg, Pa.

Harry F. Buehler is one of the instructors in the military institute at Bordentown, N. J. The proffer of the position is regarded as highly complimentary.

'82. The *Herald* of Salina, Kan., says: "There is no man in town who will have occasion to remember the Christmas of 1887 longer and more pleasantly than Rev. G. D. Gotwald." His Christmas gift was a little daughter which he says is the "finest baby in town."

'76. Dr. C. H. Graff, of Duluth, Minn., is traveling this winter in Europe. When last heard from, Jan. 21st, he was on his way to Constantinople.

'64. John M. Krauth, Esq., Secretary of the Battlefield Memorial Association, has been commissioned an aide-de-camp on the staff of Judge John T. Rea, National Commander of the G. A. R.

ILLINOIS B.

Irving Anderson is in the newspaper business in Arkansas City, Kan.

T. R. Weddell, of the Chicago *Inter-Ocean*, made a flying visit to the home of his sister in Troy, O., recently.

College and Fraternity Notes.

Columbia has a total of 1662 students in all departments.

There are twelve students from the United States at Oxford.

Harvard University now distributes to students \$67,000 a year.

Bates College will receive from the estate of the late Sarah S. Belcher the sum of \$50,000.

Don M. Dickinson, of Michigan, the Postmaster General who succeeded Mr. Vilas, is a Chi Psi.

Two of the sons of ex-President Hayes have graduated at Cornell and a third attended college there.

The class of '76 has produced more writers than any class which graduated from Harvard since the war.

The Columbia College library has been doubled during the last four years, and now contains 100,000 volumes.

The Review, published at Oxford University, is the only English journal edited by under-graduates.—*Crimson*.

The degree of L. L. D., has been conferred upon Secretary of State Bayard by Yale, Harvard and Dartmouth.—*Exchange*.

A new national amateur athletic organization called the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States has been formed in New York.

The cap and gown has been adopted by classes '88 and '91 at the University of Michigan. The sophomores will soon follow suit.

Dr. Bancroft, of Phillips Academy, Andover, has been presented with a purse of money, to be spent in travel in Europe and the Levant.

Rutgers is to have a school of electricity and an improved scientific department. The college has received \$15,000 by a recent act of Congress.

Seven of the surviving members of the class of 1829, Harvard, held a reunion at the Parker House Thursday evening. They were the Rev. J. F. Clarke, Dr. O. W. Holmes, E. D. Sohier, the Rev. Dr. S. F. Smith, Charles S. Storrow, the Rev. S. A. Devens and Samuel May. Dr. Holmes presided.

A club has been formed in the Senior Class of Cornell called the Exiles. It consists of men who have entered from other institutions.—*Exchange.*

The number of colleges in the United States increases at the rate of fifteen each year. Five have been founded in Dakota within the last year.—*Lantern.*

The Chi Psis at Ann Arbor expect to build next year the finest chapter house yet erected there. The building fund has been accumulating many years.

Prof. Harrison E. Webster, of Rochester University, is understood to have accepted the presidency of Union College, and his acceptance will be announced at the next trustees' meeting.

Alexander Duncan, Yale, 1825, of London, Eng., has made Yale University a gift of \$20,000, "to be used for its best interests, as the authorities of the university may determine."

The fact that the study of political economy at Harvard and Yale inculcates free trade principles has led a zealous New York State paper to advise parents not to send their sons to these universities.

The Columbia College library is said to be the best managed in the world. Writing materials are furnished for the visitors, and light meals are supplied to students who are too busy to leave their work.

Swarthmore College, with a gift of a friend of the college, is to erect a brass foundry in connection with its scientific building, for the benefit of those taking a course in manual training and electrical engineering.

The Harvard, Yale and Princeton Glee Clubs have been invited by the University of Pennsylvania to assist at an entertainment to take place in the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, during Easter week.—*Crimson.*

The Board of Trustees of Princeton College on February 10, accepted the resignation of Dr. McCosh, offered some months ago, and elected the Rev. F. L. Patton, one of the professors to the vacant chair. Dr. McCosh will remain in the faculty however.

H. J. Furber, jr., a young graduate of the late Chicago University, who is now studying in Berlin, is preparing to found a great university similar to that at Heidelberg in Chicago. He will devote \$1,000,000 as an inducement for others to join in the movement.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, is decorated with more college titles than any other member of either House of Congress. The degree of LL. D. has been conferred on him by five different colleges, namely, William and Mary, Harvard, Amherst, Williams and Yale.

The Rev. Dr. Haydyn, of Cleveland, Ohio, has been elected president of Adelbert College for two years, until a man well versed in history and economics can be found to stand at the head of the institution. The trustees of Adelbert College propose to speedily abolish co-education.

Again we hear rumors that the Sigma Chi Fraternity is about to re-establish her chapter in the O. W. U. Why is Sigma Chi so tardy? There is plenty of room and she would be welcomed by all Greeks. Come on, Sigma Chi, and take a seat at the Pan Hellenic.—*Transcript*.

A young Siamese, who is a student at Williams and who proposes to return to this country as a missionary, said recently at a meeting in New York, "Buddhism is a religion of morality, but I can say from experience that Christianity has all the morality of Buddhism, and more."—*Crimson*.

Each fraternity has its characteristic style of a chapter letter. Chapter correspondents seem invariably to fall into line. The only difference in the letters published is that of time, place and a few names; the rest is all the same—either high-sounding hallelujahs, loud-mouthed boasts or gentle dew-drops of fraternal love—depending upon the fraternity. Why can't correspondents say what they have to say in a straightforward, businesslike way, without so much grandiloquent foolishness?—*De Pauw Monthly*.

A table showing the percentage of college students who enter the ministry, prepared by Prof. G. P. Morris, shows the following decrease: At Harvard, from 55 per cent. 1650 to 1 per cent. in 1875; at Yale, from 74 per cent. in 1710 to 8 per cent. in 1880; at Princeton, from 49 per cent. in 1750 to 18 per cent. in 1875; at Williams, from 25 per cent. in 1800 and 49 per cent. in 1825, to 12.7 per cent. in 1880; at Amherst, from 64 per cent. in 1825 to 13.5 per cent. in 1880. Wesleyan still shows 30 per cent. of ministers among her graduates.—*Lafayette*.

The following, by Seawell Sidney, contains its own moral: "A college graduate—you know the type I mean—came to me a little while ago and wanted me to get him some newspaper work to do while he prepared himself to practice law. Said I to him, quite gravely: 'Why don't you go to a doctor and ask him to get you a few patients, so that you may practice medicine while you are studying law?' The boy looked at me perfectly dazed. Then I gently informed him that the great profession that he proposed to adopt so carelessly as a stepping-stone to the law was the most liberal of all liberal professions. It was, in short, literature, and literature in its mightiest, if not its most enduring form. But what's the use of trying to make people understand? It makes me tired."—*Rainbow*.

The love of card-playing, it is said, is each year becoming more characteristic of college students. Ex-President Andrew D. White, of Cornell, is of the opinion that poker will soon be more necessary to a classical education than even rowing or base-ball. The Day of prayer for Colleges has come to be known in colloquial language as the Day of Whist for Colleges. A group of students bending over a table, and intently manipulating a pack of cards, more or less greasy, is a frequent sight in the dormitories of most colleges during the winter evenings.—*Madisonensis*.

The athletic association, of the University of Pennsylvania, will hold its mid-winter meeting on Monday evening, at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia. The ball-floor will be laid and a complete athletic field laid out. The events are open to all amateurs, and nine of the city newspapers have volunteered to give the first prizes, which will be gold medals. W. Byro Page, the champion high jumper of the world, has consented to enter in the high jump. The University Glee Club and orchestra will assist, and the meeting will be very interesting, as there are over a hundred entries.—*Crimson*.

President Angell's report to the Board of Regents of Michigan University notes an increase of thirty-six in the attendance of women during 1886-87, and a relative gain in number of male students. The women now form nearly seventeen per.cent. of the whole. He bears witness to their capacity to meet the severest tests of the common discipline, and says: "The advantages derived from the university courses have proved as helpful to the women in their lives subsequent to their graduation as to the men." Of both sexes, he says: "The number of farmers' children exceeds every other class."

A unique feature has been introduced into the requirements at the Johns Hopkins University. Every under-graduate is required to vault, jump and perform divers evolutions and convolutions on parallel and horizontal bars, and on a ladder, in a suitable manner and in presence of an instructor, or he will fail to receive his degree. The maximum mark is thirty-six, of which twenty is necessary in order to pass. If a student is so fat or so lean, or so stiff or so weak, as to be unable to turn a back somersault to the satisfaction of his instructor, and is thus deprived of the honors of his course, his position is pitiable as well as ludicrous. Yet, if colleges have the right to demand a certain degree of mental culture in their graduates, it is difficult to tell why they have not a right to demand a certain degree of physical culture as well. The body and the mind are intimately connected, and the action of Johns Hopkins is probably wise.—*Madisonensis*.

Buchtel College is jubilant over the completion of their new \$15,000 gymnasium, and dedicate it the 15th inst., by a college dance. The edifice is a large and commodious brick with stone trimmings. It has two stories above the basement. The basement is for bath-rooms, lockers, bowling-alleys, etc. The first floor is for gymnasium proper, and is surrounded by a running gallery. Buchtel may well feel proud, for theirs will be the best college gymnasium in Ohio, and not surpassed by any outside of New England. It is called the Crouse Gymnasium, after its chief benefactor, Hon. Geo. W. Crouse.—*Lantern*.

A series of "Chapter Nights" for the coming winter has been proposed by the governors of the Psi Upsilon Club, No. 49 West Forty-eighth Street, the first of which, on Saturday, November 5th, was in honor of the parent chapter, Theta. Sterling G. Hadley, of Waterloo, and George W. Tuttle, of Bath, two of the founders of the fraternity; the Rev. Dr. Maunsell Van Rensselaer, of New York, and Alexander H. Rice, of Boston, all retired members under the direction of Theta Chapter, were present. The music was under the direction of George B. Penny, of Chi Chapter, class of '84. A collation was served.

It was a surprise to most of the students to learn, after returning from the Christmas vacation, that a fifth fraternity had existed in the university for nearly two months. The appearance of the Phi Gamma Deltas among us is made possible only by the recent growth of the university. This is the second fraternity to found a chapter here within a year. There are few colleges where so large a percentage of the students are members of the Greek-letter fraternities as at Madison, and the percentage continues to grow larger. The increase in the number of students at the university, however, is hardly large enough yet to warrant the existence of another vigorous fraternity. The Phi Gamma Deltas evidently intend to grow with the college.—*Madisonensis*.

The concert given by the Yale Glee and Banjo Club, at the Hyperion Theatre, on the evening preceding the junior promenade, was attended by a brilliant audience. The freshmen were more than active this year in displaying their class numerals, and resorted to very ingenious schemes to get "'91" before the audience. The first number on the programme was by the banjo club, after which they left the stage. At this point placards bearing the number "'91" were hurled from the upper gallery, which was filled with enthusiastic freshmen. Doves were let loose having suspended from their neck cards also having class numerals on them. The curtain was dropped just enough to display to the audience a large flag bearing the freshman class numerals. Each new development was hailed with cheers by the freshmen, who had complete possession of the upper gallery. The

sophomores made a rush for the stage door, expecting to meet with no resistance in taking possession of the flag, but in this they were mistaken. The stage hands refused to allow them to enter, and it was some time before they had the flag down. It is said that the employes of the theatre were bribed by the freshmen. Some of the doves were captured by the sophomores and promptly killed.

The concert was interrupted for over half an hour.—*New York Times*.

Within the last few years a number of colleges have changed their methods of selecting speakers for commencement. In nearly every case the number of speakers have been restricted,—a necessary result of the growth of the colleges. Madison University will doubtless be compelled to make this same restriction within two or three years. Another noticeable change in the method of selection is the increasing importance attached to literary ability. The following table, compiled from facts collected by the faculty of Oberlin College, and published in the *Oberlin Review*, shows the present method of selection in several colleges:

COLLEGES.	Graduates.	Speakers.	METHOD OF CHOICE.
Amherst.....	80	8	Scholarship.
Bowdoin.....	29	10	Scholarship and Literary Ability.
Brown.....	60	10	Scholarship and Literary Ability.
Hamilton.....	35	12	Scholarship.
Iowa.....	50	15	Scholarship.
Michigan.....	105	00	Invited Speakers.
Ohio Wesleyan...	64	64	All who wish.
Rochester.....	20	11	Scholarship.
Syracuse.....	30	10	Scholarship, Literary Ability, etc.
Wesleyan.....	40	10	Literary Ability.
Williams.....	60	10	Literary Ability and Scholarship.
Wooster.....	40	40	All who wish.
Yale.....	150	10	Literary Ability and Scholarship.

It will be observed that Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster are the only colleges mentioned which allow all the members of the graduating class to speak. At Wooster the commencement exercises are usually four and one-half hours in length, while at Ohio Wesleyan an entire day is consumed. Wesleyan University has lately taken the radical position of making literary skill the sole qualification. Scholarship has been the requirement for twelve years, but has been abandoned. At the University of Michigan none of the graduates speak on commencement day, and the Ohio State University also is soon to give up all speaking. Syracuse University is dissatisfied with its present method of selection, and will doubtless soon make a change. The length of time allowed each speaker is interesting. At Rochester the limit is five minutes. The Iowa State University, Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster allow eight minutes. At Amherst, Bowdoin, Brown, Syracuse and Wesleyan, the limit is ten minutes, while at Yale from fifteen to twenty minutes are allowed.—*Madisonensis*.

Miscellany.

IN MEMORIAM.

CHARLES BONSALE MOWRY, DIED JANUARY 20, 1888

The New York Delta Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, recognizing the deep loss she has suffered by the decease of Brother Mowry, takes this opportunity of expressing to her alumni, to her sister chapters, to the members of his *alma mater*, and to his bereaved family, the high esteem in which she has ever held one whose warmest wishes were for her welfare, and to whose earnest effort she is deeply indebted.

A devoted and loyal brother, a warm friend, an industrious student, a sincere Christian, he commanded the esteem and respect of every member; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to his family in their bereavement with our heartfelt sympathy; to each alumnus of the chapter and to each sister chapter; that it be inscribed in our minutes and published in THE SHIELD of Phi Kappa Psi and the Hobart *Herald*.

"Requiescat in pace et lux perpetua benignat ei."

GEORGE W. O'BRIEN,

CHARLES A. SMITH,

Hobart College, January 25, 1888.

For the Chapter.

ALFRED EVERETT GOODNOUGH.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to take from us Alfred Everett Goodnough, our brother in Phi Kappa Psi.

Resolved, That we deeply feel our loss; that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his surviving wife and child, and that we wear mourning upon our badges in respect for his memory.

NEW YORK ALPHA,

Ithaca, N. Y., February 10, 1888.

Phi Kappa Psi.

The Editor of THE SHIELD has quite a number of back numbers on hand, with which he can supply, for the price of single copies, brothers or members of other fraternities desiring to complete broken sets. He has odd copies of every volume but the first two.

There is a call for No. 10, Vol. II.; No. 7, Vol. III.; No. 5, Vol. VII. The Editor has had the following back numbers offered to him for sale: Vols. V. and VII., complete; Vol. VI., lacking No. 5.

Extra copies are offered by one brother as follows: No. 7, Vol. I.; Nos. 6, 8, 9 and 10, Vol. II.; which he wishes to exchange for Nos. 1 to 6, Vol. I., and No. 4, Vol. II.

Another brother has the following copies to dispose of: Nos. 1, 3, 5, Vol. III.; Vol. IV., complete; Nos. 1 to 8, Vol. V.; Vol. VI., complete; Vol. VII, except No. 2.

Brothers having any extra copies or an entire volume for sale, should communicate at once with the Editor.

Letters addressed to brethren named below have been returned to the Editor for various reasons, one being "no such place in State named." The addresses given were copied from the mailing list, and were written so that we are sure that no mistake was made in copying. Can any brother assist us in finding these Phi Psis and subscribers to THE SHIELD:

Herman S. Johnson, Hillsdale, N. Y.
Charles S. Pardoe, Tyrone, Pa.
A. C. Langdon, Macon, Mo.
F. B. Butler, Santuc, S. C.
M. V. Harris, Albion, Ill.
H. B. Anderson, Milwaukee, Wis.

Frank W. Allen, Fulton, Mo.
J. W. Conaway, Arcadia, O.
G. M. Williamson, Northfield, Minn.
John F. Park, Seymour, Texas.
R. O. Hurt, Owensburg, Ind.
John M. James, Yorkville, Ind.

Prof. Loisetete's Memory Discovery.

Prof. Loisetete's new system of memory training, taught by correspondence at 237 Fifth Ave., New York, seems to supply a general want. He has had two classes at Yale of 200 each, 250 at Meridan, 300 at Norwich, 100 Columbia Law Students, 400 at Wellesley College, and 400 at University of Penn., &c. Such patronage and the endorsement of such men as Mark Twain, Dr. Buckley, Prof. Wm. R. Harper, of Yale, &c., place the claim of Prof. Loisetete upon the highest ground.

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THE ANNUAL CIRCULAR LETTER.

“We shape ourselves the joy and fear,
Of which the coming life is made;
And fill our Future's atmosphere
With sunshine or with shade.”

Strong attachment is lasting. Pleasant recollections are generally indelibly stamped on the tablet of memory. Fraternity—ah, what an electric thrill that word of Latin root sends through the being of a college-bred man, and that man only, who has lived under the guiding influence of chapter life, whose every heart-throb beats in unison and harmony with that of his fellow brother. Dear brothers in $\Phi K \Psi$, it is you I address, you, who cherish now in your bosoms the loyal love of true manhood for the college fraternity under whose banner you are marching, if you want to secure the allegiance of your alumni, do not allow your ΣI 's to become lax in their duties. The heavy cares of routine business and political life tend to draw the mind and thoughts of the alumnus away from the charming magnetism of the Greek world. Old friends may be for the time forgotten, new ones appear, but the remembrance of happy fraternal relations can never die. How then can the smouldering flame of—not forgetfulness or negligence,—but of “overlookfulness” (if I may be allowed to coin the word,) be stirred into a burning flame in the bosoms of our alumni? Seek your revised constitution and there you will find abundant fuel, and if this is not sufficient throw your ΣI on the flickering flame, and with the two combined you can bring about marvelous results.

Some of the chapters are very dilatory in sending out their annual circular letters. This should not be. The alumni of other chapters are continually asking, “Why is it that our respective chapters do not do as

yours did?—send out a printed annual letter. We certainly would be glad to hear from them.” Live up to the constitution; enforce the clause relating to circular letters and I assure you, upon the word of a brother, that your alumni will entertain a higher regard for you.

Some of the ΣI 's have not made the interpretation that the committee wished to advance some few years ago, when that part of our constitution on the annual letter was inserted. Now a few words as to the impression I have received from the clause as I understand it:

First—It does not mean that you are to get up an elaborate concern, more for the sake of show than practical value. True, typographical appearance lends considerable toward attracting the eye to the subject in hand. Plain, neat printing will go as far as the highly colored matter.

Second—Clothe your statements in plain and concise phraseology. Do not use too much bombast and wind. State facts. That is what the plain, every-day business man delights to read. We all know yours is a good chapter. We have heard it said of Joseph Addison that he was a failure as secretary of state because, in composing dispatches he hesitated about forms of expression and rhetorical construction of sentences, till the emergency had passed.

Third—The proper time for sending out this letter would be, I should think, just before the expiration of the ΣI 's term of office. The retiring official can then look over the records of the past year, he, of course, having noted all the important events in the chapter's annual history, and will be enabled to give an accurate recapitulation of the year's work.

Fourth—See that every alumnus receives his intended copy. Make every endeavor to keep track of your graduates.

Fifth—By all means send a copy to THE SHIELD.

The annual circular letter of Pennsylvania I , which was commented upon in the last SHIELD, is now before me, and I here give a brief synopsis of its contents:

First page, announcement; second, third and fourth pages, chapter-letter consisting of—

1. Short introduction.
2. Initiates for past year.
3. Deaths among alumni and active members.
4. Chapter's position in college,—literary, political and social.
5. Honors taken.
6. Whereabouts of last year's graduates.
7. Relative numerical standing of fraternities in college.

8. Positions in college held by members of chapters.
 9. Remarks on symposium.
 10. General remarks.
 11. Conclusion, in which the alumni are invited to subscribe to THE SHIELD.
- WILL. C. GRETZINGER.

LEWISBURG, PA., March 1, 1888.

RETROSPECTION.

B. M. ALLISON, OHIO A.

They come, of course, my valentines,
Though not as many as before,
Yet just as full of thrilling lines,—
Symphonies complete in score.

Just now they grace my room; their lot
Will be with those not to be seen
As dreamy souvenirs—of what?
Of that which might have been.

How eloquent can Cupid be—
On paper—"Thou, my valentine;"

Yet none have come, on bended knee,
And pleading, said, "Dear love, be
mine."

Although each one would let me know
By tell-tale blush or plainer sign
That he a giver was—*how slow!*
Not one has said, "Sweet love, I'm
thine."

—*Harvard Lampoon.*

AN UNPUBLISHED LETTER.

B. M. ALLISON, OHIO A.

We met; I thought her grand, yet cold,
And sighed, "I'll always call her
Miss."

But then, 't was scarce a week, when
bold

I grew. Now matters stand like this:
The gladdest words of tongue or pen—
"Please call me by my first name, Ben;"

Or, just as sweet, to tell the truth,
"I shall not mind if you say Ruth."

A month or more has passed since then,
And here's a note: "*My darling Ben;*"
Why tell the rest? I knew the truth,
She signs herself, "*Your loving Ruth.*"

—*Harvard Lampoon.*

The Areopagus.

[The following letter explains itself.—ED. SHIELD.]

CLEVELAND, O., March 9, 1888.

Dear Bro. Van Cleve:

I don't know whether Brother Dun has written you about the matter of reduced rates or not (he has special charge of the affair), but for fear he has not, or does not, I will make a few statements that you can put in shape for THE SHIELD.

We have secured concessions from the railroad commissions by which all who attend the Grand Arch Council, whether delegates or not, shall pay full first class fare going and one third fare returning. In order to obtain the benefit of this reduction each one expecting to attend should apply to Bro. G. W. Dun, a sufficient time before hand, for a certificate, which must be signed by the agent of whom the ticket to Washington is purchased, certifying that he has paid full fare. These certificates should be obtained if there is a *probability* of the party attending, and if afterward it is found to be impossible to attend, the certificate can be returned to Brother Dun, and no harm done. So that no one need feel any hesitation in ordering a certificate if there is a reasonable probability of going.

Faternally,

W. C. WILSON.

N. B.—A later letter from Brother Wilson states that the certificates obtainable from Brother Dun are required from Pittsburg and points east of that city. At other points certificates may be obtained from the local ticket agent.—[EDITOR.]

PRESS REPORTS.

What is everybody's business is nobody's. I hope to see Associated Press reports of our G. A. C. in all the papers of the country. This can be managed if we go at it in the right way.

A young lady friend of mine who was educated where she could learn little if anything of fraternities, had never heard of $\Phi K \Psi$ till we met, but was well acquainted with $B \theta \Pi$. Now I feel that we are a

“bigger man than old Grant,” and that the fact should be known. Our fellow fraternity is noted for a propensity to blow its own bugle, and consequently *B Θ Π* is known as a great fraternity. The reason is simply, that every man in that fraternity is posted, and if no one especially is appointed to attend to it, he himself takes care that every banquet or meeting is heralded far and wide, and he takes pleasure in doing this even at no slight trouble to himself.

In every light *Φ K Ψ* compares favorably with any fraternity in existence. If this be so why not let people know us? I suggest that it be the first duty of the G. A. C. to find out and appoint a man suitable for the position of newspaper reporter. Do not neglect this as a matter of minor importance. The Washington papers will be glad to get the reports and pay for them. My own experience at Indianapolis as official reporter is the authority for the statement. Then the Associated Press should be furnished with a brief account of each day's proceedings, and it might be well to look up some *Φ K*'s in the host of correspondents at the Capital.

E. M. V. C.



Editorial.

GRAND ARCH COUNCIL COMMITTEE.—Robt. J. Murray, Chairman ; Harry W. Smith, Secretary ; Frank H. Stephens, Treasurer ; Joseph G. Falck, W. S. Armstrong.

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Uncle Sam is becoming very remiss in his mail service. Complaints are coming to us with great frequency of delayed packages, missing copies and even lost remittances. If your SHIELD does not reach you do not fail to let us know. We are provided with extras which we will gladly send you without charge.

We are in great hopes that the new catalogue will be ready for April 1st. We have some idea of what a herculean task its compilation has been, and can say beforehand that we are sure the work has been well done. We ought to have a new catalogue every five years, and if chapter records were kept as they ought to be, and as our revised constitution expects them to be, the compilation of another volume would be comparatively an easy matter.

The Chicago Alumni Association of $\phi \kappa \psi$ is a thing of fact; no longer an anticipation. Articles of agreement have been drawn up for guidance and control, and the new organization starts with a boom in a fine dinner at the Grand Pacific Hotel on March 30th. We regret that so

many miles intervene precluding our acceptance of a kind invitation to be present on that festive occasion.

We wish to thank in this public way those kind brothers who from time to time during the past year have sent us personals, but wish to prefer a request of them and others. In making personals please follow the suggestions of the Personal department, giving the separate items under proper chapter headings, giving name and class in this manner: A. M. Jackson, '59, is practicing law with great success in San Francisco, &c.

A little care on the part of contributors will do a great deal to assist the editor. It is no small task to unravel some skeins of personals as they come to us, and we ought not to have even the unnecessary labor of copying the items.

The sessions of the G. A. C. are to be held in the Grand Army Hall at Washington, and the Riggs House is to be headquarters for the delegates. Let us have the grandest rally of our history, brothers. The echoes of the last council held in Washington have not yet died away, and we hope to re-awaken the old ghosts, if they make any manifestation of their presence. We are a virtuoso on Brother Burdette's favorite instrument, the welkin, and can make her ring in the most approved style.

We are quite certain that the gathering at Washington will be a memorable one, and if we may judge by the delegates thus far chosen, the assemblage will be a distinguished one, well worthy our great name and fame.

We hope every brother within a hundred miles of the Capital will be present and inaugurate a custom which we hope will never die out—a habitual attendance upon the general conventions of our fraternity.

We had hoped to say a few words upon the subject of giving banquets, but time and space are wanting to give the theme consistent treatment, and we refrain. We have had a number of important and to us interesting themes to discuss, which have not appeared in our pages.

Among other things we desired to utter a kind valedictory, but we must not. Much that we desired to do when we began this volume we have not done, and some things we have done which we did not intend to do, but the past is past, and THE SHIELD'S record is made up. We trust the journal to your hands, brothers, feeling assured that you will echo the sentiments of our heart when we say that we shall be content with having been worthy to follow our gifted predecessor, from whom we have received many suggestions, and whose sprightly pages have inspired us with every issue we have prepared.

This volume has swelled beyond its intended proportions, and the zeal which burned within us to furnish a journal which the fraternity would cheerfully support has made us sacrifice no small sum, which would have remained in our depleted coffer (*sic*), had the expense of our publication not outrun our purpose.

If you have a kind word to say for THE SHIELD, do not remain silent. If its tone and utterances have not pleased you, say as little about it to the Editor as you can. If the journal of our beloved order has not met with your approval, rather ask yourself, What have I done to make it better? than, Why should our organ give out so wheezy and unmelodious tones?

We have been asked to tell the numbers comprising each volume of THE SHIELD, and hasten to comply :

Vol. I., published at Philadelphia, was in newspaper

style, and beginning in November, 1879, ten numbers were issued—two each during the months of April and June.

Vol. II., from same place, was of same form, and began in September, '80—ten issues appeared.

Vol. III. also came from Philadelphia, was of magazine form, and began in September, 1881. Seven numbers were published, though the month of March was not represented by an issue. Publication was then discontinued because of a failure of the fraternity to support Bros. Kendall and Smith in their unselfish efforts to build up a journal. The failure grew out of a foolish prejudice against THE SHIELD as a *non-official* organ.

For nearly a year we were without a journal when THE SHIELD was revived by the Pittsburg G. A. C. and put under the care of Ohio Beta Chapter, the first number of Vol. IV. appearing in April, 1883. Ten numbers appeared, the last—February-March—being a double number.

Vol. V., somewhat changed in form, was published still in Springfield, Ohio, and began in April, 1884. It had eight issues, ending with the January number, though November-December was a double issue.

Vol. VI. came from Lawrence, Kas., and beginning in April, 1885, contained nine numbers,—September of the college months being omitted.

Vol. VII. was in all respects like the preceding volume, and began April, 1886.

Vol. VIII. has been printed at Dayton, O., though edited in Troy, and beginning with April, 1887, has been issued every college month to date.

We feel in a congratulatory mood as we pen this final editorial. Though at the price of very much dunning we have had excellent response, during the past volume, from

chapter correspondents. As we glance through the issues we are struck with the very much improved tone of the contributions, not in a moral but in a literary sense. We are not given to "blowing," but we are safe in asserting that among all our exchanges there are no letter writers who can equal *THE SHIELD*'s month after month in sprightliness and sustained interest.

What makes up the ideal chapter letter? We don't know, and have carefully refrained during our career as Editor in trying to tell; but we feel sure that we possess that subtle sense of knowing when a thing suits its surroundings,—when it "fits,"—and just as no one can tell what makes Charles Lamb's letters charming, so no one can define what a good chapter letter ought to be.

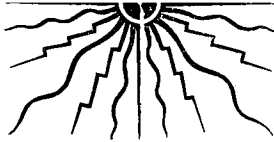
We might tell what a chapter letter ought not to be; we have done that before, but we do not care to dwell on that feature of the most important department of our journal, but pass to consider some figures that do not lie.

In the ten issues of this volume every chapter has had ten opportunities to speak, and a brief survey of the back numbers will show each chapter its condition:

District I., out of a possible 118 chances, has accepted 60, or 51 per cent. District II., out of 70 chances accepted 19, or 27.1 per cent. District III., out of 70 chances accepted 34, or 48.5 per cent. District IV., out of 100 chances accepted 37, or 37 per cent. The entire membership out of 360 chances accepted 150, or 41.6 per cent.

There have been during the year three silent chapters, one each in Districts I., II. and IV. One chapter has written but once, two but twice and several but three times. Ohio Alpha has carried off the honors by being represented in the pages of *THE SHIELD* nine times this year, several other chapters following close behind with seven letters each.

There have appeared during the year 154 letters, an average of 15 letters to each issue; this average is at least four or five too low. While we do not insist strenuously upon every chapter being represented in each issue with a letter, we do insist that each issue should contain either a letter or a list of personals from every chapter; and there never ought to be less than one half as many letters as there are issues. We have made a good record in quality and a fair record in quantity of letters. Let us do excellently in both particulars for Vol. IX.



Chapter Letters.

BUCKNELL.

Pennsylvania Gamma had her allotted space filled in our last SHIELD, and were it not that there has been a request that all chapters be represented in the present, she would not presume to ask the privilege of appearing again so soon.

All who were at the D. C. of last April, in Harrisburg, certainly recall what a pleasing surprise was given by the announcement that a supply of the next number of our journal had been received, and the sudden manner in which that stack of pamphlets disappeared was in itself a marked expression of the appreciation which "the boys" had for the extra endeavor of Brother Van Cleve to have the edition in time for the D. C.'s. We presume this brother has it in mind to furnish each man of the phalanx to meet in Washington all with the indispensable SHIELD. It is of an interest in common, and can not fail to bind those of such an assemblage closer.

At our last weekly meeting we elected Brother Shreyer, of '88, and Brother Gretzinger, of '89, as our representative delegates for the G. A. C. We hope to have our well-known and highly-esteemed Brother Lowry as our alumnus delegate. He has honored quite a number of such of our gatherings with his presence, and we can say, from our personal contact with this elder brother, that, had all our alumni the fraternity spirit and enthusiasm which is so fruitful in this one, there never would be any complaint on that score. Other than these delegates, some of our number will make every effort to enjoy the feast of brotherly love at our national capital.

Recently Brother Gretzinger made an addition to the adornment of our hall in the shape of a handsomely framed group of the photographs of our present faculty.

We are all much pleased in that Brother Purdy has sufficiently recovered of his illness to rejoin us and finish the term's work with his class.

To-morrow evening we will once more meet to pass a few fleeting hours in the charm of the mazy waltz with our lady friends of Lewisburg. These semi-occasional dances in our own rooms are what we are wont to call "impromptu," but all join in saying they are more ripe of genuine enjoyment than any formal ball.

As we know space in this number will be not plenty, we will be satisfied

with what has been said, and say, Farewell, hoping that the coming event will witness brothers of every chapter feel the hearty grasp of our grip with those of every other chapter from the Empire State to the Golden Gate.

OLIVER B. FINN.

Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, March 6, 1888.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Greetings to all Phi Psi's. As we write winter seems to be having a final struggle with spring in our beautiful valley. Winter still holds sway on the mountain tops, but the gentle sunbeams kiss the snow white peaks, and turn their shimmering veil to water. Thus spring, by her steady perseverance, conquers; and so, though we do not wish to boast, old Zeta wins every battle in the long run.

Our latest victory we have just gained, and William P. String, by far the best "non-frat" man in the freshman class, stands pledged to us. We hope to be able to introduce him to you, in the near future, as one of the family.

Our senior class-day election has been held. Brother Meloy is historian; Brother Ashley will give the presentation speech, Brother Boyer the address of welcome, Brother Dryden the Emory oration, and Brother Sterling the Allison oration.

On the 25th of last month we received a flying visit from Brother Anderson. Brother Tom is always welcome, and we know he feels at home when here.

We expect Dickinson to send out a first-class base ball team this spring. Φ Ψ will have at least four men on it, if indications are not deceiving. Brother Wharton has been elected captain of '89's team, and Brother W. D. Boyer has recently been elected treasurer of the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association.

Our Glee Club has just given its first concert of the season. We are well represented in this organization by Brother Holler.

Zeta will be well represented at Washington next month. Several of the boys will be there who are not delegates.

Adieu, until we meet.

GEORGE V. MORRIS.

Carlisle, Pennsylvania, March 6, 1888.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

The approaching G. A. C. is the subject most discussed among the brothers, both in and out of the meetings. All that we can do at this late date is to hope that the council will be noted for the large number of delegates and brothers in attendance, and for the amount of good work done for the fraternity.

At this writing, from all indications, there will be at least eight of the active members and the following delegates to represent Pennsylvania Eta: Brothers Hon. A. C. Rienohl, '60, Fred W. Biesecker, Esq., '80, and A. L. G. Hay, '88.

At this point it becomes my pleasant duty to introduce to the fraternity Brother Howard Greenawald, '90, our latest initiate.

After the commencement of the Theological Seminary in May, Brother Hendricks will leave for Riversburgh, Pennsylvania, where he has accepted a position as teacher in elocution in the Clarion Collegiate Institute. He will, however, return to his duties in the seminary next September.

A. LEROY G. HAY.

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1888.

LAFAYETTE.

Since our last letter was written, the winter sports have taken place. Lafayette Hall was well filled on that occasion by an audience representing the culture and beauty of Easton. A number of Lehigh students were also present, and went nearly wild with joy when Lehigh won the tug-of-war by pulling Lafayette two and one-half inches. The other events were well contested, and excellent music was furnished by the college band.

Our glee club starts on its trip on March 21st. Concerts to be given in Allentown, Scranton, Philadelphia, and other cities. Brother Patterson who is leader of the banjo club hopes to meet some Phi Psi while on his journeyings.

The outlook for base ball is most promising. Brother McDowell will again be found in the pitcher's box, and is expected to add to his laurels already won on the diamond. Several good and experienced players have entered college, and there seems to be no reason why Lafayette should not play big ball this season.

On last Saturday evening, after our regular and interesting meeting, which was attended by several alumni members, we had a small spread in our rooms, and spent several enjoyable hours listening to college yarns and rehearsing by-gone experiences.

Pennsylvania Theta will be well represented at Washington. Brothers Cummins and Hoke have been chosen as under-graduate delegates, and Brother H. A. McFadden to represent our alumni members. Four or five other members expect to be present at the council and attendant festivities.

While the sophomores were shrouding their every movement with mystery in order to prevent the freshmen from finding out the date of the sophomore class supper, the freshmen decided to have a supper of their own. So well and secretly were the arrangements made, no one except the men of '91 knew of the plan till the freshmen, twenty-five strong, marched up the main street to the Franklin House, where the feast was spread. The sophomores were completely surprised by this unexpected turn of affairs, but not so much so as not to do ample justice to their supper, which was held at the United States Hotel the following week. On the morning after their banquet the winter cane rush took place in the mud and rain. It lasted ten minutes, and when stopped by order of the faculty the freshmen had the advantage.

WILLIAM GRIER.

Easton, Penn., March 12, 1888.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

The rapid and steady growth which Syracuse has had during the past year still continues. The celebrated Von Ranke Library is now on its way to us from Germany. It is the intention of the friends of the University to make this a grand Methodist library and repository. To this end several valuable contributions have already been received.

The first two lectures of the Dorman Steele Lectureship were recently given by Dr. Alexander Winchell. As soon as arrangements can be made, a chair will be established to take the place of three lectures.

The *Onondagan* will soon make its appearance. If hard labor and extensive preparations are indicative of success, it will be a credit both to the publishers and to the institution.

The ladies' societies represented here — A Φ, Γ Φ B, K K Γ — have been lavish in their receptions, sleigh rides, etc., tendered to their gentlemen friends, among whom several of our boys consider themselves enrolled.

Brothers Jones and Wiseman, '85, are seriously ill; Brother Jones at his home at Albany, and Brother Wiseman at his home at Round Lake, New York.

New York Beta will send two delegates to the G. A. C. This occasion is looked forward to with a great deal of enthusiasm, when all who are fortunate enough to go will have a grand rally around the campfires of Φ K Ψ.

GEORGE K. STATHAM.

Syracuse, New York, February 8, 1888.

MADISON UNIVERSITY.

It is with sadness that Epsilon announces, through the pages of THE SHIELD, the death of Professor Walter R. Brooks, D. D., of the chair of natural history in the University. He was stricken with paralysis on Sunday, February 19th, and lingered in an unconscious state until his death on the following Tuesday. In the death of Dr. Brooks the community has lost its most respected citizen and the University its most esteemed professor. Indeed, the loss which the University sustained can not now be estimated, so deeply interested was he in the prosperity of his *alma mater*, and so well qualified for the chair of natural history.

The usual exercises given by the junior class on Washington's birthday in Tripps' Hall were postponed this year, on account of the death of Dr. Brooks, until Thursday evening, March 1st. The sophomore class, thinking that it was high time to make a break in the usual order of things, concluded to "mock scheme" the juniors. These gentlemen quickly learned of the action of the "sophs," and began their maneuvers to capture the schemes. Thus great excitement prevailed. At last the juniors, "by a little intrigue," got a copy of the sophomores schemes, had duplicates printed, and distributed them to the audience in the hall. But while the juniors kept the people waiting outside the hall until the duplicates were printed, the sophomores distributed their schemes to the waiting audience as soon as the announced hour for beginning the entertainment had arrived. Good feeling prevailed on both sides, as well as plenty of amusement among the spectators; nor did this detract in any way from the entertainment, which was highly enjoyed by an unusually large audience.

Brother Sholar, '89, represented Epsilon. He was assigned the political oration. His subject was, "Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity." It is natural, when one of our boys do well, that we should praise his brilliant effort and clear success. However, we prefer to report the prevailing public sentiment, and student sentiment, which is, "Sholar's was the best." Of our brother's appearance *The Madisonensis* states, as it does of none of the other gentlemen, "The political oration by Mr. Sholar was heartily enjoyed by the audience, and elicited prolonged applause."

Epsilon has decided upon Brother Shallow, '88, as one of the delegates to the G. A. C. The other delegates are not yet chosen. We expect to send to Washington a good representation. We know full well that an inspiring time awaits us all, and so many of us as can will profit by the opportunity.

D. A. MAC MURRAY.

Hamilton, New York, March 8, 1888.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Examinations have been the order of the day for several weeks, and Virginia Alpha's B. G., only just escaped from the examination room, has much difficulty in collecting his scattered senses in order to let the world of $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ know that we are "alive and kicking."

Our men have been working very hard, as nearly every one of us is applying for a degree.

I fear I have little college news, except that we are going to try to get out an *Annual* this year. It will be managed by a corps of editors, one of whom will be chosen from each fraternity in the University. Brother W. DeK. Coles represents the $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ on the staff.

There is a very warm contest in the principal literary society here—the Jefferson—for the office of Final President. There are two good candidates in the field, each with seventy-five men or more pledged. We have nine men in the Jefferson, and are five to four on the question. Without intending it, we are keeping up an old tradition concerning our chapter here; that we never lose our individuality, and allow our fraternity to be voted like a machine. This policy is unanimously endorsed by our alumni. It certainly can do a fraternity no good to get too deeply into politics, and incur the hatred of its political enemies. When we exercise our judgment, we may incur the dislike of our rivals as *individuals*, but they can have nothing against us as a body.

We are looking forward with much interest to the next G. A. C. Brother Ingle will be there as Archon of the Second District, and Brother Stires will represent Virginia Alpha.

Brother W. Hampton Venable has returned to the fold, and will be with us for the rest of the session. He stood his intermediate examinations, and "curled" as he always does.

Auf wiedersehen.

ERNEST M. STIRES.

University of Virginia, February 15, 1888.

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The Grand Arch Council is at present under discussion in Virginia A.

Washington is comparatively near us, in one sense of the word, but very far away considered in another light. We are very busy now, and probably will be until the end of June; for that reason we fear our delegation will be small. Brother Ingle will be present as Archon of the Second District, and the B T will represent the Virginia A. Of course we are going to induce as many others to go as possible, but we can not say at present how large our number will be.

The question of entering the older and richer institutions of the East will be carefully discussed, and our delegates be instructed on this as well as on other points, which will be considered at the council.

We are very much pleased with the appearance of the new annual catalogue. It is an improvement on its predecessors, and they were better than those of any other fraternity which we have had an opportunity to examine.

Within our fold everything is harmonious; the college politics are slowly developing to our satisfaction; the men were eminently successful at the intermediate examinations; Walter has again "sworn off" from tobacco, and now seeks solace from the festive chewing-gum. Have we not reason to be happy?

One word more. We are only a short distance from Washington, and want the mountain to come to Mahomet, since Mahomet can not come to the mountain. Many of us will be unable to meet our brothers at the coming G. A. C., but can not some of our brothers, especially those from the "far West," pay us a visit before going home? Surely, if we combine the hospitality for which the Old Dominion is justly celebrated with the true fraternal spirit of the Phi Kappa Psi, you will not regret a visit to the Virginia A.

Success to the G. A. C., and may the result of its deliberations add new strength to the Phi Psi's all-ruling scepter.

ERNEST M. STIRES.

University of Virginia, March 12. 1888.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY.

Since we last communed with our sister chapters through the medium of the SHIELD we have undergone a series of semi-annual ordeals—examinations—and we are happy to say our boys maintained their ancient reputation by taking a high stand in their classes. After this the most pleasant event which we have to record for the season is the banquet which Brother "Toots" Sanders tendered the fraternity on the natal eve of 1888, at the residence of Mrs. Baskerville. The tasteful preparations of the ladies, and the polite attention of the host, will long be remembered as one of the most pleasant features of one of the most pleasant evenings in our experience, fraternal or individual.

We have lately added to our already strong list another member in the person of Brother G. R. Watson, of Danville, Virginia, who is also a brother of one of our present members.

The chapter is now on as firm, and, perhaps, a firmer basis than ever, as all our men have graduating tickets, and are doing, without a single exception,

good work in their classes, and purpose finishing their courses before leaving college. We will have four graduates in the class of '88, which will somewhat diminish our number; but as we have been in much more serious predicaments in the way of numbers, we anticipate but little trouble in materializing our customary members, provided we have the proper material to select from.

A pleasant surprise greeted us at the last meeting, in the shape of an excellent supper served up with the compliments of one of the most lovely and popular sisters.

It is the custom here for the different fraternities to badge the young ladies visiting or residing in the place, who thereafter become sisters, and are expected to wear no other badges than the one first worn. Of course there is a great deal of rival mashing at Agnes' first appearance, but the $\Phi \Psi$ s can claim several of the most popular belles in the vicinity, who are as loyal as the loyalest.

The president of the college is meeting with much success in raising the endowment fund, and if he continues to be as successful as he has been, there is no doubt but that the college will soon be able to occupy the enviable position which she did in *anté bellum* days.

E. S. WATSON.

Hampden-Sidney, Virginia, February 15, 1888.

COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

It is related that once upon a time two nabobs of a certain empire were one day walking along a highway engaged in conversation so highly interesting and instructive, that both of them fell headlong into a ditch. After ascertaining that no bones were broken, each lay calmly and peacefully upon his back, waiting, with highly-bred oriental courtesy, for his neighbor to arise; and there they lay for some time till one, who found his posture somewhat awkward, arose and helped up his companion. In this wise is the modesty of the members of D. C. Alpha accounted for. *Envoi*, as the poets say; never wait for *others* to do what you can do just as well yourself.

We are anticipating great things from the next Grand Arch Council. The committee have perfected the most important arrangements, and are at present very busy arranging details in the matter of a hall for the sessions of the council, hotel accommodations, etc. The convention will meet in the Grand Army Hall, located on Pennsylvania Avenue, half a block from the United States Treasury Department. Delegates will be provided with accommodations at the Riggs House, a distance of two and a half blocks from the hall. Letters will have been mailed to every chapter before the March number of THE SHIELD reaches it, containing information in regard to hotel rates, etc., and instructions, which the committee earnestly request should be closely followed. It is highly desirable that each delegation be met upon its arrival and properly cared for; and that can not be conveniently and properly done, unless these instructions be closely adhered to, which can easily be done by each chapter, and will be a great help to us.

We have had several additions to the number of Phi Psis in Washington this winter. Among them are Brother Little, a brother to Ex-editor Little, Bro.

J. C. Needham, of California Alpha, and Brother J. P. Earnest, of Pennsylvania Epsilon. These brothers devote their days to the service of the United States Government, and their evenings to the study of law; or more properly I should have spoken of Brother Little in the past tense, for he is at present in Ohio, whither he has gone for the purpose of improving his health.

Brother Murray, the chairman of our committee, has been on a sick bed for many weeks. We hope and expect that he will have sufficiently recovered by April to attend the meetings of the G. A. C. S.

Washington, D. C., March 7, 1888.

OHIO WESLEYAN.

Again the time comes around, when your correspondent must remember THE SHIELD, that index of our fraternity's prosperity, the exponent of each chapter's interest in the general welfare of the fraternity.

The scenes here on Washington's birthday were probably a little more animating than usual. Foolish as the custom is, the freshmen were bent on hoisting their flag at whatever cost, while the sophomores were just as determined to prevent the same, being assisted in their efforts by several members of the faculty. The entire night preceding was the scene of much exciting chasing and conflicts on the campus between the students on the one side and the powers that be on the other. One student was captured and taken to the station-house, but the students succeeded, after much time and trouble, in securing his release on bail. The morning of the 22d, however, found the freshman flag floating at the top of the old tarred tree.

One of the most daring feats of the day was performed by the sophomores during the exercises in the chapel. As the freshman orator ceased speaking, there arose from the floor back of the rostrum a caricatured banner as a taunt to the freshman, and only the president's prompt interference prevented a "rush" on the spot.

This spirit has for the first time made its way into the Seminary among the fair sex. Flags raised by one class were torn into shreds by the other, and candies sent to one side by an admiring set of boys were scattered all over the hall in the struggle for its possession.

Then we have to relate the sad news of the abolishment of the class fraternities by the faculty. The senior organization—the "Club"—had already passed away. Like the Emperor of Germany, it quietly and peacefully lay down and died without a gasp. The freshmen were strangled to death by the faculty, while organizations of sophomores and juniors die by request of that honorable body. Some say that they are still alive, but we can give no information on that point.

The juniors have at last elected their members for the *Transcript* corps for next year, and we are glad to say they are all alive yet.

In fraternity circles everything is running smoothly, and although there is an urgent demand for good men, yet there is an absence of that rivalry and

antagonism which so often characterizes fraternity life, and results only in damage to the participants.

As predicted in our last letter, the Sigma Chi Fraternity has re-established her chapter here, beginning with four members, who will, no doubt, soon be re-inforced by several new initiates. It will be remembered that Sigma Chi became defunct here several years ago by an act of the faculty, the reason being Sigma Chi's uncontrollable desire for Professor Seman's battery, and their denial of its possession when accused.

The Pan-Hellenic Banquet was probably the most successful one since the introduction of the system here. It took place March 2d, at the Hotel Donavin parlors, and every Greek was there. While before six fraternities have sat together at these banquets, this time they numbered eight, Alpha Tau Omega, and Sigma Chi being the two new chapters established here the past year. The other five fraternities are Delta Tau Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Chi Phi, and Phi Delta Theta. One of the new features of the Pan-Hellenic was the presence of several fraternity men of the faculty. Beta Theta Pi was represented by Dr. McCabe, Phi Kappa Psi by Professor Davies, and Delta Tau Delta by Professor Austin. Each gave us quite an interesting and valuable talk.

Our gymnasium has proceeded this far: they *commenced* to level off the ground, and then the scheme took the same old path of negligence which has ever characterized its progress (?). Lack of funds has, no doubt, interfered with its progress in this last attempt, but it is a mistake to suppose that the students, ever in debt and penniless, will ever erect a gymnasium.

Plans for a new chapel building are now in the hands of an architect, and the future student may confidently look forward to a seat in the chapel, in which his knees will be by no means higher than his head.

E. B. DILLON.

Delaware, Ohio, March 10, 1888.

WOOSTER.

Ohio Gamma, after a silence of two months, again asks to be heard. Our new officers have been elected, and were installed at our last meeting. They are Brothers McGaw, G. P., Neilson, P., Highley, A. G., Bartram, H., Roberts, Ph., and Glover, SHIELD correspondent.

The twenty-first of February will be a day that will be remembered for some time in Wooster, especially by those people that had the misfortune to live in the neighborhood of the homes of the professors.

Wednesday, the 22d, being a holiday, it was proposed to hold on Tuesday night the Pan-Hellenic banquet, that had been discussed for some time previous. Accordingly eighty Greeks assembled at the Hotel American at nine o'clock at night, where a sumptuous banquet was served by the genial landlord. After the refreshments had been eagerly disposed of, toasts were next in order. The ball was set a rolling by Monroe Manges, who, in behalf of Phi Kappa Psi, discoursed on Pan-Hellenics. This was followed by toasts, responded to by a member from each fraternity. The faculty — "that long line of ugliness,"

as the speaker to whom that subject was assigned designated them—were handled unsparingly without gloves. The Wooster girls, "those lovely creatures," were reserved until the last, and the speaker was lost in admiration in handling this delicate subject. The toasts disposed of, the whole was resolved into a business meeting to discuss the probability of Wooster having this year a college "Index." It was unanimously agreed upon that we should have one, and it is confidently expected that the project will be carried to completion. This business being over, it was then proposed to adjourn to the homes of the professors and indulge in a midnight serenade to them. Provided with Kazoos, foxhorns, dinner-horns, and every other implement of noise available, the column formed by twos and ventured forth. Each professor in turn was favored with college songs, kazoo solos, a chorus of combined instruments, and the college yell. At two o'clock it was deemed that the neighborhood had been disturbed enough for one night, and the various clans scattered, declaring that 21st of February should hereafter be set apart for a Pan-Hellenic.

Washington's birthday was celebrated by a joint entertainment given in the evening by the three collegiate literary societies. One of the features of the programme of the evening was the music furnished by the University Orchestra of ten pieces. It seems to strike a tender chord in the audience, for three of the four members on the programme were encored. This was especially gratifying to Ohio Gamma, for four of the principal instruments of the orchestra were played by members of hers, the leader being a Phi Psi. We also boast of a fraternity orchestra of six pieces, the only organization of the kind in the institution.

The Athletic Association of the University is patiently awaiting the decision of the faculty concerning the petition handed them, asking that Wooster be allowed to organize a base ball club to compete with other colleges in a series of inter-collegiate games. Last year this same request was refused, but it is to be hoped that the faculty will see that an interest in base ball can only be aroused by inter-collegiate games.

Brother Voorhees, '92, has been chosen orator of his class for class-day entertainment.

We are glad to state that Brother F. D. Morris, '86, who has been confined to his room for a month with malarial fever, is again mingling with the boys, and expects to return this week to his work in Cincinnati.

Our delegates to the meeting of the Grand Arch Council next month are Brother Manges, '88, and Brother McGaw, '90. Brother Ed. F. Siegenthaler will represent Wooster's Alumni.

FRANK D. GLOVER.

Wooster, Ohio, March 6th.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Delta again comes before the readers of *THE SHIELD*, after a lapse of two months, and although we have no new $\Phi \Psi$ to introduce since our last letter, we are happy to announce that Brother J. H. Allen, formerly of Ohio Gamma, has placed his name on our chapter roll.

Fraternity work for the year is practically over at the O. S. U., the chapter lists being about complete. The numerical strength of the chapters here is as follows: Sigma Chi, 13; Chi Phi, 12; Beta Pheta Pi, 10; Phi Gamma Delta, 10; Phi Delta Theta, 9; and Phi Kappa Psi, 13.

Brother R. K. Beach, '90, took second place in the local oratorical contest held last week, the representative of '88 taking the first place. Brother Wilgus, of '88, has been chosen orator to represent the philosophy course at commencement, being selected for scholarship and oratorical ability.

We are indeed sorry to lose Brother Mort. Browne, who has accepted a position with the Edison Electric Light Company.

During the recent visit to Columbus of Brother Rea, the commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., our chapter had the pleasure of meeting him in the evening in the parlors of his hotel, and we all agree that Brother Rea is one of the jolliest Phi Psis we ever met.

Brother Newton W. Gilbert, now county surveyor at Angola, Indiana, made Columbus a short visit, and spent an evening with us at our hall. "Newt," who was always full of fun, seemed to be unusually hilarious. No explanation was then offered, but now the mystery is explained, for it is announced that on St. Valentine's Day A. W. Gilbert was united in marriage to Miss Della Gule, of Angola. Ohio Delta extends heartiest congratulations and best Phi Psi wishes.

H. A. YEAZELL.

[FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.]

We are told that it is the Ohio Delta's privilege to contribute a letter to the March number of *THE SHIELD*. With the rush of final examinations upon us, and the other duties which usually accompany the closing of a term's work, we fear that the letter may be "somewhat lacking in interest."

The fraternity contests for the college year are practically over, and as usual we have come in contact with one or more of our rivals over every man that we have initiated this year. On every occasion we have come out of the fight stronger than ever.

In addition to our freshman representation, which numbers five, Brother Jesse Allen, of Ohio Gamma, has united his fortunes with us. This proves a valuable addition to our chapter. Brother Allen is a man of ability, and an earnest worker.

We regret to announce the loss of Brother Mort. Brown, of the freshman class. Brother Brown has accepted a position with the Edison Electric Light Company, of this city, but the fact that he frequently meets with the boys is a matter of satisfaction to us all.

The lapse of time has somewhat dispelled the bitter fraternity spirit which existed here last year. The Betas and Phi Deltas, however, had one sharp tilt during the fall term, owing to the former's initiating a man who had not obtained his college rank. The Phi Deltas preferred charges against the Betas for initiating a preparatory student. The charges were tried before the Inter-Fraternity Committee, resulting in the acquittal of the Betas, as they were able to prove that the man in dispute had college rank when initiated. The Sigs

and the Phi Gammas have also had several sharp contests, which have served to darken the old friendship which has ever existed between these chapters. The relative strength of the fraternities here is $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 10; ΣX , 12; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 10; $B \Theta \Pi$, 11; $X \Phi$, 12; $\Phi K \Psi$, 13. Numerically, we are ahead, and our numbers are well divided among the different classes. We have two seniors, two juniors, four sophomores, and five freshmen. In addition to this number, we have pledged three of the best men in the second preparatory class.

Brother Wilgus, of the senior class, has been selected by the faculty to represent the philosophy course as the orator of the department on commencement day.

Brothers Mock and Kiesewetter are lieutenants in the battalion, and Brother Allen is our crack base ball player.

We received a short call from Brothers Burtsfield and Gotwald, of Ohio Beta, during the state contest held here on February 16th. The reports from our sister chapter are gratifying, and they indicate that Ohio Beta is pre-eminently at the head at Wittenberg.

The all-absorbing topic among our boys at present is the meeting of the G. A. C. Quite a number of our active members had intended to go, but owing to unforeseen circumstances, our representation of active members will be somewhat limited. Though our representation be small, the best wishes of Ohio Delta will be with the brothers who represent our fraternity at the coming G. A. C.

R. K. BEACH.

Columbus, Ohio, March 13, 1888.

DE PAUW.

Although Indiana A. has been represented in each of the last three SHIELDS, yet she again sends greeting to all her sister chapters.

On Tuesday evening, February 14th, the ladies of Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained their friends in a leap year banquet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Nelson. Music and mirth was the order of the evening until the noon of night, when an elaborate menu was spread. The menu cards, which also bore a list of toasts, were tastefully bound with Kappa colors. Valentines, in the shape of hand-painted quotation cards, were distributed among the gentlemen. When early in the morning the guests took their leave, they were impressed with the fact that none could entertain more pleasantly than Kappa Kappa Gamma.

On Tuesday evening, February 21st, the ladies of Kappa Alpha Theta gave a formal reception to their friends at the home of Dr. J. B. De Motte. A very pleasant evening was the unanimous verdict of those who were so fortunate as to attend.

At both the above $\Phi K \Psi$ was well represented, but she was especially well represented at the reception of $K A \Theta$, to which three fourths of our large chapter was invited.

On Friday evening, March 2d, the second annual conclave of the Pan-Thugaterian was held at the ladies' hall. Here, once a year, in the parlors of

the "Dorm" all the girls in the University meet, and, with windows and doors fastened, and curtains down, leaving their "properness" at the door, they indulge in such a time as only girls can have when happy in the consciousness of the fact that no inquisitive masculine eyes are watching their every action to criticise. Still they must have had a "perfectly lovely" time, as there were only fifteen toasts on the programme.

Brother Roscoe E. Kirkman, of the senior class, who has been out of school all this year superintending the public schools of Fountain City, Indiana, has returned and entered college. He will graduate with his class.

On Friday, March 9th, the military department of De Pauw gave an entertainment in the Music Hall at Crawfordsville, Indiana, consisting of exhibition drills, music, and recitations. The exhibition drills were by the zouave squad of twelve men, four of whom are $\Phi \Psi$ s; the Company E. of the De Pauw Cadet Corps, of which three are $\Phi \Psi$ s; and Company A of the Young Ladies' Cadet Corps.

When we arrived in Crawfordsville, we were met at the depot by the boys of our chapter there, and after the parade, were shown to their hall, where a very pleasant time was passed until six o'clock, when we repaired to an adjacent restaurant, where an elegant supper had been ordered in anticipation of our visit. At half past seven the party broke up to meet again at the hall after the programme. Although most of our boys went home that night, still some remained to return the next day, all having been impressed with the worth and hospitality of the Phi Kap brothers in Indiana Gamma.

The annual reports have just been received and read with great interest. We are pleased to see and hear of the advance of our noble order, and of the good which $\Phi \Kappa \Psi$ principles have wrought in the colleges of our land; but still we are not satisfied. Our growth and prosperity has only stimulated us to higher endeavor.

We have not initiated many men this year, but we have an unusually bright prospect for next, already having two or three good men in view.

We are very glad that a charter has been granted to Minnesota B., both on account of the good to the fraternity at large, and that J. E. Erf, one of the petitioners, will represent Minnesota in the Inter-State Oratorical Contest, to be held here on Tuesday, May 7th.

The end of the term draws near, and in the words of our venerable president, "It behooves us to bestir ourselves betimes."

GUY M. WALKER.

Greencastle, Indiana, March 10, 1888.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

A postal received a few days since requests a letter for the March issue of THE SHIELD, and admonishes us to respond immediately; hence, owing to the limited time we are given, our correspondence must of necessity be brief, consoling ourselves with the fact that the length or brevity of a chapter letter is no legitimate criterion of the good or bad condition of each chapter. Although Beta's letter at times may be brief, her prosperous condition has remained con-

stant and unchanged, and the prospects for the coming college year are brilliant and encouraging

The career of a college and fraternity are more intimately connected than one at first would suppose. As in the organic world there is an intimate connection between the existence and well-being of both plants and animals and the heat to which they are exposed, thus an almost similar relationship exists between the fraternity and university. The number of possible fraternity men is proportional to the number of college men. The fraternity becomes inactive with the death of the institution where it is located.

Indiana University is an apt illustration of this theory. This has been a remarkable year in our chapter's history, and has been an exceptional one in the history of our institution, not alone in an increased attendance, but in the work, energy and vigor displayed. This is attributed to several causes acting in unison; partly to a liberal and conservative policy, and partly to the author and originator of this liberalism, our worthy president, and in some degree to the favor with which the work of the University is meeting throughout the state.

A professorship of elocution will be added to the faculty next year, and is to be filled by an Eastern man—an able and competent instructor, Mr. Henry B. Miter, Boston, Massachusetts.

Beta was honored a few weeks ago by a visit of Brother J. E. Keene, of Indiana Alpha, '78, and Brother W. H. Talbot, of our "fold," '74. We are always glad to see the alumni of this or any other chapters in the fraternity.

Greek circles have been considerably agitated by the following missive, which has been "going the rounds:"

"The Greeks of the Senior Class of Indiana University request your presence at the first Pan-Hellenic Banquet Friday, March 9, 1888, ten o'clock, Old College Chapel."

The "Pan" has come and gone, leaving its impress upon the heart of many a gallant youth. All the beauty of the "Western Athens" seemed gathered in to pass an evening of pleasure, pure and unalloyed. The public verdict pronounces it the grandest social event in the history of our Greek letter societies, and one long to be remembered by those present.

Phi Kappa Psi was toasted by Brother Golden in that "grandiose" style for which he is noted, while fifteen handsome $\Phi \Psi$ s, accompanied by as many fair Greek maidens, did justice to a bountiful repast, furnished by the leading caterer of our city, sustaining our reputation as a social factor among the Greeks.

Promising a full delegation to the G. A. C., we withhold any further news for the next issue.

E. O. DOMNELL.

Bloomington, March 13, 1888.

NORTHWESTERN.

Another year of our existence as a fraternity has almost rounded to its close, and, before another issue of *THE SHIELD*, will be numbered with the past. For a moment, while sitting here, I thought I would record our victories of the year in this, the last issue of *THE SHIELD* before the G. A. C. But a moment later came the thought that it would not increase our honors in the least to formally rehearse them; and then, secondly, we are all naturally suspicious of the man who vigorously toots his own horn.

The chapter, however, is strong in individuals, as in numbers. Never has it been more enthusiastic or loyal, and if any wandering Phi Psi will take the trouble to look in upon us at our chapter home, we will prove to his satisfaction that a warm place exists in the heart of Illinois Alpha for every child of the fraternity.

We have been making an effort during the past month to secure a better knowledge of the duties and obligations devolving upon the next G. A. C., with the double purpose in view of assisting our delegates and instructing members within our own chapter walls. Instead of the regular literary programme, a brother has been appointed to read a paper upon some assigned topic of general interest, after which its merits or demerits have been informally discussed by the assembled brothers.

The article in the February *SHIELD*, relative to the election of delegates to the G. A. C., finds a hearty response among us, and though our delegation must be limited, we shall watch the general proceedings closely, and await the report of our own representatives with interest.

On the evening of February 20th another name was added to our roll call. One of the best members of the freshman class, after listening to the varied attractions of the different fraternities, accepted the color of pink and lavender. It gives us pleasure to introduce Brother Charles H. Bucks, '91, a worthy member in Phi Kappa Psi.

A few evenings later all the members of the chapter were invited to a leap year entertainment, given by the Phi Psi girls at the home of one of their number. About fifteen ladies in "masque grotesque" entertained the gentlemen in royal style, who represented in their make-up every noted individual from his "sulphuric majesty" and Father Time down to Darwin's missing link and Uncle Sam, while the decorated and brilliantly lighted parlors, filled with guests in fancy mask and bright costume, presented a spectacle long to be remembered by those present. As a souvenir of the occasion, each guest was presented with a rosebud fastened on a handsomely engraved card by a piece of ribbon, the color of which determined his "fate" for the evening.

Under the efficient training of Will Sunday, the famous sprinter of the Chicago White Stockings, our base ball nine is gaining in power and efficiency every day. For the past two years we have been defeated upon the diamond, but this year, with better material than ever before, and with steady training, we are much in hope that fortune will smile upon us in the college league championship. Brother T. C. Moulding, who is our only representative, will

cover second base. In addition to the above-mentioned interest in athletics, the Tug-of-War Team of the University has been pulling at the public exhibitions in the Cassino Gymnasium, Chicago, every Monday evening for the past six weeks. So far our boys have not lost a pull, though pitted against some of the best athletes in the Garden City.

Brother Frank Little will represent us as senior orator upon class day. Three other members of the senior class are busy upon their Kirk orations.

C. S. GRAVES.

Evanston, Illinois, March 7, 1888.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.

Michigan Alpha has been doing nothing of very great interest to the fraternity at large during the past month, but has been running smoothly on, with no mishap to mar her steady prosperity.

Fourteen of the boys now occupy the chapter house. The rooms are all filled.

Several weeks ago photographs were taken of all the different rooms of house with their occupants. In the photos the boys look strangely unnatural, as they all chose to be taken seated at their tables busy.

Several of our alumni have visited us during the past month. "*O quot complexus et gaudia quanta fuerunt.*" These visits from our living ancestors give us the greatest pleasure.

Last week we lost by death one of our most respected professors, Byron W. Cheever, who occupied the chair of metallurgy of the University. Dr. John Dewy, assistant professor in philosophy, leaves us next year to accept the chair of philosophy in the University of Minnesota. Dr. Dewy is one of the bright lights among the younger members of the faculty.

On the 27th of February an election was held to decide local option in this county. The students fought hard for it, and some of them got broken heads for it, too; but the law was defeated.

Every effort has been made to swell our Gymnasium Fund. A pronouncing contest between the students of the law and the literary departments added one hundred dollars to the fund. Our alumni are beginning to take the matter in hand, and we hope, before the end of the year, to have our success an established fact.

GRANT M. FORD.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, March 12, 1888.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Wisconsin Alpha received a reminder, in the shape of a postal, that a letter was due THE SHIELD several days ago. It found us in a contented and happy frame of mind, as is usual with any successful society, and as such we are, it gives us great pleasure to send greeting once more to our sister chapters throughout the land.

The present year has been one of great and unalloyed success, and

now, as we "rest on oars" for a short time, and look back to the first of last September, we feel like shaking hands all round. We can introduce nine new brothers as part of our results. Of these Brothers Day and Prior (law), and Ed. Main, Earl De Moe, and Will Jackson have already made their bow to THE SHIELD, so we will begin where they leave off.

Next comes Brother Charles Stoddard, of La Crosse. The Sigma Chi's wanted him, but, after due deliberation, he decided to cast his lot with $\Phi K \Psi$.

Then come our "twins," Francis William and William Francis Dockery, brothers of Brothers Edward J. and Joe H. Dockery. They rode the goat with hereditary grace. Our brothers in Cornell, please take note, that we won't be behind them even in the matter of *twins*.

Brother Frank Jackman, of Jonesville, is our latest addition. He put the Phi Psi pin on just in time to attend the Inter-Fraternity Party. His "debut" created quite a sensation on the floor.

On Friday eve, February 10th, Library Hall was ablaze with light, and the strains of witching music from Thiele's Milwaukee Orchestra make it hard even for those in the gallery to keep their feet still. The occasion was the Inter-Fraternity Party, given by the local chapters of $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $X \Psi$, and $\Sigma \chi$. Sixty-five couples were on the floor, of which $\Phi K \Psi$ furnished eighteen — needless to say the cream.

But, with all our pleasure, we must chronicle some things not so enjoyable. Brothers Euclid and Beverly Wooden were forced to leave us last October on account of business troubles, and now George Baxter has left to go into business with his father at Lancaster, this state, thus taking three of our five sophomores — a blow 'twixt wind and water.

Brother Will Hoyt, '83, has gone to Sault St. Marie, where he is proprietor of the *News*.

Brother Dwin Dwinnell, '86 (law), left us Sunday night to hang out his shingle in the flourishing burg of Black River Falls.

Brother Day is out this term.

Brothers Foster, '83, and "Panty" Baxter came back to the Inter-Fraternity, and attended our rousing meeting Saturday night at the Phi Psi Hall.

Our new science hall is nearly completed, and the lower floor is already occupied. In one of our former letters a description of this elegant building was given, so we will not repeat it.

Northfield needs a sister chapter badly. At present we are her nearest neighbors, two hundred and fifty miles away, and the establishment of Minnesota B is a fine stroke of policy for $\Phi K \Psi$ on her account alone.

The fear of flunks in to-morrow's recitations brings this letter to a close. We sincerely wish the best success to all our sister chapters.

J. FRANK CASE.

Madison, Wisconsin, February 16, 1888.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Iowa Alpha's new correspondent had to forego the pleasure of making his debut in the February SHIELD. He was crowded for time. There were several young ladies visiting in town who had to be shown through the museum, and the library, and the frat hall, and then there was the meeting of the State Oratorical Association, and the frat party, and dancing school, and the band concert, and several other events of equal importance, which absorbed all his time, except that devoted to brushing up his old clothes and practicing the waltz step.

This time has been a busy one for all students of the S. U. I. The state oratorical contest has already been referred to. Besides many visitors, there were in attendance some thirty or more delegates representing twelve colleges, all of whom were to be entertained, and it was highly important that S. U. I. sustain her reputation for hospitality gained on former occasions of a like nature. The reception of delegates and the programme of exercises, consisting of business meeting, reception and banquet, and the contest took up the greater part of a week. The only Phi Psis from abroad were Brothers W. M. Wright and S. T. Murs, of Iowa Gamma. Wright, representing his *alma mater* as delegate, was selected as one of the four toasters at the banquet, and Brother Murs, as orator, was accorded second place by the judge, and first by everybody else. He is Gamma's latest addition, and they may well be proud of him.

Brothers W. H. Stukman, of Burlington, and Frank Mann, of Cedar Rapids, alumni members of ours, having signified their intention of being with us during contest week, we thought it an opportune time to have a little social party, and show off some new improvements recently made in our halls. We had it, and we showed 'em. In spite of bad weather, the evening was made enjoyable by cards, music, dancing, and a supper, pronounced the most tempting ever served to a gathering of fair women and brave men.

Unfortunately the Delta Tau Delta had arranged, unbeknown to us, to have a reception on the same evening, the occasion being the meeting here of their district convention, and many of the mutual lady friends of the two fraternities had to regret being unable to accept the Delta's invitation after having signified their intention of favoring the $\Phi \Psi$ s.

We have always thought it well to have $\Phi \Psi$ distinguished in as many fields as possible, and so, when one of our members finds a new hobby, the rest of us endeavor to give him all the necessary encouragement to ride it hard.

The latest wrinkle is "show acting." Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" was recently presented by university "talent," and three of the leading parts were assigned to members of Alpha. Brother Bonson rather improved on Mr. G.'s conception of Tony Lumpkin, and your humble servant did very well in his part, too; but his peculiar artistic style of interpretation was met with a lack of appreciation on the part of his audience and dramatic critics.

S. U. I. boasts a new journal, entitled *The Tell Tale*, and sad are some of the tales it tells. The funny part of it is that it is quite indiscriminate in its

selection of tales, and occasionally verges on the forbidden territory of indelicacy. The effect produced is to make the boys rather careful of their words and actions. For various excellent reasons the perpetrators of the new enterprise decline to give publicity to their names.

We desire to hereby acknowledge the receipt from New York of Madison's annual *Salamagundi*, a handsome and entertaining publication.

CARL STUTSMAN.

Iowa City, Iowa, March 14, 1888.

CARLETON COLLEGE.

Since Minnesota Alpha's last letter, she has been favored with a very great privilege, *viz.* : a visit from Brother Bass, Evanston, Illinois. He had been in Minneapolis, establishing a chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi at the State University, and spent two days with us on his way home. While he was here, it was our privilege to initiate three new men—a soph and two freshies, who safely went through the ordeal. The best part of Brother Bass' short stay here was the pointers and good advice which he gave us. It is said that in religious matters there is often a need of revival, and so it is in fraternity affairs. We want some one to come around and show us wherein we can be much improved.

After the initiation the boys adjourned to one of the restaurants of the town, and enjoyed a banquet on a small scale, closing with college songs and the feeling that we had been very much benefitted by our brothers stay with us, and the hope that he may soon again come among our number.

At a recent election for our college paper, four of the new members out of the nine on the board are Phi Psi men. We trust they will do themselves and the fraternity justice.

Our president, J. W. Strong, is recuperating in the balmy climate of California and Mexico, and we hope that his health will be much improved on his return.

The spring days have been delaying their appearance later than usual this year, yet the boys have been enthused with the base ball fever, and there has been some practicing in the gymnasium already. Those capable of judging say Carleton is to have a very good team this year.

The Glee Club, under the direction of Dr. Parker, director of the music department here, has been making things boom, and gave its first concert here on Monday, March 12th, to a very appreciative audience. The boys start out on the road the day school closes for the spring recess. Although there are four less in the club this year than last (sixteen last year), yet they are able to give even a finer entertainment than before. Four Phi Psi men are among that number.

From the number of men who are found in the gymnasium this spring we expect to have an especially interesting field day after the coming vacation.

Summing up the term's work in fraternity matters, we feel very much encouraged by increased numbers and the spirit that pervades the boys. When that time comes, in which we shall strike for freedom, we think that our num-

bers will be sufficient, and the quality of the men such that, even if we do not go free, we shall have the consolation of a contest hard-fought.

Minnesota Alpha wishes all her sister fraternities the greatest success in the coming term. * * *

Northfield, Minnesota, March 12, 1888.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Kansas Alpha was not heard from in the February number of THE SHIELD, and the notes of interest have increased to somewhat more than usual proportions.

K. S. U. marches ahead in her customary progressive manner, gathering honor for her patrons, and bestowing the usual liberal portion to Φ K Ψ.

The state oratorical contest, held at Baldwin, on February 10th, was won by K. S. U. over five competitors. After the contest the State Association held its annual meeting, and Brother John A. Mushrush was elected to the presidency for the ensuing year.

It is not too early to announce that the highest honors of the class of '88 will be carried off by Brother J. A. Prescott, whose scholarship has never been excelled in the University.

Among other honors, elective and appointive accruing to the Phi Psis since our last letter, may be mentioned the election of Brother Prescott editor-in-chief, and Brother Gilmore business manager, of the *University Weekly Courier*; Brother Spencer president of the Pharmaceutical Association; Brother Brown valedictorian of the Pharmacy Class; and Brother Allen representative for the senior class in the public exercises given on Washington's birthday.

Brother E. C. Hill, of Indiana Gamma, filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church for several weeks, and contributed to the interest and enlivening of some of our meetings by his presence.

Kansas Alpha celebrated the 12th anniversary of the founding of her chapter on February 21st by a musicale, followed by a banquet, dancing, and social enjoyment. Several non-resident brothers were present, making about thirty couples in all, and it is needless to say that the "celebration" was complete. Phi Psi is especially proud of her sextette, composed as follows: Brother Henry Wickel, pianist; O. B. Taylor, first clarinet; J. M. Shellabarger, second clarinet; J. A. Prescott, cornet; J. A. Mushrush, second violin; under the leadership of E. L. Swope, first violinist. I present the excellent musical programme in full, which will give an idea of the superior musical ability of the chapter:

PROGRAMME:

Sans Souci

Kaula.

PHI PSI SEXTETTE.

Contralto Solo—"His Fame,"

Mora.

MISS GEORGIA BROWN.

- Cornet Solo—"Adagio from the Septet," *Beethoven.*
J. A. PRESCOTT.
- Soprano Solo—"In the Night She Told a Story," *Mrs. C. F. Chickering.*
MISS JOSIE HUTCHINGS.
- Violin Solo—"Fantasie from Ernani," *Singelee.*
EARLE SWOPE.
- Vocal Duet—"I Feel Thy Angel Spirit," *Hoffman.*
MISSES HUTCHINGS AND BROWN.
- Violin Duet—"Ah, So True," *Verdi.*
EARLE SWOPE AND O. B. TAYLOR, JR.
- Ermini, *Jacobowski.*
PHI PSI SEXTETTE.

Our annual election resulted in the choice of Brother Prescott G. P., Brother Brown P., Brother Swope A. G., Brother Davis B. G., Brother Postlethwaite S. G., Brother Mushrush S. H., Brother Bennett H., and Brother Shellabarger Ph. The occasion was celebrated according to precedent by a bountiful feed.

Brother Ketner, of Junction City, one of Kansas Alpha's old members, cheered the boys with a short visit last week previous to his departure to New Mexico, where he has mining interests.

The lapse of time is bringing the usual stir of college politics incident to class elections, schemes for annuals, etc.

The commencement appointments and the various class honors which will soon be determined can not help but recognize the claims of Phi Psi to a considerable portion.

WALTER W. DAVIS.

Lawrence, Kansas, March 3, 1888.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC.

Pleasant spring is again our guest. The lawn is green, and violets and heliotropes blossom in profusion around the chapter house. One may study this evening in the open air on the veranda without the least discomfort.

The thick hedge that formerly shut from view South Hall and the ladies' promenades has been removed, and fair eyes smile to-night upon our cottage home.

Many honors have fallen to our lot this time. Brother Nelson is president of the Rhizomian Society and of the *Pharos* Publishing Company. Brother Burroughs is president of the *Naranjado* Publishing Board and editor-in-chief. Brother Mark delivers the address at the celebration of Washington's birthday.

Brothers Winning, Mark, and Evans will speak at the Archanian anniversary. Brothers Hyde and Richardson at that of the Rhizomian. You or we have them about all. Our men very naturally are given the first place, and no effort seems necessary to obtain the honors.

Brother Stuart de Briggs is a new initiate. He got in easily, because he came on an evening when a heavy rainstorm prevented many of the members

outside the house from attending. However, Brother Rice, our genius, is preparing some "apparatus" for the next man, of whom you will hear very soon.

WILL A. BEASLY.

San Jose, February 20, 1888.



California Alpha is hard at work these beautiful spring days. Seven new men have been initiated since a letter appeared in the SHIELD. These, in the order of their initiation, are Will A. Beasly, Fred G. Canney, Cecil Mart, Elsworth Rich, Arthur Barnhisel, Stuart Briggs, and Fred Hazzard. The latter was initiated last Saturday evening. Several "*Fratres in Urbe*" were present at the ceremony. After it was concluded, Professor Alexander invited his brothers to partake of an elegant spread, laid in the dining hall of the chapel-house. A jollier set never surrounded a banquet board, and the excellent viands and luscious fruits disappeared to the tune of many a hearty laugh. It was a lively, pleasant gathering, and the occasion or the host will never be forgotten.

Brother Clarence Williams has not returned to the University this term. He will come again next January.

Brother Ulysses Rice has gone to his home in Oregon. Failing health and important business united to call him away. He will return in August, and graduate in '90.

Brother John C. Richards, Esq., has just returned from the national capital, where he has been attending to important legal business.

Brother W. R. Gibbs, of Ohio Wesleyan, has located here, and engaged in business in San Jose. He visited California Alpha Saturday evening last. Such men as Brother Gibbs are the kind of immigrants we like. His acquaintance pleased all the boys, and he is enthusiastic over the support of the fraternity.

Brother Samuel Tompkins, who has been in Colusu County, has returned to San Jose, and resumed his legal studies.

We will pic nic on March 17th.

We have set a hedge around the lot on which our home stands. Brother Driver has also planted many new flowers.

There is something fascinating about our fraternity. I have been but a short time a member, but, like them all, I have become imbued with fraternity spirit. If there is a man I trust, he is a Phi Psi; if there is a place like home, it is our chapter-house; if there is a tie that binds me to my college, it is the bond of fraternal sympathy.

WILL A. BEASLY.

San Jose, California, March 4, 1888.

Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

Speaking of district chiefs, the *Beta Theta Pi*, for January, says :

The following requirements are more important : The man appointed should be an experienced, well formed, enthusiastic fraternity man whose judgment and loyalty can be relied upon in almost any crisis that may arise, such, for example, as when a chapter has taken in fellows who incline to loafing, or "bumming;" when a college grows weak, with but a small freshman class—poor material to draw from; when from any other cause a chapter becomes weak or small; when there is a petition to be decided on by "the nearest chapters;" when there is a desire to put a chapter in some good institution; in case of district reunion; and the like.

In order to "come to the front" in such cases as these, the district chief should be exceedingly well informed as to the affairs of every chapter in his district, the condition of the college, the chapter itself, its relation to other frats, to non frats, to the faculty, to citizens, to resident alumni. and to the general fraternity and its officials. He should know the condition of other fraternities in the district, their schemes and efforts for success and advancement. He should be thoroughly informed regarding all other colleges in his district, looking at them especially with reference to their desirability as places for chapters of our fraternity at present or in the future. He should look after local societies—their availability or desirability as places for chapters of Beta Theta Pi. He should, of course, keep an eye on all the dispensation projects in his district. From this one can see at a glance that not every sophomore in Beta Theta Pi is fitted for this important position.

There are many men, however, in our fraternity who are fitted for these positions, and more who can easily become so; and the tendency in later years is toward a better information and training in fraternity matters.

Again we quote a few of the bright things of one of the associate editors in the same issue of *Beta Theta Pi*:

This pruning business is a pretty important one. A good many names were lopped off by the last catalogue editors, and there are lots of Betas in the country, initiated under the free and easy customs of early days, who are not now recognized. I know of an Ohio instance of this kind. Fifteen years ago the Betas in a certain college were apprised of the intention of a student to enter college. Thinking to get the advantage of the other fraternities, it was voted that two of the chapter

should go up to his home and initiate him. And so one of them fished for an invitation to deliver an address at the closing exercises of the academy from which the candidate was to graduate. The plan was a success. After a learned lecture on the "Duty of Young Men to the State," the candidate was solemnly invested with the mysteries of the order, and, on his statement that the principal of the school was desirous of membership, he, also, was admitted. Neither of them ever went to the college at which the chapter was located. Now, then, in the last catalogue, the name of the prospective student is given, but the principal's is not. Both were enthusiastic Betas, and until recent years were subscribers to the fraternity magazine. That initiation would be called irregular now, and yet I read this sentence in the last issue: "We initiated——, of the incoming freshman class, June 19th. * * * All our brethren but—— returned;" in other words, the only difference in the cases is this, in the latter the Beta attended the preparatory department and intended to enter college, and in the other the Beta had attended an academy and intended to enter college. The principals in this affair are all prominent Ohio Betas, and their names would cause surprise.

The old initiation was a "one-man" institution. The Chicago University Beta, before mentioned, once revived a Beta chapter, he himself doing all the work, asking if all were willing to receive the new candidate, and then replying in deep sepulchral tones "Hos leggo Eggo," (as I have seen it written out.) And it is reasonable to believe that in the early days, before the strict scrutiny of the present system was in vogue, many a case of irregular initiation was winked at. Nor is it a long time since a prominent Beta knocked at the door of a western chapter, saying, "I've got a fellow here I want you to initiate."

The Scroll for March is mainly devoted to the prodding of delinquents, and it certainly is well done. Witness the following:

In a few days the blanks for Historians' reports, annually sent to chapters, will be forwarded, and it is of the utmost importance that they be properly filled. Blanks will reach every chapter in ample time to be filled and returned on the first day of April, as provided, and there will be no excuse whatever for imperfection or delay. It is no reason at all that the Historian is on the sick list, or absent with the base-ball nine. His duty is small but important, and he thoroughly understands what it is, else he should not accept the post assigned him. If for any reason he cannot attend to his duty himself, he should see that some one does it for him; and if he is so remiss as to neglect it entirely, surely the chapter can find some one man of sufficient energy and ability to attend to this small matter. The number of petty excuses forwarded and letters written, which take more time than it would to fill the blank and return it, is positively amusing. But even this is preferable to those cases where appeal after appeal can bring no response. The delay in returning these reports becomes very aggravating, and for two years past has delayed their compilation and publication over six months. The first of April is specified, and the first of April is meant. Otherwise the constitution might provide that the Historian should fulfill his duty whenever, of his own personal pleasure and convenience, he might condescend to do so. Correctness is of no less importance than

promptness. The blanks are very clear and specific, and are easily understood. Follow instructions and all will be well. When full names are requested, don't give initials and don't abbreviate. Give all the information desired, and give it accurately. In the first place, please be prompt; in the second place, please be correct.

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The meeting of the General Council, held at New York City the last week in January, transacted considerable business of great importance to the fraternity, and endeavored to arrange matters so that nothing will be lost by the longer period than usual, which must elapse before the next National Convention. A secret circular of information, and presenting the minutes of the meeting in detail, has been distributed among the chapters, so that nothing of that need be said here. But we are in a position to emphasize their determinations, especially those relating to finances and the initiation of preparatory students. On those points our administration has of late years been rather lax, but every chapter can rest assured that the constitutional provisions and regulations will hereinafter be rigidly enforced. The decisions arrived at and the interpretations made by the General Council will govern their future actions in every case.



Personals.

PENNSYLVANIA I.

Rev. A. J. Furman, '59, the energetic state missionary, has been holding some very successful meetings in Kingua, Pennsylvania.

'55. Hon. Alfred Hayes is a candidate for assembly, in which position he has already served the people faithfully.

'56. John A. Gundy, of Lewisburg, delivered a lecture before the students at the Pottsgrove Academy on February 4th. His subject was, "The Mound Builders of America."

'58. Col. Thomas Chamberlin is secretary of the Germania Fire Insurance Company, of Philadelphia. His address is 424 Walnut Street.

'66. Hon. C. S. Wolfe is the prime mover in the Bismarck Land and Improvement Company, which was recently chartered at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

'72. At the dedication of the new Baptist Church, at Bath, New York, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. George Whitman, of Buffalo, New York.

'74. Rev. Bernard Mac Mackin, of Bryn Mawr, recently held services to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of his church at Lower Merion, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

'85. J. E. Sagebeer has accepted a call to the assistant pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

'87. John Eccleston, formerly of '87, is successfully operating a ranch in the Argentine Republic, S. A.,

'87. H. L. Calder spent several days among us recently. He has been reading law, but his eyes became affected, and he was obliged to resign his work for the present. He expects to resume the work, however, as soon as his eyes permit, which he thinks will be in a few weeks.

PENNSYLVANIA A.

William A. Starrett, Pennsylvania A, '55, for many years an attorney at law, practicing in Chicago, died in December, 1886.

PENNSYLVANIA B.

Wesley L. Knox, '70, is book-keeper for a firm at 167 Washington Street, Chicago.

Amos J. Newell, '76, is traveling for the book house of Yaggy & Co., with headquarters in Chicago.

PENNSYLVANIA θ.

H. A. Doud is Clerk of Internal Revenue at Omaha, Nebraska.

John S. Morrison, '81, is Justice of the Peace, and a practicing attorney at Omaha.

PENNSYLVANIA E.

Rev. G. F. Schaeffer has moved from Concord, North Carolina, to Monroe, Georgia.

OHIO Γ.

J. D. Steele, '77, was in Wooster a few weeks ago. Mr. Steele is a prosperous wholesale grocer, Xenia, Ohio.

H. N. Clemens, '79, is editor of *Wooster Republican*.

Perley M. Cartmell, '72, and charter member of Ohio Gamma, is a prominent manufacturer at Springfield, Ohio.

D. C. List, '81, is a prominent business man, of Wheeling, West Virginia.

William C. Peoples, '80, is practicing law in Greensburgh, Pennsylvania.

William M. Green, '79, is one of the leading officials in the C. H. V. and T. R. R., Columbus, Ohio.

Rev. Samuel C. Peoples, '78, is a Presbyterian missionary, Bangkok, Siam.

H. N. Siegenthaler, '77, druggist, Springfield, Ohio.

Charles W. Boyd, '86, is an attorney at law, Warsaw, Indiana.

Rev. S. P. Cochran, '79, Presbyterian minister, Allegheny City, Pennsylvania.

A. H. Wykoff, '79, is practicing law in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Ed. S. Raff, '81, has accepted the position of cashier of one of the leading banks of Canton, Ohio.

Brother S. G. Hostetter, Ohio Gamma and Delta is at the College of Pharmacy, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Norman C. Raff, '80, is practicing law in Canton, Ohio.

S. C. Spier, '84, is reading law in Wooster.

George C. Nimmons, '87, has accepted a position with a firm of architects in Chicago.

OHIO A.

We are in receipt of a circular from Brother John N. Garver, which tells us of his latest business enterprise in the far West. Brother Garver is secretary of the Lincoln Newspaper Union, in Lincoln, Nebraska. We wish him abundant success in this new field of labor.

OHIO B.

The many friends and brothers of A. D. Hosterman will be glad to learn of his new business enterprise in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is treasurer and general manager of the Lincoln Newspaper Union, the purpose and object of which is to furnish ready-printed sheets to country publishers, and which deals in all supplies used in a printing office.

INDIANA A.

Frank C. Payne is with the Chicago afternoon *News*.

The Blaine Glee Club last evening met at the club-house, and with a large number of the members, proceeded in a body to the residence of E. A. Dumont, the musical director of the club, on Walnut Hills. It was the anniversary of Mr. Dumont's wedding, and the members of the club decided to commemorate the event by serenading the gentleman. They took along with them an elegant rattan easy chair, gaily decorated with embroidered work, the handiwork of some of the lady friends of members of the glee club. A most pleasant time was had, and after the presentation the club and those who accompanied them, were regaled with an elegant repast.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*, February 19th.

INDIANA B.

Brother Powell, sophomore, '87, is attending business college this year at Poughkeepsie, New York.

Brother Taylor, '87, is principal of the public schools of Paoli, Indiana.

Brother Harry Gray, of Grayville, Illinois, was married recently to a handsome young lady of that place. Brother Gray is engaged in the banking business.

Brother Louis Munson, '79, on account of failing health has been compelled to leave Chicago, and in the future will make California his home.

Brother P. K. Buskirk, '84, has just returned from an extended trip to the Pacific slope. During his sojourn he reports meeting several of his old $\Phi \Psi$ friends who are all doing well.

Brother F. J. Burton, sophomore, '79, was married at Kansas City, Missouri, recently to Miss Lena Brown, of this city. They will reside in Chicaga, Illinois, where Brother Burton holds the position of ticket agent for several leading railroads.

ILLINOIS *I.*

Rev. A. G. McCoy, '71, of late connected with the Chicago *Mail*, died in Chicaga last December.

W. S. Orth is attending the Rush Medical College in Chicago.

ILLINOIS *A.*

The Deering prize essay — "Trial by Jury; Past and Present" — by Brother George A. Bass, is published entire in a recent issue of the *Northwestern*.

ILLINOIS *B.*

Samuel A. Perrine was lately ordained to the Baptist ministry, and is preaching at Chenoa, Illinois.

O. P. Seward, '81, and J. S. Morrison, Pennsylvania *θ*, '81, have law offices together at 1505 Farnum Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Morrison is Justice of the Peace. Seward is lecturer on "Medical Jurisprudence" in the Omaha Medical College.

SOUTH CAROLINA *A.*

Hon. James Simons, Jr., '57, and Col. John T. Sloan, Jr., '68, have been elected members of the Senior Ball Committee, of which the governor is chairman.

'61. Brother R. M. Anderson has recently returned from the successful accomplishment of his mission as the representative of the Columbia Board of Trade before the Inter-State Commerce Commission at Washington.

'57. Hon. W. H. Perry who is representing South Carolina so ably in Congress will be in Washington at the time of the G. A. C.

'72. Brother J. P. Marshall delivered the address at the last semi-annual contest of the Euphradian and Clariosophic societies.

'84. Brother I. M. Gamble has just graduated with distinction at the South Carolina Medical College at Charleston, carrying away the second honor, in virtue of which he has the option of a place on the hospital staff, which he will probably accept.

'84. Brother F. B. Butler was in town a short time ago, and passed his examination before the supreme court, and will now practice law at Union, South Carolina.

'84. Brother T. I. Martin is studying medicine at the Memphis Hospital Medical College.

'87. Brother W. S. Blakeney is practicing law at Chesterfield, South Carolina.

'87. Brother J. H. McLure, of the engineers' department of the G. C. & N. R. R., has just received the appointment of assistant resident engineer of the line between Broad River and Clinton, with headquarters at Fish Dam, South Carolina.

'87. Brother I. M. Clarkson is teaching school and practicing law at Bishopville, South Carolina.

'89. Brother J. M. Knight is principal of the high school at Socastee, South Carolina.

'89. Brother Hutson Lee, Jr., who is now at Sewanee, Tennessee, is spending his winter vacation of three months in Charleston, and expects to visit us shortly.

'89. Brothers Grimké and Barber have been appointed the Junior Ball Committee for '88.

'90. Brother Hough is teaching school at Fort Lawn, South Carolina.

'89. Brother Barber has been elected junior orator at the commencement from the Clariosophic Society, and is also president of the Base Ball Association.

'88. Brother Shand is vice-president of the Euphradian Society.

'91. Brother R. S. Cathcart is our representative in the page department of the House of Representatives, and assists Brothers Simons, Anderson, and Wilson to maintain the legislative reputation of South Carolina Alpha.

WISCONSIN I.

R. G. Collins, M. D., '82, has located his office at No. 5103 State Street, Chicago.

George S. Wicker, '85, is at present in California, where he went last fall on account of his health.

NEW YORK A.

Harry Falkenan is assistant editor of the *Open Court* in Chicago.

VIRGINIA B.

Frank Taliaferro, M. D., '66, is practicing medicine at 455 Center Avenue, Chicago.

College and Fraternity Notes.

Harvard has nine graduates in the fiftieth Congress.

Fifty-one graduates of Princeton have served in the U. S. Senate.

Only four per cent. of the seniors at Yale take Latin and Greek electives.

The Sheffield freshmen at Yale have adopted a class cane which will cost \$7.25.

For the winter term at the University of Leipsic, 3,288 students have matriculated.

Professor Webster, of Rochester, has become president of Union College.—*Cornell Era*.

One hundred and ninety-five of the 407 members of Congress have had a college education.

Out of one hundred who enter freshmen at Yale, seventy-five graduate; at Harvard, seventy-four.

The Indiana Supreme Court has decided that college students of a legal age may vote in college towns.

The number of students in the German universities this year is 26,945. The University of Berlin alone has 5,478.

Columbia College has taken another step forward, and this time it is to allow the admission of women to its higher courses.

Cornelius Vanderbilt has given \$2,000 to Vanderbilt University of Tennessee, to have its school of engineering enlarged.

The Beta Theta Pi Fraternity has established an association of alumni in Kansas City. They are to banquet once a month.

The trustees of Dartmouth College have leased a large tract of woodland in the northern part of New Hampshire for \$150,000.

Chauncey Depew said in a recent speech: "College men must combat the anarchists and communists. We must have college men."

President Patton, of Princeton, according to the Yale men, is a British subject who has never sought naturalization in this country.

The U. of Jena, in Prussia, has received a donation of \$75,000 to found a chair in Zoology, in the interests of Darwinism.—*Princetonian*.

The students of Oberlin College have organized a debating club, for the purpose of discussing and investigating the land tax doctrines of Henry George.

Frederick F. Thompson, of New York, has promised \$25,000 to the Hopkins Memorial Fund at Williams, on condition that the balance \$10,000 is raised.

The sophomores of the U. of P. threaten to break up the commencement of the medical college next May unless the bowl which was captured at the last bowl-fight is returned.

Newspapers are authority for the statement that Chi Psi is to hold its annual convention in Washington, D. C., at the same time as our own, April 4th, 5th, and 6th.

The Yale *News* has arranged a series of lectures on "Journalism." The lectures will be given by Mr. Robert Luce, of Boston, a graduate of Harvard, and an editor of *The Writer*.

At a meeting of the alumni of Williams College, the following resolution was passed: "There shall be no solicitation of subscriptions for any college purpose at any future meeting of the association."

It is said by the Ann Arbor *Argus*, that Professor Loissette, the memory specialist, took about \$2,000 out of the city with him in pay for five nights' work. About 400 students attended the lectures, paying \$1 per lecture.

In the sophomore physical measurement at Yale, it was found that all but four members of the class had made decided physical improvement during the past year. Of the class but 19 per cent. are smokers.—*Lafayette*.

The charter of Cornell University does not allow an endowment of over \$3,000,000, and on account of this limitation the institution lost a bequest of \$1,500,000 by the decision of the courts.—*Pennsylvania College Monthly*.

It has been rumored many times recently that the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity would re-establish its Yale Chapter. Its establishment at Yale dates back to the year 1837, five years after the founding of the fraternity at Hamilton College. In '73, owing to a dissension among members, it was thought best to discontinue the chapter. Among its alumni might be

mentioned many prominent men in the Yale faculty and in business life. The present movement is a consequence of a strong feeling that another society was needed at Yale in view of growing classes.—*Madisonensis*.

Hartwick Seminary and Oberlin College have accepted the offer of \$100,000 by Mrs. Clarke in settlement of the claims of these institutions upon the Clarke estate. Hartwick's share is one-third.—*Pennsylvania College Monthly*.

Mr. Alvan H. Clark has completed his work in the Lick Observatory and will return in a few days. Professor Keeler is the only astronomer on the ground, and is devoting himself to making stellar observations.—*Crimson*.

Denver, Colorado, is to have a college for women, modeled after Wellesley or Vassar. The Ladies' College Society, which has the matter in charge, is to be incorporated, and will work to raise \$750,000 in real estate and cash.—*Ex*.

The library of American history of Vassar College has received through the children of the late James Harper, of Harper Brothers, a gift of all the works of American history published by that house. Vassar has just established a chair of history, to which the library will be a valuable adjunct.

Only one specimen of the handwriting of John Harvard has been known to be in existence, and is his signature to a document deposited in the Registry of the English University of Cambridge. Another document containing his signature and that of his brother Thomas has just been brought to light.—*Crimson*.

The Cornell Club, of Buffalo, dined at the same place as the Harvard Club, the other evening, and in the course of the dinner sent in this communication: "The youngest to the oldest university; compliments and best wishes from Cornell." To which the following reply was made: "Your thoughtful salutation is gratefully received and heartily reciprocated by us all, including the president of Harvard University."

By the will of William Hilton, of Boston, Phillips Academy at Andover is to receive \$50,000, the income to be used for the preparation of young men for the ministry. Williams, Harvard and Amherst get \$50,000 each, for the education of young men without reference to their future calling, while \$10,000 is left to the Abbot Academy, of Andover. The will of Steven M. Buckingham, of Poughkeepsie, devotes \$50,000 to Trinity College, Hartford, for the endowment of a professorship, which, of course, is to bear the name of the donor.—*Maryland College Monthly*.

A gift of \$6,300 has been given to the Harvard Annex, for the establishment of a fund, the income of which is to be devoted to a prize scholarship for the "Harvard examination of women." The gift was made through the medium of the New York *Evening Post*, but the giver has kept his name a secret. The examinations to the support of which the fund is given, are instituted under the direction of Harvard University, and the young ladies who pass them are given a certificate as a testimonial of their ability. This certificate is accepted in place of entrance examinations in the chief colleges for women in this country.—*Crimson*.

The following table gives a complete summary of the number of hours devoted to each subject during the Freshman and Sophomore years in eleven colleges:

COLLEGES.	Required Studies in Freshman and Sophomore Years.													
	<i>Greek.</i>	<i>Latin.</i>	<i>Mathematics.</i>	<i>English.</i>	<i>History.</i>	<i>German.</i>	<i>French.</i>	<i>Chemistry.</i>	<i>Logic.</i>	<i>Physiology.</i>	<i>Psychology.</i>	<i>Botany.</i>	<i>Physics.</i>	<i>Zoology.</i>
Madison.....	290	218	220	142	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rochester.....	172	210	236	76	94	110	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cornell.....	216	216	108	108	72	108	108	30	42	36	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia.....	216	180	288	114	72	.....	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brown.....	252	252	216	72	.....	.....	72	.....	54	.....	.....	54	.....	.....
Princeton.....	302	274	252	72	.....	.....	160	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	12	.....
Amherst.....	226	226	226	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yale.....	252	252	252	144	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dartmouth.....	268	265	212	.....	.....	82	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Michigan.....	198	126	162	54	.....	.....	144	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boston.....	176	176	162	86	72	78	28	.....	.....	.....	20	110	.....	.....
Averages.....	223	218	215	82	28	34	67	8	6	15	3	4	15	1



Miscellany.

The Editor of THE SHIELD has quite a number of back numbers on hand, with which he can supply, for the price of single copies, brothers or members of other fraternities desiring to complete broken sets. He has odd copies of every volume but the first two.

There is a call for No. 10, Vol. II.; No. 7, Vol. III.; No. 5, Vol. VII. The Editor has had the following back numbers offered to him for sale: Vols. V. and VII., complete; Vol. VI., lacking No. 5.

Extra copies are offered by one brother as follows: No. 7, Vol. I.; Nos. 6, 8, 9 and 10, Vol. II.; which he wishes to exchange for Nos. 1 to 6, Vol. I., and No. 4, Vol. II.

Another brother has the following copies to dispose of: Nos. 1, 3, 5, Vol. III.; Vol. IV., complete; Nos. 1 to 8, Vol. V.; Vol. VI., complete; Vol. VII., except No. 2.

Brothers having any extra copies or an entire volume for sale, should communicate at once with the Editor.

Letters addressed to brethren named below have been returned to the Editor for various reasons, one being "no such place in State named." The addresses given were copied from the mailing list, and were written so that we are sure that no mistake was made in copying. Can any brother assist us in finding these Phi Psi's and subscribers to THE SHIELD:

Herman S. Johnson, Hillsdale, N. Y.
Charles S. Pardoe, Tyrone, Pa.
H. B. Anderson, Milwaukee, Wis.
J. W. Conaway, Arcadia, O.

G. M. Williamson, Northfield, Minn.
John F. Park, Seymour, Texas.
R. O. Hurt, Owensburg, Ind.
John M. James, Yorkville, Ind.

Prof. Loiset's Memory Discovery.

Prof. Loiset's new system of memory training, taught by correspondence at 237 Fifth Ave., New York, seems to supply a general want. He has had two classes at Yale of 200 each, 250 at Meriden, 300 at Norwich, 100 Columbia Law Students, 400 at Wellesley College, and 400 at University of Penn., &c. Such patronage and the endorsement of such men as Mark Twain, Dr. Buckley, Prof. Wm. R. Harper, of Yale, &c., place the claim of Prof. Loiset upon the highest ground.

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THE GRAND ARCH COUNCIL.

The fourteenth general convention of the $\Phi K \Psi$ Fraternity has come and gone since the last issue of THE SHIELD, and has carried with it many pleasant scenes, which the participants would gladly recall and make, if they could, an ever-present experience.

The arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the delegates were very complete, and reflected credit upon the District of Columbia *A*, our hosts, the meeting hall in particular being readily accessible.

We were called to order in the G. A. R. Hall by Brother G. W. Dun, of the Ex. Council, on Wednesday morning, April 4th, at 11:00 o'clock, and prayer was offered by Brother McLennan, of Illinois *A*. The chair then appointed temporary officers, as follows:

S. W. Vice-Pres. — C. G. Campbell, Mich. *A*.
S. W. Secretary — H. W. Smith, D. C. *A*.
S. W. Guide — W. A. Barber, S. C. *A*.
S. W. Guard — F. S. Schnauber, N. Y. *B*.
S. W. Chaplain — W. E. McLennan, Ill. *B*.

Upon these appointments followed the examination of the credentials, and chapters were found to be represented as follows:

Pa. Alpha —	Templeton. Wise. Marquis.	Pa. Gamma —	Schreyer. Gretzinger. Lowry.
Pa. Beta —	Beck. Hersperger. Laffer.	Pa. Epsilon —	Kurtz. Sadtler. Uhler.

Pa. Zeta —	Meloy.	Ohio Gamma —	Manges.
	Ashley.		McGaw.
	Eckles.	Ohio Delta —	Converse.
Pa. Eta —	Biesecker.		Kiesewetter.
	Hay.		Dun.
	Rupley.	Ind. Alpha —	Hunt.
Pa. Theta —	Cummins.		Smith.
N. Y. Alpha —	Healy.	Ind. Beta —	Mutz.
	Hodder.		Buskirk.
N. Y. Beta —	Burritt.		Thompson.
	Schnauber.	Ill. Alpha —	Herben.
N. Y. Delta —	Saunders.		McLennan.
	Smith.		Booth.
N. Y. Epsilon —	Shallow.	Mich. Alpha —	Plain.
Va. Alpha —	Stires.		Campbell.
	Halloway.	Wis. Alpha —	Stevens.
D. C. Alpha —	Smith.	Wis. Gamma —	Hubachek.
	Stephens.		White.
	Falck.	Minn. Alpha —	Snedicor.
S. C. Alpha —	Barber.	Kan. Alpha —	Sterling.
	McLure.	Cal. Alpha —	Needham.
Ohio Alpha —	Semans.		Manning.
	Van Cleve.		Ballard.
Ohio Beta —	Gotwald.		
	Ehrenfeld.		

On motion, the delegates from District of Columbia Alpha and Wisconsin Gamma were admitted without credentials, these not having reached them.

Pennsylvania Iota, Virginia Beta, Virginia Gamma, Maryland Alpha, Mississippi Alpha, Indiana Alpha, Indiana Gamma, Iowa Alpha, Iowa Gamma, Iowa Delta, and Minnesota Beta were not represented. The absence of the latter was, however, satisfactorily explained.

The nomination and election of permanent officers then occurred, and after a spirited contest, the result was declared for the following brothers in order of the fraternity offices: F. H. Hodder, New York *A*; F. W. Biesecker, Pennsylvania *H*; G. E. Manning, California *A*; W. A. Barber, South Carolina *A*; Wilson Sterling, Kansas *A*; M. D. Snedicor, Minnesota *A*; Robert Lowry, Pennsylvania *I*.

Brothers Meloy, Gretzinger, Gotwald, Wilson, and H. W. Smith were then chosen as official reporters for the daily newspapers of the city and associated press. The newly elected officers were then installed, and the council were favored with short addresses by Brothers Hodder and Biesecker.

Upon motion, the hour for beginning the morning session of the

Council was set for 9:30, and adjournment was then agreed to until 3:00 P. M., the closing being made in due form.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Upon call of the presiding officer, Brother Hodder, the Council came to order at 3:12 P. M., and W. C. Wilson, secretary of the Ex. Council, read his report, which was heartily applauded at its close, and was highly praised as a model of terse, perspicuous business-like statement. The report, which contained a number of important suggestions, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Fraternity, yet to be appointed.

Before closing Brother Wilson read the edict revoking the charter of Illinois B. Brother Hodder then appointed the standing committees as follows:

State of the Fraternity — Calder, Beck, Smith, Van Cleve, Marquis, Cummins, Gotwald, Stevens, Stires.

Finance — McLennan, Kurtz, Stevens, Shallow, McGaw, Meloy, Semans.

Grievances — Buskirk, Burritt, Smith, C. A.; Kiesewetter, Snedikor, Plain, White.

G. W. Dun, treasurer of the Ex. Council, then presented his report, which met with a hearty reception, because it showed a healthy balance on the proper side of the account. This report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A special committee, consisting of Brothers Biesecker, Stephens, Burritt, Sterling, and Snedikor was appointed to visit that prince of Phi Psis, Robert J. Murray, and in token of the high esteem and warm love of the assembled delegates, present him a huge basket of beautiful roses at his home, to which his old enemy, rheumatism, had confined him.

C. L. Van Cleve, editor of *THE SHIELD*, then followed with a report of the fraternity organ, in which, after a concise statement of the condition of the journal, some radical recommendations were offered. This report was referred to the Committee on the State of the Fraternity.

Immediately following this report H. L. Calder, Archon of District I., made a statement regarding the condition of the chapters under his care, and then gave way to J. E. Beeson, of District III. Because of unforeseen delays in receipt of mail, the reports from archons of districts II. and IV. were postponed, and the former made the special order for April 5th.

Upon motion, the reports of the archons were referred to the Committee on the State of the Fraternity.

At this point an evening session was determined upon, but further on the matter was reconsidered, and the proposition defeated.

The Council then proceeded to the consideration of biennial chapter reports, and completed those of the first district before adjournment, which was perfected in due form at 6:15 P. M.

THURSDAY MORNING.

At 10:15 A. M. Brother Hodder called the Council to order, and Brother Lowry invoked the Divine blessing upon the deliberations of the day. Chapter reports then were taken up at the point where adjournment found them and completed, after which a report of the Chicago Alumni Association was presented by the secretary of the Ex. Council.

The report of Archon Ingle, being the special order, was then considered and properly referred, after which the Grand Catalogue Committee reported through Brother McLennan as to their herculean task, and promised the completed book before the expiration of six months.

Upon motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the members of Φ K Ψ Fraternity, in Grand Arch Council assembled, extend cordial greeting to Mrs. Laura Letterman, of Blandville, Ky., the widow of one of our honored founders; and, be it further,

Resolved, That, as a special token of our regard, the Committee on Grand Catalogue be, and is hereby instructed to forward to Mrs. Letterman the first copy of the new catalogue which is furnished by the publisher to them.

Upon motion, the Grand Catalogue Committee was continued, with the same instructions as were given them at Indianapolis.

Arrangements were made at this point for taking a group picture of the G. A. C., and after reading the names of those who had enrolled, in order that THE SHIELD might secure a complete list of delegates and visitors in attendance, adjournment occurred in due form at 12:30 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

At 3:00 P. M. the Council again came to order, and the first order of business was the presentation of the report of the Committee on Ritual, which report, after some discussion, was referred to a special committee, to be appointed by the chair.

Brother E. C. Little was then appointed, by resolution of the Council, a special committee to secure a Memorial Fund to the memory of our deceased founder, W. A. Letterman, which, when secured, is to be presented to his widow.

After some little discussion and debate, the following motion was put and carried:

Moved, that this G. A. C. recommends to the E. C. that, if possible, they effect a transfer of the charter of Maryland Alpha from the undergraduate members to the graduate members of the fraternity in attendance at Johns Hopkins University. If, however, this can not be effected, and the E. C. is satisfied that it can not be continued successfully as an undergraduate chapter, that the charter be revoked.

A hearty invitation from the Chicago Alumni Association and Illinois A, presented by Brother McLennan, asking that the next G. A. C. be held in Chicago, was accepted with unanimity and enthusiasm.

As this point quite a lengthy discussion arose as to the advisability of going into the election of the general officers of the fraternity, and after several motions were made, reconsidered, and lost, the Finance Committee made their report. Adjournment then came in due form until 8:00 P. M.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Brother Hodder called the Council to order at 8:30 P. M., and the first business transacted was the appointment of Brothers White, Hay, and Shallow as a special committee to consider the revised ritual, as presented by the committee, who had been at work upon it during the year past.

The following resolutions were presented, and, on motion, adopted and ordered sent to their proper destinations:

To Governor J. B. Foraker, Columbus, Ohio:

The Grand Arch Council of Phi Kappa Psi sends fraternal greeting to its honored president.

To the Council of the Chi Psi Fraternity, Assembled in Washington, D. C.:

The Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, assembled in Grand Arch Council, sends greeting to its generous rival, Chi Psi.

Quite a good deal of anxiety had been felt at the long delay of the Committee on the State of the Fraternity in reporting, and demand having been made for at least a partial report, Brother Calder came from the committee-room and presented the work of the body as far as completed, reminding the Council of the fact that the committee had been burdened with so much business, that they had been almost continuously in session day and night since their appointment, and no time had, as yet, been taken to shape the report, and the Council must accept it, if reported at this time, in a crude condition.

Upon motion, the report of the committee was considered by head-

ings, and, after quite a spirited discussion, the recommendation regarding THE SHIELD was adopted, incorporating several headings, the gist of which will appear elsewhere in these pages. The further recommendations of the committee on the publication of the long-projected history, upon which such enormous labor has been expended ; on the publication of an authorized song book ; the reduction of the alumni representation on the Ex. Council from five to three ; and on the imposition of a recording fee, were adopted, and the further report of the committee was made the special order of business for April 6th.

At this time the report of Archon Bass, of the fourth district, was received, and, upon motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Fraternity. Some discussion having arisen at this point upon matters pertaining to the secret work of the fraternity, the items mentioned were referred to the special Committee on Ritual.

An earnest effort was made to amend the constitution, so as to secure a more complete representation of chapters at G. A. Cs. ; but the proposition looking to the pro-rating of the expenses of delegates met with little favor, and the Council, upon motion, proceeded to the election of alumni members of Ex. Council.

With regret the announcement was made, that our beloved president was so engrossed with the cares of public office, that it was impracticable for him to serve another term in that capacity, and, upon motion, Brother Lowry was unanimously chosen as his successor. Then followed a scene which is simply indescribable. Brother Lowry, who, as most of the membership know, is grievously afflicted in his hearing, having been made acquainted with his election, arose and, though completely taken aback at the unexpected honor, made the happiest, wittiest, and most eloquent acceptance speech we have ever heard in any gathering. The enthusiasm created by his talk was tremendous, and, amidst the hurrahing, one brother, with a happy intuition, sprang for the piano, and, amidst the cheers and noise, arose the strains of the beautiful song, "Shall We Gather at the River."

Adjournment came then in due form, with Brother Biesecker in the chair.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Council was called to order by Brother Hodder at 10:10 A. M., and the special order was taken up.

The recommendations of the Committee on the State of the Fraternity regarding the continuance of the charter of Pennsylvania Iota was adopted, after some debate, and their further expression regarding

granting charters to petitioners from Swarthmore College and Knox College was rejected.

The recommendation of the Committee on Southern Extension was adopted, as well as the finding that the charter of Illinois *F* ought to be revoked.

The further recommendation regarding the re-submission of the question of granting a charter to petitioners from the extreme West was also adopted; and so were their suggestions in regard to continuing our sub-rosa chapter.

The committee, having found that unauthorized jewelers had been employed by various brothers, strongly disapproved of the practice, and they were sustained by the Council, and action was further taken in instructing the official jewelers to no longer make pins in a manner unauthorized, as some serious innovations had crept in.

Récommendations as to enforcing the performance of the duties of the *E F* of each chapter, and the adoption of a fraternity yell, which closed the report of the committee, were adopted.

A strong effort was made to so amend the constitution that an affirmative vote from every chapter would not be necessary to the granting of a charter to any band of petitioners, but the proposition was overwhelmingly defeated.

Adjournment then came in due form at 1:00 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Council was called to order by Brother Hodder at 3:00 P. M., and the first item was the reading of a telegram from Brother Foraker, extending fraternal greeting, and regretting his inability to be present.

Upon motion, the appointment of the Committee upon History, Song Book, and Fraternity Yell, was left to the Executive Council.

At this point the special Committee on Ritual reported, and, after thorough discussion and some amendment, the ritual, as revised, was adopted.

A committee was appointed by the chair, consisting of Brother Hay, from District I.; Brother McLure, from District II.; Brother Hunt, from District III.; and Brother Plain, from District IV., to report upon discrepancies in unwritten work, as now practiced, and at a later hour they appeared and gave Council valuable instruction upon various points in dispute.

An amendment to this effect was then made by unanimous consent:

Section 4, Article XVII., of the revised constitution, is hereby amended by adding these words:

"And the chapter shall assess such penalty as it may deem just, but to suspend or expel a two-thirds vote of the active members shall be necessary."

The petition of students of Purdue University, praying for a charter, was tabled, and the convention proceeded to the election of an Editor for THE SHIELD for the ensuing two years. Two names were put in nomination: the present incumbent, C. L. Van Cleve, of Ohio A, and Joe V. Denny, of Michigan A. The former was reelected.

A special dispensation was granted to Indiana Beta to initiate preparatory students, but limited in time to the meeting of the next Executive Council.

Election of secretary and treasurer of Executive Council being at this time agreed upon, the present incumbents, W. C. Wilson, Pennsylvania B, and G. W. Dun, Ohio A, were unanimously reelected.

Brothers Wilson and Dun responded in befitting terms to the graceful compliment accorded them, when the Council, being in a kindly mood, and in recognition of the pressing necessity for more substantial support to the fraternity organ, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That all the funds and resources now on hand belonging to THE SHIELD be placed at the disposal of the editor, Brother C. L. Van Cleve, and that the amount of \$100, advanced by Executive Council, be remitted at once.

Brother E. B. Hay, one of the editors of the first organ of the fraternity, *The Phi Kappa Psi Quarterly*, came into the hall, and, upon introduction, made a rattling speech, which thrilled the boys with $\Phi \Psi$ enthusiasm.

A resolution was passed authorizing the secretary of the Executive Council to employ help in performing the clerical work of his office, and empowering the Council to pay such bills from the general treasury of the fraternity.

Adjourned in due form at 5:40 P. M.

SATURDAY MORNING.

At 1:20 A. M. the G. A. C. was called to order by Brother Hodder at the Riggs House, and, after passing a vote of thanks to the District of Columbia A Chapter for "their hospitalities, kindnesses, and their attention," adjourned *sine die*.

GUY E. MANNING, *Secretary*.

THE BANQUET.

At 9:00 o'clock Friday evening the delegates and visiting brothers began to assemble in the parlors of the Riggs House, and promptly at the

time announced one hundred brave Φ Ψ 's, resplendent in dress suits and immaculate linen, made their way to the banqueting hall to the strains of a fine orchestra concealed in the balcony above.

The tables were handsomely decorated with great mounds of cut flowers, and the menu cards, tastefully tied with lavender and pink, were at each plate. After a brief blessing by Brother Lowry, we fell to and did justice to the following:

Menu.

Little Neck Clams on Shell.

SOUP.

Mock Turtle.

Printanier, a la Royal.

FISH.

Baked Black Bass, Port Wine Sauce.

Croquettes of Potatoes.

Sliced Tomatoes.

Olives.

Pickles.

RELIEVES.

Boiled Capon, Stuffed, Cream Sauce.

Lamb, Mint Sauce.

Baked Mashed Potatoes.

Asparagus.

Corn.

ENTREES.

Small Patties, a la Financier.

Oysters Baked on Shell.

SIBERIAN PUNCH.

Birds on Toast.

Mayonaise of Lettuce.

Crackers.

Roquefort Cheese.

PASTRY.

Fancy Charlottes, Champagne Jelly.

Metropolitan Ice Cream.

Assorted Cake.

FRUIT.

Apples.

Oranges.

Bananas.

Strawberries.

French Coffee.

Cigars.

The banquet was served with promptness, and shortly before midnight the toasts were announced by Brother Wilson, the toast master. We have always wanted to know what Brother Wilson is good for, and the G. A. C. at Washington has solved the difficulty. He is a toast master *par excellence*, possessing that rare combination of gentle humor, keen wit, and quaint drollery, which are necessary as a setting to the more pretentious efforts of the toasters, and which are rarer to find in a presiding officer than any other quality which after-dinner speakers are supposed to possess.

On the whole, we never had the good fortune to be present at any gathering where such uniform excellence in speaking prevailed, and the very atmosphere glinted with eloquence and pathos of the finest type. Had we dreamed that the occasion would have been so remarkable for oratory, we should have had Brother Harry Smith report it verbatim for *THE SHIELD*; and we very much regret that we have nothing more substantial than long-hand notes with which to reproduce, for our readers, those inspiring words. It was a most remarkable occasion, and the more so because not a man who arose to address the banquet had manuscript or notes to which to refer.

Brother Wilson, with a graceful turn, introduced the chief speaker of the evening, Solicitor General Jenks, who, prefacing his speech with a deprecatory explanation as to the so-called oration, which he was expected to deliver, with pleasing simplicity begun a half-hour effort, which, for delicate imagery and graceful eloquence, we have never heard equaled.

We reproduce as much of the address as our space in this issue will allow, and regret exceedingly that press of public business rendered it impossible for Brother Jenks to favor *THE SHIELD* with the effort entire. The general thought of the address was, that the active working of the Phi Psi Fraternity was educational; that the education there derived was for after usefulness and effectiveness in the life of the Phi Psi; that its teaching was fraternity—the last and highest end sought by mankind. To illustrate and enforce this thought the statement was made that the world's life constituted a complete cycle. It started at Eden, and will return to a like happy state. That the first semi-cycle was one of decadence—from light to darkness. The second semi-cycle would be from darkness to light. That this motto of the first semi-cycle was given by Cain, the first man born of woman, and was, "Am I my brother's keeper?" That the principle of action of this period was, "Might makes right." That the most marked step in the prosecution of this principle occurred in the separation of mankind by the confusion of tongues on the plain of Mamra, where nations were first born.. There estrangement first came from the inability of men to understand each other. First came estrangement, then suspicion, then fear, then hatred, then war, with all its destructive consequences. That the knowledge of the early part of this period was lost in the wars that followed. That the principle of "might makes right" reached its climax in the Augustan period, when Christ was born. That Christ gave birth to the new motto of the second semi-cycle, "Go be reconciled to thy brother." He announced the principle of ascension that "right makes might." The darkness of the first period extended far into the second period, and still,

in a degree, exists, but the dawning is near. The thought that history repeats itself, and that humanity is ever traveling on the same old rounds, with no advancement, was next considered and refuted.

The speaker then referred to our own country as the first nation founded upon the true doctrine that "he that is chiefest among you shall be servant of all," and conducted on the principle that "right makes might." In this connection the thought was developed that men, through the medium of a knowledge of the physical sciences, would soon be found all standing on the same plane. With the abolition of the estrangement of rank, and the unification of all the languages in the composite English, and intimate association from contact and communication among mankind, the original fraternity would return to man. In connection with this thought, Brother Jenks made the application that the Phi Psi, whose early education was fraternity, and whose principles require a wholeness of man in mind, heart, and soul, with memory reaching into the past, and imagination—the memory of the soul—reaching into the future, with faith—the parent of efficient work—could apply the early teachings of his youth to the great desideratum of the fraternity of man, and as a consequence of this the triumph of the principle that "right makes might." This was followed by the quotation:

"When the might, with the right and the truth, shall be,
Then come what may to stand in the way,
That day the world shall see."

Enthusiastic applause greeted this scholarly effort, and upon its conclusion the toast master tastefully introduced the handsome and chivalrous Stires, a typical Southerner of the pure, gentle sort, whose response to "Phi Kappa Psi" was heartily received.

He first spoke of the qualifications which are essential in a perfect Phi Kappa Psi. Having shown the threefold nature of these, he commented on their great strength, "meaning as much indeed to the true Phi Kappa Psi as the recent European triple alliance means to those seeking to preserve the balance of power in that continent. Phi Kappa Psi has an invincible triple alliance." He quoted from a speech which was made during the sessions of the G. A. C., saying that we had reason to be proud of the fact, that where education and cultivation are to be found dispelling the darkness of ignorance, hand in hand with them goes our beloved fraternity, assisting them to lighten the gloom, and inculcating principles of the broadest and noblest philanthropy.

In the next place he declared it his belief that so strong were the bonds of Phi Kappa Psi, that they could stand the severest test. "Nay," said he, "they have stood the severest test which could possibly be

applied." In support of this, he cited the minutes of the last meeting of Virginia Alpha before the breaking out of the war. The *A T* had written, with trembling hands, that this was to be their last meeting. He gave the names of the different companies and regiments which the boys were about to join. Then came a great question: If a brother in Phi Kappa Psi were captured from the enemy, or if, in any way, he was placed in their power, what should be their attitude toward him? There was little hesitation; bitter as was the feeling toward those whom they regarded as invading their country, slaying their people, and desecrating their homes, there was still a tender spot for a brother in Phi Kappa Psi. "And, therefore," said Brother Stires, "they unanimously decided, not only to refrain from injuring a brother in the opposing force, if possible, but also to give him any assistance in their power — such as procuring for him an early exchange." He thought that if the principles of Phi Kappa Psi could stand this test, they were indeed "founded upon a rock," and well calculated to withstand all attacks.

He next spoke of the direct effect upon ourselves, which must result from our interest in, and love for, the fraternity. He asked what it was which made the hearts of the gray-haired men, sitting with us in our banquet hall, so young; as young, indeed, as the heart of that brother among us, who could count the smallest number of years. It was their love of the fraternity; their love for their young brothers, who are standing now where they themselves stood not very long ago. After an appeal to the assembled brothers that they should ever keep the sacred fire of fraternal love warm and bright in their hearts, he quoted, in conclusion, the closing lines of Oliver Wendell Holmes' beautiful poem, "The Boys."

The most unique speech of the evening then followed, when Brother Lowry, Pennsylvania *T*, responded to the sentiment "Phi Psi in Song." He spoke somewhat as follows:

"Phi Psi in song! That sounds well. Phi Psi ought to project itself with its revivifying spirit into every good thing. We are lights in the world, as it is said. Why not voices; voices of melody and gladness? Let the sound of our joyousness go forth into all places, that it may be known how much better we are for this $\Phi \Psi$ spirit.

"We can not live to ourselves alone; we must be a part of every good thing the world knows. Let us then be full of the music which inspires the world to high thought and earnest action. I would that I could carry you away out into the empyrean, where the vast harmonies of nature might be unfolded to your enraptured ears. Oh, what music! What glorious song of celestial choirs might we not hear! That grand song once heard over Bethlehem's plains is ringing yet.

"God himself sings! Christ sang in joy! Paul and Silas, loaded with chains and in prison, at the darkest hour, sang in gladsome praise. Why should we not sing? Song! Phi Psi song! What did it not mean to us once!

"There is power in the human voice that no men can describe. Ah! what feelings of awful joy thrilled our souls, when first we heard the "*Inflammatius*" from "*Stabat Mater!*" Song! Song! Why, song is everywhere! Mendelssohn wrote the most beautiful songs ever heard by mortal ears, without words, yet who has not felt the stir of their power?

"Pythagoras did not state more than what we can readily imagine, when he revelled in the glory of the music of the spheres. The human ear is a dull one, since below twelve to fourteen vibrations per second we can not distinguish the tones, nor above forty thousand per second. Shall we say that there are not harmonies in nature too fine for our dulled sense, too rare for our poor thought to grasp? Birds, insects, animals, angels, all have their glorious song.

"We have sung in our college days songs that have been the joy of gay and thoughtless hours—hours too rare and blissful to last. What care we that these songs, for the most part, were nonsense—mere "sound and fury, signifying nothing?" The grandest thing about college songs is, that they can not belong to any other time or class of people. Our grand proprietorship in the great storehouse of folly can not be impaired. Ours! ours!! ours!!! Outside of our charmed circle, how senseless, how useless they seem!

"Then, let us sing. Our songs; our nonsense songs; our doubly-distilled songs of folly and mirth; our songs of grand fellowship in $\Phi K \Psi$, which shall but forestall the more glorious anthems of the redeemed before the great white throne."

Brother W. E. McLennan, Illinois A, who was the next speaker, in response to his topic, "THE SHIELD," said:

"I am glad that there are no manuscripts; no surreptitious glimpses at finely-written notes, and that the flowing eloquence, which thrills our hearts, can unloose the tongue of the dumbest speaker, and for the once make him an orator. The enthusiasm of this grand gathering of $\Phi \Psi$ s ought to bring thought to the mind and eloquence to the tongue.

"We meet here, and for the brief hours of the banquet, believe $\Phi K \Psi$ the grandest experience of our lives. We come together for business in Council hall for a few days, and our fraternity interests overshadow every other concern. We separate, and the memory is blissful; but shall the memory be kept vivid? Can it be kept alight?

"Yes, it can. But how? Not without communication one with another. Can we, ought we, in our busy lives, to attempt personal correspondence, with that end in view? We can not. THE SHIELD is our ever-present ally in this good work.

"You have all heard of the Irishman whose physician prescribed iron for his blood at every call made upon him, but who was dumbfounded to learn that Pat had suffered in silence, because, having melted the iron redhot, and fearing to take it so, the iron had cooled, and the patient recovered. Pat's literalism, though abortive in application, brought the saving element of faith to bear, and the poor fellow was healed, though his courage failed him at the test proposed.

"Were I to prescribe for every lukewarm $\Phi \Psi$, I should offer one sovereign remedy—THE SHIELD, redhot, taken internally once a month.

"Already our journal has gone to the front rank of fraternity publications. Shall we not make it even better? We are enjoying the blessing of a new govern-

ment, a responsible government, with its Executive Council and such checks and guards as render our future an assured success; but though the Executive Council is good for $\Phi K \Psi$, THE SHIELD is better.

"We can not get along without a fraternity magazine. Let us support it better; let every alumnus be urged to take it. The active membership, with pressing calls upon them, are doing grandly by our organ. Are the alumni doing as well? Oh, no! Let every one of us go forth from this hall a subscription agent, each determined to add at least ten names to the list during the year.

"Banquet memories may fade and die, but the memories of our old fraternity can never become dimmed, if we keep our SHIELD burnished. Then here's to THE SHIELD and its editor. Long may they both prosper."

Brother Barber, South Carolina *A*, had the delicate and dangerous topic of "Our Girls," and handled it with rare skill, begging the delegates present who were bachelors to choose their girls with care, ever remembering that $\Phi \Psi$ s ought to have good girls—must have good girls. He felt that the fraternity owed it as a duty to themselves not to forget the girls. Continuing, he said:

"Let us admire, esteem, and love our girls. Let us have a side degree for their sake, and a cardinal principle of the organization should be the limitation of chapter membership to two. If we but bear ourselves as men, we may each thus found a new chapter, at whose altar the purest love may ever burn. Then here's to our girls. God bless them!"

Brother Biesecker, of Pennsylvania *H*, then responded to the "Executive Council," deprecating the choice which made him respond to a toast, of which he knew nothing. If the Executive Council was fairly represented in Brothers Wilson and Dun, he said, "Long life to it."

"I presume," said he, "that in the judgment of the committee, since the biggest thing in the fraternity now is this same Executive Council, it was befitting that the largest man should respond to the toast proposed to it. I have been connected with the $\Phi K \Psi$ Fraternity for ten years past, and have witnessed momentous changes in it—rapid growth to higher things. None of these changes more exemplifies the advance we have made than the Executive Council, that strong arm of authority which we have so long needed. We have to-day, by this centralization of power, more influence, a better spirit, a more congenial and homogeneous membership."

Brother Wilson then called on Brother C. L. Van Cleve, Ohio *A*, whose duty it was to respond to the last regular toast, "Our Alumni." The speaker said:

"What a strange irony to put me down for the last toast; me who am so fond of talking. Was it malice or charity which prompted the act? Whatever may have been the impelling purpose, the object to be accomplished in insuring a brief speech has been secured. Brother Jenks, with a strange perversity, has amplified in charming eloquence the one theme that I have felt inspired to discuss—that a man's fraternity life begins, but does not end, in college. Brother Stires has

portrayed, with a finer spirit than I can command, the glorious influence in post-college life of the sacred principles which we profess; and Brother Wilson has worked off, at odd intervals during the evening, all the ancient nuciferous products that your patience will endure, and I feel much as Max Adeler did on a certain occasion, and since I haven't even a patriotic motto left, I'll take my seat."

At this juncture Brother Harry Smith, from the rear of the banquet hall, yelled, "Sound!" whereupon a furious storm of applause and cheers broke forth at reply so aptly spoken. The uproar continued, and Brothers Hay and Lowry assisting the discomfited speaker to his feet, he made a few more remarks to the effect that he who had no thought of the fraternity beyond his chapter, was not a worthy son of $\Phi K \Psi$, and that the more a man saw of the world; the more conventions he participated in; the more of high and lofty purpose he imbibed from his associations with his fellows, the more his college fraternity meant to him.

Volunteer speeches then followed, the first from Brother Hay, once editor of the *Phi Kappa Psi Quarterly*, being particularly felicitous. Brother Hay having absolutely refused to reproduce his effort, so that the readers of THE SHIELD might have the benefit of it, it is an impossibility to do it justice in outline, such a succession of droll stories and brilliant turns was it.

Brother Hodder was called upon, but excused himself on the plea that he had had a full share of talking to do during the three days past, and felt like resting.

Brother Dittmer made a dainty little speech of reminiscences, and at its conclusion Brother Dun arose to thank the Council for the presentation to Mrs. Dun of a gorgeous bouquet of roses. Three cheers rent the air for Mrs. Dun, and then the banqueters toasted our distinguished Brother J. B. Foraker, who had sent us the following kind message.

"W. A. Barber, Secretary G. A. C. *Phi Kappa Psi*:

"Please return thanks to G. A. C. of $\Phi K \Psi$ for the kind greeting sent me. I greatly regret that I can not be with you. My absence is not due to a lack of appreciation for the high honor of being your chief officer. I love the fraternity, am proud of its splendid character, and wish it that grand success for the future which it so highly deserves. Be good boys, and never forget that you are members of the $\Phi K \Psi$ Fraternity.

J. B. FORAKER."

With three rousing cheers for Jenks, three more and a tiger for District of Columbia Alpha, the banquet was over, and the G. A. C. of 1888 a thing of the past.

C. L. VAN CLEVE.

WHO WERE THERE.

The following is as nearly complete a list of delegates and visitors as it was possible to obtain :

Anderson, S. B., Pa. Zeta.
 Apple, H. H., Pa. Eta.
 Armstrong, W. S., D. C. Alpha.
 Ashley, C. W., Pa. Zeta.
 Ballard, J. S., Cal. Alpha.
 Barber, W. A., S. C. Alpha.
 Bauman, A. B., Pa. Eta.
 Beck, W. C., Pa. Beta.
 Beeson, J. E., Ind. Alpha.
 Biesecker, F. W., Pa. Eta.
 Booth, C. H., Ill. Alpha.
 Boyer, S. C., Pa. Zeta.
 Burritt, F. N., N. Y. Beta.
 Buskirk, P. V., Ind. Beta.
 Calder, H. S., Pa. Gamma.
 Campbell, C. G., Mich. Alpha.
 Champion, J. V., Pa. Zeta.
 Church, S. R., D. C. Alpha.
 Cochran, E. R., Jr., Pa. Theta.
 Coldren, F. G., Mich. Alpha.
 Converse, E. J., Ohio Delta.
 Crist, J. H., Pa. Epsilon.
 Cummins, A. W., Pa. Theta.
 Dittmar, D. N., Pa. Eta.
 Dubbs, H. A., Pa. Eta.
 Dun, G. W., Ohio Delta.
 Dryden, A. L., Pa. Zeta.
 Earnest, J. P., Pa. Epsilon.
 Eckles, W. A., Pa. Zeta.
 Ehrenfeld, C. L., Ohio Beta.
 Falck, J. G., D. C. Alpha.
 Fassig, O. L., Ohio Delta.
 Gardner, C. H., D. C. Alpha.
 Gephart, G. F., Md. Alpha.
 Gotwald, F. G., Ohio Beta.
 Gretzinger, W. C., Pa. Gamma.
 Haskins, C. H., Pa. Beta.
 Hay, A. L. G., Pa. Beta.
 Hay, E. B., D. C. Alpha.
 Healy, S. W., N. Y. Alpha.
 Hendricks, J. W., Pa. Eta.
 Herben, S. J., Ill. Alpha.
 Hersperger, E. A., Pa. Beta.
 Hodder, F. H., N. Y. Alpha.
 Holloway, S. W., Va. Alpha.
 Houghton, A. J., D. C. Alpha.
 Hubacheck, F. R., Wis. Gamma.
 Hunt, C. D., Ind. Alpha.
 Jenks, G. A., Pa. Alpha.
 Johns, R. L., Pa. Zeta.
 Kiesewetter, L. F., Ohio Delta.
 Kurtz, F. Albert, Pa. Epsilon.

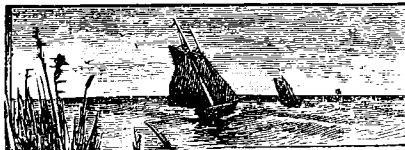
Laffer, C. C., Pa. Beta.
 Loose, J. P., Pa. Theta.
 Lowry, Robert, Pa. Gamma.
 Manges, M., Ohio Gamma.
 Manning, G. E., Cal. Alpha.
 Marquis, G. P., Pa. Alpha.
 McDowell, W. B., Pa. Theta.
 McGaw, L. G., Ohio Gamma.
 McLean, E. L., Pa. Eta.
 McLennan, W. E., Ill. Alpha.
 McLure, J. H., S. C. Alpha.
 Meloy, A. D., Pa. Zeta.
 Mills, George E., Pa. Zeta.
 Morris, George V., Pa. Zeta.
 Mutz, J. R., Ind. Beta.
 Needham, J. C., Cal. Alpha.
 Pardoe, C. S., Pa. Zeta.
 Pearce, W. M., Pa. Zeta.
 Plain, F. G., Mich. Alpha.
 Prentiss, W. C., D. C. Alpha.
 Reinoehl, W. A., Pa. Eta.
 Reynolds, N. B., Pa. Eta.
 Rupley, F. A., Jr., Pa. Eta.
 Sadtler, H. P., Pa. Epsilon.
 Saunders, J. W., N. Y. Delta.
 Schnauber, F. J., N. Y. Beta.
 Schreyer, J. Y., Pa. Gamma.
 Semans, H. M., Ohio Alpha.
 Shallow, E. B., N. Y. Epsilon.
 Smith, C. A., N. Y. Delta.
 Smith, C. H., Ind. Beta.
 Smith, H. W., D. C. Alpha.
 Smith, P. W., Ind. Alpha.
 Snedcor, M. D., Minn. Alpha.
 Spalding, J. H., D. C. Alpha.
 Springer, John W., Ind. Alpha.
 Stephens, F. H., D. C. Alpha.
 Sterling, Wilson M., Kans. Alpha.
 Stevens, John, Jr., Wis. Alpha.
 Stires, E. M., Va. Alpha.
 Stockstill, F. W., D. C. Alpha.
 Templeton, A. M., Pa. Alpha.
 Thompson, W. T., Ind. Beta.
 Uhler, H. T., Pa. Epsilon.
 Van Cleve, C. L., Ohio, Alpha.
 Webb, J. B., D. C. Alpha.
 Wharton, W. W., Pa. Zeta.
 White, H. K., Wis. Gamma.
 Wilkinson, G. S., D. C. Alpha.
 Wilson, S. D., D. C. Alpha.
 Wilson, W. C., Pa. Beta.
 Wise, C. S., Pa. Alpha.

INTERPRETATION.

I listened long to the merry sound
Of the waves, which came with leap and bound,
Like things of life, of hope, of glee,
And this is the song they sang to me:
Hope on, trust on, up and away;
The world is thine; your heart holds sway
O'er foes. This gained, what more would ask?
Where love is king, how sweet the task!

I listened long to the mournful sound
Of the waves which surge and dash around;
Then falling back with sob and moan,
They tell a tale—How like my own!
Hope fled, trust gone, and here I lie.
The world, how dark! my song a sigh;
Though love was king, 'twas not for me.
Farewell, sweet love; farewell to thee.

BURT MCVAY ALLISON.



The Areopagus.

FOUNDING OF MINNESOTA B.

On a high and beautiful piece of ground, sixty feet above the river, and within sound of the falls of St. Anthony and the rumbling of the mills for which Minneapolis is celebrated, is a large stone building, which forms the main hall of the University of Minnesota. Here it is that a few weeks ago a new and flourishing chapter of Phi Kappa Psi was established. Long before any positive effort was made to establish a chapter at this university, many a Phi Psi, who had personal knowledge of the magnificent prospects of the school, had looked with anxiety to the time when the banners of Phi Psi should be firmly planted there.

Some time along last spring C. D. Van Wie, who was at that time a prosperous young lawyer in the city of Minneapolis, had been looking about for good material for a chapter. About April 20th, Mr. Van Wie became acquainted with Mr. Erf, who was one of the speakers in the oratorical contest. As it happened the oratorical contest, which is here looked upon as the crowning event of the year, came off about March 30th. The interest that is taken in this event is intense; all the best material in the college is expected to be brought out in this contest.

Mr. Van Wie, of course, was present, and Brother Erf came off victor. This decided Mr. Van Wie to speak to him. He did so and the corner-stone for the new chapter was laid. During the spring and before commencement Brother Erf carefully selected and counted his acquaintances, and finally succeeded in inducing three or four others to join him in forming a new secret society.

They met again in the fall—those of them who came back to college. Mr. Van Wie was present, and it was resolved to make the petition for the charter.

Suddenly Mr. Van Wie was called away, and left the city for California. This left everything in the dark, and it seemed likely that the

little structure that they had so carefully planned must eventually fall to the ground.

However, Brother Erf was full of courage and pressed on with the work, and finally succeeded in inducing several others who had not put their names to the petition to join with him in forming the chapter. During all this time Geo. Bass, the archon of this district, was sending encouraging words. Several of the Phi Psis in the city, Brothers Benton and Erwin in particular, took an interest in the enterprise, made themselves acquainted with the boys, and used their influence in securing the charter. The first meeting was held in Brother Benton's office Dec. 16. On the 12th of February a meeting was held in a room at the Nicollet House, where a temporary organization was formed. All this time the boys were waiting expectantly for the new charter.

February 27th another meeting was held at the Nicollet House, and on March 1st a letter arrived from Archon Bass announcing that he would be in the city the next day with the charter. The next night, in the law office of Bro. Benton, five of the boys were initiated, and the night after in the National Hotel two more were made Phi Psis. The service was performed by Brothers Bass, Erf and myself. Brother Benton being ill was not able to be present.

This letter will introduce to you the members of the new chapter. They are: Sophomores, W. H. Woodward, B. H. Linn, H. D. Dickinson, J. E. Erf, and H. Baily; freshmen, Theodore G. Soares, B. H. Timberlake, Fred. J. Eitel.

CHICAGO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

At the banquet of the Fourth District Council, held in Chicago in April, 1887, a general stimulus was given to many of the resident members of the fraternity in the city to form an association here; and urged on by a letter from Brother Sheean of the Executive Council a committee took the matter in hand.

Upon the 21st of February, last, the following members of $\Phi K \Psi$, resident in Chicago, met in a club room in the Tremont House, pursuant to a call by the committee:

Harry Falkenan, N. Y. Alpha; Clarence and Conrad Durborow, Ind. Beta; A. E. Mabie, Ill. Alpha; L. W. Crow, Edgar Tennant, and R. G. Collins, Wis. Gamma; Joseph Halsted and T. C. Cole, Mich. Alpha; J. E. Christy, D. C. Alpha; F. C. Payne, Ind. Alpha; Frank H. Foster, Wis. Alpha; and R. J. Mott, T. R. Weddell, C. W. Henson, E. A.

Buzzell, and L. M. Coy, Ill. Beta. With us was our own archon, Geo. A. Bass.

At that meeting a committee was appointed to arrange for a banquet upon the thirtieth of March, and another committee was arranged for to draft articles of association and report the same at such banquet.

A few days later eight members signed a petition to the Executive Council for a charter, and the same was granted on March 17.

To the banquet the committee succeeded in getting out twenty-nine members—representing thirteen chapters—three of whom were active members of the fraternity.

The following is the list of toasts responded to at the banquet:

The Fraternity as a Factor in a College Education,

	ALEXANDER CLARK, Ind. Gamma, '72.
Old Time Phi Psi,	REV. F. M. GREGG, Pa. Beta, '55.
Phi Psi of To-day,	T. R. WEDDELL, Ill. Beta, '83.
The Relation of the Alumnus to his Chapter,	WM. A. PAULSEN, Wis. Beta, '77.
"It is Good to be Here,"	T. C. COLE, Mich. Alpha, '78.
The Chicago Alumni Association,	F. C. PAYNE, Ind. Alpha, '80.

Informal toasts and fraternity songs were also upon the programme. James Frake, Ill. Alpha, '66, acted as toast master.

The Rev. F. M. Gregg had not attended any sort of a fraternity gathering for over a quarter of a century, and it is needless to say that we all enjoyed having him with us, and listening to his entertaining talk upon "Old Time Phi Psi."

The members present were as follows: Ill. Alpha—James Frake, '66; Ill. Beta—Robins S. Mott, '80, Lucius Weinschenk, '80, T. R. Weddell, '83, Guy Brockway, '84, Charles W. Henson, '82, Lincoln M. Coy, '83; Penn. Beta—The Rev. F. M. Gregg, '55; D. C. Alpha—Jesse E. Christy, '83; N. Y. Alpha—Harry Falkenan, '82; Ohio Gamma—George C. Nimmons, '83; Ind. Alpha—Frank C. Payne, '80; Ind. Gamma—Alexander Clark, '72; Mich. Alpha—F. C. Cole, '78, Joseph Halsted, '83, W. S. Holden, '85, J. V. Denny, '82, R. B. Preble, '85, Grant Ford, '88, E. L. Parmenter, '81; Wis. Alpha—Frank Foster, '80, Byron Carter, '81, L. E. Youmans, '82; Wis. Gamma—L. W. Crown, '81, Leonard Bronson, '80, Daniel Waite, '84; Wis. Beta—Wm. A. Paulsen, '77; Ill. Gamma—W. S. Orth.

The articles of association provide for a meeting of the association once a year in a banquet. The government of the association during the year is left entirely to an executive committee of five, which consists of the three officers and two other members.

The following officers were elected for the first year: J. R. Custer,

Pa. Epsilon, '64, Senior G. P. ; W. A. Paulsen, Wis. Beta, '77, Senior P. ; L. M. Coy, Ill. Beta, '83, Senior B. G. ; L. W. Crow of Wis. Gamma, and T. R. Weddell of Ill. Beta were made members of the executive committee.

We expect to get at least thirty resident members to sign the articles of association as soon as they are properly drawn up.

We sincerely hope to have a pleasant reunion with many of you when the G. A. C. meets in this city ; and that the Chicago Alumni Association may be active for many years to come.

LINCOLN M. COY.

CHICAGO, April 13, 1888.

HARVARD PHI PSIS.

"Now do I play the touch,
To try if thou be current gold, indeed."

How inspiring to "play the touch," and discover "current gold, indeed!" To tell you of such a pleasure is my mission.

After several calls and conferences between the various Phi Psis at Harvard, we were invited to enjoy the social evening with the Hudson brothers in 20 Thayer, College Yard. The memorable date is March 27, 1888.

On the 20th I discovered a brother at the B. U. S. T., and presented him as a surprise to the remaining fellows on Tuesday evening. For fear you may take the said brother for a bold, bad man, I'll interpret his bust, namely: "The Boston University School of Theology."

The following men were present: Charles Hudson, first year law school, and Henry Hudson, '90, Michigan Alpha; E. W. Spalding, '88, District of Columbia Alpha; R. H. Coatsworth, '90, New York Delta; J. H. Newland, B. U. S. T.; C. H. Hoover, first year medical school, and B. M. Allison, '89, Ohio Alpha. Phi Psis at Harvard not present are R. H. Van Deman, '88, Ohio Alpha, and E. S. Hosmer, '88, District of Columbia Alpha.

The times of "long ago" were talked over with animation, and glowing reports were had of the various chapters represented. The G. A. C. received its share of the discussion, and THE SHIELD her accustomed praise.

Refreshments and tobacco smoke brought back the memories of frat.

meetings and the jolly times of speech and song. The seductive chords of a guitar awoke the singers, and what could we sing but—

“Here's to old Phi Psi—
Drink her down, drink her down.”

You know how it is when a crowd get together, and thus we kept it up, renewing the good fellowship of the order, and for the *time* forgetting the grind which must come with the morrow.

We discussed fraternity extension, giving especial attention to the East. We found the question a large one—something like the surplus—and could arrive at no united opinion. It is needless to state that fraternity life at Harvard and Yale is not to be compared with that of our chapters in the majority of colleges. As in everything else, they are local clubs, large in number, both literary and social, with perhaps two fraternities which keep up a close connection with their general fraternity. To describe this plan of Harvard life would take up too much space, although it has a direct bearing on eastern extension, as applied to several great colleges.

This first “smoke” was a decided success, and another will be held in a short time. Any question in regard to Harvard will be gladly answered by myself or the brothers herein named. This Massachusetts Alpha, so to speak, sends her best to every chapter, and wishes THE SHIELD unbounded success

BURT McVAY ALLISON.

Cambridge, Mass., April 7, 1888.

Editorial.

Subscribers, contributors, advertisers and exchanges will please take note, that after this issue THE SHIELD will change the time of its publication so as to conform to the college year, beginning Volume IX. in September next and closing in June, 1889.

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WE wish, in this more public manner, to return to the fraternity our hearty thanks for the renewed evidence of favor shown in our re-election as Editor of THE SHIELD.

With us our journal has been the most cherished ambition of our lives, and we shall not be content to relinquish our hold upon it until we shall have more nearly approximated our ideal fraternity magazine. We wish for the beloved $\phi K \psi$, which has so often honored us, a long life and more honored future than her glorious past.

WE are sorry that we can not accept a most handsome invitation to be present at the anniversary of the Diognathian Literary Society of Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster. We note with pleasure that three of eight speakers are $\phi \psi's$.

IF we are so fortunate as to be present at the Chicago Grand Arch Council in 1890, we shall bring with us, if it is not otherwise provided, a record book, in which shall be entered the names of all delegates and visitors in attendance upon the meeting, with such other items of interest added as shall render the book in time a most valuable and interesting souvenir. We made strong effort to get a complete list of those present at Washington, but fell far short of accomplishing our purpose.

WE were particularly well pleased with a feature of *The Grip*, the $\Sigma \Gamma$'s annual for Ohio Δ . It was in the nature of a gossipy letter from one of the recent "old boys," E. M. Van Harlingen. We think that a few entertaining communications of this kind would be a valuable adjunct to the features already included by general consent as well as by direct constitutional provision in these important aids to fraternity knowledge.

WE can not undertake, at this late date, to give extended editorial review of the recent Grand Arch Council, which was the most notable Phi Psi gathering it has been our good fortune to attend. The speeches in business meetings were characterized by clearness and force, and the banquet was a model in the line of displaying how versatile and eloquent $\Phi \Psi$'s are.

Fraternity affairs received most thorough attention, and no department of activity was unrepresented. The conservative spirit which has always characterized our gatherings was present in formidable shape, so formidable as to defeat two very strong petitions for charters, and to stop some very promising schemes for measures, the wisdom of which would not commend itself to sober second thought.

We wish the readers of *THE SHIELD* to understand that the minutes as published in this issue are in the barest outline, all, or nearly all, of those details most likely to be of interest to the fraternity being of necessity, such as to preclude publication. This was especially true of the reports which were full, exhaustive and able papers. The account of the banquet ought to have been made verbatim but we had no preconception of the brilliancy of the occasion or we should have employed a competent short-hand writer to take the speeches down. The singing, though impromptu, was good, and much as we missed our song-book we "rang the welkin" in royal style.

WE enter a plea for small colleges, and offer it as our judgment that $\phi K \psi$ makes a great mistake in refusing to enter such institutions merely because the number of students is limited.

While we are no advocate of wide extension we believe that no opportunity ought to be unimproved to enter colleges of good reputation and assured future when the signs are right. The signs are right when the college has a standard of requirement high enough to turn out well-equipped men, no matter whether their purses be lean or fat; when the petitioners are from good families, are brainy, industrious and fond of fellowship; and when the spirit in these men is of a character to justify a belief that they will bequeath high purposes, unswerving integrity and hearty love for their fellows to their successors.

From the smaller colleges of our country are coming the men who people the great universities of the East and Europe with their best brains, and from them each year are sent out hundreds of young students, who, with no further collegiate training, will achieve honor and credit for

themselves, their colleges and their country, in every rank of life.

The $\phi \kappa \psi$ fraternity, from a mistaken idea of the requirements which she should demand, based upon the high standing which she has attained to the Greek world, can not afford to ignore this state of things and refuse to entertain propositions to enter institutions of good reputation when the time is ripe.

THE report of the Committee on State of the Fraternity, so far as it is proper to speak of their work in this public way, was wholesome and far-reaching. Recognizing the justness of their conclusions, the G. A. C. adopted their recommendations unanimously, and the proposal which was there made of most direct importance to THE SHIELD was that which enjoined upon the fraternity to make strenuous efforts to increase the subscription list by at least four hundred names. Among more than four thousand living members, this increase ought not to be difficult to secure. But how? This question was fully discussed, and the proposition most feasible appeared to be this: let each chapter take its entire membership from the time of its establishment, and ten per cent. of that number will be the pro rated increase which each will be obliged to secure, if the recommendation is carried out.

It may seem as if this will work hard upon the older chapters, but this objection may be easily met, if we consider how small a number ten per cent. of the membership really is. Persistent effort on the part of fifty wide awake Phi Psis will bring this result about.

Some chapters have already ten per cent. of their membership upon our books, and to them ten per cent. additional may be a burden; but if they, by no special

effort, have thus shown their loyalty, is it too much to expect of them even to get their full increase?

There are several loyal brothers in Chicago who are sending in subscriptions continually, one of whom has, during the past year, sent us fully a dozen names of genuine paying subscribers. Again, there are members who have gone out of college, who are able and ought to be willing to emulate the example of Brother W. C. Beck, and become personally responsible for five copies.

Come, let us rally to the support of our organ! Shall four hundred new names be a task for which we are unequal? We shall be glad to furnish back numbers as sample copies for use in securing subscriptions for a nominal sum—merely enough to pay postage and clerical work—and urge upon the chapters to make good use of the months between now and September in securing the entire increase. Shall we say that $\phi \kappa \psi$ is unable to secure four hundred new supporters for our organ?



Chapter Letters.

ALLEGHENY.

The opening of the term found forty new students registered in college, an unusually large number for a spring term at Allegheny.

Our delegates, Brothers Laffer and Hersperger, have not yet returned from Washington. The boys await their arrival with impatience, all being anxious to hear from the G. A. C.

The numerical standing of the different fraternities in college is as follows: $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 16; $\Delta \Gamma \Delta$, 16; $\Sigma \Lambda \Xi$, 8; $K \Lambda \Theta$, 10; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 22; $K K \Gamma$, 7. We have eleven members at present.

Brother W. E. Porter, a member of the class of '91, recently enjoyed a ride on our mammiferous scrap-eating quadruped. Ed. has been under the careful guardianship of the chapter during the present college year, at the beginning of which he was a senior prep, but is now a full fledged, true and loyal Phi Psi, who may spread out his pink and lavender wings and fly. He was just the fellow we wanted.

This spring bids fair to be the most interesting in athletics the college has seen for many a day. The base ball and foot ball teams have been organized. Phi Psi is well represented upon them by three and two men respectively. Among other organizations there is a bicycle club, of which Brother Cattern is president. The Athletic Association is making active preparations for a spring meet, to take place the first week in May, preliminary to the one to be held at commencement time. The chapter will have a fair base ball nine, although not as strong as in former years; yet we hope to hold first place among the rival fraternity nines.

The annual contest of the Allegheny Literary Society, for the "Chautauquan Oration Prize" took place in the college chapel on the evening of March 20. The judges were unanimously in favor of awarding the prize, "fully merited and justly deserving," to Bro. J. R. Anderson, the subject of whose oration was, "Beacon Lights of Liberty." As all the contestants were fraternity men, the result seems to be a decided victory for $\Phi K \Psi$.

Twelve colleges have been invited to each send a representative to compete for an oration prize of \$100, donated by the Chautauqua University. The contest is to be held at Chautauqua, N. Y., the last week in July. Bro. Frank

A. Cattern, class of '89, has been chosen by the faculty to represent Allegheny. This is the only honor conferred by the faculty, and it places Brother Cattern foremost among the orators in college.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has finally been established at Allegheny with five charter members, all of whom are in the college classes. At present they number seven, and are serious rivals of Kappa Alpha Theta, chartered some eight years since. This makes two new fraternities in one year, but let them come, the more the merrier.

This chapter has secured the large and commodious house of Joshua Douglas, Esq., on Highland Avenue, formerly known as "Douglas Hall," for a chapter-house. This has been the ambition of Pa. Beta for some time, and although we are new at the business, we feel confident that it will prove a success. It is a beautiful place, and situated as it is gives ample opportunity for the entertainment of our friends, and the boys will be especially pleased to welcome any Phi Psi who might happen this way, if he will only make himself known.

A. M. BROWN.

Meadville, Pa., April 6, 1888.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Ever since the opening of the spring term the great and absorbing item of conversation about the classic precincts of Miller Hall has been the last G. A. C. The brethren of Epsilon who were in Washington have related to those of us less favored by Fate the various proceedings of the Council, as well as their own individual experiences, and have told us how they enjoyed themselves, and what a pleasant time they had. In fact, Brother Uhler has waxed so warm in praise of everything concerned, that he has decided in his own mind that he can not rest satisfied until he has presented to the chapter a picture of the G. A. C., with Brother Harvey T. in the background about to rise to make his little speech.

Epsilon was not as well represented at the convention as she should have been, and as she had wished and intended to be, but the comparative scarcity of "ye men of Epsilon" at the G. A. C. was the fault of accident in several cases. It was a matter of great regret to those of us who could not possibly attend to hear that Epsilon was so scantily represented; but the fact is—and we whisper it confidentially—that one of the brethren started to go to Washington, got as far as Baltimore, and, becoming bewildered, was lost somewhere in the city. Such is the report around here; however, we think it best not to mention any names, as the report may, after all, be a libel.

As spring is now at hand, and as athletic sports of all kinds will soon be in full blast, Epsilon has concocted a little scheme to form a lawn tennis club, intending to fix up that part of the campus directly in front of the chapter house. The scheme was suggested last fall, but, owing to the lateness of the season, was postponed until this spring.

The work on the new building for the college is progressing as rapidly as the weather will permit. The contract calls for the finishing of the foundation

by commencement. The building, which is to be one hundred and sixty-five feet long and sixty-nine feet deep, will be the pride of Pennsylvania College, being erected in the Romanesque style. It is estimated that the cost will be \$77,500, exclusive of the chapel, which will be erected separately on another part of the campus.

We enjoyed a short visit from Brother Fred. Gotwald, of Springfield, Ohio, some time in the latter part of March. Brother Gotwald is an old Pennsylvania Epsilon man, and as such we were doubly glad to see him. However, he came at a bad time to be rightly entertained, as we were all busy packing up to go to our respective homes. His visit was enjoyed nevertheless.

EDWARD C. HECHT.

Gettysburg, Pa., April 14, 1888.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

We have been to the G. A. C., and we have returned with more real fraternity spirit than ever before possessed by us. Yes; we have seen you face to face; we have felt the thrill which flowed like an electric current through your brotherly grip.

We are now alive, with good intentions. We see ourselves more plainly from having seen others, and we think we can see wherein we have been at fault in the past. We have been a strongly united band of brothers, but we have too often had our own interests at heart, and our own ends in view, and have forgotten the interests of the fraternity at large. We have been members of a local club more than members of the "best fraternity in the world."

Brother Stephen Evans who has so lately had "Unknown" attached to his name is one of the Zeta's sons, and we believe it our fault in part that he obtained that title.

We also discovered Brother Pardoe, another one of our "unknowns," while in Washington, but we found that he retained much of his old-time love for $\Phi K \Psi$.

Not long since we had the pleasure of meeting one of the faculty of Allegheny College. On seeing the $\Phi \Psi$ badge, he exclaimed: "A fine fraternity!" then added, "We never have any trouble with the $\Phi \Psi$ boys at Allegheny." A first-class compliment to you, brothers of Pennsylvania Beta.

Brother Morgan, Chair of Political Economy and Logic, has recently rendered a service to our college and society libraries, for which he deserves to be immortalized. He has so catalogued our large number of old magazines that they can now be used as reference books.

Our "Sophomore Oratorical Prize Contest" will take place next month. Brothers Pearce and Zimmermann have expressed their intentions of contesting.

We feel like congratulating ourselves on the excellent condition of the fraternity financially and otherwise; on the prospect of a grand catalogue, of a song book, and a fraternity yell.

Some of our boys who could not attend the G. A. C. wish us to state that Pennsylvania Zeta did not send *all* of her best men to the Council. Whether this be true or not we can not say, but if the other chapters did not send their

best men, we have the very highest opinion of those who stayed at home, for we have never seen a more gentlemanly or a better looking assemblage. This was the expressed opinion of many outsiders, especially the ladies.

We were represented by thirteen men (Brother Johns' name, by some mistake, did not appear on our card), most of whom were in the city a week. Our heartiest thanks are due, for many kind favors, to Brother Ashley, his sister, and her fair friends.

Some of us are already looking forward to Chicago. May we meet you there.

GEORGE V. MORRIS.

Carlisle, Pa., April 17, 1888.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter to THE SHIELD, our chapter has withdrawn from the *Syracusan* board, and has connected itself with the *University News*. How this change came to be effected is briefly as follows: Since our establishment in 1884, New York Beta has been associated with Δ K E in the publication of the *Syracusan*. Of late our associates have taken upon themselves undue authority, and have made themselves disagreeable in many ways. Seeing that we could not work well together, and that a separation was desirable, we secretly and quietly made arrangements to go on the *News*. No small excitement was created, when it became known that we had severed our connection with the one and made those with the other without the knowledge, or even suspicion, of our partners. The *University News*, an eight-page, bi-weekly publication, is now issued by Φ K Ψ and Ψ Υ, and, although less than a year old, has the largest circulation of the three papers now published.

We have just received a picture of the G. A. C., with which we are very well pleased. Our delegates had a grand time, which more than filled their expectations.

At the Junior Hat Exhibition held recently, Φ Ψ was well represented by P. F. Piper, '89, and M. Burlingame, '90. Brother Piper was orator of the evening, and apostrophized in eloquent and glowing language the "Ailken nocturno"—the junior title. Brother Burlingame gave a toast to '90. To quote from one of the daily papers, "His speech was one of the best of the evening." Both of the boys did an honor both to themselves and to the fraternity.

Tennis playing has received a new impetus at the university this spring. Several new courts have been recently laid out, two of which belong to our boys.

Our Annual Field Day occurs next Saturday. We don't like to "count our chickens before they're hatched," but we fully expect Brother Burlingame to take several of the dashes, at least. Several other entries have been made by our men.

We are grieved to note the death of our esteemed brother, J. G. Jones, '85. Brother Jones will long be remembered by the members of New York Beta as a loving brother, sincere Christian, and loyal Phi Psi.

Our prospects for the coming year are very encouraging. We expect some of the old brothers back, and two new men are already pledged. Wishing a like, though greater, success to all sister chapters, we will close.

GEORGE K. STATHAM.

Syracuse, New York, May 9, 1888.

MADISON UNIVERSITY.

Brother Shallow, '88, has just returned from Washington to impart to New York Epsilon some of the enthusiasm in fraternity work, which was so largely instilled into him during the session of the G. A. C. His report on the state of the fraternity, the loyalty prevailing in each chapter, the energetic society spirit shown in every delegate, and on many more encouraging facts, has at once welded us more closely and redeemed us from all indifference and inactivity in society work. Now, Epsilon is laying plans, which she believes will help to make our fraternity greater in wealth, honor, and fame. Brothers, this is the effect of the G. A. C. on us. What upon you?

"The Madison University Gospel Band," consisting of Brothers Sholar, '89, Divine, and Warren, '91, has gained quite a celebrity among several churches in New York State. Though our brothers only began this work the present year, they have been already very successful. We report with pride the efforts of our brothers in pursuing such a work, and in making it such a marked success.

The university nine is busy practicing these days, with a view to shortly play some games with Syracuse and Hamilton College. If our boys are in good order, we feel confident in their success. Brothers Osgood and Potter, '90, represent Phi Psi in the nine.

The Allen and Lasher prize competition has just closed, while the Bushnell historical prize competition is going on amid great strugglings and headaches. In addition to all these "great competitions," there comes to the pitiable senior the thought of "getting up" a graduating oration.

The outlook for our chapter here is very encouraging. Our men are every one "jolly and brave." Come and see us, boys, and we will try to give you a good time.

D. A. MAC MURRAY.

Hamilton, N. Y., April 16, 1888.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Everything is very quiet now in the fold of Virginia Alpha. The final examinations have thrown their gloomy pall over every one, and we are all working hard. Our brothers who attended the G. A. C. returned no less delighted with the loyal brothers they met than astonished at the business-like methods upon which the fraternity is conducted. They were able to testify to the faithful work accomplished and the encouraging outlook.

Next Friday night Virginia Alpha will celebrate her annual banquet. This will make the only break in our steady routine of work between now and the end of the session.

Our commencement exercises June 24th-27th promise to be of unusual interest. President Cleveland will be with us, and extensive preparations are being made to make the exercises interesting. As we close later than many of our sister chapters, Virginia Alpha will be very glad to welcome all brothers who can make it convenient to visit us. ERNEST M. STIRES.

University of Virginia, May 8, 1888.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY.

At the present writing all is quiet along the once turbulent Appomatox, and no sound is heard save the dull, heavy thud of the ponderous brain machinery working throughout the vast building. Ball games, broken canes, squashed plugs, the palms and the laurels of our annual Olympics, are numbered only among the historical records of the session of '87-'88, and the boys are now earnestly preparing themselves for the forthcoming finals.

We have the pleasure of announcing that an enterprising and highly oratorical goat, Brother William Spiller Stuart, of the White Sulphur Springs, as the reward of his well-directed efforts in the Philanthropic Society, was voted its handsome sophomore debater's medal.

This year, in our chapter's late history, may be called its "forensic" year in contradistinction to last year, which may be called its strictly academic, as two of the three honor men of that class were Φ Ψ s, and two of the speakers' medals of this year are worn by our men—Brother Stuart mentioned above and Brother P. S. Wood, who wears the senior orator's for '88.

Our new men, if not enthusiastic co-workers and hearty Φ Ψ s, are yet to be named. They swear by the constitution and "cuss" by the by-laws. They are all very much excited about the issues of the Grand Catalogue. They want their names spelled right and put in several times; about the former there must be no mistake, and the latter they are willing to pay for. For fear that they may not be enabled to see a copy of the catalogue before the session ends, I have agreed to give a short description of each one. Brother Rawlings comes first as the champion bareback rider of untamed ponies, the vengeful smiter of rag babies, wherefore, and for divers other reasons, his enemies have esteemed him "Babe." He comes from illustrious Φ Ψ parentage, and we hope he may be able to perpetuate the species, with slight modifications. Next in order I will biograph Brother Clement R. Watson. This is a feature of which the chapter is truly proud. A man of varied accomplishments, and a profound knowledge of medical affairs. He led the last charge of the Light Brigade on the chapel rostrum, and distinguished himself to such an extent that the mention of one will never fail to suggest the other to the minds of all posterity. He is now engaged in preparing a paper for the Berlin medical convention on "Henbane as an Allopathic Nervine, and Its Influence on Mediæval Civilization," which is expected to throw light on many hitherto unsolved problems. I had intended giving short sketches of the other two *goats*, but on account of the space which would be required to do them justice, I will reserve them until next time.

We hear that the Theological Seminary Department of our chapter is to have three new acquisitions next session from Virginia B, F, and probably A.

We were doomed this session to severe disappointment in not being able to have our representatives at the G. A. C., but the time conflicting as it did with our examinations, which are just beginning, we could find no one of our number who was willing to undergo the risk of absenting himself from college at such an important time. All are anxious to know the result of the convention, and will hail the arrival of the next SHIELD with increased delight on that account.

E. S. WATSON.

Hampden-Sidney, April 11, 1888.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

The accounts Brothers McLure and Barber brought back of their reception and warm welcome to the G. A. C. have made those of us who were left behind wish more than ever that we could have been there, and share in the "feast of reason and flow of soul," not to mention the more substantial feast that came afterward; but still we feel there is room for consolation in the fact that South Carolina Alpha had two representatives there, and this for the first time in her history. We have had delegates at every G. A. C. since our re-organization now, and see no reason why such should not be the order of things in the future.

We are all thoroughly satisfied with the changes and improvements introduced, especially in the matter of THE SHIELD issue, and are looking with a great deal of interest to the appearance of the new ritual.

Work has been actively prosecuted all spring, as far as possible, on the the preparation and remodeling of the college buildings for the opening of the university next fall, and the results have taken practical shape in the complete renovation of the old chapel building, which is now nearing completion. This is by far the handsomest building on the campus, and was originally built for use as a chapel, but not proving suitable as such, was afterward devoted to various other uses, and finally turned into a gymnasium, machine shops, etc. Last fall it was decided to devote it exclusively to the departments of Mechanical Technology and Chemistry, and the extensive improvements that have been introduced will give us probably the finest laboratories and workshops in the South. A great many other changes will be made during the summer recess, and several of the halls now in use greatly remodeled and improved, so that they will be hard to recognize, when we return in the fall. We are sorry to say, though, that this will entail the loss of our Chapter Hall. Most of the fraternities here have rooms on the upper floors of the recitation halls, which the faculty allows them free of rent. These are now needed, and will have to be surrendered. We were fortunate, however, in securing other rooms near at hand, which will at least do us temporarily, and until we can build a chapter house. What move the other fraternities will make nobody seems to know as yet, but I imagine there will be trouble in the camp of at least one of them, of whom a representative mentioned in confidence some time since that "he'd bet

they ran things cheaper than any crowd in college." This was a senior, not a freshman, it may be as well to note in passing.

Our men made excellent showings at the last examinations, as the subjoined table, which gives the per cent. of "proficient" men in each fraternity, will show:

Σ A E,	- -	23 per cent.	A T Ω,	60 per cent.
X Ψ,		40 per cent.	Φ Δ Θ,	83 per cent.
K A,		53 per cent.	Φ K Ψ,	100 per cent.

With the close of the term we must part with Brothers Cathcart and Shand, who have served the chapter faithfully for nearly four years, and will now graduate with credit to themselves and Phi Kappa Psi. It is probable, however, that they will both remain in the city, and not be entirely lost to us. There is also a prospect of some of our errant brothers returning to the fold next fall—among them some of our best workers. We sincerely trust they may succeed in their efforts to be with us, as we shall need their assistance in the grand pull we are going to make then for the restoration of the chapter to the position of pre-eminence the war wrested from us, and which, if signs fail not, will soon be within reach of our grasp again. There is promise of a superior class of students for the fall, and we already have our eye on some excellent material, and "there is more in the wind."

The appointment of Brother J. P. Marshall, '72, as Secretary of State, has been a source of congratulation to every one, and especially to us of South Carolina Alpha, as a recognition of the worth and integrity which so well fits him for the discharge of the duties of his high office.

Brothers Doyle, '69, and Finley, '86, paid us visits a short while since. Brother Doyle had not been in Columbia since the day of his graduation—nineteen years ago—but he enquired for his old fraternity right away, and seemed delighted at receiving a good, hearty Φ Ψ grip once more.

Brother Lee, '89, also ran up for a few days from Charleston, while home on his winter recess from the University of the South, and gave us a greater part of his time. He spoke very encouragingly of the prospects at Sewanee.

We shall miss THE SHIELD very much while it is gone, but when the new volume opens in the fall, "let us all be there" in some shape or other, and make the opening number the first of a series that shall ever go on increasing in interest and brightness.

E. St. J. GRIMKE'.

Columbia, S. C., April 27, 1888.

WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

It is with varied emotions that we pen Ohio Beta's last message for the year to THE SHIELD. We are more than ever impressed with the thought that our college days are gliding away like a dream, and will soon be only happy memories. We cling to them, and yet we would not prolong them. But when the experiences of our college life shall have identified themselves with the past, how much their charm will be enhanced by the Phi Psi atmosphere which surrounds them!

Quite a number of college events have occurred since we last reported, which we will notice briefly. Prominent among these are the "Publics" given by the Excelsior and Euterpean literary societies; the lectures by Doctors Breckenridge, Smith, and Ehrenfeld; the concert given by the Wittenberg Conservatory of Music, and the literary and musical entertainment by the college Y. M. C. A. Our highly esteemed brother, Dr. Smith, gave us a very interesting description of "University Life in Germany." We regret that it has not been published.

Brothers Fred. Gotwald, '88, and Prof. Charles H. Ehrenfeld, '86, represented our chapter at the G. A. C. If the rest of the chapter could have slid down to Washington on their *inclinations*, there would have been a full delegation.

Brother Will Gotwald, who has been prostrate with fever for the past ten weeks, was very dangerously ill last week, but we are rejoiced to say that he is now slowly recovering. Brother King Gotwald, of York, Pennsylvania, has come out to attend him.

"Billum" has been sadly missed in the Mystic Circle. His protracted illness has cast quite a gloom upon our chapter. May he be speedily restored to health, and to the society of his sympathizing Phi Psi brothers.

On Saturday afternoon the organization of a chapter of the Agassiz Association was effected at Wittenberg. The chapter begins with a dozen charter members; and with the enthusiasm shown, and Doctor Smith as its president, its success is assured. The writer would be glad to exchange botanical specimens with any brothers who may belong to the organization in other colleges; or, in fact, with any one interested in the subject, whether a member of the A. A. or not.

We are once more reveling in the delights of balmy spring weather—indeed, yesterday, with the thermometer at eighty-five degrees, was rather more suggestive of summer.

Base-ball and foot-ball are "booming" again, and the Phi Psis are also putting in full time at tennis. We will occupy two courts this season.

Preparations are being made for another Phi Psi lawn fete some time in May, and another of our series of *musicales* will take place in June. We also anticipate a sketching party and picnic in the near future.

Fearing that Ohio Beta has already claimed more than her share of the space in THE SHIELD, we will not review the past year of our history, but close at once, hoping that the future of our beloved fraternity may be even more bright than the past.

ROBERT H. HILLER.

Springfield, Ohio, April 30, 1888.

P. S.—Since the above was written, our beloved Brother Will Gotwald has been taken from us. He died calmly and peacefully yesterday afternoon. His untimely death is most keenly felt among all the students and the faculty of the college, with whom he was a general favorite. To his chapter brothers he was in every sense a *brother*, and his place can never be filled.

R. H. H.

Wittenberg College, May 3, 1888.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Once again Mississippi Alpha greets the readers of *THE SHIELD*. We sincerely regret that no valid excuse can be rendered for not being punctual in our correspondence with *THE SHIELD*, and we hope that our frankness will be accepted for its worth.

Since examinations nothing has occurred to break the monotony, always accepting *base-ball*. Brother Ashley, who plays with the junior nine, is our only representative. Let it be said, however, that, after all, we are well represented in the person of Brother Ashley. Whenever he "takes in a fly," he is sure to elicit the applause of the "fair ones," who admire his graceful form and bon-ton mustache.

Another G. A. C. has passed, and finds us unrepresented. Our hearts, but not our persons, were with the $\Phi \Psi$ s there assembled. Our intentions and wishes were good, but our pockets were too light to consummate those wishes and intentions. We are too far distant.

A goodly number of our boys will enter the various contests between now and commencement. Our prospects are bright, and we hope to win even more honors than we have in the past. Brother Halsell will be a contestant for anniversary of Hermæan Society—one of the highest honors in the university. He is a splendid elocutionist and a good debater, therefore, we predict for him success, at the same time remembering that his fellow contestants are men of ability.

"Golly" has a limited reputation among the members of the faculty as a Y. M. C. A. man since he told a member of that honorable body, "I wrote that postal, *by George!*"

Our senior law brother has not yet impartially decided which of the two Ls in his course is the more fascinating. It is only fair to say that he divides his time about equally between the two.

We had what you might call a big oyster supper some nights since, and for fear of having to prove the authenticity of my assertions, I will not say how many dozen one brother ate.

We eagerly await the publication of the catalogue.

We are aware that this letter is not altogether what the editor desires, but ask him to excuse.

J. J. STEVENS.

University of Mississippi, April 8, 1888.

DE PAUW.

With the beginning of the third term Indiana Alpha enters upon a career of increasing activity.

On Tuesday, March 20th, the commencement exercises of the School of Law were held in MeHarry Hall, Brothers Jesse E. Beeson and Charles D. Hunt being among those who took the degree of LL.B.

At the end of last term Brother Charles A. Houts, '91, who was catcher in the "University Nine," returned to his home in Warrensburg, Missouri. He will

engage in business in Kansas City until next September, when he will return and re-enter his class.

The answers to our annual chapter letters are becoming very numerous, and it is a really pleasant feature of our chapter meetings to hear them read. They tell us of the early days of the chapter; of the way in which they initiated Charles Sumner, and the opportunity which they improved so well of initiating John B. Gough; of the chance which won them Robert Morris, and in later times of the spike which secured our own James Whitcomb Riley.

Brother John Cassell, '87, has been with us for something over a week, but it is feared that some attraction stronger than the bonds of $\Phi \Psi$ is accountable for his presence. Brother Thomas W. Haymond, also of '87, spent Sunday among us, presumably in search of a certain tender part of his anatomy which he left here on a previous occasion.

We have also been the happy recipients of short visits from Brothers Douglas H. Smith, formerly of '88, and Emerson E. Ballard, of '85.

Brother Jackson Boyd, formerly of '87, who, for some time past, has been teaching school in the northern part of the state, has returned to his home in this city. He is engaged at present in important literary work.

During our spring vacation we received short visits from two Indiana Γ brothers, and from some four or five brothers of Indiana B .

The G. A. C. has come and gone, and although we have received partial reports through the newspapers, still it is with the greatest interest that we await the fuller reports of our delegates.

GUY M. WALKER.

Greencastle, Ind., April 9, 1888.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Vacation separated us a large part of last month from the university and from one another. Most of us returned home, and made the short week still shorter by crowding it with pleasure.

Several of our Chicago boys, moved by their fraternal love, and also by the love of a good dinner, attended the first annual banquet of the Chicago Alumni Association of $\Phi K \Psi$, given at the Grand Pacific Hotel on the 30th inst. They had a royal, good time, and made the acquaintance of about thirty of the old fellows. That evening the Alumni Association was formed, the only alumni association of $\Phi K \Psi$ in existence. The association seems full of enthusiasm, and eager to take an active part in the fraternity. It was interesting and somewhat surprising to us undergraduates to observe the interest with which some of the old brothers, who had no connection with the fraternity for twenty years, entered into the discussion of questions concerning $\Phi K \Psi$. There are about one hundred alumni in and about Chicago, and the association is sure to thrive, and to become an honor to the fraternity.

We had to part with two of our brothers this term. Brother Wirt Stevens left us to accept a position as teller in the bank at Niles, Michigan. Brother Robert Wilcox entered at Cornell.

Brother Lew Rhodes, '84, in addition to his classes in history and German

in the high school here, has taken charge of a course of English in the university.

We received a telegram from Washington, D. C., on the 4th informing us of the election of Brother Hodder as S. W. G. P. We feel that the fraternity at large has, by this choice, conferred an honor not alone on Brother Hodder, but also on Michigan Alpha.

The University Glee Club has just returned from a very successful two-weeks trip. It took in the principal towns in southern Michigan, Chicago, Bloomington, and Ottawa. The club was well trained, and has established a reputation for itself, which will assure its welcome next year.

GRANT M. FORD.

Ann Arbor, Mich., April 7, 1888.

BELOIT COLLEGE.

Wisconsin Gamma has been rather modest about appearing before her brethren in THE SHIELD, but nevertheless we are awake and not slumbering. We can not boast of fetes, encounters with, and victories over, the enemy, as fraternity spirit is rather in the ebb, and peace and quiet is the rule of our chapter life.

Our new President Eaton is indeed new blood to the institution, and we will only embody what we will not enumerate in the phrase, "Great expectations," which we may reasonably indulge in while "young Prex" is at the helm.

We had the rare pleasure of having with us a short time ago Bernard Bigsby, of London, an old Rugby boy, who vividly pictured to us Rugby School and Dr. Arnold. By a little diplomacy on the part of President Eaton, Mr. Bigsby's visit was made a paying investment to the literary societies.

Athletics, after dozing complacently for a few years, has sprung again into unusual activity, and is creating a little "boom" for himself. New apparatus has been purchased for the "gym," and drill classes are held regularly every day under our new Professor of Gymnastics. Foot-ball is taking a side issue in the general boom, but the enthusiasm in its favor seems to be confined to the dozen or so who expect to play in the eleven.

As for ourselves we number seven, which stands to us, however, as it did to the Hebrew mind for completeness. We have so far managed to secure three pledglings, whom we shall have the pleasure of introducing to the fraternity next year.

Since our last letter was written, Brother Lewis, the founder of our chapter, has been with us, and entertained us with some interesting reminiscences of the early history of the chapter—its struggles and successes.

We are fortunate in having several of our alumni brethren located so near Beloit that they can hardly be considered out of the fold, but continue to favor us with their presence at our meetings. Brother Welsh, amid his arduous duties as high school teacher and law student, never fails to make his weekly

pilgrimage to the shrine of early friendship, and his loyalty to his chapter's interests will prove a shining light to all our new members.

Brother White is our appointed delegate to the G. A. C., and through him Wisconsin Gamma extends the hand of fellowship to the brethren who are there assembled.

B. B. TREAT.

Beloit, Wis., March 19, 1888.

CARLETON COLLEGE.

Our delegate returned from the G. A. C. at Washington on Wednesday P. M., April 18th. A meeting was called the same evening to hear his report. The brothers listened with eager interest to his enthusiastic account of the G. A. C.; of the prosperous condition of sister chapters, and of fraternity work in general. A more vivid realization of the superior advantages of a publicly recognized chapter, and of the injustice of the unreasonable prejudice that has compelled us to run *sub-rosa* during our entire history was brought home to our minds. The expediency of petitioning the faculty for recognition was discussed at some length, and finally a committee was appointed to draw up a petition. On the Friday evening following, the chapter met to consider the report of this committee. The petition, as drawn up, was read, and, after considerable deliberation, was adopted. Our names were affixed thereto, and a committee was appointed to present it to the "powers that be." This was done on April 25th, one week from the day on which our delegate returned. Since that time we have been waiting as patiently as could be expected under the circumstances for the decision of the faculty. Our hopes rise and fall like the ebb and flow of the tide, as the various rumors concerning the faculty's deliberations reach our ears. They seem to be having a lively time over the matter, if we may judge from their frequent meetings. At present writing, we hardly dare venture a prediction as to what our fate will be.

This strip of prairie has at last put on the garb of spring, but the garb has been so very moist that it has seriously interfered with our athletic sports, and also that most popular of all studies during the spring term, *girlology*.

Hoping that this will not be Minnesota Alpha's last appearance in THE SHIELD, we close.

M. D. SNEDICOR.

Northfield, Minn., May 5, 1888.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

For the first time Minnesota Beta greets her sisters in Phi Kappa Psi. She desires especially to express her joy and satisfaction in having been born into so delightful and so illustrious a family; and she hopes, when she is larger grown, to be able to contribute something to the glory of her fraternity, while for the present it is her desire to send forth a steady, if only a feeble, light.

Minnesota Beta, born March 2d, with the following members, J. E. Erf, B.

H. Timberlake, T. G. Soares, H. D. Dickinson, M. H. Woodward, B. F. Lum, F. J. Eitel, and H. P. Baily, has been growing nicely, and now numbers ten. The two new members are J. O. Jorgeus and M. D. Purdy, both of '91.

Of course, most of our time has been spent in the organization of our chapter. The presence in the city of many alumni of $\Phi K \Psi$, to whom we can go for advice and assistance, has made our way much easier. We also rejoice in the companionship of Minnesota Alpha, many of whose members are old friends. Our only sorrow is, that she is forced to walk in darkness.

Although unable to send a delegate to the G. A. C., our hearts and best wishes were his substitutes.

The entrance of Minnesota Beta into the University of Minnesota has as yet caused the other fraternities no discomfort, as we have kept very quiet. We shall act on the defensive until a firmer foothold is gained. Our rivals, the $X \Psi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and $\Delta T \Delta$, although numerically stronger than we are, will find us healthy rivals in getting new men. Our prospects here are very bright, and we hope to build up a strong, healthy chapter. Although we can scarcely toddle now, we hope soon to walk, and once firmly on our feet, we propose to fight valiantly for $\Phi K \Psi$. But such words as these may sound too boastful for our baby tongue, and, doubtless, it will be wise for us to let works, not words, mark the measure of our success. For the present, then, with best wishes to her sister chapters, Minnesota Beta relapses into silence.

HENRY P. BAILY.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 5, 1888.



Spirit of the Fraternity Press.

The exchange department of the *Anchora* becomes lurid in a recent issue, as this quotation will fully illustrate :

We have been alternately amused and disgusted while noticing the various attitudes which the different ladies' fraternities have assumed in regard to the gentlemen's fraternities. A distinguished author, whose name we have forgotten, in fact, whose name we never knew, wrote that "when a woman attempts to rival a man she becomes a monkey." Although this looks like a reversal of Darwin's theory, and although at first sight the contingency seems alarming, we are inclined to believe, especially when we read the sorority journals, that the conclusion is logical and valid. Some of the girls do make such agonizing attempts to model their work after the masculine standard, which attempts are made all the more transparent by the evident desire on the part of the fair imitators to conceal their ignoble ambition. The imitation manifests itself in many ways. One sister magazine we have in mind, abjectly copies passage after passage of "words, words, words" from the gentlemen's journals, and meekly assents to all opinions therein expressed. Another diminutive paper waxes defiant and sends forth spiteful, would-be sarcastic, Lilliputian thrusts at the human monsters who are cruel enough to criticise its pale blue, consumptive little self. But those girls remember the criticisms, and their influence is readily detected in the next issue. It is very painful. After all, girls, what is the use? We never can rival man in his own field, and why do we seek to, when there is a woman's sphere just as broad and equally honorable, in which we can excel? As long as we remain mistress of the situation, we can afford to let the men be lords of creation, and it is a vast improvement on the monkey experiment.

An examination of the available fraternity journals has led us to the following generalization : it is absolutely impossible for a fraternity to tell the truth about itself. The reckless perversions are amazing. A man, honorable and honest in his dealings with other men, will, in writing for his fraternity paper, tell the most marvelous tales with perfect equanimity. From every statement made by a Greek in praise of his own fraternity, twenty-five per cent. can safely be deducted on the score of jealousy of other societies, thirty per cent. more on account of natural vanity and unconscious exaggeration ; then take away another twenty-five per cent. because of the desire to make one's own chapter appear well in the eyes of the other chapters, and there will be left exactly twenty per cent. of genuine unsullied truth. On the other hand if, through any miraculous influence, a member is induced to criticise or censure his fraternity, the process must be reversed ; instead of subtraction use multiplication ; increase the criticism and blame ten-fold, and perhaps the golden truth will again be approximated. But it is a disgrace to every fraternity, chapter and individual member, that such reservations must be made. In the long run, the effect

can not be otherwise than degenerating. It not only makes us ridiculous in the eyes of others, but it does more than any other one thing to foster the general suspicion with which secret societies are regarded, and to strengthen the open opposition with which they are met in many colleges. If for no higher motive than self-preservation, this contemptible habit (we hope and believe that it is only habit,) should be oppressed, and we think it would be a most praiseworthy undertaking if the fraternities would unite in a crusade against this evil, and exterminate it before it increases to proportions so great that resistance is useless.

The Rainbow thus exhorts the young undergraduates:

"Tho' we have every reason to rejoice over the condition of the fraternity, and the lively interest taken in its affairs by our actives, there is one subject that is thoroughly disheartening to every zealous worker. We mean the loss of so many of the 'old boys'—those cheery, whole-souled fellows, who made chapter life so wholesome and so pleasant a very few years ago.

"Let us not speak of them here as 'alumni.' The word has too many suggestions of unsuccessful 'drumming' for contributions, and for other manifestations of interest. Let us call them the 'old boys,' in whose apparent lack of loyalty we find our greatest cause for discouragement. Think of the crew who worked the old ship only ten, eight, five years ago. Where are they? What has become of them? Why are they no longer interested? To name them here would seem invidious, but fortunately there is no need. Call to mind those old fellows who 'fit and bled' for the good cause when Mu led the fraternity, and later still when grand old Alpha gave time and money and unselfish work to the leadership of Delta Tau Delta, there was no half-heartedness about the work they did; they went into it heart and soul. Recall those other glorious fellows from other chapters, whose beaming faces are still before our eyes, and whose cheery voices yet ring in our ears. What a jolly, roaring, high-hearted set they were! And what a blessing it would be if we could only win them back again!

"One of our correspondents, who seldom speaks without saying something, gets down to the root of this evil in a contribution to be found in another part of this number. The chapter, he says, is to blame if its members be lost by 'lifting.' Let us go a little further, and say that the chapter is to blame if its members become lost by neglect, or by a lack of proper training in their early membership. *The fraternity is first, the chapter next.* That is the broad platform we should stand on. Take that idea home to yourselves, brethren. See whether your present tendencies are not toward the wrong side of this question. Having considered this point well, take up this one: Are you doing what you can to bring back those 'old boys' to their allegiance?"

Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly for February, which came to us about May 1st, has this humorous editorial. The humor may not be very apparent in the clipping itself, but the context abundantly proves its essentially comic character, for this journal felicitates itself upon its high literary tone, superlative excellence, and the fact that with a large board of editors and plenty of time it can produce only mature thought, commiserating *THE SHIELD* in particular, that it has little in it but chapter letters:

No. I, Vol. X., late? Well, rather! But to whom can the fault be attributed? The appearance of the various numbers of Volume IX. it will be

remembered was also somewhat delayed, and the last Convention drawing lessons from the past sought to remedy this evil by making certain regulations in regard to the publication of the *Quarterly* in the future. The present management was instructed to publish the four numbers of Volume X. on or before the twenty-fifth day of January, April, July and October, 1888, using such literary matter from the different chapters as may be at hand on the first day of the prescribed months. In compliance with further instructions, notice was given to each corresponding editor, at least two weeks before the first day of January, that such literary matter was due for the present number. That happy day, however, came with its customary good resolutions, but, sad to relate, the chapters in many cases failed to make the resolution which concerns us most, that they would be more punctual in their duties to the *Quarterly*.

Just six chapter letters were in our hands at that time for use, and the results of further efforts, extending into February, to secure a complete correspondence, are shown by the appearance in this issue of reports from seventeen chapters, barely more than half the number which make up our fraternity. The showing, not only in chapter correspondence, but in personals and general contributions, is certainly not such as should be desired. There are chapters that are to be commended for their promptness in the performance of their obligations to the *Quarterly*, especially one which is located in the Allegheny section; but, in general, it may be asked, What is the matter with our corresponding editors? What is the matter with our historians?

Let each chapter be represented by its correspondence and personal information. What then? Should the editorial board write the rest of each number themselves? Even if it were possible, it would not be wise. Our fraternity journal should be the repository of the best thought of all its supporters. By contributing some article, not necessarily large, bearing upon some question of interest to the fraternity—we desire no other—you would read each issue with a greater amount of satisfaction, and would not be obliged to wait long for its appearance. Only by the hearty support of every member, active and graduate, can we make our *Quarterly* an ideal fraternity journal.

The Key has this indignant appeal to the girls in its last issue:

"We occasionally hear members of women's Greek letter societies spoken of as 'Beta girls,' 'Deke girls,' and the like. It is hoped such appellations are never used by the girls themselves, even if the gentlemen do thus designate them. If a girl is a member of a good fraternity, why not be known as such a member, rather than as a quasi woman's auxiliary. In the first place, it is an undignified thing to do; at any rate, it shows a partisan feeling that may prove disadvantageous to the girls' society thus known. Neutrality is the only course for a society, as a whole, to adopt in regard to the men's fraternities in the same college, no matter what the individual preferences may be. A Kappa should be prouder of that name than any other."

Personals.

NEW YORK A.

The many friends of Bro. Geo. E. Higgins, of Syracuse, will be delighted with this news: Married in Syracuse, N. Y., on April 29th, 1888, by the Rev. Dr. Thurber, Miss Costello Mae Lazier to Geo. E. Higgins. Brother Higgins is in the employ of the American Express Company.

PENNSYLVANIA A.

Boyd Crumrine, State Court Reporter, has been chosed to deliver the Memorial Day oration at California, Pa.

We were gratified to receive a letter some days ago from one of the "old boys," Rev. W. C. Magner, of Morris, Illinois. He was a member of old Pennsylvania Delta, and his zeal for the fraternity has not been eclipsed during these many years of separation from college. He promises, in the near future, some reminiscences on the old days of *Φ K Ψ*.

At the recent encampment of the G. A. R., at Springfield, Illinois, Brother Magner was chosen Department Chaplain of the state. — [EDITOR SHIELD.]

Another of the "old boys" has gone to his reward. Colonel George Dale, of Paris, Illinois, died at his home Febraary 15, 1888. He was graduated from Washington College in 1861, served with distinction in the army, and was a highly respected lawyer at the time of his death.

PENNSYLVANIA E.

Brother John F. Dapp, '89, is studying law in Harrisburg.

Brother George D. Stahley, M. D., is practicing medicine very successfully in Easton, Pennsylvania.

Brother Robert S. Short, '89, is serving as assistant postmaster at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

'74. Brother H. W. Harter, Esq., is practicing law in Canton, Ohio, as a member of the firm of Harter & Krichbaum.

As president of the United Synod of the South and chairman of its Board of Missions, Brother E. T. Horn, D. D., takes a leading position among the Lutheran clergymen of the South.

'64. J. M. Krauth, Esq., who, according to good military authority, is entitled to be called Colonel Krauth since his appointment as aide-de-camp to Commander-in-Chief Rea, of the G. A. R., sent a copy of the March *Monthly*, containing the prize essay, to Tennyson, and received the following acknowledgment: "Lord Tennyson begs to thank Mr. J. M. Krauth for the Pennsylvania College *Monthly*, which has just arrived, and to say that Locksley Hall, Second Part, is, as Mr. Aberly writes, a DRAMATIC sequence to the First Part of Locksley Hall. March 27, 1888."

PENNSYLVANIA I.

'87. H. L. Calder was recently elected Treasurer of the Association of Law Students, Harrisburg, Pa.

'87. Geo. F. Clark, of the Medical Institute of Hahnemann, has been chosen freshman Editor of the Institute's publication.

'62. Thomas R. Jones, manager of the New York Branch of the American Baptist Publication Society, visited Lewisburg March 1. While in town he called on W. C. Farrow of '90.

'63. William Wolverton, formerly Superintendent of the Northumberland County Schools, is now Principal of the High Schools at Bloomsburg, Pa.

'81. Prof. Wm. Frear, Ph. D., Vice Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College, is receiving much favorable comment upon the reports which he has recently issued, a copy of which, through his kindness, may be found in our College Library.

PENNSYLVANIA θ.

The many friends of Brother Miller will be glad to know of a recent happy event in his life. We clip the following from *The Philadelphia Press*:

READING, May 9 [*Special*].—One of the prettiest weddings of this season was that of Rev. Rufus W. Miller, assistant pastor of the Second Reformed Church, and Miss Catherine Louisa McCauley, daughter of Rev. Dr. C. F. McCauley, in the Second Reformed Church this afternoon. The church was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers, and the ceremony was performed by the venerable father of the bride in the presence of about 1000 guests.

OHIO B.

We clip the following from the *Springfield Daily Republic*:

"William W. Gotwald died Wednesday afternoon, May 2d, of typhoid fever. He was born June 2, 1871, hence was within one month of seventeen years old at his death.

"He pursued his academic course at York, Pennsylvania, at the York County Academy. He entered the freshman class at Wittenberg College in the winter of 1885-6, and was a member of the junior class when death took him.

"Of his mental powers, it is simple truth to say that they were of a very high order. His instructors and all others who knew him agree in this estimate. He had a rugged strength, with a fullness of faculties and a clearness of thought, that, especially in one so young, gave promise of extraordinary things. Above all, he was in his inmost soul loyal to everything just, true, and of good report. It is truthfully said of him that he was the soul of honor. He was unhurried in his bearing, but active; cheerful in disposition, winning in manners, the friend of everybody and everybody was his friend. Outside of his own stricken home his death has stirred a grief in the hearts of his companions among the students and others that shows how strong a tie bound them to him. He was the youngest living son of Doctor L. A. Gotwald and wife, of this city."

The many friends of Brother Bruce Chorpening will be glad to congratulate him on his admission to the Ohio State Bar, March 8, 1888.

INDIANA A.

'85. E. E. Ballard is practicing law at Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Harry C. Rhodes, formerly of '81, was recently married. At present he is engaged in the furniture business at Cairo, Illinois.

'87. John M. Cassell is engaged in the fruit commission business at Vincennes, Indiana.

'87. Thomas W. Haymond is reading law with Eggleston & Reed, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Douglas H. Smith, formerly of '88, now holds a prominent position on the staff of the *Terre Haute Daily Express*.

'82. Rev. William F. Cook, at present the pastor of the First M. E. Church at Bismarck, Dakota, will take a post-graduate course at Boston University, beginning next September.

Charles L. Reynolds, formerly of '90, is now running a base-ball supply store in Kansas City, Missouri, and has signed to catch for that team in the Western League during the coming season.

The following card received some time since will be a source of gratification to the many friends of Brother Goodrich: Married Thurs-

day, March 15, 1888, at home of bride, Lynn, Ind., James P. Goodrich and Cora I. Frist.

SOUTH CAROLINA A.

The appointment of Colonel J. Q. Marshall as Secretary of State by the governor was a graceful act. Colonel Marshall fitly represents the young Democracy of South Carolina. He has taken an active part in every movement that has been inaugurated for the good of the state, and as County Chairman of Richland has several times conducted fiercely contested campaigns to a successful issue.

He has served most acceptably in all positions in which he has been placed.

A man of affairs, and genial and affable in deportment, we feel assured that he will make a most efficient and popular Secretary of State.

The following facts in relation to the new Secretary of State may be of particular interest. Born in April, 1849, Colonel Marshall is in the very prime of life. He is the son of Colonel J. Foster Marshall, of Abbeville County, where his youth was spent and early education gained; the latter at the Willigton Academy, the *alma mater* of such famous South Carolinians as John C. Calhoun and George McDuffie. Later, he entered the South Carolina College, where he graduated in 1872, and from the law school a year later, at once beginning the practice of his profession. In 1874 he was appointed a Trial Justice, which office he has since held, discharging the duties thereof at all times with ability and to general satisfaction.

Always a devoted Democrat, Colonel Marshall bore his full share in the troublesome times of '76, and, indeed, it was he who administered the oath of office to Governor-elect Hampton. His vigorous efforts for Hampton's election caused Chamberlain to oust him from the Trial Justiceship, but he was reappointed by Governor Hampton. During the campaign of 1874 he was a member of the Democratic Executive Congressional Committee of the Third District. In 1876 Colonel Marshall, as stated, took a prominent part in politics, and was a member of the county executive committee, and in 1880 he was elected county chairman. In the hot campaign of that year, by his excellent management, the county was carried handsomely for the Democracy.

In the persecution of the election managers which followed the election, he stood by these officials, and did much toward their successful defense. He has at all times been prominently identified with the party, and recognized as one of the ablest in party councils.

In 1883 he was elected Colonel of the Palmetto Regiment, of which he has been the popular commander ever since.

That the appointment by the governor will be followed by a nomination for the same office by the state convention later on is what seems generally to be thought the proper thing hereabouts, and that a strong movement to that end will be made there can be no doubt.—*Columbia Register.*

IOWA 4.

We are in receipt of a very neat school magazine, entitled, *The Teacher*, edited by Brother M. J. Elrod, of Corydon, Iowa.—[EDITOR SHIELD.]



College and Fraternity Notes.

The University of Pennsylvania students are counting on six first prizes at the inter collegiate games next spring. — *Lehigh Burr*.

Wellesley boasts of a young lady so modest that she goes into another room to change her mind. — *University News*.

One hundred and ninety-five of the four hundred and seven members of Congress have received a collegiate education.

There are six hundred American students at the University of Berlin, and over two hundred at Leipzig.

The trustees of Amherst have recommended that the number of students be limited to three hundred.

The athletic grounds at the O. W. U. will be dedicated about the middle of May.

The medical course of Ann Arbor, Michigan, has been extended to four years.

Out of nine hundred members of the University of New York, six hundred and fifty are medical students. — *Boston Herald*.

At Lehigh the student who secures an average stand of eighty-five per cent. is excused from examinations.

The corner-stone of the new library building at Cornell will be laid by President Cleveland in June. — *Boston Herald*.

Before the war seventeen per cent. of Harvard men came from the South; now only three per cent. come from the same part of the country.

Of the graduates of Yale, two hundred and three have been named Smith, one hundred and eight Williams, one hundred and three Clark, and eighty Brown.

The largest observatory dome in the world is being built for the

University of Michigan. It weighs ten tons, and has a diameter of forty-five feet four inches at the base.

By a strange coincidence, death came on the same day to America's and to England's greatest botanists, Asa Gray and Thomas Irvine Boswell. — *Daily Crimson*.

The Harvard faculty have absolutely refused to consider any petition from graduates in regard to allowing the Harvard University nine to play against professionals.

Of the members of the International Copyright Association, of which President Eliot is president, twelve are graduates of Andover. — *Daily Crimson*.

The University of Bologna, Italy, celebrates its eight hundredth anniversary this year, and has invited delegates from the leading American universities.

The average length of life of the president and professors at Yale, who have died in office, or have ended their active careers with their retirement from office, is sixty-four years. — *Lehigh Burr*.

The Harvard University will send an astronomical party in early summer to Peru to make high altitude observations, and to investigate the advisability of establishing a station in the Andes. — *The Lafayette*.

A club has been formed at Johns Hopkins University, called the "Hopkins Tramp Club." No one can be admitted to membership until he has walked thirty miles in one day in company with some of the members.

Out of eleven of our best colleges, Princeton devotes the largest number of hours to the study of Greek and Latin during the freshman and sophomore years; Columbia to mathematics; Yale and Columbia to English; Yale to German and French.

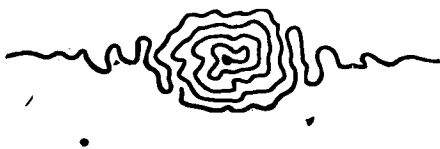
Beta Theta Pi promises to have a glorious time at Woglin-on-Chautauqua in August. At the time of their annual convention they have arranged a full programme of athletic and other sports for the entertainment of delegates and visitors, to occupy the entire week.

More than one hundred Cornell students have signed a paper, asserting that they would not give the Ithaca merchants their patronage any further than necessary, because of the laws of the town and recent decisions of the police magistrate, which prohibit giving the Cornell yell on the streets. — *The Lafayette*.

Of the three hundred and sixty-five universities and colleges in the United States, eighty-seven are non-sectarian; of the two hundred and seventy-eight denominational institutions, the Episcopalians have twelve, the Methodists fifty-six, the Presbyterians forty-one, and the Congregationalists twenty-eight.

The Chi Psi Fraternity held its convention in Washington April 4th and 5th. Headquarters at the Willard's Hotel, where they banqueted Thursday night. Senator Palmer presided, a number of government officials were present. The newspapers reported them as having had an interesting convention, well attended, and harmonious.

Professor Asa Gray, by his will, made the following bequests to Harvard College: "All copyrights of books of which he was the author, all engravings of plants, pictures of trees, herbs, etc., and all portraits of botanists." These are to be left in the possession of his wife during life, when they shall go to the herbarium of the college. — *Daily Crimson*.



Miscellany.

J. GREELY JONES.

WHEREAS, Our Grand Ruler in Heaven has, in his all-wise providence, taken from this life our esteemed and honored brother, J. Greely Jones; and,

WHEREAS, We desire, in some fitting way, to extend our sympathy to the afflicted family of our deceased brother; and,

WHEREAS, While a member of the Chapter, his gentlemanly and Christian-like qualities were always admired; and,

WHEREAS, In the death of this beloved brother, the Chapter realizes its great loss; be it

Resolved, That we, the members of New York Beta Chapter of $\Phi K \Psi$, extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family in this sad hour of their affliction, and desire that these resolutions be published in the *University News* and *THE SHIELD* of Phi Kappa Psi.

Resolved, That the usual badge of mourning be worn, and the chapter hall be draped in memory of our dead brother.

W. A. PRATT.

F. N. BURRITT.

M. H. WALROTH.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to visit us in the removal by death, May 2, 1888, of our beloved brother, William Washington Gotwald, we do offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That while we, the members of the Ohio Beta Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, bow in humble submission to the Divine will, we deplore his loss, and desire to extend to the bereaved ones our sympathy.

Resolved, That in him we lose one whose talents reflected credit upon the fraternity, and whom we held in the warmest esteem as a brother, and whose life exemplified the enduring principles of the fraternity.

Resolved, That in him the fraternity recognizes the loss of one whose place can never be filled, and one who will be cherished in the memory of all.

Resolved, That the badge of mourning be worn for thirty days, and that the Chapter Hall be draped in mourning during the remainder of the college year.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our lamented

brother; that a copy be transmitted to each chapter of the fraternity; and that they be published in the PHI KAPPA PSI SHIELD, the *College Journal*, and the Springfield papers.

S. S. BURTSFIELD,
F. N. BOUCK,
G. B. HILLER,
Committee.

The members are hereby notified that Frank B. Bissell of N. Y. Alpha, has been legally and fairly tried and expelled from the fraternity. S. L. Adler of same chapter resigned. Brothers of the fraternity are hereby warned to have no further communication with the above mentioned on fraternity matters.

The Editor of THE SHIELD has quite a number of back numbers on hand, with which he can supply, for the price of single copies, brothers or members of other fraternities desiring to complete broken sets. He has odd copies of every volume but the first two.

There is a call for No. 10, Vol. II.; No. 7, Vol. III.; No. 5, Vol. VII. The Editor has had the following back numbers offered to him for sale: Vols. V. and VII., complete; Vol. VI., lacking No. 5.

Extra copies are offered by one brother as follows: No. 7, Vol. I.; Nos. 6, 8, 9 and 10, Vol. II.; which he wishes to exchange for Nos. 1 to 6, Vol. I., and No. 4, Vol. II.

Another brother has the following copies to dispose of: Nos. 1, 3, 5, Vol. III.; Vol. IV., complete; Nos. 1 to 8, Vol. V.; Vol. VI., complete; Vol. VII, except No. 2.

Brothers having any extra copies or an entire volume for sale, should communicate at once with the Editor.

Letters addressed to brethren named below have been returned to the Editor for various reasons, one being "no such place in State named." The addresses given were copied from the mailing list, and were written so that we are sure that no mistake was made in copying. Can any brother assist us in finding these Phi Psis and subscribers to THE SHIELD:

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