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GLIMPSES OF IOTA'S HISTORY--'91, '92.

Our graduate of '91 was J. K. Hill, the present "teacher man," according to his own advertisement, for the teachers' agency which he now conducts. Fred. Robbins did not return the next session. However, *Iota* opened her fall campaign with ten men in the college. J. A. Arbuckle, A. S. Higginbotham, G. A. Alexander, R. R. Jones, Holmes and Hinton Ralston, H. W. McLaughlin, J. G. McAllister, J. W. Basore and W. J. Gillespie. Besides these, there were five—a big five—in the Theological Seminary: Theron H. Rice, Wells, Craig, Gilmore and Young, the fifteen in all, making an unusual number for the beginning of a session.

Charlie Moore, an old *H*, who had left college for a session, returned to take his senior course, bringing with him one *more*, (I shall not be responsible for the pun,) his younger brother, Eddie, who soon became our third frater from that family. Jumbo, as Eddie was dubbed by a rhetorical figure, through suggestion of opposites, was our only initiate of '91. Five years ago he was the smallest boy in college. Last summer I met him at the Convention, and he told me of his wife. "Time hath its revenge." And who would have thought that our quiet, modest, Hinton Ralston, who, at his graduation in '93, would hardly look at a girl, would, three years later, own one? Beware of these easy ones!

Let it be noted that up to this time, I think, "Fraternity rushing" at Hampden-Sidney still retained its normal

bounds. There was at least an attempt at secrecy, and, I believe an honest endeavor to discover whether the subject was worthy and congenial—a thing which can hardly be determined in the average time now. Before this time I think that the Fraternities, as a rule, waited a month or more. I remember that a man who turned out to be the most popular fellow in college, remained there a year before joining a Fraternity.

I mention this because it was about this year that the Fraternities entered upon the new era in what is now literally "rushing," a thing disgusting to both new men and old, in every sense tiresome to the rushed and to the rushers, alike foolish and disastrous. The thing for Pan-Hellenic Councils to do—and, as far as I can see, their only function is to regulate honestly and decisively the time at which rushing shall begin.

With these seventeen *Iota* began one of her fullest and most prosperous years. Her men were every one solid, sound, studious. "One flew away" (Gillespie, at Christmas, on account of ill health,) and then we were sixteen. The sensible fellow went to work on a farm, and is now, I hear, entirely restored and of unusually sturdy physique.

On February 22 we were decorating the old chapel for intermediate celebration. (The old chapel is gone now, so are intermediates to all who were then at college. The chapel is replaced by a much handsomer one, but those intermediates, *we* think, cannot be improved upon). McAllister and I were then Sophomores, and consequently, on the "trash gang," and busy with cedar and ropes. Snatches of college songs, hammer and nails, jokes and repartee made a regular din in the large room. It was under cover of this noise, though surrounded by the others, that "Mac" put a little bug, of which he was desperate to rid himself, into my ear. I have since thought that nobody but this "Chief Grand Hustler" would have thought of the "through cut" and would have chosen such a place for extending an invitation from his Fraternity.

I was pledged some days later, and joined in March, but I did not increase our numbers by even one, since Eddie Moore had broken down and left under the physician's orders a few days after my initiation. So we were still sixteen. I wish I could give you a real idea of our bi-weekly meetings. I would not merely describe the gatherings, our tricks and jokes, our earnest conversations on most soul-stirring subjects, and our unwonted capacity for canned

peaches and oranges, our confidential exchange of sentiment and reflection, and our undertaking to paddle Sandy:—all these things, equally glorious, would be too much like your own meetings, my fortunate brothers of careless college days; but I would like you to know the genuine pleasure we derived from them. And, no doubt, you would like to do the same for me in reference to your own Chapter, so “we’re even,”

At Seminary commencement, in the first week of May, we college fellows prepared a sumptuous “eat” in honor of our Seminary brothers. Bro. Robt. Moore had returned from Florida to visit us and to see the class graduates of which his health prevented him from being one. So cheerful and hopeful he was! Though possibly none of us realized the disappointment of a man eager for his work, yet shackled with disease.

He has since been graduated from a much higher and severer course unto perfect knowledge, and awaits his class on the other side.

Rice was the only *II.* to leave us with that class, and at our meeting we were all aglow to do him honor. After the cake and cream we, of course, called upon him for a speech. It was practically his farewell to “active membership,” full of confidence in the organization for which he had done so much, full of hearty sympathy for the boys he left. I remember that our hilarity was somewhat subdued when he sat down, and he asked us to sing before we dispersed, “*Jesus, Saviour, Pilot me.*” he leading it. A year later, how we hoped that he would accept the flattering call to the chair of Pastoral Theology in Union Seminary and return to us. Wells, Craig, Gilmore and Young were to engage in ministerial work through the summer and return the next session.

R. R. Jones was our most unpretentious rollicking, ball-playing, Freshman-ducking, Fraternity-enlivening, general practitioner in all college ailments, from Senior Greek to Knucks. He joined some mischief-workers one night on an escapade to upturn the chapel. A few mornings later, he was requested by the President at roll-call to remain after chapel services, and the fellow thought that his sin had found him out, and that his punishment had come.

Somewhat shaky he went upon the rostrum and received from the President the private announcement that he had been elected by the Faculty as Fellow, or Instructor in Latin, Greek, and Mathematics for the coming session. The

lucky scamp. I believe the boys teased him as much as they would had the other little matter been the business. His was considered the quickest mind in college. He it is who is our present C. P., while he is Professor at Hoge Academy, and his worth is well known to the Fraternity. How glad we were that he would be with us, and in such an honored capacity, another year. Soon after that the results of Senior examinations were announced, showing that all five of our Seniors, Arbuckle, Ralston, Higginbotham, Jones and Charlie Moore, were handsomely sustained, while Higginbotham and Jones had attained the high average which gave them "second honor." Commencement came apace. The other *II's* came out of examinations creditably, there being no failures, and many distinctions. Charlie Moore was elected one of the contestants for representation in the State oratorical contest. Charlie spoke well, but did not get the appointment. The man who did took the medal at the contest in Richmond, so we were proud of Hampden-Sidney. But Charlie got the Magazine medal for best articles contributed during the year, which was presented on commencement day by the President.

McLaughlin captured the Junior debator's medal in Union Society, and also won the Junior final oratorship. We had reason to be proud of our record. Bros. Howard, Arbuckle and Frank Robbins returned to visit the college and see us through commencement. Holmes Ralston would return to enter the Seminary, and R. R. Jones, as stated, to take charge of his classes in College. Our final meeting with our visitors present was indeed a happy one, though we hated to part with our three Seniors, who would not return. Successful, peaceful, happy year! Under the great oaks on the broad old campus we said good-bye.

(To be Continued.)

THE COLLEGE MAGAZINE AND ITS OFFICE.

(FROM OCTOBER HAMPDEN-SIDNEY MAGAZINE.)

"Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man." It suits our purpose best to read Lord Bacon's observation from last to first, as we are bent on encouraging writing; and if a man wishes to learn how to write, he must read; and if he reads or writes he is apt to confer with others who are doing the same; and full-

ness, readiness and exactness are acquired. All magazines and other journals, except those published by college students, consider first and last the reader, but the college publication is established and maintained for the benefit of the writer. The writer himself will, of course, consider those who are to read his article. If the college course always gave as much writing to do as is necessary to become a first-class writer, and *if* boys found great pleasure in doing what they are made to do, then the field of usefulness of the college magazine would be so narrowed that its publication would be for pleasure only. But if these exist at all, the first is only in the catalogue, and the last in the world that we have not yet reached; and we shall not have much need for writing when we do reach it. Hence the field of usefulness of the college magazine remains as broad as almost any other thing that goes to make a college training complete.

That man has little ambition who does not look with pride upon the first printed production of his brain. He is justly proud, because he has reached a point ahead of that which he has occupied before, and if he perseveres, he can step above his fellow men, on account of the mental training that goes with systematic and correct methods of learning to write.

In this publication the boy can put his early efforts without fear of harsh and discouraging criticism. Every one knows it is a proving ground, and will overlook a failure to come up to specifications. He can try as often as he likes and under as many *nom de plumes* as he likes, and thus keep the secret of how many trials it took to make a really readable article locked up in his own breast and in the confidence of the editor-in-chief. Besides, no one expects the articles contained in a college magazine to be perfect, any more than they expect a Byron's or a Shakespeare's genius to show itself in the boy's first attempt. Geniuses doubtless do come into the world occasionally, but the vast majority of men whom the world calls such are nothing more than the product of hard and unceasing work. Any man can learn to write correctly, if he will. He may lack originality and the other qualities, but he can acquire correctness; and who knows but what repeated effort may develop latent talents that will in time make him deserve the name of a great man, if not a genius. It is the desire and mission of the *Hampden-Sidney Magazine* to encourage and help students to develop their talents along these lines.

To have a magazine we must have material, and the editors neither desire nor propose to contribute all of it. We need the help of the men, and hereby invite each and every one to prepare something for us. We want the magazine to be better than any published in the country, and shall, with your help, make it as near to that as we can. Remember that we stand only in the nature of employees of the Union and Philanthropic Societies, and shall at all times so demean ourselves.

R. M. Bird, (Iota.)

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION—WANTED.

The opening of a new year has always been a favorite time for making new resolutions and taking new vows. People then call to mind the failures and the shortcomings of the past, and address themselves to cure or prevention, according as they dwell on the past or future—in the coming year. Our experience as a Fraternity has been somewhat chequered in the past eight years, though progressive in the net result. One of the worst blows to our advancement was the suspension two years ago of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, whose re-appearance last year was hailed with delight by those who mourned for it during its state of suspended animation. All who have read it carefully and regularly since its re-appearance will readily testify that it is much better than it was before, but its best friends would consider it the grossest flattery to say it could not be improved, and the burden of proof lies upon the active members to show why it should not be.

The readers of the Magazine have no hesitation in registering their opinion when it fails to come up to the mark. Their disappointment is evident and real when a single Chapter fails to have its letter in, and when there is a lack of literary contributions. But the innate modesty of the rank and file forbids them sending in an article lest their names should appear in print. It is as clear as the necessity for our New Year's vows to those who are directly responsible for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, whether or not it be to its readers, that two things are necessary to make it a success—the first, money, and the second, literary contributions. The first I think will come up all right, but I am not so sure about the

second, and this leads me back to the subject of New Year's resolutions where I began. Why will not every member make a resolution to send at least one article this year, and that immediately, to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND for publication? The Magazine cannot be made a success with money alone, neither can it with articles alone. But when a comfortable bank account is judiciously balanced by an abundance of "proof," the heart of the editor is made glad, and by consequence the heart of the reader. I have wondered why people as a rule would rather pay two dollars for a paper than write an article for publication, but I suppose it is for the same reason that a man would rather pay five cents for a newspaper than write one—it's easier, and you get it over sooner. But the SHIELD AND DIAMOND is dependent upon the Chapters. It has no city editor, no reporters always on the alert for scoops. It does not make a specialty of Venezuela boundary line disputes, or revolutions in Spanish American Colonies. When the death of Maceo was being argued pro and con all over the country, like the U. S. Government, it observed strict neutrality. It has never joined the Associated Press, whatever rumors may have gone around; the only press it knows anything about is the printing press, and we hope they may long be on terms of intimacy.

The two departments of "Our Colleges" and "The Pi's" are also at the mercy of active members—read the directions there carefully and comply promptly. It is your fault if there little in them. The only thing we need to give us a prominent place in the Greek world is co-operation; let us have plenty of it along the lines above mentioned at once. When all take hold and give "a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether," our difficulties will vanish.

Robert Hill.

PI KAPPA ALPHA.

[FOR BAIRD'S AMERICAN COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.]

Pi Kappa Alpha was founded at the University of Virginia, March 1st, 1868. Frederick Southgate Taylor, of Norfolk, Va., is honored as chief founder among six.

The session of 1867-68 found F. S. Taylor and L. W. Tazewell, of Norfolk, Va., in the Law Department of the University. These two classmates were of the same age, had always

been bosom friends and their aims and aspirations in life were very much the same. We believe that in this pure friendship is to be found the germ that gave birth to *Pi Kappa Alpha*. The Fraternity idea conceived by the first and warmly espoused by the second was readily accepted by three other students: Jas. B. Selater, Julien E. Wood and Robertson Howard, who thus became the five founders of *Pi Kappa Alpha*. The first meeting was held in Room 39, West Range, March 1st, 1868. William Alexander (now secretary New York Equitable Life Assurance Society) was the first initiate, and A. W. Knox, (now of Raleigh, N. C.) was the second. F. S. Taylor gave the name for and William Alexander designed the badge of the Fraternity.

At this time everything at the South was in a state of chaos; uncertainty pervaded every enterprise, hung over its birth and attended its course. This was especially true at education, and at educational institutions. The exigencies of the late period had greatly diminished the number of students; had closed some colleges and rendered uncertain the fate of others. The founders of the Fraternity seem to have intended it only for Southern institutions, a principle rigidly adhered to throughout its history, so that under the existing order of things rapid growth was impossible. Yet extension was zealously undertaken. *Beta* Chapter was placed at Davidson College, N. C., in 1869, but was killed within a year by decree of the Faculty (since repealed.) Here the Fraternity established its second great principle that it will not tolerate *sub rosa* Chapters. *Gamma* was established at William and Mary College, Va., in 1871, and lived seven years. The same story of birth and death would describe *Delta*, *Epsilon*, *Zeta*, *Eta* and *Kappa*. Thus after twenty years of checkered fortunes the Fraternity had in 1888 only three living Chapters, *Alpha*, *Theta* and *Iota*. In 1889, *Lambda* was placed at the South Carolina Military Academy, Charleston, S. C., only to go under by next year by Act of the Board of Visitors, and *Alpha* failing just at this time left only two Chapters to continue the struggle. But here the story changes. There was the right material in *Theta* and *Iota* and extinct *Lambda* just at this time and we would name Robert A. Smyth, *Lambda*; D. J. Brimm and T. H. Rice of *Theta*; and H. B. Arbuckle and J. T. McAllister of *Iota*, as the Second Founders of the Fraternity. By reviving extinct and chartering new ones it has grown from 2 Chapters in 1890 to 13 in 1896, with 6 *Alumni* Chapters. Besides this increase of Chapters they have achieved other and more important gains, such as the establishment of

a successful form of government, publication of a catalogue and magazine, etc., so that *Pi Kappa Alpha* as a strictly Southern Order is enabled to assert itself more boldly and successfully in the Fraternity world.

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	1871-73. Failure of members to return.	
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GAMMA.....	White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.
DELTA.....	Charleston, S. C.
EPSILON.....	Norfolk, Va.
ZETA.....	Dillon, S. C.

Total: 13 active, 6 alumni, 8 extinct. Total membership (estimated) 1,082.

GOVERNMENT.—Until 1889 the governing power was vested in the *Alpha Chapter*. The Fraternity is now governed by a grand council, composed of an active and *Alumnus* member from each of the respective Chapters. This Council has five officers of whom the three chief are: Councilor Princeps, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. Appeals may be made from the Grand Council to the General Convention of the Fraternity. Such General Conventions have been held as follows: December, 1889, Hampden-Sidney, Va.; December, 1891, Danville, Va.; December, 1892, Knoxville, Tenn.; December, 1893, Richmond, Va.; December, 1894, Nashville, Tenn.; July, 1896, Richmond, Va.

BADGE.—The design of the badge has always been that of a shield surrounded by a diamond. Upon the diamond, which is black, are the three Greek capitals, *Π Κ Α*. In the four corners of the shield, which is white, are placed the small Greek letters *Φ Φ Κ Α*. The colors are Garnet and Old Gold, and the Flower is the Lily of the Valley.

PUBLICATIONS.—A volume entitled "The Index" was attempted in 1866, but failed. In 1889 *Alpha Chapter* attempted the publication of the *Pi Kappa Alpha Bulletin*. It was of a secret nature, and only one copy ever appeared. In 1890 *The Pi Kappa Alpha Journal*, a bi-monthly, published in Charleston, S. C., "in the interests of the Fraternity," made its first appearance. Volume I being successfully completed, it took the more distinctive title of SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and first as a monthly and then a bi-monthly, it has never ceased to make its regular visits. Its success is now assured.

In 1891, Robt. A. Smyth, editor of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, compiled and published a "General Catalogue of the *Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity*." Provision is made for the issue of a secret quarterly called the "Dagger and Key." The Constitution of the Fraternity, (not secret), and By-Laws of the Grand Council, have also been published from the general officer of the Fraternity located in Charleston, S C.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI.

1. EDUCATORS.—George Summers, D. D., Chancellor S. W. Pres. Univ., Clarkesville, Tenn., editor of *Southern Pres. Quarterly*; E R. Long, Ph. D., Pres. Arkansas College; F. P. Dunnington, Prof. in Univ. of Va.; Rev. D. J. Brimm, Prof. of N. T. Literature and Exegesis in Theological Semi-

nary, Columbia, S. C. and editor *Religious Outlook*; Rev. W. B. Murrah, D. D., Univ., Miss.; Edward S. Joynes, Ph. D., South Carolina College, author of German and French Text Books; Rev. R. L. Telford, Pres. Lewisburg Female College, W. Va.; Chas. W. Coleman, Poet and Author, Librarian William and Mary College; S. D. Jones, President West Va. Institute, Bristol, Va.

2. LAWYERS and LEGISLATORS.—Floyd Hughes, Robert M. Hughes, Norfolk, Va.; Jno. W. Fishburne, Charlottesville, Va.; Randolph Harrison, Lynchburg, Va.; P. H. Pitts, Selma, Ala.; R. O. Purdy, Mayor of Sumter, S. C.; G. H. Alexander, Ky.; B. M. Ambler, Parkersburg, W. Va.; B. B. Munford, Richmond, Va.; Marion L. Dawson, Richmond, V.; J. Alston Caball and P. H. C. Caball, Richmond, Va.

3. CLERGY.—Besides those in 1, Rev. J. R. Howerton, D D.; Charlotte, N. C.; Rev. Theron H. Rice, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. Thos. Atkinson, Baltimore; Rev. D. A. Blackburn, Church of Strangers, New York-

MISCELLANEOUS.—Dr. Jos. H. Bryan, Washington; Dr. Henry D. Bruns, New Orleans; Dr. A. W. Knox, Raleigh; Chas. K. Payne, Charleston, W. Va; William Alexander, Secretary N. Y. Equitable Life Assurance Society, New York; E. P. Cox, Adjutant General United Sons Confederate Veterans, Richmond, Va.; Robt. A. Smyth, Lieut-General Commanding Army of Northern Virginia Department, United Sons of C. V.

The above sketch is based upon "The Catalogue of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity," compiled and published by Bro. Robert A. Smyth in 1891, and from an article in the "SHIELD AND DIAMOND," Vol. II, No. 1, entitled "Pi Kappa Alpha in Baird's 4th Edition."

It is designed for the 5th Edition of the above work, ("American College Fraternities,") soon to be issued. Some corrections and emendations will be made, which will be the more easily done when seen in print, and under the gaze of several hundred than to the eyes of one. It may not suit Mr. Baird, the publisher, for some reasons, especially on account of a want of conciseness. It is thought best, however, to publish it in this form for the benefit of the Fraternity at large, and then revise to suit its purpose. One great difficulty in preparing this sketch is the lack of a complete history of the Fraternity. All of its members even are not certainly known, much less the records each has made. Considering the youth of the Order, and the great obstacles it has encountered, the above

summary is one to be proud of. It is our belief that there are in our ranks men of great possibilities, who, in maturer years, will make for themselves and the Fraternity a national reputation.

R. R. Jones, C. P.

OUR PAST—OUR FUTURE.

1896 AND 1897.

When the Ancient Roman King revised the Calendar, and sought a name for the first month of the year, he appropriately entrusted to it the duty of perpetuating to all time the memory of Janus, the "god of beginnings." This deity was represented with two faces, because he was supposed to have the divine power of seeing both the things that have been and the things that shall be.

January, the month of beginnings, the first born of 1897! What thoughts come with thee of the year that has fled, and how numerous the plans for improving the new!

This is the season of the year conducive alike to retrospect and prospect. The merchant takes account of his stock, sums up his gains, and declares the year a failure or success. He figures out the loss and gain along this line and that, deducing therefrom conclusions that shape his policy in the coming year. In every profession, in every kind of business, there is a summing up of assets and liabilities, in order that, by accurate comparisons and judgments false methods may be detected and abandoned; and better ones adopted.

Now, bear with us while we call to mind some of the records of our Fraternity for 1896. First, I would call to your remembrance that greetings for the year 1896 were sent to the Fraternity through the columns of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, which had suspended publication during the twelve months previous.

Through the year 1896 it made its regular visits every other month, and while we cannot claim for these six numbers that they were the cream of Fraternity literature, yet we do assert that they were issues of which a young and comparatively weak Order may be proud. The yearly dues of the Chapters, the subscriptions of the active members, each one is honor bound to subscribe, together with the subscriptions of Alumni and advertisements enabled the management of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND to finish the year without debt. This crowning achievement of '96 encourages us to go for-

ward with Volume VI, the first issue of which is now before you.

We trust that every Chapter will keep on and file the six numbers of Volume V; its table of contents is rich in matter that will be a never failing source of pleasure to the active members. Bro. Hill's article on old *Theta* Days, and *H. K. A.* must live, by "T. A. R.," breathe the genuine Fraternity spirit, and besides are charmingly written.

We would next recall the Convention of 1896, held in Richmond, Va., during the month of July, from the 1st to the 3d inclusive. The time and place seemed most propitious. Cheap rates and attractions that the city then offered we believed would make a large and representative Convention a success; but the event did not justify our over sanguine expectation. But few of the Chapters were represented, though in one or two instances this could not be avoided. Most of the members of the Convention, too, either had very urgent business at that time imposed by the ceremonies many of us went to Richmond to participate in, or were else so strongly attracted by pleasures on the street and elsewhere that the sessions were not in the main as well attended as they might have been. Despite the conditions set forth in the preceding remarks, the Convention must be called a success, in that wise legislation as we believe was enacted, very encouraging reports were submitted, and important committees appointed. It was proved too that questions upon which the Fraternity was very much divided could be fairly discussed and harmoniously settled. A most important committee was the one appointed to examine the present system of government, and if possible report a better system to the next Convention. The cumbrous Grand Council is too unwieldy a body; too large, and as most of the members have no duties or at least perform none, they are only so much dead weight. Simplicity generally means strength, and the work of the committee has been along this line. With some further correspondence and a conference on the eve of our next Convention they will be ready to submit their report, which will mean a more efficient form of government than we now possess. It would be more correct to say that it will validate the present form, for I consider the Grand Council as originally conceived to have passed into innocuous disuetude and only the executive officers remain. It is toward this end that we have been working. It has done its work and its day is past. The Fraternity is casting aside its swaddling clothes and adopting a more modern style.

Two charters for Alumnus Chapters and one for an Active

Chapter were granted in 1896. Enthusiastic Alumni of Norfolk, Va., have organized themselves into alumnus *Epsilon*; while the brothers located in and around Dillon, S. C., are gathered into alumnus *Zeta*. There were plans formed to establish several active Chapters last fall. Of these only one matured, and *Phi* Chapter of six true knights is securely established at Roanoke College, Salem, Va. But while we cannot boast of any other Chapters planted, it is a fact worthy of record, that every active Chapter returned men in the fall to their respective institutions, and they have been unusually successful in securing good new men; so that with, perhaps one exception we have thirteen strong companies to wave aloft the banner of Garnet and Old Gold.

The year just closed was one remarkable for the amount of correspondence and of discussion of ways and means for advancing the Fraternity's interest, all the fruit of which is not yet seen. The officers are more thoroughly in touch with each other, know their duties, and as far as manifold business cares will allow do their duties faithfully. The Fraternity, especially the active Chapters, should remember that each one of the Council officers has arduous duties imposed by their business or profession, and at times Fraternity work must perforce be postponed. We would sum up the year's work then as being notable in great material gain, as shown by the official Magazine, by the Convention and chartering of Chapters; further, by interchange of ideas among the members and formulation of plans that will enable the work of extension and strengthening to go forward more successfully; and we might add that the year is a notable one for the acquisition by the various Chapters of excellent material—men of the proper Fraternity spirit who will not brook defeat or suffer delay in the maturing of our plans.

Turning from this hasty and imperfect survey of '96, we ask what has '97 in store for us? In answering this query we would impress the great truth that time present makes time past as well as the future. It does not always require the second face of the God Janus to read the future. Given the conditions that surround men, and knowing their characters and the motives that influence them, we can predict with a large degree of certainty what results these men will work out. But human conduct is ever uncertain, and we must not expect too much. We look for steady gain during the coming year, both an increase in the Chapter roll and increased efficiency in all departments of the Fraternity work.

There is a great deal to be said in favor of a limited num-

ber of Chapters, provided the number be large enough to remove all financial strain in running a magazine, holding Conventions, and other necessary general expense. It is possible when this is the case for the officers and members to know each other better. The intercourse being between fewer numbers is thereby intensified and you may know all well, which I think is preferable to having a knowledge of the names of a great many. But if we believe that our Fraternity is a power for good—and who does not?—and if we believe in the greatest good to the greatest number, which again is believed by all, then we must establish new Chapters. We need Chapters in Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana, Texas, Missouri and Kentucky, not to mention other States, but in these we have as yet not a single one. But not all the zeal should be extended along this line. We must look well to the strengthening of those Chapters we now have. It will be the policy of the general officers this year to become thoroughly conversant with the affairs of each Chapter. To know the officers, to aid them in securing complete equipment, and to assist them to shape their policy along such lines as will insure for each one an honorable and successful career.

To this end we have addressed inquiries to each one that will, if answered properly, post us accurately as regards the special news of each one.

Of course, we always have in mind the support and improving of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, the very life-blood of the Order. As it circulates more freely in every member's home, and as each one gives it his support in money and material for its columns,—in just that proportion will the Fraternity achieve success. Who can be enthusiastic over or love that which is unknown to him? and how can you know your Fraternity unless you read its publications? and how can they be published without money or matter? Again, as that Chapter will die or fail to accomplish the object for which it was founded that does not have regular meetings, and conferences of its members, so that Fraternity will never attain success that neglects its conventions. When and where shall our next be held? We asked for advice on this subject in the November issue, and none has come; so we will state our views. We believe that the city of Nashville is the place, and *immediately* after commencement period is the proper time. We will get cheap rates, and I do not believe that the attractions of Tennessee's Centennial will prove as troublesome as did those in Richmond last summer, unless we select Re-union week again, which we need not do. Speak up

now, Chapters and officers; what are your wishes in the matter?

For a successful issue in the plans mentioned above, conditions are very favorable. The members were never more active than at present. Then can we fail? Shall another year dawn and prove these projects but the vagaries of a too fertile fancy? The answer rests with you, Active and Alumnus brothers, who read these lines.

We have passed lately the period annually devoted to the forming of new resolutions. The passed weeks have seen many formed,—and broken; many new leaves have been turned,—and perhaps already befouled with blots. Let not the Fraternity vows be so lightly heeded.

R. R. Jones.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

During the two months that have passed since *Alpha's* last letter to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, but little has been done by us that would be of interest to the Fraternity at large. Although circumstances have been such that we have not yet been able to bring any pressure to bear upon those men in college whom we deem worthy to enter the sacred bonds of *H. K. A.*, still, we have every reason to believe, that within a short time they will pass through the dread ordeal, and will become full-fledged "*Pis.*"

Just at present nearly all other matters are lost sight of under the shadow of the rapidly approaching examinations. Those of us who have passed too many nights in the ardent pursuit of pleasure are now wrapped in unutterable gloom as we think of what is to be. In this connection it is not unworthy of mention that Bro. W. H. L. White has been showing a most commendable desire to pass his examination, and has been working his anatomy with the same zeal and vim with which he formerly was wont to "rush the ladies." On the other hand, Bro. Smith, while still remaining loyal in his fealty to "Minors' Institutes," is not unfrequently to be seen (and heard) "out with the boys."

Even at this early date active steps are being taken towards the publication of our College Annual "*Corks and Curls.*" *H. K. A.* is very worthily represented upon the board of editors by Bro. Powers, of the law class. Perhaps it may not be out of place to mention here that Bro. Powers has recently been initiated into the *Theta Delta Theta*, an exceedingly exclusive local law Fraternity.

All of us here at the University are very much elated over the signal success of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND during the past year, and are confident, that under the able management of Bro. Smyth, it will attain unto an even higher degree of excellence before this year of its existence, shall have passed away.

In closing we wish to urge upon the Fraternity the necessity of increasing the Chapter roll during the coming

year by adding *good* Chapters wherever possible. We can say without any self-adulation that *H. K. A.* has good cause to be proud of those Chapters which she now has, and it cannot but redound to her credit to be represented in the many Colleges and Universities throughout the South that would welcome with open arms "the only strictly Southern Fraternity."

L. S. Brown, Jr.

BETA.

The holidays are over, and we are again in our respective places, pulling our hair over difficult texts, endeavoring to wean our thoughts from the pleasures of the last two weeks.

Bro. Clark has not yet returned. He says that his delay is due to the illness of his father, but I rather think that there is something else holding him. He writes that he will be with us before very long. We are all anxious to see him back.

All the boys report a pleasant stay at their homes. One would think McKinnon and Houston must have enjoyed being with their relatives (?) very much indeed, judging by long faces as they brood over what has passed. This is especially true of McKinnon. Some of his sighs are killing in the extreme. His taste for poetry has developed rather rapidly for a week past. I can hardly induce him to converse on any topic except the ladies.

It was my good fortune to meet two Brothers from *Phi* in Charlotte during the holidays. They have the proper stamp for *H*'s. Wish we had some more new Chapters composed of such men.

Our college has no new men for the spring term. It is the first time we have failed to matriculate some at the spring opening for several years past.

There has been no goating among the different Orders for two months or more. The Junior class is getting to wear a troubled look, owing to the rapid approach of the 22nd of February, which is our date for orations by that class.

Our "Annual" is making considerable headway. We hope to have it out some weeks before Commencement.

Mr. J. C. Story, our old Alumnus, and charter member, has decided that while teaching a good high school pays well, and is a very pleasant occupation, it is, nevertheless,

decidedly too lonesome for him, so he made the usual lawful vows to a young lady on the 23rd of December, 1896. It has never been my pleasure to meet his wife, but I know that she is all that could be asked, being the choice of a *II*.

We hope to have at least one interesting piece of news for the next *SHIELD* and *DIAMOND*.

Beta joins in wishing all *II*'s a happy New Year.

R. S. Eskridge.

ZETA.

We know our good Brothers are by this time thinking that *Zeta* is dead, but we were unfortunate in sending our other letter too late for the issue of the Magazine.

It gives us great pleasure to say, that we are all here by a large majority, and in a prosperous condition, with twelve men. We were indeed delighted to hear of the establishment of a new Chapter. We extend our congratulations to the new Brothers, with best wishes for the future.

I will attempt to give a synopsis of what the two letters should have been. At the first of the year four men were "spiked," one of whom was "spiked" by all the other "frats," and all four are new wearers of *II. K. A.* pins. Imagine the surprise of the other Fraternities, when, one Sunday morning, all appeared with pins on. The banquet which was spread after the initiation would have been a credit to Delmonico's. We feasted till an early hour in the morning. The four new men were Harry T. King, of Houston, Tex.; Michael R. Campbell, Jr., Tullahoma, Tenn.; Paul B. Myers, Shelbyville, Tenn., and Samuel E. Lackey, Jr., of Gallatin, Tenn.

Later in the term, another "goat" appeared in the person of James H. McCallum, Knoxville, Tenn., a Freshman with a bright future. Two weeks later the goat again was put into use, and was ridden by Geo. Brown, who has proven himself a typical Fraternity Brother.

It is with much regret, however, that we have lost two of our men since Xmas, Paul B. Myers and D. K. Lee. Myers did not return, and Lee has accepted a lucrative position in the city, and will be able to meet with us.

All the old men are back but three: Bro. Sienkrucht, who graduated, and is a civil engineer, located in Georgia; Bro. Chenault is in business in Gallatin, Tenn.; Bro. Thomas is now in a law office in Washington, D. C. Those

who have returned are Brothers Hite-Smith, Rogan, Hunter, Lee, Alexander, Hudson, Sherwood and Price.

We have taken quite a part in Athletics this year, having three men on the foot-ball team, the "two famous Guards of the South," Rogan and Hite-Smith, and Campbell who played Tackle. The team holds the championship of the State, and ranks second in the South. They never lost a game this year. We have several men who are candidates for the base-ball team: Campbell, who caught for Notre-Dame University, Notre-Dame, Ind., last year, Rogan and Hunter.

We have six men who are prominent members, of the University German Club, two of whom are members of the Governing Board—Rogan as Vice-President, and Hite-Smith, Secretary and Treasurer.

We have been elegantly entertained by Bros. Wiley, Hunter and McCallum this term.

Of our Alumni, Bro. Wiley is still a member of the Faculty of the University; Bro. Borchers is now located in New Orleans with the Armour Packing Co.; Bro. Comfort is in Philadelphia, in the Government employ as seed distributor; Bros. Troy and Woodsides are still at their old position. Our ever-zealous Brothers, Will and Phil Briscoe are connected with the firm of Daniel Briscoe, Bro. & Co.; Bro. French is still with the *Knoxville Journal*.

All our members are anxious for the next Convention to meet in Nashville some time during the Centennial.

With best wishes for the other Chapters.

M. R. Campbell, Jr.

THETA.

The roaring *H's* of *Theta* give greeting to the brethren. Truly the times of late have been seasons of jollity and good-cheer. Receptions and parties have followed fast and followed faster, until the horizon of we college men and seminities has been converted into one mad whirl of social pleasure. Really, brethren, we have almost forgotten that there is such a word as "study" in the English dictionary, and are perfectly assured that it belongs not to our vocabulary. However, Nemesis, in the form of the intermediate examinations, is hot on our heels, and methinks that black coffee, wet towels and the midnight oil must soon supplant patent leather boots and *costume-de-regem*.

The gaities of December were ushered in by the college reception given at the residence of the Chancellor. It was held on two consecutive evenings. It is needless to say that on both occasions the *II* sisters reigned as queens without rivals.

It is real amusing for an unconcerned spectator like the present scribe to note the partiality of certain of the brethren for different points of interest in the city and its outlying suburbs. Take the Boulevard as an example. Bros. Gladney, Hollingsworth, J. N. Ivy, Blackburn and Moldenhower are confirmed devotees at this shrine. Never does a day pass without there being a pilgrimage performed by at least one, and sometimes by all of them. Then, too, there is Madison street. Here, without doubt, Bro. Ivy devoutly worships. Why, he has been known to pass that way, no less than eight times in one brief afternoon. Again, Bros. Soll Ivy and Moldenhower are known to be deeply interested on Madison extension. Moreover, it has been shrewdly suspected that not all of Bro. Gladney's famous bicycle rides into that delightfully vague and indefinite section known as the "country" have been aimless and without a fixed destination, nor should we forget that common Mecca of all *Theta II*'s known in the mystic parlance as the "Hill," for here dwells the most loyal *II* of them all, a veritable fairy godmother.

At present we are all rejoicing in the victory of Bro Blackburn. In the Primary Declaimers' Contest he won the first place, and so bids fair to capture another medal for old *Theta*.

Several of the brethren disappeared from school for a few days during the holiday season, among them Bros. Blackburn, Frierson and Soll Ivy. They have returned now, though, and do most solemnly announce that from this time on they will be dead to the world and know nothing save what pertains to Greek roots and mathematical equations.

Several other very stirring events transpired during the holidays in connection with the *II*'s of *Theta*; but as Bro. James Ivy has appeared in our sanctum, and with ashen cheek and trembling lip, has besought us to forbear their recital, we are compelled, out of sheer compassion, to accede to his request. Consequently the SHIELD AND DIAMOND will be deprived of one of the raciest recitals of Quixotic deeds that it has ever been the lot of its editor to present to an unsuspecting Fraternity.

IOTA.

At the beginning of the new term the members of "Iota" send greetings to their Brothers of others Chapters and of the Fraternity at large. At present, everything presents a busy appearance about the college, as the results of intermediate examinations generally cause resolutions to be formed to that effect, but I am glad to say that the boys of "Iota" came out as in times past, with colors flying. We spend every other Saturday night together, in spite of the fact that we are busy, and as there is an even dozen of us, you can imagine what grand old times we have.

Last Saturday night's meeting is still before my eyes. One of our number got a box from home, and kindly let us "take charge" of it for him, which, with hot chocolate, we certainly did.

For the first time, in the many years' history of the College, two deaths have occurred within so short an interval of time; the former was that of James A. Hall, of Hampden-Sidney, Va., who died on the 2nd of Nov., 1896, and the latter was that of Samuel G. Payne, of Lynchburg, Va., who died Jan. 4, 1897.

At a meeting of the Athletic Association on last Saturday morning, actions were taken for forming a Base Ball team for the coming season. Two from our Chapter are trying for the team: Bros. Gaines and Stevens. Bro. Stevens no doubt will be pitcher. The outlook for a successful season is very bright, as there is a great deal of interest being taken in athletics this year.

There are about forty more boys in College this year than last, and the number was increased by the arrival of several new men at the beginning of the second term. I will give a clipping from an article of Dr. McIlwaine's in the "*Christian Observer*," of Jan. 6:

"The Y. M. C. A. is an effective organization, and under the wise leadership of its President, Mr. W. S. Wilson, of Roanoke, is doing good work. 'The *Hampden-Sidney Magazine*' had been ably conducted, and ranks with the best of such periodicals in the country. Its editor, Mr. R. M. Bird, of Petersburg, is doing himself much credit, not only by the character of his editorials, but also by the impetus he has given to the literary spirit among the students, as evidenced by their contributions to the Magazine."

H. R. Houston.

MU.

1897. So reads the card, and a new year is ushered in. Shall we, twelve months hence, give it to History as the most prosperous and successful year of *H. K. A.*'s advancement and achievement yet known? Or will it disappear in the past, remembered only for its opportunities lost or misused? Brothers aid *Mu* in the fulfilment of the former..

Before separating for the holidays, we sorrowfully bade Bro. J. P. Marion good-bye. He departed for Texas, his father having accepted a church call and wanted his family with him. However, Bro. Marion will matriculate in "Daniel Baker College;" and, according to instructions, commence offensive operations immediately for *H. K. A.* vantage. Look out for *Mu*! Another tie was broken by Brother H. A. Copeland leaving for Newberry, S. C., to accept a clerkship in that city. Bro. Copeland carries our best wishes for his success. All is not dark, however, since we expect Bro T. C. Gower to re-enter College ere this goes to press.

Bro. W. S. Jacobs and wife, of Columbus, Miss., spent part of their honeymoon visiting the groom's father and sister in this place. Bro. Jacobs is "muchly married," but we don't blame him; his wife is talented, beautiful and fascinating; in fact a typical *H* sister, and *H*'s are fastidious.

Bro. Rutledge Copeland was in town during Christmas, and his beaming face and hearty grip was no small part of the holiday's pleasure.

Say! you *H*'s in South Carolina! Has it been told you that the State Y. M. C. A. Convention meets in Clinton next February? Well I'll tell you more. *Mu* is in Clinton and would like to see *H* badges on delegates.

Opening the term with seven men, having lost two (2) and added two since then. *Mu* is again in line; her number, that mystic figure "7." Our College is better by the addition of several men students and expectations of more. We have not found any material for new members among them as yet however.

A happy New Year to all the Chapters.

H. S. Griffin.

 NU.

Nu sends New Year greetings to all her sister Chapters, and wishes a prosperous year for dear old *H. K. A.*

All our members have returned except Bro. Mathias, who is detained at home a few days on account of sickness. We are anxious to see his smiling face again. Bro. Carr came back, but has returned home to accept a position at his home in Newberry. He will doubtless join us at the beginning of '98. We shall miss him. Things will be dull without his wit. We wish him success and rapid promotion.

We expect to initiate one or two more men into the sacred bonds of our Fraternity in a few days.

Examinations are over and the reports show that the members of the *Nu* Chapter stand well in their respective classes.

Our new and beautiful gymnasium has been opened and we are truly proud of it. It is one of the neatest and best equipped gymnasiums in the South. Mr. Wertenbaker, our foot-ball "coach" for the last two years, is our competent instructor.

We have great expectations for our base ball team for next season. We have some very fine material, and if properly developed we shall be able to hold our own in the State, and shall aspire for the championship.

We were glad to read such good and encouraging reports from our sister Chapters, and are constrained to believe that we are the "stuff." We were also very glad to hear that a new Chapter has been added to the Fraternity. May they reach the top of the round by rapid strides. To them, especially, do we send words of encouragement.

We feel that the success of the *SHIELD AND DIAMOND* is assured; it improves with each issue. We send best wishes to all our brothers.

Robt. A. Hannon.

XI.

Xi is glad to greet again her sister Chapters through the *SHIELD AND DIAMOND*. We congratulate the Magazine on its success during the past year, and hope that the New Year will bring it still greater prosperity.

We are now in quiet mid-winter—an ideal time for hard study. The excitement of the foot-ball season is a thing of

the past, and base ball time is yet rather too far off to keep the athletic cranks occupied. So we have to content ourselves with operas and occasional social events as breakers of this monotonous part of the college year.

The first term examinations have passed and the students have just returned from a holiday trip home. In the meantime reports were sent out, and, as a result, the ranks of the lower classes are considerably thinned. Some have been detained by their parental relations, others are seeking easier "passes" elsewhere, and still others, upon whom the faculty smiled more graciously, have been allowed to remain with the promise of an earnest effort to make up their smaller deficiencies.

Xi's men came out admirably. Every one will be found on the roll of distinction. In the Senior class Bro. J. G. Hughes is on the honor list; in the Junior, Bros. George McCutchen and A. C. Carson are at the head; and, in the Sophomore, Bro. R. B. Belser is among the leaders. So *Xi* is showing up well, if her number is small.

Bro. T. F. Brantley '92. Law '93, who received an appointment as a chief in the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., was selected by the National Democratic Committee to stump West Virginia for the Democratic nominees in the recent Presidential campaign. This is quite a compliment to Bro. Brantley's talents as a speaker and a "politician."

Bro. Belser, much to our regret, did not return after the holidays, on account of the death of his father, who accidentally shot himself recently while out hunting on his plantation near Summerton, S. C., and died a few days afterwards from the effects of the wound. Bro. Belser, on account of business affairs, may not return this session, but he certainly will enter college again next fall. *Xi* and the whole Fraternity will sympathize with him in his misfortune.

Thus the number of our Chapter is reduced to three. This is not due to neglect of duty on our part, but to conservatism and the care we exercise in selecting men, which invariably pays. However, the Fraternity need have no fear for our existence, for all these members will be back next session and we will be strengthened by several old members, who will return for extra courses. And, too, if there is any desirable material, we will get our share of it.

Xi extends to all the *II's* best wishes for a happy and prosperous year.

J. G. Hughes.

PI.

Pi was certainly very sorry that her other letters arrived too late for insertion in the SHIELD and DIAMOND. *Pi* is on a pretty sound footing this year, considering the number who are degree men, and of course could not do their share of *Rushing*.

Our band consists of five old men from last year, one *Goat* and a transfer, making our number the same as last year.

The small number of students at Washington and Lee this year, and the appearance of a new Fraternity, the *Delta-Tau-Delta*, has made *Goats* scarce, and the *Rushing* more necessary. *Delta-Tau-Delta* began life at Washington and Lee with very promising prospects, and we welcome her in with wishes for a long and successful life.

We were certainly very glad to hear of our new Brothers down at Roanoke College. Let the good work go on, and we welcome them into our midst with wishes for a long and successful life at Roanoke.

Our new man this year is Bro. G. L. Thornton, from Port Royal, Va., who is a man we are proud to see wear the *shield and diamond*.

Our other addition was *Beta's* loss, Brother Troupe Whitehead, of Georgia, Brother Whitehead was with us for a very short time. He did not return after Christmas.

Pi enjoys the company of Bro. Jno. Dillon, who is with us quite often now, as he is in business with the National Bank of Lexington.

We hope to hear of new Brothers being born at some of our other *Southern* colleges soon. *II K A* must live.

W. L. Lee.

TAU.

Tau sends a New Year's greeting to all *II's*. The spring term at "U. N. C." has opened very favorably. The number is growing rapidly, though already we have enrolled a greater number than any year since the war.

Next, we turn our attention to base ball. The foot ball season closed in a very inglorious manner. But you may watch the record this spring; we are going to the top. There is only one improvement we wish to make over last year; that is to do Princeton up as we did Yale.

Brother Suttle and I spent the holidays on the Hill in a very quiet, but pleasant way. Brother Carver went to his home, via somebody's else home. for further particulars apply to him. Any way he reports a very pleasant time.

A letter from Bro. McFadyen tells us that he is to come back in the near future to take law. *Tau* is blest with those who think they are to court, lie, and plead; I have heard Suttle and Carver say they were going to take law. This makes the list: Hurley, McFadyen, Winstead, Suttle and Carver—lawyers.

We were all gladdened to hear that Brother Rucker is to be with us again next year. It seems that *Tau* is yet to have a re-union of all her old men who have dropped out. If the writer can just arrange to come back next year, what a gathering "it will be."

Joe S. Wray.

UPSILON.

Since *Upsilon* was last heard from, she has experienced the loss of one of her members. Bro. Abbott, of Columbus, Ga. This loss was rendered necessary by the death of his father. We regret the loss of our much beloved brother, and extend to him our heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement. All of our members report a pleasant Christmas, and seem ready to lay aside the cares of the old year, and willing to take up the labors of the new. Strange to say, our ladies' man, Bro. Pollard, escaped the many leap year meshes and feminine snares set for him, and still remains a bachelor. Bro. Rainey now wears corporal stripes, and is as proud of them as a young rooster is of his first tail feathers. Bro. Van Ness spent his Christmas in Pensacola, with Bro. Yonge, and his conversations are now as full of banquets, brown eyes, ball rooms, rosy cheeks and various other Christmas dainties too numerous to mention.

Bro. Fenton spent part of his holidays with Bro. Dean, while the remainder of our men spent regular old time Christmas in their respective homes, with the exception of Bro. McIntyre, and as he has said nothing as to how he spent Christmas, it is reported that he spent the whole time in a trance brought on by an overdose of egg-nog. The College Librarian having resigned, Bro. Fleming, who was Rector of Sub-fresh Class, has been made College Librarian,

while Bro. Tate has been made Assistant in Latin. Interest in athletic sports still runs high, and preparations are being made for some exciting foot ball games between classes, to take place soon. Auburn has not forgotten that Georgia beat her this year in their annual foot ball game, and she is even now laying the foundation for success in her next year's contest. In the recent election of officers in the Senior Class, Bro. Tate was made Class Orator. With best wishes for another successful year for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and trusting that the New Year has dawned brightly upon her sister Chapters, *Upsilon* extends greeting to every *Π K A*, feeling confident that '97 will find no lag-gard in the ranks of her little army.

F. L. Tate.

PHI.

Since the introductory letter to the last number of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, *Phi* has added another brother, Mr. Lewis F. Crowell, of North Carolina. This acquisition makes our number seven, quite a good showing after an organization of only a few months in a College where there have been for years three of the oldest and most thriving Fraternities.

Positions on the foot ball team of '96 have been officially assigned, and *Π K A* is far in the lead of the other Fraternities in College, for its honors. Brothers Robertson, R. E. Terry and L. G. Lloyd, Sub. P., and your humble scribe, R. T. There were only two other Fraternity men on the team, one was a *Gamma* and the other *Sigma Chi*.

We are about to enter the second term, and I hope with credit to *Phi* Chapter and the other Chapters.

We will send a longer letter next time.

W. S. Claibourne.

The Pi's

PERSONAL NOTES CONCERNING OUR MEMBERS.

In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to REV. ROBERT HILL, 655 Bass Street, Nashville, Tenn., *any item of news concerning a brother member, which may come under his notice.* If the item appears in a newspaper, clip it out, paste it on a postal and forward as above, giving date and name of paper.

—December 13th, at the First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas, a special service was held under the auspices of the "Travellers' Protective Association" and the "United Commercial Travellers," called "Travelling Men's Service." The sermon at 11 o'clock sharp was preached by our Mr. W. N. Anderson, pastor of the church. The invitation says: "The subject will be interesting to all who attend, and a very cordial invitation to all travelling men are hereby extended." The members of the above Orders met at the Oriental Hotel at 10.30 o'clock and marched in a body to the church.

—The sympathy of the Fraternity is extended to our Bro. L. D. Teackle Quinby, *Alpha*, in the loss of his mother, who died December 1st at Onancock, Va.

—Wedding Bells: Story—Reynolds.—On December 23d, at the bride's home, Bro. J. C. Story, *Beta*, and Miss Hida Reynolds were united in marriage. Bro. Story is principal of Ellerbe Springs High School, in Richmond County, and the bride is from Montgomery County, N. C. Her father is a member of the Legislature from his county. Bro. D. F. Hunter was the groom's best man. THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND extends congratulations to the happy couple.

—Our Bro. J. R. Howerton, D. D., Grand Chaplain, has recently moved to his new charge in Charlotte, N. C., and the following account of his first service is taken from the *Charlotte News* of December 29th: "Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, the new pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, preached his first sermon to his new congregation Sunday morning. The church was filled with an interested

congregation. Dr Howerton preached a fine opening sermon, saying in the words of Peter, he came to bring them 'no new thing, but to remind you of those things you have heard.' At night all the Presbyterian churches of the city gathered in a union service at the First Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Dr Howerton preached the sermon from the 20th chapter of Exodus, speaking of the oasis that looked so beautiful, but the waters of which were bitter until sweetened by the limbs of the trees. So life, he said, was all disappointment and bitterness until it was sweetened by Christianity. The only happy life is the Christian life. The large congregations were very favorably impressed by the new pastor, and listened appreciatively to the two superb sermons.

—Bro. Frank F. Jones, *Iota*, is at his home, San Marino, Va., on his father's farm. His loyalty to the Fraternity is no less strong than of yore.

—Dr. Frank Hopkins, our Brother of *Pi*, was very ill for some weeks at Warm Springs, Va., and at one time his life was despaired of. We are glad to report of his entire convalescence. He is at present visiting his sister, Miss Hopkins, principal of the Agnes Scott Institution, Decatur, Ga.

—We take the liberty of publishing an extract from a letter recently received from Bro. J. W. Basore, *Iota*, who is now at Johns Hopkins: "Talk about being busy—Latin and Greek lectures, Sanscrit and German, Journal Clubs, Latin and Greek Readings, Interpretations to prepare, Comparative Grammar, Comparative Philology, and various addenda keep every hour full."

—Bro. J. W. McDonald, *Rho*, who finished the theological course at Cumberland University last January is prosecuting his studies this year in the Union Seminary and Columbia College, New York City.

—The Rev. Bro. W. T. Palmer, *Theta*, of Newton, Tenn., was on November 6th elected by the Synod of Memphis alternate director of S. W. P. University, Clarksville, Tenn. Rev. Bro. George Summey, D. D., is Chancellor.

—The Rev. J. F. Smith, *Rho*, has recently taken charge of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas. We wish him much success in his new field of labor.

—A recent letter received here from Miss Rice speaks of herself and brother, Rev. Theron H. Rice, (our brother of *Theta* and *Iota*,) as comfortably fixed in the Manse of the Central Church, Atlanta, Ga., and being very happy in the

enjoyment of a visit from their father, who lives in Memphis, Texas.—*Alexandria Gazette*, December 16th.

—We regret very much to learn of the sad misfortune which befell the "Union Female College" located at Oxford, Miss. The school was entirely broken up by fever. It was almost an epidemic. It is thought that the school will soon resume work. Prof. S. S. Maddox, one of *Rho's* charter members, has been its worthy principal for several years. Mr. A. C. Bigger, *Rho*, has been Professor of Mathematics. Both of these gentlemen, with their wives, have been very ill, but are better at present.

—Bro. Harry H. Irvin, *Iota*, was at Warm Springs, Va., Xmas. As Secretary and Treasurer of the Tonerden Specialty Company, Baltimore, he is giving greatest satisfaction. Call on him if you are in the Oriole City.

—Rev. J. M. Wells, *Theta*, has been installed into the Pastorate of the Second Presbyterian Church, Staunton, Va., a most important Church, with a membership of 425.

—Rev. W. D. Landis, *Rho*, in September thought it wise to take unto himself a better half, so he married Miss Harris, of Waverly, Tenn. They are happily located in the parsonage of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Princeton, Ind.

—Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, at the First Church, closed his ministerial labors in Norfolk yesterday, when he preached at both morning and evening services. Dr. Howerton goes from Norfolk to Charlotte, where he assumes the Pastorate of the First Church in that city.—*Central Presbyterian*, December.

—The Moderator of the Presbytery of Nashville has appointed a special committee to prepare suitable exercises at the next Spring meeting, which will be commemorative of the 250th Anniversary of the "Westminster Standards." We note on this committee Rev. Bro. George Summey, D. D., of *Beta*.

—Rev. T. H. Rice, Jr., was tendered a service of welcome on Sunday night last in the Central Church, Atlanta, Ga. Addresses were delivered by several ministers representing most of the Protestant Churches of the city, to which Mr. Rice feelingly responded.

—*Rho's* Charter members are now, for the first year, all actively engaged in work. Some only finished school last year. They are located as follows: Prof. S. S. Maddox, Oxford, Miss.; Rev. W. J. King, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Rev. G. H. Hogan, Water Valley, Miss.; Rev. W. M. Crawford, Petersburg, Tenn.

—Mr. E. B. Rayburn, *Rho*, is a promising young lawyer of Columbia, Tenn.

—Rev. E. E. Ingram, *Rho*, Springfield, Tenn., has just closed a very prosperous year's work in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at that place.

—A large Camp of Sons of Veterans was organized in Columbia, S. C., on November 10, 1896, and our Bro. D. J. Brimm was unanimously elected Commandant, the presiding officer's title.

—*The Religious Outlook* is the name of a new Magazine to be published in Columbia, S. C., starting with January, 1897. Rev. Bro. D. J. Brimm is one of the two promoters and editors. The following is from the statement sent out to the public ;

Its Field and Aims :

“The religious weekly is for all. The Quarterly Review is for comparatively a few. *The Religious Outlook* is designed for a select but not a small circle of readers. It hopes to prove valuable, or rather invaluable, to our ministers, but it is not for them alone. There is among us a large and growing class of intelligent men and women who not only read, but *think*. These cannot skim an article on science or literature, on art or archaeology ; they cannot read a history, or, allured by the bright flowers and dainty fragrance, seek an hour's relaxation beside a ‘Bonnie Brier Bush,’ without having thrust upon their attention religious questions as varied in character as they are momentous in import. It is for this class—the readers who think—that we shall write. In our effort to aid them in grappling with the religious problems with which they find themselves confronted we hope and expect as time goes on to draw to our assistance the brightest, wisest, soundest and most vigorous minds in our Church.”

The Y. M. C. A. of Hampden-Sidney, is an effective organization, and under the wise leadership of its President, Mr. W. S. Wilson, *Iota*, of Roanoke, is doing good work. The *Hampden-Sidney Magazine* has been ably conducted, and ranks with the best of such periodicals in the country. Its editor, Mr. R. M. Bird, *Iota*, of Petersburg, Va., is doing himself much credit not only by the character of his editorials, but also by the impetus he has given to the literary spirit among the students as evidenced by their contributions in the Magazine.

Christian Observer.

—Rev. J. M. Wells, *Iota*, has left the church at Buena Vista, Va., and accepted the pastorate of the Second Church, Staunton, Va.

Editorial.

We start with this number a new volume of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, which, we trust, will prove even more interesting and more worthy of the support of the Fraternity than the last. It is a great satisfaction indeed to feel that each number of Volume V was published regularly during the past year, and we sincerely trust that we will be as successful with Volume VI, and in fact that hereafter our Magazine will enjoy an uninterrupted life.

There is an old saying "that keeping everlastingly at it brings success," and we again wish to bring to the attention of the Fraternity members the matter of aiding the editors in filling the pages of the Magazine, with not only interesting but instructive matter on timely and general Fraternity subjects. In this connection we ask the earnest attention of all our readers to the article from the able pen of Bro. Hill, published in this number.

It would surely be most valuable to the Fraternity if each member would make the resolution which Bro. Hill suggests. If the editor had in his desk a good supply of interesting articles for publication in the Magazine he would be able to give the Fraternity a better Magazine.

As it is now we have hard work to secure sufficient matter for a small number, and have nothing on hand in case of emergency. As Bro. Hill says, the readers have no hesitation in expressing their opinion in regard to the Magazine, whether it be approval or disapproval; but they all seem to be seized with a peculiar case of modesty, which prevents them from lending their aid to better fill its pages.

The only thing we need now to make our Magazine influential as well as successful is the hearty co-operation of all its readers, and we ask that each individual reader will take hold

with us *now* and aid us in making our Magazine what it should be. Let the resolution Bro. Hill suggested be put into practical working at once. By that we mean, let each reader start immediately and prepare some article, either reminiscences of Chapter life or some anecdote which comes to his mind of Fraternity life, and send same to the General Office. This will give us a fund of matter from which we can draw for each Magazine. And we will be benefited by having before us the thoughts of a larger circle of writers.

It is especially necessary that all the readers will interest themselves in securing dots for the two departments, "Our Colleges" and the "Pi's," for it is impossible for the Editor having these departments in charge, alone, to gather all the items, which should appear in them. He only sees a limited number of newspapers, and only comes in contact with a limited number of the members and cannot therefore be expected to secure the many items which appear about our members in different papers.

We publish at the head of each of these departments a request for members to send items of interest for the same to the Editor, Bro. Hill, and we wish to impress upon each one, the importance of giving attention to this request. For instance, if fifty men, each send one item, this alone will give us an interesting department for that month. Even if the news seems of little importance in your opinion, do not withhold it for that reason, for it will help to make the department more complete and will certainly be of interest to the members.

We, therefore, beg each reader to note carefully all the personal news about the members, not only in the papers but in private letters, and to drop a postal card to Bro. Hill with the little items and in this way our "Pi department" will be a veritable directory, in which the Brothers can find information concerning the doings and whereabouts of their Chapter-mates.

The Chapter Correspondents must also turn over a new leaf with reference to their letters. Not only must they see that each number of the Magazine contains a letter from their Chapter, but they must try and make their letters full of news

concerning the Alumni members as well as the present members of the Chapter.

We have received several letters lately from recent graduates asking that the Chapter Correspondents give the initials and home addresses of the men whom they mention in their letters, so that the Alumni may be able to know who they are. For instance, a good many of the Correspondents use simply the brother's surname, and naturally the Alumnus member is anxious to know whether it is his old friend or some relative of this friend. If the initials and home address were given it would aid in making these letters much more interesting to the Alumni.

We think the mistake that the Chapter Correspondents make is in waiting until the last minute to prepare their letters. They should start in plenty of time to allow them to write long and interesting letters. These letters should be in the General Office by the *first of the month for which they are intended*, and we trust that the Correspondents will try and remember this and avoid the necessity of a reminder that their Chapter letters have not been written. This not only takes valuable time, but causes delay and a great deal of trouble.

We think that the Fraternity at large has reason to be proud of its showing in the article which Bro. Jones has prepared for Baird's Magazine, and are also indebted to him for the care with which he has prepared the same.

It has been necessary to shorten this article considerably in order to put it in the proper shape for Baird's use; but we publish the original article of Bro. Jones in full for the general information of the Fraternity.

The membership of each Chapter is estimated from information obtained from various Chapter letters in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and is not very accurate; but it was impossible to secure the information from the Chapters in time for Mr. Baird's use.

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