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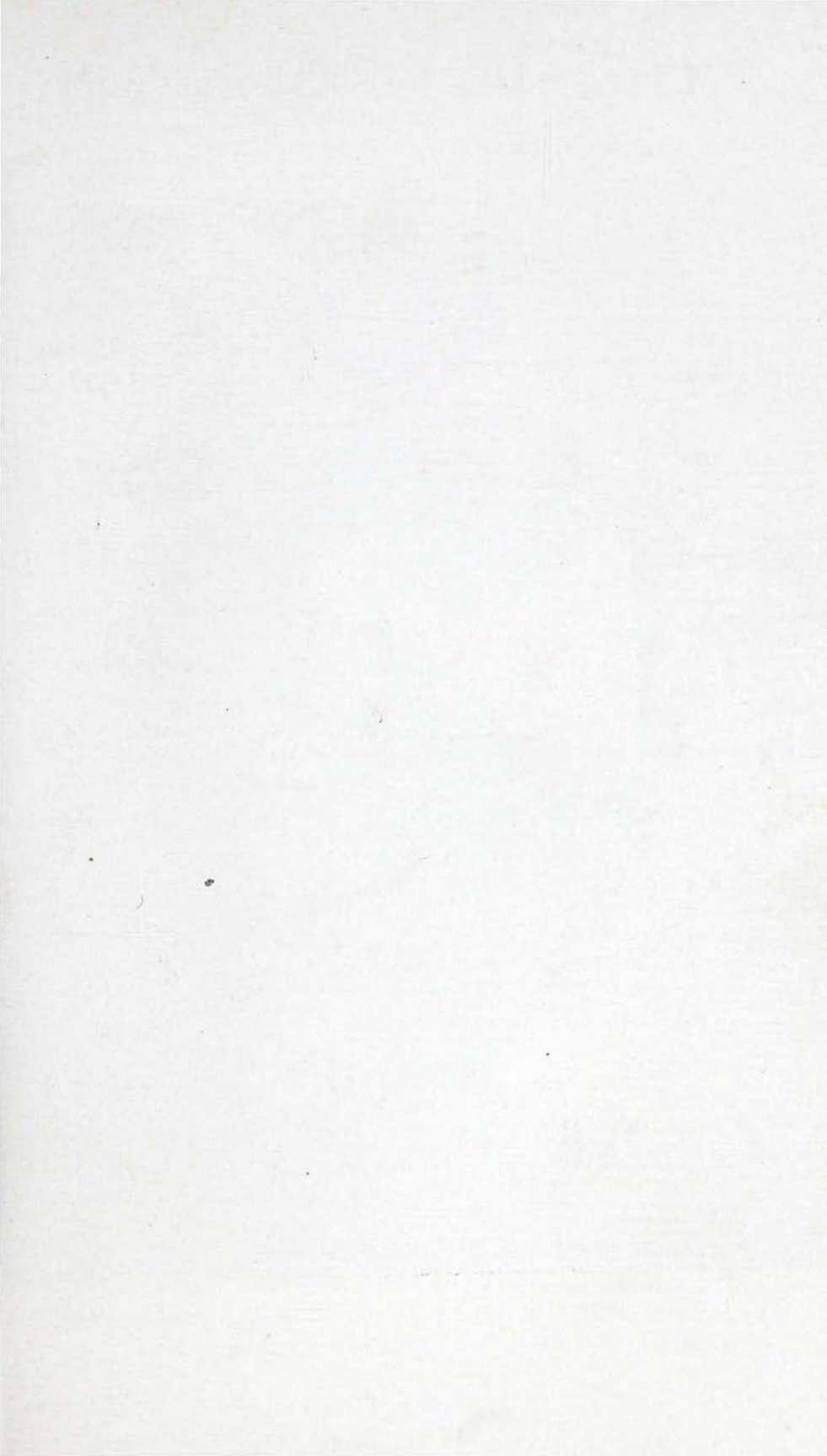
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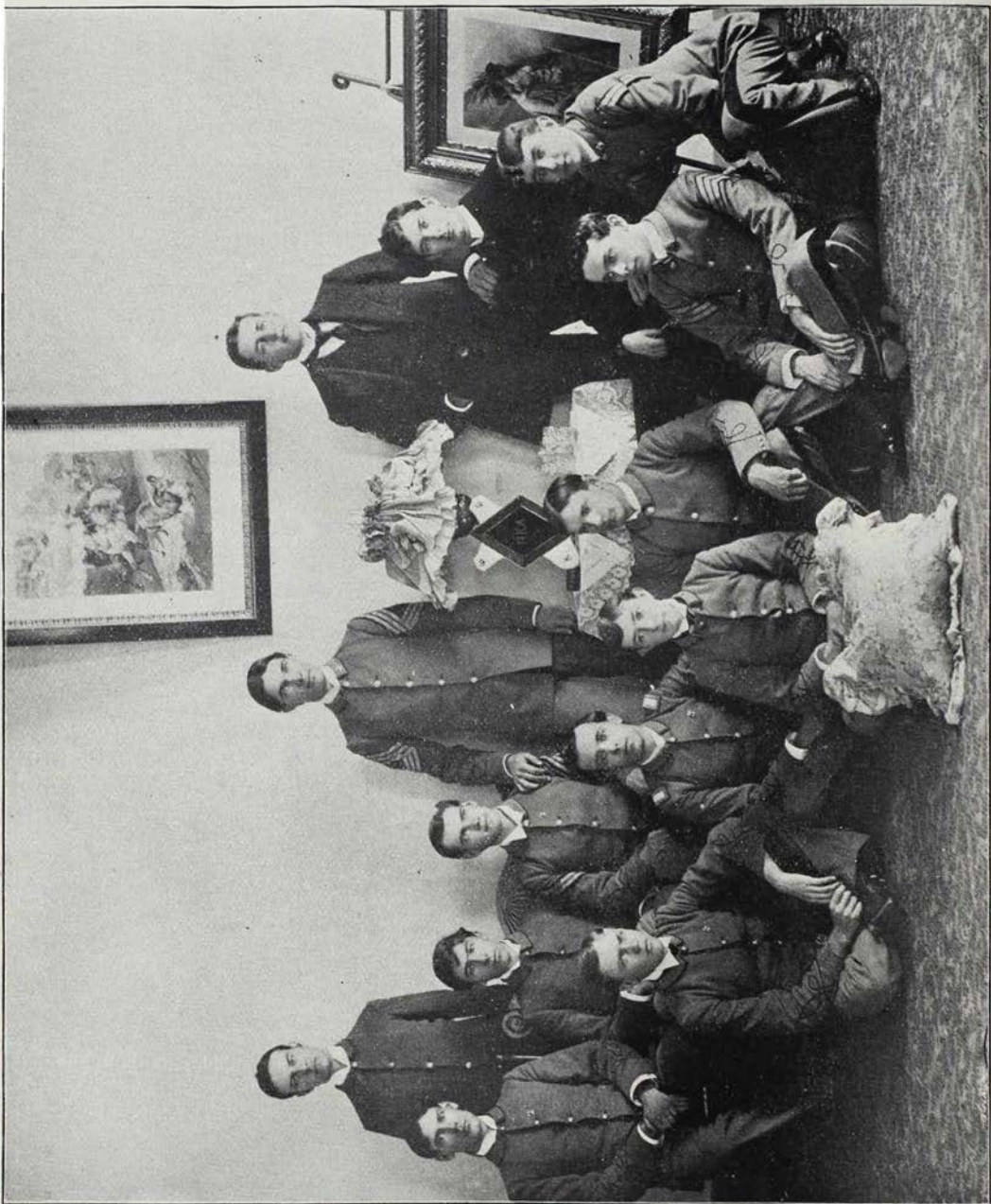
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### UPSILON CHAPTER.

#### ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTION.

##### THE FOUNDING.

The first suggestion of the founding of Upsilon Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha came from Brother W. D. Hollingsworth, of Theta; being an intimate friend of L. W. Payne, Jr., Assistant Librarian of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, he addressed him concerning the formation of a chapter in this college.

Payne undertook to carry out the plan of founding the chapter. The first man approached was W. L. Fleming, a member of the Junior Class, who was pleased with the idea, and promised all aid possible. Three others, Abbott and Pollard, of the Sophomore Class, and McIntyre, of the Freshman Class, were next pledged, and then steps were taken to organize the chapter.

A charter was secured from the Grand Council, and Brother H. B. Arbuckle, who was then at Tallahassee, Florida, came up to initiate us into the "mysteries."

On the night of the 5th of April, 1895, in a room of the main college building, now set apart for the young lady students of the college, Upsilon Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha was organized.

Our number was raised to six on that night by the addi-

*THE ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.*

The Alabama Polytechnic Institute or State Agricultural and Mechanical College, the home of our Upsilon Chapter, is fast becoming one of the most prominent colleges of its kind in the South. Situated in the little town of Auburn, about sixty miles from Montgomery, and surrounded by a beautiful country, healthful and abounding in country products, having an elevation of 826 feet, it is indeed an ideal spot for the location of a college. The college buildings stand on the edge of the 226 acres of land which comprise the grant from the government, and form a little village themselves.

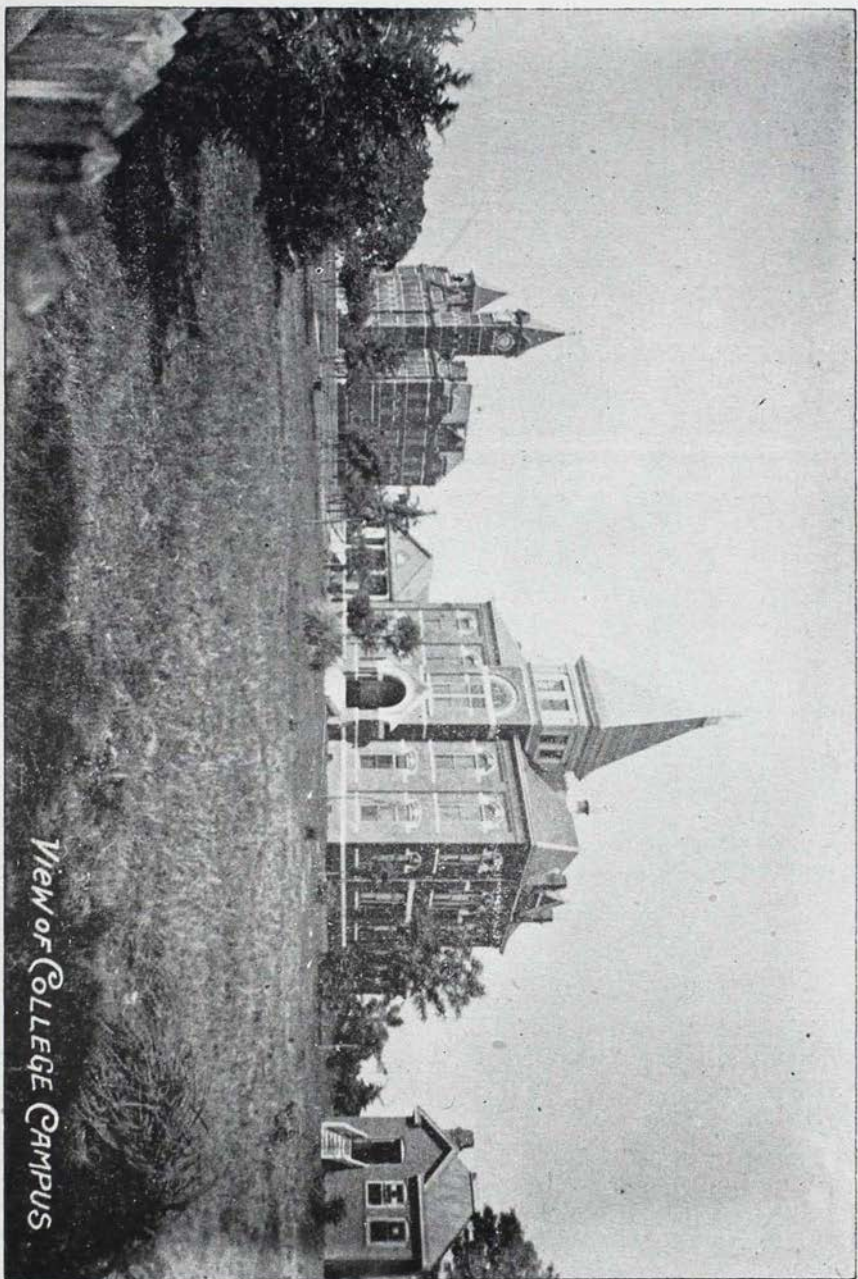
This college was one of the first to accept land under the old grant of 1862, and has always been highly regarded both by the United States and State governments, by whom it is supported. It will celebrate its Quarter-Centennial this commencement and great preparations are being made for this event.

The leading object of the college, in conformity with the act of Congress and the acts of the State Legislature, is to teach the principles and applications of science. In its courses of instruction it gives prominence to the sciences and their applications, especially to those that relate to agriculture and the mechanic arts. At the same time the discipline obtained by the study of languages and other sciences is not neglected. The special and technical instruction given is thus based on a sound general education.

The college, in fact, is a distinctive school of industrial science, or Polytechnic Institute, a title which, by resolution of the trustees, is now given to the college. Work of great value to the youth of the State is being accomplished by fitting them by a thorough science-discipline, in which manual training in the lower classes is made a prominent feature, for the successful and honorable performance of the responsible duties of life.

The college now possesses facilities for giving laboratory instructions in applied science in the following departments:

Agricultural and Horticultural instructions are given on a farm containing 226 acres, on which is situated the Agricultural Experiment Station. Daily experiments are made,



*View of College Campus*

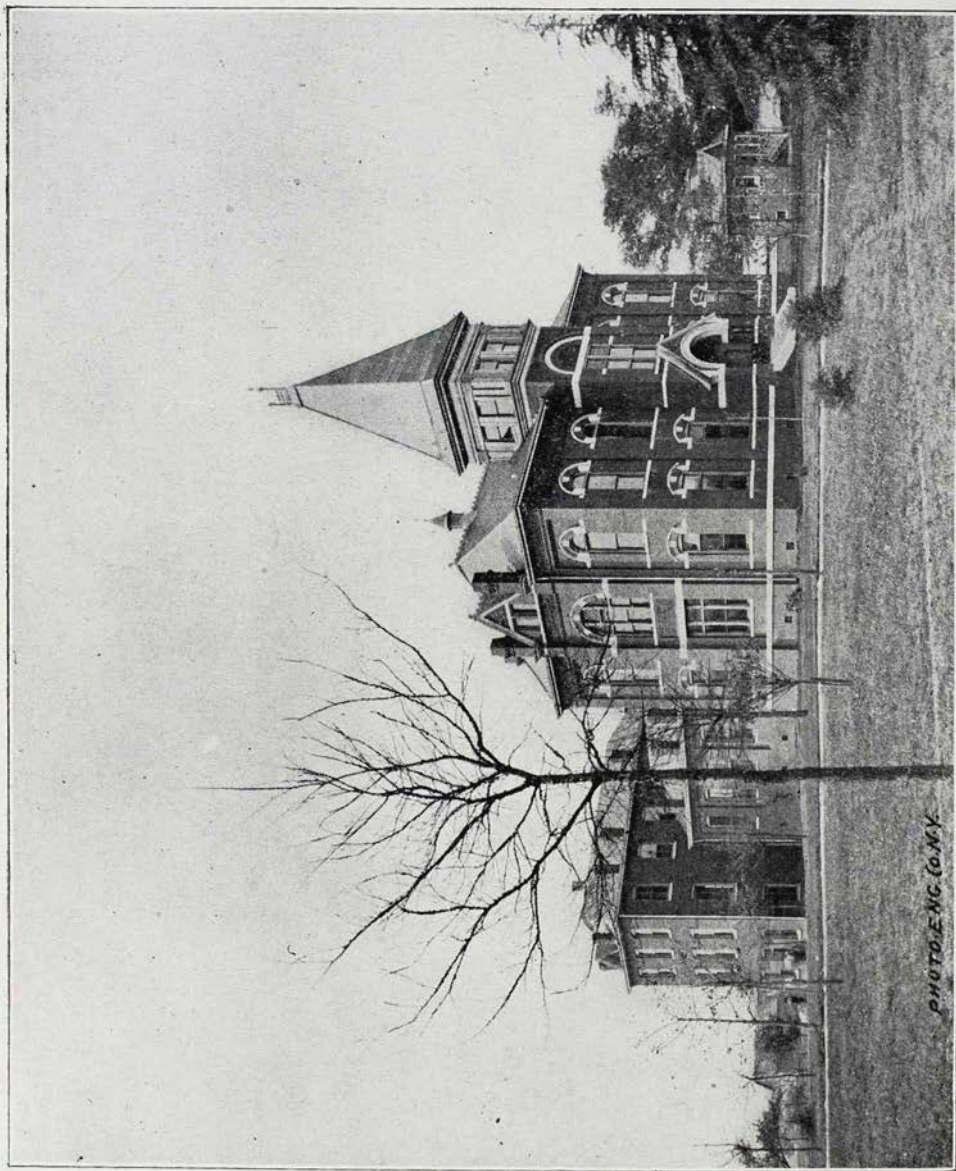
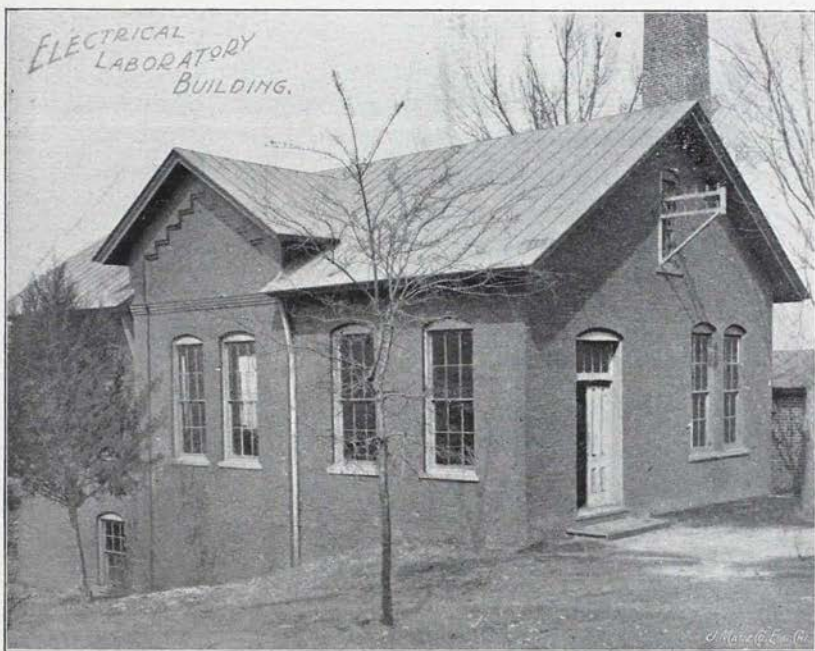


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CHEMICAL LABORATORY.







and scientific investigations carried on in the different branches of agriculture, and students are given unusual opportunities in this way.

In Mechanical Arts elaborate instruction is given in the working of wood and iron. The wood department is located in a commodious hall, and is provided with lathes and other necessary machinery. A brick building 30x87 feet is devoted entirely to iron work.

For chemistry, physics, mineralogy and botany special rooms are appropriated in the different buildings and thorough and full experiments are conducted.

Probably the most complete course of electrical engineering in the South can be obtained at this college. It has a large building, a cut of which will be found elsewhere, which is entirely given up to this work. In it there are all the necessary engines and dynamos and all such machinery. The entire college buildings and campus is supplied with lights from this department, in which the students themselves manage and operate the machinery. Thus they obtain a practical as well as theoretical knowledge of this work.

The college is largely attended, there being 357 students enrolled in the session of '96 to '97. They are not alone confined to Alabama, but nearly all the Southern States are represented and several from Connecticut, and one student from Venezuela is attending this year.

The government of the college is administered by the President and faculty, in accordance with a code of laws and regulations enacted by the Trustees.

The Military Department is commanded by a United States army officer, and three drills each week are held. The drills are short and the duty involves no hardships. For scholarly attainments and military bearing the students are promoted to officers, each company being officered by students.

The college has no barracks or dormitories, but the students board with families in the town of Auburn. Each house has an Inspector appointed, whose duty it is to report those who, without permission, leave their rooms after "call to quarters." The report of the inspector is made to

the Commandant, and punishments are inflicted in accordance therewith.

The college has a fine library which occupies an elegant, well-lighted room in the main building, and also two small adjacent rooms. It contains over 9,000 bound volumes, including valuable references and scientific books, with select editions of standard authors. It is kept open eight hours daily for the use of students as a reading-room. All the prominent periodicals and newspapers are taken and are accessible to the students. The college museum occupies a large room in the third story. It is provided with suitable cases and is equipped with valuable specimens and models of an instructive character.

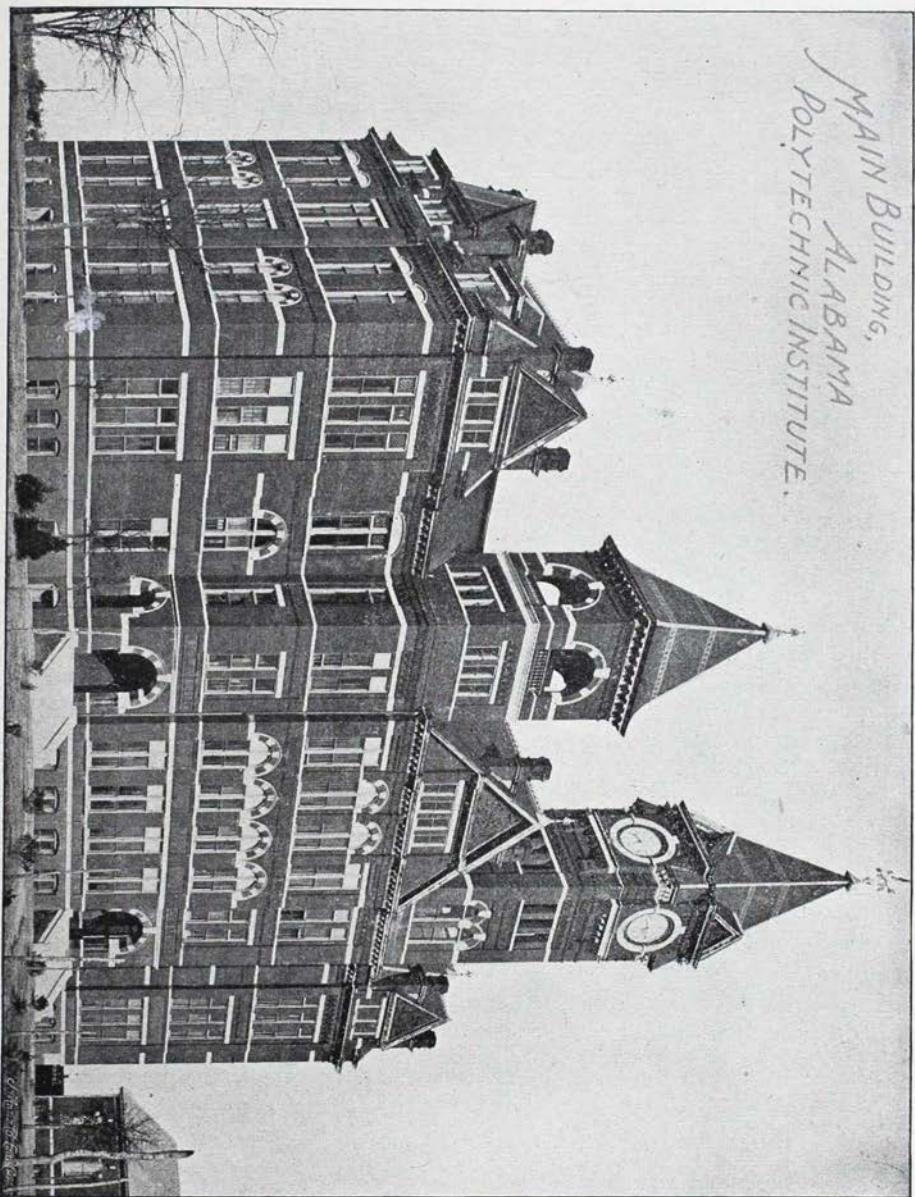
Six Greek Letter fraternities have flourishing chapters at this college. Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Sigma Nu. Besides these there are two literary societies and a well-managed and successful Y. M. C. A.

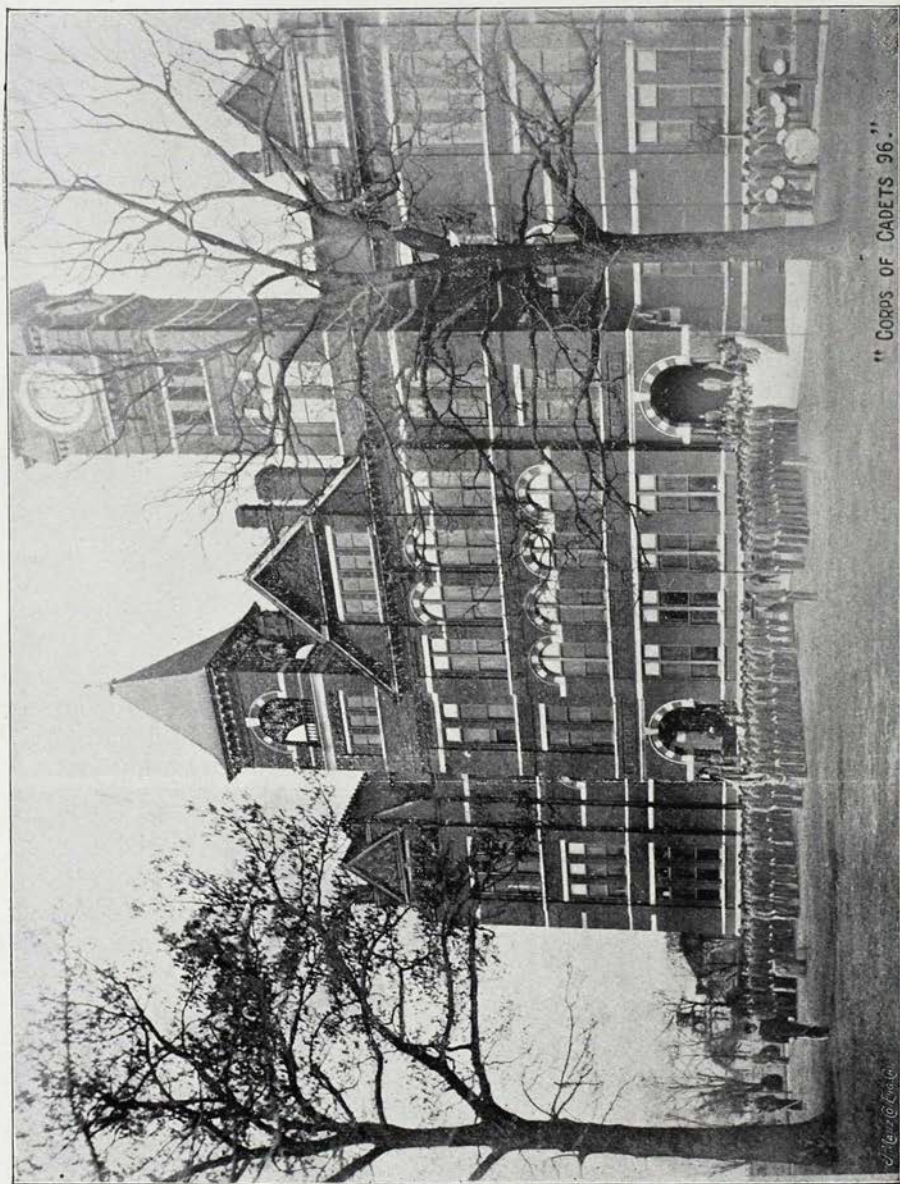
The Athletic Association is well organized and has general charge of foot-ball, base-ball and track athletics. A fine gymnasium building is well supplied with modern appliances for gymnastic instruction, and is in charge of an experienced gymnast and instructor. The College Glee Club is also a very flourishing organization, and several concerts are given each session.

The college publishes a semi-monthly paper which is edited by the two literary societies and is called *The Orange and Blue*. It is a newsy sheet, and its aim is to give all college news, and to be a true exponent of college spirit and progress. The students also publish an Annual entitled *The Glomerata*, which contains the usual matter of such publications.

The college buildings are imposing structures, as the illustrations in this issue show. The main college building is 160x71 feet and contains forty-five rooms, all of which are used entirely for purposes of instruction and investigation. It contains the lecture-rooms and offices of the professors, laboratory, library, museum and armory. The Langdon Hall is a two-story building 90x50 feet. The second story is the audience hall used for commencements

MAIN BUILDING,  
ALABAMA  
POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.





"CORPS OF CADETS '96."

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and other public occasions. The first story is appropriated to the laboratory of mechanical arts.

The chemical laboratory is a two-story structure 40x60 feet, with a rear projection 35x60 feet of one story and basement and contains eight rooms. The main laboratory will accommodate sixty students, and contains every necessary appliance for chemical work. The second story contains a lecture-room. The annex to the chemical laboratory, as shown in the same cut, is a three-story building containing rooms for mechanical engineering, pharmacy, analytical chemistry and drawing. We also print a view of the corps of cadets ('96-'97) drawn up in front of the main building and a view of the electrical laboratory.

Epsilon is to be congratulated on her home, for the college certainly offers great opportunities for study and pleasure, and the surrounding country makes life at the college most enjoyable.

*Editor.*

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#### WHY I SHOULD NOT SUBSCRIBE TO THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

I have been asked frequently by the indefatigable Smyth to forward my subscription to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. He sends it to me, and I like to read it, I confess, for several reasons. It revives my pleasant memories of my college days, and makes me young again. It recalls the dear familiar faces of friends whom I had almost forgotten, and tells me where they are and what they are doing. It shows me that I have other friends, too, whom I have never seen, but who are drawn to me by a stronger bond than unites many of those around me, whom I am accustomed to call friends—friends who would stand by me and sympathize with me in misfortune as well as rejoice with me in prosperity. But my subscription has not been sent in—no, sir. I assure you it has not. And now I am going to say why.

I. Let me say, in the first place, that I don't really mean it when I hide behind the plea that "*I can't afford it.*" I know the SHIELD AND DIAMOND is cheap enough, and I know

that I spend more every month on tobacco and cigars, more on street car riding, more on candy and fruits and other trifles, more for ice cream in the summer time, more for sodas and milk shakes, it may be more for strong beverages every week in the year, more in buying new ties that I don't need, more for a great many things, indeed. It is very convenient to have such an excuse of inability to plead, but I know it is not strictly honest. I'm a little chary of spending money on anything but self-gratification of my bodily senses, and all the mental pabulum I can get *gratis* I take, and you know Smyth keeps sending me the SHIELD AND DIAMOND because he thinks I am going to pay up. So you may remember that I tell you in your ear that when I say "*I am not able,*" I really mean that "*I do not choose*"

II. Those last words get a little near the point. The fact is I have no gratitude to *II K A* for what she has done for me. I acknowledge the benefits I have received from her, and which I still enjoy, and I acknowledge she is capable of blessing the life of many a young man away from home at college; and if you make me confess it, I think she ought to live and prosper and grow, and I know that she will not do so unless she has a successful magazine, as other growing Fraternities. But rather than take the trouble to go and buy a postal note for \$2, the Fraternity and all the simpletons who are so zealous to keep it alive may go hang. The benefits I have received already, I *have* received, and nobody can take them from me; and I'm not going to act the part of a block-head and pay out my money to keep it alive and display any spirit of gratitude. But

III. Here's the way I look at it: There are plenty of men, and *even girls*, that are fond enough of *II K A* to do all in their power to keep it alive, and I had rather see them sacrifice and spend and work to keep up this magazine, and through it the Fraternity, than to pay my just due of a subscription, or send in my subscription and have the paper sent me, in case it is not being sent. I had much rather, for instance, have Smyth and Brimm and McAllister do the writing and editing and mailing, than help them out in so simple a brotherly way as to subscribe the small *pro rata* demanded from me to keep up the movement. I know that they are giving many dollars' worth of precious



time to every number that comes, and that they spend hard cash on it also, and that they freely expend brain force that might be used for their own emolument ; and after all this they only ask me to pay for the actual expense of printing and mailing the volume I get. But, old fellows I admire your devotion and all that, but you are not going to get that much of support, even, of the undertaking, from me.

IV. I always have believed this magazine scheme was a visionary one, and would live in constant expectation that it would be money lost if the SHIELD AND DIAMOND were to go under, as Smyth tells us all the time it will do unless we subscribe. I know that were I to send in my subscription, it would be, by so much, less visionary and more likely to succeed, *and were all the delinquent brothers who are called on to pay up like myself, to do so, it would not be visionary at all, but would certainly succeed.* The matter comes sometimes in the attitude of a duty, but then I don't think it is my duty to do my duty unless others do the same, and how am I to know that they will ?

V. It is said that one-half the world supports the other half, and this is as true about Fraternities as anything else. Then I may as well, since I prefer it, enjoy the fruits of this movement and let others do the work and bear the expense. I tell you there is nothing like knowing how to get along as a good successful dead-head, in the church, in society, in fraternity and everywhere. I make it a point to do so, especially in the Fraternity.

Now, really, I hope all you other fellows will send in your subscription at once, for it would give me pain to have the SHIELD AND DIAMOND cease its visits, and the enterprise *does* deserve support. I have not once intimated that it does not, but rather the other. There's a great deal can be said in favor of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and in proof of the position that it should receive support from every one who has sworn to support *II K A* and her enterprises. The magazine, during the short period of its existence, has done more for the Fraternity than twenty-four years of work before. That cannot be denied. It is palpable. It serves, too, for such an excellent bond to unite and keep in touch those who are scattered so far and wide through-

out this land. But I will not go into the subject fully. All you have to do is to look back over the old numbers of the *Journal* to see them in various ways forcibly presented. I have already consumed enough space. I hope you see how absurd my position is, and that you, my brother, will not adopt any of my silly arguments.

Unfaithfully yours in the bonds,

"D. H."

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### A NEW ALUMNUS CHAPTER.

A meeting was held on the night of May 3rd, in New Orleans, to take steps looking to the establishment of an Alumnus Chapter for the States of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, with headquarters in New Orleans.

The following brothers were present at the meeting: S. C. Byrd, *Xi*; J. W. Caldwell, *Iota*; E. F. Koelle and F. D. Smyth, of *Theta*; E. L. Bemis and Dr. H. D. Bruns, of *Alpha*. Brother Byrd was elected temporary Chairman, and Brother Smyth was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

These brothers have collected the names of some seventy-five members living in the above States, and it was determined to write to them, asking them to meet in New Orleans some time between June 15th and 20th, to form this Alumnus Chapter. They were also asked to place this committee in communication with any Pi in the above-named States.

The committee is also corresponding with the active chapters to get the names of all the alumni who live in these States. The meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman, when enough answers to these letters have been received. This is a well-organized movement for the formation of this Alumnus Chapter, and its purpose will be to extend the borders of the fraternity by the placing of active chapters in the leading colleges and universities of these States.

We know this will be good news to the fraternity at large, and we feel confident of its ultimate success.

*Editor.*

*THE CONVENTION.*

The convention of '97 will, in some respects, be the most important we have ever had. About six years ago our form of government was changed to that we now have, and all who have lived under the old and the new know how much we gained in effectiveness by the alteration. Since then, however, the entire field has undergone a radical transformation. As the government by a single chapter was not satisfactory when we had more than two or three chapters, so it has been found that the form then adopted, and which worked with a measure of satisfaction at least, has become too cumbersome and expensive now that our chapter roll numbers twenty actually existing, with more developing for the near future. Hence it has become necessary to make a change of some kind. Just what the nature of the change may be can only be decided in convention and is largely in the hands of the Active chapters. It is therefore imperative that the chapters be largely and strongly represented at the coming convention. By largely is meant that each Active chapter shall send at least two men, more if it be at all possible, so that by consultation they may arrive at intelligent decisions before voting as chapters. Each Alumnus chapter should send at least one, that every shade of opinion may have voice.

By strongly is meant that the chapters shall send their best, most judicious, and longest-headed men. We want zeal, we want enthusiasm, but we also want sound judgment, and intelligent discrimination. We do not want men longing for a change, and willing to take anything, but men capable of looking beyond their own days and chapters, to embrace the best for the order. If a chapter has men of this kind, who are yet not effervescing with enthusiasm, send them along, the convention will manufacture its own early in the day and distribute so lavishly that every one will have enough and to spare.

To a fraternity man who has the true spirit, nothing gives greater pleasure than to meet with those from other sections with whom he has touched hearts, though hands have been far apart. We want to see the men who have taken the same obligations, subscribed to the same consti-

tution, who wear the same badge with just as much pride as ourselves. Nowhere may we enjoy this privilege so largely as in a convention.

It may be only a sentiment that makes us confine ourselves to the Sunny Southland and glory that we are the only exclusively Southern fraternity, but it is a strong sentiment and is warmly housed in a multitude of hearts to-day. It is a pardonable sentiment since we trace our origin to Southern men, in a Southern institution, in early *post bellum* days when the South, a wreck and ruin, mourned the loss of everything save manhood and honor. If men glory in institutions born in the very heyday of a people's greatness, who shall deny the right of a few good men to brave the general sentiment and glory that the offspring of their love first opened her eyes amidst the ruins of a nation's hopes? And if in later years the beauty of a brighter day shall take the place of early gloom may she not still be found in the time and place of her birth?

When we glory in the fact that we are the only exclusively Southern fraternity we do not mean to say that we are in any sense a superior order of beings to those sister Greeks whose territory and scope are wider. What we do mean is simply this, that we are a Southern order, for Southern men, or men of Southern sentiments, working only in Southern institutions, hence there is no heterogeneity of sentiment, no contrariety of sympathy with us; there is no discord in our harmany, but in every sense of the word, in chapter or convention hall, we are brethren. We therefore look forward with especial pleasure to our conventions.

It is not possible to select a date which will suit all equally. But we must have a convention to meet some time, and it is clearly the duty of those who are not so well suited to make arrangements to conform to that which suits the larger number. By straining a point many who could better go at another time may still be present.

*Robert Hill, G. S.*

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**GLIMPSES OF IOTA'S HISTORY--'93-'94.**

Before beginning my account of this session, I must not forget to sketch hastily the summer vacation as to its bearings upon the Fraternity. Basore, well known and valued by the faculty for the neatness and exactness of his work, was asked to recatalogue and rearrange the books of the college library, a full and confining summer's work—one, though, whose results fully attest its worth. During this vacation I saw something of him, since I returned to the college for a pleasing duty. Our Fraternity hall bore signal marks of those careless good times to which it was dedicated. We had decided to refit it, and the job was left to Basore and me. Fortunately, a good frat-sister took most of the arranging off our hands, and for all the details of refitting is the chapter under obligations to Miss Emma Venable.

I remember well our careful considerations of wall paper, our laborious fitting of purchases to our allowance of money, and our final satisfaction in a neat room, with the gold and garnet predominating.

The beginning of the session found us thus: In the Senior class, McAllister and Watkins; in the Junior, Julian Arbuckle and Ballou; in the Sophomore, Frank Jones, Swineford and Erwin. The Seminary did not fail us. McLaughlin began his theological course this session, while Young, Gilmore, Frank Robbins and Holmes Ralston returned. Moreover, Clem. Owen, an old *Iota* man, who had been studying abroad, returned to balance foreign theories with the weight of old Union's doctrines and to finish his course there. Then Bro. Wm. Walker, our only man who had the good fortune to cause a *II* wedding at Hampden Sidney, returned with his wife from the charge he had undertaken, in order to get the benefit of the English chair, established since his graduation.

Fraternity material was scarce, and what existed was quickly appropriated by the eager chapters. I never saw such a sad scramble for men. We were too slow to equal them in number of initiates, but we obtained one excellent man, Irving Jordan, of Danville, whose union with us was appropriately solemnized and creamed and caked some

weeks after the opening. Jordan had already gained popularity, and quickly assumed college responsibilities and college honors. We immediately seized upon the good-natured fellow, I remember, to write our chapter letters.

Our college organizations were soon in running order. The two college publications were the *Hampden Sidney Magazine* and the *Kaleidoscope*, or college Annual. The first of these was under the editorship of McAllister, the second under that of Watkins, while each of the editors was on the staff of the other.

They have since, I am glad to see, given the honored place on the staff of the *Kaleidoscope* to the business manager, who really has all the work to do.

But our Fraternity pride received its master stroke when McAllister added to his Junior Debater's Medal of the previous session the Senior Orator's Medal. The incident was unparalleled in Union Society, he being unanimously elected on motion of one of his opponents. The conventional banquet exacted of the medalists was also varied in this case. The Senior Medalists from both societies joined their tables and their friends, and had a glorious "eat" in the Seminary Mess. For the quantity of good things, and the joviality of the guests, it was unrivaled in my college experience. We wound up with a stag dance in the gymnasium.

Well, we had fun ; we had schemes of various kinds ; we had various Fraternity eats, and Fraternity meetings once a week. Altogether, we had so much outside work and so many plans that, as one of the boys laughingly remarked, we were too busy to study.

"Big" Ralston (Holmes) and McLaughlin represented us on the foot-ball team.

'Twas that same great, strong, low-voiced "Big" Ralston that I used to "confess" to once a week. I shall never forget his sympathy, the soothing effect of his very presence, and the efficacy of his sound advice. I wonder if he, with his wife and his ministerial charge, and his theological ponderings, ever remembers those times in general and that particular boy.

The convention was held in Richmond on Christmas week. It was so near, that with holiday and Christmas

rates, we appointed the whole chapter as delegates. Five of us—Swineford, Gilmore, Owen, McAllister and Watkins—were present at one time or another at the convention, while the two last named remained through the whole of it. Bro. Craig, our Seminary graduate of the preceding session, returned to visit us at Hampden Sidney and attended the convention with us. He wrote a little sketch of the social side of the affair, which appeared in the January issue, '94. At our swell banquet, which took place at Murphy's Hotel on the last night of the convention, McAllister delivered the toast *To Richmond*, and Watkins read the *Convention Poem*. I was very proud of the convention photograph because in it my picture was so much better looking than I. I write this in memory of McAllister's exclamations.

We were now on the "home stretch." Jordan pleased us immensely by winning one of the Junior oratorships for Intermediate Celebration, where he delivered his speech on February 22nd. And it was at this time that we had a visit from Basore, then teaching in Lewisburg. And he brought a whole big moustache with him, besides a lot of chat and good feeling. We enjoyed him hugely.

Our brother, Theron H. Rice, also visited us during the winter, when he preached at the college church, and his eloquence was for the time the talk of the "Hill." At Seminary "Finals," Gilmore, Young and Owen graduated and left us for good. May they remember their Fraternity relations as pleasantly as I do.

Our next event was the oratorical contest for representation at the *State contest*. Three boys from each Society spoke before the crowded house, and the six spoke well, but J. Gray McAllister, after a few minutes' consultation by the judges, was announced the successful contestant. "Hurrah for McAllister!" said President McIlwaine, with heartiness, as he returned to his house. McAllister delivered his oration at Lexington, where the contest took place, and only a few know that it took much debating of the committee to decide between McAllister and the finally successful candidate, the lengthy balloting having at last to unite as a compromise.

'Twas in May that Harry Erwin was taken desperately

ill. Our good President had him carried over to his house, where the boy was tended as a member of the family. I remember that Dr. McIlwaine gave up some important engagements away from home, and devoted himself to his patient. The whole college offered its services, but most of the nursing was done by the *Pi*'s, the fellows taking it turn-about to sit up. Indeed, Henry was quite spoiled when he was well enough to get himself home. The Fraternity formally thanked President McIlwaine for his kindness to its member, and he acknowledged the letter in person.

We had now reached the end of examination. Our boys who never missed distinctions were Ballou, Frank Jones and McAllister. This being McAllister's senior examination, he was awarded Second Honor and given the Philosophical Oration for commencement day. Watkins, the other Senior *Pi*, was given one of the complimentary orations for the same occasion. It was also an agreeable surprise to the *Pi*'s when, at the beginning of the commencement exercises, President McIlwaine arose to announce the successful competitor for the Magazine Medal, given for the best articles during the session, and awarded the medal to Watkins. On class night McAllister was Final President. Watkins had been elected Final President for the celebration of Union Literary Society. McAllister was in a great quandary as to whom he should select to make the presentation speech on "Union night," when he was to be awarded his Senior Medal. The friend he had selected had to leave unexpectedly before commencement, and he thought it would be too much of a "family affair" to give the honor to Watkins, especially as it was unusual for the Final President to make this presentation. But McAllister's heart got the better of his judgement, and Watkins delivered the medal.

Although criticized by some, I suppose, as "Fraternity clique," it was an especially happy coincidence that the two boys who had been class mates, Society mates, Fraternity mates, heart mates, should at the final celebration share this last pleasure.

The last exercise of this college year was the class celebration, at which, as I said, McAllister presided. Watkins



had been called the class poet, and by reading the "class poem" he closed the exercises and the duties of the class of '94.

So the little "*Shield and Diamond*" acted its part "when I was at college." It has been the greatest pleasure to review the happy days when I wore it at Hampden Sidney, a pleasure that will always be mine as long as there is any memory of the past. I hope that some worthier *II* will continue this worthy history.

Vale.

### LOVE, JOY AND PEACE.

(Christian Observer.)

God gave rebellious man a proof of love,  
 When from His home eternal in the skies  
 He took His Son, His only well-beloved Son,  
 And in the guise  
 Of childhood, sent Him forth  
 To win the rebel from the way of death,  
 To set before him nobler things in life  
 Than armed resistance to his God.  
 To put an end to strife,  
 And in its place crown love.

God gave to mourning man a cause for joy;  
 When on Judean hills the shepherds heard  
 The angels sing the grandest, the sublimest song.  
 Th' Incarnate Word  
 Had come from heaven to earth,  
 To quicken man's dead spirit with the breath  
 Of nobler living; to dispel his gloom  
 By taking on Himself the guilt,  
 By bringing from the tomb  
 A never-ending joy.

God gives to troubled man a perfect peace  
 The world can neither give nor take away.  
 A peace which passeth knowledge, which endures  
 Until the perfect day  
 Shall dawn; the day of birth,  
 When soul and body joined again, as saith  
 The great apostle, shall arise to meet  
 The Lord, who in the clouds shall come  
 His risen saints to greet  
 With love and joy and peace.

Rev. Robert Hill, (G. S.)

**THE LEGISLATION AGAINST FRATERNITIES.**

Probably it will be well to put before the fraternity world the means by which the anti-fraternity element in the South Carolina College secured the abolition of fraternities here by a contemptuous appeal to the prejudices of a Legislature easily susceptible to such influences. The aim could have been no other than is signified in the following circular, which speaks for itself, plainly showing the object of the fight and manifesting in no obscure way the character of the writer as well as the motives that actuated him under the sanction of his confederates :

**READ AND KEEP.**

Senators and Representatives: It is incumbent on you to prohibit secret fraternities in the South Carolina College. Why? Because at this State institution they foster and maintain class exclusiveness and privilege to the sons of the rich, and families of the old ring in politics, reproducing and fostering the same feeling of pride and dictation among their members. Don't permit by organization and badge the perpetuation of difference in early opportunities. Let every son of any South Carolina home be allowed equal privileges and rank in her college. Let every tub stand on its own bottom, and let democracy be instilled in our youth at home and at our schools.

Who will defend their unqualified advantage in a college? They always create dissension anywhere at best; here they are complicated by peculiar political and local conditions, and aided and applauded in their puerile and contemptible practices by Columbia society. She South Carolina College is a grand old institution, and her work of usefulness in the State cannot be spared; but this element must be eliminated before it can fully effect its highest purpose of inspiring our youth with a common sentiment of devotion to the interests of the State, and with a mutually concerted effort to advance her common welfare.

Are you a farmer, or man of any calling with limited income, however honorable it be, or is this the condition of your constituents, and would you have your and their worthy, ambitious boys who have not had the advantage of early culture and ease, but who are honest, horny-handed sons of toil, come to their State college to find themselves snubbed, shunned, and counted out by members of secret fraternities, who fain would figure and ape as representatives of the blue-bloods, sainted elect, "upper four hundred," and as the royal relict of the old regime?

What is the purpose and good of their existence? Are their members any better than those not members? Why not all stu-

dents be on terms of absolute equality and privilege? Why continually flaunt in the face of a man his poverty or humble origin, or lack of early advantages? If students will clique together, why put a premium on such an evil by allowing organizations which are factions *per se*? Although such voluntary and praiseworthy associations of men, as Masonry, exist in the world of many kinds of people, why is it necessary to allow secret organizations for self-protection in a college community of 150 select young men, between whom the relations are so different from those of men in the world? The affirmative side of all these questions is based upon false conceptions, and the practical workings are so corrupt and contemptible that I (*note the I*) would shame to tell the tale of their evils. By your unanimous action set an example to other colleges in the State and South suffering from this foolish system."

The fight from the beginning has been one based on jealousy and false charges. In fact, the anti-frats, the very ones that carried the matter before the trustees, were unwilling to abide their decision, and just before it was made, brought the question before the Legislature and pushed it vigorously by such methods as will be seen from the included circular.

Such a shameful appeal and disgraceful fight, as shown in the paper under discussion, can hardly be exceeded in any contest that has ever existed between two factions of college students. Note in the second paragraph of the above circular the disgraceful attempt to bring political factions into the fight. In the next paragraph you are filled with disgust at the pleading, scornful appeal and attempted ridicule of the object of their attack. The very tone gives them away as, through jealousy, attacking something that is too high for them to injure except in the sight of men of extreme partisan and revolutionary sentiments. The last paragraph reveals the writer and his co-believers as feeling that they have not yet come up to the standard required for initiation into a fraternity on account of "lack of early advantages." It is to be hoped that time and *later* advantages will gain for them greater improvement and broader minds.

These men recognize the good of secret organizations, and the extreme ridiculousness of their positions is caused by the fact that they have repeatedly attempted to estab-

lish fraternities among themselves, and, indeed, some of them are members of local fraternities from other colleges. Napoleon once said, "The French love equality; they care nothing for liberty"; so we might say our opponents here love social equality, but care nothing for social standing. This the result has proved.

*J. G. H.*



## Chapter Letters.

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### ALPHA.

With the approach of Finals, Alpha has aroused herself, and, after a brilliant campaign, under the leadership of Brother W. H. L. White, we have pledged several fine fellows whom we shall be proud to introduce to the fraternity in the next issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

The enforced withdrawal of XI chapter is a source of much regret to all of us here. We take no little pride in the high position which old II K A holds at the South Carolina College, and are sincerely sorry to lose a chapter that has given so many able men to the fraternity.

About the middle of April a chapter of the *Pi Mu Lambda* fraternity was established here. There are now seventeen represented in the University, and as several of them have large chapters the field is somewhat overcrowded.

The University has recently suffered a great loss in the death of the Proctor, Major Green Peyton. Major Peyton had the unique honor of being the first man who received the degree of Bachelor of Arts of the University of Virginia.

The V. V. V., a college dramatic society, of which Bro. W. Lawrence Smith is a prominent member, presented, on the night of April 21, an entertaining musical burlesque upon college life. The play was written by John S. Mosby, Jr., son of the famous Southern cavalry chieftain, when a student here.

Our base-ball team this year is an enigma. After receiving a severe defeat at the hands of a small preparatory school, it, for the first time in the history of athletics at the University, defeated Yale, the score being 13 to 5.

A movement is on foot among the students looking to-

wards the purchase of a bust of Edgar Allen Poe, to be placed in the library as a memorial.

We are heartily in favor of having the convention in Nashville, as proposed by Brother Jones. The time could not suit us better, as Brother J. Pike Powers, Jr., will pass through Nashville then on his way home, and could easily stop over and act as our representative.

Brother Adam's article in the last SHIELD AND DIAMOND was received with rejoicing by our chapter. We are in favor of having the chapter roll increased, and welcome every movement that looks to that end. We were also pleased to note the installation of new *Alumni* chapters. Let the good work continue.

J. P. Powers, Jr.

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### BETA.

Spring has come with its many pleasures and enjoyments, but over these enjoyments the cloud of the approaching final examinations is beginning to hover. Yet, beyond that cloud, the sunlight of the summer's vacation shines with all of its attractions.

The senior examinations begin on the 10th of May and the others two weeks afterwards. Until then the time will be pretty well occupied. We will have two Declaimer's contests, one in each society, the Debater's contest between the two societies, and Field Day, besides various lectures and concerts.

Since our last letter we have passed through the delightful exercises of Maxwell Chamber's Day. This occasion was celebrated at Easter by the senior orators and a play given by the junior class complimentary to the seniors. Both of these exercises were enjoyed very much, not only by the students and people of the village, but also by many visiting young ladies. It is customary for the faculty to choose the three best speakers from this class as commencement orators. They have not yet been chosen.

Base-ball is receiving its due amount of attention this spring from the student body. A series of inter-state games is being played between the boys from North and South

Carolina. So far neither side has been successful. The final game will be played soon. We are most ably represented on the college team by Brothers Jennings and Clark. Brother Jennings has recently been elected as one of the commencement marshals.

We all feel that it is essential to the welfare of our fraternity that our convention should be held, and think no better place could be selected than Nashville. In regard to the date we would heartily second the one suggested by our editor in the last number of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. We hope to have one if not more of our men at *this* convention.

We have just recently begun to show our patriotism here at Davidson. We have purchased a beautiful flag, which was placed upon the cupola, and hereafter we will dwell beneath the stars and stripes. The chapter of Beta Theta Pi at this place have just remodeled their halls and have, indeed, showed excellent taste in what has been done.

The building for the North Carolina Medical College has been completed and is now used every day. The course in this college is thorough, as is shown by the high honors some of its graduates have taken before the State board. The quiz course has just begun and will continue until just a few days before the meeting of the State board. Men are coming every day to take advantage of this excellent course in review given by Doctors Munroe and Houston.

Brother Charles C. Orr, of the class of '95, one of our charter members, is still principal of the flourishing high school at Dixie, N. C., and is preparing for a big commencement. Brother P. A. Stough, of '96, who is engaged with his father in the milling business near here, has just returned from New York, where he had been sent to look after some business connected with the mill. Brother Latimore has located at Red Springs, N. C., as a physician. We wish "Old Friend" much success in his new profession.

We just lately received a letter from Brother Smyth in which he states that *Sigma* had been revived at Vanderbilt. This is good news, and we hope to hear of new chapters every month until every Southern college of note has *Pi Kappa Alpha* firmly established in it.

In closing we would extend our deepest sympathy to *Xi*

chapter on account of its misfortune and invite her members to come and cast in their lots with *Beta*. She will receive them with open arms.

We welcome *Sigma* and extend to her, especially, our best wishes.  
*R. S. Eskridge.*

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### GAMMA.

A petition has been received from five students of William and Mary College for a charter to revive our Gamma Chapter. They are strongly recommended by a number of our alumni and the Grand Officers now have the matter under consideration. We expect before this issue reaches you that the charter will have been issued and Gamma once more placed on her feet again. We trust that this revival will be permanent and that the chapter will soon become one of our strongholds.  
*Editor.*

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### ZETA.

*Zeta* chapter is somewhat slow in getting in her chapter letter this month, but we hope it will be in time for the May number of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

We are progressing just as usual. It is near the end of the year, and of course we have not increased our membership lately. The last goat was Lyon C. McMullen, of Knoxville, who is proving himself a worthy brother. We are to be congratulated on receiving the brother into the sacred bonds.

Our Annual, which was to have been out by this time, was delayed by the big fire which we had on the 8th of this month; Newman & Co., who had charge of the printing, were burned out, and in the fire were most of the cuts and etchings. However, we were fortunate in not having received our cuts, thereby saving the time and expense of procuring others.

We wish to express our sympathy for Brothers Phil and Will Briscoe, of the large dry goods firm of Daniel Briscoe, Brother & Co., whose house was entirely wiped out by the



fire, but we are glad to learn that they will soon rebuild on the old site.

Our base-ball team is doing nicely in their practice. We have defeated Grant University, of Athens, Tenn., by a score of 15 to 4, have taken one out of two games from Williamsburg College, Ky., and yesterday capped the climax by shutting out Central University, of Kentucky, by a score of 14 to 0. We are to play the V. P. I., of Blacksburg, Va., here on Friday and Saturday, April 30th and May 1st. Then on May 5th Grant University, at Athens, Tenn.; Sewanee, at Sewanee, Tenn., May 6th, 7th and 8th; Vanderbilt, at Nashville, on the 10th and 11th, and probably the University of Alabama, on the 12th and 13th. If we are successful as heretofore we will take a majority of these games.

Dr. Dabney, our honored President, has charge of the government building at the Tennessee Centennial. Several students and "ex-students" have received positions from him. Brother Wiley has recently returned from Denver, Col., where he has been as assistant seed distributor. We are glad to say that Brother Wiley's health is greatly improved. Brother James Comfort has returned from Philadelphia, where he has been holding a position similar to that of Brother Wiley's.

Our annual Field Day is to be held May 4th. Many records are expected to be broken, as Brother Rogan, the great sprinter, is to distinguish himself in the 100 yards dash; Brother Lackey will, unless there is an accident, lower the hurdle race record, as he is quite a sprinter; Brother Hite Smith will be an easy winner in the pole-vault; Brother Hudson will try to carry off the honors of the high jump; Brother King will make it warm for some one in the mile run; last, but not least, is Brother "Dick" Alexander, who will put the shot for the glory of his friends.

The mandolin, guitar and glee clubs are anticipating an extended trip through Middle and West Tennessee. Their success is assured by Brother Hunter, who has an armor made to order to receive flowers, and other missiles that

happen to stray his way. Its success is a foregone "exclusion."

Our wish is that the convention meet at Nashville early in the summer. A majority of *Zeta* chapter will be there then as the battalion from here will be there.

M. R. Campbell, Jr.

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### THETA.

Since last we wrote, some of the *Theta II's* have had a stormy and thrilling time of it. Fortunately, the clouds have all swept by now, and the brethren have nothing but the memory of what at one time threatened to be a stern and sad reality. Among the events which have enlivened the social world during the recent past was a reception given by the *SAE's*. Bro. D. W. Hollingsworth and one of Clarksville's charming belles represented the *II's* on that occasion.

Doubtless the most noteworthy event in *Theta's* history this year was the delightful reception tendered the chapter by our ever loyal godmother. Many of the *II* sisters were there in resplendent beauty. The artistic millinery work of Bros. Frierson and W. T. Ivy was gorgeous to behold, while the fancy blackboard sketches of Bros. Dr. Long and Blackburn will not soon be forgotten. Indeed, the evening was in every way a happy one, and we all reluctantly gave up its pleasures, more fully persuaded than ever that the mistress of the Hill is the most loyal *II* in all our broad Southland.

Bro. Theron H. Rice, of *Theta*, has been elected by the Homilectic Society of the Divinity School of our University to deliver the Homilectic address at commencement. He has signified his intention of accepting, and we are all looking forward with pleasure to the anticipated treat. Bro. J. N. Ivy has been elected President of the Homilectic Society, and will doubtless look quite imposing on the platform next commencement.

The preliminary contest for Field Day has been held, and turned out quite a success. Bro. Hollingsworth upheld the honor of the *II's*, coming out the victor in two

of the foot races. In the "Mother Hubbard" race our incorrigible Bro. Jim attained unto himself no small notoriety by the dashing costume which he donned, and by his wonderful antics while therein clothed.

It is whispered about that Bros. Mooney and T. E. P. Woods, who stayed out to try their hands at teaching this year, will be back in *Theta's* halls next September. We are likewise informed that Rev. Bro. Sholl, who took his B. D. last June, and who since that time has been the pastor of the Presbyterian church at Avondale, Ala., will be up for commencement this year, with his fair young bride. Of a truth, on his return the Boulevard will look more familiar than ever.

We of *Theta* are delighted at the prospect of a convention at Nashville. It is said that coming events cast their shadows before them. Already we have had a token of the good that may be accomplished at this meeting, in that the mere suggestion of it has called back to life again our sister, *Sigma*, whom we most heartily greet and warmly congratulate. Our great fear is that the convention may be put off too late in the month. As our commencement occurs on the 9th of June, few if any of us will be able to wait over after the 15th. Of course, the other chapters must be consulted, too. At the same time, we are hoping that an arrangement as to time satisfactory to all will be made.

These last few weeks are sweetly sad to some of us. Bros. J. N. Ivy, Valdemar Moldenhower and John C. Barr leave the chapter, probably forever. *John C. Barr.*

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### IOTA.

Since last *Iota's* correspondent was at work on the chapter letter winter has blossomed into spring, nature has taken on a fresh aspect, and our men brightening in like proportion at the prospect of vacation, have set to work on the home-stretch full of confident hopes for the future; for we say in all modesty that *II K A* is always at the front in college honors and intellectual attainments. In illus-

tration of the former statement, Brother Stevens has lately been elected manager of the foot-ball team for the next season, a tribute being paid at the same time to his eminent capabilities for filling such an office. We would not fail to mention our three junior orators, Brothers Gaines, Stevens and Wilson, D. G., who lately appeared before the public for the first time and who conducted themselves in a most creditable manner. In our College Annual, which is soon to appear, *II K A* will make an honorable showing, not only in the group of twelve men whose picture will appear in the pages devoted to the fraternity, but in athletic attainments as well, and in the literary productions and artistic designs which contributed to the attractiveness of the publication.

Neither would we fail to mention the *Hampden-Sidney Magazine*, whose continued success throughout the year is in a great measure due to the able management of Brother Bird, the editor-in-chief.

Widening our range of view beyond the narrow circle of our immediate life at Hampden-Sidney, and directing our attention away from ourselves to our brothers, we wish to acknowledge the article on *Extension*, by Brother Adams. It is well written and ably presented, and the views of our brother find acceptance amongst us all.

We are also pleased with the unique idea, so well carried out by our brothers of *Rho*, of the publication of a chapter paper. It shows a lively fraternity spirit, which is highly commendable, and which may be, doubtless, fostered by the means to which they have resorted.

We had the pleasure not long ago of meeting Brothers Lloyd and Rhyne, of *Phi*, who were members of the base-ball team of Roanoke Collage.

We hope to have a man at the convention in Nashville, and wish to urge upon the other chapters the importance of universal representation.

Three of our men graduate this year—Brothers Bird and Wilson, W. S., from the college, and Brother Kee from the seminary. Brother Wilson, however, will return to the seminary next year, and, with a number of our old men back, we hope to realize our fullest expectations of success.

*Lewis M. Gaines.*

*MU.*

On the Saturday of the mailing of our last letter, Brother Adolphe L. Vidal, of Gainesville, Fla., was taken into the chapter. The "long and short" of the college are to be found in our ranks, the writer for long, and Brother Vidal short. However, Brother Vidal's stature is no index to his worth.

Brother J. D. Jacobs is at home on his vacation from his medical studies in Nashville, Tennessee, and Brother Thornwell Jacobs will arrive from Princeton Theological Seminary early next month. Brother Rutledge Copeland was with us for a few days. "Glad to see them?" "In course."

Our college President, Rev. E. C. Murray, resigned on account of his anxiety to return to pastoral work. Prof. Murray's tact and scholarly attainments made him loved and respected by all, and his resignation is regretted. As to his successor, the college was fortunate in not having to look beyond its walls. Prof. A. E. Spencer, who is a *Delta Kappa Epsilon*, was elected, and is ably qualified to fill the chair. Other changes are yet uncertain.

*Beta Alpha* chapter of *Phi Phi Phi* celebrated its second anniversary on April 25th. We cannot report the *fete* in detail, as the tale has not been told us and we were not present. *Beta Alpha* has relegated its cradle, rattle and teething-ring to the attic, and is proudly "walking by itself." We regret to report that the unfraternity-like conduct of *Tri Phis* has caused Rev. W. P. Jacobs, D. D., who is President of the Thornwell Orphanage, to forbid its teachers and pupils wearing our, or any fraternity, colors. This is a mild statement.

It is from policy that the Clinton-Wofford ball game is not mentioned—the Clinton boys are dangerous.

All hope is now centered in commencement and the convention. *Mu* expects to send a delegate, and wishes all success to it.

H. S. Griffin.

## NU.

Nothing of special interest has taken place in our chapter since our last letter, but our regular meetings prove very pleasant and profitable to all. I think I can safely say that all of us get inspiration by our association there.

Things are moving smoothly along in college. Not much fuss is being made, but good work is being done. However, there are plenty of things to break the monotony of college life and make us feel that we are something more than mere "lesson getters." Base-ball is on the rage, and Wofford is practicing on the field every day. We were recently beaten by Furman, but we know that our game over there is not a fair sample of our playing ability. We go to play South Carolina College on Friday, the 30th, and are confident of being victors. Our recent defeat by the Wake Forest team has not put us out of heart. We feel that there is honor in such a defeat, Wake Forest having beaten Athens 12 to 11 and South Carolina College 21 to 2. "Wake" only beat us by a score of 9 to 8.

We only have one *Pi* on the base-ball team, Brother Allen. He is not on the team from choice, but could not resist the pleadings and solicitations of other members of the team. He holds right field, and all balls knocked in that direction invariably fall into his hands. He is a terror at the bat, for the grass-cutters he knocks are invincible.

Mr. Wertenbaker, the director of the gymnasium, has gotten up an exhibition for Friday evening, April 30th. Every one expects it to be successful. Since the building of the gymnasium there has been a wonderful development of the physical man in college.

We are unable to express our sorrow at the anti-Fraternity law recently passed in the Legislature, bearing on the fraternities of South Carolina College. We hate to give *Xi* up, but the order has been given and must be obeyed.

Lastly, but not least by any means, we come to the annual convention of our Fraternity. We all feel the urgent need of such a convention, and without it our success for another year must necessarily be hampered by many disadvantages. We highly approve of the suggestions by the

editor in the last issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, both as to the place of meeting and time. We think Nashville the very place, the 22nd of June the very time, and promise that we will be represented by one or more delegates. We hope that the plans for the convention may be matured and carried out, and wish all our brothers well.

*Robt. A. Hannon.*

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## XI.

After many meetings and discussions, movements and counter-movements in college affairs caused by the recent action of the Legislature, a more normal condition has been reached. The fraternities, while intending to submit to the law foolishly and unjustly passed against them, have not succumbed in any unworthy way, but have held themselves aloof from and treated with contempt the actions of their opponents.

The fraternity men and their friends have withdrawn from the literary societies, whose welfare, it has been charged, has suffered so dreadfully at their hands. The anti-frats., upon whom now rests the burden and responsibility, are very anxious to accomplish the return of the men whose work once (according to them) hindered the progress and endangered the life of this kind of literary work. On account of existing circumstances, it has about been decided not to ask permission to form a new society just at this time.

A college German Club has recently been organized, and it will give its first dance in Clark's Hall, Tuesday evening, May 4.

The Pan-Hellenic League will give its last and greatest banquet on the night of the 29th of June. This will undoubtedly be the best affair of its kind Columbia has seen for many years, and for various reasons the chapters here will do their utmost to make it the crowning event in college social life since the institution was changed from a university.

The college base-ball team is hardly as good as the one of last season. So far we have played only three games


with other institutions—April 9, S. C. C. vs. Furman, 4—5; April 19, S. C. C. vs. Wake Forest, 2—21; April 23, S. C. C. vs. Erskine, 23—11. In the first game our “star” catcher was absent, in the second the team went to pieces, and in the third the game was rather loose, but our boys won by superior playing. On the 30th we play Wofford, and the following week the team will leave on a tour through this State, and probably one more.

During the coming commencement the Senior Class will revive the old class day custom of the university days. For several years the graduating classes have been so small that class-day exercises had to be given up. This year twelve will take academic degrees, while the law school will graduate seven.

Dr. James Woodrow, our venerable President, has received a special invitation to attend a convention of the prominent geologists of the world, called together by the Czar of Russia. Dr. Woodrow intends to attend this convention, which meets in Russia during the coming summer.

Brother T. F. Brantley, formerly chief of a division in the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., is now a prominent lawyer at Orangeburg, S. C. Brother R. B. Belser has returned to college after a long absence. Brother R. M. Fuller, who was here in '94-'95, has just very creditably completed his first year at the Georgia Medical College. Brother W. G. Belser, first honor man '95, was here on a short visit a few days ago. He is now at his home in Summerton, S. C.

This is the last letter that *Xi*, as a chapter, can furnish the SHIELD AND DIAMOND while the colleges of our sister chapters are in session. However, though we regret our misfortune in passing from active fraternity life, we feel that the fraternity is safe in the control of the remaining twelve chapters, whose number, we hope, may be increased, and whose efforts, we trust, will always be zealously used in the advancement of *Pi Kappa Alpha*.

J.  Hughes.



*PI.*

*Pi* again comes forward to greet her sister chapters.

We have had a few sad misfortunes since you last heard from us. Our oldest member, Brother Arthur B. LaFar, has finished his course in college and left us with his *B. L.* diploma in hand to practice law in Chattanooga, Tenn.

It is very sad to think that he will not be with us any more at our meetings, and that some of us will perhaps never *grip* his hand of friendship and loyalty again. We lose in Brother LaFar, one of the *best* friends that *Pi* chapter has ever had. Not only the *Pis* but the whole student body who knew him, miss the cheerful face of old "*Laffy*."

Brother G. Lomax Thornton has only yesterday returned to us from an absence of a month, having been called home at the death of his venerable father at Port Royal, Virginia. Our '97 Annual, the *Calyx*, is nearing completion, and in the ballot for the universal favorite of college, our little brother J. W. Garrow was elected. We are very proud of Johnny indeed. Brother Lucius Dillion is now at his home in Lexington, and it is useless for us to say how we enjoy his being with us.

A very enjoyable ball was given by the University Cotillion Club last Monday night, the 19th, in Newcomb Hall. A large number of visiting "*calie*" were in town and made the ball the more attractive.

Since our last letter we have had those awful intermediate examinations to go through with. *Pi* ran the gauntlet successfully, but some of us made very narrow escapes from being hit by the Math., Latin, Greek and many other daggers, which were hurled, well-aimed by the professors. The final examinations are now the only ones before us this year. *Pi* will lose Brothers H. W. Garrow, Jr., and S. D. Harrison this year. Both are in the graduating class. The base-ball games are the order of the day, and we are all in high spirits, if we do meet defeat now and then. We have suffered two defeats this season. One of the teams we have played is Roanoke College, of Salem, Va., and we were glad to find two of the teams *II K A*'s. These brothers we were very proud of on the ball field and among our

friends. We only wish that Brothers Lloyd and Rhyne could have brought all of *Phi's* band with them. We spent a very pleasant evening together in our hall, where we had just finished hanging a few new pictures to add to its beauty. Washington and Lee met with a defeat of 12 to 11 yesterday, the 23rd, at the hands of Randolph-Macon, but we fail to discuss this game because their pitcher was a very suspicious looking man to be at college *He pitched too well for us.*

We see a great deal in the last issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND about the convention for '97, which is to be held at Nashville, Tenn., the day the convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans adjourns, or soon thereafter. We think that a more appropriate place and a more convenient time could not have been chosen.

We read with regret the news of the abolition of all fraternities in the South Carolina College. To comment on such legislation would be both a loss of time and space. The other fraternities who lost chapters at that institution have our deepest sympathy. The noble way in which *Xi* is willing to surrender her charter and submit to such legislation, is a thing which every *II* should be proud of, and especially those *noble* brothers of *Xi*.

Bro. Adams' article on Missouri extension we think a very good one, but we must be careful and not go above *Mason and Dixon line* in whatever we do; and then again we must be careful that those colleges which we enter in the West are filled with the noble and true *Southern* youth. One of the greatest things which we can be proud of is our strictly Southern limits. I like to see those who wear the "*shield and diamond*" also wear the badge of the *Sons of Confederate Veterans*. The future prospect of our success is very bright, and why can't we establish a chapter in Texas, where we have so many alumni to start the work for us?

As this is the last letter of this session, and no doubt many of us will next year be among the alumni, we must not think that our connections with *II K A* are severed, but put a strong shoulder to the wheel and help our officers to advance the interest of *II K A*. Let every one who is

to be an alumnus next year take the SHIELD AND DIAMOND and pay the subscription. Always be as enthusiastic as we were the first morning during our college days, when we wore the *shield and diamond* out among our fellow-students and surprised them and received their congratulations. Take as our model Bro. Smyth, and *II K A* will continue to live. *Who* has done what he has done? Every loyal *II* should love and help him in his work.

It is with pride that we learn of the recent re-establishment of *Sigma* Chapter. We wish all brothers a happy summer and entreat them to go to the convention in Nashville, if possible. Let those new chapters be sure and send a large representation.

W. Loring Lee.

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### RHO.

Since the last issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, *Rho* has welcomed into her fraternal bonds Bro. A. H. Hudson, who is a leading dentist of our city. Also Bro. McCrackin, who keeps good company with the leading students of the Junior law class.

At our last meeting we were delighted by the rendition of another literary programme bearing upon the interest of the Fraternity. Our experience with the two programmes we have had would lead us to heartily commend the plan to our sister chapters.

On the evening of April 23rd, the Heurethelian Society gave its annual open meeting. Among those on the programme were Bro. J. H. Patton and the writer. Bro. Patton was the orator of the occasion. He was also on the programme of the open meeting of this Society last year. He is unquestionably the leading orator of the University, and never fails to win highest laurels for himself and *II K A*. We are proud of him, not only because of his ability, but because he is a Freshman and will be with us several years.

Bros. Reichert, Mann and Jackson took our goat down to Nashville, May 1st, and assisted two good men of Vanderbilt University to ride him into the fraternal walls of

*Sigma* Chapter. They met several of the fairer ones, and report a pleasant time generally. We predict for *Sigma* a prosperous future, and extend her our congratulations on the class of men she is getting. And while we are speaking of *IPs* in our Capital City, we may say that our Bro. H. K. Egerton, M. D., was elected Vice-President of the Alumni Association of the University of Nashville.

Ere another issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND appears the current college year shall have closed, and *Rho's* members scattered north, south, east and west. Those of the Theological Department will leave us May 12th. Bro. Miller has already gone to Forney, Texas. Some of our men will return to us no more. From the Theological Department, Bro. A. W. Henderson receives his B. D. degree. He will supply the First C. P. Church, of Louisville this summer, and enter Union Theological Seminary, of New York, next fall for a year's post-graduate work. From the Academic Department, Bro. W. H. Dickey will receive the degree of A. B., but may possibly return next year for a course in law. From the Law, Bros. H. A. Mann and W. C. Salmon receive their LL. B. degree, and will enter immediately the legal arena. All these men have reflected credit both to themselves and *II K A*.

We extend congratulations to all our sister chapters.

Wm. K. Howe.

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### SIGMA.

With much pleasure we again are ready to go hand in hand with our sister chapters, forward and onward in drawing men closer and closer together and making them feel what a good thing a good friend is.

Sigma chapter of *II K A* was organized in September, 1893, with four charter members. Our first year was trying on us, but was a successful beginning, as was shown by our chapter of the following term. The third year after our establishment we had no old members back and no chapter, and until recently we had no organization this year. The reasons for this non-existence would be obvious

to all our brothers, if they were here on the grounds and knew the details of our situation.

Saturday night, April 3, '97, begins a new era with us. *Sigma* is reorganized with the following former members of the fraternity on the chapter roll: G. W. Lypert, *Theta*; H. G. Tjams, *Zeta*; J. H. Brown, *Sigma*; G. E. McLaurine, *Sigma*; and T. H. Peebles, *Sigma*. Brothers Tjams and McLaurine are in business in the city; the other three in college. Brother Robert Hill, G. S., is in the city also, and deserves much credit for our present organization. We are under many obligations to him for favors and wise counsel, and are glad of this opportunity to thank him publicly.

There are many others here who have "helped us on our way." We appreciate their interest in us. Eleven other fraternities have chapters here and we have, much to our gratification, felt the warmer side of their natures and think that none of their faces wear frowns because of a new member in the family.

We have before us the March copy of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. In it much is said about the coming convention and Nashville. We are heartily in favor of the convention coming here. It has our "welcome" doubly strong, as has each individual and each chapter, both now and at all times. We are *always* pleased to see a *II*.

We have a suggestion in regard to the time of the convention. The *K. A.*'s meet here the 14th of June, and the *Sigma Nu*'s about the same time in October. Our school closes the 16th of June, and by then all other colleges are through with their work; would that be a suitable date, or say a day or so later?

There is to be a Pan-Hellenic building on the centennial grounds, in which will be found a *II K A* register; near by it will be seen a flower bed, the design, our pin; the flowers, our colors.

Through your columns we want a word with our sister chapters in Tennessee (*Theta*, *Zeta* and *Rho*); you are often in our city and you used to come to see us when we lived here before. We are here again, and so we will look for your visits again.

J. H. Brown.

Since the above letter was written *Sigma* reports the initiation of two fine men on May 1st; both are law students, and one of them is said to be the brightest man in the class.

*Editor.*

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### TAU.

It is with some little feeling that I undertake to give this my last communication to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. I say last, meaning the last while a student and active member of my chapter; for with the coming of June the second the ties must be broken and the farewell must be said to *alma mater*. While this is the case, may my zeal for *II K A* remain such that this shall not be my last communication to our magazine, and such also that it will ever be a pleasure to hear of the progress and success of each chapter.

With us at U. N. C. the base-ball season is near its close. We have not been the giants that we were last year, but our record shows quite a good effort. Although college spirit has been high, it seems that Fate opposed us. The two factions spoken of in previous letters have about disappeared. Everything is quite peaceful and all elections are over. It seems that our inner life has taken on new vigor, and that good feeling is to have a rule.

The following is a list of Fraternities represented here, as they occur in the Students' Hand-book: *Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Zeta Psi, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta*. There was one other until a few years ago. The fact that these fraternities are represented, and by good men, speaks well for the institution.

The spirit of the fraternities is at times quite noticeable. I shall ever remember the *Sigma Alpha Epsilon* as the first to extend greeting to *II K A* when the first six members appeared with badges. Then the *Sigma Nu*. There were members of others who were very cordial, but it is needless to give them by name.

The fraternities here are wearing well their names, and we

wish each and every one of them a long and prosperous existence. For her sister chapters it seems that *Tau* could not ask a greater blessing than that they may live in the midst of chapters as good as those of the above list.

We are looking forward to a good year in 1897-1898. We have the promise of the return of Brothers Rucher, Hurley, Suttle and Carver. It seems that with this nucleus and some impetus from the outside our boys should build a chapter of which *II K A* can be proud.

I hope that the convention may be a blessing and that you may greet a *Tau* or two there. *Joe S. Wray.*

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### UPSILON.

It is not at all necessary to consult the calendar in order to bring to mind the fact that commencement is fast approaching, and that the many pleasures of vacation will soon be ours. So the present issue of the *SHIELD AND DIAMOND* will be the last one to reach us while in attendance upon our college duties of the year '96-'97. Though we all look forward to the coming of commencement with pleasantest anticipations, doubtless there is sadness in the hearts of all of us when we think of the good-byes that must then be said, or when we remember that after the last hearty grip is given there must be separations which, in many cases, will be measured not by months, but by years.

The brothers of *Upsilon* have, with "best laid plans," promised themselves such a number of pleasures for June, July and August as will make this season one of unalloyed happiness. May all their wishes be transformed into horses!

Much to the regret of every one, the course of lectures given by members of the Faculty, which has been in progress throughout the year, was recently brought to a close, Prof. Wilmore giving the last of the series on "Cornell University." The students find these lectures most profitable and pleasant, and always show their appreciation by attending *en masse*.

Memorial Day was observed here by appropriate ceremonies. Cadet Captain Hobdy, as orator of the day, seemed inspired by his subject—the “Lost Cause”—and delivered a speech full of beauty and feeling, truly in commemoration of the bravery and heroism of those who wore the gray.

Field Day exercises will take place on May 5th. All our sprinters and cyclers are enthusiastic over the new one-quarter mile cinder track recently constructed around the athletic field, and intend to christen it by making on its smooth surface an entirely new set of Southern records.

The annual Sophomore oratorical contest was held in Langdon Hall on the evening of May 1st. Two of the speakers on that occasion wore badges of the *II K A*. They were Bros. Yonge and Rainey. The excellent manner in which they delivered their speeches won for them a number of handsome bouquets from the fair ones in the audience, and proved that *Upsilon's* pride in her orators is not without cause.

With the coming of the “Flowers that bloom in the spring, tra la,” the church ice cream supper—whereat “every prospect pleases and only man is vile”—has made its appearance and begun its ravages on a long-suffering public. As a result, our pocket books are merely wrecks of their former selves.

On April 30th the Junior Cotillion Club gave the pleasantest dance of the year. The mere fact that it was given by this organization was sufficient guarantee to those in attendance that it would prove thoroughly delightful in every way. Several enjoyable informal dances have also been given recently.

Again we have had cause to realize and appreciate more than ever the loyalty and devotion of our *II* sisters. From their hands our chapter has received two beautiful table covers, worked in the magic garnet and old gold, which brought to us the kindest wishes for the prosperity and long life of *Upsilon* and the *II K A*.

Of course we all feel the importance and necessity of our annual conventions, and realize that the continued existence of the Fraternity depends upon their being held, and



the proper amount of interest being taken in them. When the chapter roll is called in Nashville, *Upsilon* hopes to answer "Here!"

W. Menefee Dean.

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*PHI.*

Only six more weeks until commencement, and during this most exciting time the boys will perch serenely on the burning deck unmindful of the flames that light the overhead. Spartacus will stare fiercely into the eyes of the assembled gladiators. Antony comes not to praise Cæsar, but to bury him. Mary is followed closely by her little lamb, and the historic little star twinkles serenely on. Such pleasures as these will be indulged in by Brothers Terry and Robertson, our future lawyers. These will be weeks of pleasure for thousands of people. Happy commencement times! Young man's fancy will now turn from Latin and Greek to the more fleeting pleasures of Woman, Song and ——! Of course these two will be sufficient, since Salem is endowed with such beautiful representatives of the fair sex. And as for music, only those can bless their stars who have heard the mellifluous tenor of Brother Lloyd, and the irresistible bass of Brother Rhyne (the white headed one.)

Since greater interest has been awakened in athletics at Roanoke several of our students, with the aid of some of the ladies of Salem, will give, in the near future, a play for the benefit of the Athletic Association, entitled "The Battle of New Market."

Although *Phi* chapter is a *baby*, she is yet a lusty one, and can yell most as loud as her mother, and will ever be found loyal to old *Garnet and Gold*. Each Friday night is looked forward to with great impatience, and hardly ever is the name of any of her members unanswered at roll-call. Many happy hours are spent in our well-furnished hall, where often the moments fly all too swift for our wonted time of slumber. Our last meeting was celebrated by a nice "spread," and with the time being taken up with

sparkling wit (?) and glorious songs, interspersed with—and great orations (?) “We didn’t go home ’till morning.”

Brothers Rhyne and Lloyd, members of the base-ball team, were much pleased with their visits both at Washington and Lee and Hampden-Sidney, and speak in the highest praise of *II K A* men at both institutions.

As to the convention, we doubt whether we can send a representative from *Phi*, but as we are yet young, we are willing to abide by what the other members wish to transact. We are in favor of keeping *II K A* what she always has been—a strictly Southern Fraternity.

Louis F. Crowell.



## The Pi's.

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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.

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—Rev. Theron H. Rice, Jr., has been elected to deliver the Homiletic Address at the commencement of the Southwestern Presbyterian University. Bro. Rice has accepted this flattering invitation.

—We clip the following from the *Southwestern Presbyterian* of March 18th. Bro. McNaull is an initiate of *Mu* Chapter and a member of *Alumnus Zeta*. The SHIELD AND DIAMOND extends congratulations:

“McNaull—David.—In Dillon, S. C., by Rev. D. M. Fulton, of Darlington, Rev. A. M. McNaull, pastor of Kentyre church, and Miss Jim David.”

—Rev. W. T. Palmer, *Theta*, Dyersburg, Tenn., has been elected chairman of the Home Mission Committee, Western District Presbytery of Tennessee.

—The following complimentary notice concerning our Grand Chaplain, Dr. Howerton, appeared in the *Southwestern Presbyterian* of April 1st:

“Charlotte, First Church.—The installation services of Rev. Dr. Howerton as pastor of the church were conducted by Rev. Dr. Shearer, who preached upon *Romans xi:33*, “I magnify mine office,” and Rev. J. W. Stagg, who delivered the charges to the pastor and people. A pleasing incident was the fact stated by Dr. Shearer that Dr. Howerton had commenced his preparation for the pastorate under his ministry twenty years ago.”

—Rev. E. M. Craig, *Iota*, is serving three churches in Georgia—Dawson, Cuthbert and Fort Gaines. Bro. Craig resides at Cuthbert, and is doing a great work and is building up these churches very successfully.

—Rev. J. N. Ivy, *Theta*, who will complete his course at Clarksville, Tenn., in May, is to take charge of Cisco, Thurber and Caddo churches, Texas, entering on the charge about the first of July.—*Southwestern Presbyterian*.

—The Presbytery of Dallas, Texas, met at Sherman, Texas, April 1st. Rev. W. M. Anderson, *Theta*, was elected Moderator. Bro. W. M. Anderson was also appointed Chairman of Evangelistic Work.

—Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., pastor of the First Church, Charlotte, N. C., is to preach the missionary sermon before the Theological Seminary Commencement, Columbia, S. C., in May.

—We are glad to publish the following notice concerning the recovery of our Bro. S. C. Byrd, of *Mu*. We hope his recovery will be a lasting and permanent one:

“We are pleased to be able to say that Rev. S. C. Byrd, the beloved pastor of the Lafayette Church, New Orleans, has recovered from his recent serious illness and has been in the pulpit the last two Sabbaths. It is to be hoped that his strength will not be overtaxed upon the resumption of his work in his large pastoral charge.”

—Bro. A. B. LaFar, *Pi*, is practicing law in Chattanooga, Tenn., having recently graduated from the Washington and Lee Law School. He is already meeting with gratifying success.

—Our Bro. R. M. Bird, *Iota*, is receiving great praise at all hands for his management of the *Hampden-Sidney Magazine*. He certainly deserves all that is said about him, for the magazine was never in a more prosperous condition.

—Rev. Bro. H. A. Young, *Iota*, of Bell's Valley, Va., is the proud father of a fine boy. Congratulations are in order.

—Central Mississippi Presbytery met at Canton, April 14, 1897. Rev. F. E. Maddox, *Theta*, was received from the Presbytery of North Alabama. Permission was given the Greenwood church to employ Rev. F. E. Maddox as Stated Supply for one year.

—Americus, Ga.—We have just passed through a delight-

ful series of services, closing April 1. Rev. Richard O. Flinn, *Theta*, of Kirkwood, was with us, preaching twice a day for nine days. Congregations were fine from first to last, and Bro. Flinn preached the full gospel with great power and unction from on high. Bro. Flinn endeared himself to us all and will be ever welcome here.

—Rev. Bro. S. C. Byrd, *Xi*, New Orleans, is again able to attend to his duties. Bro. Byrd has recently been seriously sick.

—Bro. J. B. Gordon, *Theta*, was licensed to preach by Louisville Presbytery at its Spring meeting. Calls from Beulah and Goshen churches, Ky., were presented to and accepted by him.

—Prof. E. R. Long, Ph. D., *Theta*, has resigned the chair of English at the Southwestern Presbyterian University and accepted the presidency of the Arkansas College.

—Rev. Bro. Hill, Grand Secretary, has been called to Westminster church, Dallas, Texas. Bro. Hill has not yet decided what action he will take in the matter.

—The Louisiana Electric and Illuminating Company, of New Orleans, of which Bro. E. L. Bemiss, *Alpha*, is general manager, is erecting a handsome six-story building on Baronne street for the accommodation of the erection of the new plant of the company. Bro. Bemiss is also general manager of the Edison Electric Company.

—Dr. John H. Bemiss, *Alpha*, of New Orleans, La., is very ill at his home at this writing. We hope soon to hear of his speedy recovery.

—Bro. E. F. Koelle, *Theta*, who holds the very responsible position of chief time-keeper at the enormous plant of the American Sugar Refining Company in New Orleans, has had as his assistant for the busy season Bro. F. D. Smyth, his old side partner in the firm of "Dutch & Irish," formerly doing business together at the home of *Theta* Chapter.

—Rev. S. C. Byrd, *Xi*, is pastor of Lafayette Presbyterian church in New Orleans. This church is, next to Dr. Palmer's, the largest Presbyterian church in the city. Bro. Byrd is much beloved by his people.

—Bro. James Legendre, *Alpha*, law partner of ex-Judge Semmes, of New Orleans, expects to move to New York and locate some time during the coming year.

—Among the Mardi Gras visitors to New Orleans was Bro. W. Calvin Smith, *Theta*, who will graduate with honors at the approaching commencement of the Law Department of the University of Mississippi.

—Columbus, Miss.—No. 1 of the *Charity Ledger* comes to us with the name of Rev. W. S. Jacobs, Ph. D., *Mu*, as editor. Its design is indicated by its name. In the salutatory Bro. Jacobs says: "This unpretentious periodical enters the field making no apology, and yet no promises—Its purpose, we gladly announce, is to advocate the principles of "pure and undefiled religion" as taught by the lowly Nazarene. While the work is not undertaken with a view to advancing the theological tenets of any particular sect of Christians, yet the editor reserves the prerogative of seeing things through his own spectacles. Sincerely, W. S. Jacobs."—*Southwestern Presbyterian*.

—It is pretty well understood that Hon. Beverly B. Munford, *Gamma*, will be a candidate for the State Senate from Richmond, to succeed the late Hon. William Lovenstein. Mr. Munford can be easily nominated and just as easily elected. He was the man who led the gold Democrats in the State convention at Staunton. He supported the ticket nominated, but was not active in the canvass. Mr. Munford is very popular, and is a man of considerable ability. He has served with distinction in the House. It is said that he may be a candidate for Congress next year.—*Richmond Letter in Index-Appeal*.

—Prof. John I. Cleland has resigned the presidency of Arkansas College, and his place will be supplied until June by the Rev. J. E. Latham. Prof. E. R. Long, *Theta*, formerly connected with the college as professor and chairman of the faculty, but now of the Southwestern Presbyterian University, has been elected, and has accepted the presidency of the college. Great rejoicing is felt among the old students at the prospect of his return, and the friends of the college look forward to an era of unexampled prosperity.—*Southwestern Presbyterian*.

## Editorial.

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WE PRESENT in this issue the official call for the assembling of the Fraternity in convention at Nashville, Tenn., June 17th, which we confidently hope will meet with a ready response from the active as well as the alumni members. We are to be congratulated upon the choice of so interesting a place for our meeting this year, both on account of the attractions and the cheapness of the railroad rates.

The most pressing argument we can bring to bear upon our members, to influence a large attendance, is the necessity which exists for the passage of new laws to govern the Order, and the adoption of a better financial system. Probably at no previous time in her existence has the Fraternity required so much, the earnest, loving and united help of her members. This coming convention, therefore, is the most important one ever called. When we were small and weak, the rule by a chapter sufficed. As we grew larger, however, the government was vested in a Grand Council. This has proven so cumbersome that it is necessary to adopt some other plan. In order that these changes may be judiciously and successfully accomplished, each chapter should be represented at the convention. We need, also, older heads to advise us, and therefore urge the alumni to be present with us. All the signs make us hope that a bright future is rapidly opening up for *II K A*. This convention should be the largest in point of attendance ever held, and its work, if thoroughly done, will shape the future of the Order and last for all time. How important, then, it is for each brother to lend a hand in moulding and forming these plans! Come to the convention—old and young, alumni and active—come! It is a personal call that we extend *you* this time. We want *you* there. Will *you* not come?

TO THE active members of the Fraternity the call comes with greater emphasis and directness. To you we look for a deeper personal interest in the affairs of the Fraternity, and from you we expect more active work. Those who are appointed by the chapters should allow nothing to prevent their presence, as the Fraternity expects them to bear the brunt of the labors. Each chapter should elect an alternate and they should keep in touch with the delegates and see that their chapter is represented without fail.

On the chapter delegates rests a most important obligation and duty. They represent their entire chapter at these meetings and their vote is the voice of the chapter. It is therefore the duty of the delegates to thoroughly inform themselves as to the chapters' wishes on the different matters to come up for discussion. Each delegate should be instructed on the most important points of the Constitution, and be prepared to so vote that his action may be thoroughly in accord with the will of those he represents. Each delegate should come, ready to imbibe freely the enthusiasm which always prevails at these gatherings and return full of it to his chapter. He should come with the intention of working for the Fraternity with heart, with hand, and with brain. For the time being pleasure must be set aside, and earnest, systematic work must be done for the good of the Order. Then, indeed, will an impetus be given which will advance *II K A's* interest and build up her bulwarks. Like the human body which is unable to work without the systematic union of its different parts, the Fraternity cannot expect to succeed unless each and every chapter takes part in its convention and the delegates come prepared to strive together as one man for the desired result.

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WE HOPE for a large attendance of our alumni at this convention; for the gathering of the veterans, as it were, of the Garnet and Old Gold. From them we can gain the benefit of many years' business experience, and their aid in formulating the laws will be invaluable. Those of us who attended the last convention remember how much we owe to the advice and counsel of Brothers Hughes



and Howerton. We have chosen a time when business cares are relaxed and extend an earnest invitation to every alumnus. If you come once, you will come always, for the pleasures of these reunions cannot be appreciated until tried. We are expecting you, Come!

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EVERY ONE should be there promptly on the first day, especially the delegates, so that business can be entered upon without delay. Do not fail in this—it is important. Notice the day and be there in time to attend the morning, or opening session. If delegates cannot come they must notify the alternates.

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IT IS with pleasure we note the announcement of the revival of Sigma and Gamma Chapters. It is indeed good news, and the Fraternity should rejoice that these chapters are again on the active roll and firmly established to work for our common cause. We have always favored the devoting of our energies to the revival of the old chapters, rather than for the formation alone of new ones. We would like to see every one of our dormant chapters revived and our roll complete from end to end. Dead wood is always detrimental to growth. Let us devote our efforts to the strengthening of the present plant and the reviving of all its branches. After this we can try to extend our roll by the establishment of new chapters. We sincerely trust that the Convention will adopt measures to systematically work for the reviving of all extinct chapters. We believe that if our entire energies were devoted to this cause, it would do more to thoroughly establish the Fraternity than any other step we could take.

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WE CANNOT commend too highly the zeal of our New Orleans brothers in the work they have undertaken, and which is being pushed so earnestly and with so much promise of success. The object of this organization is to gain an entrance into Texas and Louisiana colleges, a field which we have long desired to enter. And now that this Associa-

tion is organized for the work, we feel sure but a short while will elapse before our banner shall be firmly planted among the leading colleges of these States. To our loyal brother, Dr. Bruns, the credit of this movement is due. It has been his desire for some time to undertake it, and it is due to his personal efforts, in a great measure, that it has at last taken definite shape. The Fraternity has in him a staunch, true and zealous supporter.

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WE CALL attention with pride to our Chapter Letter Department in this issue. Each chapter is represented by a good and interesting letter, and we are glad to note that they are all in an active and flourishing condition.

There is probably no department of the Greek Letter press which receives so much attention as the Chapter Letters. They give an insight into the workings of the Fraternity which can be obtained no where else, and to a great extent a Fraternity is judged by them. It is for this reason that we have endeavored to impress the importance of using care in the preparation of these letters, as well as the fact that each issue of the magazine should contain a letter from every chapter. We are indeed glad that we have been so far successful in this work, and if our correspondents will only continue their efforts, we will be proud to have our Fraternity judged by these letters.

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CORRESPONDENTS should, without fail, furnish a Chapter Letter for the July issue, with a full account of their respective commencements. Write the same before leaving college and mail to the Editor.



## College Fraternity Notes.

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In this Department it is proposed to publish interesting notes concerning the colleges and Fraternities of the South. Items of interest intended for this Department should be sent to REV. ROBERT HILL, 655 Bass street, Nashville, Tenn.

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—Sigma Alpha Epsilon has established two new chapters in Louisiana, one at the Louisiana State University and the other at Tulane University.

—Delta Tau Delta entered Washington and Lee University June 24th. Two petitions came at nearly the same time, the two sets of petitioners knowing nothing of each others' intentions or efforts. The petition granted was the one including the local society, Phi Theta Psi. On September 30th a chapter was instituted at Brown University.—*Theta Delta Chi Shield.*

—November 28th saw the first chapter of a General Dental Fraternity established in the South. On this date Delta Sigma Delta placed her Kappa chapter in that department of Vanderbilt. The chapter was organized through the instrumentality of Dr. H. W. Morgan, of the faculty, who was assisted in the installation ceremonies by four supreme officers of the Fraternity. The chapter roll at present comprises twelve names.—*Theta Delta Chi Shield.*

—The most prolific fields for fraternities in the South are: The University of Virginia, which leads by a good margin of seventeen chapters, followed by Washington and Lee, with fourteen; Vanderbilt, twelve; North Carolina, eleven; Mississippi, Georgia and Texas support eight respectively, while Emory, Tulane, Hampden-Sidney and South Carolina are neck and neck with seven. Those with as many as six are Alabama, University of the South, Mercer, Auburn, Wofford, Johns Hopkins, Columbian and Missouri.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

—Phi Kappa Psi is entertaining a petition from students at Vanderbilt University.

—The next convention of *Alpha Tau Omega* is to meet in New Orleans. The last convention of *Alpha Tau Omega* adopted an official whistle, or rather official whistles—a challenge and a response.

—Chapters of Phi Kappa Psi are prohibited from initiating preparatory students. *Delta Tau Delta* was the first to legislate against such initiations.

—Phi Kappa Sigma has entered the West Virginia University with twelve men. There are now four fraternities at Morgantown.

—It is said that Alpha Tau Omega fines a chapter \$25 for failing to send a delegate to the convention, and \$5 for failing to send in a chapter letter.

—Sigma Alpha Epsilon hall at Cumberland University was burned in October last. The local chapter sustained considerable loss.

—Kappa Alpha was founded at Washington and Lee in 1865. Her chapter at Washington and Lee has gained permission to erect a memorial hall on the campus. This will mark the beginning of the chapter house system at Washington and Lee.

—Hampden-Sidney: The following is the program of the Seminary Commencement Exercises: Final examination before the Board's Examining Committee begin on April 29th. On Sunday evening, May 2d, Professor W. S. Currell, Ph. D., of Washington and Lee University, will deliver the annual address before the Missionary Society of Inquiry. On Tuesday, May 4th, the Board of Trustees meet. Tuesday evening, the inauguration of Dr. Strickler as Professor of Systematic Theology will take place. The Rev. Dr. Rosebro, of Petersburg, will deliver the charge to the professor-elect, after which Dr. Strickler will deliver his inaugural address. On Wednesday morning, May 5th, the Rev. Dr. G. W. Finley, of Fishersville, Va., will deliver the address to the graduating class, after which the diplomas will be presented by the Rev. Dr. Peyton H. Hoge, President of the Board.—*Central Presbyterian*.

—A movement by the American Greek Letter Fraterni-

ties for the aid of Greece in her war against Turkey has been started in Cincinnati.

A meeting of the Diogenes Club of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity was addressed Saturday night by the Rev. A. S. Clark, of Covington, Ky., on the Greek situation. A general discussion of the question and correspondence from other fraternity men led to the appointment of corporation counsel-elect E. G. Kinkhead, Editor D. H. Moore, of the *Christian Advocate*, Attorney Milton Saylor and Ralph Caldwell, a committee to open up correspondence with other national Greek fraternities for the purpose of raising a Greek war fund. The Greek fraternities collectively have a membership of 150,000, and all are strong sympathizers with Greece.

The committee held a meeting Monday and sent solicitations to all the chapters of their own fraternity and the heads of the other fraternities to enlist their chapters in aid of the project.

—The quarter century celebration of the founding of the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College, now the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, is being arranged for, and will take place at the commencement season, June 13th to 16th. F. C. Dillard, Esq., '77, of Sherman, Texas, will deliver a literary address, and W. M. Pearson, Esq., '82, Montgomery, Alabama, the alumni address. It is proposed that there shall be a general decoration of the grounds and building with college colors, lanterns, electric lights, and the college generally put into holiday dress. Says the college paper: "Twenty-five years may seem but a brief stretch when compared with the age of Princeton or Harvard. But we are the oldest institution in the entire South that is established upon the land grant act of 1862. We have numbered nearly four thousand students in our halls, sending out about four hundred graduates, and it is confidently believed that from this large body a great throng will visit the first gala occasion of the college."

—With the dropping out of Roanoke College, Va., by Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha has taken advantage of the opening and slipped in. The Phi Gamma Delta Quar-

terly ridicules Phi Delta Theta's claims of the deterioration of the college, declaring that friends, alumni, faculty and under graduates were "pained" at "such a perversion of the truth." It is declared in rebuttal that "her standing among educational institutions in the South is high," and that "her curriculum is advancing as progress demands." Everybody is assured that the decline mentioned is not in the college, but was, instead, solely in the ranks of Phi Delta Theta. The local Greek world now consists of Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi and Pi Kappa.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.



*A PI KAPPA ALPHA BANQUET.**Zeta Chapter, Knoxville, Tenn.*

The evening of May 7th has come and gone, but it will long be remembered by those members of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity who on that date enjoyed the splendid hospitality of their esteemed brother Hudson, at the Hotel Imperial. The first notice the Pi's had of the "event" was the receipt of a neat little notice from Brother Hudson asking their presence at the Hotel Imperial for supper Friday evening, May 7th. Of course such invitations are always acceptable, and 'tis needless to say, there was a full house.

Eight o'clock found the merry party assembled in the elegant parlors of the Hotel. A half hour later those present repaired to the dining-hall. Just left of the folding doors of the hall was stationed Clark's orchestra, which furnished music for the occasion. In the centre of the dining hall stood the banquet-board, with plates for eighteen. On the table was a profusion of flowers of the rarest kind; and at each plate were carnations of old gold and garnet. To the right of each plate was a very neat and appropriate combination menu and programme, which consisted of three parts, tied with ribbon of old gold and garnet. On the initial page appeared, "Compliments of John W. Hudson," in the centre, "Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity," and lower down the name of the guest. Beginning about 8:40 an elegant menu was served in courses. After the menu came the fragrant Havanas, and, at 10:30 when the toastmaster, Mr. Van D. Hite-Smith, arose, with all the dignity of a presiding judge, no doubt he never addressed a more harmonious and cheerful assemblage. With a few appropriate remarks he announced the first on the programme, Mr. Edwin Wiley, who responded to the toast: "The University." The remainder of the programme was carried out in full, as follows:

Our Future Victims, . . . . .	Charles B. Rogan.
Zeta, . . . . .	E. Clyde Sherwood.
Sisters of Pi Kappa Alpha, . . . . .	W. N. Briscoe.
The Mother Chapter, . . . . .	Curtis Cullen, Jr.
The Greek War, . . . . .	R. H. Alexander.

Mr. Wiley's response was couched in that well chosen English for which he is noted; he recalled and recited the history of the university from the day of Blount College to the present. His remarks were much appreciated. Then we had the pleasure of hearing a very original production from our beloved brother, Charles B. Rogan, in response to the toast "Our Future Victims." After giving us a few details of the "goating" to which the "victims" are subjected, he continued, saying that as there is the bailor and bailee, grantor and grantee, payor and payee, donor and donee, necessarily there must be in an up-to-date "goating," by analogy of terms, a goator and goatee. Mr. Rogan did himself proud and received the hearty applause of the Pi's. The next speaker was E. Clyde Sherwood, in response to the toast "Zeta." He gave a pithy and interesting history of our chapter from its inception down through the storm and sunshine to the present. He made special mention of the indomitable perseverance and undying brotherly love which has characterized "Zeta" through the vista of years, which has made for her in the annals of "Greek history" a place second to none. Proudly she stands among sister chapters composed of stalwart "Greeks" with a friendship of the same kind and origin that existed between Damon and Pythias.

Of course our dear brother, W. N. Briscoe, responded to the toast "Our Pi Sisters," for who could do the subject more justice? Who knows more about our Pi sisters? He gave us in his inimitable style a summary of how the noble Pi has been inspired to great achievements and valorous deeds through his love for a Pi sister; how, when the Greek has threaded the labarinth of the arduous and irksome duties of college life, and bid farewell to his Alma Mater and joined the multitude of "money-grabbers," he has been taken by the sister of his choice and made the *happiest* Greek in all christendom. Needless to say, the gentleman did both himself and the subject great credit. The response to the toast, "Our Mother Chapter," by Mr. Curtis Cullen, of the University of Virginia, was much appreciated by the members of Zeta. Brother Cullen was one of our most prominent and energetic workers at the University of Virginia, '94-'95-'96, and is ever keenly alive



to the interests of Pi Kappa Alpha. Brother Richard Alexander, in his response to the toast "The Greek War," handled his subject well. To an outsider the toast would, I am sure, prove delusive, but to those of the mystic Greek Letter Fraternity no explanation is necessary, when I say that Brother Alexander dealt not with the Greeko-Turkish war, but that war which never ends between the hordes of "barbs" and the chosen Greeks in our college life.

Those present were: Van D. Hite-Smith, Charles B. Rogan, R. H. Alexander, S. E. Lackey, John W. Hudson, Baird French, Curtis Cullen, Jr., Jim McCallum, George Brown, Edwin Wiley, W. N. Briscoe, Joe Price, William Hunter, Joe Erwin Borches, Harry Tom King, D. K. Lee, L. McMullen. Brother Campbell, our correspondent to the Magazine, was out of the city with the University of Tennessee ball team. At 11:30 to the strains of sweet music and with merry hearts the assembled Pi's dispersed, voting to Brother Hudson thanks for the splendid spread and enjoyable evening. May he live long and always cherish that interest in Pi Kappa Alpha which he has shown in the past.

*Harry Tom King.*



**OFFICIAL CALL No. 1.**

BLACKSTONE, VA., May 6, 1897.

*To the several Chapters of II K A,  
and to the Alumni—Greeting:*

The requirements of the Constitution having been complied with, I hereby call a convention of the Fraternity, to assemble in Nashville, Tenn., Thursday morning, June 17, 1897, at 9 o'clock at the Tulane Hotel. This hotel will be the headquarters of the Fraternity.

Matters of vital importance will there appeal to you for arbitrament. It is the duty of every member to attend. Let no one fail in this duty.

Faithfully in the bonds,

*R. R. Jones, C. P.*

**OFFICIAL ORDER No. 1.**

BLACKSTONE, VA., May 6, 1897.

*To the several Chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha—Greeting:*

You are hereby ordered to assemble in your respective halls, to elect delegates to the Convention, to be held in Nashville, Tenn., June 17, 1897. Each chapter should send as many delegates as possible, none not less than two. Attention is called to the ruling of the last convention, which gives each chapter one vote to be divided among its delegates. Chapters should send delegates fully instructed on all matters which pertain to the advancement and benefit of the Fraternity.

Delegates and alternates should be elected immediately and the name and home address of each must be sent at once to Brother Robert A. Smyth, Grand Treasurer, Charleston, S. C., so that any further information can be then sent them, unless they will remain at college until the convention. Give this information in reporting names.

Delegates should arrive in Nashville on the night of the 16th, in order to be present at the opening session on the morning of the 17th. On arrival, members should report at once to the Tulane Hotel, two blocks from Union depot, where arrangements have been made for their accommodation.

No chapter should fail to be represented. The meeting is of vital importance.

Faithfully in the bonds,

*R. R. Jones, C. P.*

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